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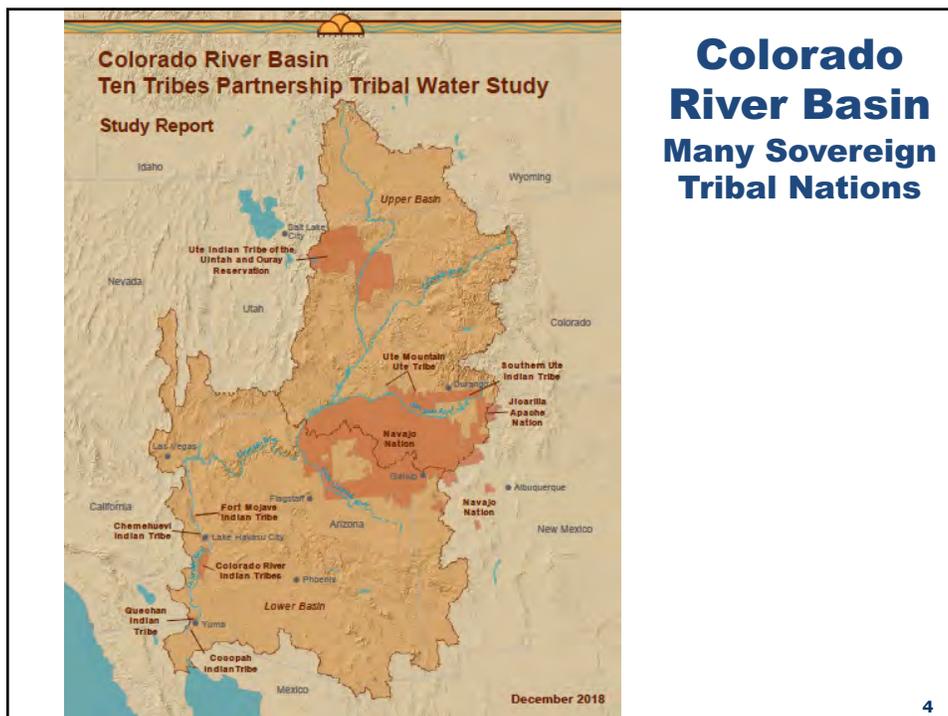
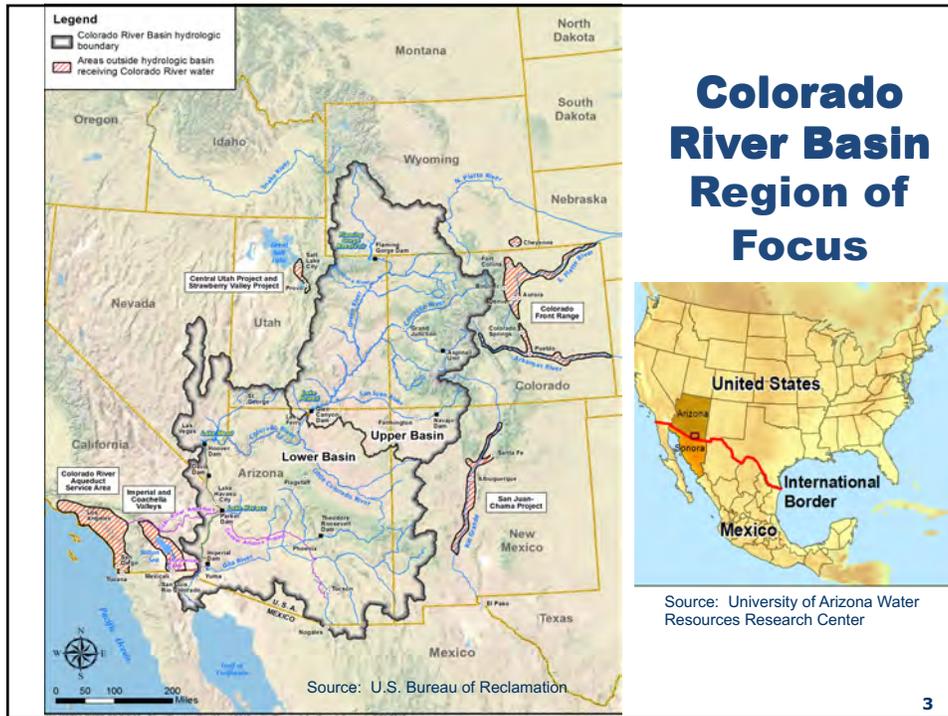
Water and People – Implementing Technologies Across Borders

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Question: What are the most important variables or factors that contribute to implementing technologies across borders?

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Order of the speakers

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Doron Markel – Chief Scientist, KKL-JNF

Greg Walch – General Counsel, Southern Nevada Water Authority

Chuck Cullom – Manager of Colorado River Programs, Central Arizona Project

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Lela Perkins – Client Services Manager, Black & Veatch

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**Israel Water Sector
Regional Cooperation –
Challenges and Solutions
RSDS Project**



ODED FIXLER – Deputy Director General, Ministry of Regional Cooperation

Water and the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty
October 1994

Basic Stipulations

- There is not enough water
- Development of additional water resources is essential
- Practical solutions are needed
- Maintaining of existing uses (Annex II)
- Mutual assistance in alleviating water shortages

