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# POST FIRE IMPACTS ON WATER QUALITY AND TREATMENT

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT

# SANTA YNEZ RIVER

- WATERSHED IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 897 SQUARE MILES. 80% OF IT IS IN THE LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST.
- ELEVATION GOES FROM 6,820 FEET TO 4 FEET AT THE OCEAN
- RIVER IS USUALLY DRY IN THE SUMMER
- HIGH PRIORITY STEELHEAD RIVER
  - WAS LARGEST STEELHEAD RUN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRIOR TO DAMS BEING BUILT.

# SANTA YNEZ RIVER

- THREE DAMS BUILT ON THE RIVER TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE COMMUNITIES ON THE COAST SIDE OF THE SANTA YNEZ MOUNTAIN RANGE.
  - JUNCAL DAM FORMS JAMESON RESERVOIR
  - GIBRALTAR DAM FORMS GIBRALTAR RESERVOIR
  - BRADBURY DAM FORMS LAKE CACHUMA
- THREE TUNNELS WERE CONSTRUCTED THROUGH THE SANTA YNEZ RANGE TO CONVEY WATER FROM THE RESERVOIRS TO THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES
  - DOULTON TUNNEL
  - MISSION TUNNEL
  - TECOLOTE TUNNEL

# Santa Ynez River Subbasins

- Cities
- Highways
- Santa Ynez River
- Tributaries
- Lakes
- ⊕ County Boundary

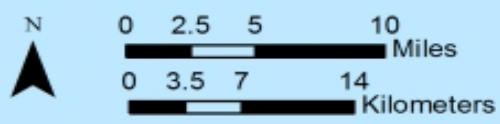
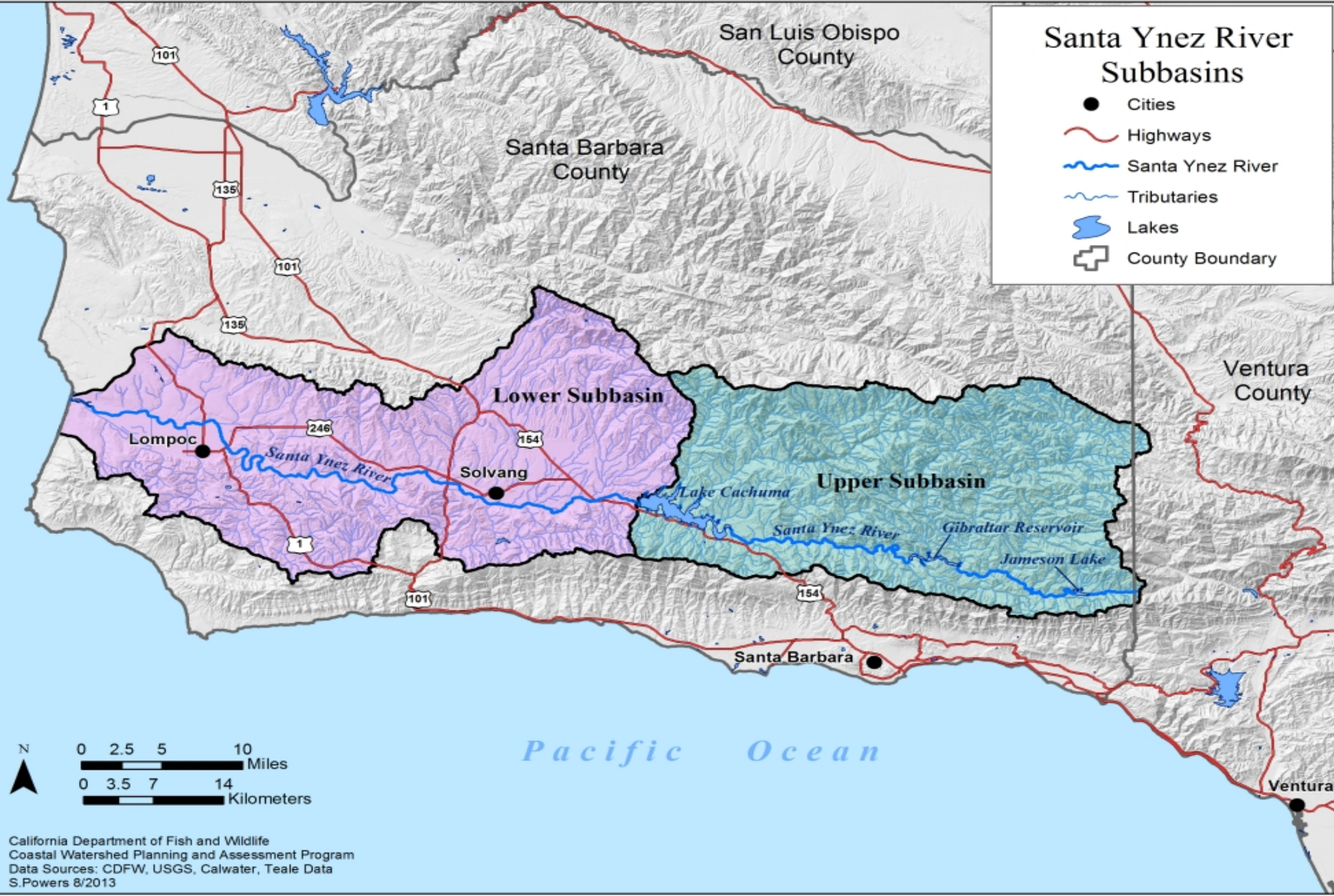


