

Operation Baseline 2.0

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Introduction

- Sacramento Regional Sanitation District's Wastewater Treatment Plant \$1.7 billion project
- Upgrades to reduce nutrients by 2021
 - Goal is to improve nitrogen (ammonia) removal
- Will the Delta food web and ecosystem improve?



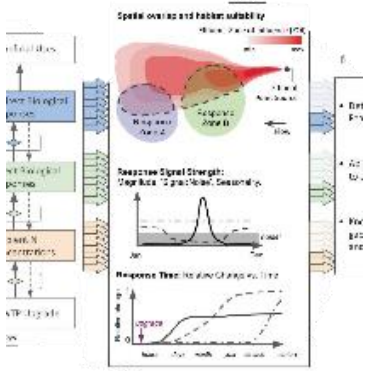


Previous Operation Baseline work

- New tools were developed: high frequency ammonium and phytoplankton sensors, benthic chamber
- Conceptual Framework developed



{ Reviewed for scientific quality and management relevance }

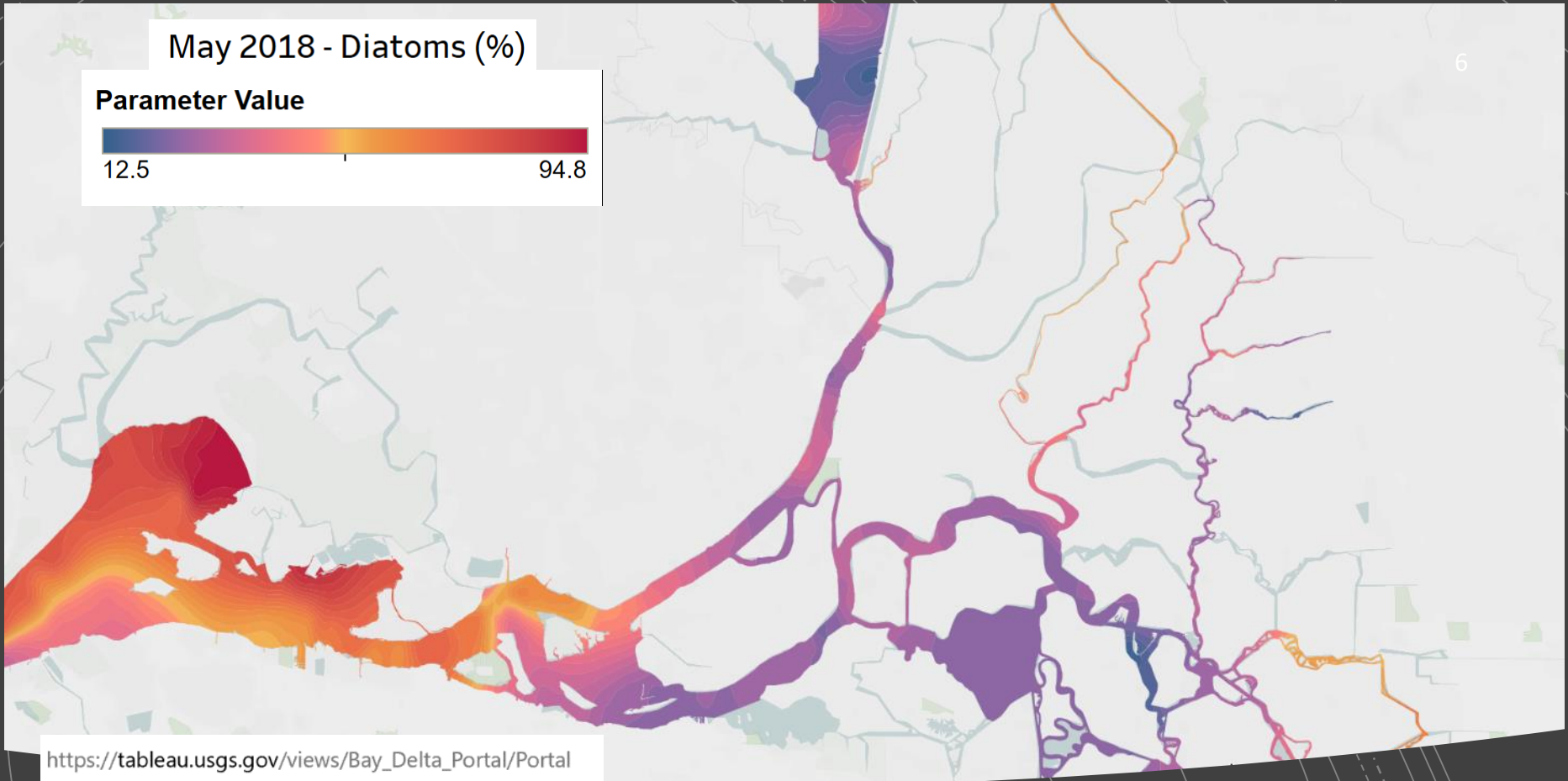


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- Coordination and collaboration between researchers and managers
- Many knowledge gaps remain
- Sought proposal ideas from researchers in 2019

May 2018 - Diatoms (%)

Parameter Value



https://tableau.usgs.gov/views/Bay_Delta_Portal/Portal

Three New Projects

- USGS: use **new technologies** to better understand changes in **nutrients and shifts in phytoplankton communities** – **fixed station and boat measurements**
- USGS and VIMS: **Modeling work** in collaboration with DWR
- BSA Environmental Services, Inc: analyzing **the tiniest phytoplankton**