

# Recap of Water Withdrawals and Projections

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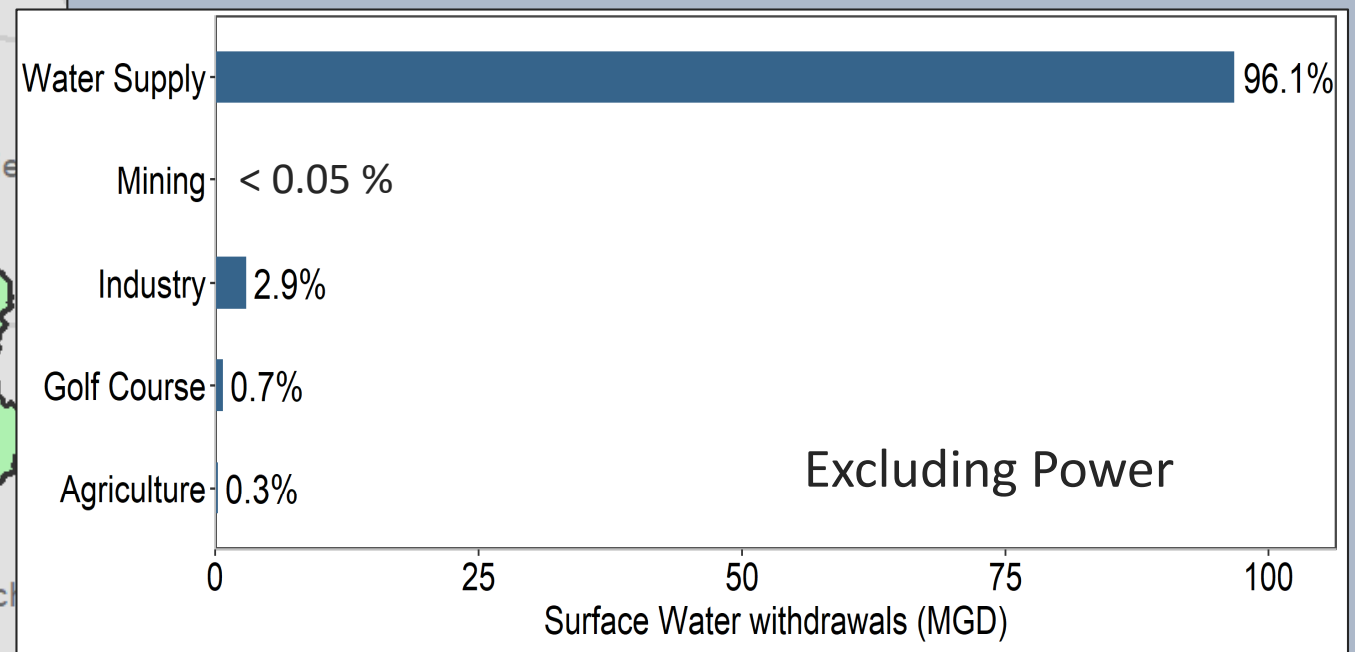
