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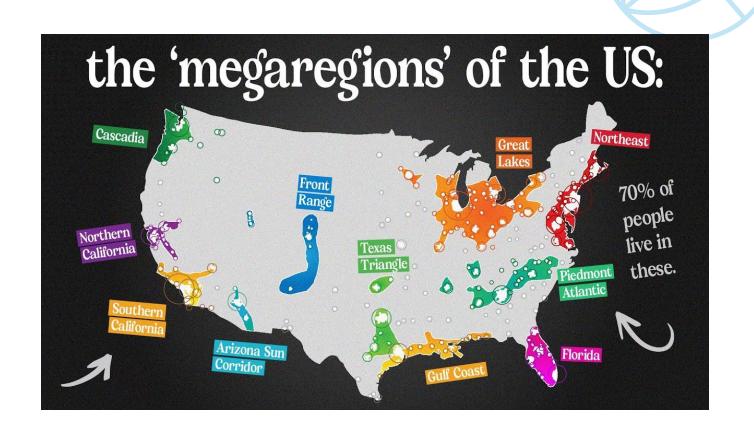
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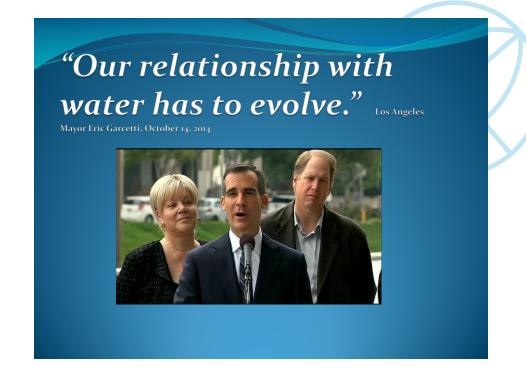
#### Overview

- 2015 Big Plans
- 2015 2025
  - More players
  - More plans
  - Planning is one thing;
     implementation is another
- Climate Change Impact Estimates
  - More frequent and drier dries, punctuated by deluge
  - Firestorms more likely than wet storms



## 2015 Monograph

- City of Los Angeles: Adel Hagekhalil
- Original LA Green PLAN
- Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Goal:
  - Reduce dependence upon imported water by 50% by 2025
- Tools:
  - Increase conservation
  - Advance water recycling
  - Proposition O: \$500 million for multibenefit stormwater capture
  - Clean up contaminated groundwater basins





# 2015+ More players; more evolved and ambitious plans





#### Greater ambition

# THE GOV PUT ME ON A DIET. It's A Drought. Conserve Now.

#### City of Los Angeles:

- Goal increased under Mayor Garcetti to 70% reliance on local water
- Goal of 100% recycling at City's largest wastewater treatment plant (230 MGD at Hyperion); Tillman Plant 40 MGD advanced treatment for groundwater recharge
- Participation in development of LA County measure to create \$290 million per year/stormwater capture program
- Development of large groundwater treatment facility (\$70m from state)
- Continuing emphasis on conservation, including being part of Metropolitan multimillion dollar turf rebate program

#### Los Angeles County:

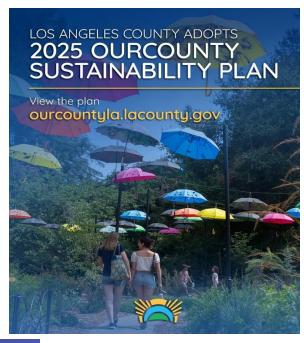
- County Water Plan enacted; multiple task forces
- Measure W developed and passes (Safe, Clean Water Program). Developed by broad coalition of business, equity, environmental, and local government)
- Updated Sustainability Plan that dovetales with Water Plan



