

# Proposed Governance Approach for the Sites Reservoir Project

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## **Staff Recommendation:**

Provide any feedback on the proposed governance approach for the Sites Reservoir Project.



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Tehama-Colusa  
Canal

Glenn-Colusa  
Irrigation District  
Canal

Proposed  
Holthouse  
Reservoir

Proposed  
Terminal Regulating  
Reservoir



# Overview

- Information only
  - No formal action requested today
  - Staff soliciting any feedback on the proposed Sites Reservoir Project governance approach
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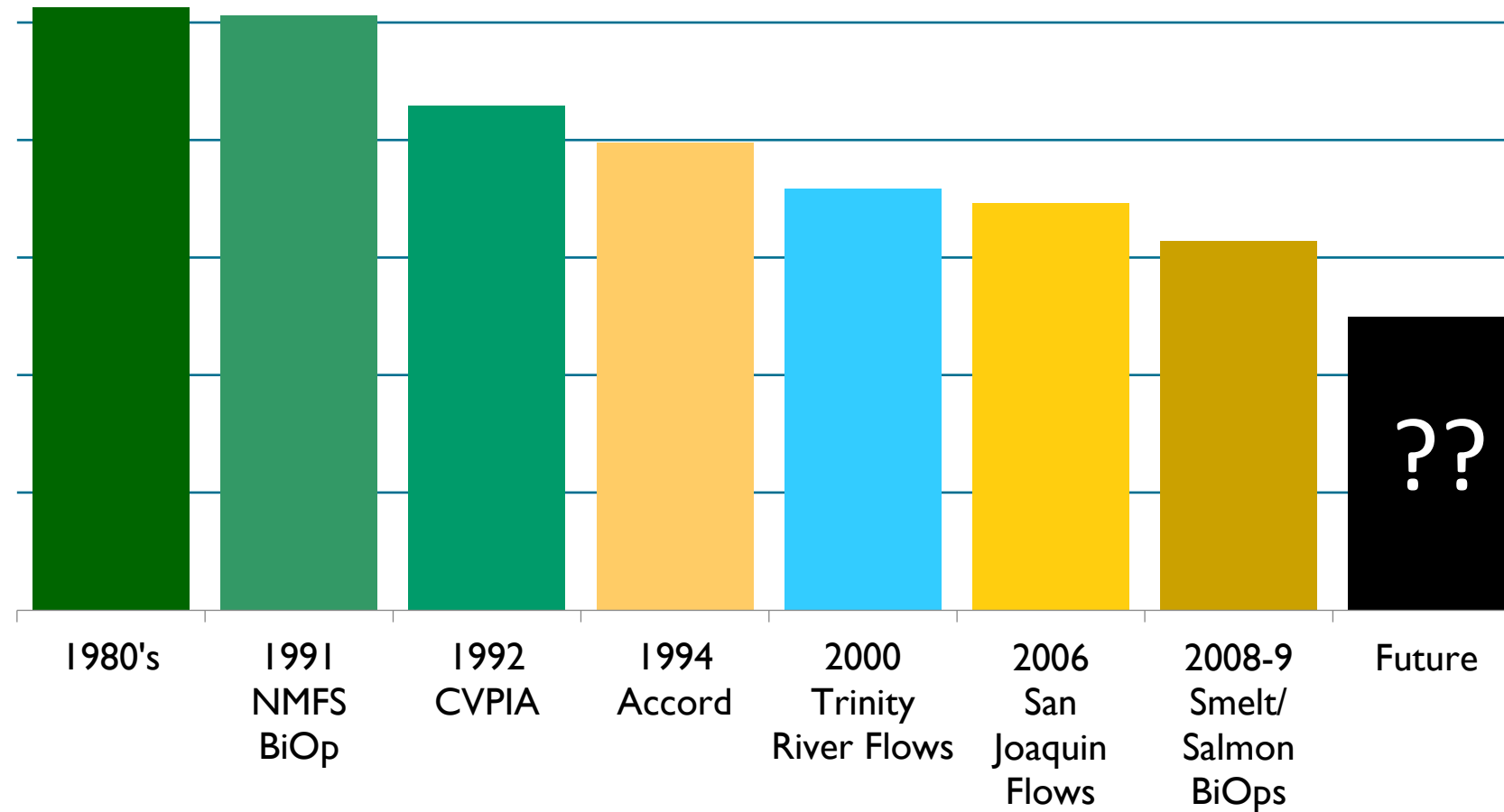
# The SWP Helps Overcome Uncertainty and Achieve our Mission

Mission - Supports the region's quality of life through sustainable water management

**Strategic Goal – Water Supply & Stewardship**  
Align with the current and future water landscape, supporting the region's long-term needs by diversifying the local supply portfolio and advancing water sustainability.



