# Projections of the Public Water Supply Sector in the Delaware River Basin

## Water Management Advisory Committee

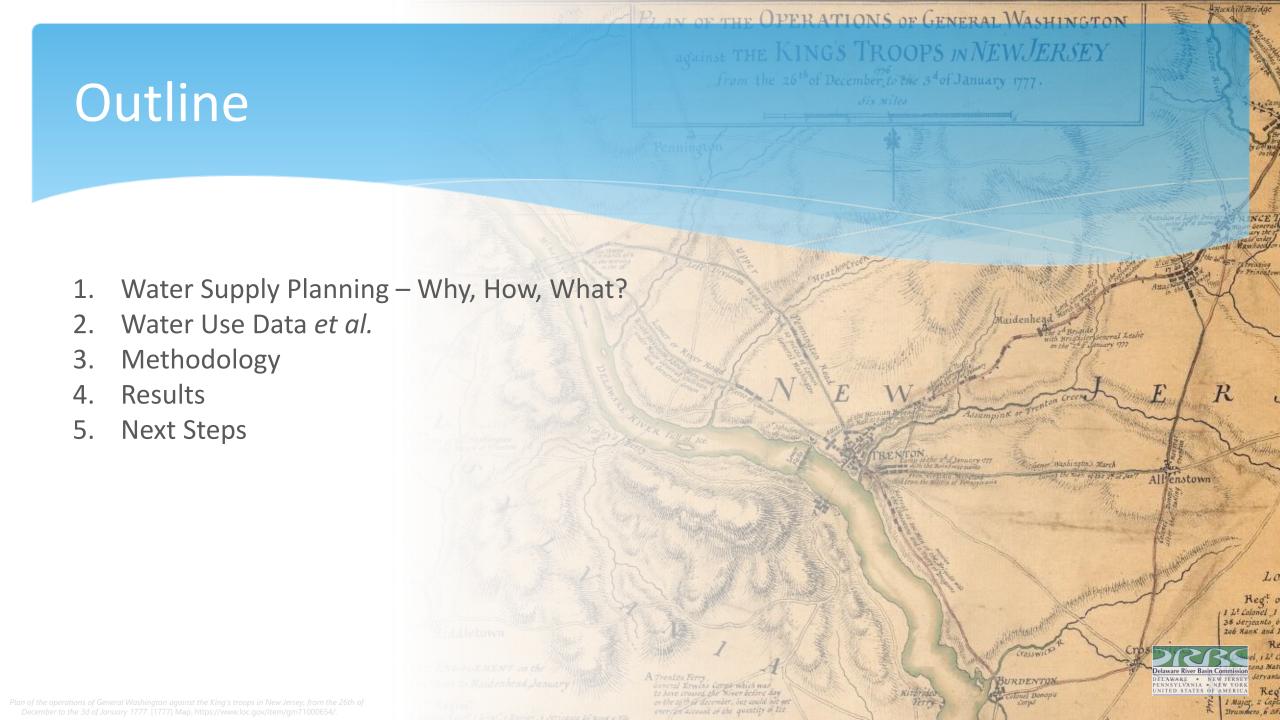
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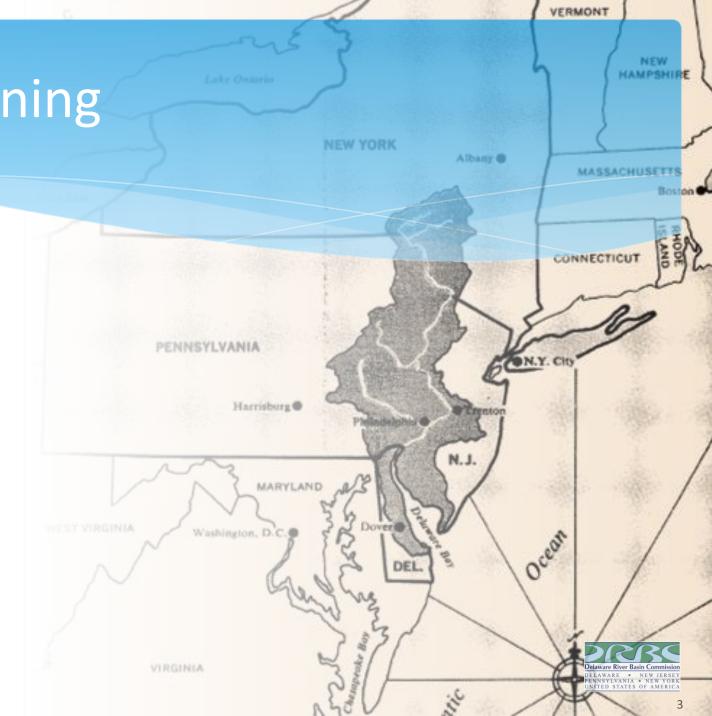




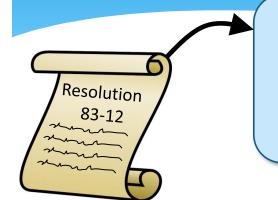


"Dynamic equilibrium is the planning goal."

- DRBC Comprehensive Plan, 1973



### 1. Water Supply Planning: Why are we projecting water use?



### 18 CFR 410 §2.400.1 - Water Supply

The drought of record, which occurred in the period 1961-1967, shall be the basis for determination and planning of dependable Basin water supply.



Is there enough water to meet future demand during a repeat of the Drought of Record (DoR) where water has been allocated?

### 1. Water Supply Planning: What authority is there to do so?

### **DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMPACT (1961)**

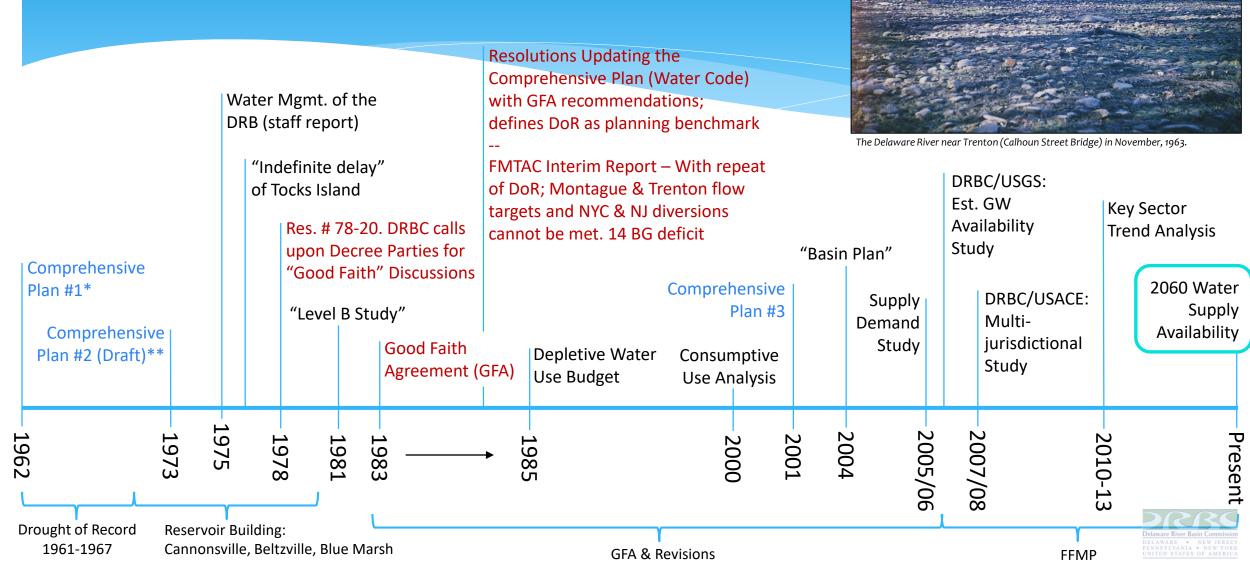
**3.6 General Powers.** The commission may:

...

