



# **Recycled and Purified Water Development in Santa Clara County**

**WaterReuse Chapter Meeting  
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# Presentation Outline

- **District Water Supplies**
- **Recycled Water**
- **Potable Reuse**
- **Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center**
- **Drought Response: Launch IPR**



# Secure Existing Supplies & Infrastructure

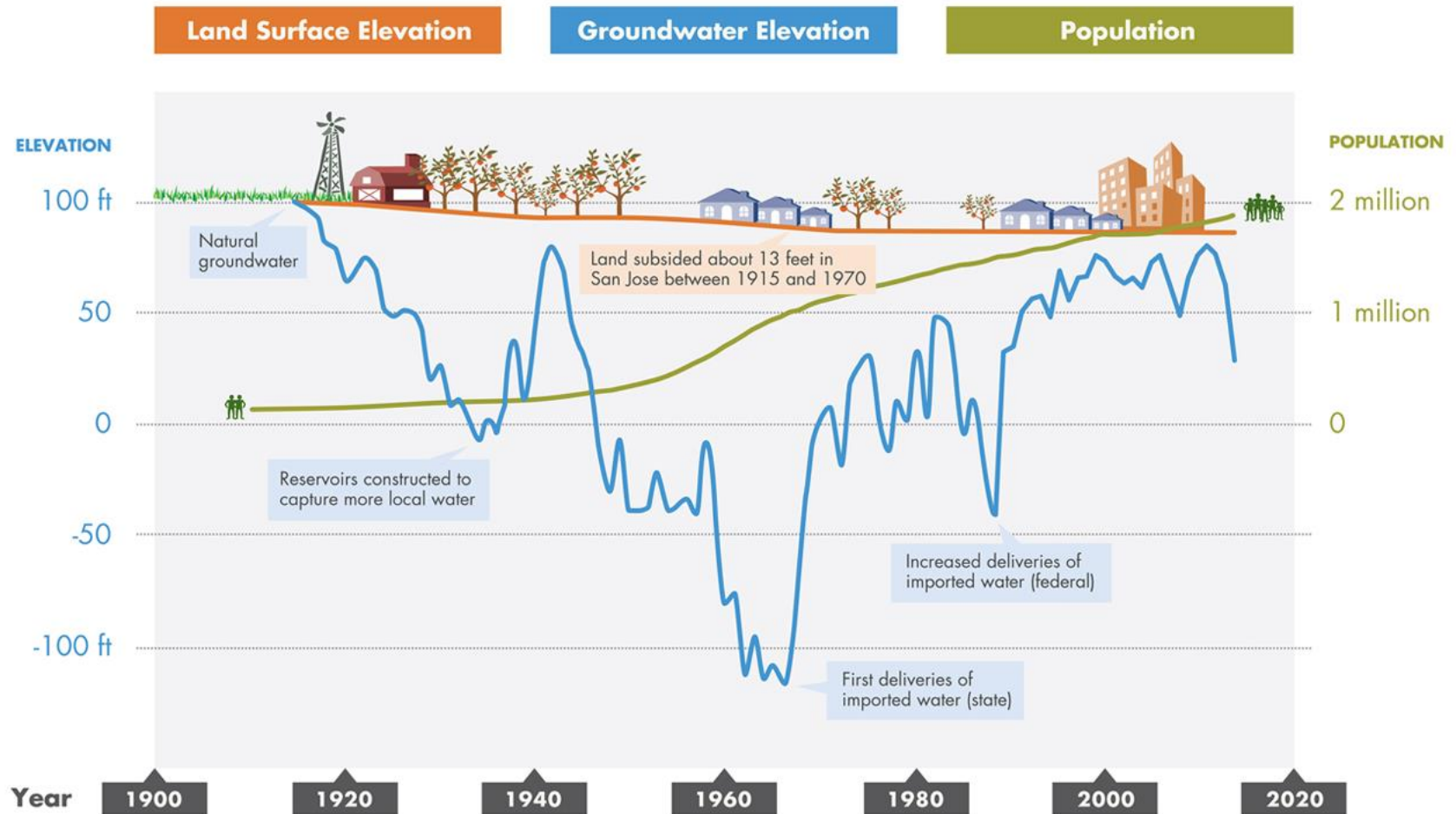


Maintain and  
rehabilitate  
existing  
infrastructure  
and supplies

Increase  
non-potable  
recycled  
water use to  
30,000 acre-  
feet per year

Increase  
annual  
conservation  
savings to  
99,000 acre-  
feet per year

# Santa Clara County Groundwater At-A-Glance



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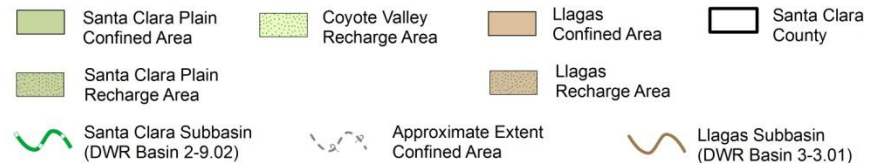