# The Return on our Investment in the SWP has Declined Over the Last 30 Years With an Uncertain Future

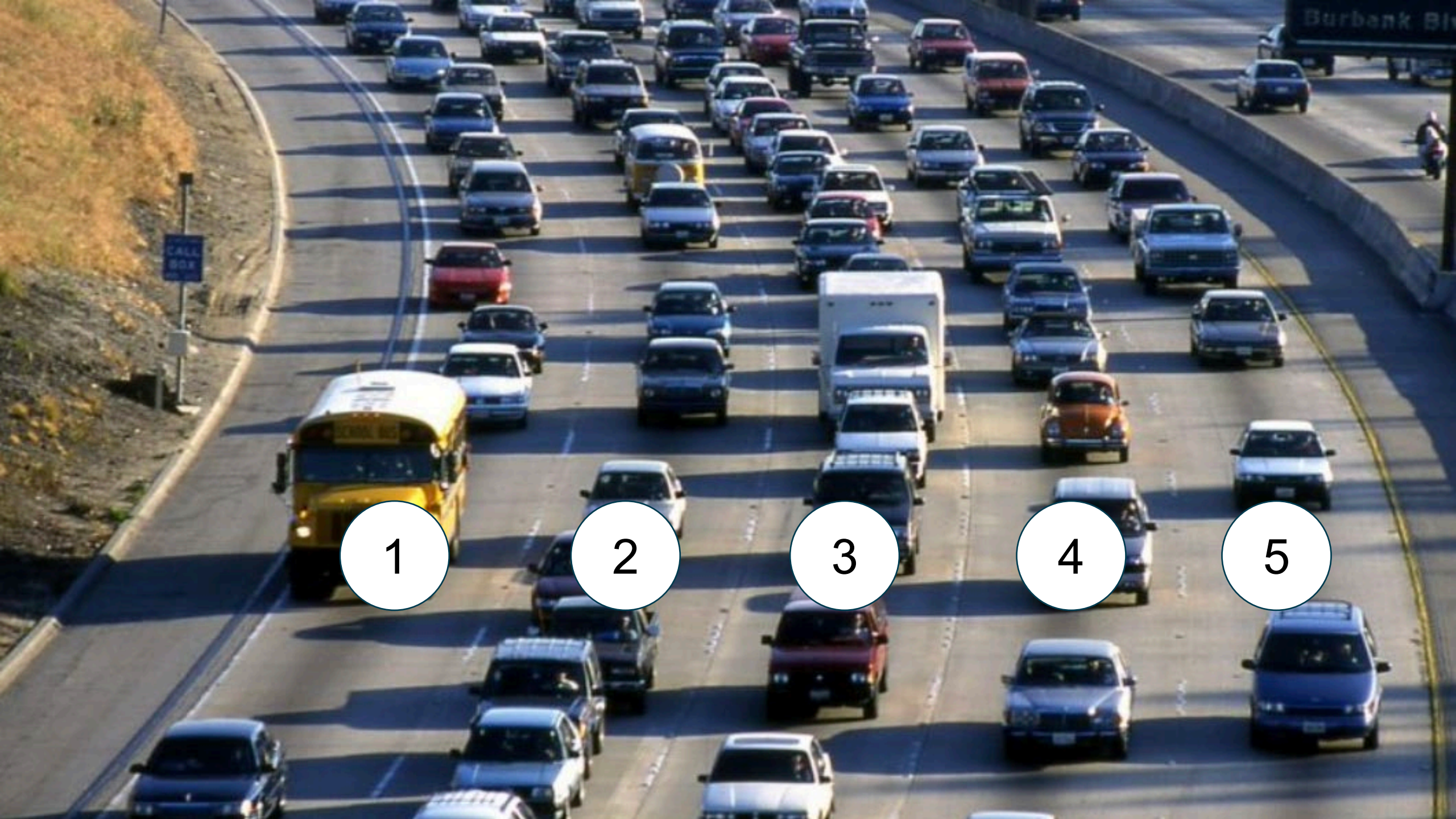


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Established 1969





