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Rattlesnake Creek Basin Modeling Scenarios

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- Method of evaluation
- Model versions
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Purpose of modeling evaluation

- To calculate the benefits of pumping reductions to streamflow [i.e. baseflow] and impacts on evapotranspiration and groundwater storage

- To help inform management decisions

To evaluate pumping impacts:

- Calculate water budget differences between two model runs:
  - baseline (historical pumping)
  - alternative pumping scenario

- Baseline: historical conditions for 1940-2007.

Model versions

- 7-layer model developed by Balleau:
  - Ran for baseline and scenario 11 to compare with 1-layer model (runtime: 5-12 hours)
- 1-layer model developed by SSPA from 7-layer model:
  - Functionally equivalent for calculating pumping impacts
  - Shorter runtimes allow exploring more alternatives (runtime: 30-60 minutes)
  - More detailed output allows calculating basin water budget
  - Used for initial evaluations presented here
- 1-layer model with alternative calibration with low evapotranspiration and recharge (SSPA)

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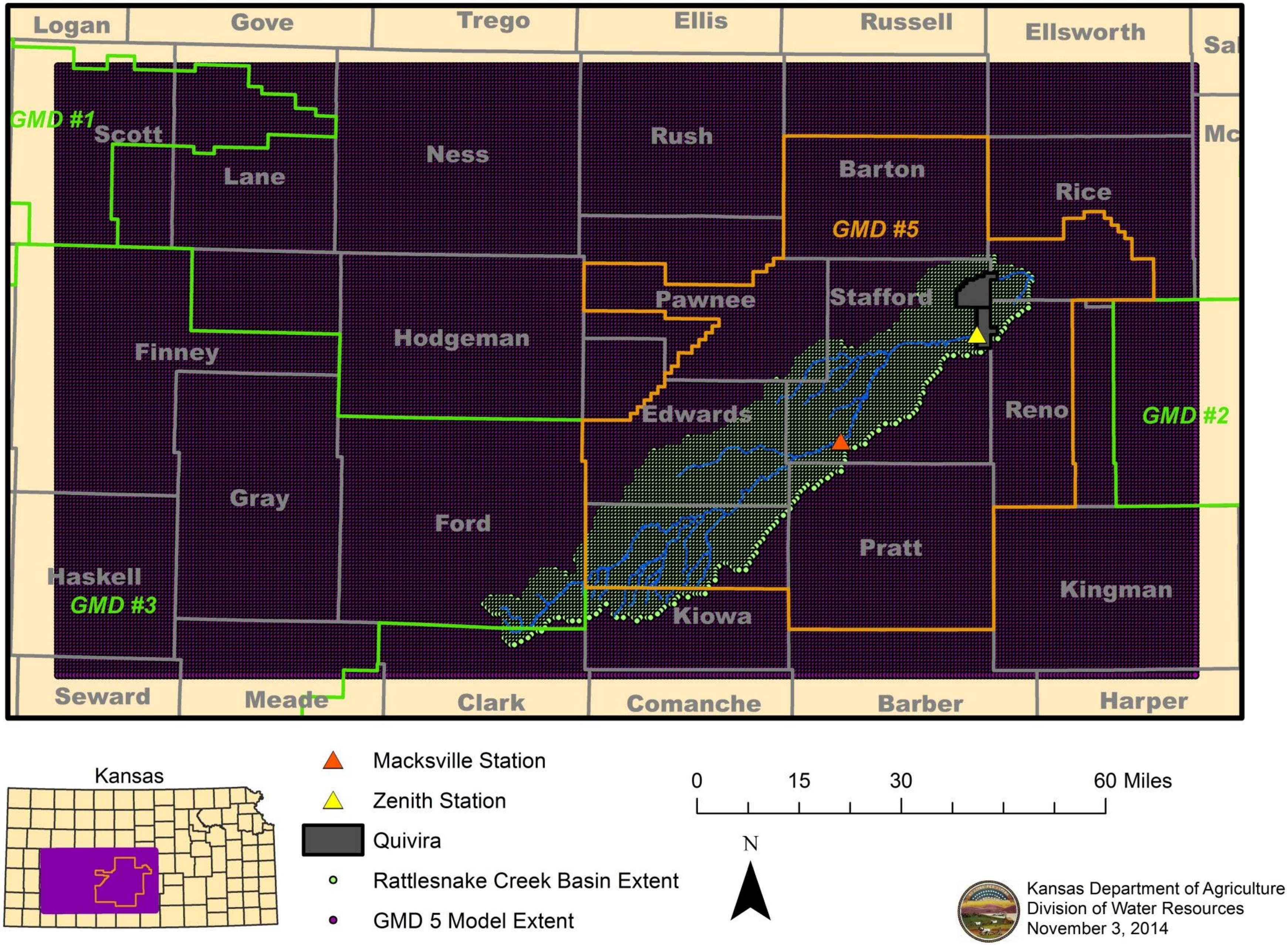
GMD #5 Model Area