# Santa Clara County Groundwater

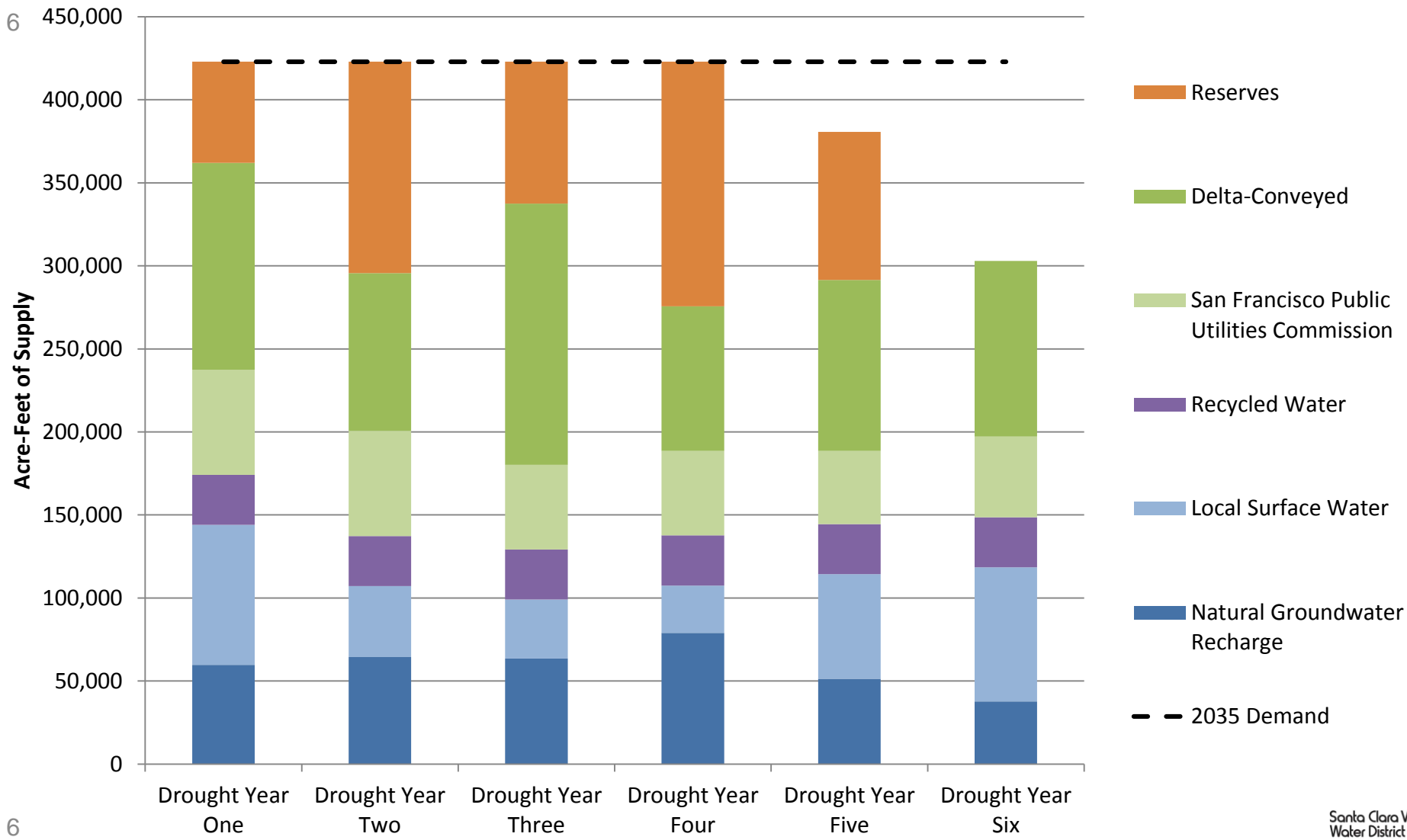
- Nearly half the water used in the county (150,000 AFY)
- Primary reserve for multi-year droughts
- The District protects and augments groundwater per our governing act and Board policy



