



# Growing Demands on Ag Water Demonstrate the Need for Ag/Urban Water Dialogue

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# What's the Problem?

- **Not Enough Water: who wants it? EVERYONE AND THE ENVIROMNENT**

The high price and ongoing demand for water supplies demonstrates that there is a current shortage for Agriculture and Water Provides.

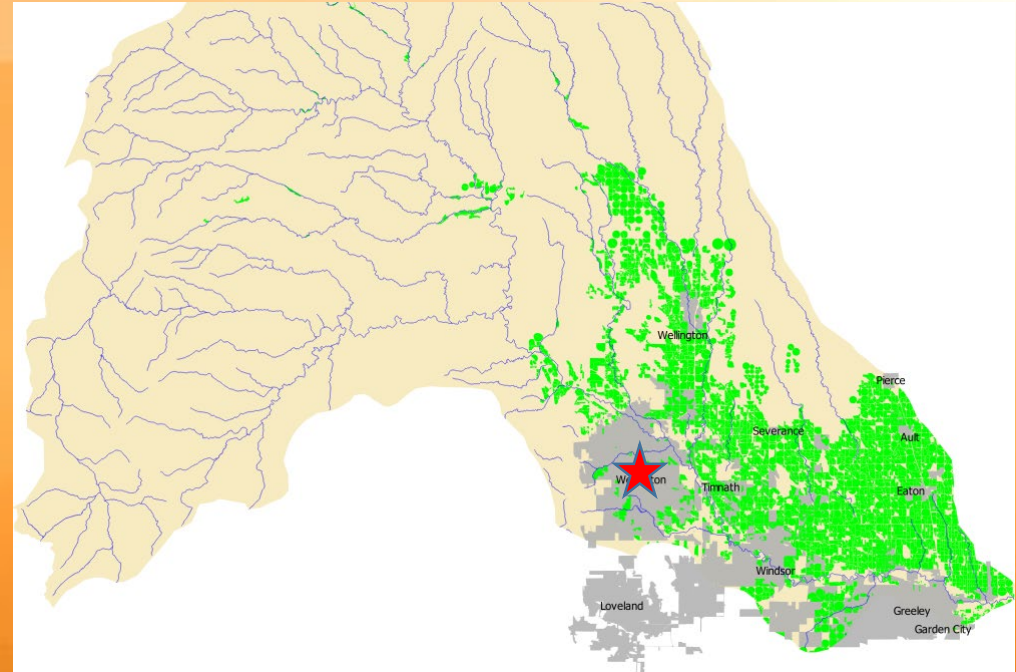
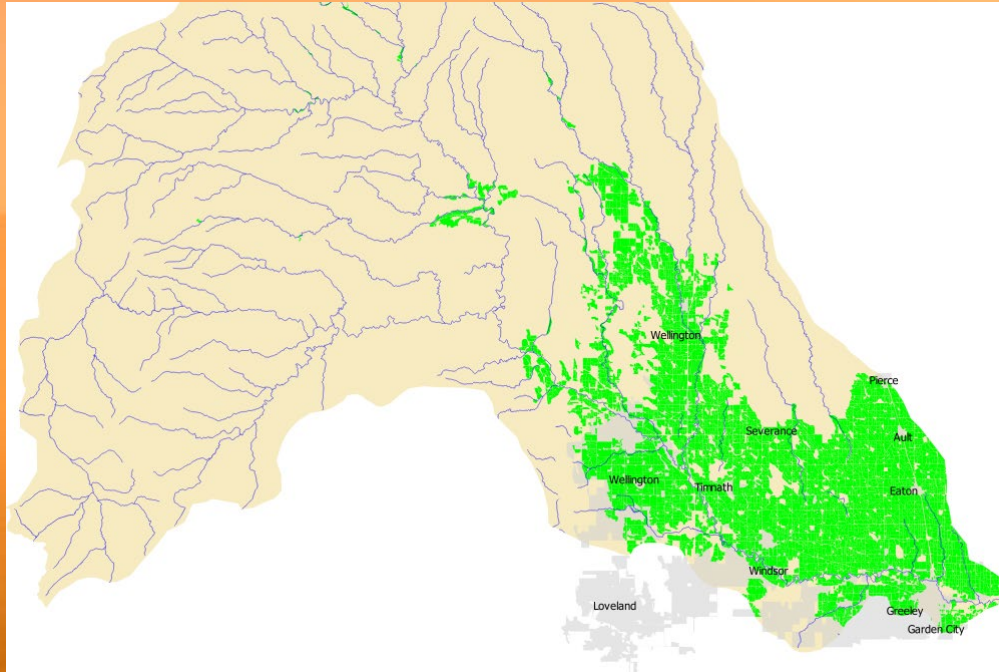
There has always been water shortages in Agriculture and the Environment. Now with a bursting population there is a more evident shortage of water for all.