"(c) Conduct and sponsor research on water resources, their planning, use, conservation, management, development, control and protection, and the capacity, adaptability and best utility of each facility thereof, and collect, compile, correlate, analyze, report and interpret data on water resources and uses in the basin, including without limitation thereto the relation of water to other resources, industrial water technology, ground water movement, relation between water price and water demand, and general hydrological conditions;"



### 1. Water Supply Planning: What's been done?



### 1. Water Supply Planning: Past presentations to WMAC

#### **Not limited to:**

**10/18/2011** – Presented withdrawal history for 40 industrial facilities, 38 thermoelectric power generating facilities and 40 public water supply facilities

10/22/2013 – Introduction of the vision document for DRBC's "Sustainable Water Resources 2060"

**10/16/2014** – Outlined water supply planning initiatives for the DRBC, included but not limited to:

- Basin-wide model to Identify/develop adequate evaluation tool (spatial and temporal capabilities)
- Use and Availability Analysis to Update water supply and demand forecasts.
- Consumptive Use Analysis to Update consumptive use basin-wide

02/19/2015 – "Sustainable Water Future 2060" presentations (DRBC and USACE)

This presentation provides preliminary water use projections which may likely be involved in future planning tasks put before WMAC.

### 1. Water Supply Planning: What are the planning objectives?

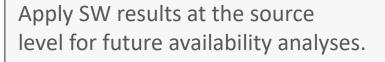


Provide projections of future average annual water use in the Delaware River Basin, through the year 2060, to be used in future planning assessments.

Represent each water use *sector* at the Basin-wide scale.



Apply GW results to the 147 subwatersheds (Sloto & Buxton, 2006) and the sub-watersheds of SEPA-GWPA.







Relate results to regulatory approvals.

### 2. Water Use Data

STEP 3.3.2: Develop the monthly water use dataset
STEP 3.3.3: Incomplete/Bad Data, Outliers, Bimodal fixes
STEP 3.3.4: INTERCONNECTION DATA
STEP 3.3.5: Run Models on annual datasets
STEP 3.3.6: Establish Thresholds for model passing
STEP 3.3.7: Plotting the data
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"Today's 50-year projections are not the ones which will be used 10 to 40 years hence. The planning process is continuously building on the best information obtainable."

- DRBC Comprehensive Plan, 1973

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Then convert that list of OAIDs into a numeric dataframe to be used to subset data
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system_WU.OAIDs <- data.frame(lapply(system_WU.OAIDs, as.numeric), stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
Pull the water-use dataset based on WSIDs only, and aggregate to annual level
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# 2. Water Use Data: Thank you state partners and regulated community









### 2. Water Use Data: What does it look like?



### Source; Supplier; Time; Volume



#### New York:

(System Level) NYSDEC ID



#### Pennsylvania:

WUDS = Water Use Data System

(System Level) WUDS PF ID – "Primary Facility ID"

(Source Level) WUDS SF ID – "Sub Facility ID"



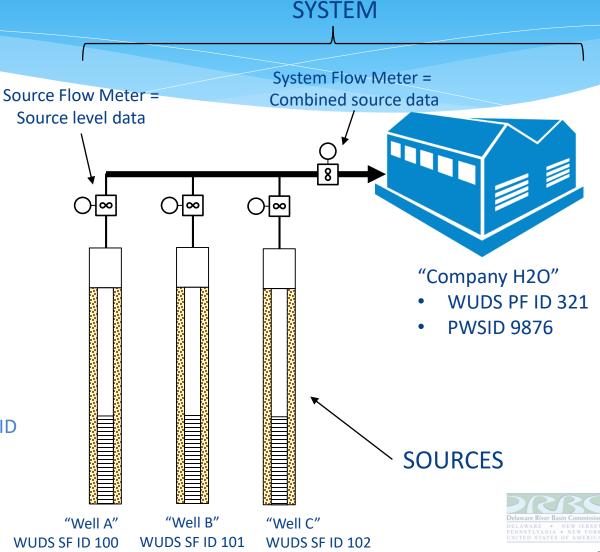
#### New Jersey:

(System Level) NJPIID – New Jersey Program Interest ID

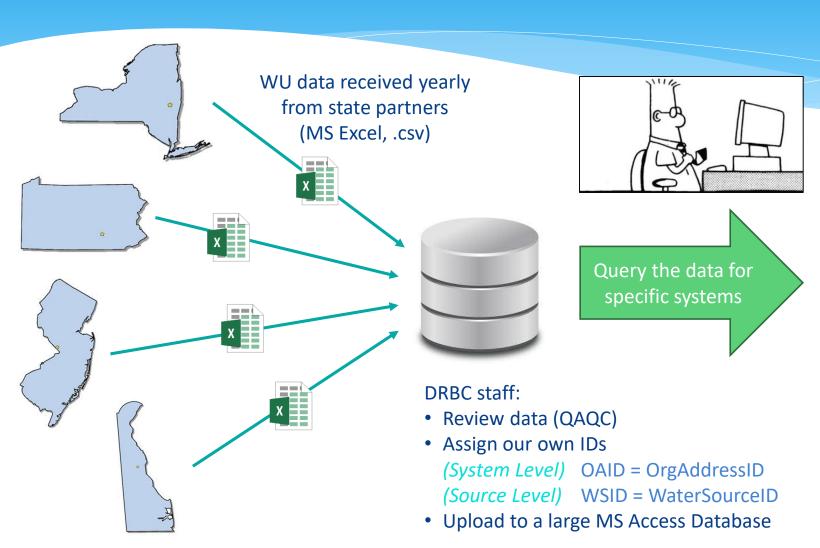
(Source Level) NJSIID – New Jersey Subject Item ID

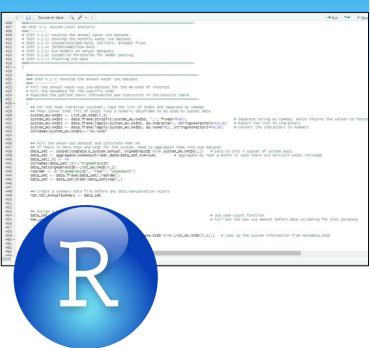
#### Delaware:

(Source Level) DNREC-ID



### 2. Water Use Data: Where does it come from?





Analyze data outputs using computational programs such as R-Studio, able to handle millions of rows of data