Figure 2

Santa Ynez River Sub - Watersheds



Santa Ynez River Sub - Watersheds Above Bradbury Dam  
Including Glen Annie and Lauro Watersheds

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# RECENT FIRES IN SANTA YNEZ WATERSHED

- THOMAS FIRE
  - DECEMBER 2017; 281,893 ACRES
- ZACA FIRE
  - JULY 2007; 240,207 ACRES
  - SCORCHED 60% OF THE LAKE CACHUMA WATERSHED, LEAVING A 3-INCH THICK BLANKET OF ASH
- REY FIRE
  - AUGUST 2016; 32,606 ACRES
- WHITTIER
  - JULY 2017; 18,430 ACRES

Figure 5  
Wildfire History  
2006-2010



- Watershed Boundaries
- Rivers and Creeks
- Highway
- FIRE NAME**
- ZACA 2007
- GAP 2008
- JESUSITA 2009

Source: Cal Fire 5/09, US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management-California, USGS, ESRI 2008  
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic

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# PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP

Thomas Incident  
CA VNC 103156  
December 13th, 2017



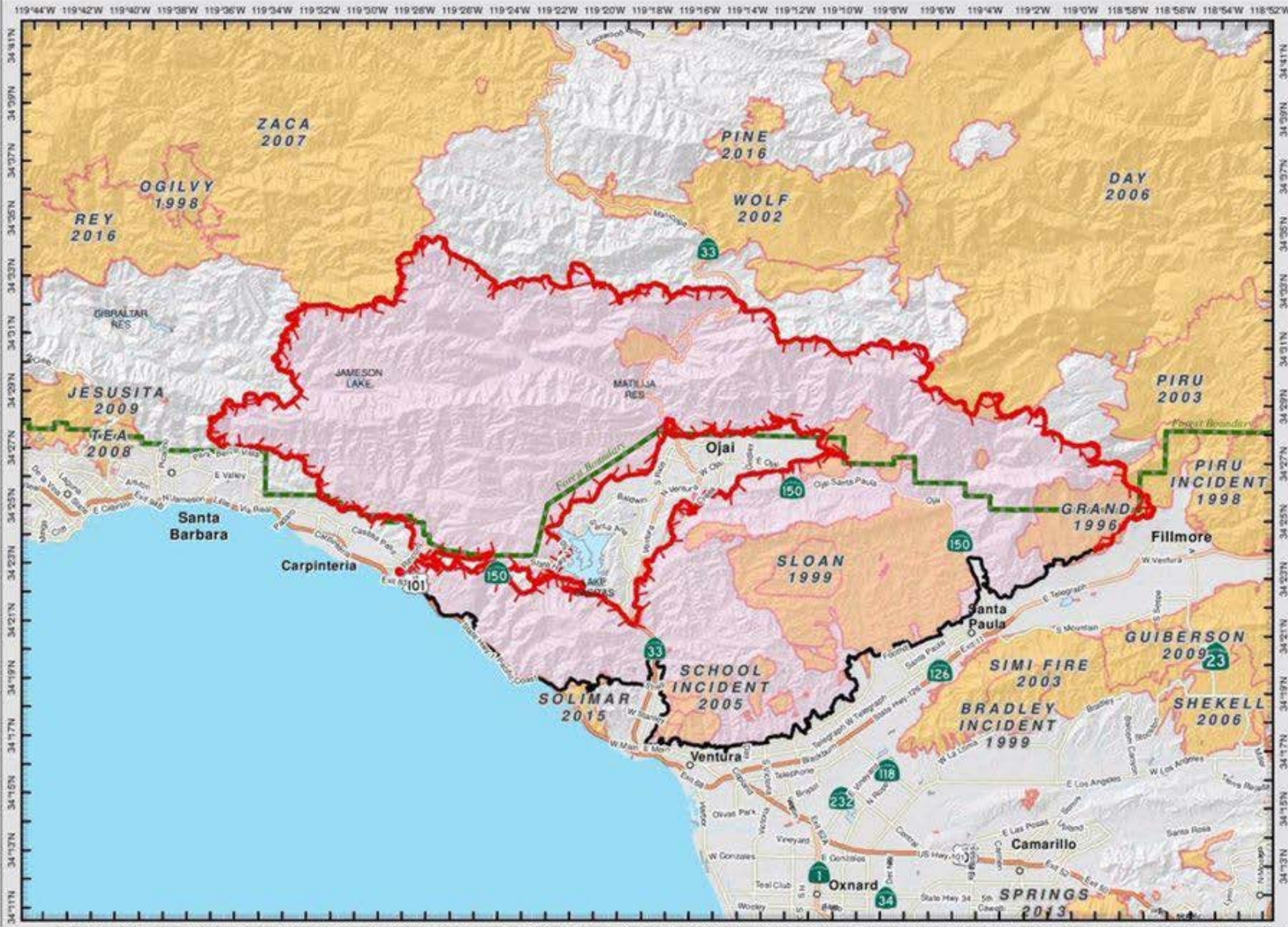
**Fire Perimeter**  
 Uncontrolled Line  
 Controlled Line



