

Russian River Basin

Area: 2,100 mi² (5,500 km²)
Length: 110 mi (177 km)
Reservoir: flood protection and water supply
Coyote Valley Dam (1959) Lake Mendocino: 122,000 acre-feet
Warm Springs Dam (1983) Lake Sonoma: 381,000 acre-feet



Ukiah Valley Groundwater Basin

Russian River Watershed

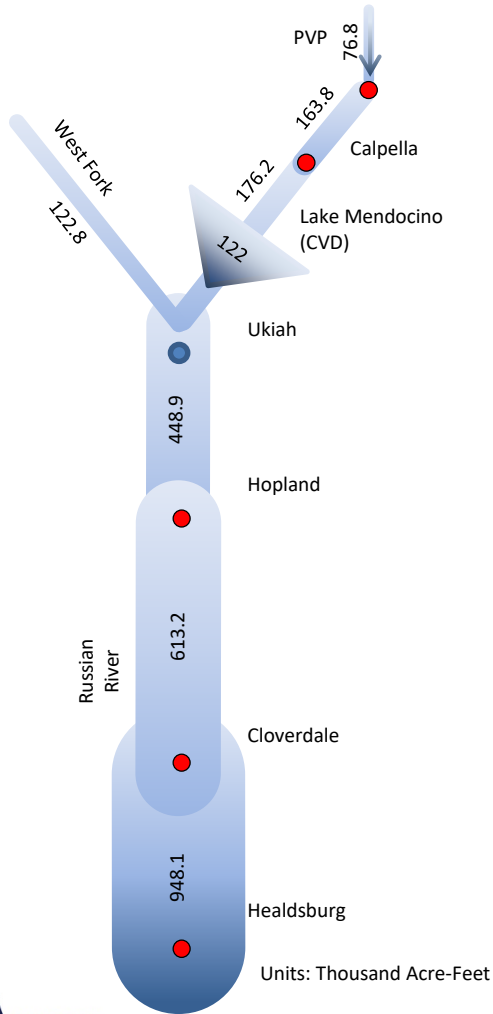
- Towns / Cities
- Streams
- Management Areas
- Major Highways
- Streets



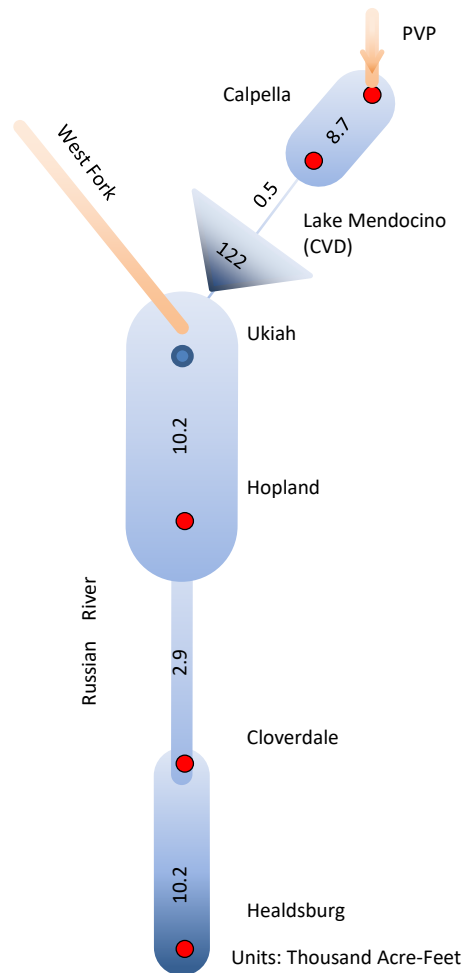
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Russian River System - Characterization