### 2. Water Use Data: Metadata



#### **Geospatial information**

(i.e. where is the source of withdrawal)



#### **AWWA Water Audit data**

(e.g. non-revenue water)



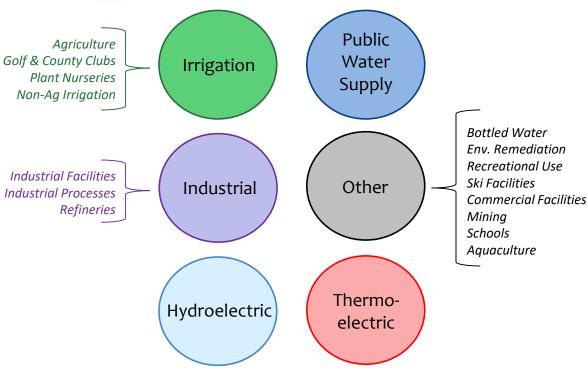
#### Interconnection data

(i.e. water transferred between systems)



### Water use category & sector

(i.e. how to describe the water use)



### 2. Water Use Data: What is "Public Water Supply" water use?

# Technically

The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 defined the term public water supply system as "a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals"

Further defined by individual states' regulations...

# Pragmatically...



### Water withdrawals from sources in the DRB, tagged as "Public Water Supply"

- Generally sources are initially categorized by state agencies
- QAQC during DRBC uploads



### 2. Water Use Data

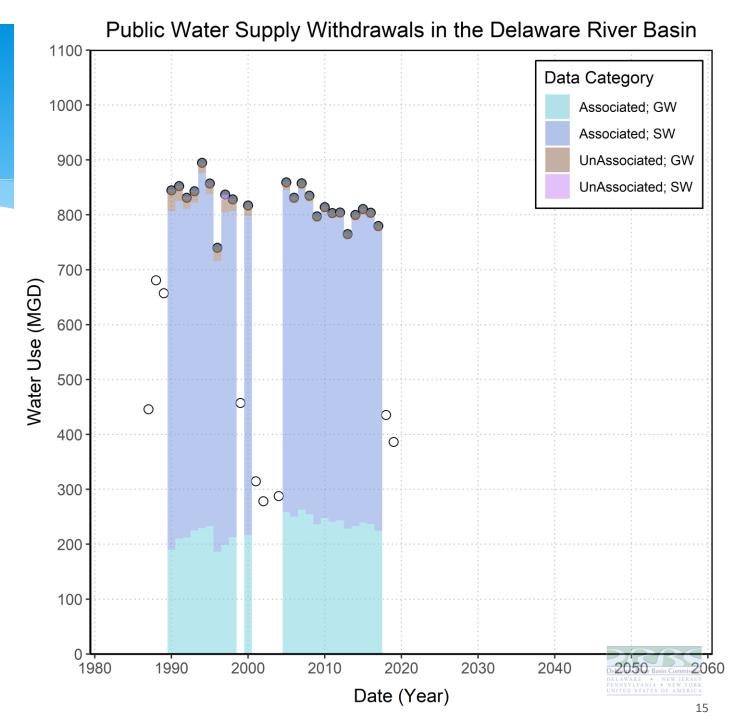
# Focus on...

- 1. Systems subject to DRBC water audit reporting requirements, and
- 2. Systems with DRBC approval, but operate below water audit thresholds

#### QAQC against reported data

Data Category	Systems (OAIDs)	Water Type	Sources (WSIDs)	Avg. WD (MGD)	Percent Total WD
Associated	346*	GW	2,085	235.190	28.8%
		SW	131	573.339	70.1%
Unassocaited	E 0 6	GW	1,237	8.631	1.1%
	586	SW	30	0.238	0.0%
Totals:	932		3,483	817.397	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Accounts for 332 public water supply systems.



### 2. Water Use Data



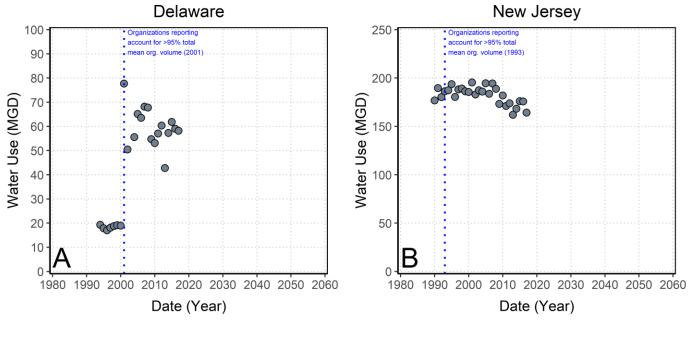
Aggregation of data can disguise reporting inconsistencies as trends in water withdrawal

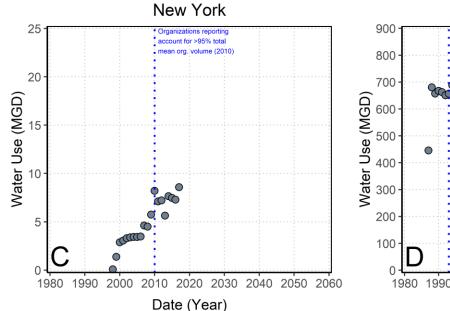


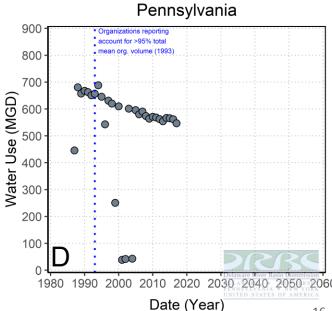
Major exclusions from study:

- NYC reservoir diversions
- NJ Raritan Canal diversion
- Intra-basin transfers
- Self-supplied domestic

#### Historic Water Withdrawal for Public Water Supply from the Delaware River Basin



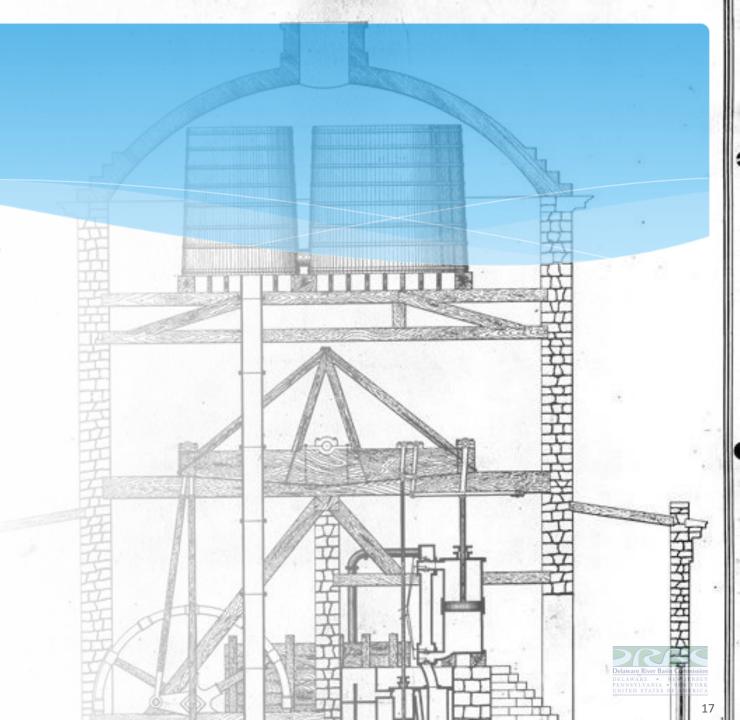




# 3. Methodology

"Though conceptually appealing, it is impossible to fully account in practice for all the individual decisions and behaviors that constitute the nation's water use."