## Legend



# Extended Droughts are the Greatest Challenge to Supply Reliability

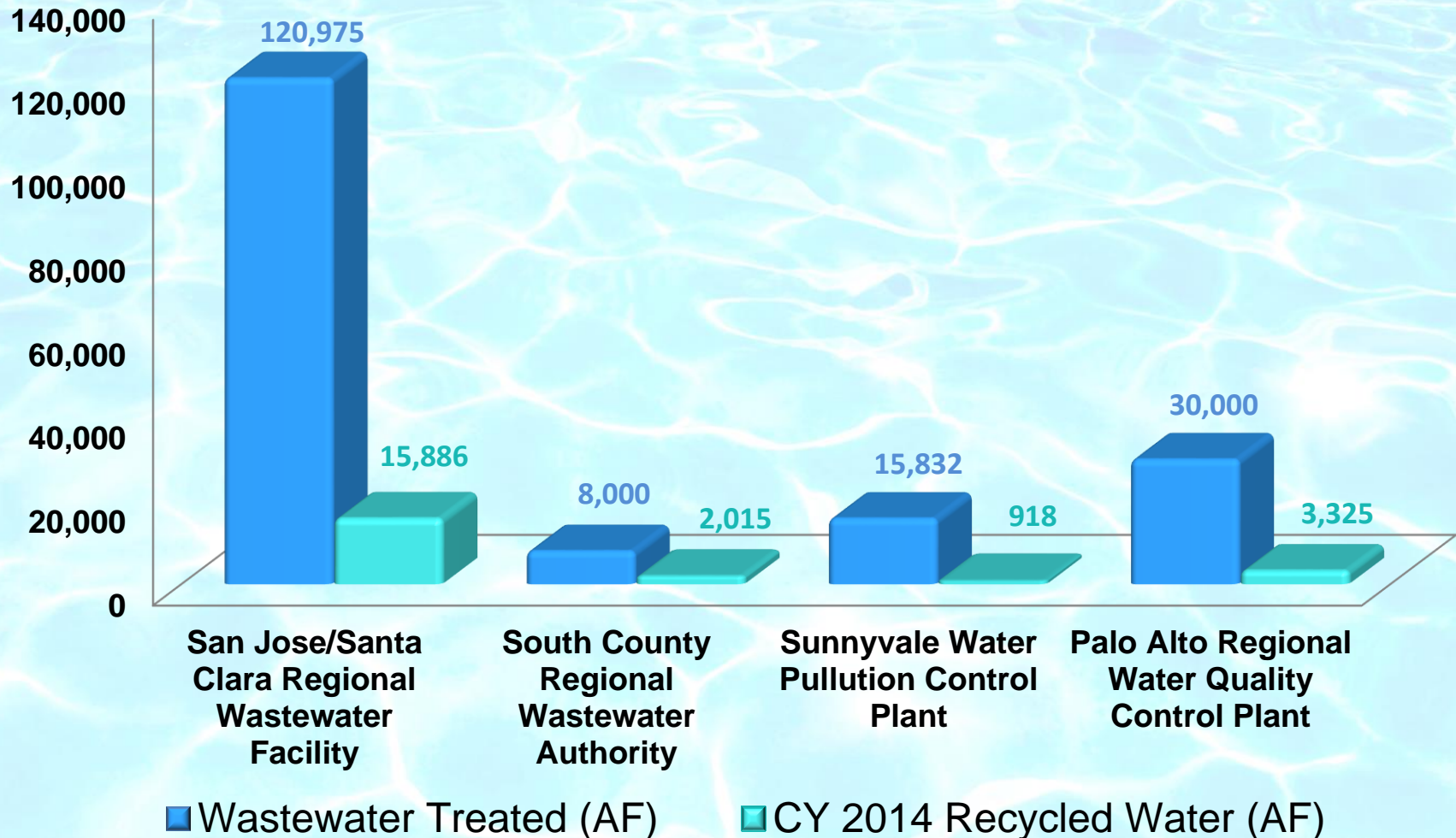




# Recycled Water

# Wastewater Treated vs. Recycled Water

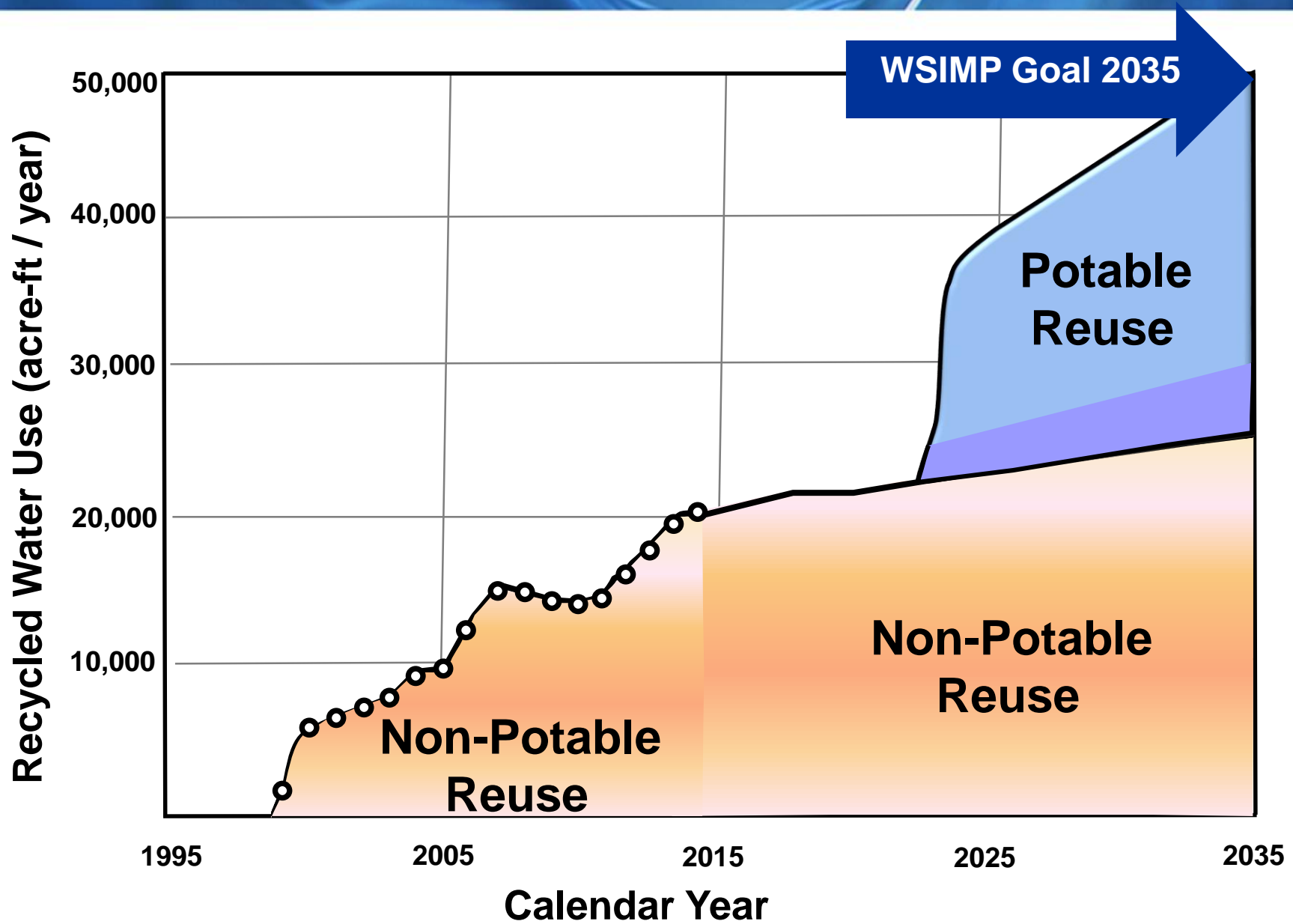
Wastewater Treated vs. Recycled Water for 2014





