

Joint SAC Meeting

GFNMS / MBNMS

**Water Quality Protection
Program and the Northern
Management Area**

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Presentation Overview



- What is the Water Quality Protection Program?
- Current WQPP Efforts
- What's happening in the NMA?
- Water quality monitoring programs and results



Watersheds: Linking Land & Sea



Counties that border the Sanctuary

- Marin
- Monterey
- San Mateo
- Santa Cruz
- Santa Clara
- San Benito
- San Luis Obispo

7 million people live within 25 miles of the coast



Water Quality Protection Program



GOALS:

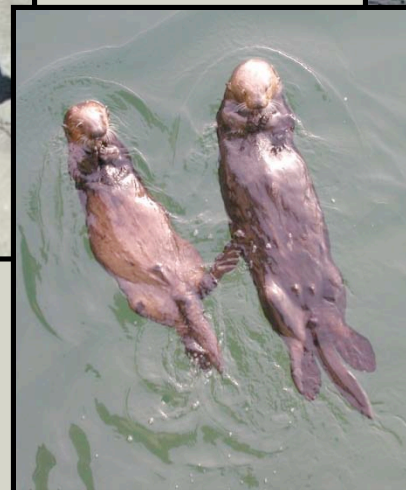
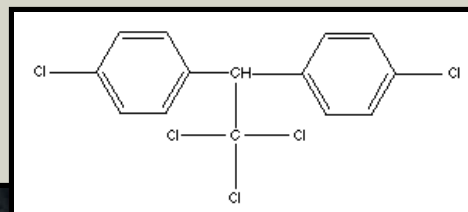
- 1) Protect the physical, chemical and biological conditions in the Sanctuary and its adjacent watersheds
- 2) Establish collaborative efforts among agencies, landowners, businesses and public for comprehensive marine and watershed protection
- 3) Coordinate and integrate existing water quality programs



Water Quality Pollutants



- Sediments
- Nutrients
- Pesticides
- Pathogens
- Metals
- Detergents



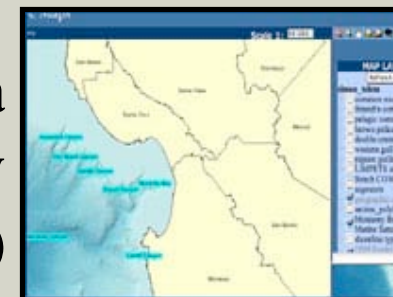


WQPP Action Plans



Implementing Solutions to Urban Runoff

Regional Monitoring, Data Access, and Interagency Coordination (SAM)



Marinas and Boating

Agriculture and Rural Lands



Beach Closures and Microbial Contamination



WQPP Outreach



- Educational Programs
 - Citizens, businesses, agencies, farmers, boaters.
- Management Activities
 - Urban runoff programs, industry-led agricultural water quality efforts.
- Monitoring
 - Site-specific to whole watershed monitoring, hundreds of volunteers, targeted source identification efforts.





SAM Project



(Synthesis, Assessment and Management)

- Conducted preliminary assessment of water quality flowing to MBNMS.
- Statistical analysis of existing data.





Sanctuary Condition Report



- **Offshore environment**-Water quality is good to fair
 - Conditions declining due to elevated contaminants and water temperature
- **Nearshore environment**-Water quality is good to poor
 - Conditions declining due to elevated POPs, metals, pathogens, nutrients
- **Estuarine**- Water quality is fair to poor
 - Conditions declining due to pollutants from agriculture and urban sources. Waterbodies impaired due to pesticides and pathogens.

