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### Important Information for this Week

The volumetric, EC and DOC fingerprints in Section 4 have been updated.

Suspect data omitted: EC at Patterson since 10/6/05

Organic carbon data for Hood are unavailable due to a pump failure which should be fixed this week.

## **2. Comments, Observations and Interpretation (EC, TOC/DOC, Flow):**

EC in the Sacramento River at Hood has declined further since the last report with mean daily values of 126  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  for October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We expect that there should be little further decline until the rainy season.

EC in the San Joaquin River near Vernalis which had been declining since early September appears to have bottomed out with a mean daily of 379  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  on 9/25/2005. Flow on that date was 2611 cfs. EC on October 10<sup>th</sup> was 557  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  with a flow of 2151 cfs.

Mean daily EC at the H. O. Banks Pumping Plant has been less than 400  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  since 9/25/2005. It was 346  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  on the 10th of October. Combined pumping by DWR and USBR is currently at 11,080 cfs.

No carbon data have been transmitted to CDEC from the Sacramento River at Hood after 10/04/2005 due to a pump failure. Mean daily TOC by combustion was 1.82 mg/L on that date.

Mean daily TOC by combustion at the H. O. Banks Pumping Plant was 2.48, 3.46, 2.86 and 2.49 mg/L respectively from 10/07 through 10/10/2005; however, there was very little variation in DOC by combustion during that period. Wind at Clifton Court often causes resuspension of particulate matter and thus an increase in turbidity and TOC but not DOC. The average wind speed at Tracy was 9.2 miles per hour on the 8th with speed greater than ten mph for twelve hours.

### 3. General Information

This weekly water quality report is produced by the Department of Water Resources, Office of Water Quality. Any questions, comments or suggestions are welcome. Please contact Rob DuVall by E-mail at: [rduvall@water.ca.gov](mailto:rduvall@water.ca.gov) or by phone at: (916) 651-9680. Each weekly issue is sent out electronically as an E-mail attachment in Adobe Acrobat format. The corresponding data are also sent out electronically as an attached EXCEL XP file. This report is part of the Real Time Data and Forecasting (RTDF) project. The goal is to bring real time, near real time, and forecasted water quality data to source water managers, treatment plant operators, scientists, and other stakeholders.

If you find the information useful, feel free to share it with others. If you wish not to receive this report in the future, please contact Rob DuVall and you will be removed from the address list. Conversely, anyone interested in receiving this report can send a request to be added to the list.

This weekly report is a work in progress. The RTDF Steering Committee has provided guidance and the report will continue to evolve and provide more useful information.

Calculated Delta Inflow (Section 11) is the sum of CDEC flow data from the following stations:

- Sacramento River at Freeport
- San Joaquin River near Vernalis
- Yolo Bypass near Woodland
- Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar
- Mormon Slough at Bellota (Calaveras River)
- Camanche Reservoir (Mokelumne River)

Useful links:

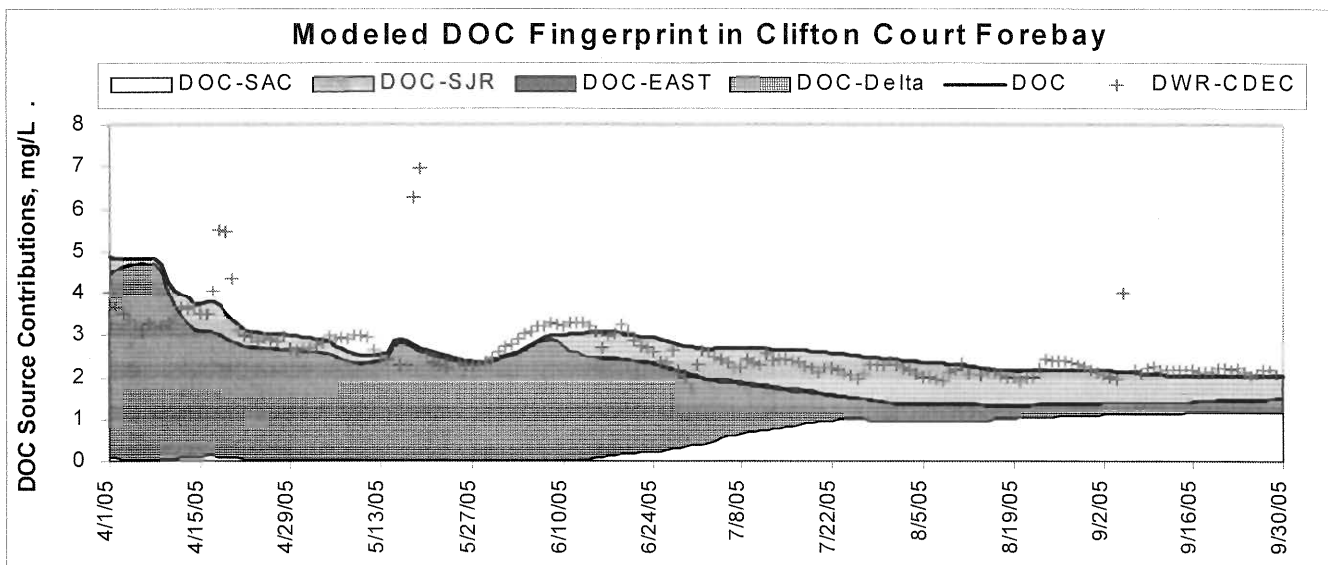
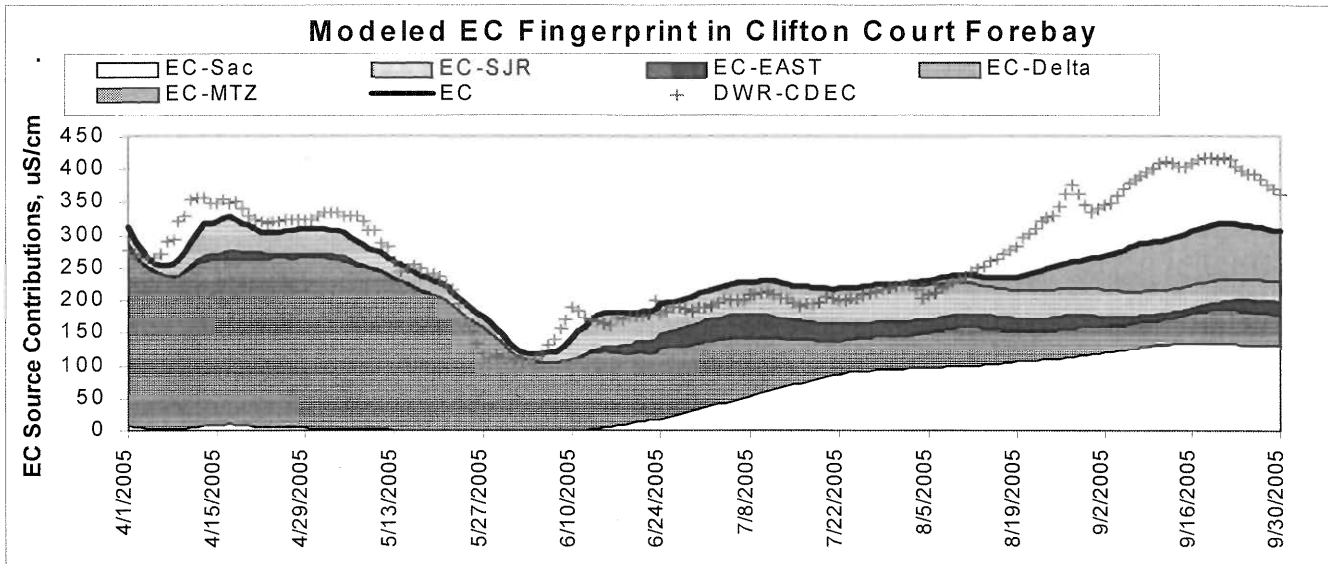
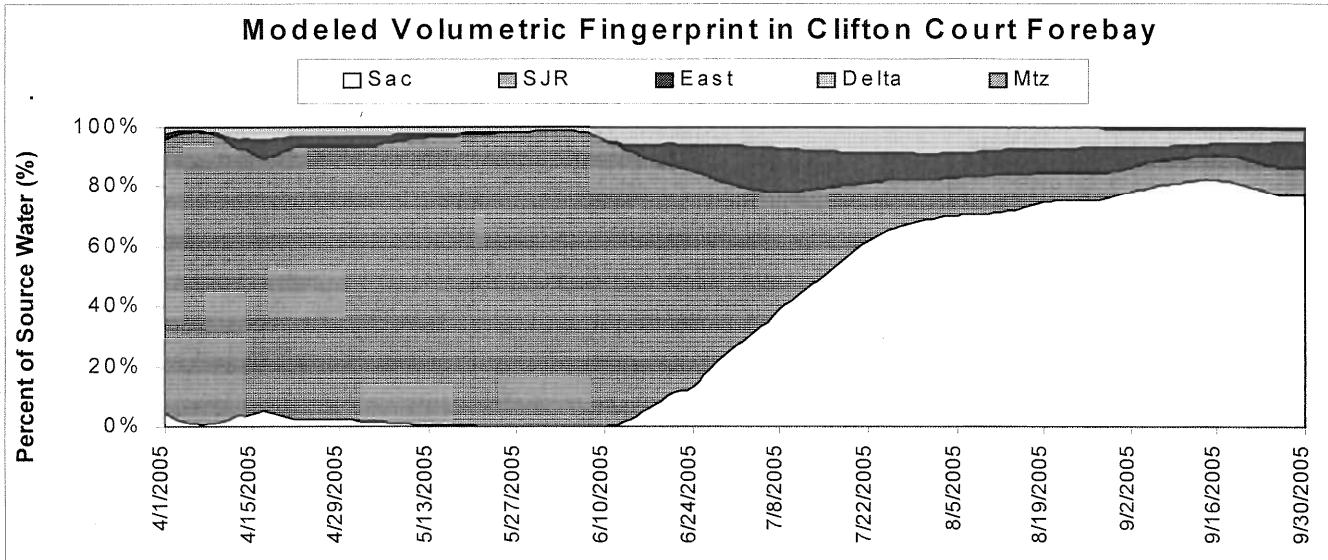
Station Meta Data, Maps and Related Data at  
CDEC Plotter at  
Other Historical Water Quality Data at  
IEP Maps of Delta Monitoring Stations

