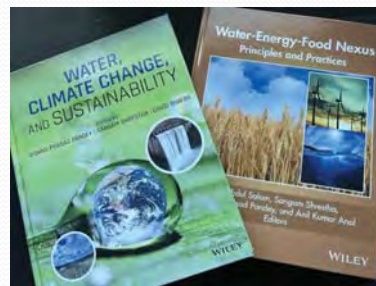


Connecting Energy, Water, Food, Ecosystems, and Climate Change *-the Regional Implication for Sustainable Policy & Development*

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Note: this presentation is from my personal view as an Interdisciplinary scientist and artist



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Highlight

- Overview: why connecting the dots with climate change
- Conceptual model framework for water, energy, food, and ecosystems with climate change
- Implication in integrated regional resource policy and management in CA
 - - Examples of CA water plans -South coast region: Assess regional water-energy intensity
- Opportunities and Challenges
- Thought with my footprint art map in Europe trip

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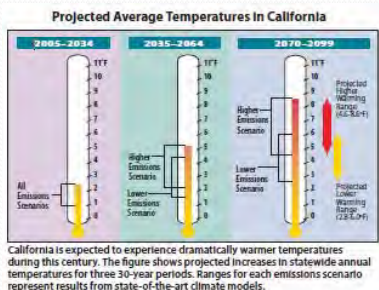
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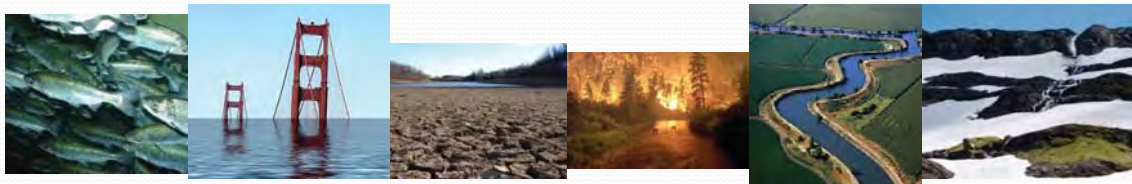
Peer reviews

-Technical experts from academic institutions, CEC, CPUC, UC, Pacific Institute, SMUT, MWD, EBMUT, local agencies, and water and energy utilities.

Climate Change Effects on Ecosystem services on water, energy, food, transportation systems



- Increased temperatures
 - Projected temperature increase in CA (4.1 to 8.6 °F by 2100)
- Loss of snowpack
- Fire and air quality
- Extreme events with flood and drought,
- Rising sea levels
- Changes in species & habitats



Green House Gas Emissions Related To Each Sector (about 37% in transportation, 21 % in energy, 8% in agriculture)

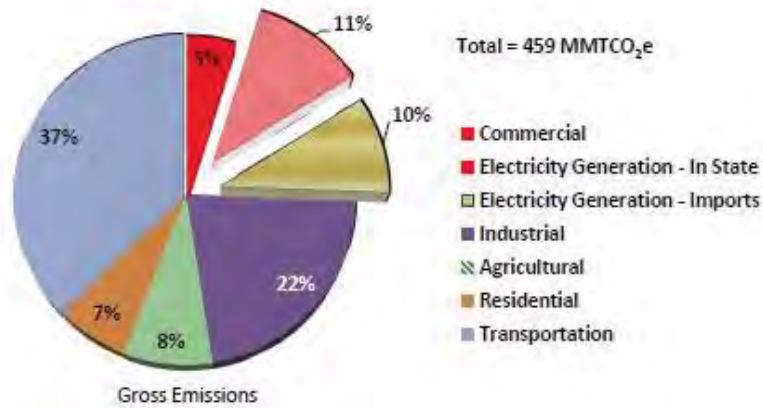
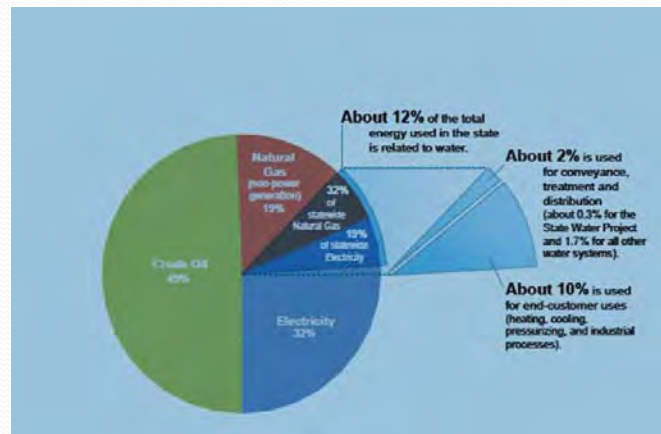


Figure 5. California's 2012 GHG emissions by economic sector.