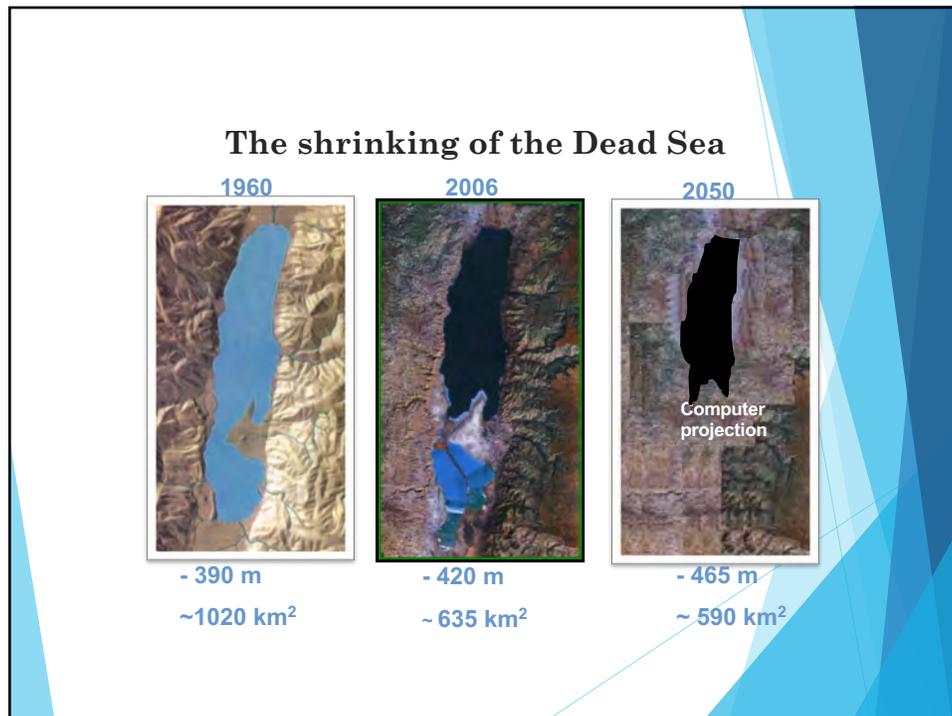
Precedents

- Each party operates facilities on the sovereign territory of the other
- Explicit reference to “future” water

Water and the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty
October 1994

Water related matters (Annex II)

- Allocations – 35 MCM
- Storage - Up to 20 MCM
- Sold Water – 2010 minutes of meeting
- Water Quality and Protection
- Ground Water in Ha`arava / Wadi Araba
- Notification and Agreement
- Co-operation
- **Joint Water Committee**



Red Sea-Dead Sea Conveyance feasibility Study

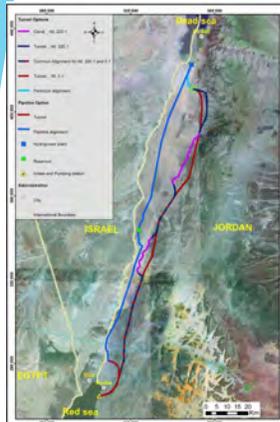
Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and the World Bank agreed that the WB would conduct a feasibility study for the project.

The study was completed and its results are that the proposed project has feasibility.

The projects main goals are:

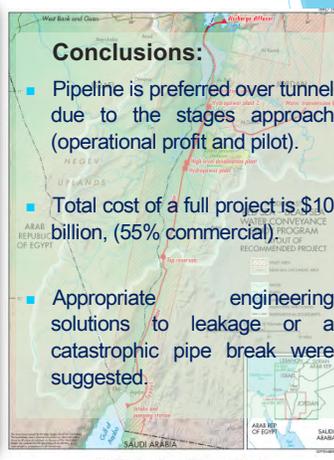
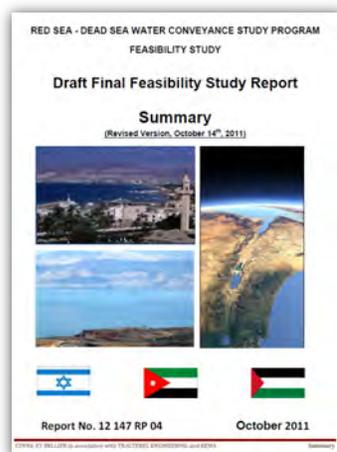
- Decreasing/Stopping the drop in the Dead Sea water level
- Desalination and supply of water
- Production of Electricity based on Hydroelectric Power Plants

Selection of the Route and analysis of the Environmental Effects on the Arava



- The open canal alternative was disqualified for environmental reasons and groundwater sensitivity
- Possible routes for tunnels and pipelines were defined. The pipelines are preferred because they offer more financial flexibility
- An earthquake risk assessment was performed. Technical solutions have been prepared for the possibility of leakage of seawater or brine into the aquifer. The impact on the ecosystem was assessed.
- In light of the dimensions and costs of the full project and in order to reduce risks, it was decided to carry out a pilot - Phase I is limited in its dimensions and costs.

Feasibility Study Results



Conclusions:

- Pipeline is preferred over tunnel due to the stages approach (operational profit and pilot).
- Total cost of a full project is \$10 billion, (55% commercial)
- Appropriate engineering solutions to leakage or a catastrophic pipe break were suggested.

Figure 32.6a: General Layout of Recommended Project

Phase I

- Red Sea Intake capacity 300MCM
- Desalination plant with capacity of 65MCM – 35 for Israel and 30 for Jordan
- Discharge to the Dead Sea 235MCM
- 31 MW of HEPP
- BOT project managed jointly by Israel and Jordan



Pilot/Phase I Project:

- Will produce drinking water faster
- Will enable the exploration of the impact on the Dead Sea at field scale
- Will initiate the project through a careful step, in order to minimize the environmental risks



The SWAP Deal:

- 35 MCM for Southern Israel
- 50 MCM for Jordan in the north
- 20-30MCM to the Palestinian Authority



Status

- A preliminary screening process (PQ) was conducted to select consortiums that could participate in the tender process. 5 groups were selected.
- The draft tender documents (RFP) have been prepared detailing the objectives, the project description, the conceptual design, the parameters and the risks
- A Governmental Decision must be approved in Israel before the tender is distributed.
- Complementary Agreements to the G2G should be agreed, at least in principles, with the Jordanian government
- An examination of the possibility of other sources of electricity should be completed