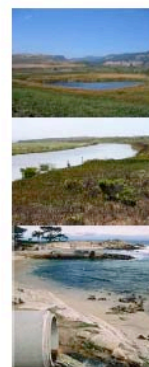
<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/science/condition/mbnms/>



A **SAM** with a Plan



- Objectives
- Components
 - WQ Data Integration and Access
 - WQ Monitoring Coordination
 - Regional Reporting
 - Tracking Land-use Management
- Implementation
 - Partners identified for tasks
 - Timeframes defined for priority tasks



Central Coast Water Quality Data
Synthesis,
Assessment, and
Management (SAM) Project

Strategic Plan for Central Coast
Water Quality Monitoring
Coordination and Data Synthesis

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary/
Sanctuary Integrated Monitoring Network
299 Foam St.
Monterey CA, 93940
<http://montereybay.noaa.gov/>
<http://www.mbnms-simon.org/>



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WQ Viewer



http://www.sanctuariesimon.org/regional_sections/maps/wqviewer/index.php

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 CCWOP
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 First Flush Urbanwatch
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Location: 309GAB001 - 309GAB-Gabilan Creek @ Independence Road and East Boranda Road - Mozill...
<http://www.obsregistry.org/wqviewer/streetView.php?siteTag=309GAB001>

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Select	304APW001	304APW-Aptos Creek @ Winfield	CCAMP	36.9721	-121.90545	WGS84

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Agriculture & Rural Lands



- Agricultural Diversity
- Education and Outreach
- Management and Implementation
- Monitoring & Research





AWQA



A history of conservation through collaboration



AWQA

Agriculture Water Quality Alliance

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

UCCE University of California Cooperative Extension

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES MONTEREY BAY

CENTRAL COAST AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY COALITION





AWQA in NMA



- Irrigation Nutrient Management Program
 - Agriculture Water Enhancement Program
 - EQUIP (San Mateo FB)
 - Prop 84 (proposed)
- RCD has stimulus funds for WQ and water conservation projects on 20 farms.
- RCD rural roads program
- April-May AWQA meeting will be in San Mateo



Other NMA Efforts



- Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Critical Coastal Area
 - Helped with development of the NPS Watershed Assessment
- Partnerships with the San Mateo RCD and the newly formed Watershed Discovery Foundation
 - Pillar Point FIB Harbor Study
 - B-WET grant to monitor 6 streams flowing to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (Walk 'n Talk)
 - Pescadero TMDL development