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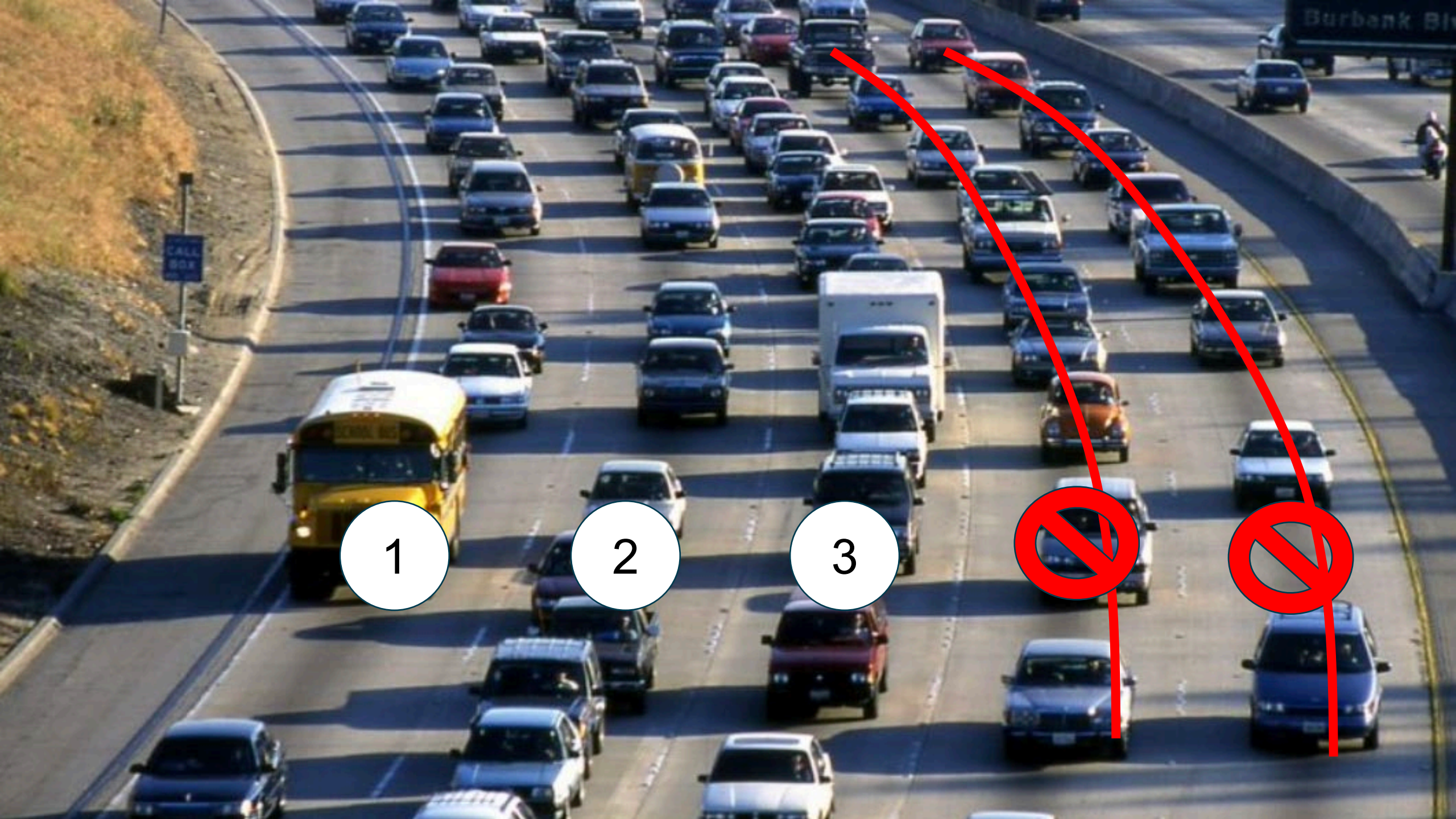
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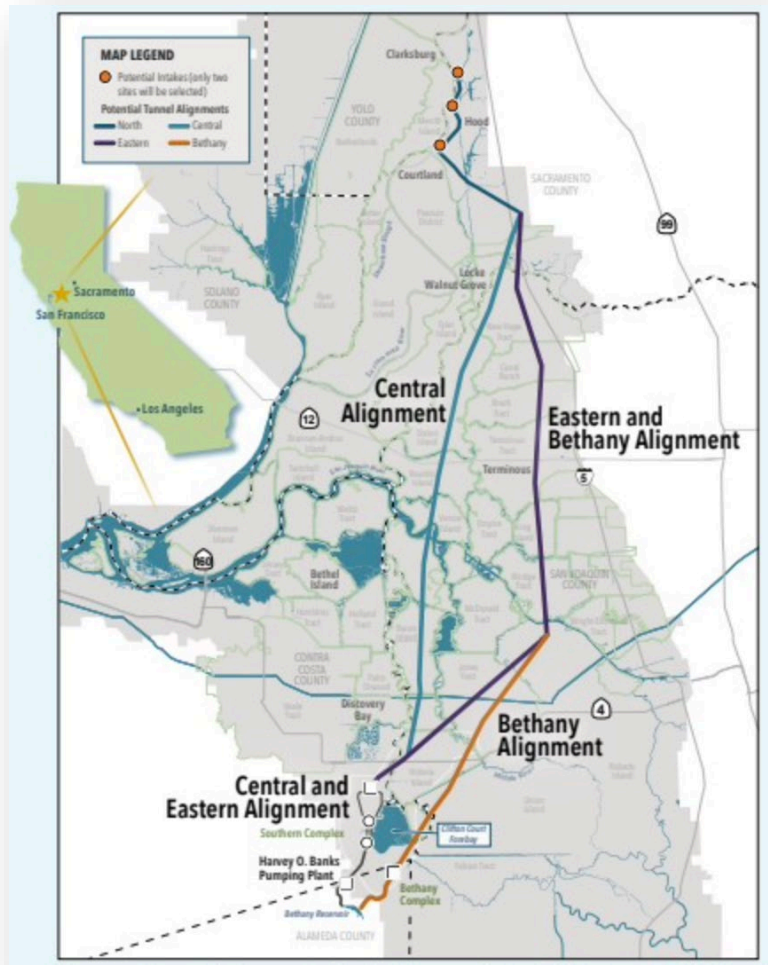
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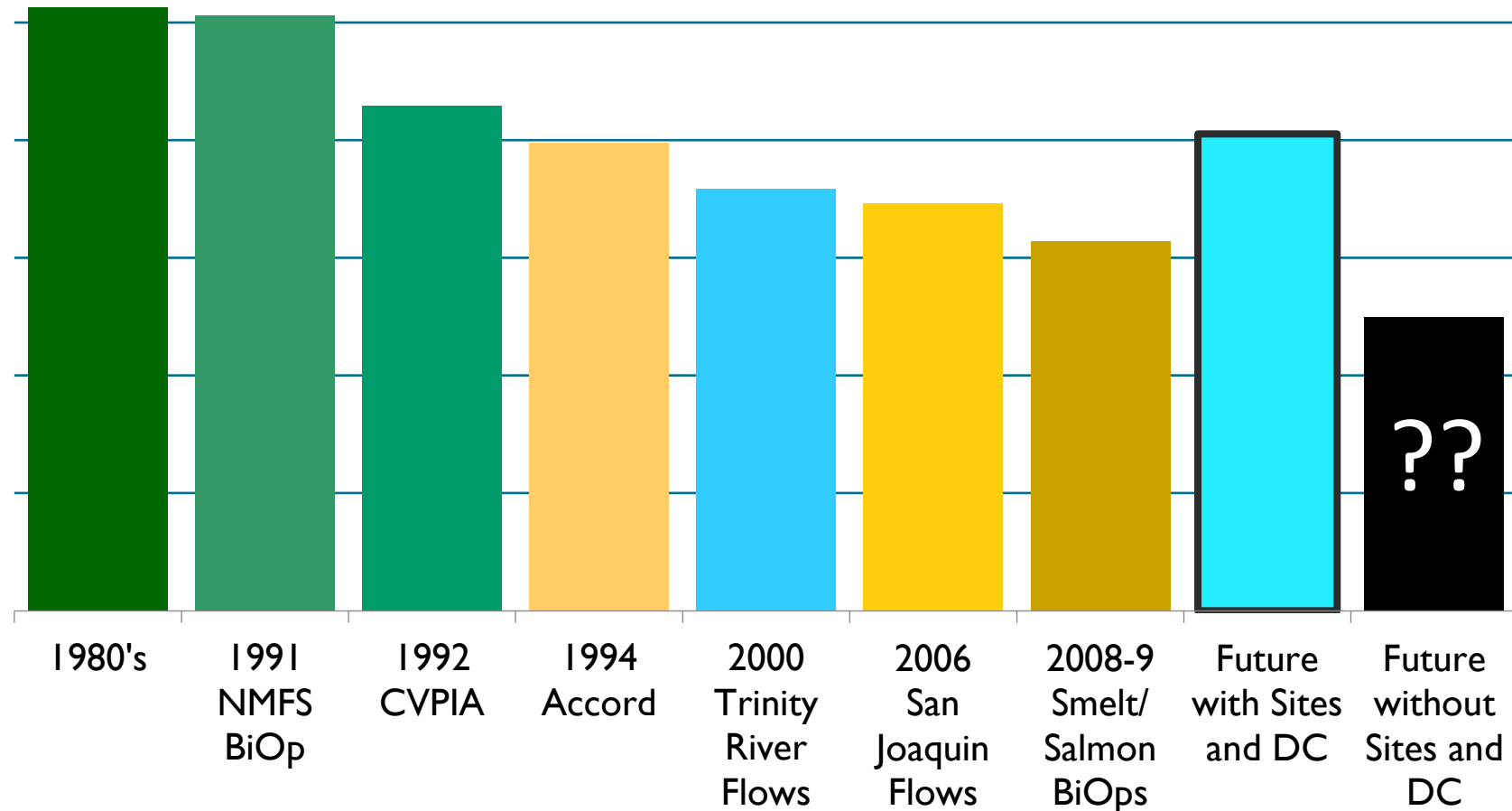