- National Research Council, 2002



### 3. Methodology: What have other studies done?

<sup>1</sup> Does not necessarily correspond to the entire basin size. <sup>2</sup> Does not include basin scale, as all studies provided this result.							Fut	ure	P\	NS Proje	ection N	/lethod	
		Study Scale <sup>1</sup>		Projected data used for	Projected		Water Use	Consumptive Use	applied to current wat Extrapolation of histor withdrawal data	lation ion growth ra	Considered multiple projection scenarios	ally	limate
Stud	Study Region	2	Major States	estimating PV	data scale	Scale <sup>2</sup>	-	-	iter ori		<b>*</b>		
(Hutson et al, 2004)	Tennessee River Watershed	40,910	AL, GA, KY, MI, NC, TN, VA	No. households	County	RCA, WUTA	Χ	Χ		Х			
(ICPRB, 2012)	Potomic River Basin	14,670	DC, MD, PA, VA, WV	Population	County	County	Х	Χ		X	Х	Х	X
(USDOI, 2012)	Colorado River Basin	246,000	AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV,UT, WY	Population	NA	State	Х			X	Х	X	
(USDOI, 2016)	Klamath River Basin	15,700	CA, OR	Population	County	County		Χ		X	Х		X
(SRBC, 2016)	Susquehanna River Basin	27,502	MD, NY, PA	Population	County	HUC-10		Χ		X			
(Robinson, 2019)	Cumberland River Watershed	17,900	KY, TN	Population	County	RCA	Х	Χ		X			
(Sabzi et al, 2019)	Red River Basin	65,595	AK, LA, NM, OK, TX	Water use	County	County		Χ	X				Х

#### Van Abs et al., 2018 / NJDEP

- Performed at PWS system level
- Dasymetric analysis for population distribution with MPO projections
- Utility surveys and refined per-capita rates
- Multiple sets of projection scenarios, accounting for water loss and conservation
- Recommended model Δ \* NJWaTr avgs.

#### **Delaware WSCC Studies**

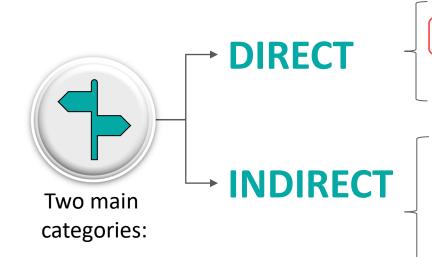
- Three studies: SNCC (2006), KSC (2014), NNCC (2018)
- Largely based population projections applied to an est. benchmark of use
- Studies were performed at utility level
- NNCC also provided extrapolation/trend
- KSC also provided climate change scenarios



#### PA SWP – Appendix I

- Pilot study of the projection methodology for Lehigh River Basin
- Split 2003 water use by service area into residential and non-residential
- Develop per-capita and per-employee
- Apply rates to pop. & emp. projections

### 3. Methodology: What is this study doing?





**Estimating Water Use** 



**Projecting Water Use** 

- complete inventory approach
- stratified random sampling approach
- Trend extrapolation (OLS regression)
- **Exponential smoothing**
- **ARIMA**

- coefficient-based methods (e.g. per-capita estimations)
- multi-variate regressions (e.g. factors affecting water-use)
- econometric methods (similar to multi-variate)

- Coefficients & indirect forecasts (e.g. per-capita applied to population projections)
- Disaggregated factor forecast (per unit use is fixed)
- Functional unit approach (multivariate model)

#### Some references:

NRC (2002). Estimating Water Use in the United States: A New Paradigm for the National Water-Use Information Program. Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.17226/10484 Hyndman, R., & Athanasopoulos, G. (2018). Forecasting: principles and practice (2nd ed.). Melbourne, Australia: OTexts. https://otexts.com/fpp2/ PADEP. (2009). Pennsylvania State Water Plan – Appendix I. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/Division%20of%20Planning%20and%20Conservation/StateWaterPlan/StateWaterPlanPrinciples/3010-BK-DEP4222.pdf

USACE & DRBC. (2008). Enhancing Multi-jurisdictional Use and Management of Water Resources for the Delaware River Basin, NY, NJ, PA, and DE. Ewing, New Jersey. USACE Philadelphia District and the Delaware River Basin Commission. https://www.nj.gov/drbc/about/public/multi-juris-study.html

### 3. Methodology: What scale to analyze?

# Recall planning objectives...



**Analysis** at the system level

**Projections** at a scale finer than the system level...



Pertinent metadata is often at the system level



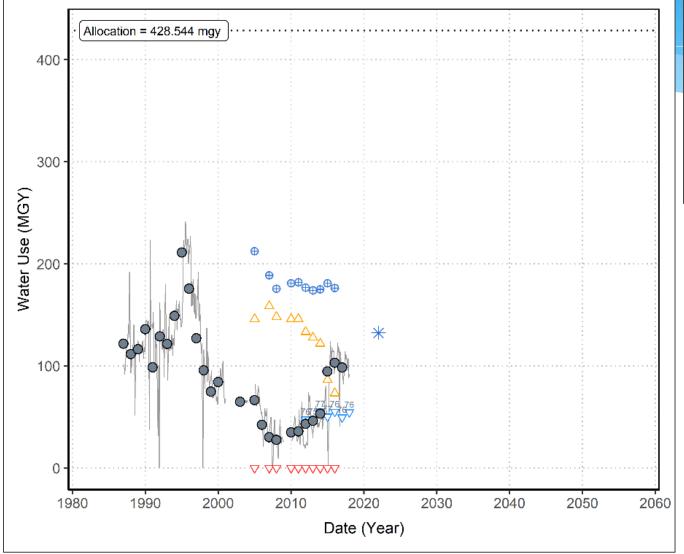
Reporting inconsistencies disguised as trends



System sources show causeand-effect relationships



### 3. Methodology: Rationale for system level analysis



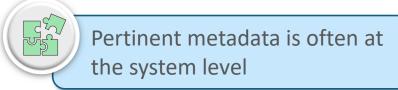
#### Legend

- (W) Withdrawal: annual
- (w') Withdrawal: scaled monthly
- △ (I) INTC Import
- ∇ (E) INTC Export
- ♦ (W+I) Demand System
- (W+I-E) Demand Serv. Area
- \* Docket Holder Forecast