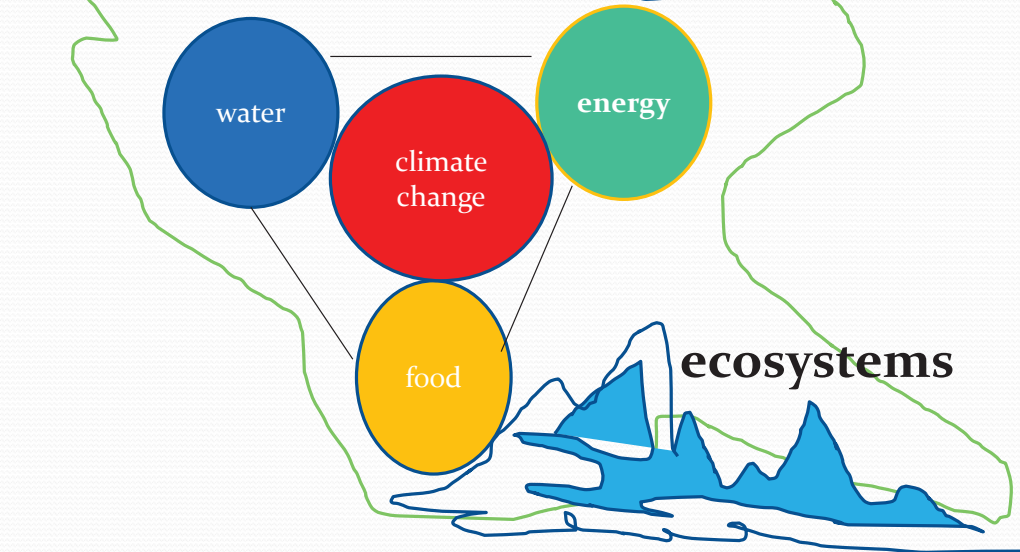
Data source: California Air Resources Board 2012 GHG Inventory.¹⁷

Energy uses in CA water sector 12% of the total energy use is related to water (10% is related to end users; 2% other water cycle) -CA water plan update



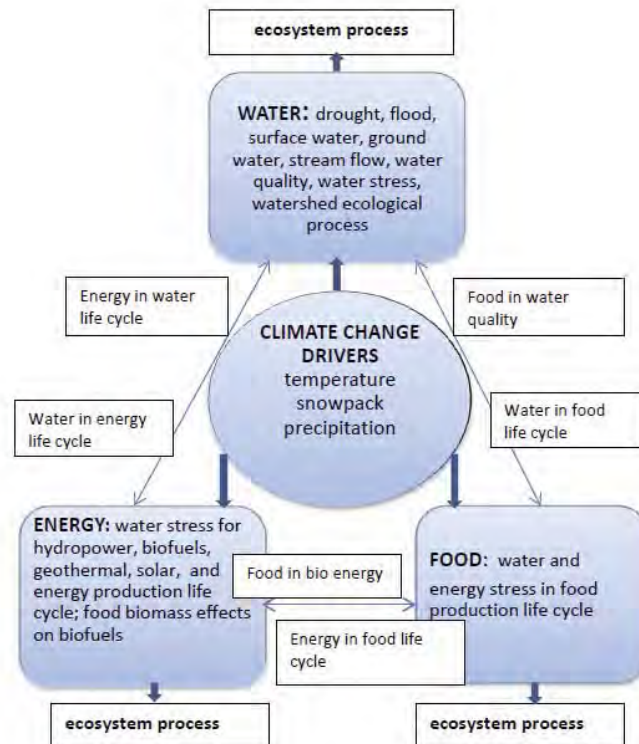
Connecting dots

- conceptual framework



Conceptual Model Framework

Based on the Life cycle in water, energy, and food from supply to end use





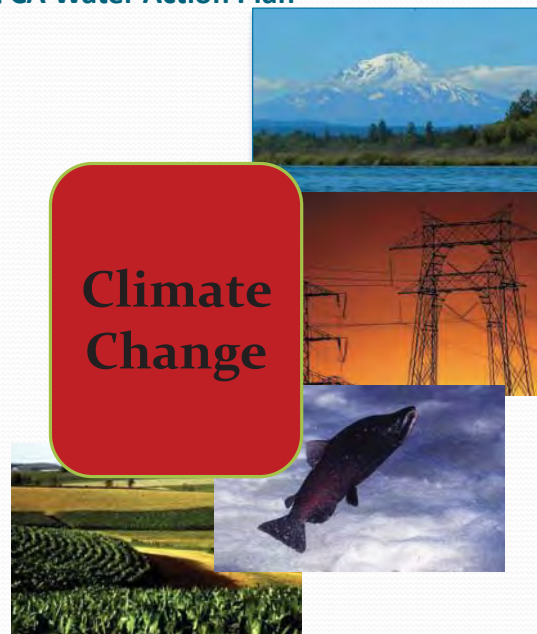
Example: Connecting The Dots by Integrated Water Management