# Delta Conveyance and Sites Reservoir Restore Lost Return on our Investment





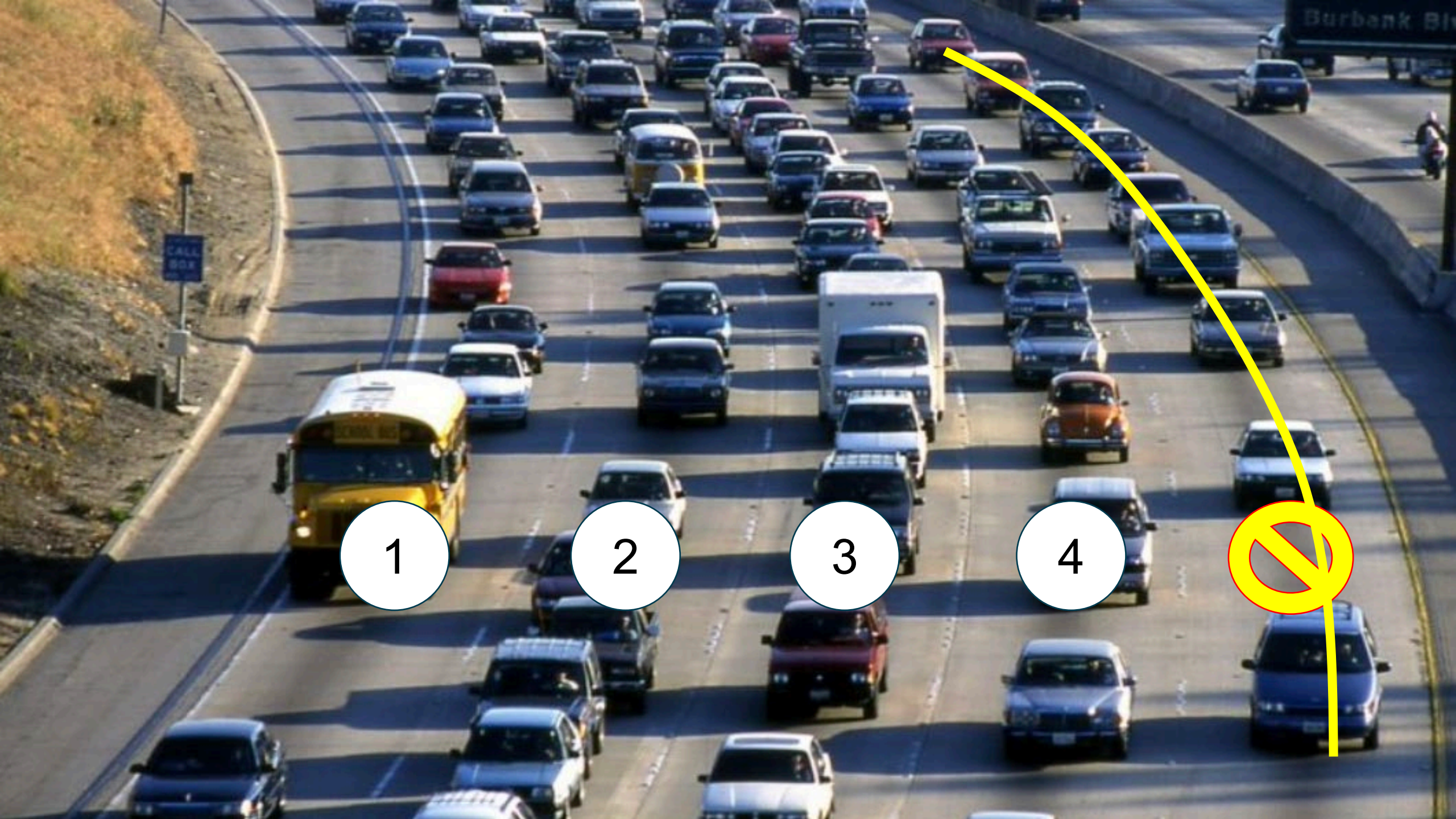
# Investment in DCP and Sites Provides Water Supply and Increases Certainty for the Future



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# Sites Reservoir

Background

The bottom portion of the slide features several horizontal, wavy lines in a lighter shade of teal, creating a sense of movement or water ripples.