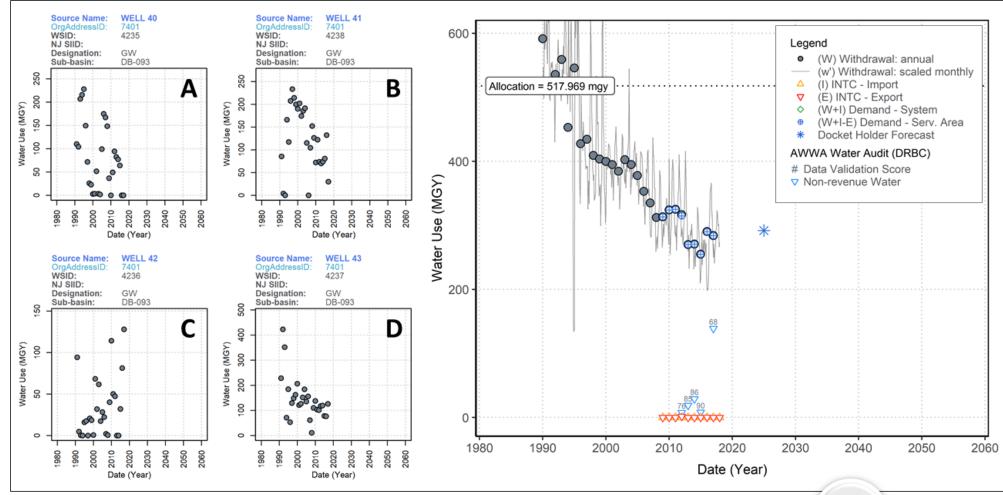
#### AWWA Water Audit (DRBC)

- # Data Validation Score
- ▼ Non-revenue Water

**Figure #**: An example public water supply system's annual withdrawal data. Interconnection data can be used to calculate other information, such as total service area demand. As may otherwise not be discernable, an operational shift is apparent around the year 2010 where bulk purchases begin to be replaced by source withdrawals. This suggests that an attempt to extrapolate the entire data set or ignoring the calculated total system demand would not be appropriate in reflecting the current operational trend. Note that interconnection data likely extends back beyond the dataset availability.



### 3. Methodology: Rationale for system level analysis



**Figure #**: An example of water withdrawal data associated with a public water supply system, comprised of four groundwater sources. These figures are representative of graphical outputs from the developed projection methodology. (A-D) The data associated with the four groundwater sources which comprise the system, all visibly having poor relationships between time and withdrawal volume. (E) The same data aggregated together to represent water withdrawal at the system level, demonstrating a strong relationship between time and withdrawal volume.

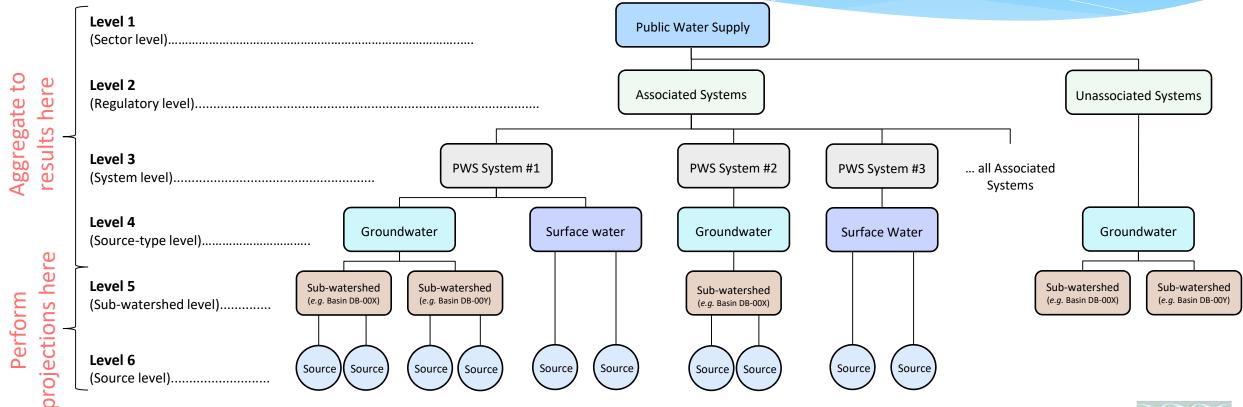
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### 3. Methodology: A plan for projecting data?



Where do we start?

### Time-series hierarchy

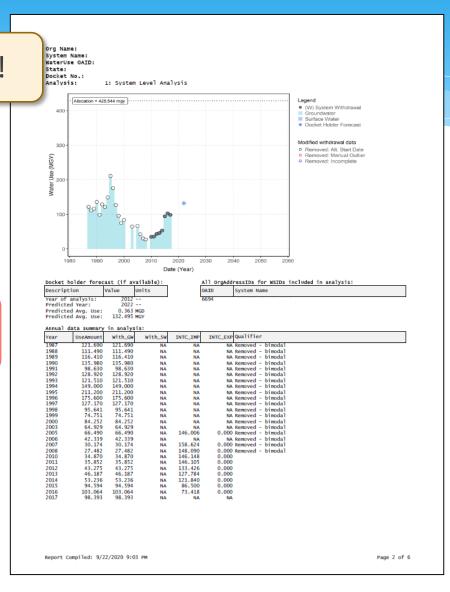


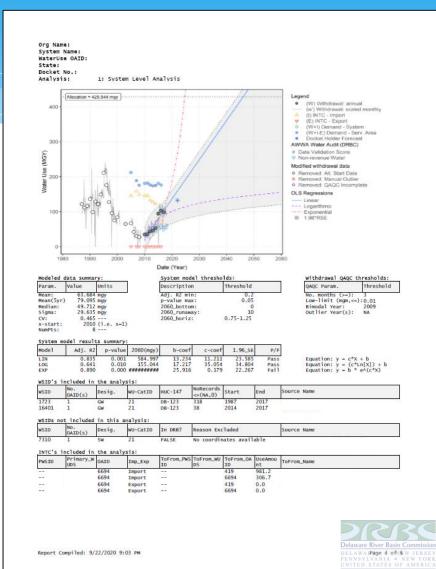
### 3. Methodology: A plan for projecting data?



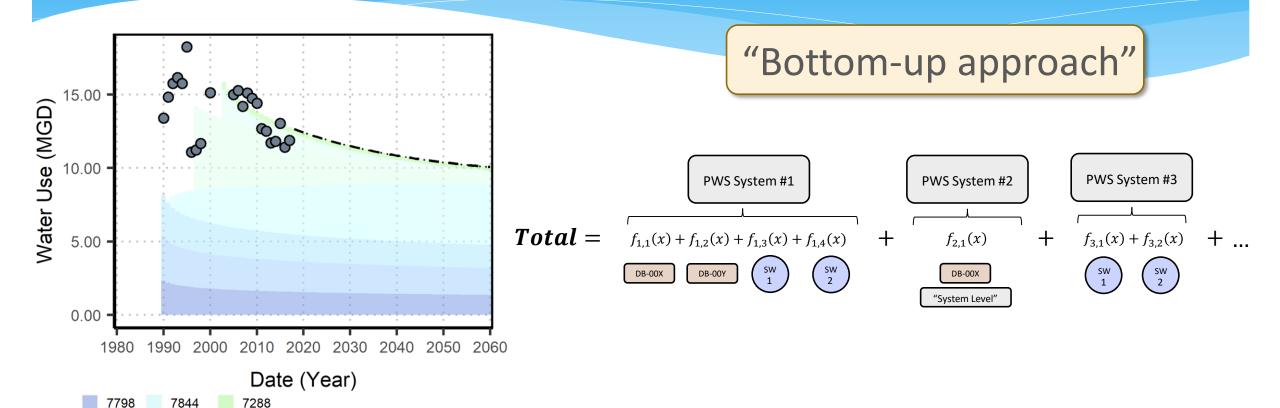
### Develop a report!