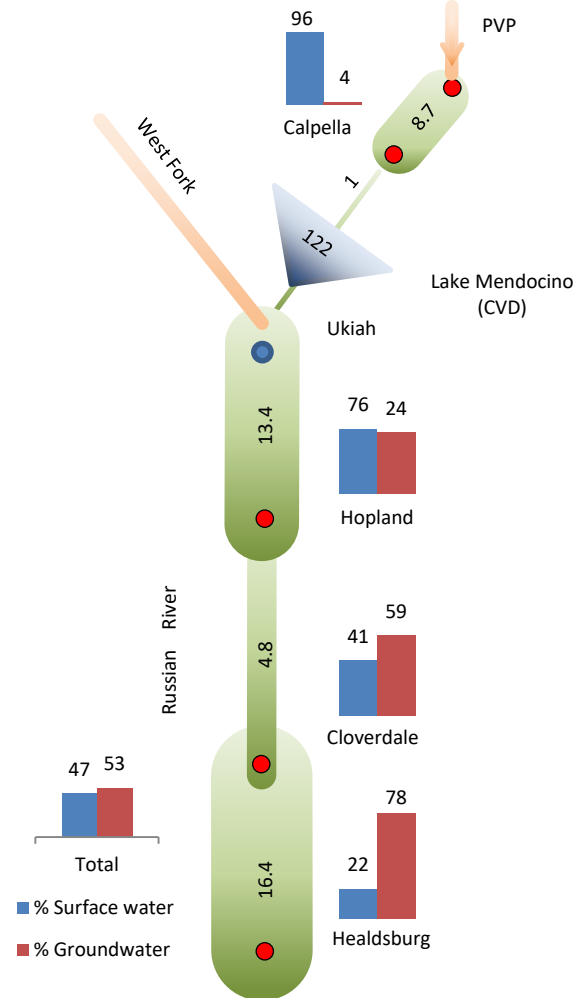
Cumulative Unimpaired Flows



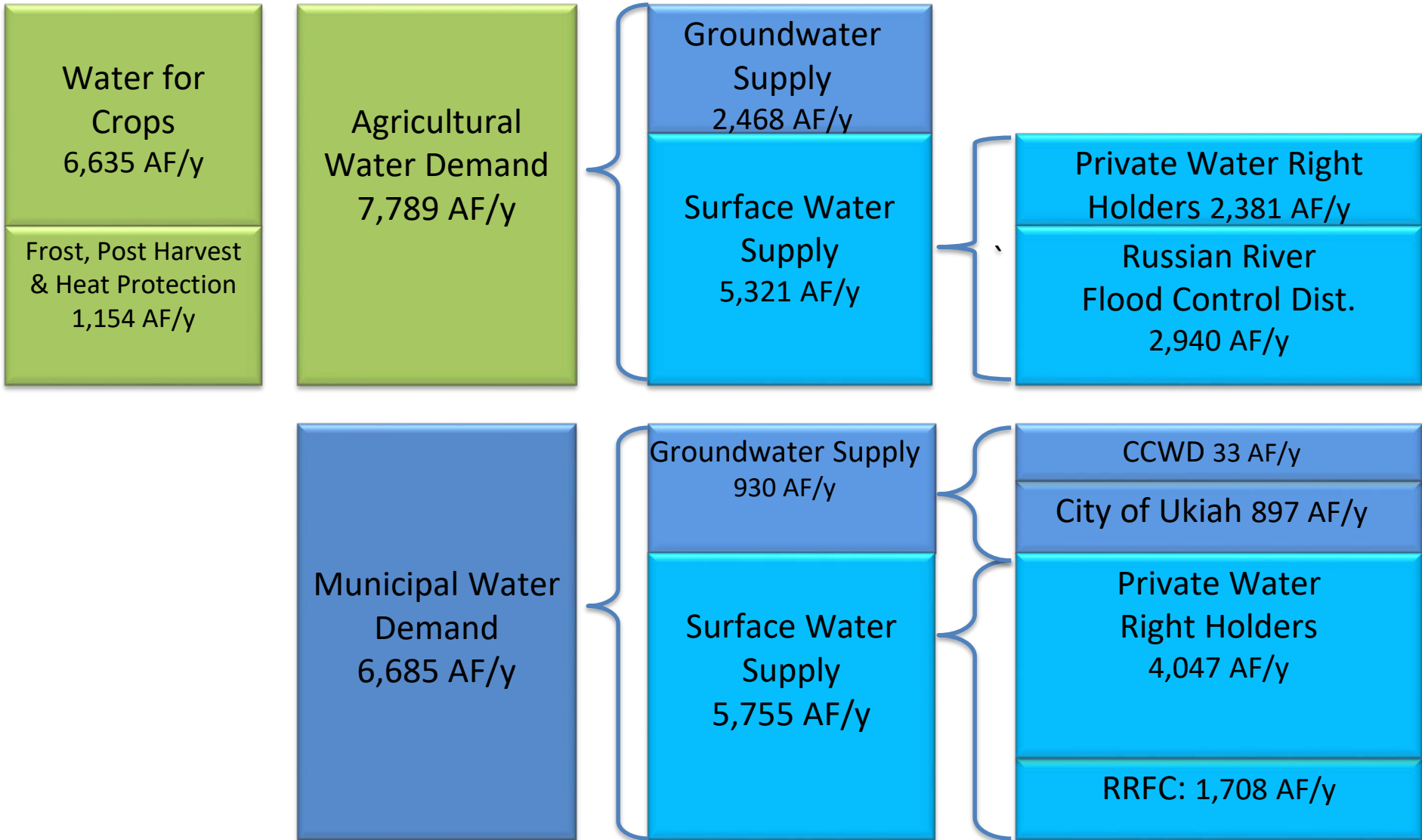
Surface Water Demands per Reach



Agricultural Water Demands per Reach²



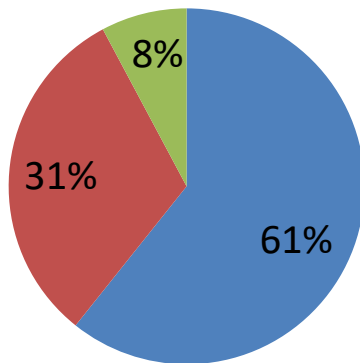
Ukiah Valley Water Demands¹



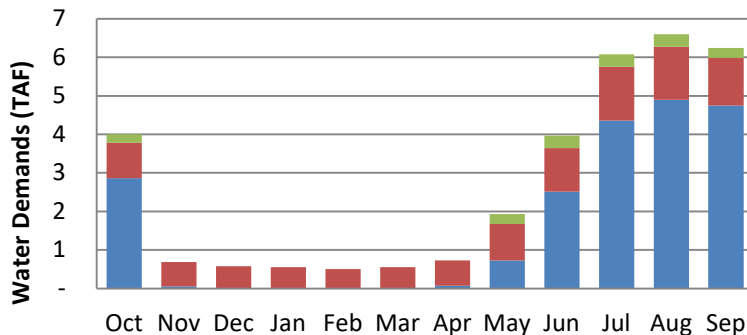