**NO NEW SUPPLIES, and INCREASED HYDROLOGIC VARIABILITY**

# Urbanization...

1960

2017



- Source Water Route Framework Streams
- Irrigated Agriculture (2010)
- Municipalities (2017)
- Most Recent Municipality Data (2017)
- Basin

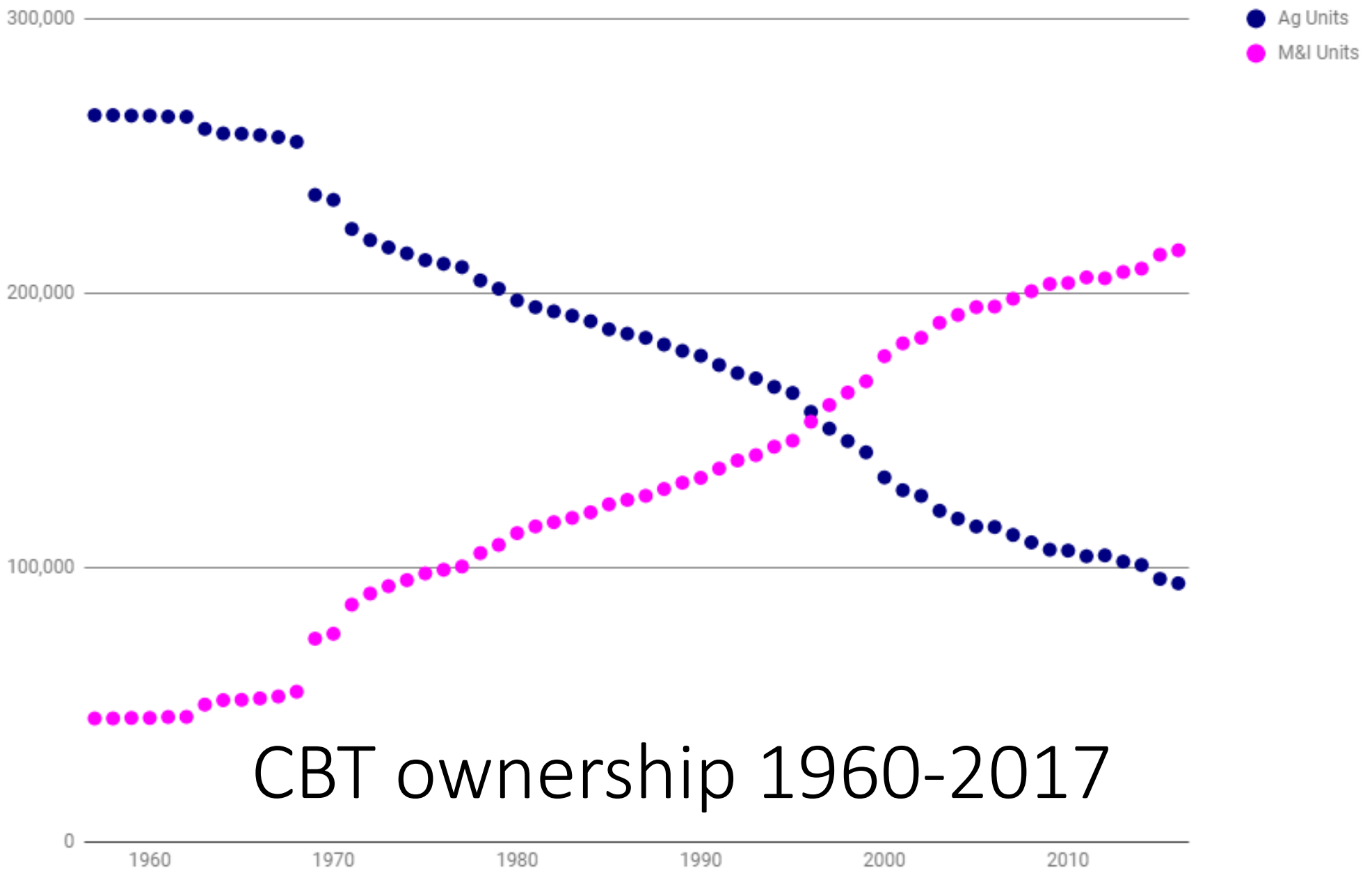


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