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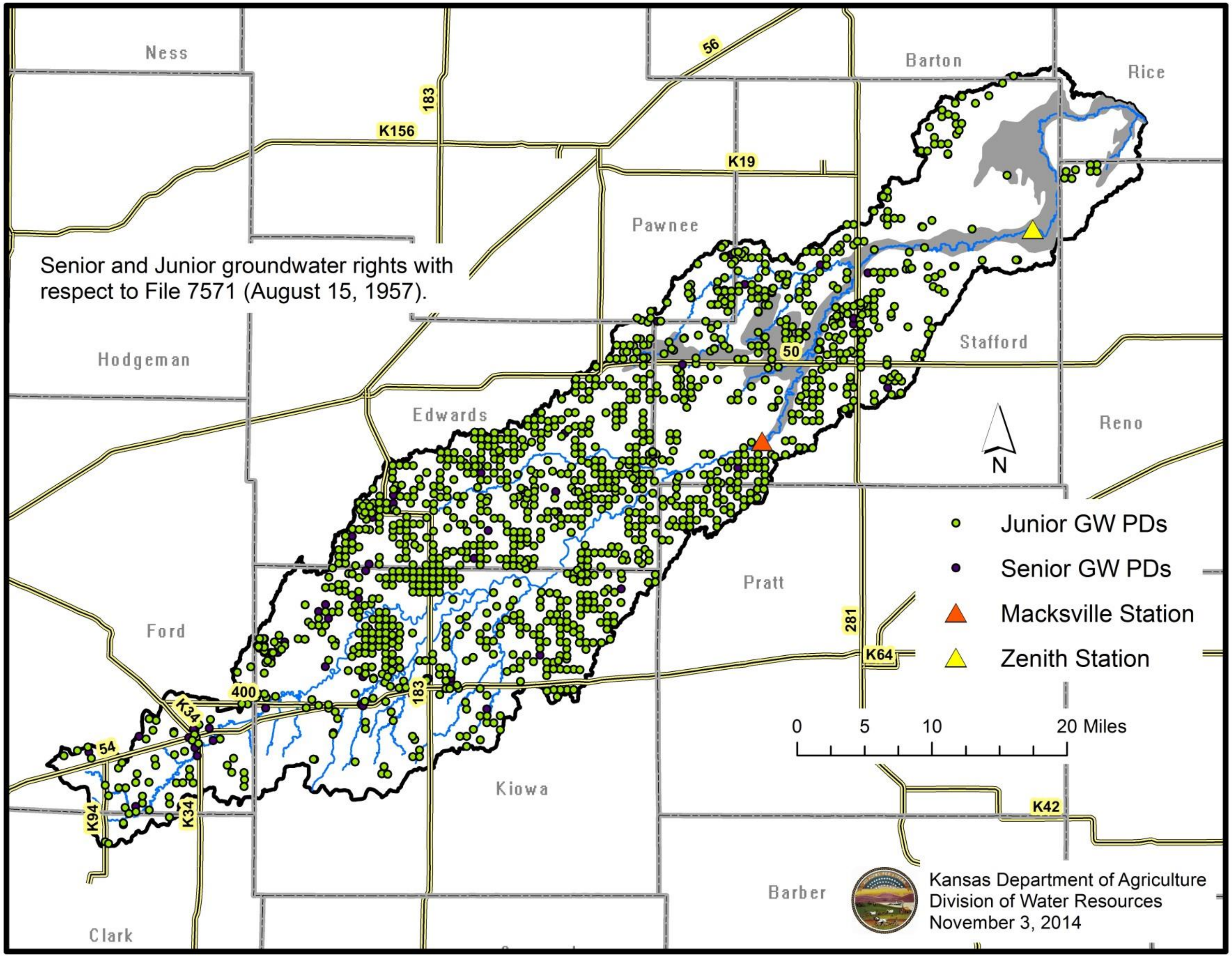
Groundwater Points of Diversion



Scenario development

- DWR evaluated a wide range of pumping reduction scenarios including:
  - Basin-wide curtailments beginning in 1958 and 1990 [1-2]
  - Basin-wide water use reductions [2.5 and 2.75]
  - Targeted curtailments near the stream [3-11]
    - Balleau response zones [7-9]
    - 1 and 2 mile corridors [10,11]
- All scenarios restrict only junior rights above Quivira intake
- All start restrictions in 1990 (except scenario 1)

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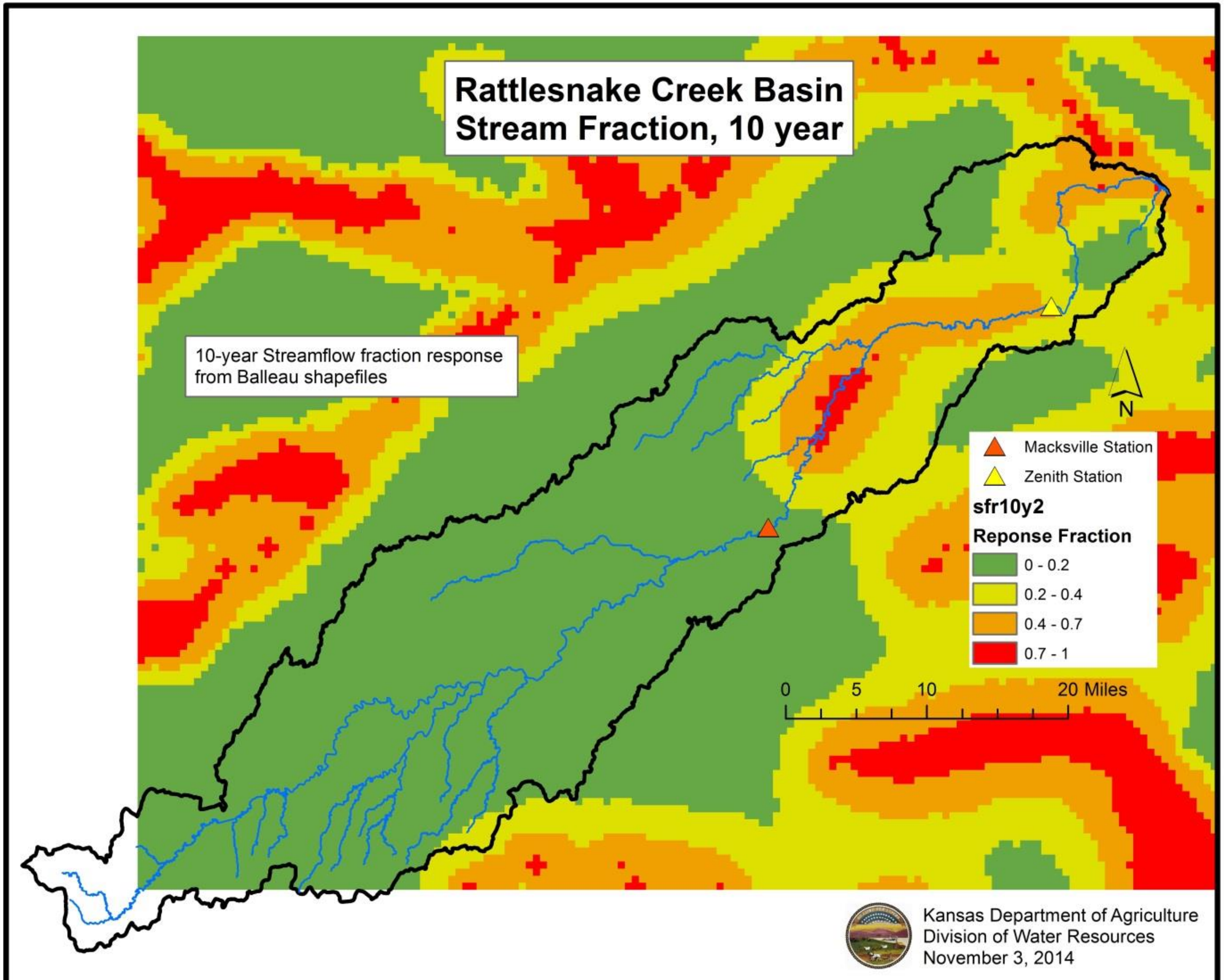