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Water Allocation Model
(Continuity Equation)

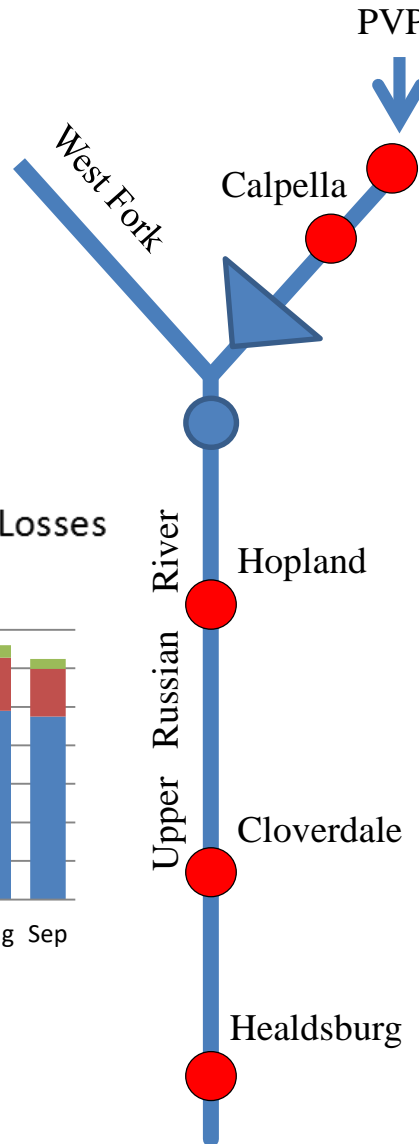
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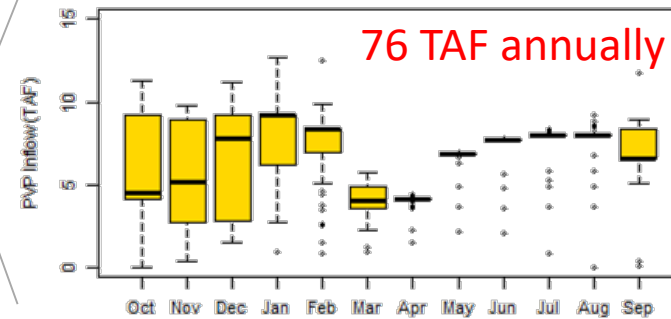
■ Agriculture ■ Municipal ■ Riparian Losses