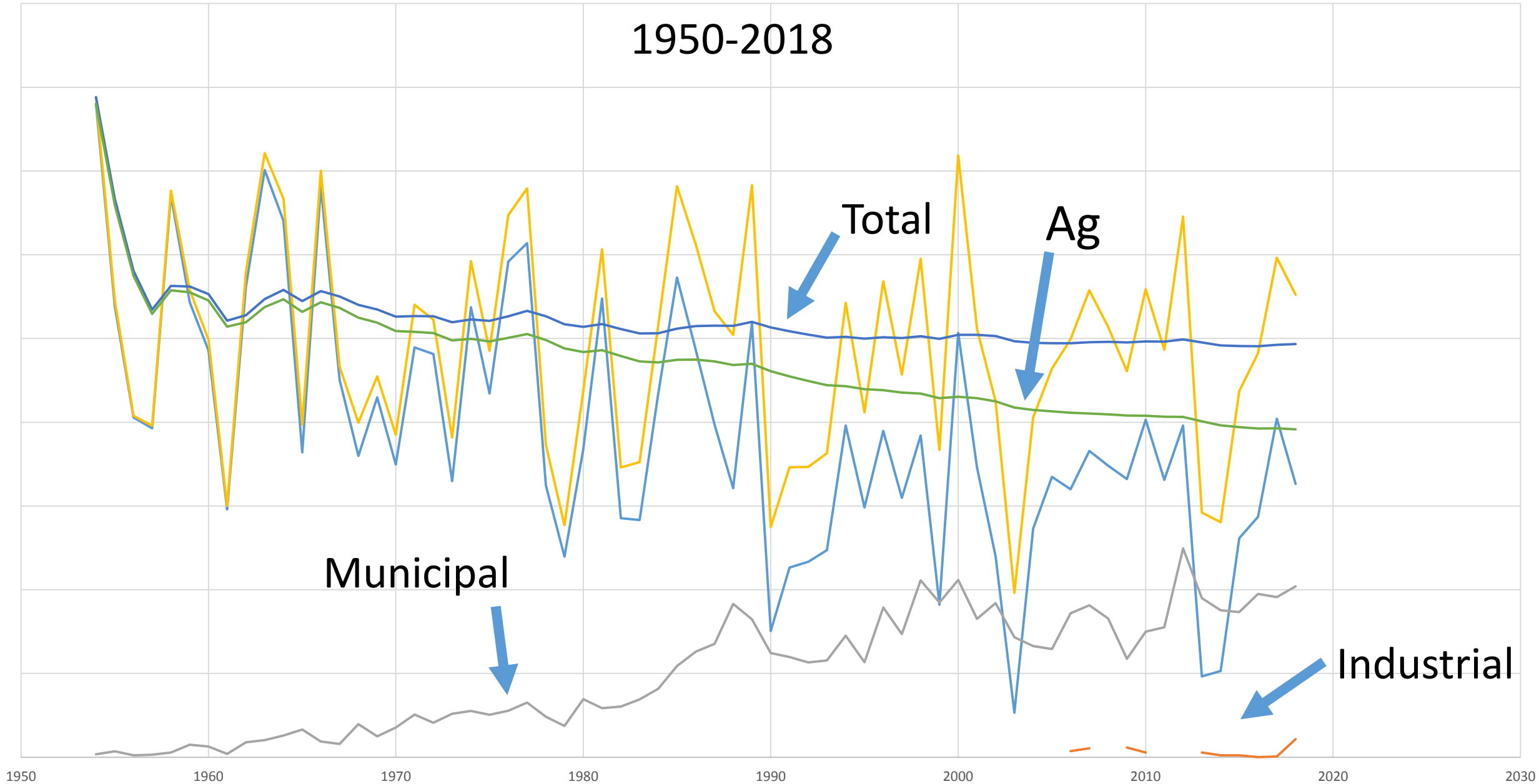
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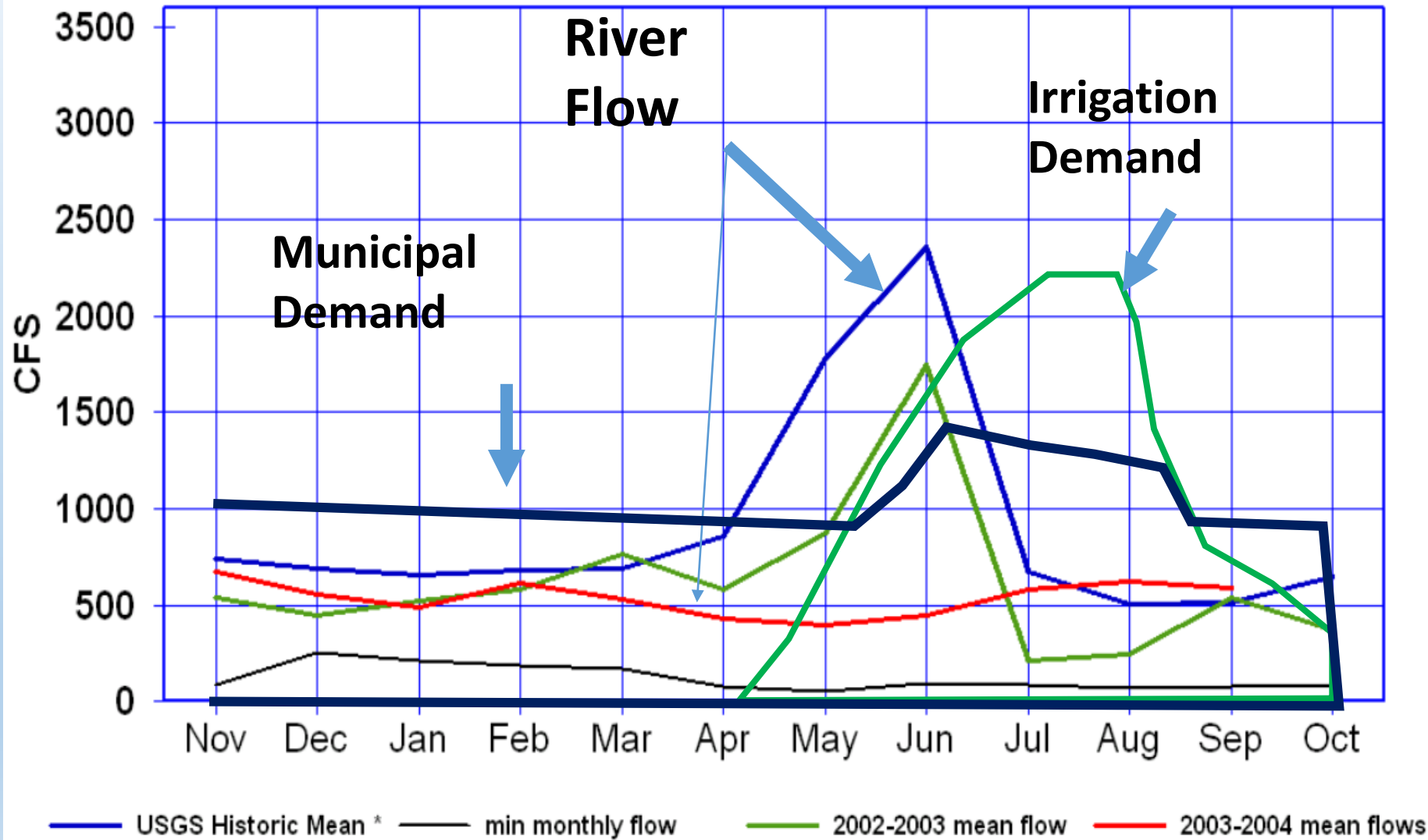
CBT ownership 1960-2017