Rattlesnake Creek Basin
Stream Fraction, 10 year
10-year Streamflow fraction response
from Balleau shapefiles
N
Macksville Station
Zenith Station
sfr10y2
Reponse Fraction
0 - 0.2
0.2 - 0.4
0.4 - 0.7
0.7 - 1
0
5
10
20 Miles
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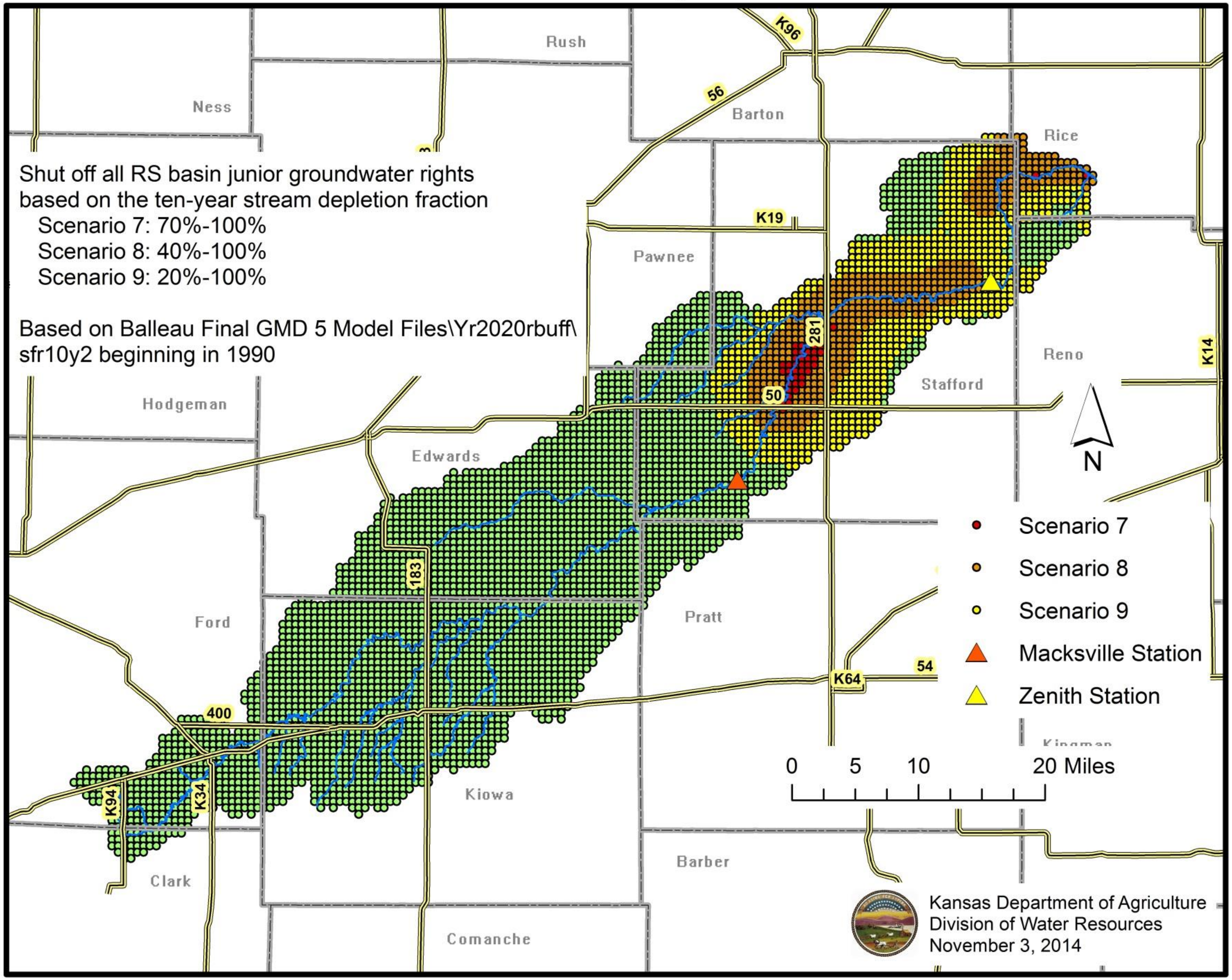
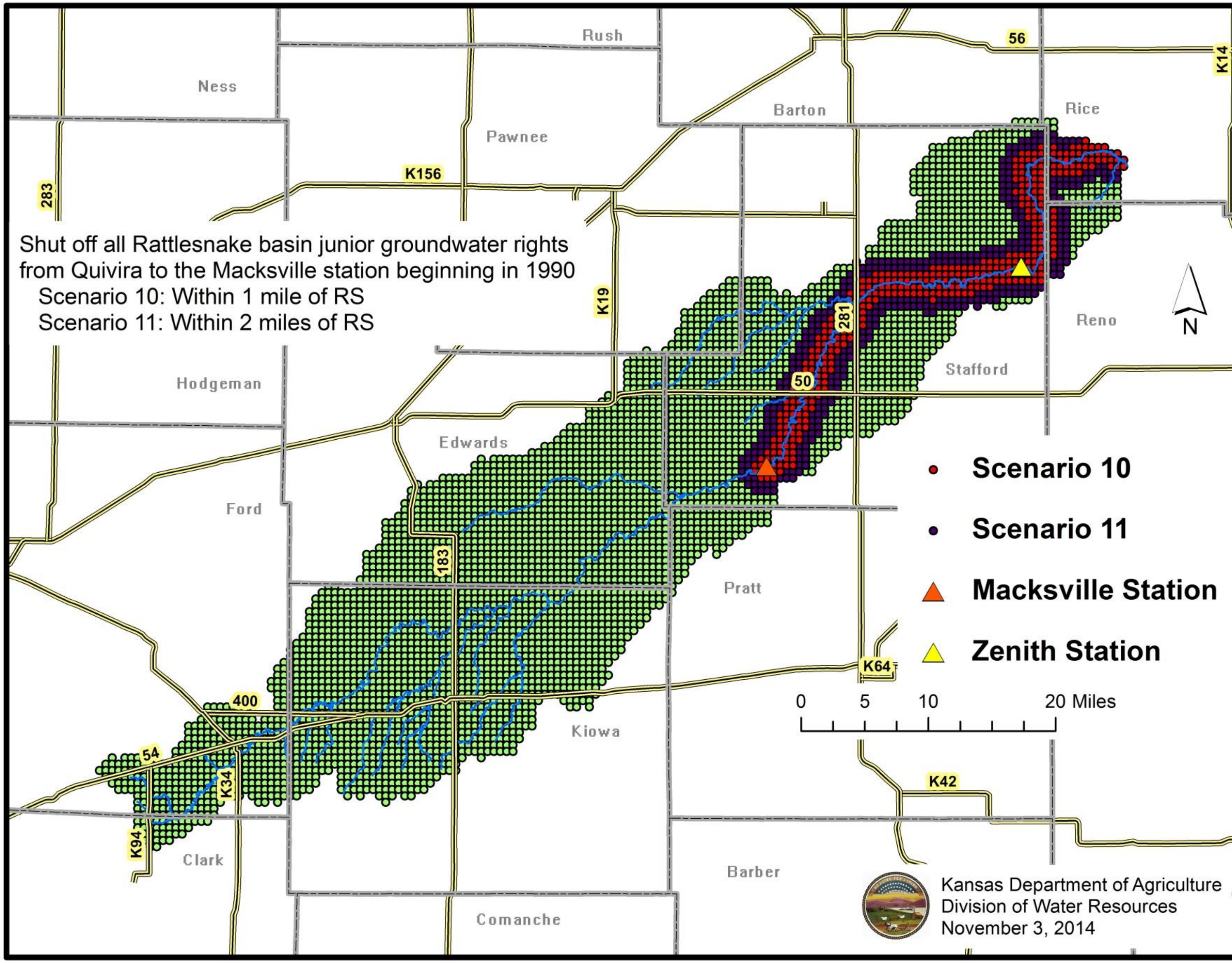
Rattlesnake Creek Basin
Scenarios 7, 8 and 9