# Background

## *Goals and Targets*





# Potable Reuse

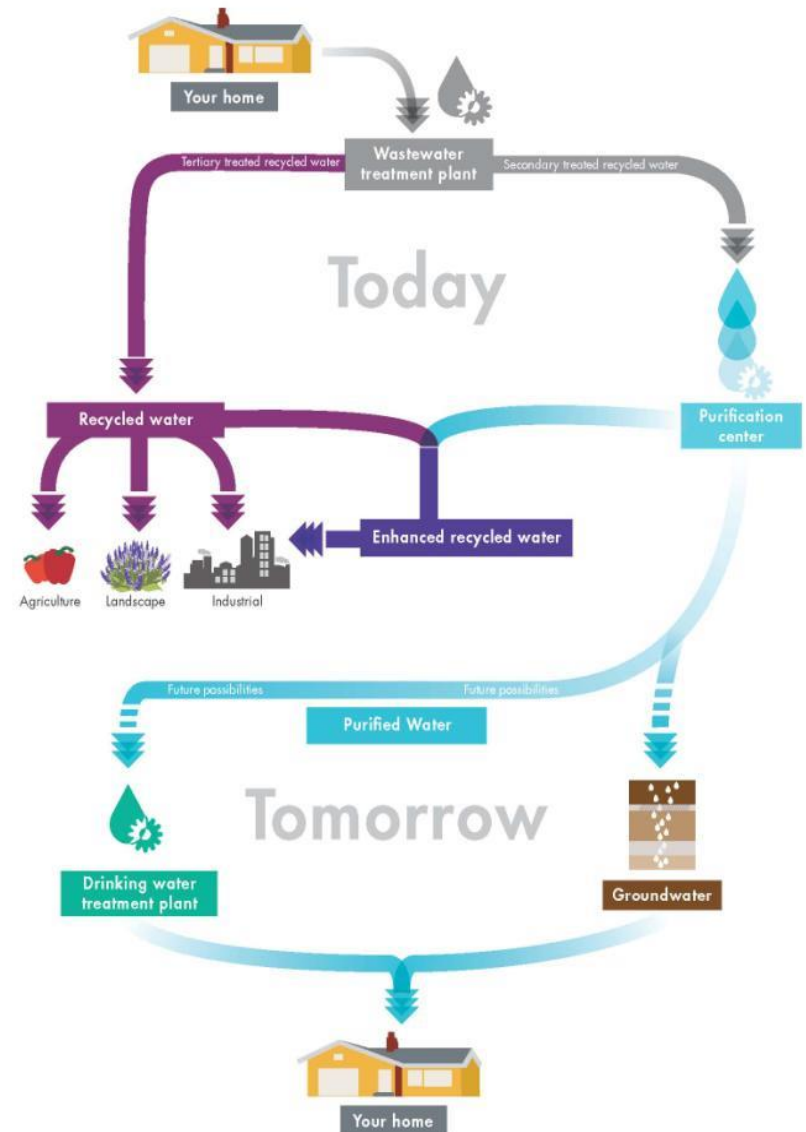
# Rationale for Potable Reuse

- Non-potable recycled water (purple pipe) expansion insufficient to meet future needs
- Additional water conservation efforts insufficient to meet future needs – need the “wet stuff”
- Potable reuse (using purified water) identified as most reliable and cost-effective option, per the District’s Water Supply & Infrastructure Master Plan