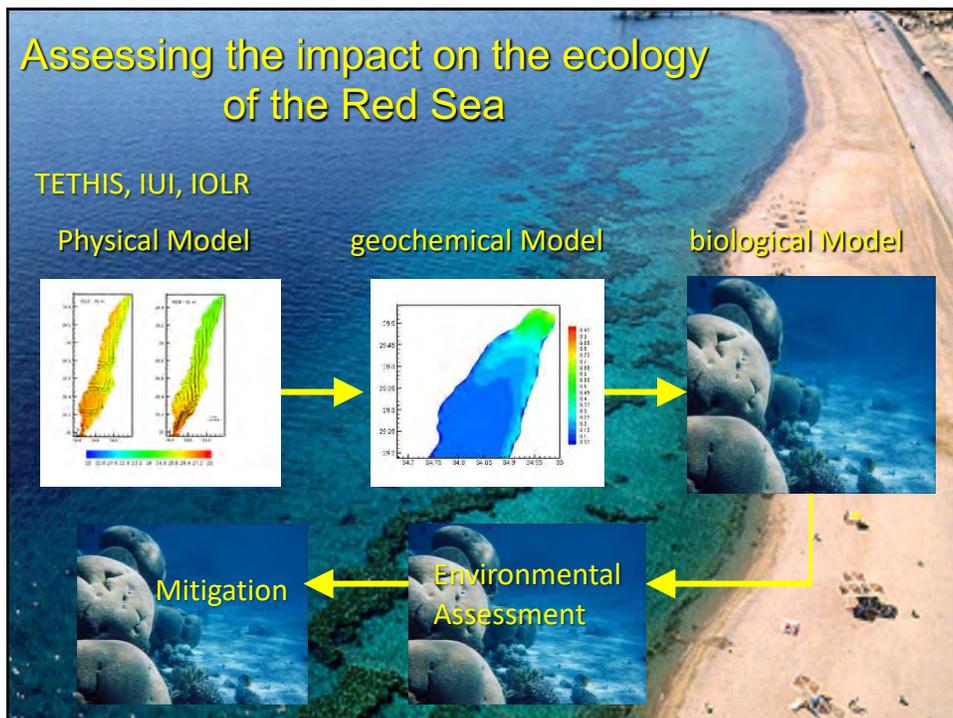
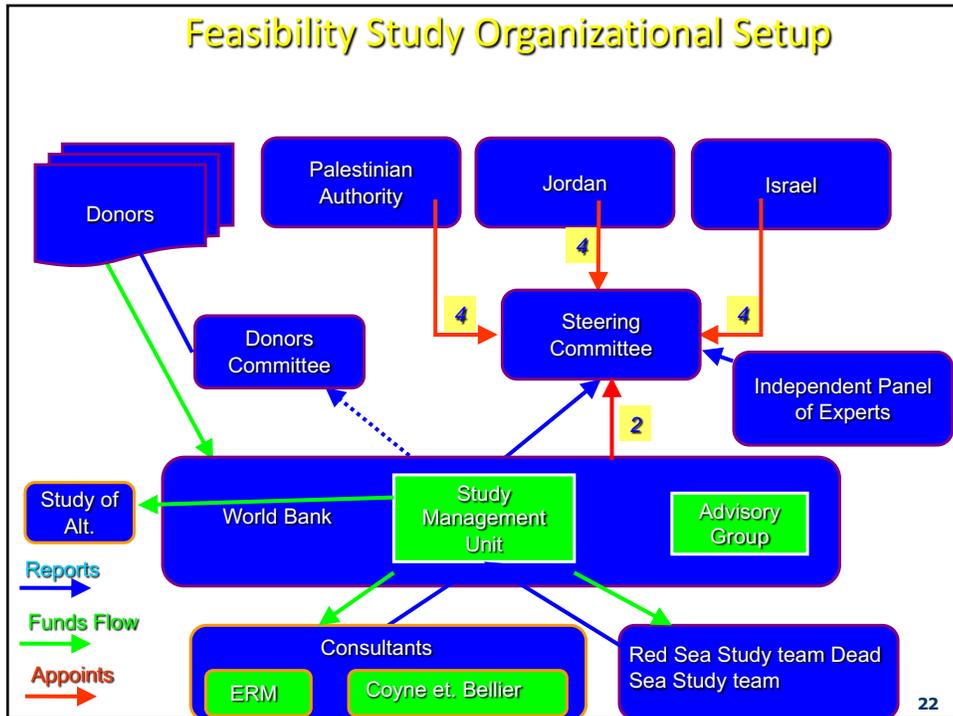
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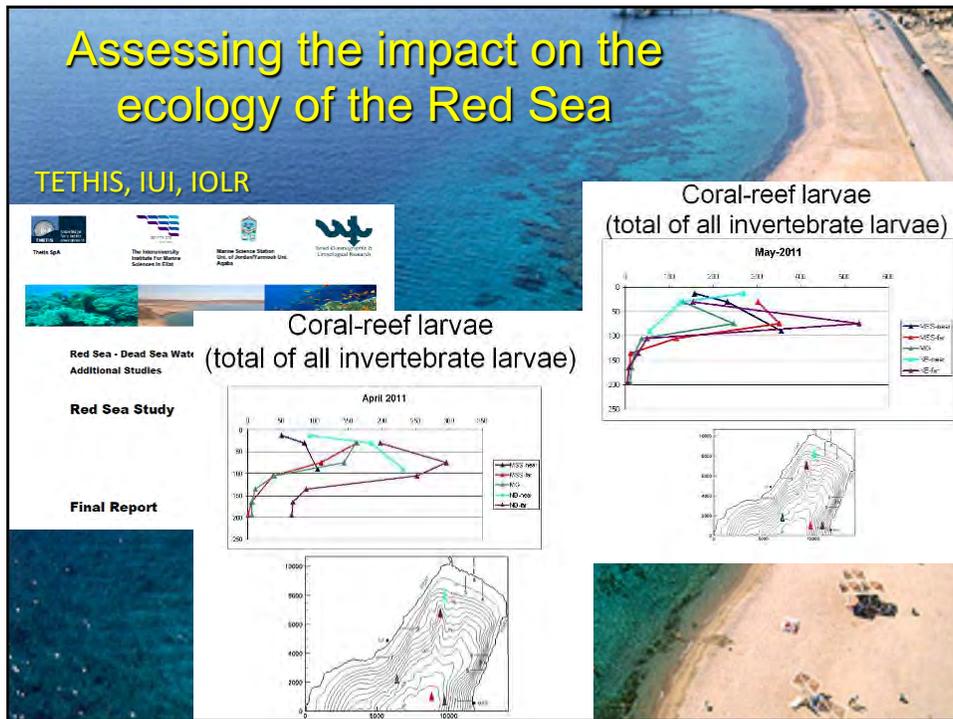
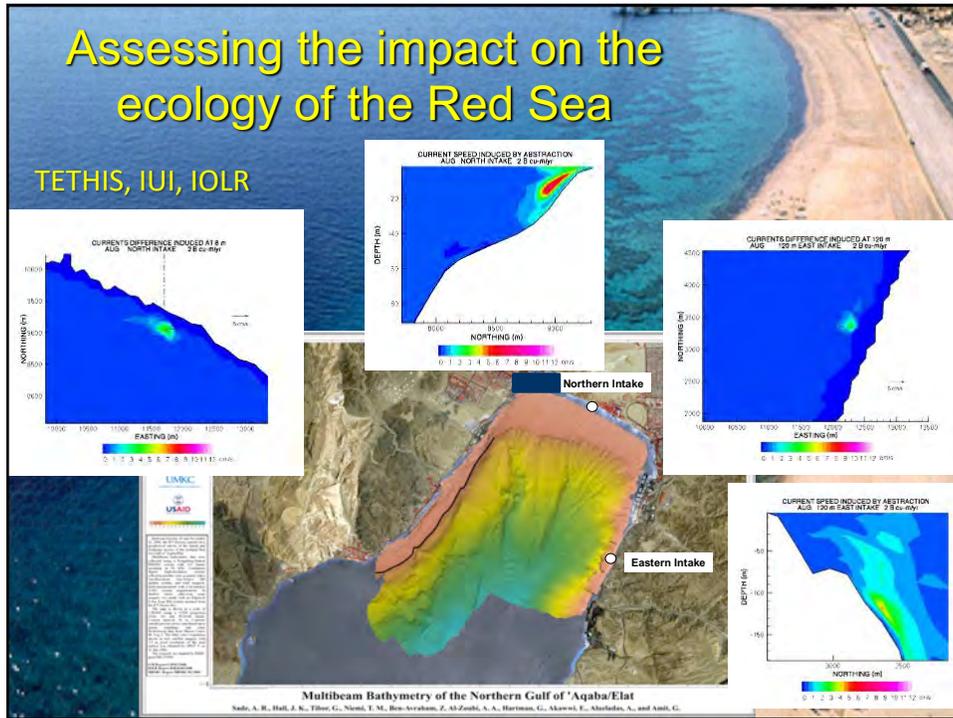
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**The Scientific study as part of
the Red Sea – Dead Sea
Feasibility Study**