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/staMeta.html>  
<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/histPlot>  
<http://wdl2.water.ca.gov/mwqi/>  
<http://www.iep.ca.gov/dss/all/>

*This report contains preliminary data and is subject to revision.*

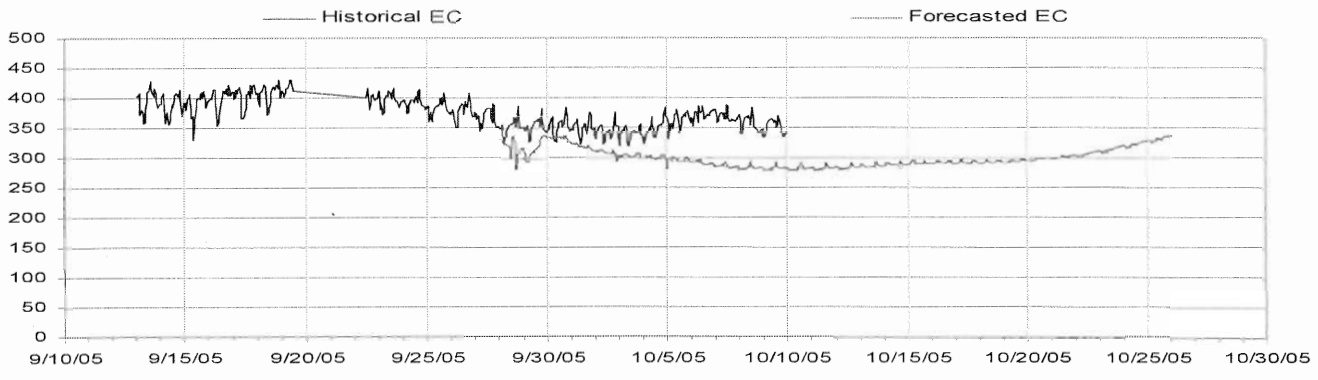
*All figures except the EC forecasts and San Luis Storage represent mean daily data.*

## 4. Volumetric and Constituent Fingerprints

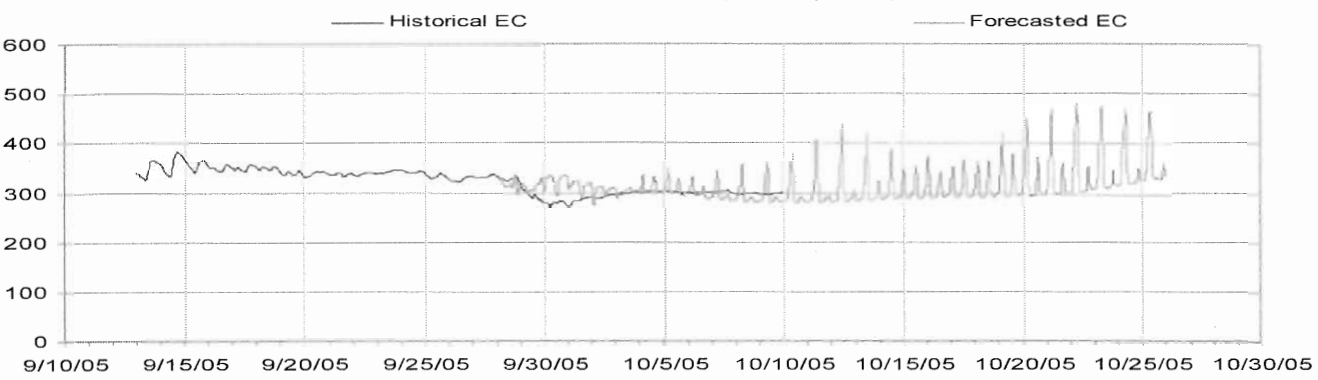


# 5. Forecasted EC—Export Locations

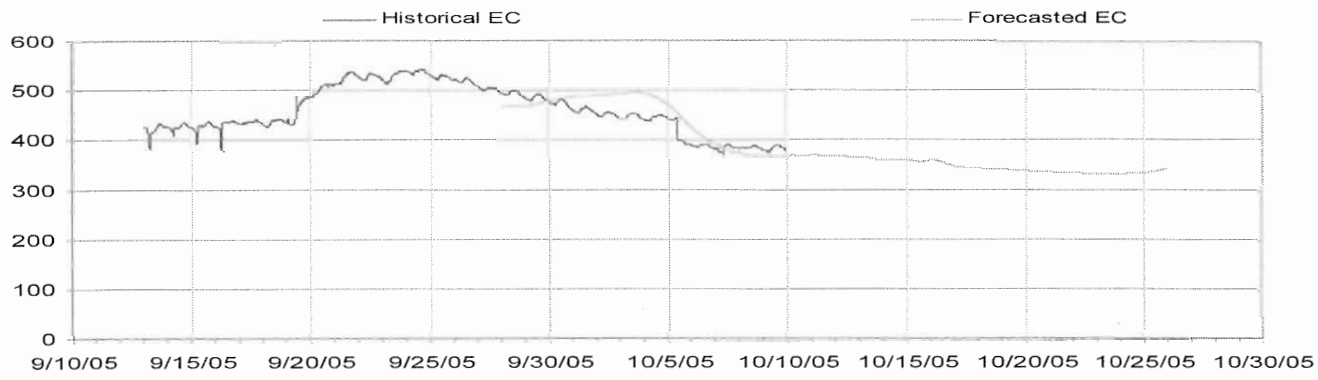
Old River at Clifton Court Gates ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )



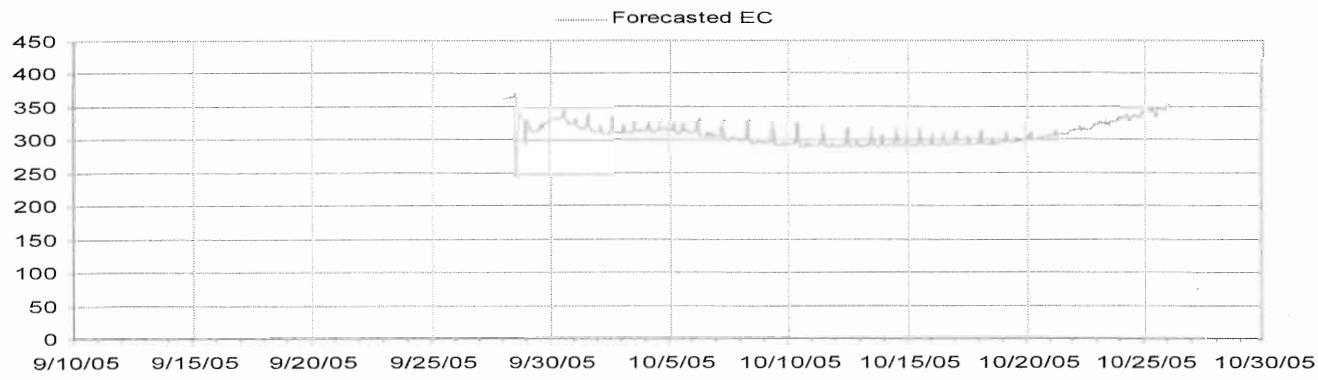
Delta Mendota Canal/Tracy P.P. ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )



Rock Slough ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )

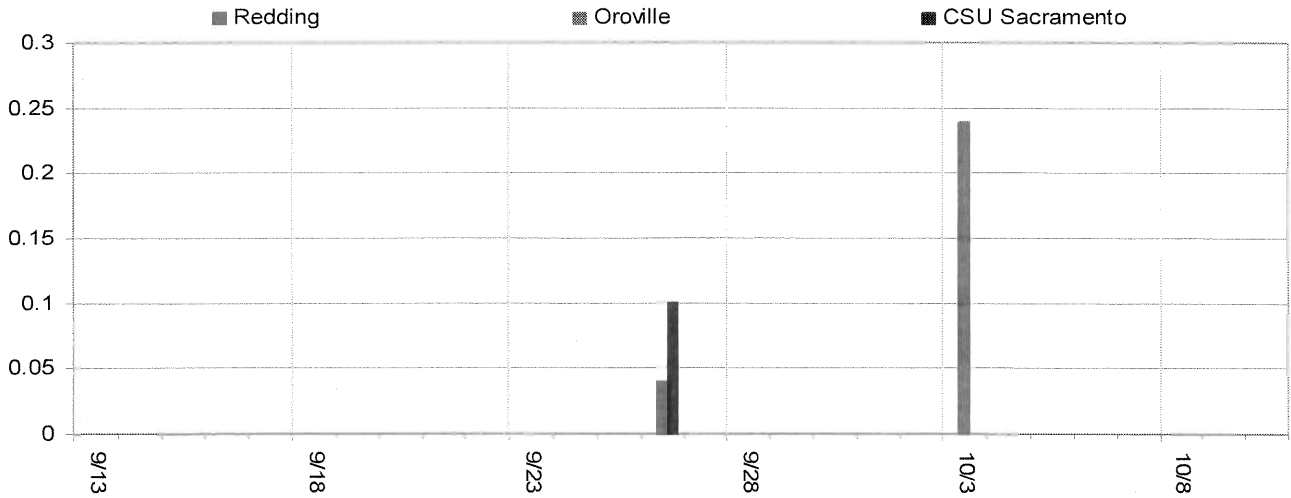


Old River at Los Vaqueros Reservoir Intake ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )

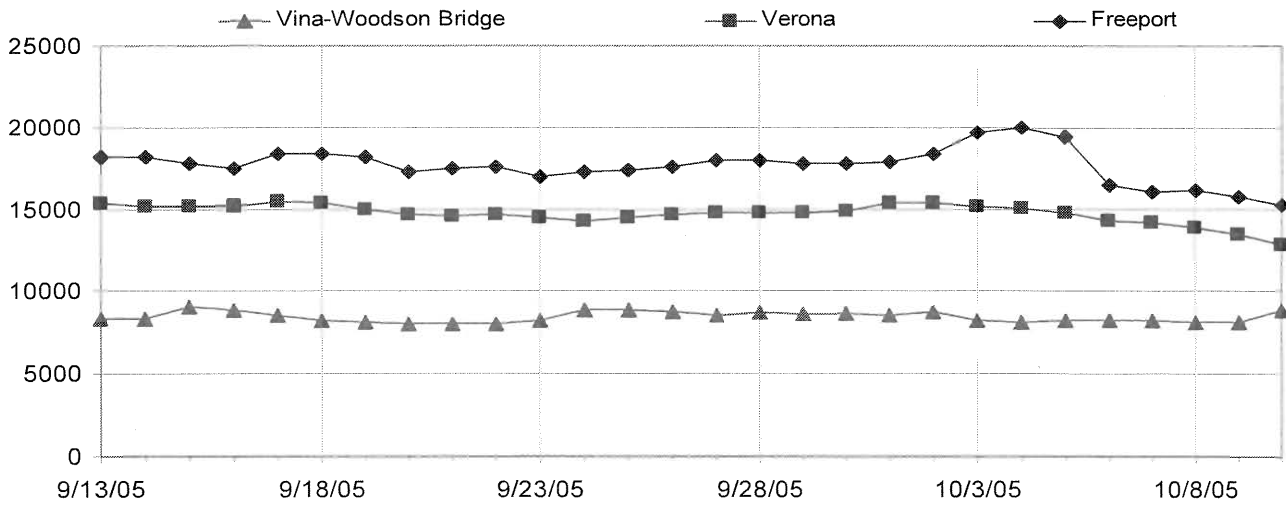


# 6. Precipitation, Flow & Electrical Conductivity—Sacramento River

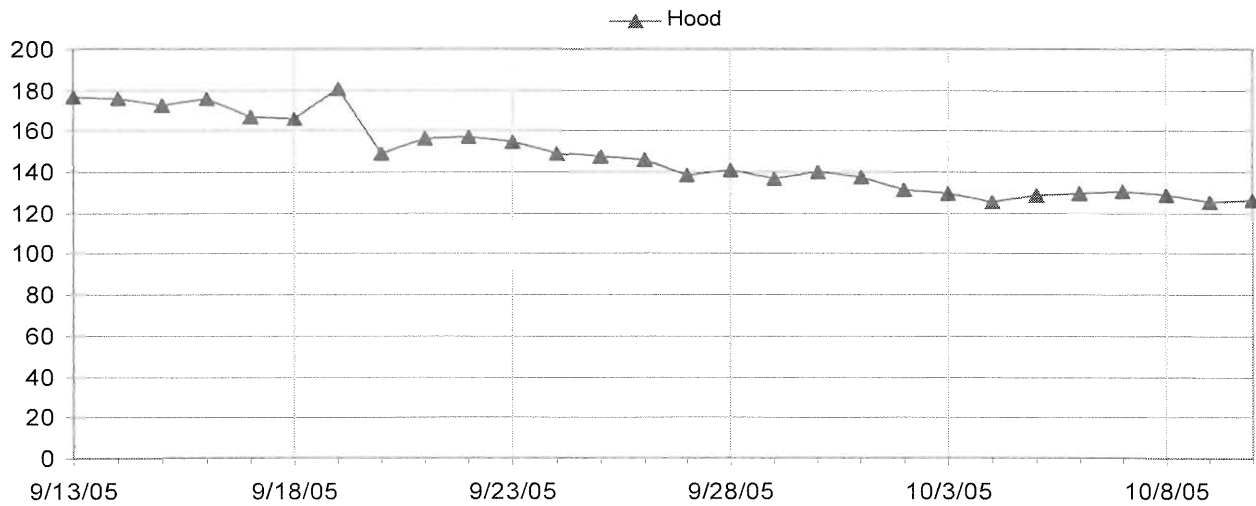
Sacramento River Watershed Precipitation (inches)



Sacramento River Flows (cfs)