# Delivery trends from a Multiuse Reservoir

1950-2018



# Water Supply and Use Timing doesn't match

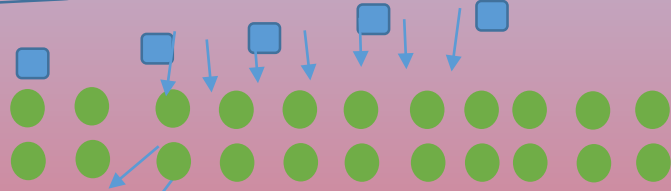


Buy and Dry will **NOT** work without **MORE STORAGE FOR FULL YEAR DELIVERY**



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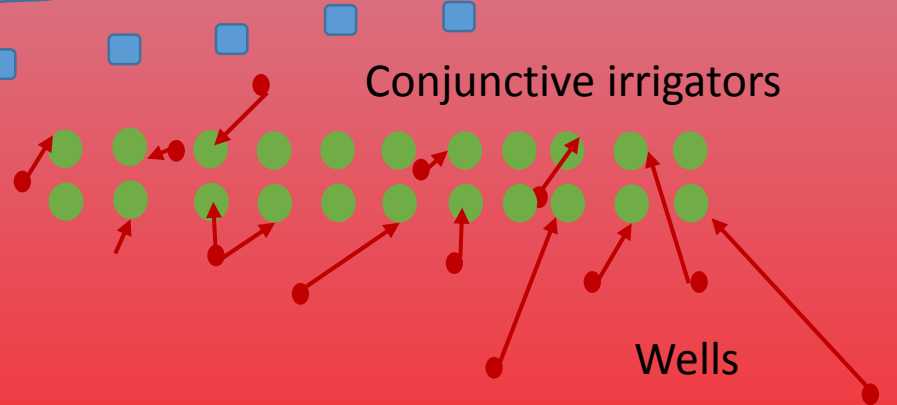
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Return Flow  
Obligations