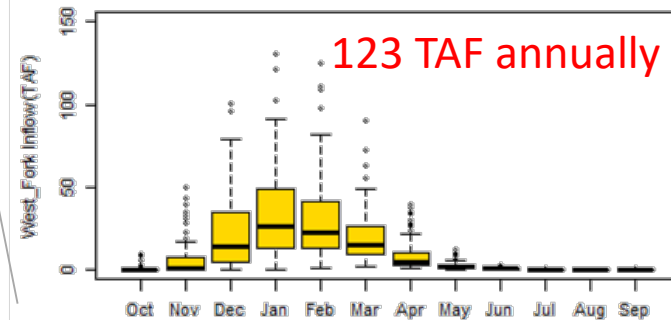
Water Availability



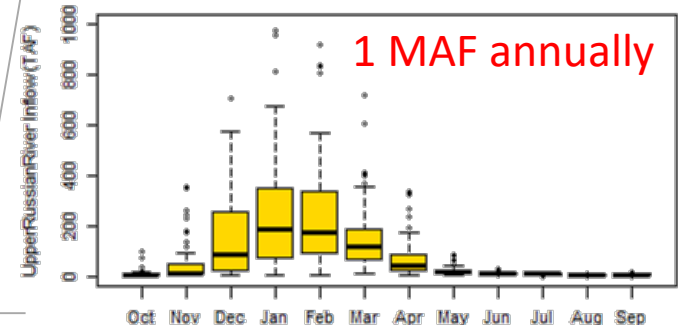
Monthly Variation for PVP Inflows



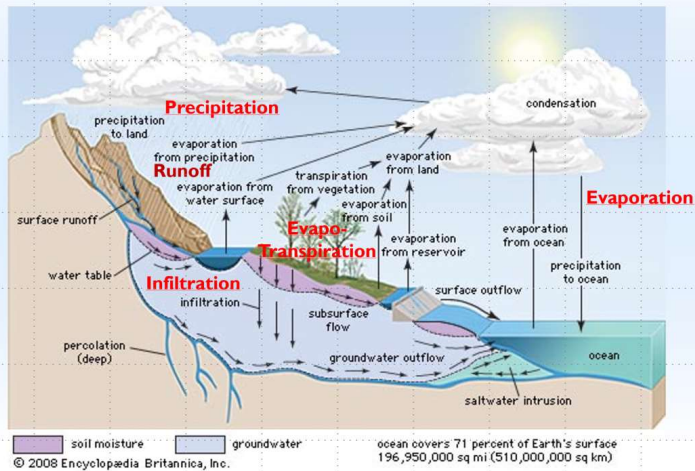
Monthly Variation for West_Fork Inflows



Monthly Variation for UpperRussianRiver Inflows



HYDROLOGY AND HYDROLOGIC CYCLE



(Drainage) Basin: is any area of land where precipitation collects and drains off into a common outlet, such as into a river, bay, or other body of water. Other terms used interchangeably with drainage basin are catchment area, catchment basin, drainage area, river basin, and water basin.