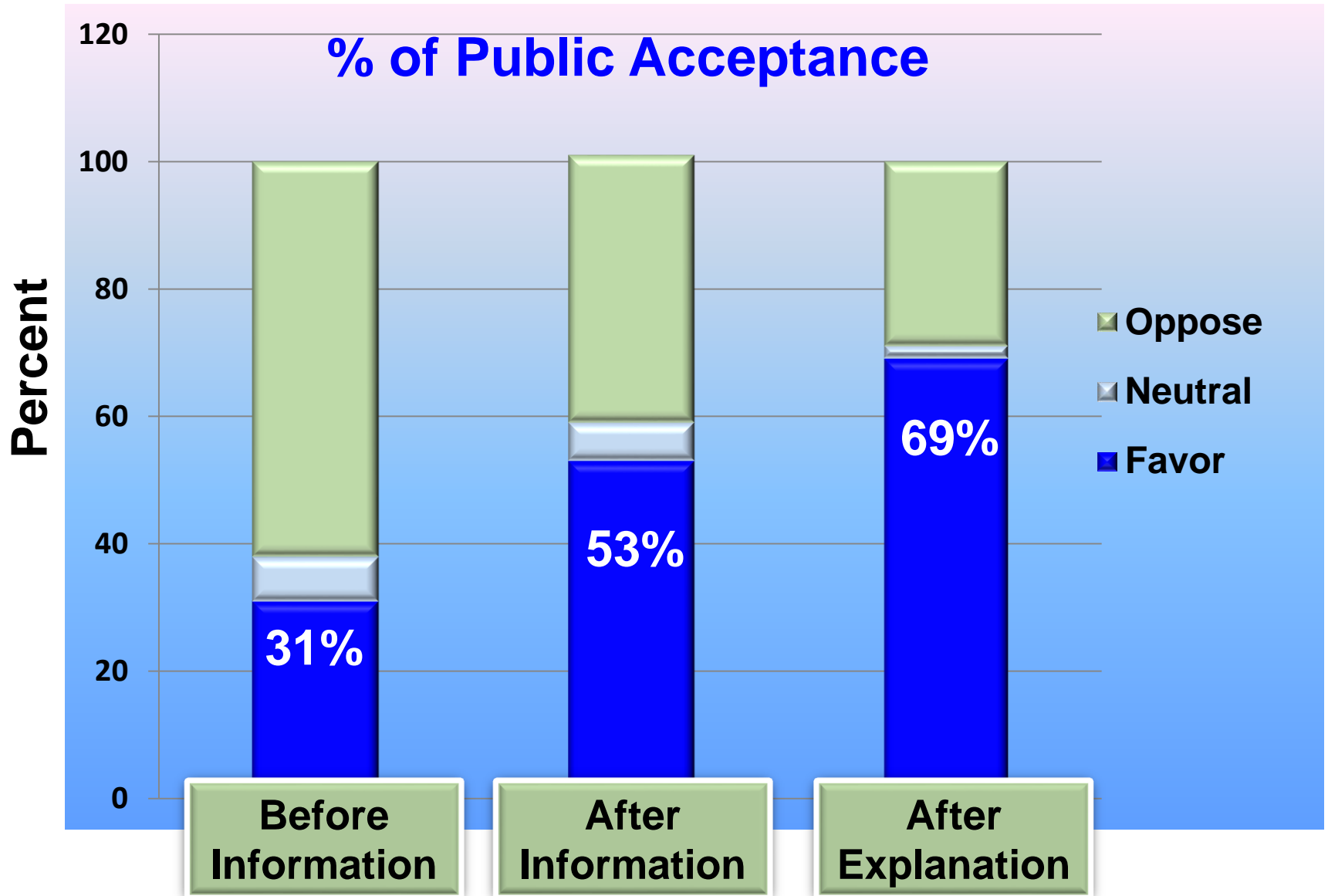
# Public Outreach

- Expand Tour Program
- Further Develop Community Outreach Program
- Develop Stakeholder Outreach & Engagement Program
- Produce Collateral Materials
- Provide Optional Support Services





# Education Leads to Public Acceptance



# Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center

# Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center (SVAWPC)



# Benefits of the SVAWPC

Water quality benefit

***The highest quality water  
tomorrow from the best  
available technology today***

Operational benefit

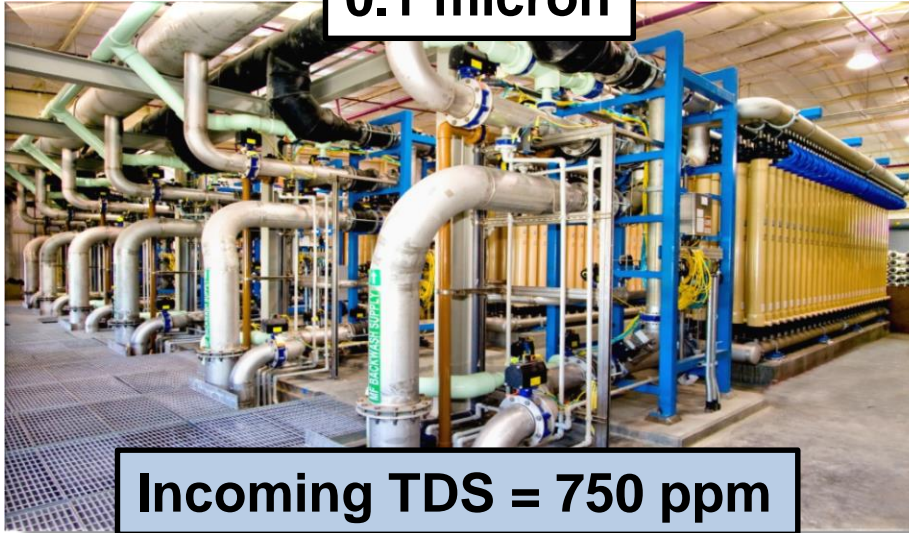
Demonstration of  
potable reuse benefit