First Flush

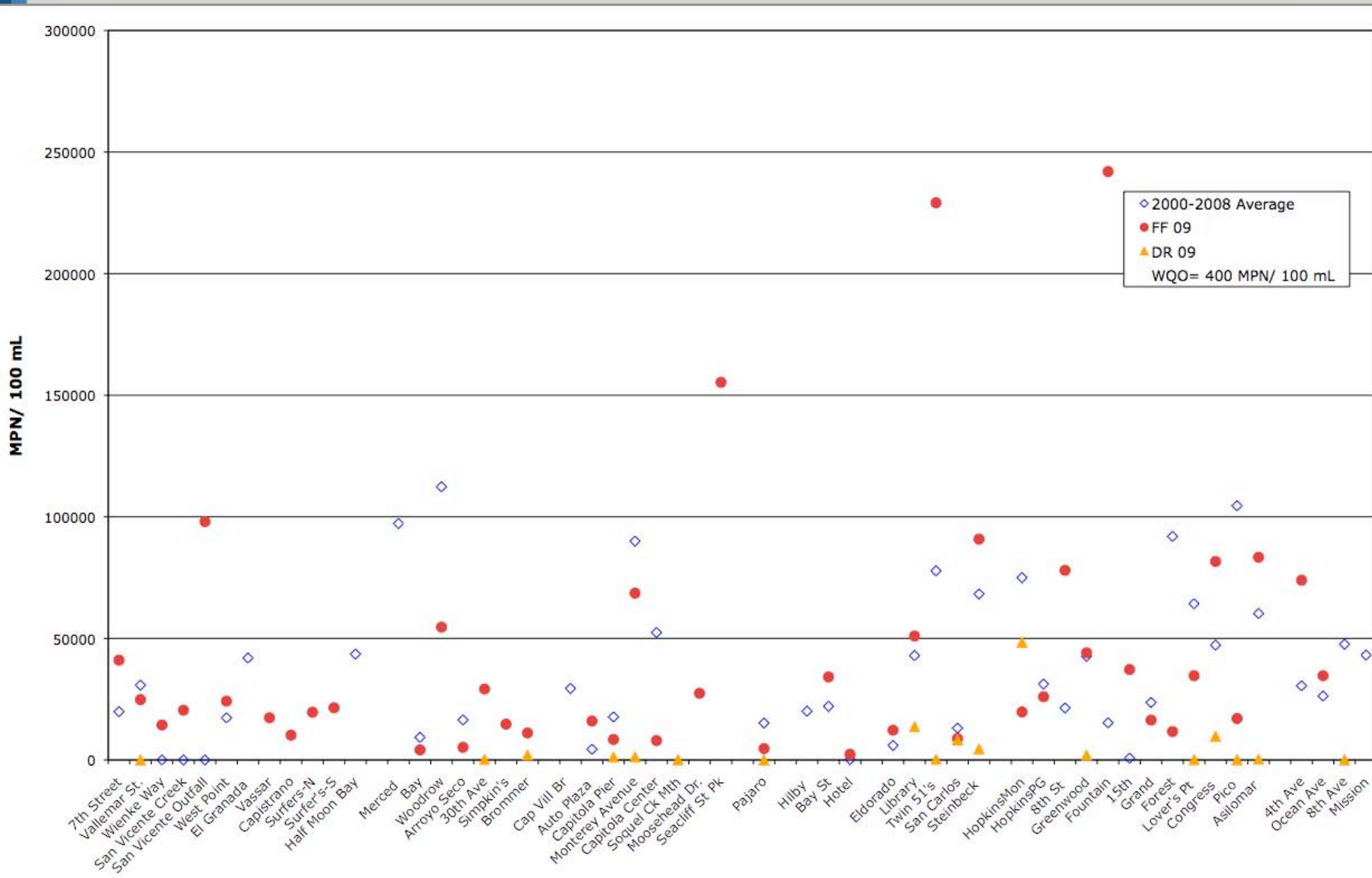


- Began in 2000
- Urban outfalls from Montara (San Mateo County) to Carmel Valley (Monterey County)
- 47 storm drain outfalls in 10 cities
- Samples are analyzed for:
 - Metals: zinc, copper, lead
 - Nutrients: nitrate, urea, phosphate
 - Bacteria: *E. coli*, enterococcus
 - Total suspended solids
 - Field measurements