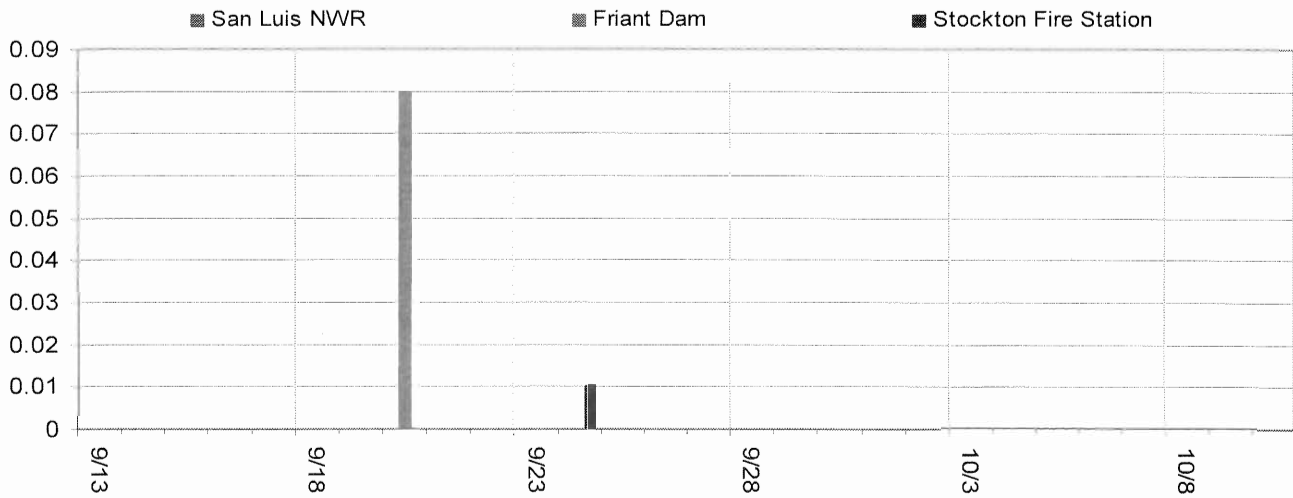


Sacramento River Electrical Conductivity ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )

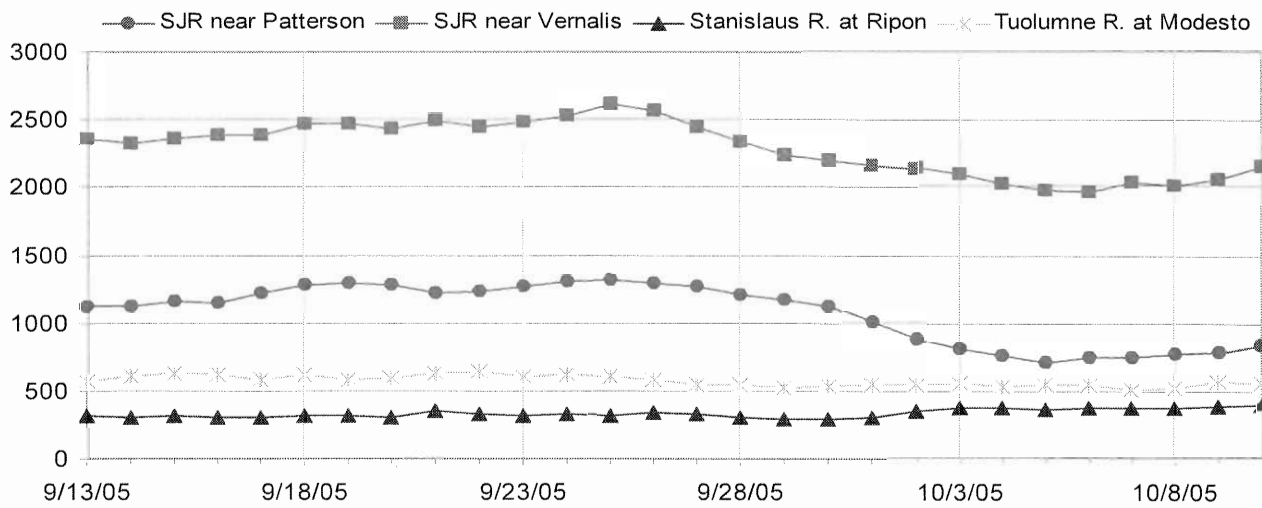


# 7. Precipitation, Flow & Electrical Conductivity—San Joaquin River

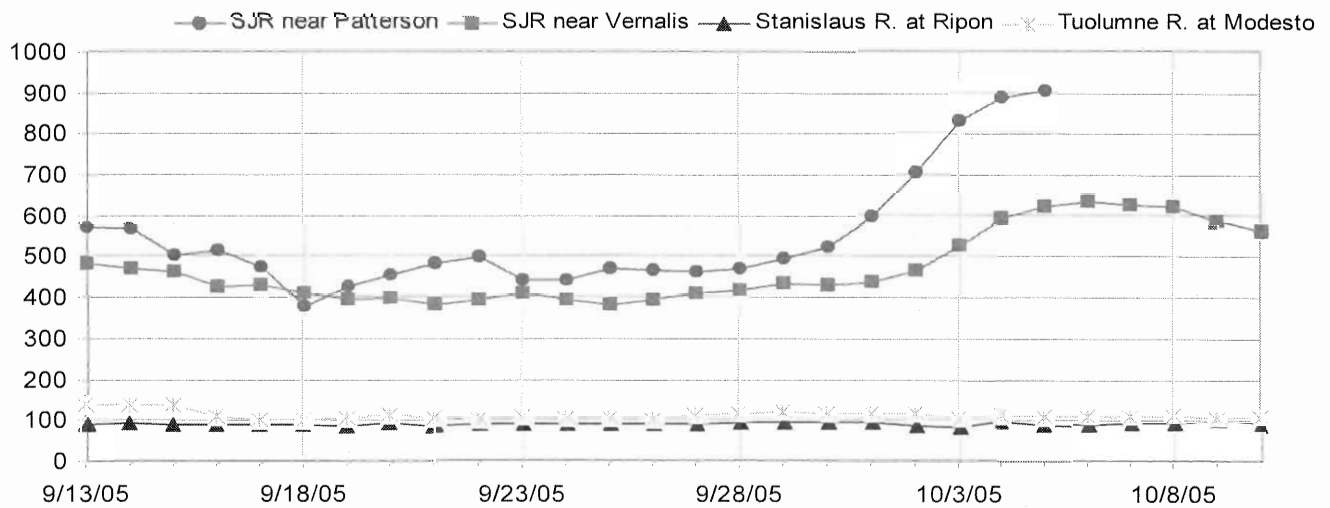
San Joaquin River Watershed Precipitation (inches)