Rattlesnake Creek Basin
Scenarios 10 and 11



Additional scenarios examined

- 11-ML: 2-mi corridor with multi-layer model
- Delay pumping reductions to 2000
- Alternative 1-layer model calibration with lower ET and recharge

- 3: 1 mile corridor entire length
- 4: alluvial extent
- 5-6: Balleau response zones (from map; not coverage); replaced by 7-9

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Streamflow response statistics evaluated

- Average baseflow increase for years 1998-2007
- Ratio of baseflow increase to pumping reduction
- Response time: lag between pumping reduction and baseflow increase

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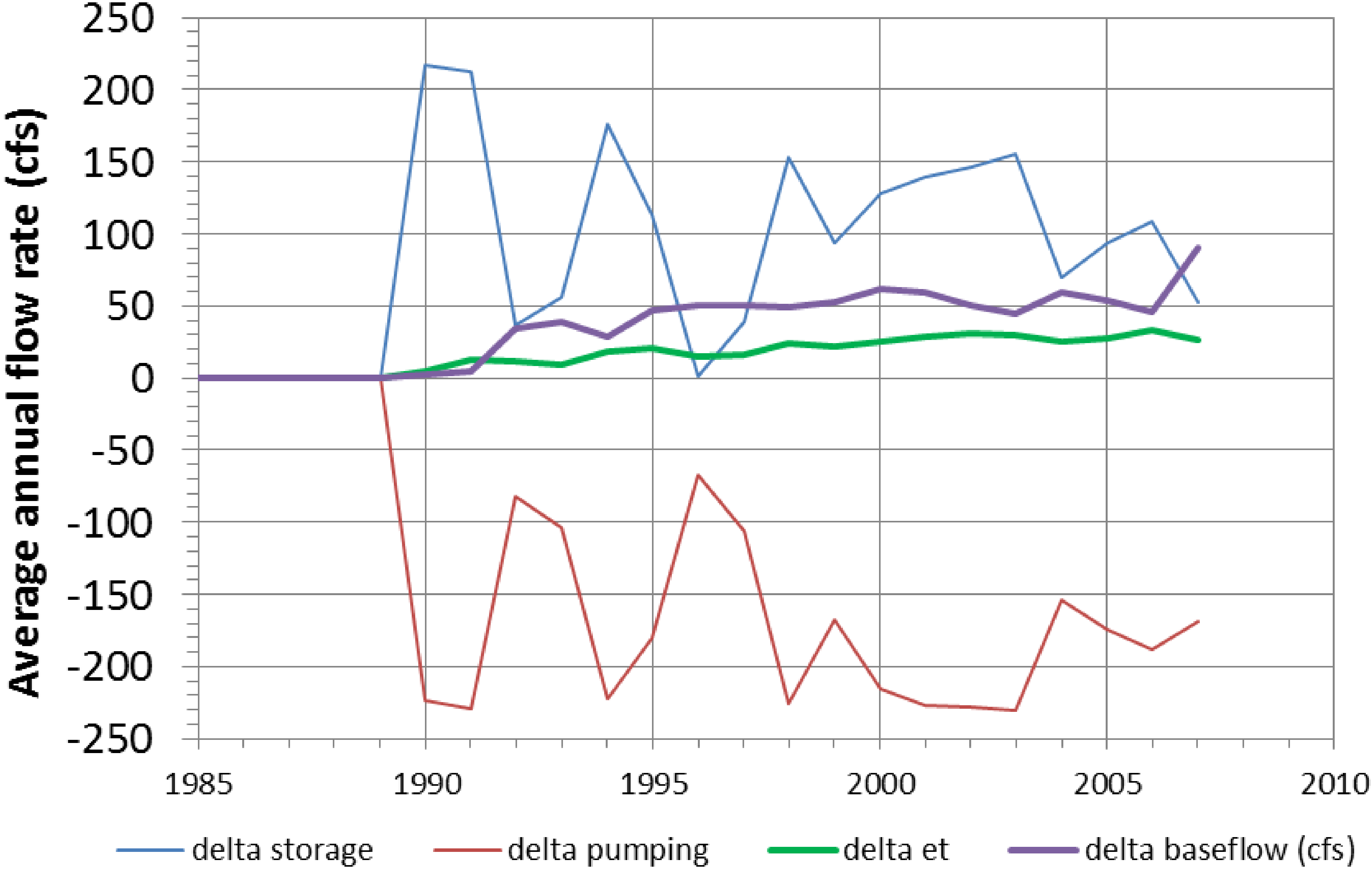
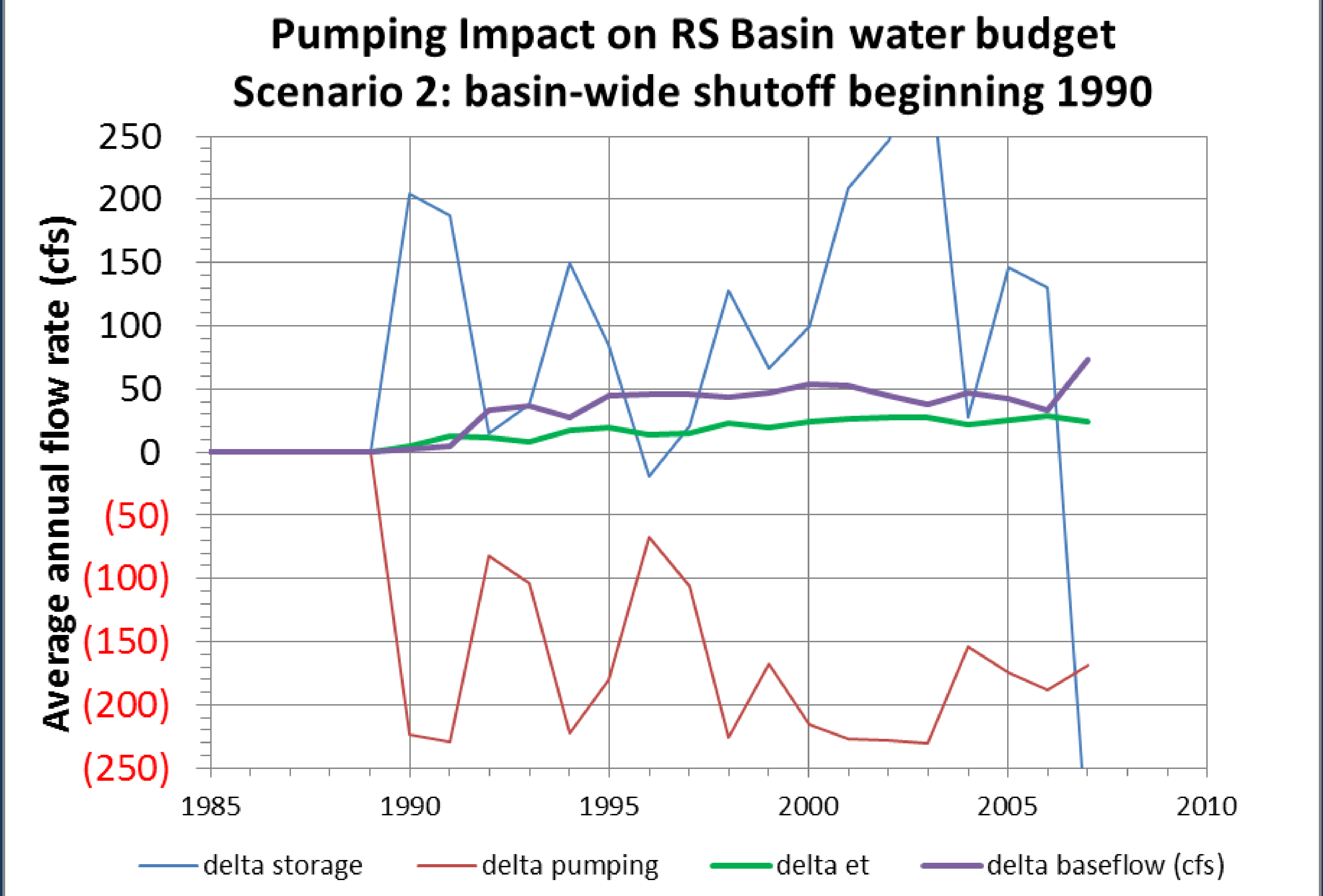
Presented scenarios Rattlesnake C Basin impacts 1998-2007 acre-feet/yr

