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2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation Chino Valley Model Calibration Workshop #1 May 29, 2024

Meeting Objectives



Develop an understanding of updates to the 2025 Chino Valley Model (2025 CVM), the recalibration/uncertainty analysis, and the proposed process for selecting calibrated realizations to be used in the 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation (2025 SYR)



Gather feedback on recalibration/uncertainty analysis and process for choosing realizations



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2025 SYR Process

- Update hydrogeologic conceptual model
- Generate calibrated realizations (2025 CVM)
- Develop projection realizations
- Simulate projection realizations
- Evaluate simulation results and calculate Safe Yield
- Develop 2025 SYR report
- Reset Safe Yield (if necessary)



2025 SYR Timeline





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Updates to the CVM

Cross sections, layering, flow barriers

Santa Ana River/tributary delineation

Calibration period (FY 1992-2022)

Lag time calculation

R4 model update and validation

Updated calibration targets



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Calibration Process

Manual calibration

PESTPP-IES

- Ensure that model runs reasonably and matches expected behaviors/calibration metrics
- Inform prior parameter distributions

 Generate calibrated model realizations and quantify uncertainties in water budget terms



Objective of Calibration

Minimize the differences between the measured and simulated water level

Objective Function (φ) = The Sum of Squared Differences



Selection of Calibration Targets

Wells used in calibration are evenly distributed across the model domain

Water level measurements used for calibration are evenly distributed over time

Total number of selected calibration targets = 7,954



Map of Calibration Wells





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Calibration Targets





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Manual Calibration

Aquifer parameters

- Horizontal/vertical hydraulic conductivity (HK, VK)
- Specific Yield (SY)
- Specific Storage (SS)

Pilot points were placed across the model domain

Aquifer parameters of 2020 CVM were assigned to Pilot Points

Kriging was applied to interpolate pilot point values to model cells

The aquifer parameters were not adjusted during manual calibration



Aquifer Parameters





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Adjusted Parameters

Areal Groundwater Recharge Multiplier

- Annual groundwater recharge for each model cell is initially estimated by R4
- The calibrated multiplier of all annual groundwater recharge is 0.94

Streambed Conductivity

- Santa Ana River and its tributaries were subdivided into eight reaches
- The calibrated streambed conductivity ranges between
 0.23 and 10 ft/day



Adjusted Parameters

Boundary Inflow Multiplier

- Boundary inflow is simulated with the Flow and Head Boundary (FHB) package
- Boundary is subdivided into 22 segments, each with an initial multiplier of 1
- The calibrated multipliers range from 0.6 to 1.8

Faults

- 21 faults were simulated through the Horizontal Flow Barrier (HFB) package
- Some fault locations were adjusted based on InSAR images
- Calibrated hydraulic conductivity of faults ranges between 0.0017 and 1E-9 ft/day



Map of Boundary Inflow Segments





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Map of Fault Segments





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Chino Basin
 Cucamonga Basin
 Six Basins
 Spadra Basin







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PESTPP-IES and Uncertainty Analysis

We tested models with various numbers of adjusted parameters

Models with many adjusted parameters tend to produce extreme parameter values and artifacts due to over-fitting

The selected configuration includes **2,701** adjusted parameters (including 2,245 pilot points)

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Examples of Parameter Over-fit







Examples of the Selected Configuration







PESTPP-IES and Uncertainty Analysis

2,701 adjusted parameters, including:

- Areal groundwater recharge multiplier
- Boundary inflow multiplier
- Max ET rate multiplier
- Streambed conductivity
- Hydraulic conductivity of faults
- HK values at pilot points in model layers 1 to 5
- VK values at pilot points in model layers 1 to 5. Most VK values are linked to HK values with the same ratio of their initial values.
- SY values at pilot points in model layer 1
- SS values at pilot points in model layers 2 to 5



Examples of Adjusted Parameters







Examples of Adjusted Parameters











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PESTPP-IES Results – 2nd Iteration





PESTPP-IES Results – 3rd Iteration





PESTPP-IES Results – 4th Iteration





PESTPP-IES Results – Mean Net Recharge





PESTPP-IES Results – Mean Net Recharge





PESTPP-IES Results – Mean Net Recharge





Selection of Realizations for 2025 SYR

Choose earliest iteration that produces normal distribution of net recharge

Choose realizations that represent mean and +/- 1, 2 SD from mean



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Next Steps

Generate and analyze more realizations to ensure that uncertainty is captured



Compile feedback from peer reviewers on recalibration/uncertainty analysis and proposed process for choosing realizations



Complete calibration/uncertainty analysis, finalize calibrated realizations, develop projection realizations



Upcoming workshops:

June 25, 2024: Scenario design workshop #3 (peer reviewers/stakeholders)

July 2024: Calibration workshop #2 (peer reviewers)



2025 SYR Timeline





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