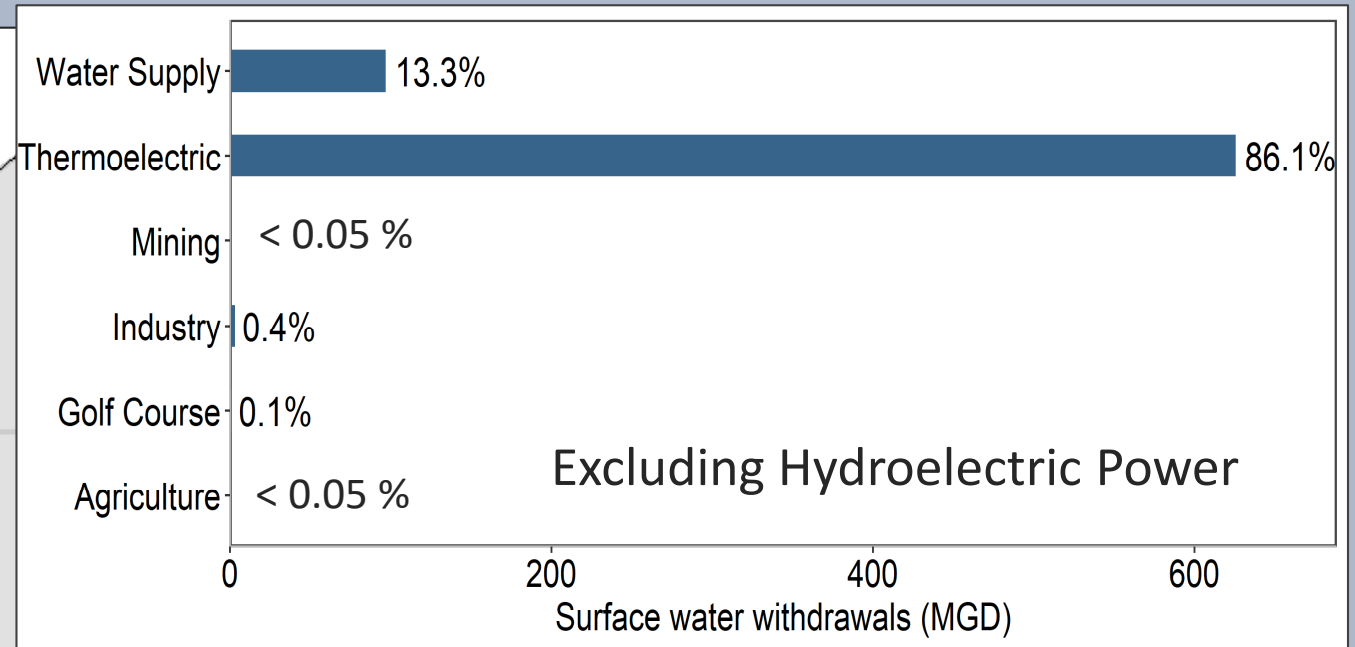
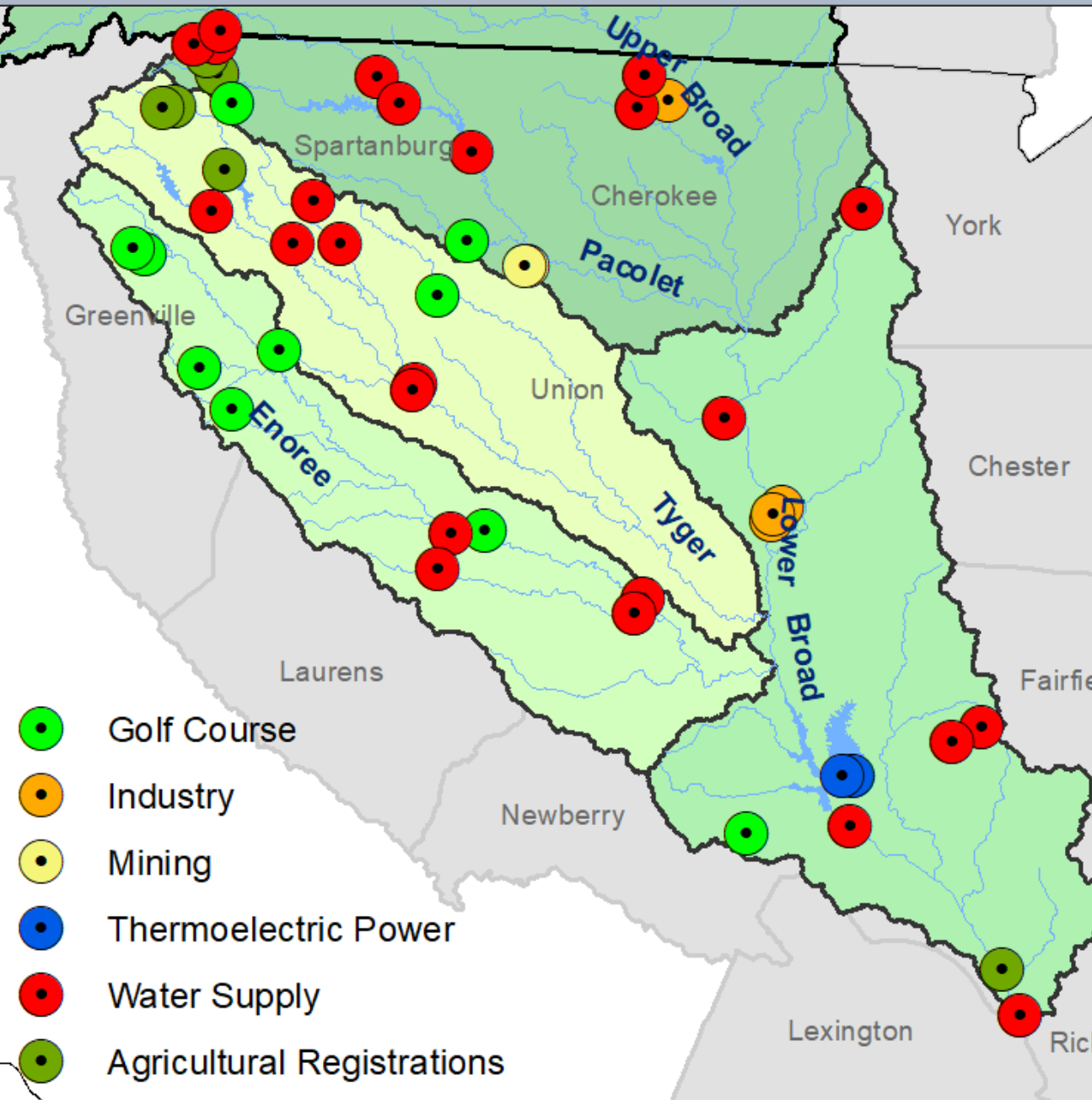
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