- Standardized
- 1 report per system
- Allows QAQC
- All analysis levels
- Staff review
- Result selection
- Store results





### 3. Methodology: How do you aggregate projections?

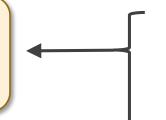


**Figure #**: An example of a single sub-watershed, with multiple projections for public water supply systems using groundwater, aggregated against respective data.

### 3. Methodology: Major assumptions



"the rate of change in water use over the recent past is assumed to continue into the future are the same rate of change."



**Prediction intervals** 

Best professional judgement

Metadata / reports



"(a) there is no correlation between time and factors that affect water use, or that (b) time and factors that affect water use are perfectly correlated".



### 3. Methodology: Projection equations

Model Class	Model	Number of	Avg. Modelled	Percent
Widder Class	Group	Equations	MGD (2013-2017)	MGD
	OLS	331	624.907	77.5%
Associated	Mean Value	125	143.383	17.8%
	Other	43	37.743	4.7%
	OLS	NA	NA	NA
<b>Un-associated</b>	Mean Value	NA	NA	NA
	Other	NA	NA	NA
	Totals:	499	806.033	100.0%

#### **Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)**

1		Linear	Form:		
	Name	Y = c *	X + b	Simplified form	
1		Υ	Χ		
1	Linear	$\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}$	$\boldsymbol{x}$	$\hat{y} = c * x + b$	
1	Logarithmic	ŷ	ln(x)	$\hat{y} = c * ln(x) + b$	
	Exponential	$ln(\hat{y})$	x	$\hat{y} = b' * e^{c * x}$	

#### Treated as zero slope linear

#### **Top-down equations**

- Average historical proportions
- Difference based projections

#### **Structural break offset equations**

Heaviside step function



### 3. Methodology: Prediction intervals

$$\hat{y} \pm t_{\alpha,v} * \hat{\sigma}_e \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)s_x^2}}$$

 $\hat{y}$  = the projected withdrawal volume (mgy)

x = (Year - Start Year + 1) i.e. x=1,2,3...n

 $\bar{x}$  = mean of the observed x values

 $t_{\alpha v}$  = Student t-statistic

 $\hat{\sigma}_{\rho}$  = residual standard error

n = total number of observations

 $s_x^2$  = standard deviation of observed x values



The model follows the general form  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$ 



The residual errors are normally distributed



The residual errors are independent of each other, i.e. "uncorrelated".



### 3. Methodology: Data quality

Data quality assurance and quality control (QAQC) procedures may have resulted in data being excluded from a particular projection:

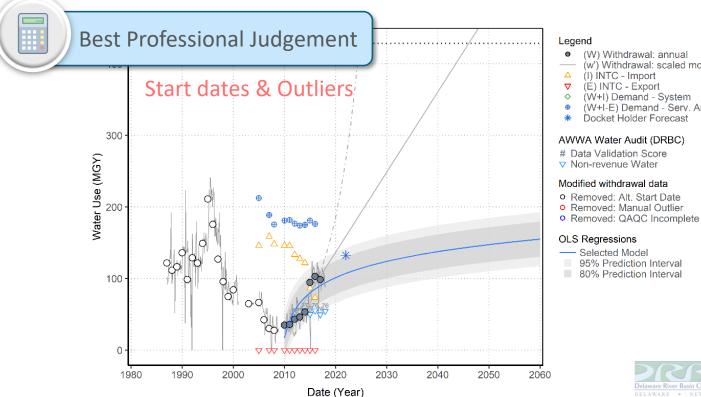


#### Source Verification

- Verification against approval
- Duplicate but reported (e.g. some combined data sources)
- Not located in the Basin

#### Annual data completeness

	Number of months not reported, zero or below threshold	Low-limit threshold (MGM)	
System	3	0.010	
Sub-watershed	6	0.001	
Source	6	0.001	



- (W) Withdrawal: annual (w') Withdrawal: scaled monthly
- (W+I) Demand System
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Figure #: An example projected data for the same system shown in Figure X.

### 3. Methodology: Limitations

### Training set vs. Test set

Test set might typically be 20% of full dataset...

however... system dataset sizes are limited.

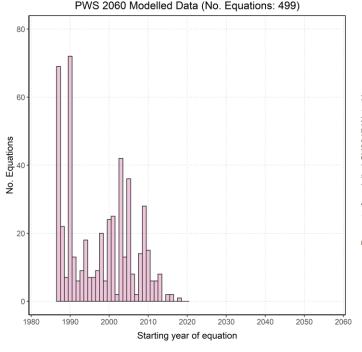
A potential solution by determining when aggregated models are "substantially complete"

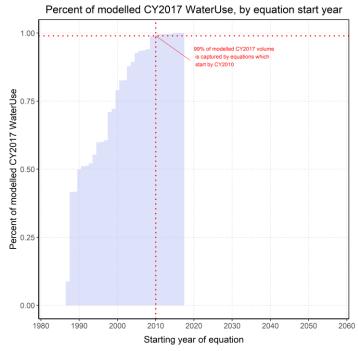
### Projection horizon

Might typically be the length of the test set...

...however... doesn't meet planning objectives

A potential compromise is to place indicators on projection graphics.