Vertical Scale



Historical Fires  
 USFS Boundary

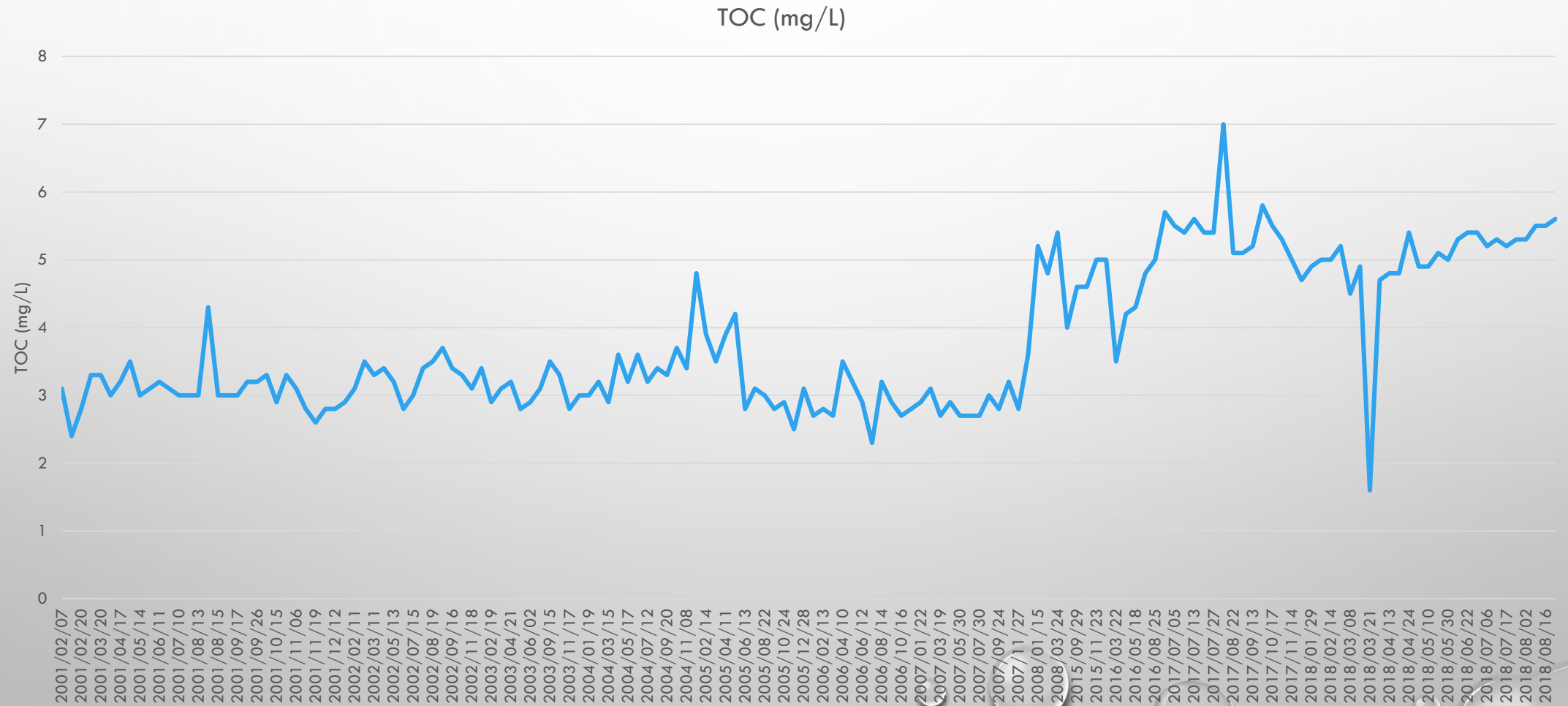


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# POST FIRE IMPACTS ON SOURCE WATER