scenario	Scenario definition	Δpumping	Δbaseflow	ΔB cfs	ΔB/ΔP	Δstorage	Δ et
1	basinwide shutoff from 1958 on	(143,529)	42,053	58.0	29.3%	70,505	22,387
2	basinwide shutoff from 1990 on	(143,529)	34,420	47.5	24.0%	76,837	18,007
2.5	basinwide 50% pumping	(71,765)	13,366	18.4	18.6%	34,019	8,662
2.75	basinwide 75% pumping	(35,882)	5,475	7.6	15.3%	18,200	4,265
7	response zone >70%	(1,059)	661	0.9	62.4%	77	253
8	response zone >40%	(9,701)	4,646	6.4	47.9%	1,442	2,597
9	response zone >20%	(19,604)	8,326	11.5	42.5%	3,350	4,975
10	RSC 1-mi corridor to Macksville	(3,932)	2,115	2.9	53.8%	410	1,094
11	RSC 2-mi corridor to Macksville	(11,230)	5,560	7.7	49.5%	1,396	3,086
Notes:	[1] Restrict selections to Rattlesnake C basin wells junior to Aug 15 1957 (USF&W File 7571).						
	[2] Scenario 1 selection begins Jan 1958 (str per 218); others begin Jan 1990 (str per 602).						
	[3] Scenarios are specified as input to preprocessor by scenario id and pump scaling factor.						

Pumping Impact on global water budget
Scenario 2: basin-wide shutoff beginning 1990




Pumping Impact on RS Basin water budget
Scenario 2: basin-wide shutoff beginning 1990
Average annual flow rate (cfs)
250
200
150
100
50
0
(50)
(100)
(150)
(200)
(250)
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
delta storage
delta pumping
delta et
delta baseflow (cfs)

Scenario 2 variations: scale pumping basin-wide by 50% and 75%

- Rattlesnake Creek Basin impacts:

scenario	Scenario definition	Δpumping	Δbaseflow	ΔB cfs	ΔB/ΔP	Δstorage	Δ et
2	basinwide shutoff from 1990 on	(143,529)	34,420	47.5	24.0%	76,837	18,007
2.5	basinwide 50% pumping	(71,765)	13,366	18.4	18.6%	34,019	8,662
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Average impacts 1998-2007 acre-feet/yr unless otherwise noted

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Scenarios 7, 8 and 9: Streamflow response zones

- Rattlesnake Creek Basin impacts

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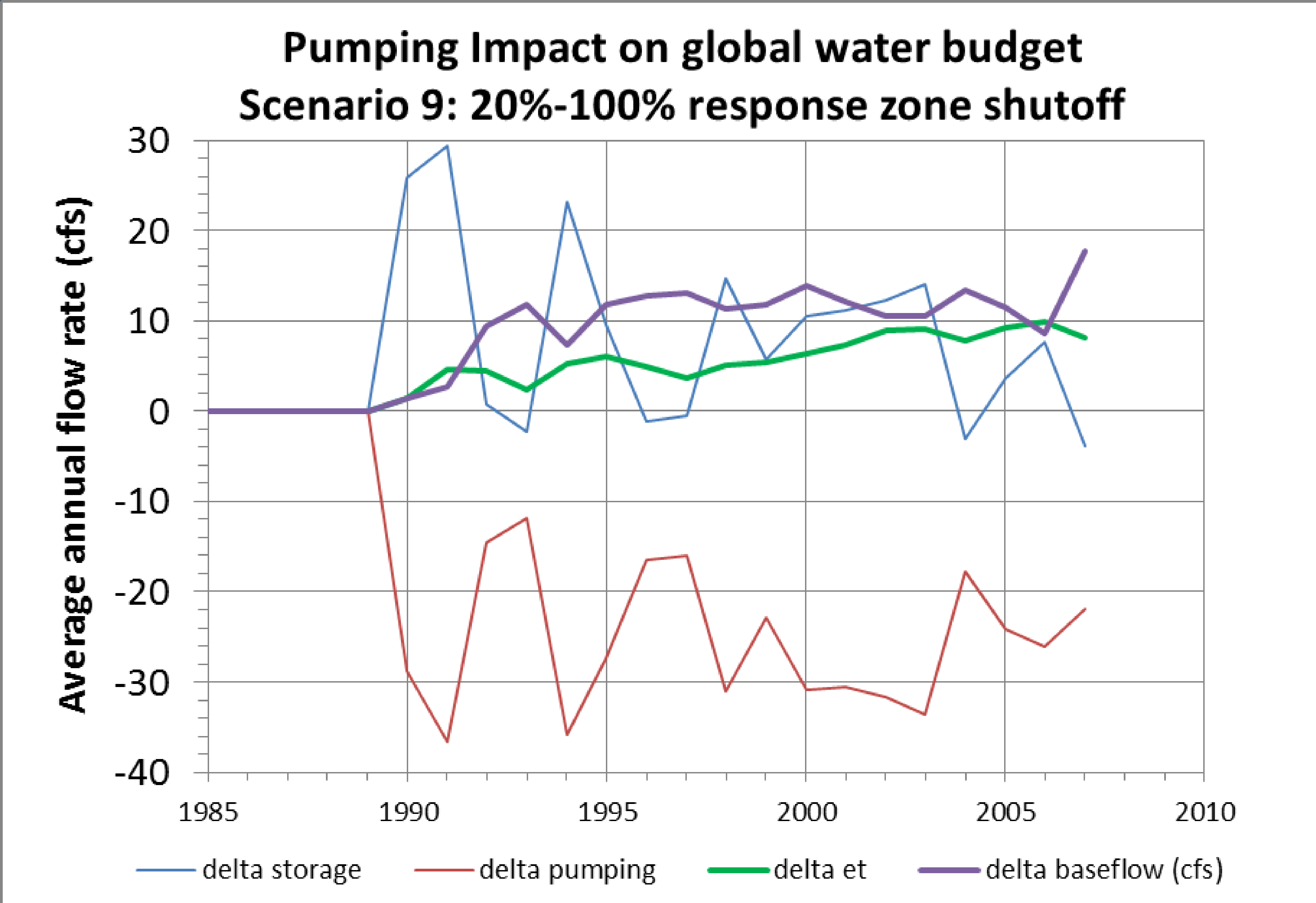
9	response zone >20%	(19,604)	8,326	11.5	42.5%	3,350	4,975