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Red Sea Models Results

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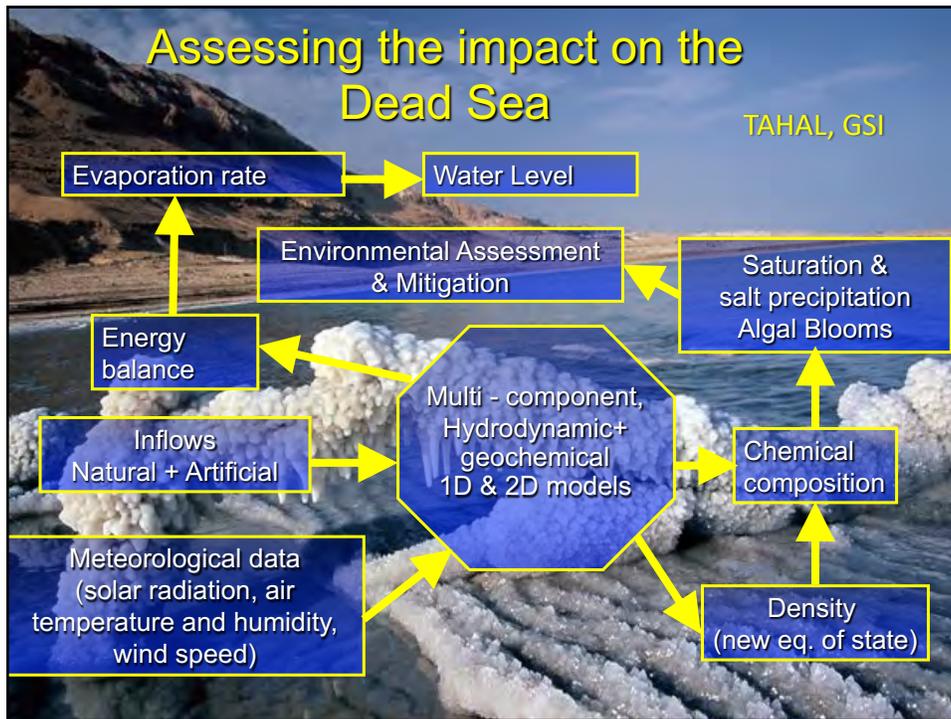
This conclusion is valid provided that the recommendations on best location and best depth are respected and provided that no major future developments affecting water abstraction / water discharge and pollution loads will happen in the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian coastal area.