# History

- Part of the State Water Project design and included in the 1957 CA Water Plan
- 1980s
  - State Water Project Stage II sent to voters
    - Peripheral Canal
    - Sites Reservoir
  - Did not pass
- 2000
  - Included in CalFed Bay-Delta Program
  - North-of-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS) Project (2001)
    - DWR lead agency for CEQA
    - BOR lead agency for NEPA
    - **Did not move forward due to lack of local support**

# History

- 2010
  - Senate Bill 7X 2, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act
    - This law allows for the formation of **joint powers authorities** by cities, counties, irrigation districts, and other local water districts and agencies within the applicable hydrological region for the design, acquisition, and construction of water infrastructure, ecosystem, water supply reliability, and other types of specified water projects. The **Authority** currently is composed of public entities located and operating in the **Sacramento Valley** (namely, City of Roseville, **Colusa County Water District**, **County of Colusa**, **County of Glenn**, **Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District**, **Maxwell Irrigation District**, **Orland-Artois Water District**, **Placer County Water Agency**, **Proberta Water District**, **Reclamation District 108**, **Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority**, **Western Canal Water District**, and **Westside Water District**)
  - Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) amongst local agencies
    - Sites Project Authority

# Our Strength is in Our Broad Statewide Participation

## Sacramento Valley

City of American Canyon  
Colusa County  
Colusa County Water Agency  
Cortina Water District  
Davis Water District  
Dunnigan Water District  
Glenn County  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District  
LaGrande Water District  
Placer County Water Agency  
Reclamation District 108  
City of Roseville  
Sacramento County Water Agency  
City of Sacramento  
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority  
Westside Water District  
Western Canal Water District

## Bay Area

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Zone 7 Water Agency

## San Joaquin Valley

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage  
District  
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

## Southern California

Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Desert Water Agency  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Metropolitan Water District  
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District ←  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ←  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

## Waiting List

Cal-Am Sacramento  
City of Napa  
Delta View WUA  
Glenn County  
La Cumbre MWC  
Madera County  
Pacific Resources MWC  
Palmdale WD  
Santa Clara Valley WD  
Western Municipal WD  
Westlands WD  
Wheeler Ridge Maricopa WSD  
Woodland Davis CWA