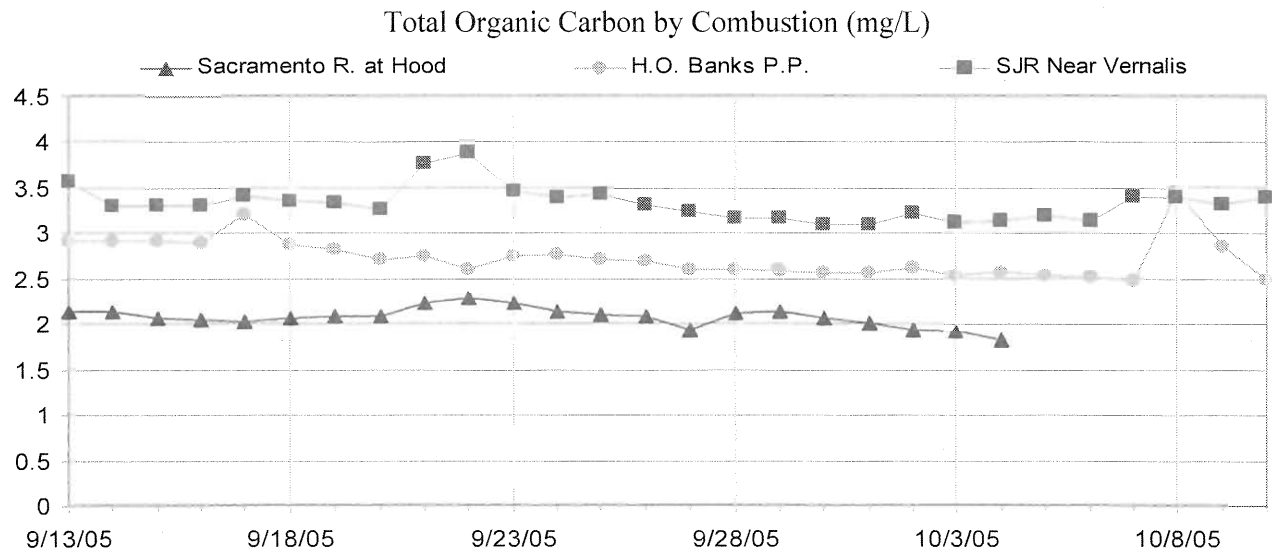
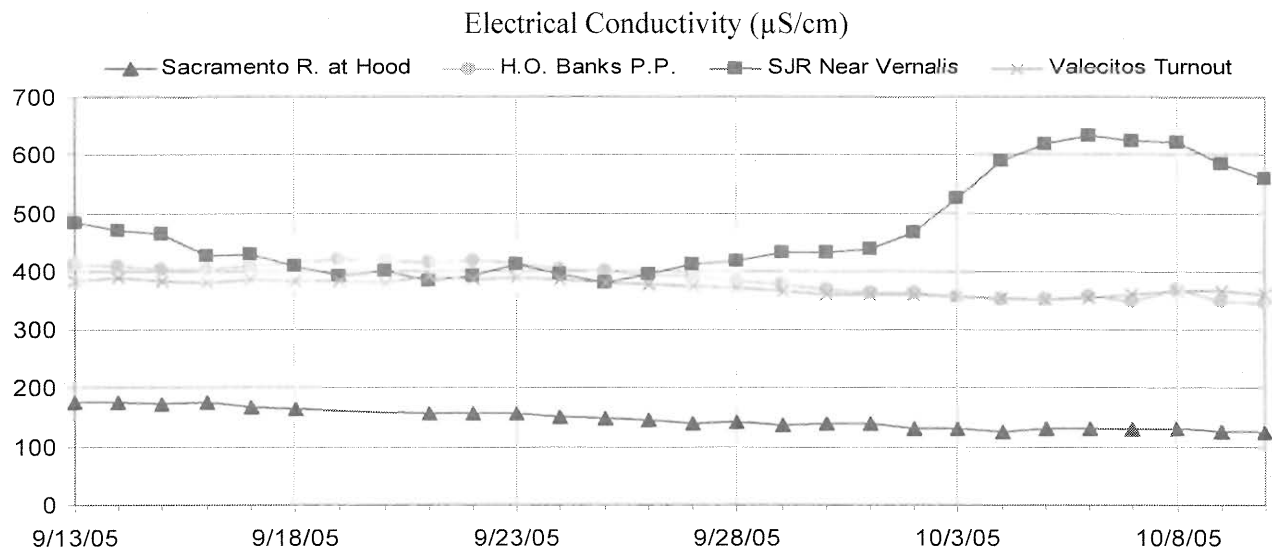
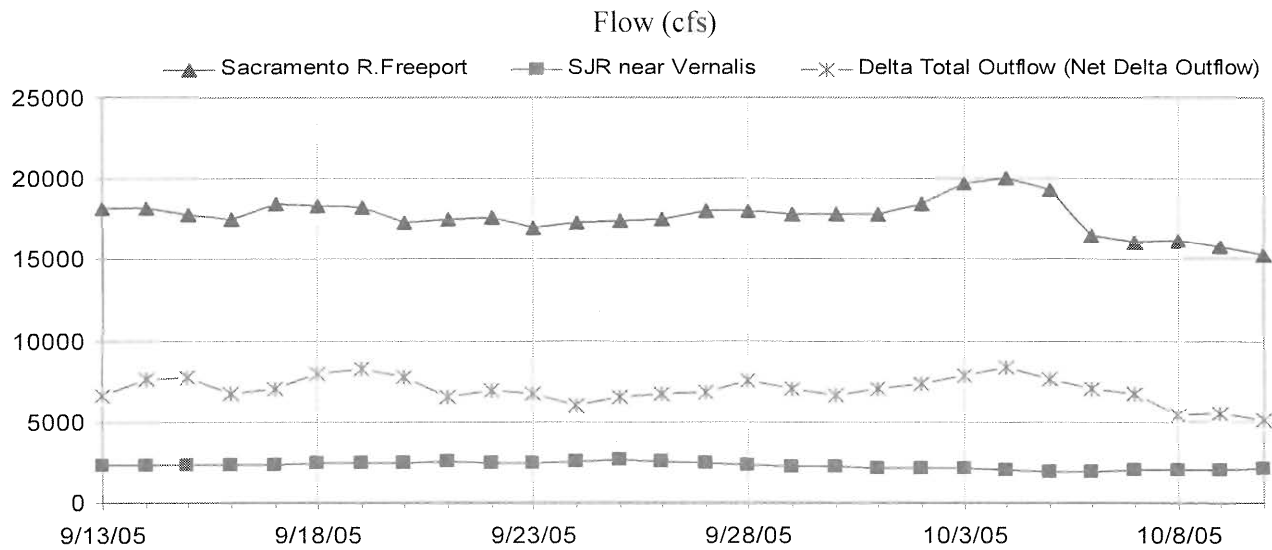
San Joaquin River Flows (cfs)



San Joaquin River Electrical Conductivity ( $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ )



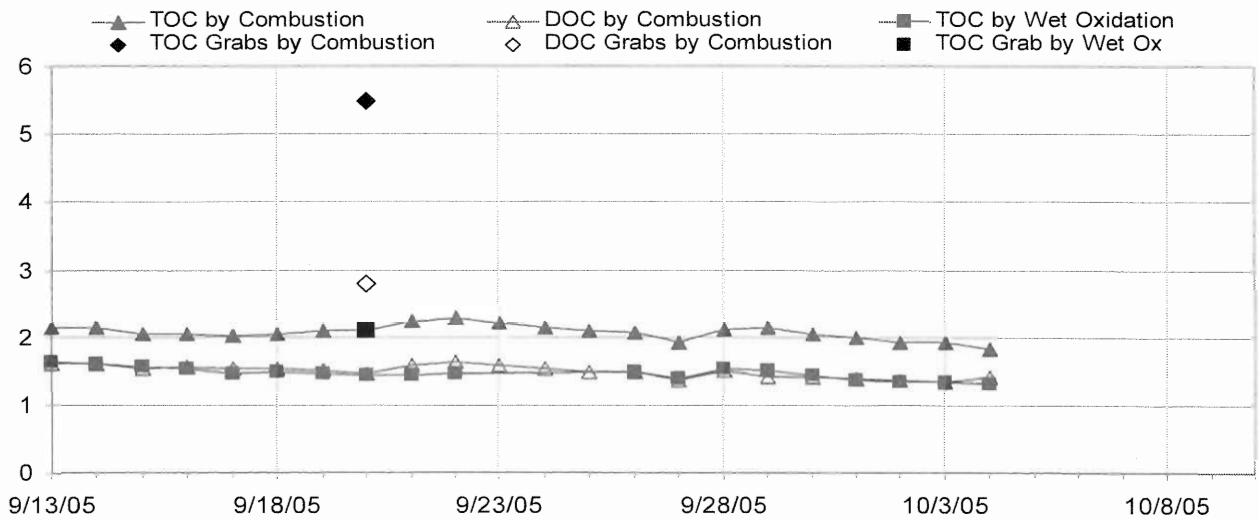
## 8. Flow, EC & TOC—Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta



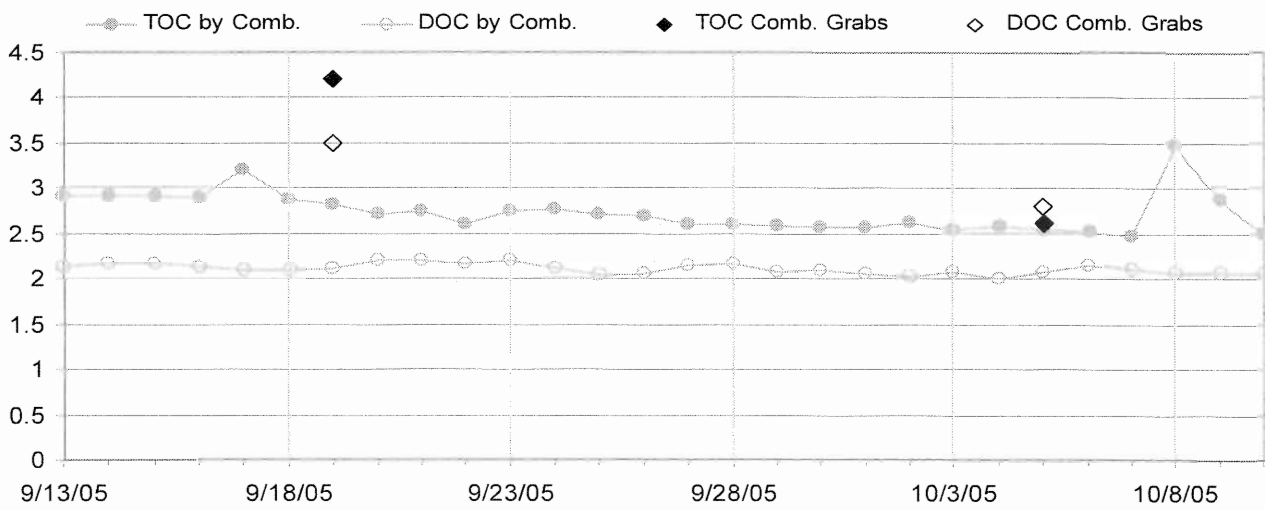


# 9. Total and Dissolved Organic Carbon

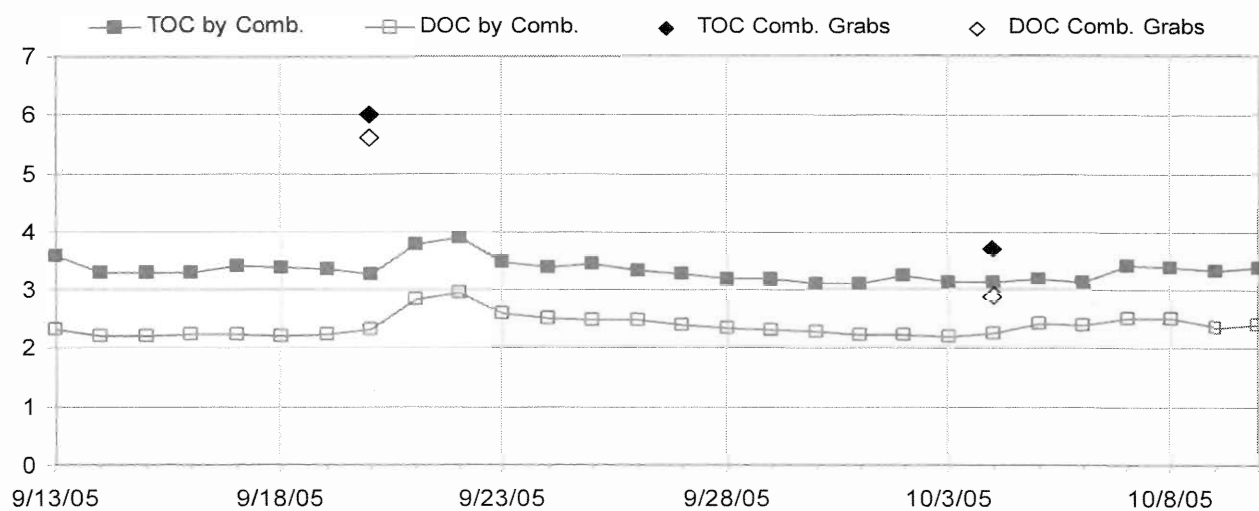
Sacramento River at Hood (mg/L)



H.O. Banks Pumping Plant (mg/L)