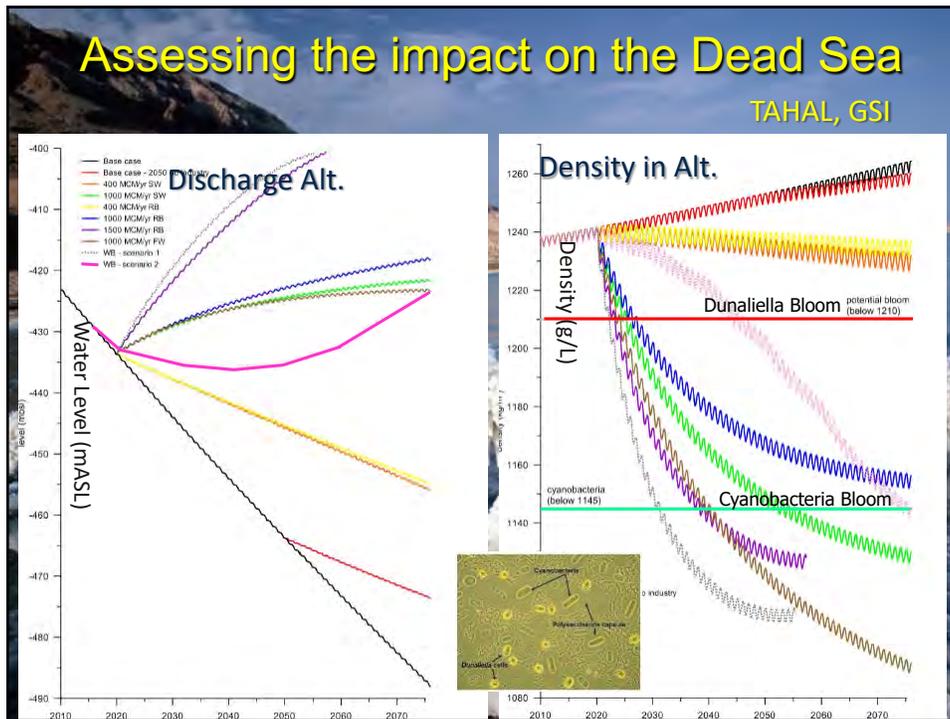
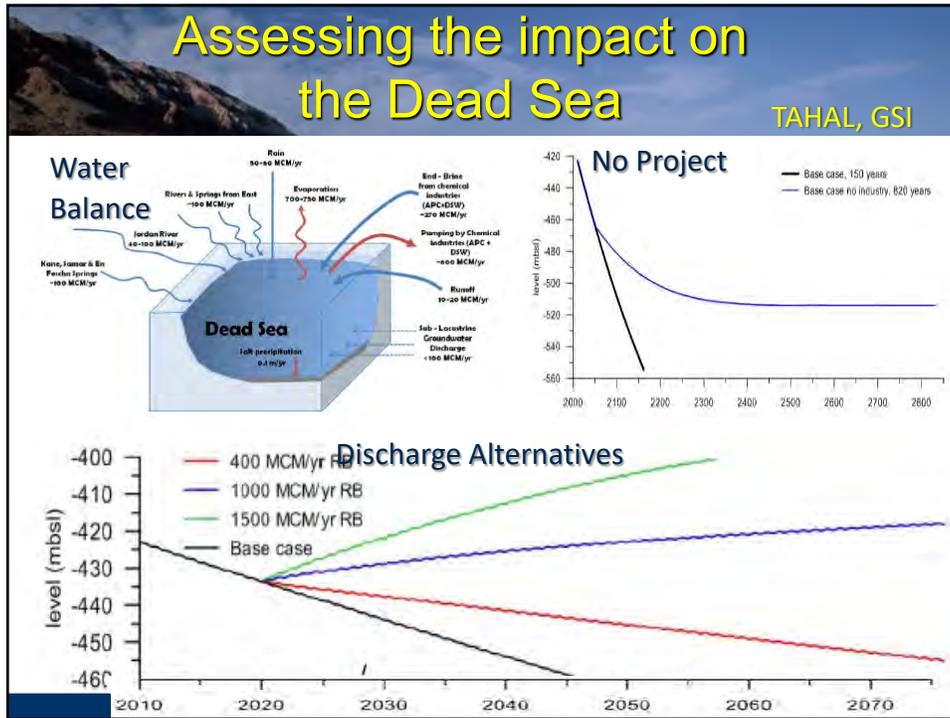
In the latter case, a specific evaluation on potential cumulative effects with RDC is recommended.

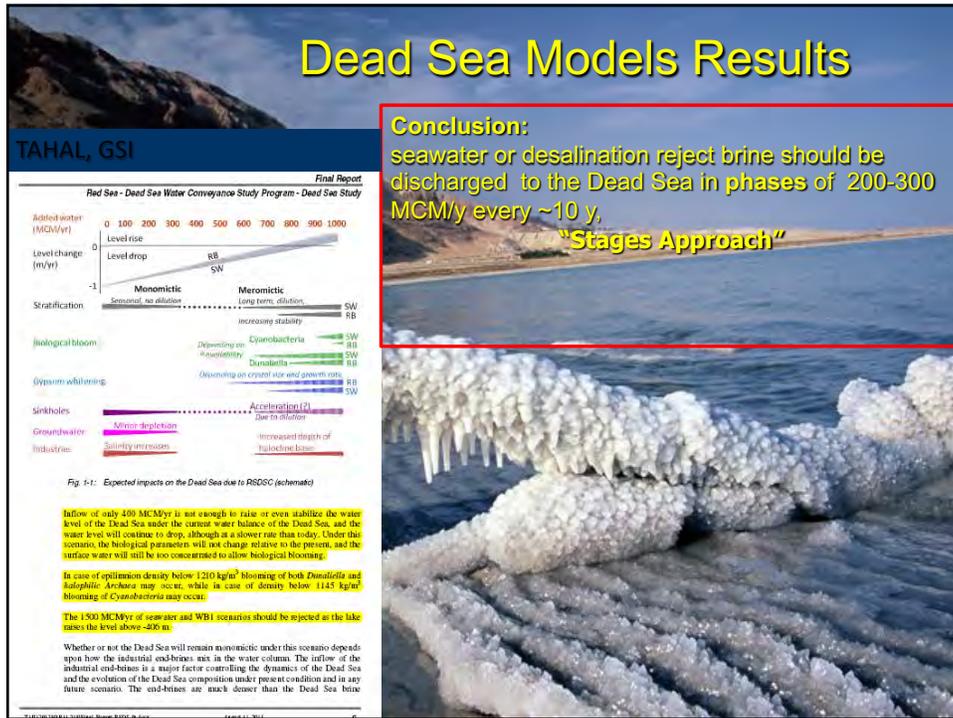
More specifically, in the configuration with the eastern intake, a water depth of at least 140 m and an abstraction rate of 2 billion m³/y.