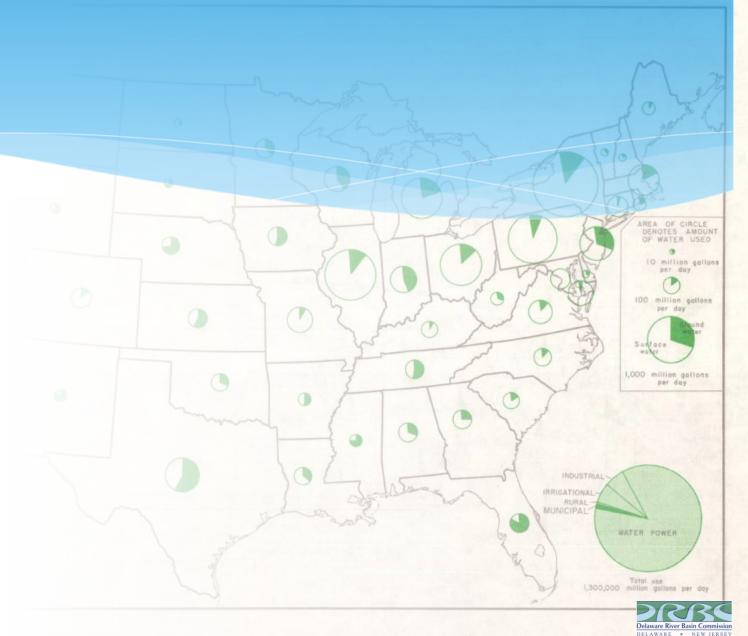




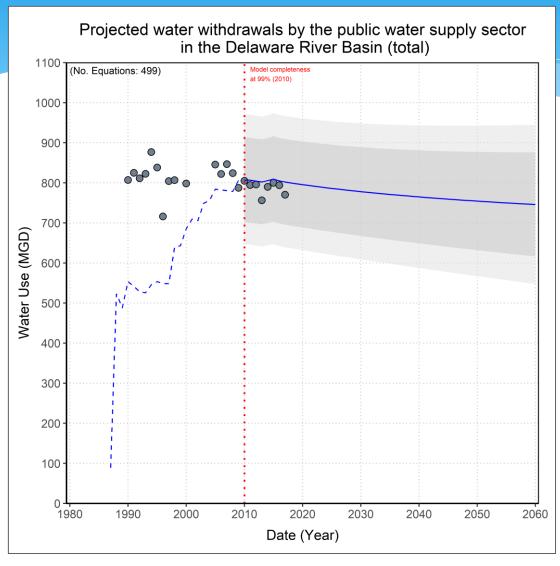
# 4. Results

"Knowledge of quantity and distribution of withdrawals is an essential part of any water-resources study."

- Kenneth MacKichan, 1950



### 4. Results: Basin-wide aggregation



**Recall**: Withdrawals by the public water supply sector, not representing residential consumption.

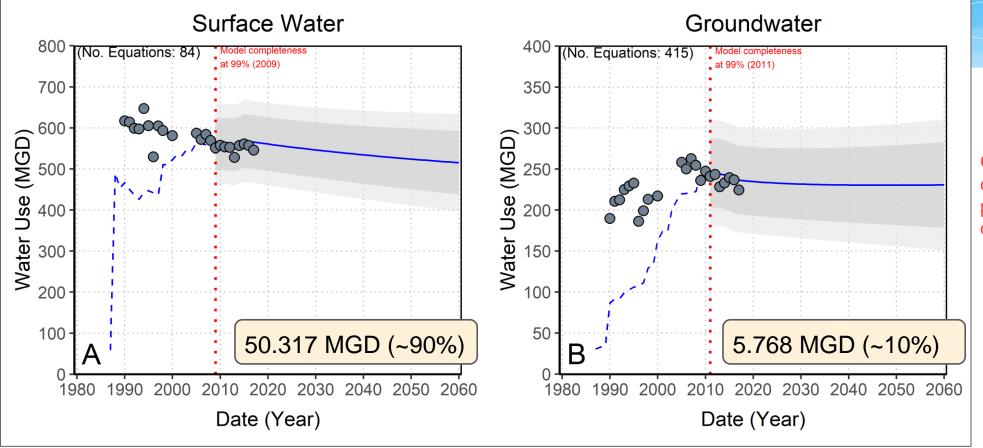
#### **Preliminary Conclusions**

- Basin-wide modelled withdrawal decrease of 56.085 MGD (7.0%) from 2017 through 2060
- 95% PI ranges from ±20.5% (2020) to ±26.6% (2060)
- 80% PI ranges from ±13.3% (2020) to ±17.4% (2060)
- Average error against data ≈ 2.2%
- Peak use by PWS has already occurred at the Basin scale

	Historic	Modelled	Percent	Modelled	withdrawa	l prediction	intervals
Year	Withdrawal (MGD)	Withdrawal (MDG)	Error (%)	upr80	upr95	lwr80	lwr95
2010	804.85	806.767	0.24	912.831	969.801	701.846	646.459
2011	794.359	806.682	1.55	912.982	970.044	701.469	645.91
2012	795.814	804.229	1.06	910.462	967.461	699.032	643.466
2013	756.286	802.134	6.06	908.367	965.34	696.893	641.29
2014	789.942	805.669	1.99	911.819	968.724	700.469	644.876
2015	800.134	809.527	1.17	916.564	973.92	703.402	647.306
2016	794.053	805.032	1.38	912.162	969.548	698.779	642.606
2017	770.132	802.026	4.14	909.187	966.571	695.712	639.497
2020	NA	795.569	NA	903.116	960.662	688.789	632.302
2030	NA	778.135	NA	889.13	948.416	667.74	609.282
2040	NA	764.928	NA	881.262	943.336	649.107	587.74
2050	NA	754.47	NA	877.234	942.698	632.171	567.346
2060	NA	745.941	NA	875.84	945.08	616.478	547.839

### 4. Results: Basin-wide aggregation by source designation

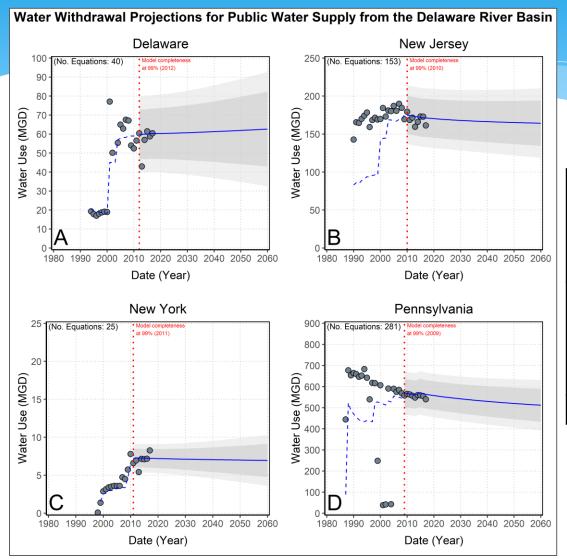
#### Water Withdrawal Projections for Public Water Supply from the Delaware River Basin



GW decreases appear to diminish by 2030 and plateau towards the end of the projection horizon.



### 4. Results: Basin-wide aggregation by state



		2017		20		
State	Actual Withdrawal	Modelled Withdrawal	Modelled 95% PI	Modelled Withdrawal	Modelled 95% PI	ΔMGD (2017 - 2060)
DE	60.379	60.225	±20.200	62.625	±30.152	2.400
PA	540.185	563.332	±103.442	512.101	±119.731	-51.231
NJ	161.308	171.241	±39.031	164.268	±45.917	-6.973
NY	8.259	7.228	±1.871	6.947	±3.340	-0.281
ALL	770.131	802.026	164.544	745.941	199.140	-56.085