-CA Water Plan & CA Water Action Plan

Department water resource climate change program's efforts

- Assessing water and energy related to climate change, agriculture, and ecosystems;
- Developing water-energy framework for integrated water management;
- **Estimating energy intensity for regional water planning and management.**

-see CA water plan update Vol. I, II, & III in climate change sections.

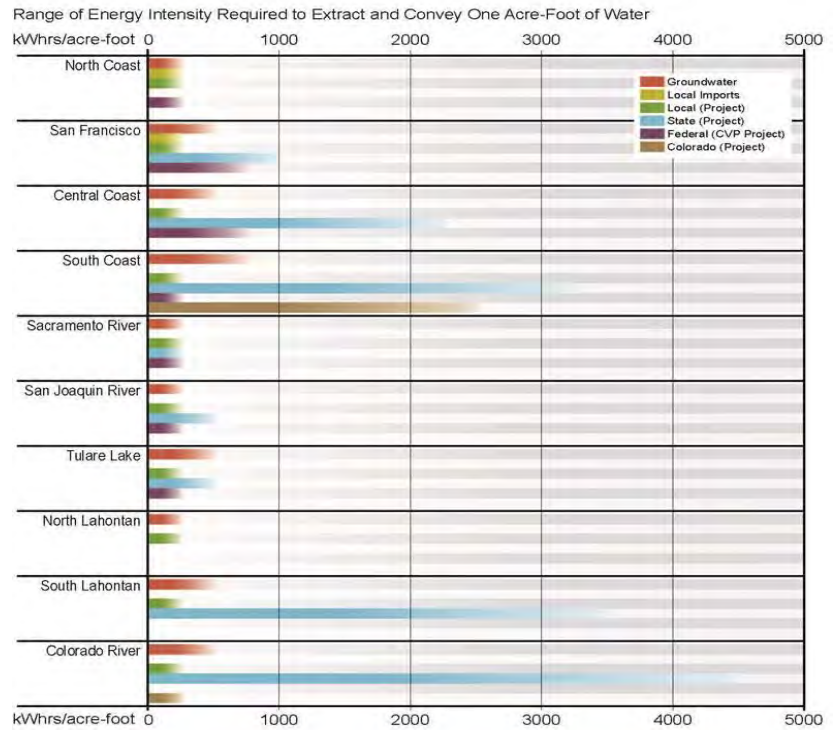


Regional water-energy difference

- management and policy implication

Q Liu at Water-Energy-Food Nexus-Principles and practices, AGU and Wiley, 2017, pp158.

-data resources: DWR CA water plan update & climate change program white paper, 2017.



SC 25: South Coast Energy Intensity per Acre-Foot of Water

- DWR CA water plan update, and climate change program white paper-2017

Type of Water	Energy Intensity (💡 = 1-250 kWh/AF 💡 = 251-500 kWh/AF)	Percent of Regional Water Supply*
Colorado (Project)	2,500	21%
Federal (Project)	<250 kWh/AF	<1%
State (Project)	3,214	27%
Local (Project)	<250 kWh/AF	4%
Local Imports	0*	5%
Groundwater		33%

* Los Angeles Aqueduct is a net energy provider 12

Challenges and Opportunities In Climate Actions with Mitigation and Adaptation

Multi-sectors coordination for a sustainable future with resilience:

- Multiple benefits, trade-offs, and conflicts
- Water and energy efficiency systems
- Water, agricultural food production, fish & wildlife
- Wetland, carbon farming, carbon offset & GHG reduction
- Soil carbon storage and renewable energy from agricultural food production



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Personal Story of transportation footprint in Europe Trip

Paris- Orange

Amsterdam-blue

London-Orange blue

Dublin & Galway-Irish Green

-Most by walking, buses, and trains with
energy-water-food infrastructure and
transportation support

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- What can we learn from this story for our
regional climate action & planning???



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Questions

-Decision of Climate Actions for future choice???

Thanks!!!