# Reservoir Volume

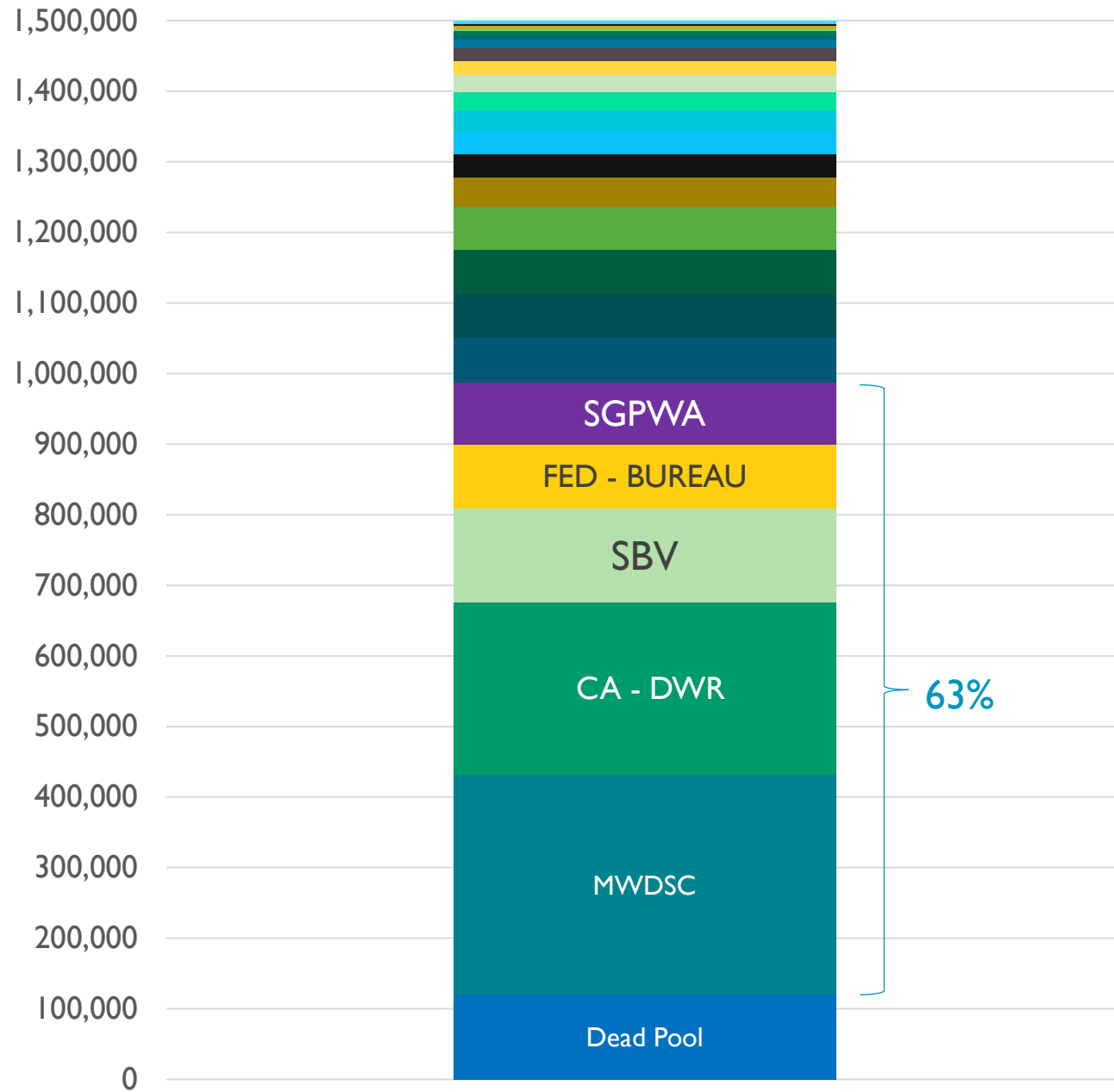
**1.5 MAF**

Active Storage,  
1,380,000

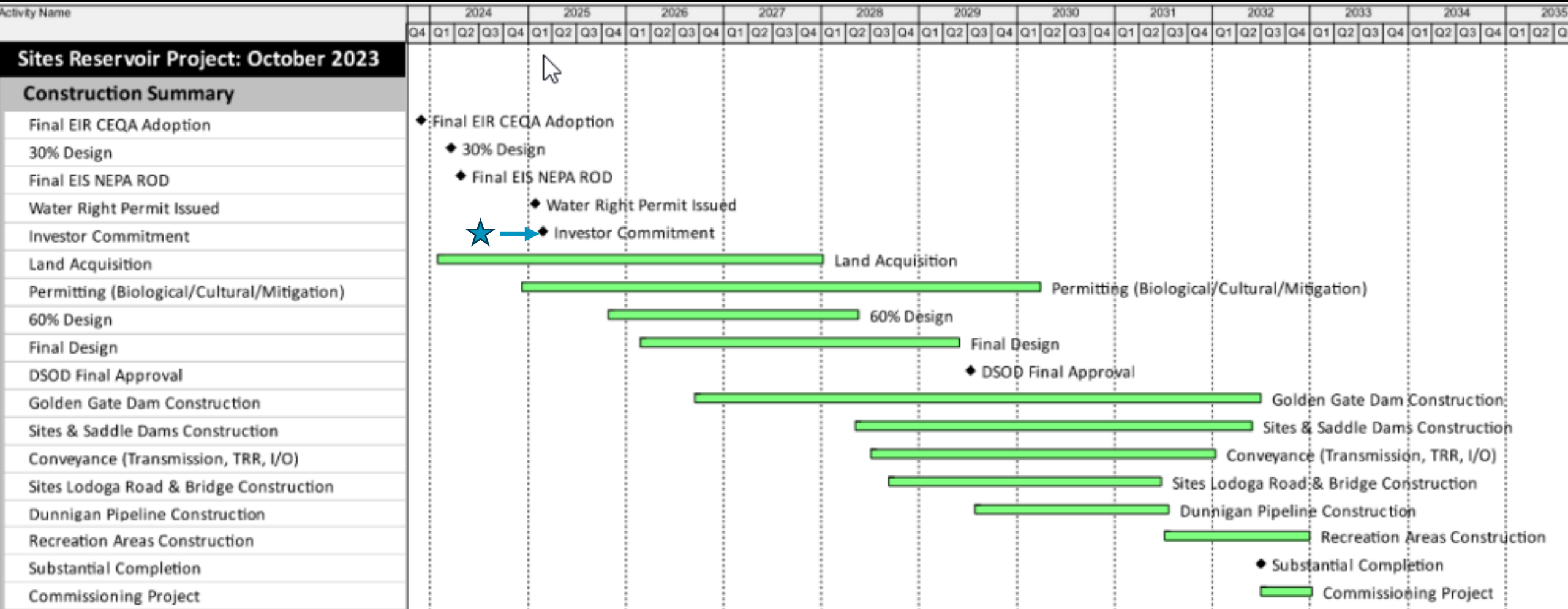
Dead Pool, 120,000



# Investors



# Project Overview





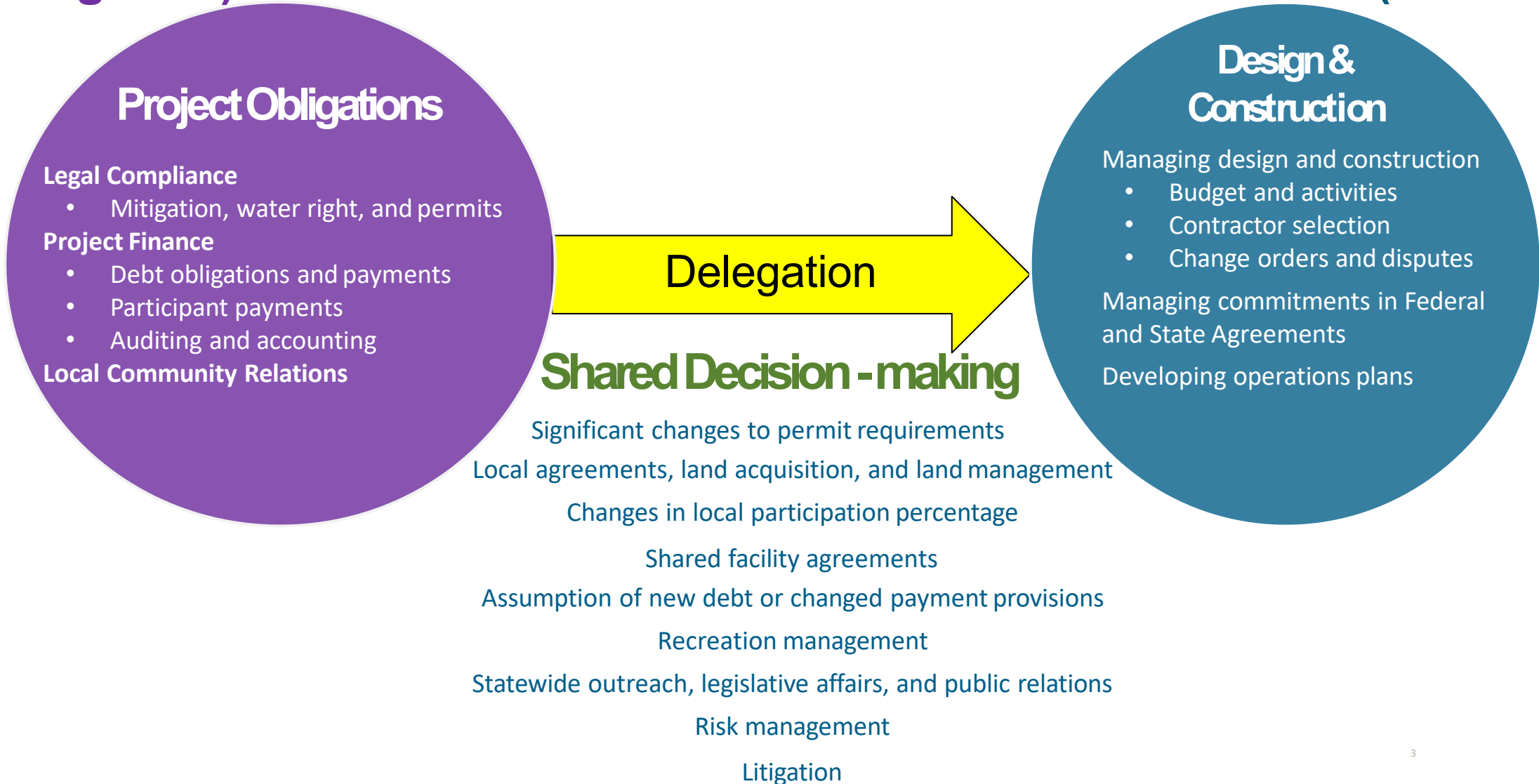
A large crowd of runners is gathered at the starting line of a marathon. The runners are wearing various athletic gear, including