Average impacts 1998-2007 acre-feet/yr unless otherwise noted



Pumping Impact on global water budget
Scenario 9: 20%-100% response zone shutoff
Average annual flow rate (cfs)
30
20
10
0
-10
-20
-30
-40
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
delta storage
delta pumping
delta et
delta baseflow (cfs)

Scenarios 10 and 11: 1- and 2-mi corridors

- Rattlesnake Creek Basin impacts:

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Comparison of results of single and multi-layer models

- Scenario 11

- Global budget impacts:

scenario id	Scenario definition [1,2,3]	Δpumping ac-ft/y	Δbaseflow ac-ft/yr	Δbaseflow cfs	ΔB/ΔP pct	Δstorage ac-ft/y	Δ ET ac-ft/yr
11	RSC 2-mi corridor to Macksville	(11,230)	5,729	7.9	51.0%	2,253	3,275
11 ML [4]	RSC 2-mi corridor to Macksville	(11,230)	5,464	8	48.7%	2,404	3,379
difference	[multi - single] layer versions	0	(265)	(0)	-2.4%	150	104

Average impacts 1998-2007 acre-feet/yr unless otherwise noted

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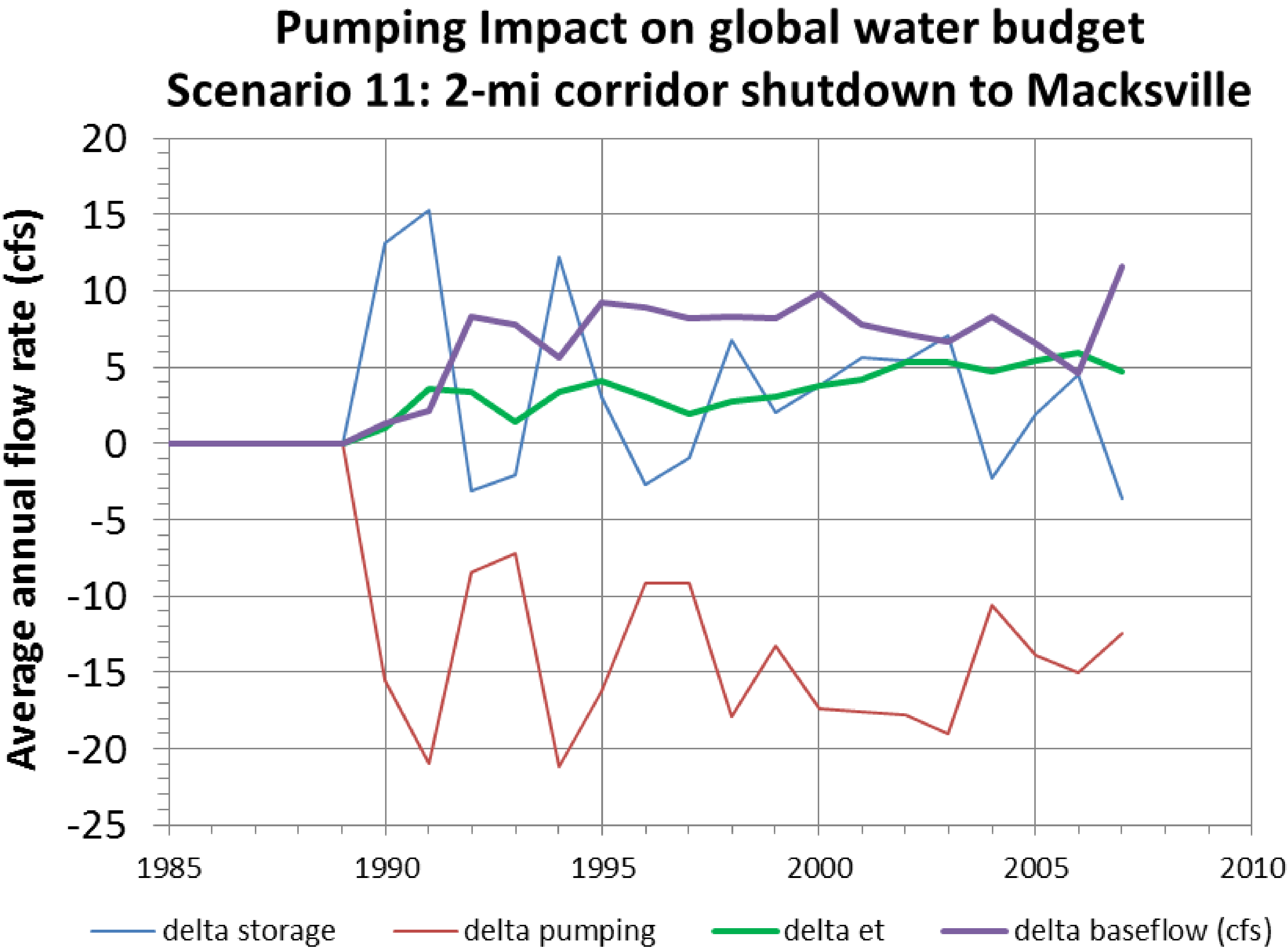