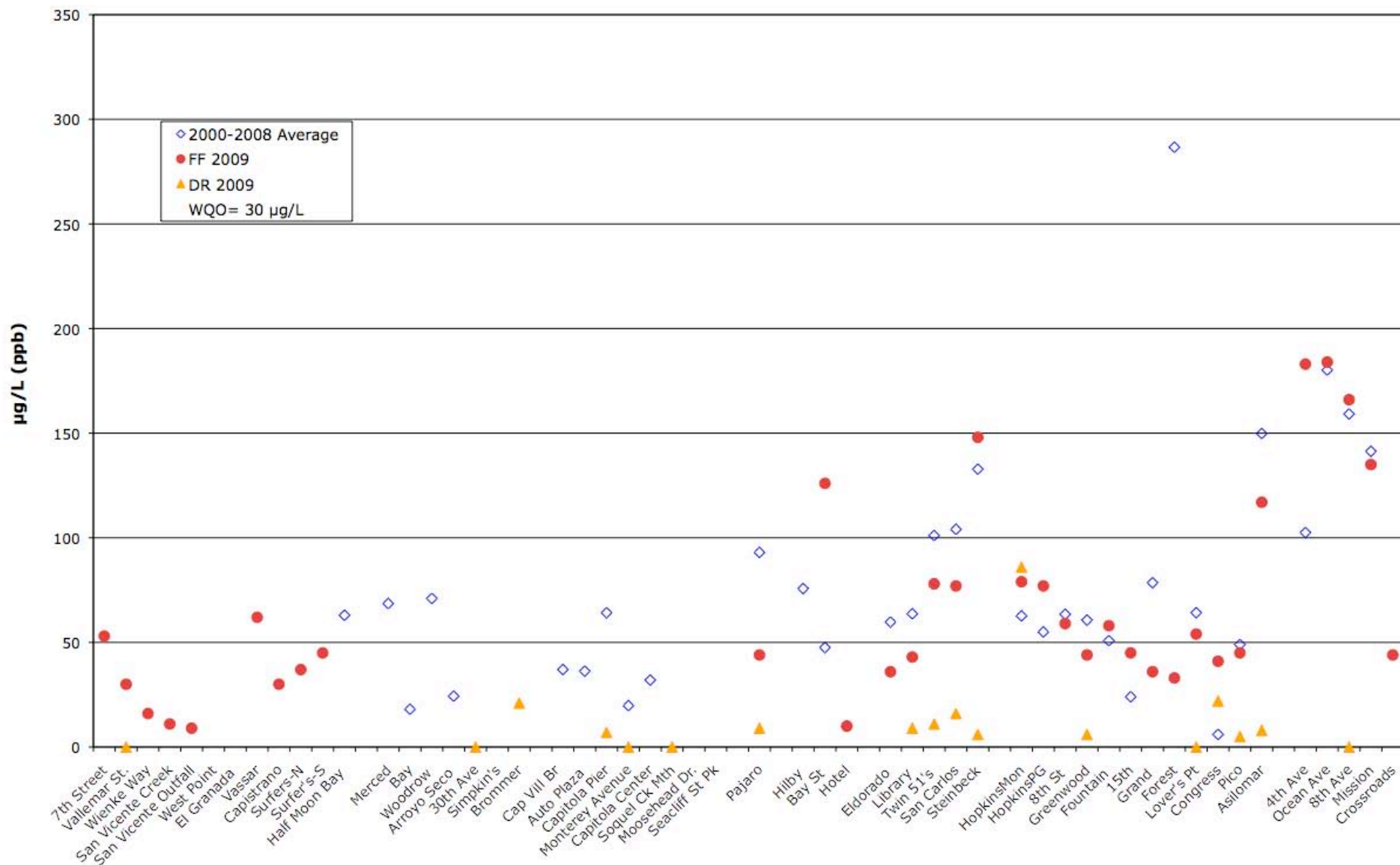


First Flush- *E. coli*



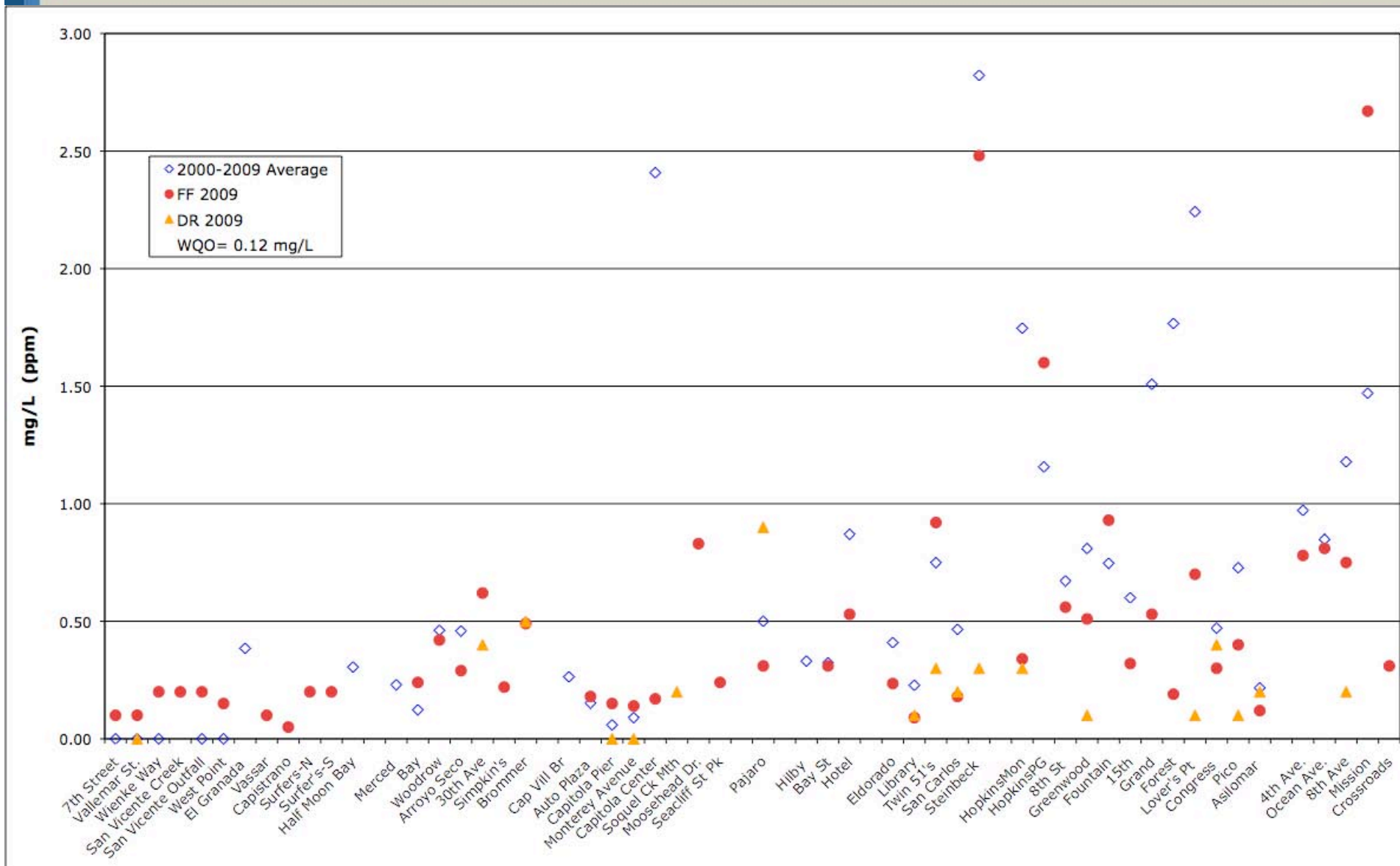


First Flush- Copper





First Flush- Orthophosphate





Snapshot Day



- Since 2001
- First Saturday in May
- Monitor 100+ streams
- Parameters
 - H₂O temperature
 - transparency/turbidity
 - conductivity
 - pH
 - dissolved oxygen
 - nitrate, orthophosphate
 - *E. coli*