tank tops, shorts, and running shoes. Some runners have bib numbers visible on their chests. The crowd is dense, and the runners are looking forward, ready to start the race. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the runners in the foreground.

# Sites Governance Approach

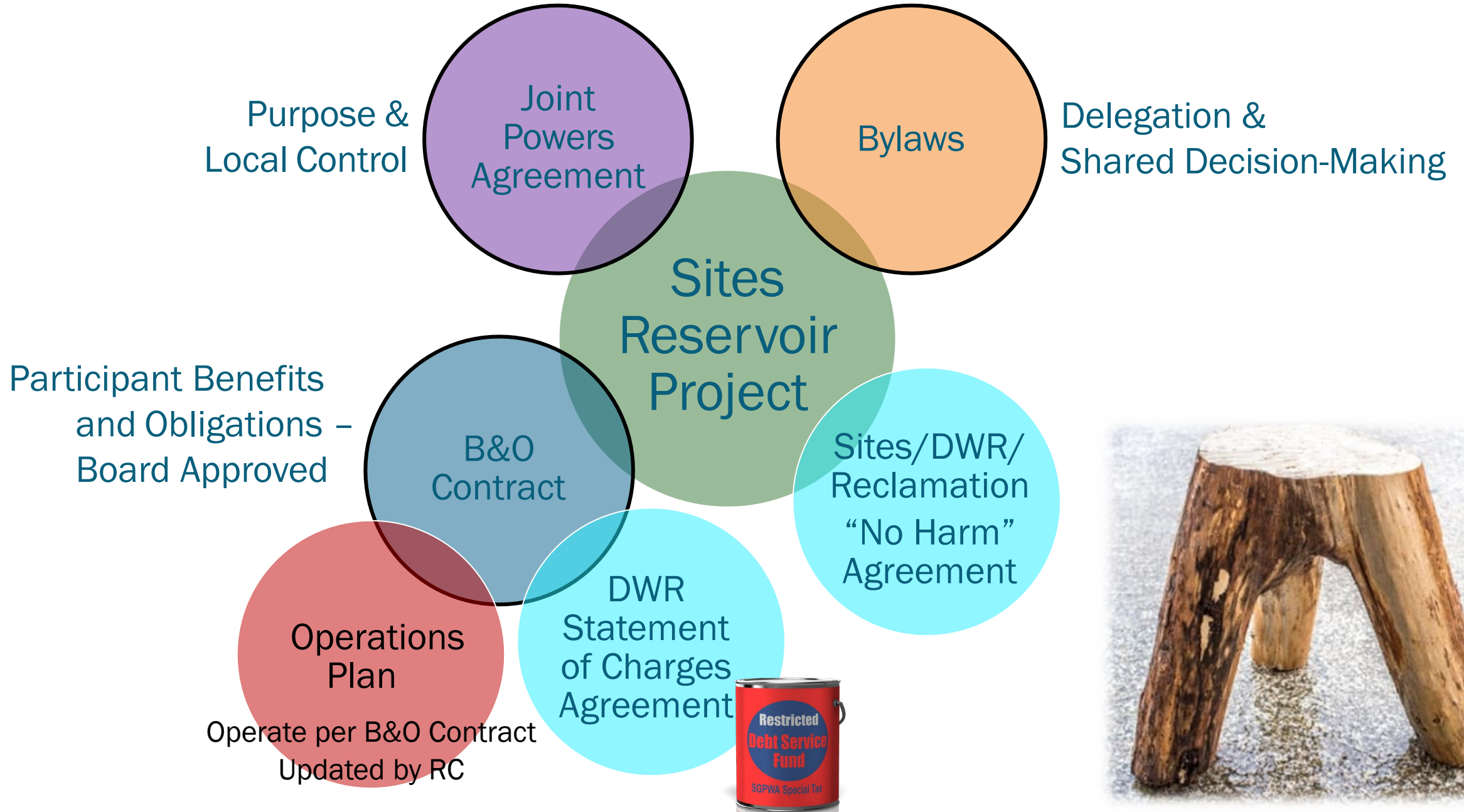
# Authority Board (Local Agencies)