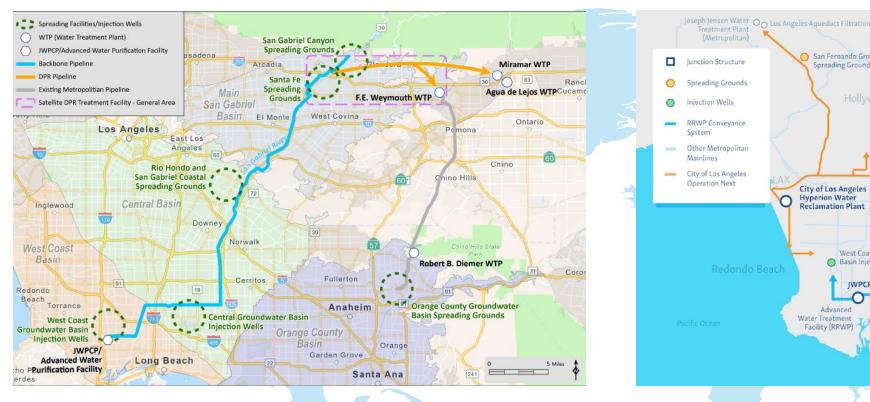
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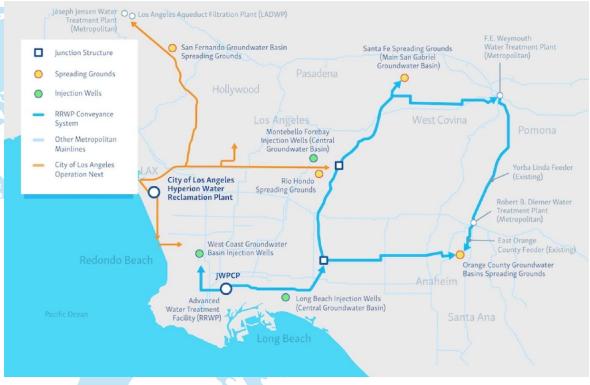
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/LA County Sanitation Districts
  - Progress on 150 MGD plan for Pure Water Southern California (joint)
  - AWPF demonstration center (Metropolitan)
  - Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water approved (CAMP4Water)(huge/dynamic)
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  - Updated Countywide Sustainability Plan





# Potential Full-Scale Program Integration...locally





# Planning is one thing; Implementation is another....



- Resilience plan being developed to place Hyperion project in proper phasing in concert with conservation and stormwater capture
- Pure Water LA phasing being considered (Hyperion/buckets/need now vs. emergency expansion)
- Equity Plan being developed by UCLA
- Other coordination with Metropolitan for greater resilience

#### County of Los Angeles

- Implementation of Measure W slow and challenging in part because complexity
- Need for performance measures for prioritization/justification

#### Metropolitan/LA County Sanitation Districts

- Lots of progress, but phasing and downscaling now an issue
- PEIR process underway
- Project not yet formally approved



#### Other

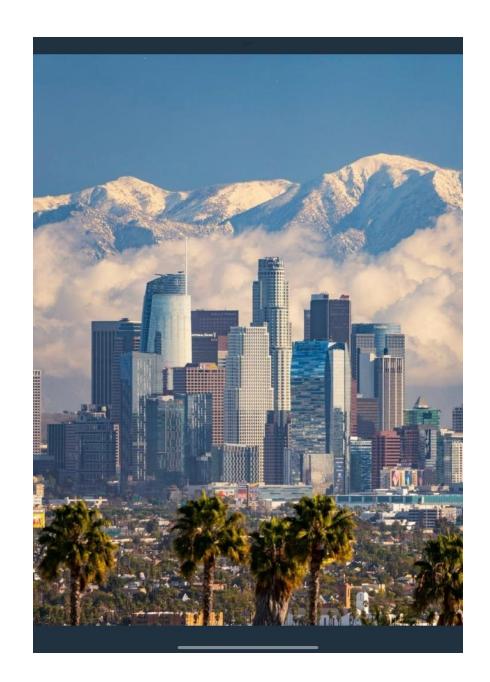
- Colorado River Drought continued another 10 years; now near "Deadpool" and loss of hydropower
- California drought continued and then hit another 2020-2024
- Record floods in between
- Now heat waves and firestorms consume people, property, and headlines
- Sea level rise bigger issue in Bay Area, but of concern in south too



# Thank you

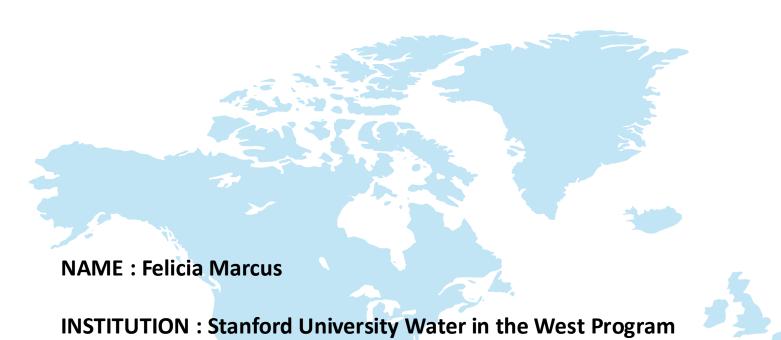
The best is yet to come!!!

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## Thank you for your attention



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