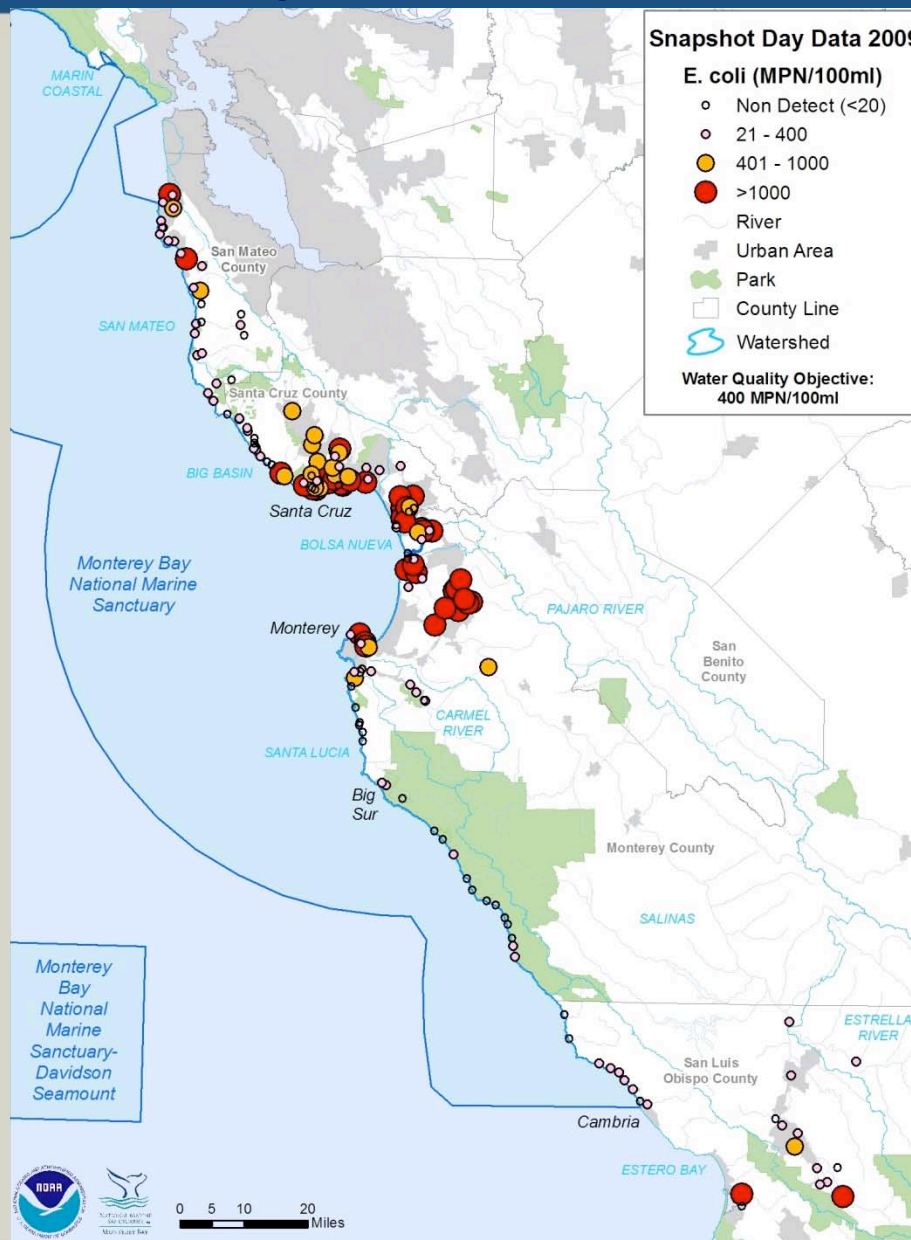




Snapshot Day



E. Coli bacteria

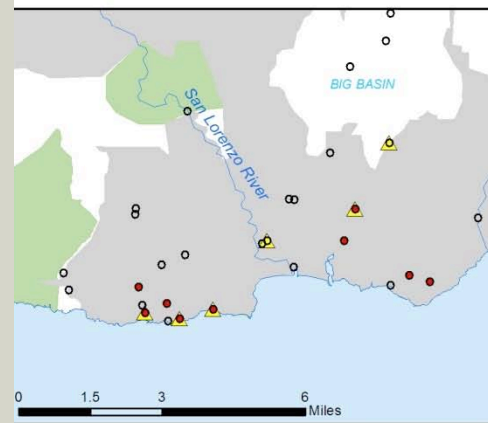
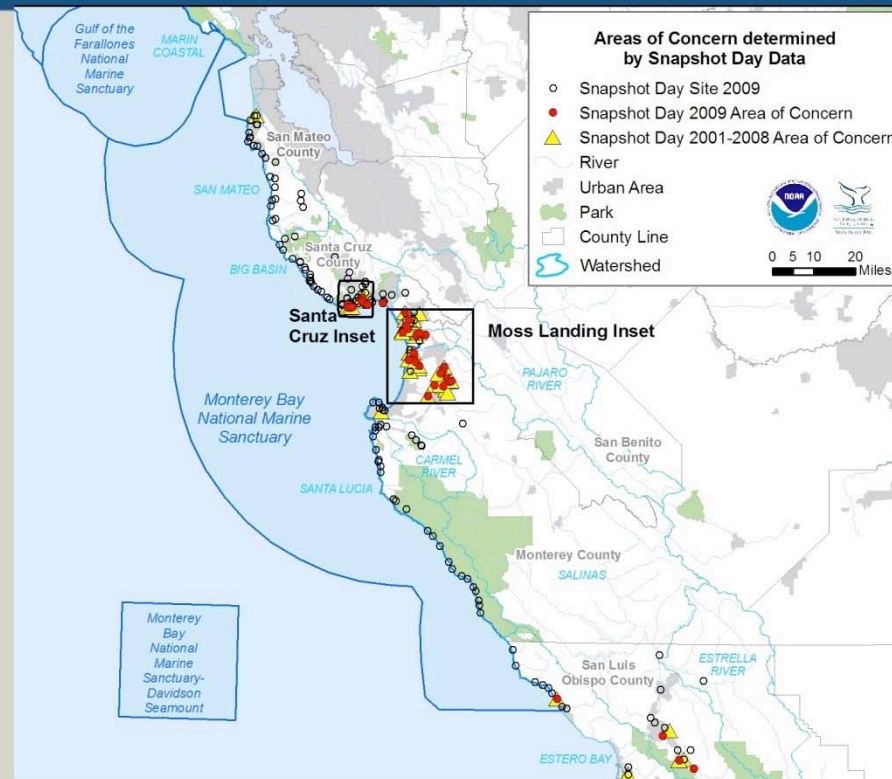