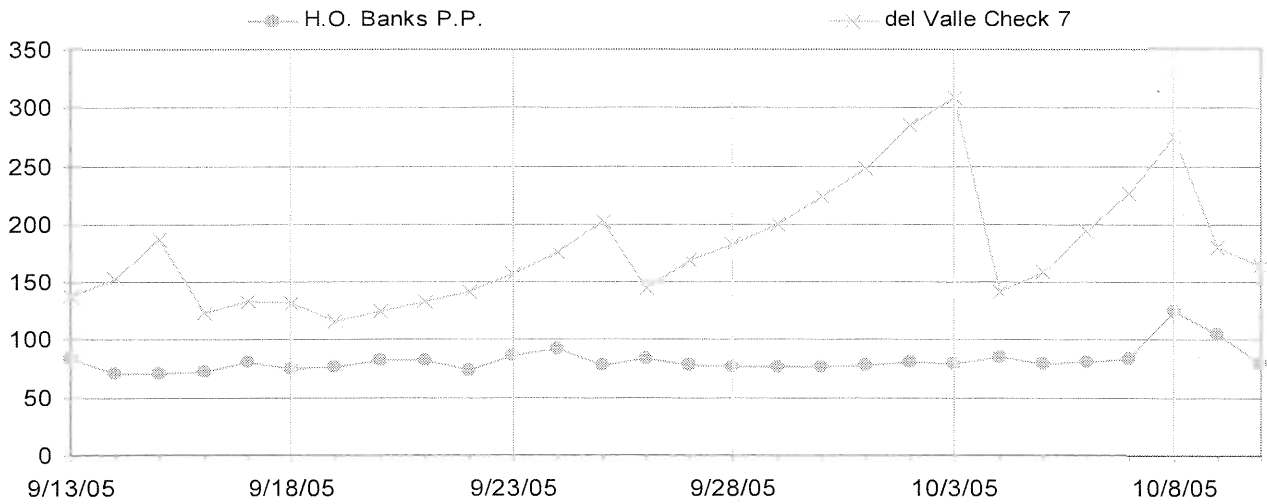


San Joaquin River Near Vernalis

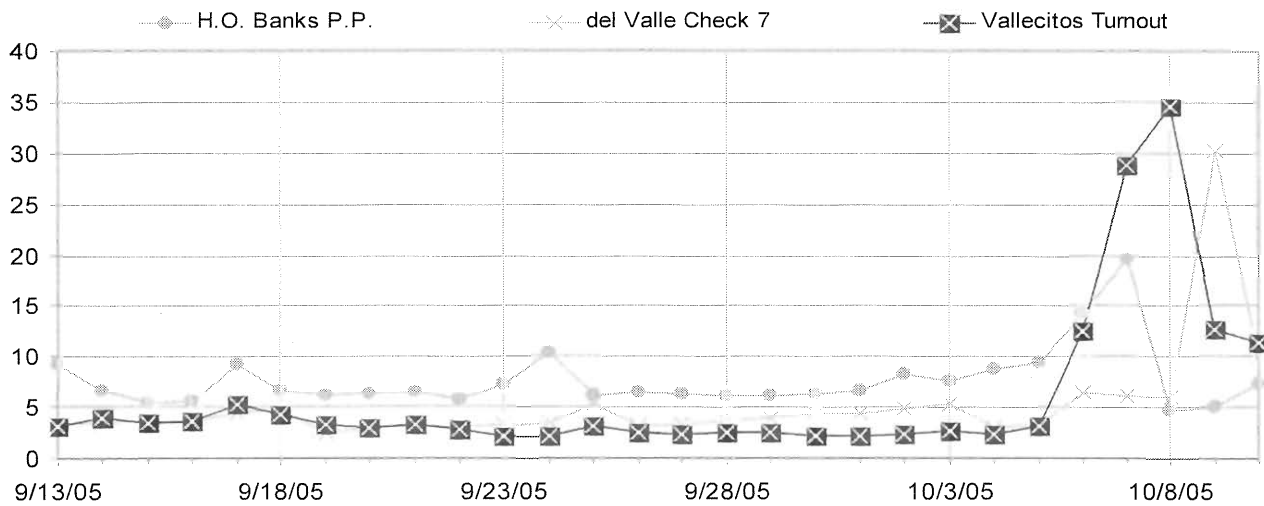


# 10. Fluorescence, Turbidity and Temperature—SBA

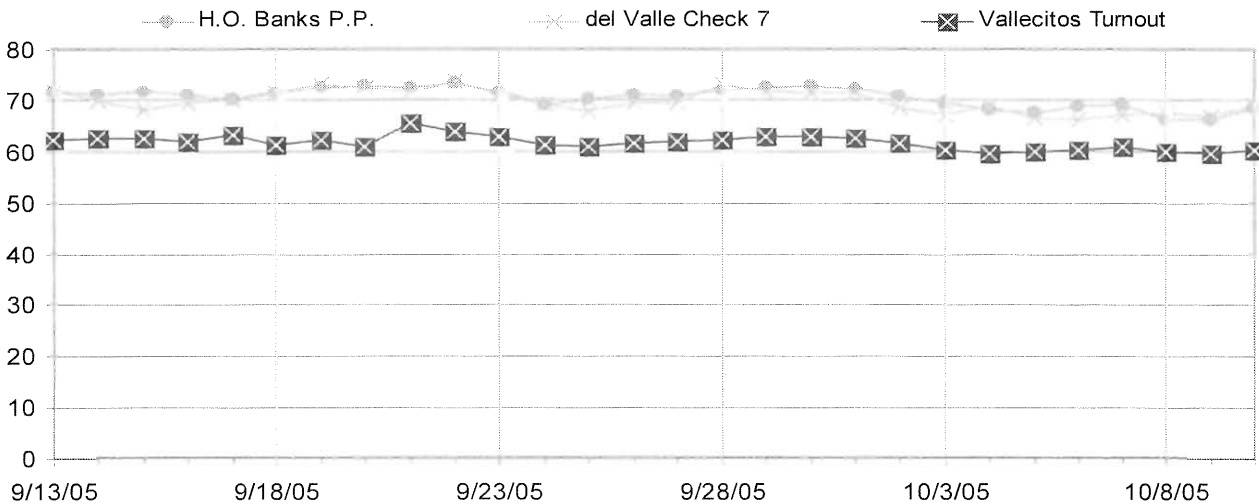
Fluorescence



Turbidity (NTU)

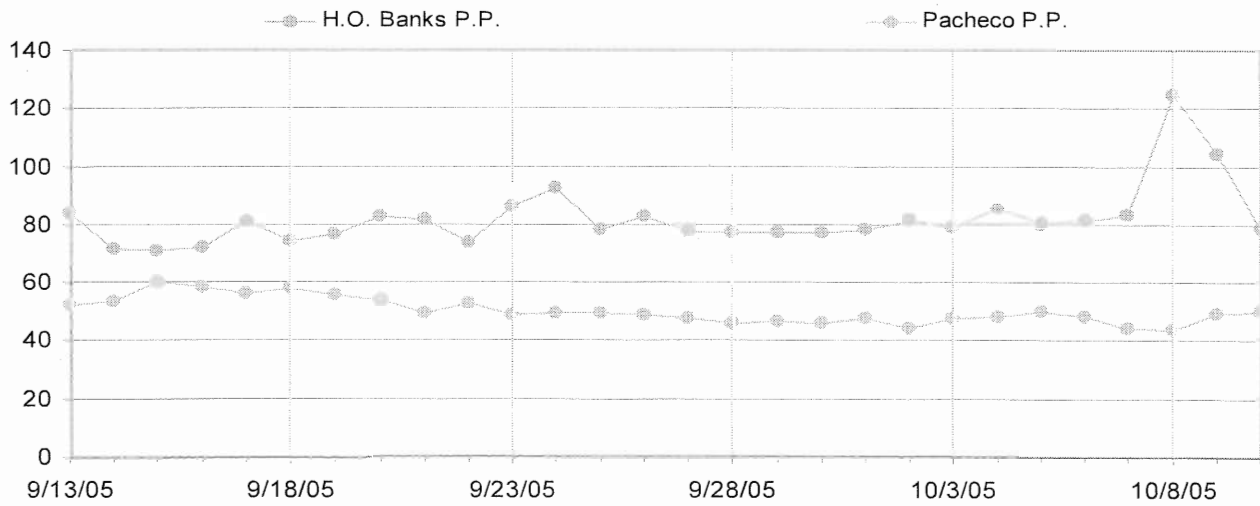


Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)

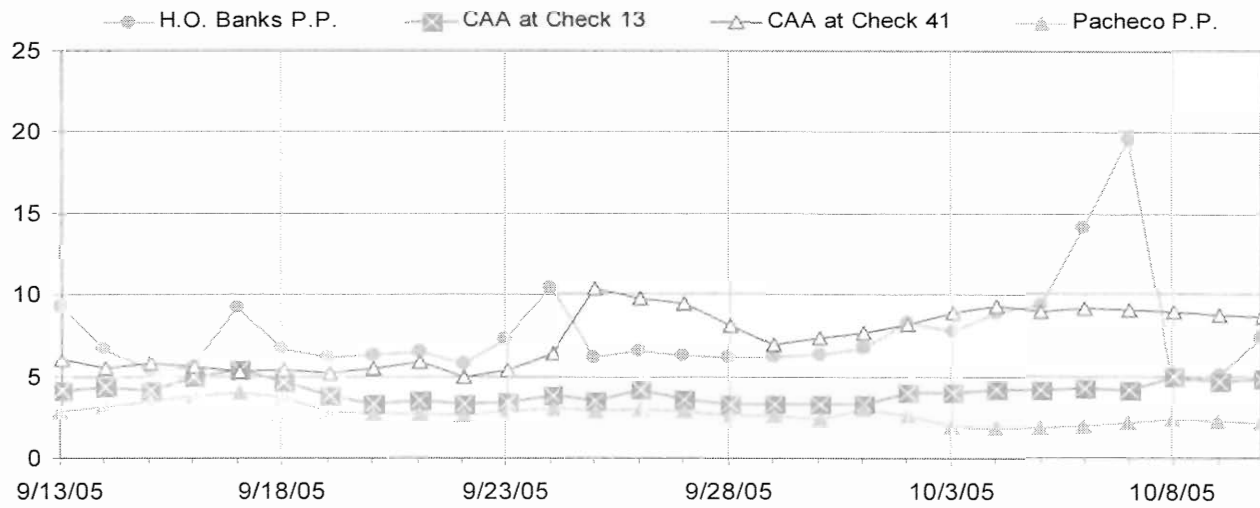


# 11. Fluorescence, Turbidity and UVA—CAA

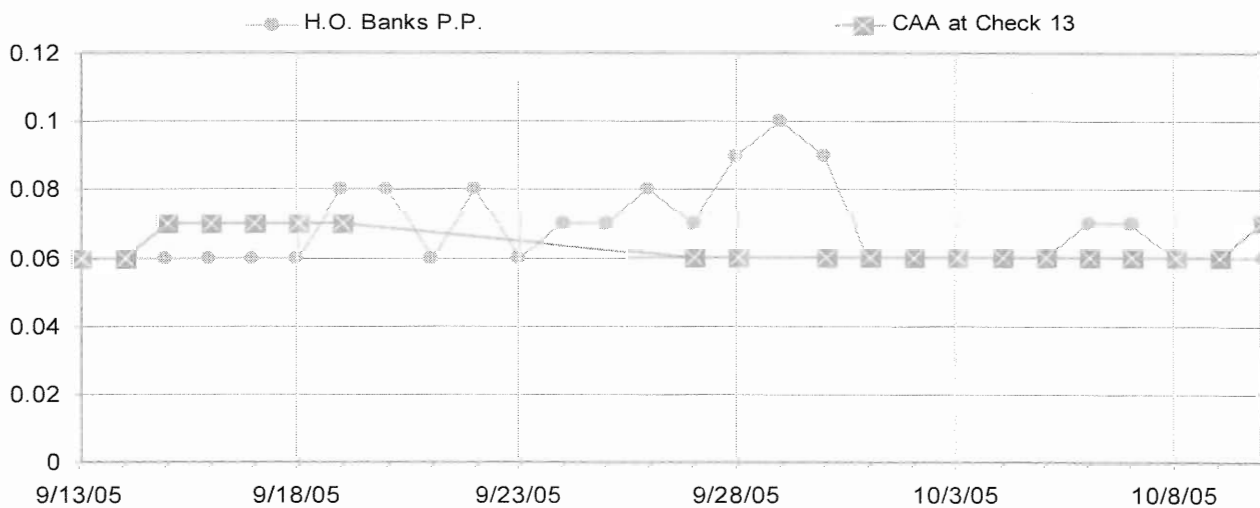
Fluorescence



Turbidity (NTU)