- the effects on the circulation will be local, limited to a few hundreds meters from the intake;
- abstraction will be less than 0.5% the amount of water exchanged through the strait of Tiran; therefore the impact on circulation and heat budget at the scale of the whole gulf will be negligible;
- the effect of RDC on heat flux and water column structure and stability will be negligible;
- the nutrient abstraction is less than 1% of the total flux through the Tiran strait; this abstraction may be marginally beneficial for the coral reefs;
- the larvae (fish and invertebrates) abstraction is very limited and will not induce negative effects on coral reefs and pelagic communities, neither regionally nor Gulf wide scales;
- the abstraction is not expected to affect connectivity between populations in the area;
- effects on benthic habitats and fish communities, including economically important species will be local and limited to the construction phase and etc.

Conclusion:
 Seawater pump from the Gulf of Eilat will not harm the ecological system of the gulf, giving a pump depth of 120-160 m.

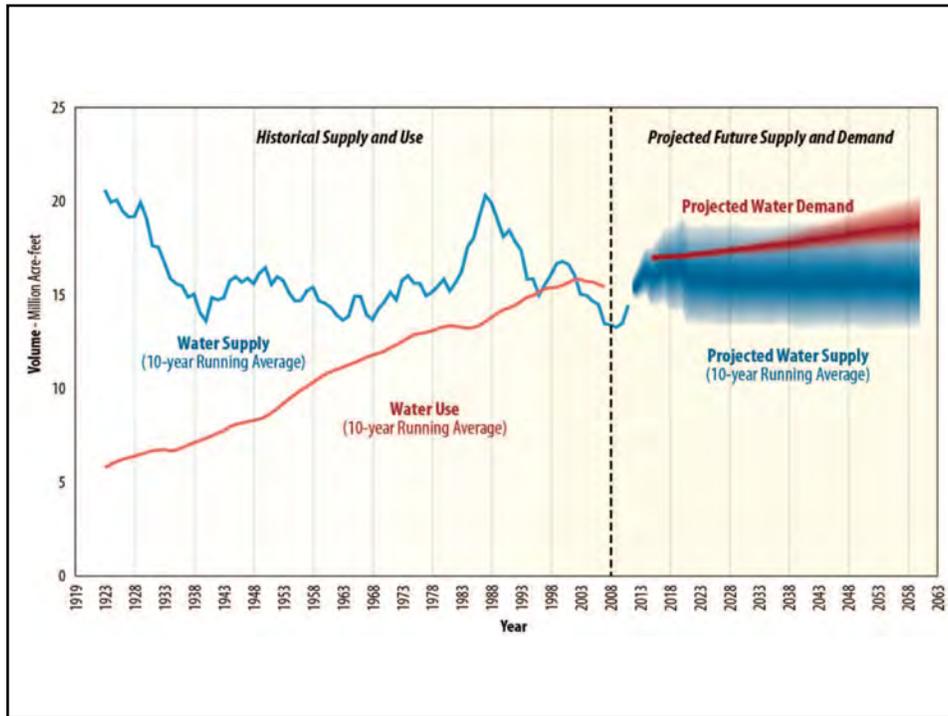






Greg Walch





Framework for Mexico Deliveries

- 1922 Compact
- 1944 Treaty
 - Established IBWC as international body with jurisdiction over boundary areas of Rio Grande and Colorado Rivers
 - Carry out the rights and obligations of the two countries under the Treaty
 - Established means to record and make enforceable “decisions” through “Minutes”

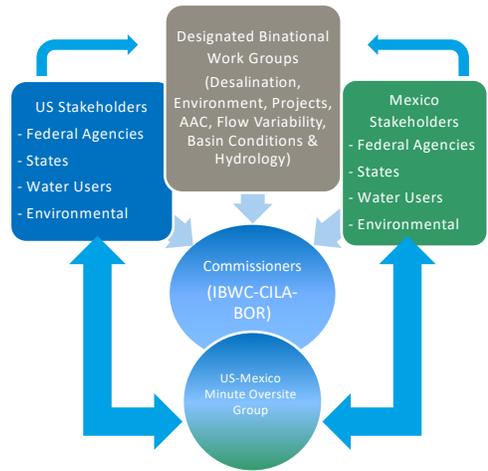


NOTABLE TREATY MINUTES

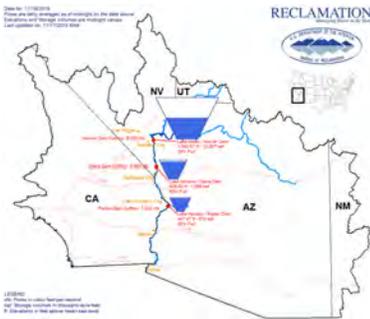
- Minute 242 (“Permanent”)
- Minute 319 (Through 2017)
- Minute 323 (Through 2026)