# Silicon Valley Advanced Purification Center

**0.1 micron**



**Incoming TDS = 750 ppm**

**0.0001 micron**



**Outgoing TDS= 40 ppm**



# Drought Response: Launch IPR

# Potential Groundwater Impacts Due to Extended Drought

Water Shortage  
Contingency  
Plan Stage

## Projected Continued Drought

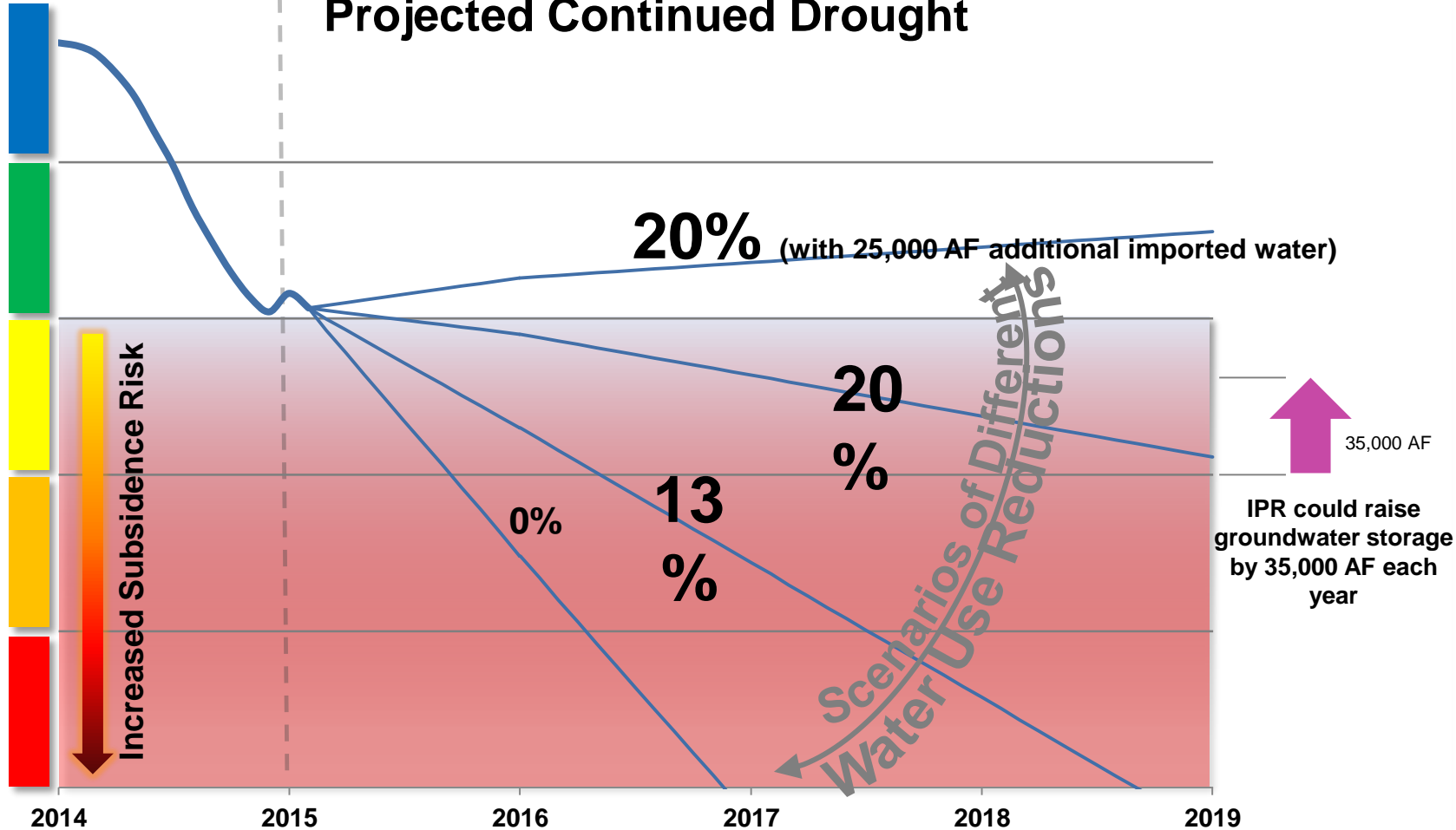
**NORMAL**  
Above 300,000 AF

**ALERT**  
250,000 – 300,000 AF

**SEVERE**  
200,000 – 250,000 AF

**CRITICAL**  
150,000 – 200,000 AF

**EMERGENCY**  
Below 150,000 AF



IPR could raise  
groundwater storage  
by 35,000 AF each  
year

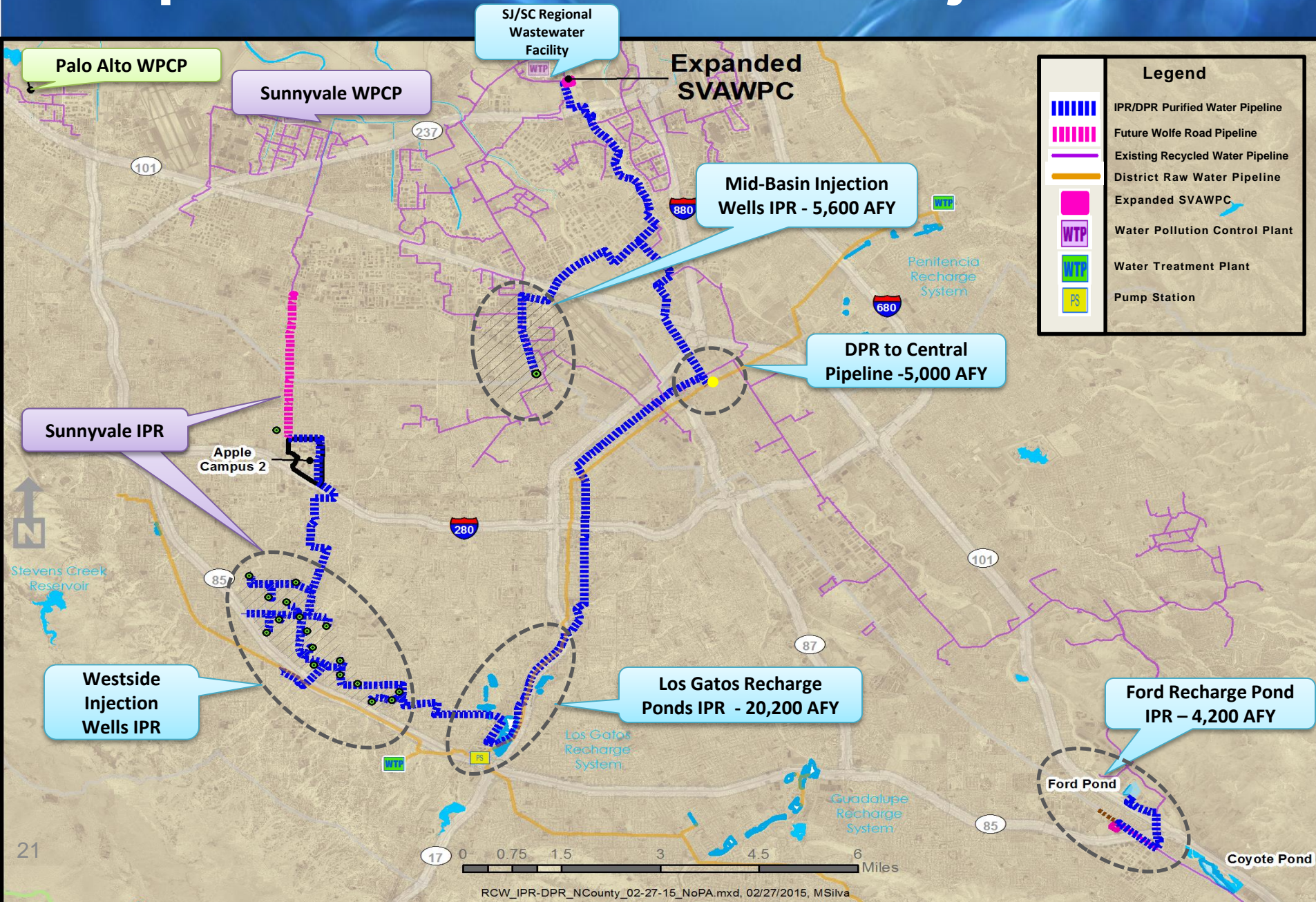


# Additional Water Supplies for Santa Clara County

**Expedited IPR projects could  
produce up to 45,000 AFY  
by 2020**



# Proposed Purified Water Projects



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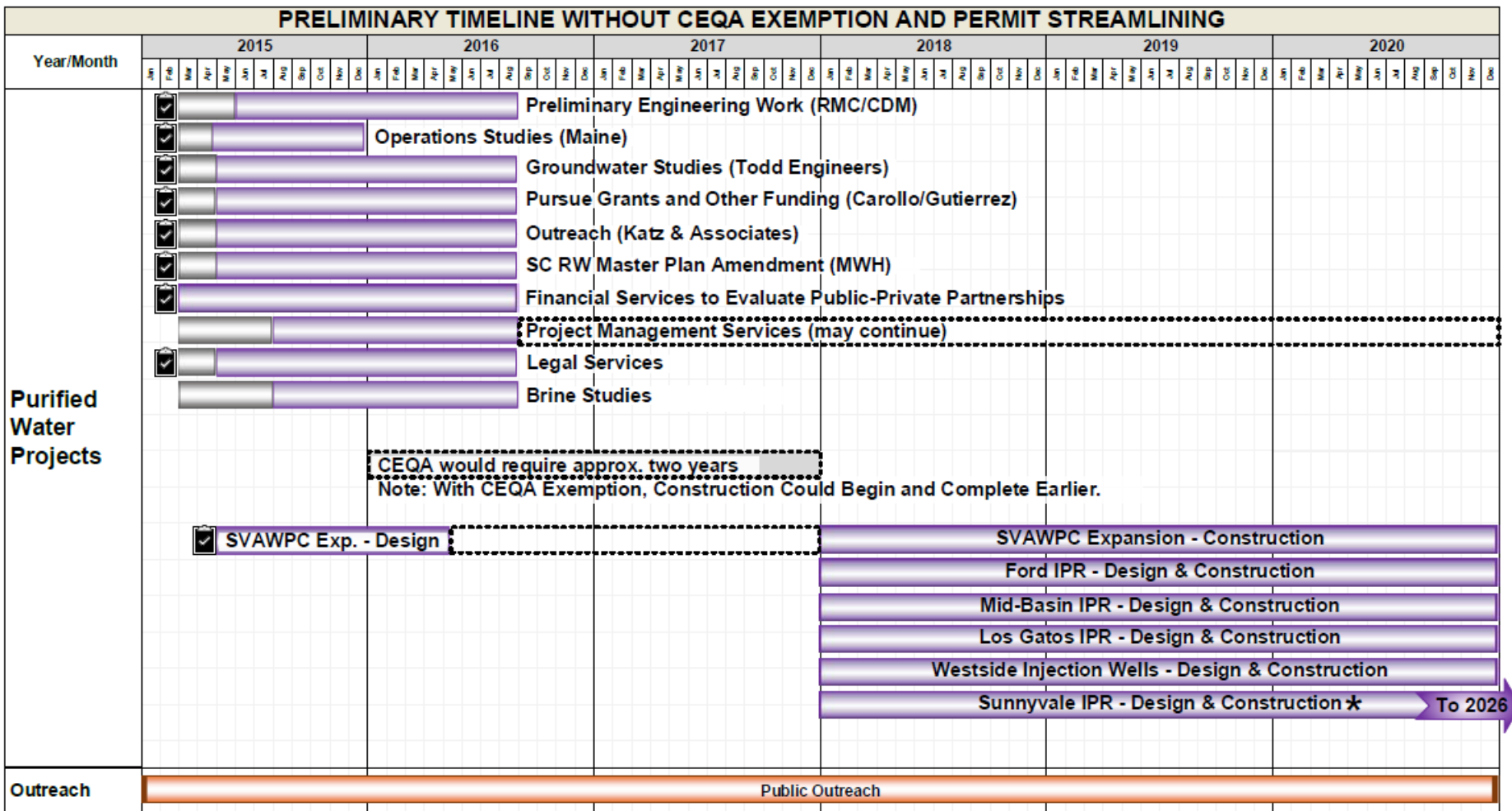
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## Proposed Projects for Purified Water Expansion

Description	Capacity (AFY)	Ext. Capital Costs (\$M) <sup>6</sup>	Est. Total O&M Costs (\$M/Year)
Ford Recharge Ponds IPR <sup>1</sup>	4,200	\$ 70	\$ 4.0
Mid-Basin Injection Wells IPR <sup>2</sup>	5,600	\$ 140	\$ 3.5