Water vapor: is the gaseous phase of water

Dew: is water in the form of droplets that appears on thin, exposed objects in

the morning or evening due to condensation.

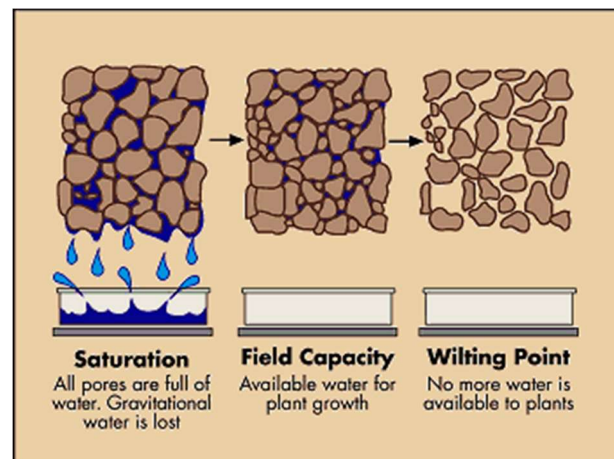
Dew Point Temperature: Water vapor will condense into droplets depending on the temperature. The temperature at which droplets form is called the dew point.

Precipitation: rainfall and snowfall

Rainfall intensity: the ratio of the total amount of rain (rainfall depth) falling during a given period to the duration of the period. It is expressed in depth units per unit time, usually as mm per hour (mm/h)

Infiltration: Infiltration is the process by which water on the ground surface enters the soil.

Infiltration rate: is a measure of the rate at which soil is able to absorb rainfall or irrigation often measured in millimetres per hour or inches per hour.



When soil is **saturated**, all the pores are full of water, but after a day, all gravitational water drains out, leaving the soil at **field capacity**. Plants then draw water out of the capillary pores, readily at first and then with greater difficulty, until no more can be withdrawn and the only water left is in the micro-pores. The soil is then at **wilting point** and without water additions, plants die.

Field capacity: field capacity which is the maximum amount of water the soil can hold