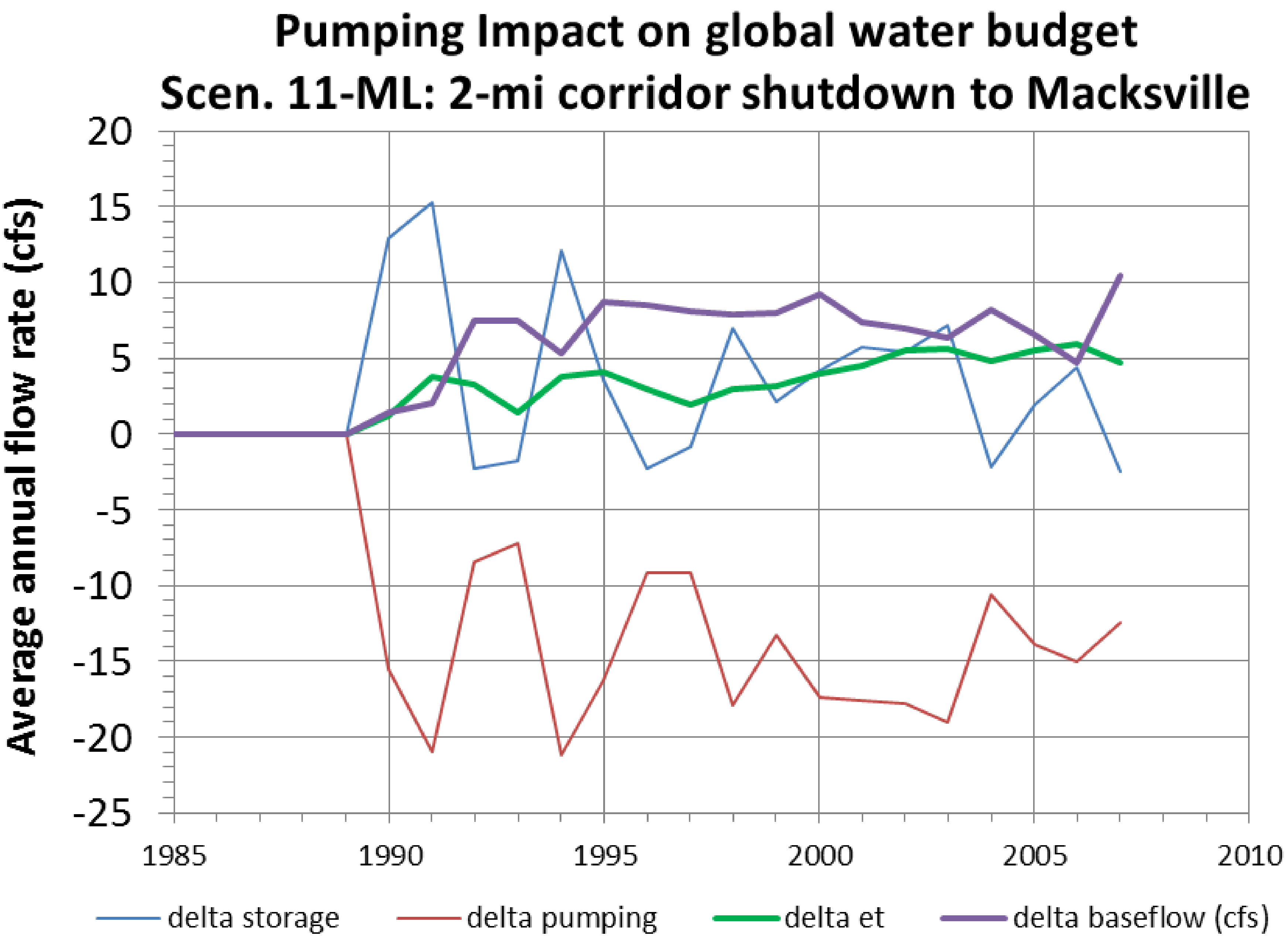

Pumping Impact on global water budget
Scenario 11: 2-mi corridor shutdown to Macksville
Average annual flow rate (cfs)
20
15
10
5
0
-5
-10
-15
-20
-25
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
delta storage
delta pumping
delta et
delta baseflow (cfs)



Pumping Impact on global water budget
Scen. 11-ML: 2-mi corridor shutdown to Macksville
Average annual flow rate (cfs)
20
15
10
5
0
-5
-10
-15
-20
-25
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
delta storage
delta pumping
delta et
delta baseflow (cfs)

Observations

- The single and multi-layer models are functionally equivalent for determining pumping impacts on streamflow.
- The GMD5 model shows that baseflow reductions due to junior pumping are significant
- Pumping reductions near the stream provides more effective streamflows benefits.
- Pumping shutoff scenarios take two to three years to produce a significant baseflow response.

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