Los Gatos Recharge Ponds IPR <sup>3</sup>	20,200	\$ 260	\$ 10.0
Westside Injection Wells IPR <sup>4</sup> (or Central Pipeline DPR)	5,000 (5,000)	\$ 120 (\$ 65)	\$ 4.0 (\$ 4.5)
Sunnyvale IPR <sup>5</sup>	10,000	\$ 210	\$ 2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ 23.5</b>

<sup>22</sup><sub>1,2,3,4</sub> South Bay Water Recycling Master Plan; <sup>5</sup> IPR Treatment Study, Carollo Engineers; <sup>6</sup> As presented in the March 12, 2015, agenda memo, these costs are at a planning level of development and should be considered within a range of -20% to + 100%





**\*The Sunnyvale IPR Project Schedule may be extended to 2026.**

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 = Securing Contract. This includes Request For Qualifications (RFQ), negotiations, and contract execution.

 = Conducting Work. This includes work prepared by consultant(s).

 = Work underway.

# Key Technical Questions

- Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management
- Groundwater Analysis and Injection Well Siting
- Operational Studies



# Groundwater IPR Technical Questions

- Use groundwater models to evaluate movement of purified water, retention time, and proximity to water supply wells
- Conduct lab testing of soil cores to assess potential effects on groundwater quality or permeability

# Well Drilling and Monitoring Wells





# RO Concentrate Management Alternatives

- Discharge to existing shallow water Bay outfall with dilution water
- Treatment wetlands, then discharge to the Bay
- Pre-treatment to produce a brackish supply for wetlands restoration
- Discharge to a sewer line that goes to a regional wastewater treatment plant
- Discharge to deep Bay outfall



# Permitting

Permits	Required	Potential
CEQA	✓	
NPDES (Clean Water Act Section 402)	✓	
CA Fish & Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement CDFW (Section 1602 Agreement )		✓
Valley Habitat Plan		✓
Air Quality Control Permit		✓
Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit		✓
401 Water Quality Certification		✓
Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD)	✓	
Engineering Report-Approval under Title 22	✓	
401 Water Quality Certifications and Wetlands Program		✓
Public Water System (PWS) permits	✓	

# Independent Advisory Panel Assures Quality

Nationally recognized experts review the District's approach to potable reuse – assess, review, and guide District's efforts

April 30, 2013



May 29, 2014







# Questions