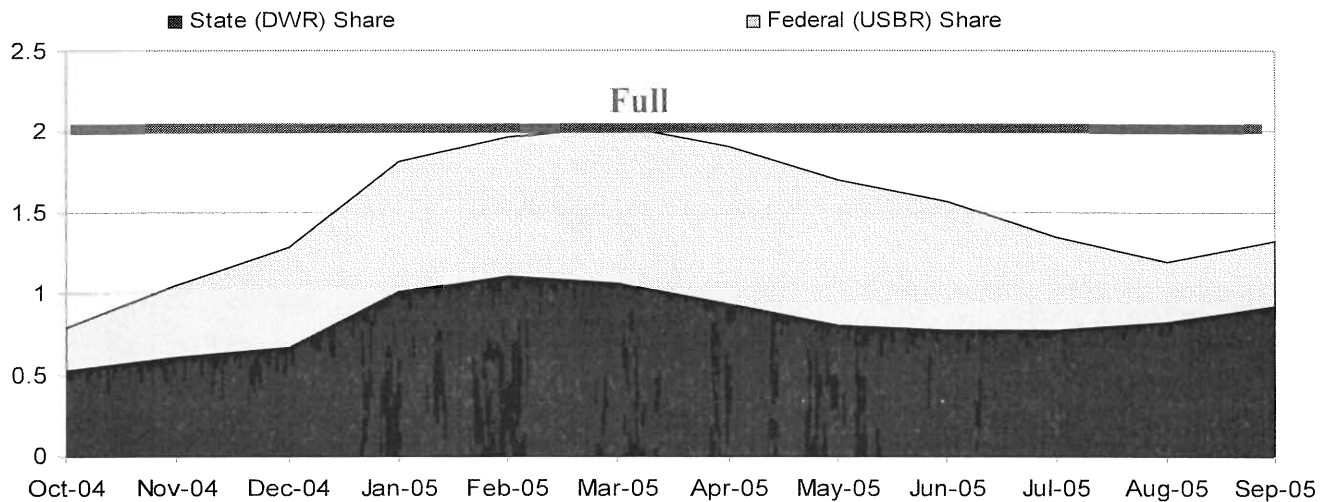


UVA (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

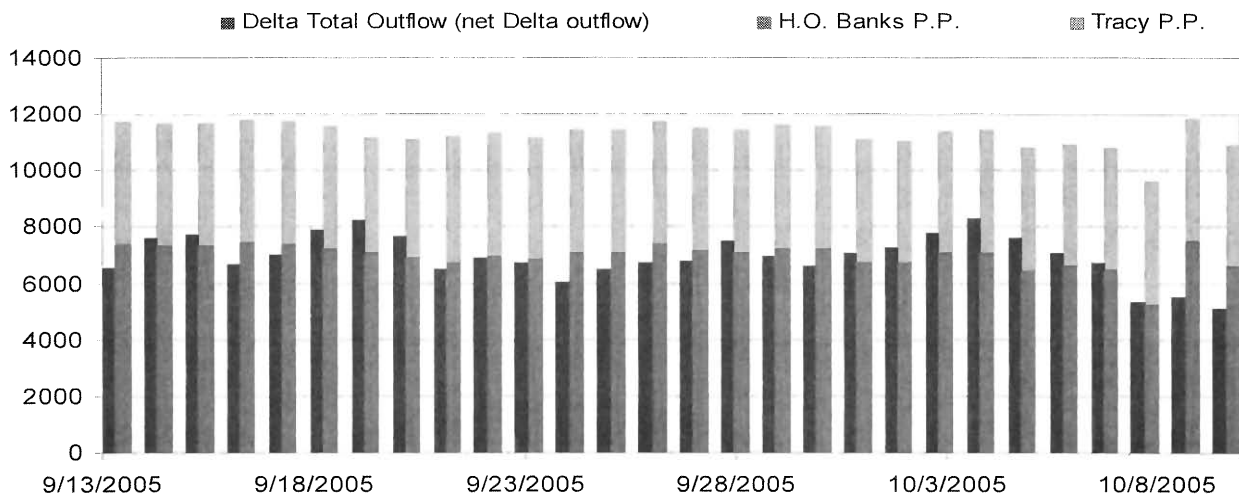


# 12. San Luis Reservoir Storage & Delta Pumping, Inflow & Outflow

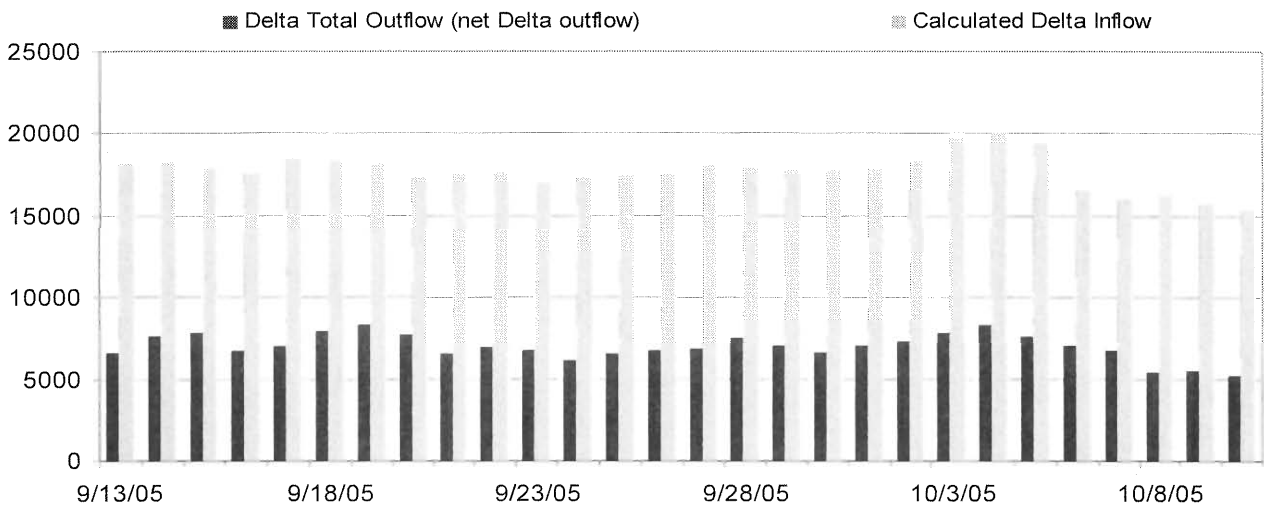
San Luis Reservoir Storage Shares (in millions of acre feet)



H.O Banks and Tracy Pumping plus Delta Total Outflow (cfs)



Calculated Delta Inflow and Delta Total Outflow (cfs)



# 13. Delta Operations

PRELIMINARY DATA  
SUBJECT TO REVISION WITHOUT NOTICE

## EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS SUMMARY

October 11, 2005

### SCHEDULED EXPORTS FOR TODAY

Clifton Court Inflow = 6680 cfs  
Tracy Pumping Plant = 4400 cfs

### ESTIMATED DELTA HYDROLOGY

Total Delta Inflow ~ 17,900 cfs  
Sac River = 15,184 cfs  
San Joaquin River = 2,151 cfs

### DELTA OPERATIONS

Delta Conditions = Excess Condition.  
Delta Cross-channel Gates: Open.  
Outflow Index ~ 4,800 cfs  
% Inflow Diverted ~ 54.9 (using 14-day avg).  
X2 Position >81.0 km

#### Operational Comments:

### RESERVOIR STORAGE (AS OF MIDNIGHT)

Shasta Reservoir = 2,959 TAF  
Folsom Reservoir = 628 TAF  
Oroville Reservoir = 2,829 TAF  
San Luis Res. Total = 1,363 TAF  
SWP Share = 945 TAF

### DELTA SMELT

Daily Expanded Salvage = 0  
October Total Salvage = 0

DSRAM juvenile concern level = N/A  
DSRAM adult concern level = 892  
Re-consultation level for October = 100

### Reservoir Releases

Keswick = 9,000 cfs  
Nimbus = 2,500 cfs  
Oroville = 3,500 cfs

## 14. Acknowledgments

Data and information for this report has been provided by:

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