

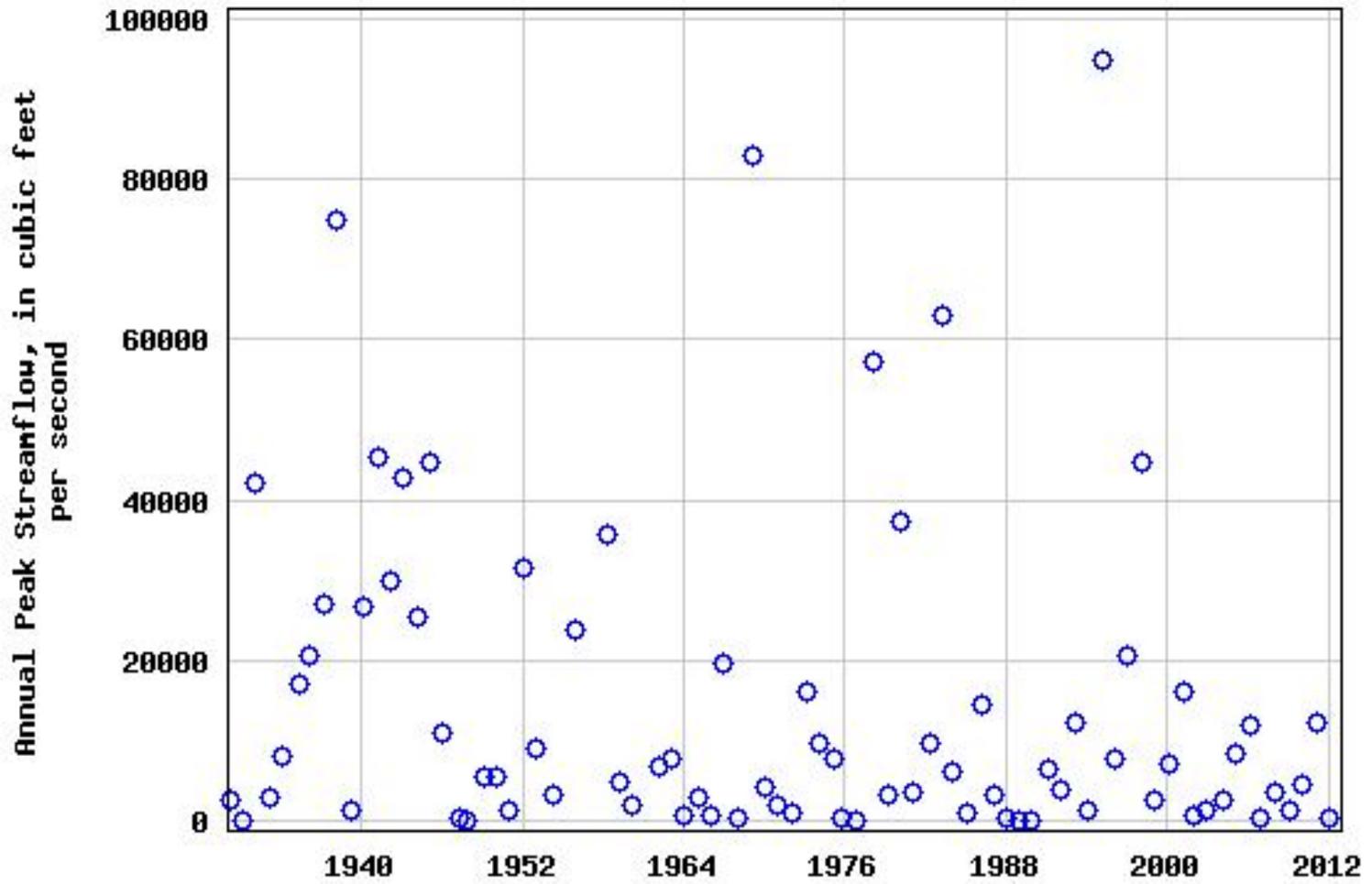
Channel Maintenance HAS Improved

- **1960s Aerial Spraying of Defoliants**
- **California Native Plant Society Lawsuit**
- **1995 and 1998 Floods**
- **2000 Channel Maintenance**
- **Today's Proposal**





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Salinas River upstream of Gonzales Bridge in 1989. Arrows mark edge of channel.



Identical view of Salinas River at Gonzales in 2012. Arrows mark edge of 1989 channel.

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- The Central Coast Basin Plan Suggests a 30-foot area of undisturbed soil and vegetation from Land disturbance Activities.
 - New Research shows that vegetation is essential to water quality
 - We request the Channel Maintenance Project require a 30-foot buffer.
 - The Otter Project will **OPPOSE** a permit without a 30-foot buffer.