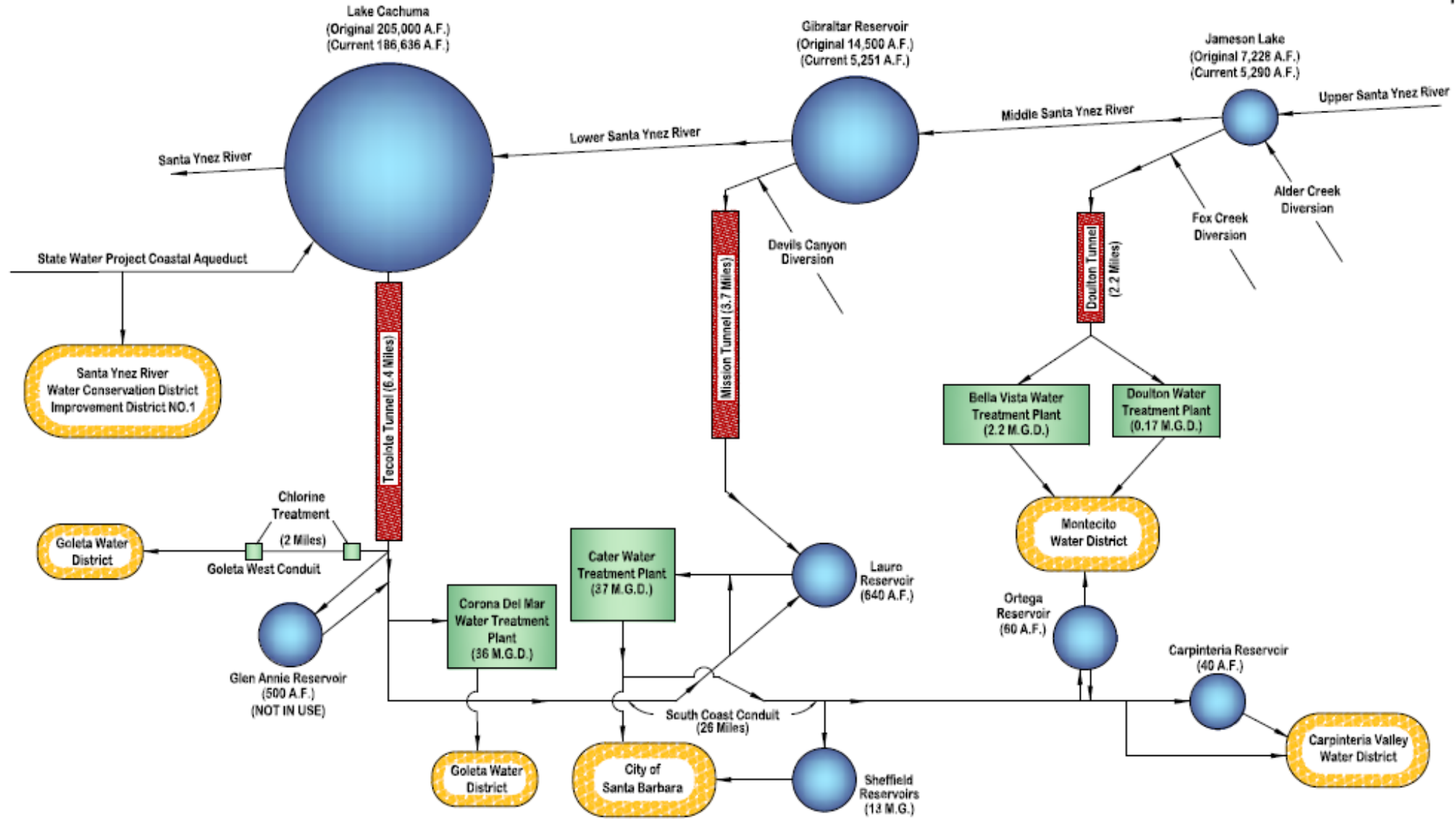
- WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION
  - HISTORICAL CACHUMA LAKE TOC CONCENTRATIONS WERE BETWEEN 2 AND 3 MG/L
  - POST ZACA FIRE TOC CONCENTRATIONS INCREASED 165% IN THE FIRST YEAR. SLOWLY DECREASED.
  - NEVER FULLY RECOVERED TO HISTORICAL TOC LEVELS.
- REDUCTION IN RESERVOIR STORAGE CAPACITY DUE TO SILTATION
  - OVER THE YEARS GIBRALTAR RESERVOIRS INITIAL CAPACITY OF 15,374 ACRE-FT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 5,250 DUE TO SILTATION.
  - INHERENT ISSUE MADE WORSE BY FIRES

# LAKE CACHUMA TOC



# SURFACE WATER TREATMENT

- GOLETA WATER DISTRICT OPERATES CORONA DEL MAR WATER TREATMENT PLANT
  - CONVENTIONAL, FREE CHLORINE
  - 24 MGD (DESIGN); 36 MGD (PEAK CAPACITY).
- SANTA BARBARA ALSO OPERATES WILLIAM B. CATER WATER TREATMENT PLANT
  - 37 MGD
  - CONVENTIONAL, FREE CHLORINE
  - ALSO SUPPLIES MONTECITO AND CARPINTERIA
- MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT OPERATES BELLA VISTA AND DOULTON TUNNEL SWTPS
  - TWO TRIDENT PACKAGE PLANTS
  - LARGEST IS 2.2 MGD
  - FREE CHLORINE



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**SANTA YNEZ RIVER SURFACE WATER**  
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 HANFORD CALIFORNIA  
 February 2011

# SANTA BARBARA'S SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT



# GOLETA'S SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT



ALTHOUGH NOT MONTECITO'S PLANT THEIRS IS  
SIMILAR TO THE PICTURE BELOW





# TREATMENT STRATEGIES TO REDUCE DBPS

- SANTA BARBARA EVALUATED CONVERTING FROM FREE CHLORINE TO CHLORAMINES
  - REGIONAL WATER SUPPLIER
  - RETAILERS UTILIZE FREE CHLORINE FOR GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER TREATMENT AT NUMEROUS LOCATIONS.
  - EVALUATION ELIMINATED THIS AS AN OPTION BECAUSE RETAILERS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO CONVERT TO CHLORAMINES AT ALL OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CHLORINATION SYSTEMS.