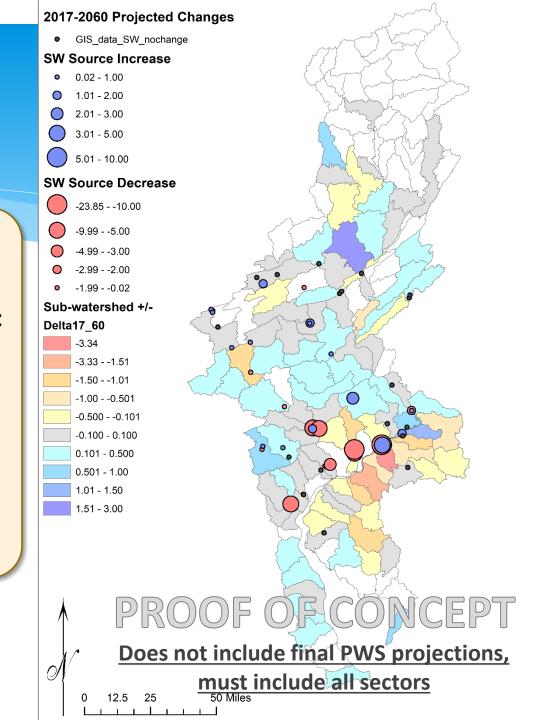
### 4. Results: Projections vs. Availability

#### Groundwater

- Percent change by sub-watershed
- Current and projected withdrawals vs. resource availability:
  - Baseflow 25-year recurrence interval / 147 watershed
  - SEPA-GWPA

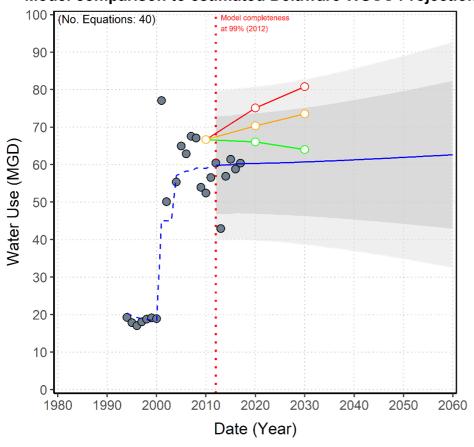
#### Surface water

- Point comparison against groundwater trends
- Availability assessments (e.g. pass-by flow requirements)
- Surface Water Estimation & Evaluation Tool (SWEET)



### 4. Results: Comparison against DE WSCC studies

#### Model comparison to estimated Delaware WSCC Projections



#### Legend

- Withdrawal Data (DRBC)
- Aggregated Projection (DRBC)
- 95% Prediction Interval
- 80% Prediction Interval

#### Estimated DE WSCC Model

- Standard projection
- Climate Change Scenario
- Standard w/ NNCC Extrapolated Trend

#### **Delaware WSCC Studies**

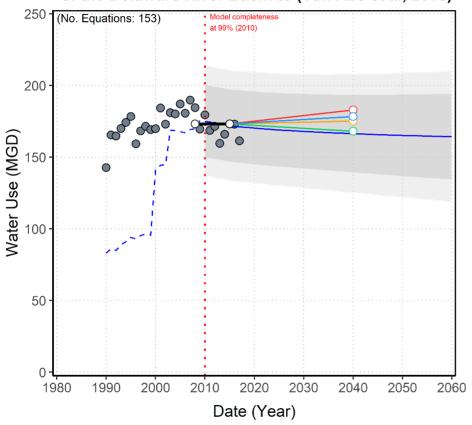
- Three studies: SNCC (2006), KSC (2014), NNCC (2018)
- Largely based population projections applied to an est. benchmark of use
- Studies were performed at utility level
- NNCC also provided extrapolation/trend
- KSC also provided climate change scenarios

#### Comparison

- Assess utilities against DRBC approvals and flag as in or out of Basin
- SNCC and KSC, convert units based on provided peaking factors
- NNCC convert units based on calculated monthly peaking factors from DRBC data
- Apply climate change methods from SNCC
- Apply extrapolation method from NNCC

### 4. Results: Comparison against (Van Abs et al., 2018)

### Projected water withdrawals from the New Jersey portion of the Delaware River Basin to (Van Abs et al, 2018)



#### Legend

- Withdrawal Data (DRBC)
- Aggregated Projection (DRBC)
- 95% Prediction Interval
- 80% Prediction Interval

(Van Abs et al, 2018) Set-5 Models in the DRB

- NJWaTr 2008-2015 Average Demand (MGD)
- No Conservation, Nominal Water Loss Scenario
- No Conservation, Optimal Water Loss Scenario
- Conservation, Nominal Water Loss Scenario
- Conservation, Optimal Water Loss Scenario

#### Van Abs et al., 2018 / NJDEP

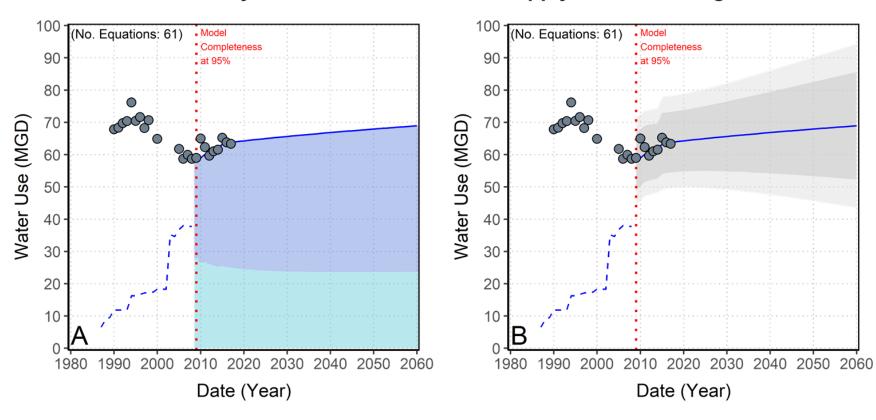
- Performed at PWS system level
- Dasymetric analysis for population distribution with MPO projections
- Utility surveys and refined per-capita rates
- Multiple sets of projection scenarios, accounting for water loss and conservation
- Recommended model Δ \* NJWaTr avgs.

#### **Comparison**

- Van Abs et al., 2018 results filtered to PWS suppliers in DRB by NJPIID & PWSID
- 99 unique NJPIIDs in comparison
- Used this study data to calculate demand averages 2008-2015, compared and found systems on Basin boundary = main error
- Imp (12.031 MGD) and exp (16.900 MGD) show water moves, but not much leaves
- Compare demand and withdrawal projections, if at the Basin scale

### 4. Results: Other analyses

#### Water Withdrawal Projections for Public Water Supply from the Lehigh River Basin



#### PA SWP - Appendix I

- Pilot study of the projection methodology for Lehigh River Basin
- Split 2003 water use by service area into residential and non-residential
- Develop per-capita and per-employee
- Apply rates to pop. & emp. projections

#### Comparison

- Not directly comparable, pilot study applies rates to entire LRB population ∴ cons. demand
- Withdrawals restricted to LRB represent the demand on natural resources in the LRB
- i.e. some people in LRB likely get water withdrawn from outside LRB or are self-supplied
- However, can perform HUC-8

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# 5. Next Steps



<u>TASK</u> <u>STATUS</u>

• Power generation sector analysis Substantially complete

Not started

• Industrial & Refinery sector analysis In progress

• Consumptive use incorporation In progress

Discussion with utilities
 Not started

Agricultural sector method
 Not started

Other sectors analysis

Unassociated data projections
 Not started

• Final report In progress



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