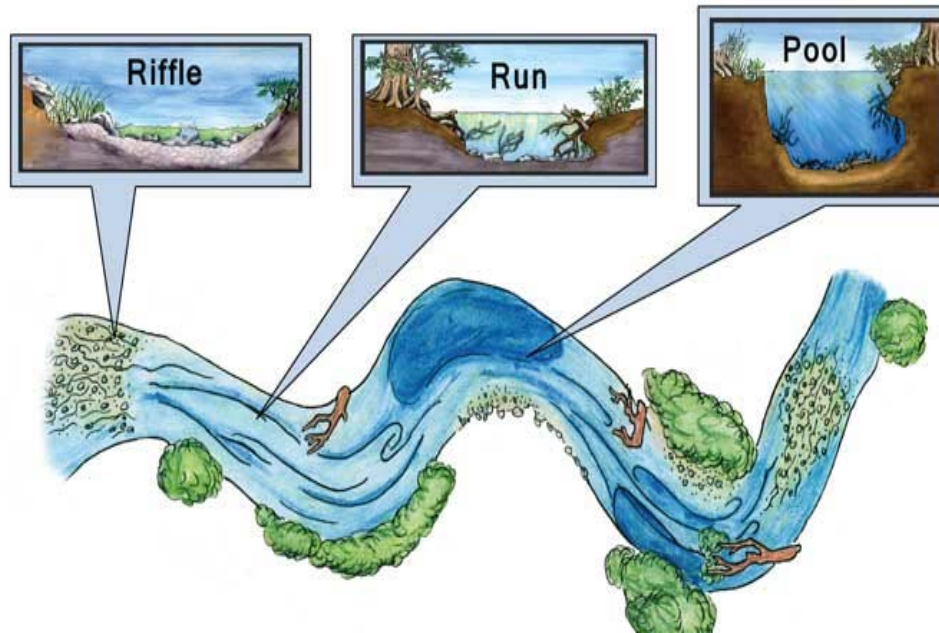
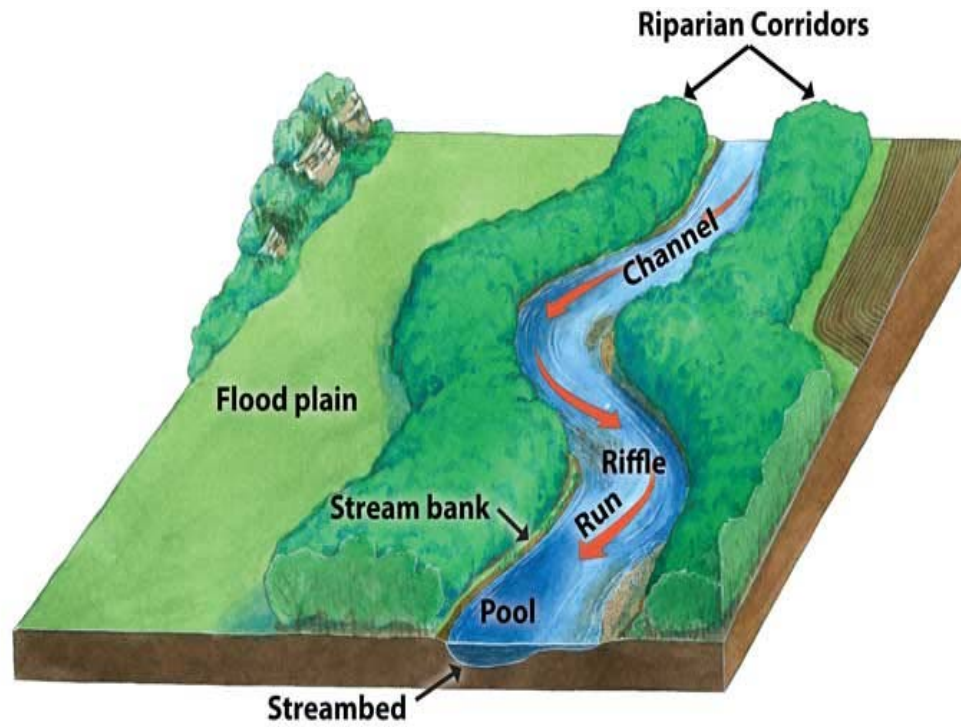
Water holding capacity: is the total amount of water a soil can hold at field capacity.

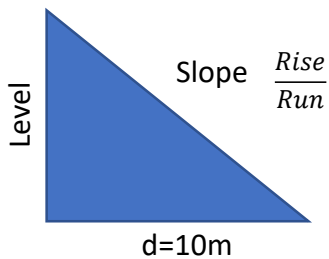
Wilting point: wilting point where the plant can no longer extract water from the soil

Available water: is the difference between field capacity and wilting point.