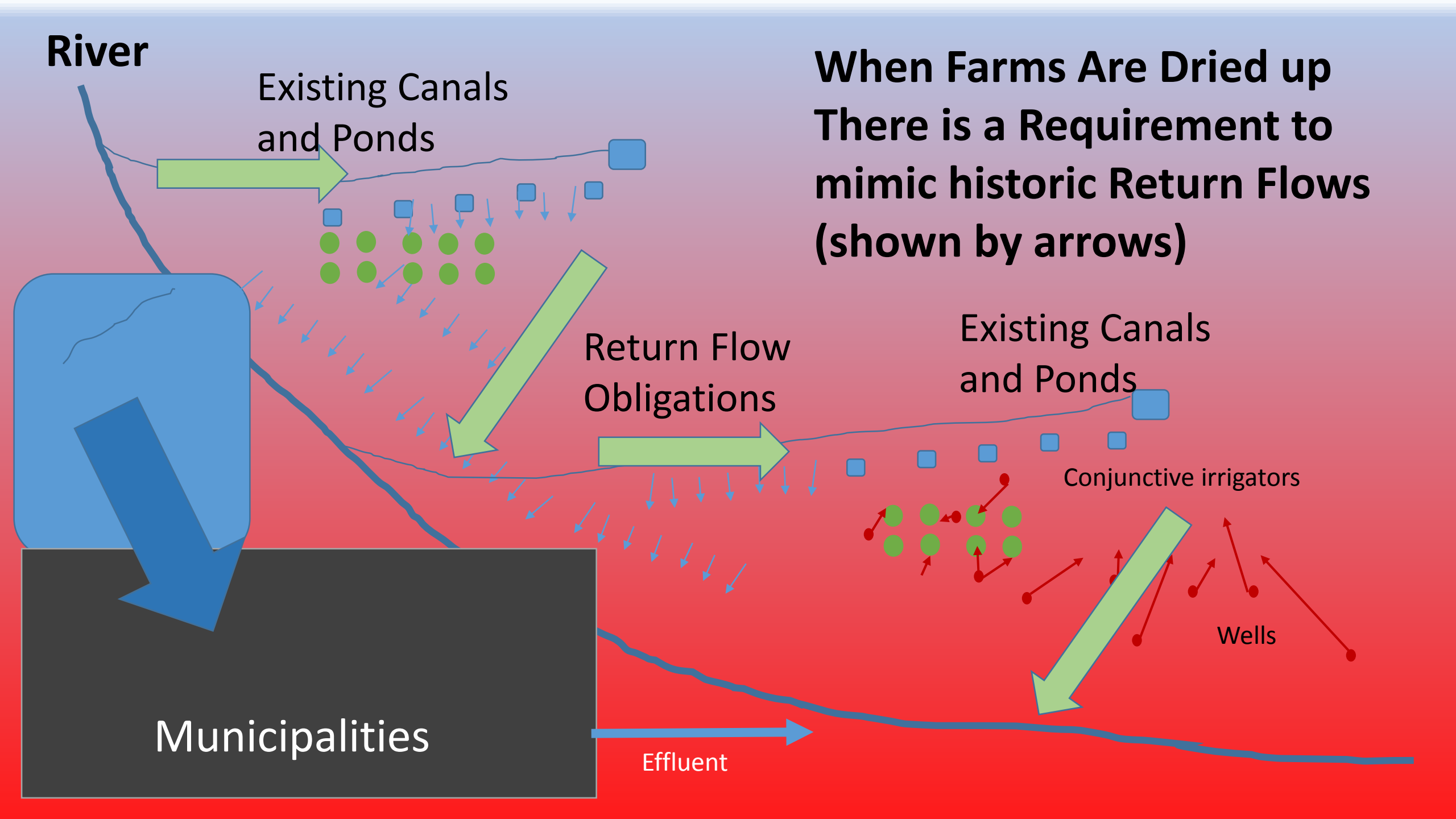
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# Why do we need to work together?

1. Water providers need Ag to stay viable to use excess water in “Normal” and “Wet” Years
2. Water providers have obligation to deliver return flows “Forever” throughout the irrigation systems
3. Our Economies are interconnected and we all do better when we work together
4. Most (86% voted for open space) citizens recognize the value of agriculture
  1. Open Spaces with beautiful views
  2. Rural Character
  3. Clean Air and Clean Water



# Call to Action

A wide-angle photograph of a center pivot irrigation system in operation. The system consists of a long, dark metal wheel line supported by numerous vertical riser pipes, each with a nozzle at the bottom. The nozzles are spraying water onto a lush green field of crops. The field is divided into long, straight rows by the irrigation lines. In the background, there are rolling hills and a cloudy sky. The overall scene is one of modern agricultural technology in a rural setting.

- **Develop working relationships to ensure Ag viability**
- **Leverage collaborative projects from all sectors**
- **Do effective land use planning**