# Governance Approach

# Reservoir Committee (Beneficiaries)



# The “Three-Legged Stool” for Sites Governance



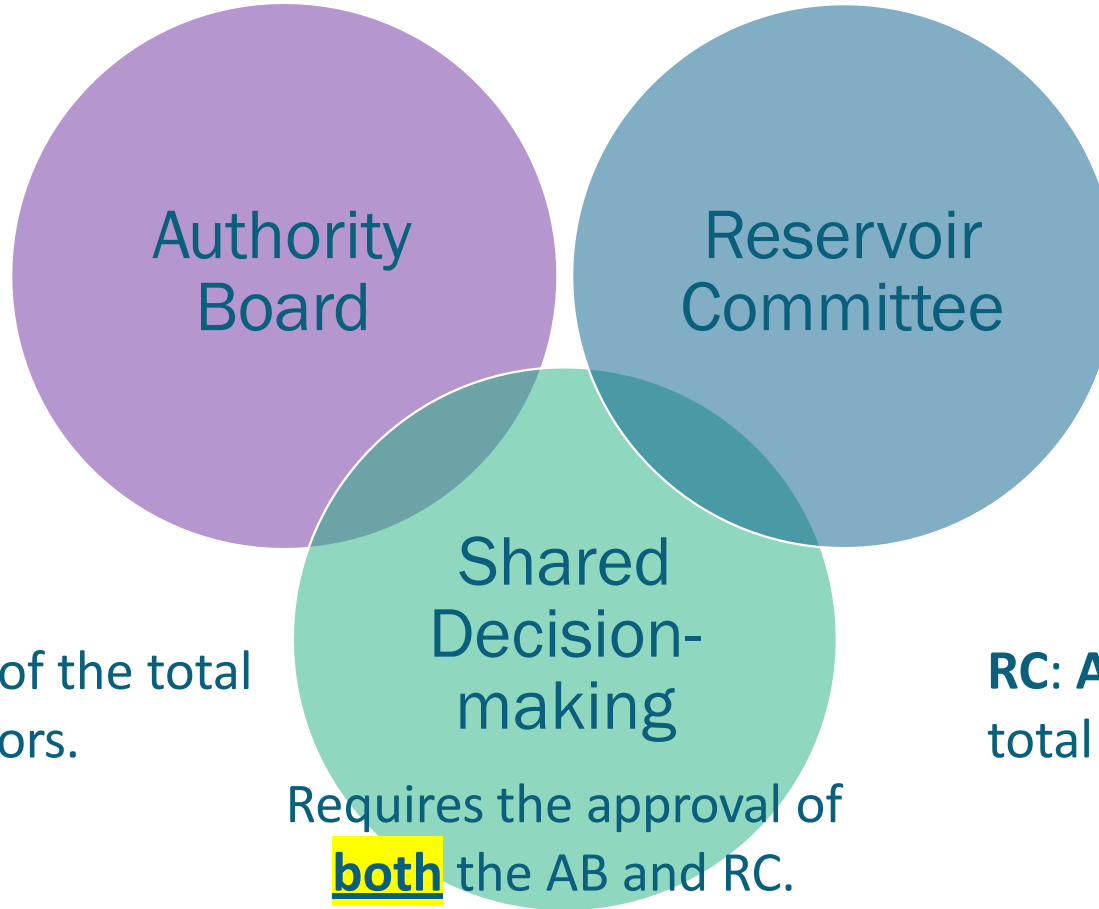


# Proposed AB and RC Voting Procedures

## Routine Matters:

**Majority** of the total number of Directors.

**New Members:** **75%** of member home boards.



**Weighted Voting:** Each participant's vote is based **50%** on occupying a seat and **50%** on participation percentage.

## Routine Matters:

**Majority** of the total weighted vote.

**AB:** At least **75%** of the total number of Directors.

**RC:** At least **75%** of the total weighted votes.

Requires the approval of **both** the AB and RC.

**Bylaws – Material Changes – New Members**

# Status

- **Benefits & Obligations Contract (in review)**
  - SGPWA staff/legal provided comments on the first draft
  - SGPWA staff/legal provided comments on the second draft
- **Operations Plan (in process)**
- **Revised JPA Agreement (in review)**
- **Revised Bylaws (in review)**
- **Agreements with DWR and BOR**
  - **DWR Statement of Charges Agreement (FINAL DRAFT COMPLETE)**
  - **Sites/DWR/ Reclamation “No Harm” Agreement (in process)**

# Next Steps

- Staff and Legal Review of all Agreements and Operations Plan
  - Provide substantive update(s) to the Board, as needed
- Present all Agreements and Operations Plan at a Joint workshop with the SGPWA & Valley Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2024
- Board(s) consideration mid-2024