# TREATMENT STRATEGIES TO REDUCE DBPS

- ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF PRECHLORINATION
  - HISTORICALLY CHLORINATION AT THE HEADWORKS OF THE PLANT PROVIDED A RESIDUAL THROUGHOUT THE TREATMENT TRAIN.
  - HIGHER TOC IN THE SOURCE WATER RESULTED IN ELEVATED DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS LEAVING THE TREATMENT PLANT.
    - INCREASED THE LIKELIHOOD OF EXCEEDING TTHM STANDARD IN THE DISTRIBUTION. ESPECIALLY SANTA BARBARA'S DOWNSTREAM RETAILERS.
  - GOLETA TRIMMED THE PRECHLORINATION DOSAGE TO PROVIDE A TRACE RESIDUAL GOING ONTO THE FILTERS.
  - SANTA BARBARA ELIMINATED PRECHLORINATION AND REPLACED IT WITH OZONE.
  - APPROACH REDUCTION/ELIMINATION OF PRECHLORINATION CAUTIOUSLY
    - IT MAY AFFECT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COAGULATION PROCESS.
    - CHLORINE CONTACT TIME NEEDS TO BE REEVALUATED.

# TREATMENT STRATEGIES TO REDUCE DBPS

- ADDING CARBON (PAC OR GAC) TO THE TREATMENT PROCESS
  - ADDING GAC TO THE FILTERS WILL REDUCE TOC... BUT NOT FOR VERY LONG
    - MONTECITO REPLACED FILTER MEDIA IN THEIR PACKAGE PLANT WITH GAC
    - GREAT REDUCTION FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME .
      - ONLY FIRST MONTH HAD SIGNIFICANT DECREASE, LIMITED REDUCTION SECOND MONTH. AFTER THAT, NO MEASURABLE REDUCTION.
  - CONTINUOUS PAC ADDITION TO PRETREATMENT
    - EXPENSIVE
    - GENERATES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SOLIDS.
      - SANTA BARBARA BUILT A SOLIDS HANDLING FACILITY AS A RESULT
    - SHORTENS RUN TIMES ON FILTERS
      - MAY IMPACT BACKWASH RECOVERY CAPACITY DUE TO MORE FREQUENT BACKWASHES
    - LIMITED TO CERTAIN TREATMENT PLANTS. NOT LIKELY FEASIBLE FOR A PACKAGE PLANT.

# DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES

- STAGE 2 DBPR WAS BEING ROLLED OUT AROUND THE SAME TIME AS THE WQ ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZACA FIRE
- SANTA BARBARA AND MONTECITO COMPLETED DISTRIBUTION HYDRAULIC MODELS.
- WATER AGE DETERMINATIONS HELPED IDENTIFY WHERE IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE.
  - LOOPED PIPE SYSTEMS WHERE POSSIBLE.
  - OPTIMIZE RESERVOIR OPERATION BY ALTERING FILL AND FULL SETPOINTS
    - ALLOWING AS MUCH OF THE TANK VOLUME TO CYCLE AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE.
- MIXING AND/OR AERATION IN LONG RESIDENCE TIME RESERVOIRS

# DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES

- TTHMS CAN BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH AERATION. NOT AS EFFECTIVE ON HAA5S
- HENRY'S LAW CONSTANTS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHICH TTHMS ARE MOST EASILY REMOVED WITH AERATION. IF LARGE PERCENTAGE OF TTHMS ARE CHLOROFORM AND/OR BROMODICHLOROMETHANE, AERATION CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE. THESE HAVE THE HIGHEST HENRY'S CONSTANT OF ALL FOUR TTHMS.
- CHLORINE RESIDUAL MONITORING DURING AERATION DID NOT SHOW A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN CHLORINE RESIDUAL.
- MAY NEED TO ADD A BLOWER TO VACATE THE HEADSPACE IN THE RESERVOIR SO VOLATILIZED TTHMS ARE NOT REINTRODUCED INTO THE STORED WATER.
- DAILY REPORTING OF AERATION SYSTEM OPERATION TO SHOW ROUTINE TREATMENT IS BEING PROVIDED

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