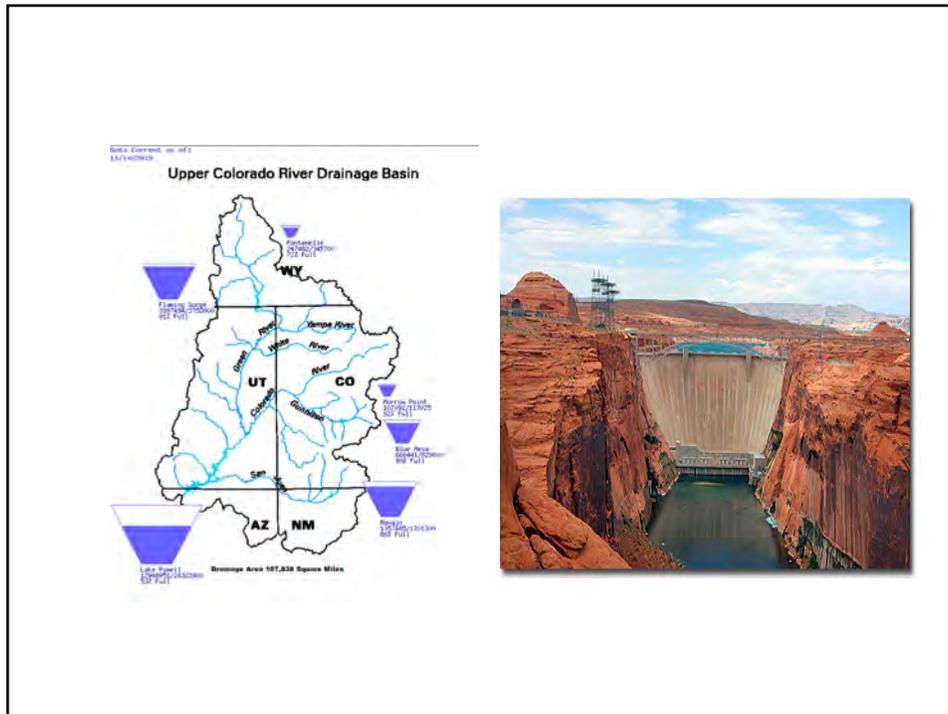


Binational Work Group Process



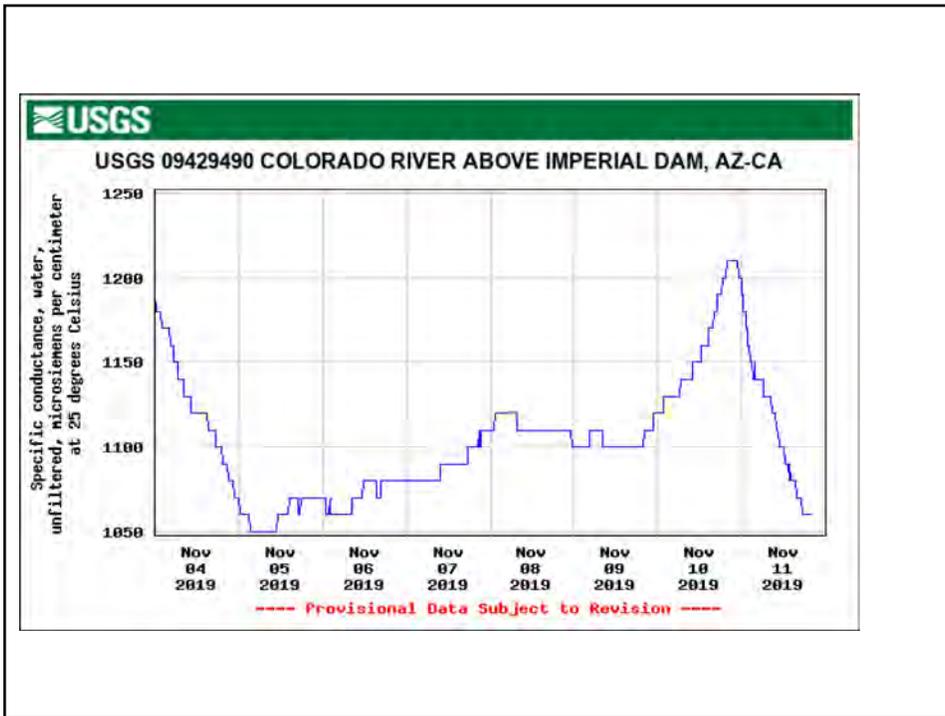
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DAILY RIVER REPORT FOR 11-18-2019
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(Releases are averages over the hour.)
(Elevation and storage values are end-of-period readings.)

TIME (MST)	MEAD ELEV. (FT)	HOOVER RELEASE (CFS)	MOHAVE ELEV. (FT)	MOHAVE STORAGE (KAF)	DAVIS RELEASE (CFS)	HAVASU ELEV. (FT)	HAVASU STORAGE (KAF)	PARKER RELEASE (CFS)
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0100-0200	1083.15	3473			4755			4489
0200-0300	1083.16	2347			4731			4477
0300-0400	1083.15	1960			4731			4465
0400-0500	1083.18	1900			4731			9172
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0700-0800								
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Chuck Cullom

People and Water - Implementing technologies across borders: Yuma Desalting Plant (U.S. – Mexico)

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Colorado River Water Quality Issues

- Water quality higher in the U.S. than in Mexico (700 ppm vs 840 ppm)
- Driver: Agricultural drainage (2600 ppm) returned to the Colorado River
- U.S. return flows increase water use efficiency
- Increased Colorado River salinity harms Mexico crop quality and soils



Yuma Desalting Plant (YDP): Technology to address Water Scarcity

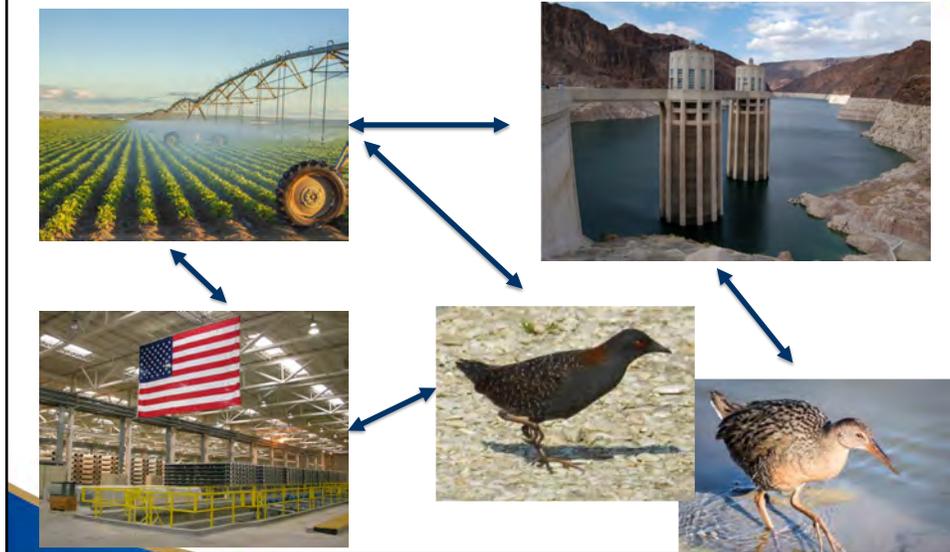
- Conceived as a binational means to use technology to address water scarcity and water quality issues between U.S. and Mexico on the Colorado River:

1973 - Minute #242 – “Permanent and Definitive Solution to the International Problem of Salinity of the Colorado River”

- YDP = Brackish drainage water RO plant, 72 MGD
- Completed in 1992, operated briefly in 1992, 2007 and 2010-2011



Water Scarcity Drives Tension Among water uses and values



Yuma Desalting Plant (YDP): Success & Failure

- Binational work group developed U.S. - Mexico agreement (Minute 316) in 2010-2011 to temporarily operate the YDP to study and test the impacts of operating the plant on U.S. and Mexico environmental values and water conservation goals.
- YDP was not included in Minute 319 nor Minute 323 resulting in the lost opportunity to balance water uses and values.



Sergio Avila

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ANTECEDENTES
Memorándum de entendimiento entre el Arizona y Sonora de Junio del 2014

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA,
THROUGH THE
COMISION ESTATAL DEL AGUA
FOR
INVESTIGATION OF BRACKISH DESALINATION
OPPORTUNITIES

Declaration of cooperation between the government of the State of Arizona, through the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the government of the State of Sonora, through the Comisión Estatal del Agua, for the investigation of brackish desalination opportunities that will enhance the ability to develop additional water resources for Arizona and Sonora.

Whereas, through the mechanisms of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona, the states of Arizona and Sonora share an innovative, exemplary bilateral partnership; and

Whereas, this partnership is possible because of a history of trust and collaboration between Arizona and Sonora and, has yielded tangible results; and

Whereas, this collaboration strengthens both states to act according to their commitment to improving the quality of life in our region; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona and the State of Sonora are both facing increasing water supply development challenges; and

Whereas, populations in the State of Arizona and the State of Sonora are increasing and the continuation of extended droughts place additional stress on existing water resources; and

Whereas, the development of additional water resources is indispensable for future human needs, continued quality of life, and future economic development in both states; and

Whereas, desalinated ocean water may become more economically and technologically feasible to produce in the near future and may represent a drought proof water supply; and

Whereas, investment of new water supplies developed outside of Arizona is consistent with Arizona's Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability; and

Whereas, investigation of brackish desalination opportunities can support federal efforts in the United States and Mexico to address projected water supply and demand imbalances on the Colorado River.

The States of Arizona and Sonora
Based on their commitments, will enter the following
agreement and cooperate under equal terms of Arizona and Sonora.

This Declaration is signed in Tucson, Arizona, this 26th day of June in the year 2014, with the Government
of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Comisión Estatal del Agua,
Arizona and Sonora, Mexico.

Governor of Arizona
Governor of Sonora

Secretary of the Arizona Department of Water Resources
Secretary of the Comisión Estatal del Agua

SONORA
COMISION ESTATAL DEL AGUA

Andrea Alonso

Binational Study of Water Desalination Opportunities in the Sea of Cortez

- **Reconnaissance level study** to identify potential desalination opportunities along the Sonoran coast of the Sea of Cortez
- **Identification and development** of potential desalination opportunities that provide binational benefit to both Mexico and the United States
- Development of order of **magnitude costs**
- **Provide examples** to see if parties are interested in moving forward with such a concept

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Lela Perkins

Major Study Tasks

- Summarize projected **unmet demands** in the Colorado River Basin using existing information to confirm the **need for new water sources**
- Identify **existing** and **emerging** desalination and brine management **technologies** and determine appropriateness
- Identify potential desalination **opportunities**
- Develop **information** about each opportunity
- Perform **brine dispersion modeling** for the potential opportunities
- Identify **differentiators** between opportunities, including risks, for future consideration
- Recommend **next steps**

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Technologies Considered in this Study

Desalination

- Reverse Osmosis
- Thermal Distillation
 - Multiple Effect Distillation
 - Multi-Stage Flash Distillation
 - Vapor Compression
- Electrodialysis
- Thermal-Membrane Hybrids

Brine Management

- Ocean Discharge and Dispersion
- Evaporation Ponds
- Deep Well Injection

Emerging

- Enhanced Recovery
- Zero Liquid Discharge
- Seawater Pumped Storage



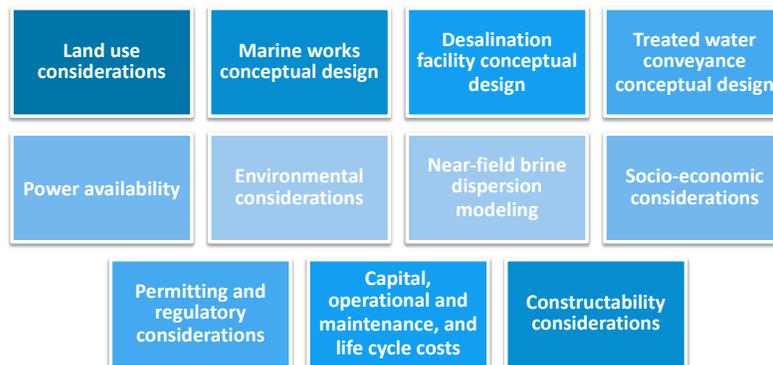
How Potential Opportunities were Defined

- **Desalination facility location** – Within the defined study area, based on existing land uses/designations and bathymetry
- **Desalination technology** – Identified through the technology analysis
 - Reverse osmosis was recommended for all sites unless there is an existing power plant nearby, in which case a thermal process could be considered
- **Brine management option** – Identified through the technology analysis
 - Ocean discharge and dispersion was recommended for all coastal sites, while deep well injection was recommended for inland sites
- **Delivery/exchange locations** – Identified based on the supply/demand analysis

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Information Developed for each Potential Opportunity



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Recommended Next Steps

- Tasks to further **refine** the potential opportunities
- **Additional investigation** of power availability and rights-of-way
- Development of an **exchange framework**
- **Comparison** to other identified projects

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