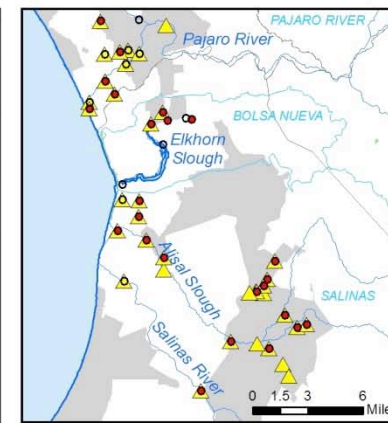
Snapshot Day



Areas of Concern-
any three parameters



Santa Cruz Inset



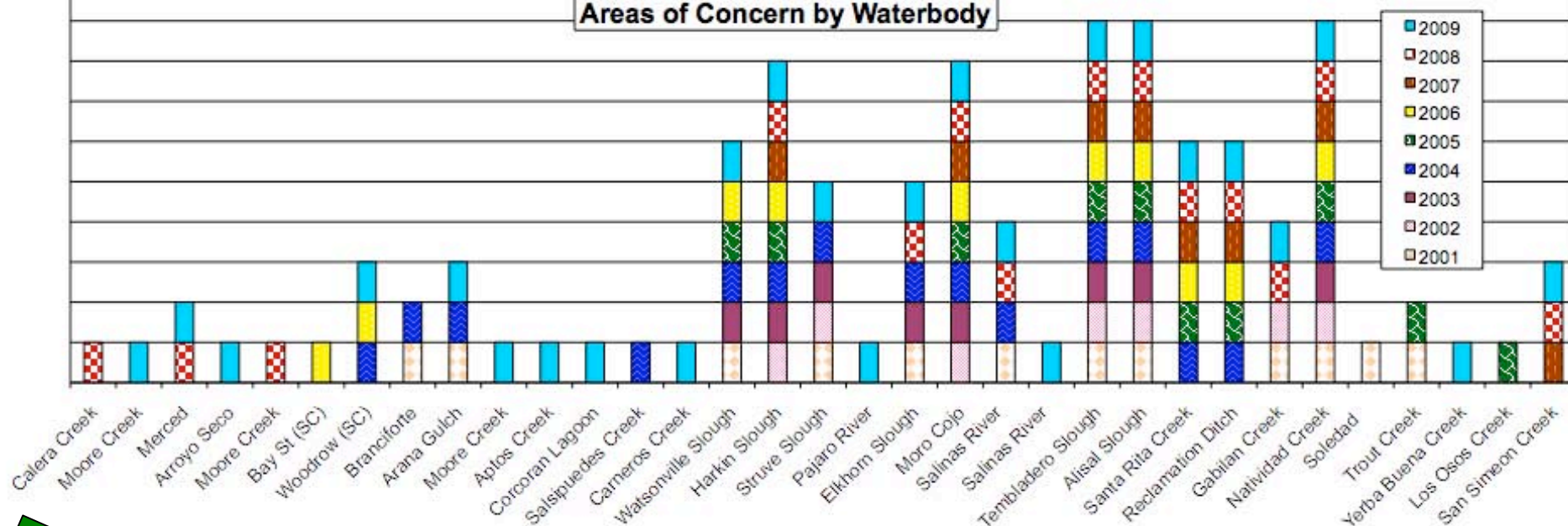
Moss Landing Inset



Snapshot Day



Areas of Concern by Waterbody



Questions?