Subsurface flow: is the flow of water beneath earth's surface

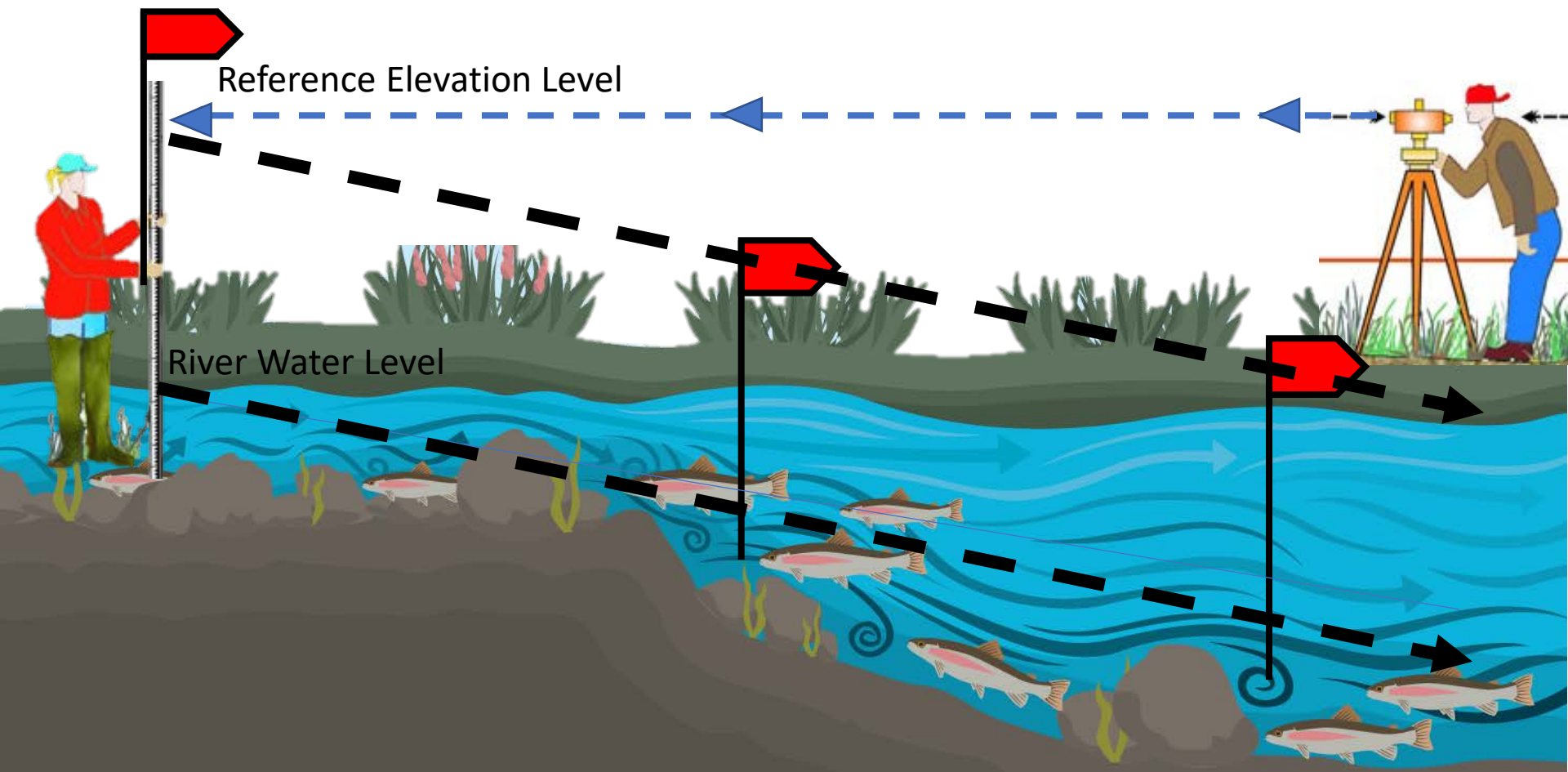
Surface flow, Runoff, surface runoff overland flow: is the flow of water that occurs when excess stormwater, meltwater, or other sources flows over the Earth's surface.





Slope of the bed river = $\frac{(y_2 - y_1)_{Ref}}{d}$

Slope of the water table = $\frac{(y_{2Ref} - y_{2Riv}) - (y_{1Ref} - y_{1Riv})}{d}$



Cross Section	Reference Elevation Level (Surveyor)	Water Level (Thalweg)	Slope

THE RUSSIAN RIVER



More than 600,000 residents in portions of Sonoma and Marin counties rely on the water released from storage and then delivered from the Russian River by the Sonoma County Water Agency. Wildlife—including endangered and threatened species such as coho and Chinook salmon and steelhead—recreational interests, and agricultural crops also rely on this water to thrive.

The Russian River originates in central Mendocino County, draining 1,485 square miles, including much of Sonoma and Mendocino counties, with a main channel 110 miles long. Two major reservoirs maintain water supply and provide flood protection for the Russian River watershed: Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma. Releases from both reservoirs provide water for municipal and industrial uses, in addition to maintaining the minimum stream flows required by the State Water Resources Control Board. These minimum flows provide for recreation as well as fish passage for salmon and steelhead.

Realizing the importance of protecting and preserving water resources for future generations, the Sonoma County Water Agency has taken a proactive role in implementing an array of water supply, conservation, and fisheries enhancement programs. To learn more about these programs and the Russian River, visit www.sonomacountywater.org.