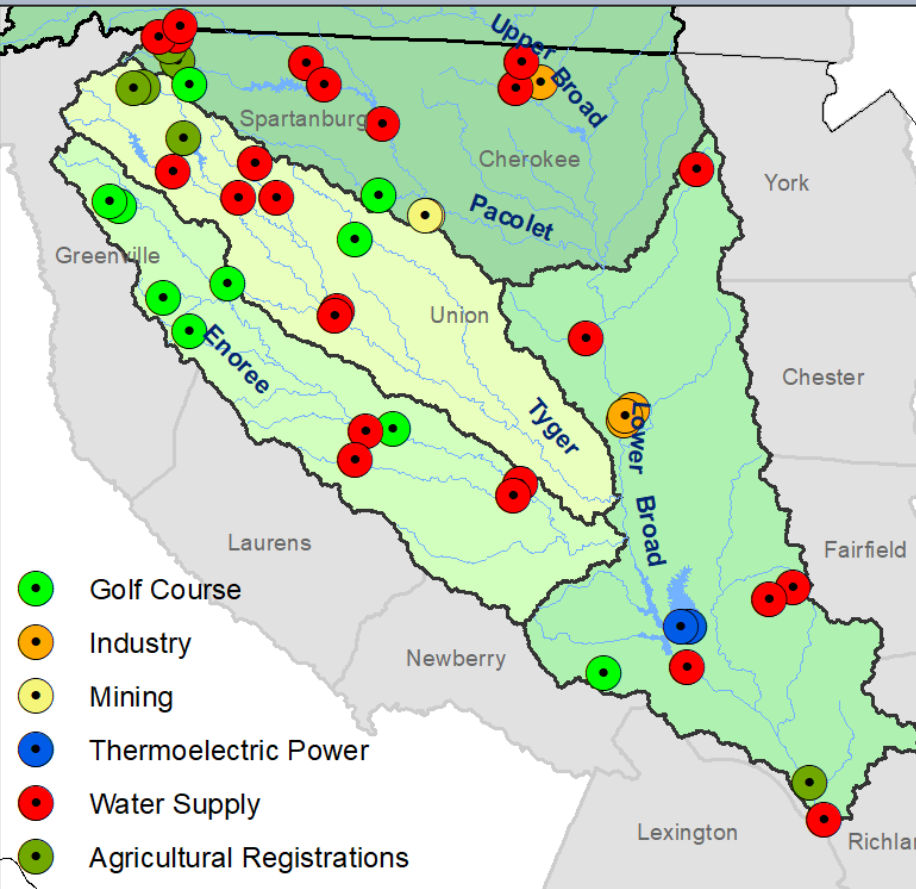


# Reported Surface Water Withdrawals by Category in 2021

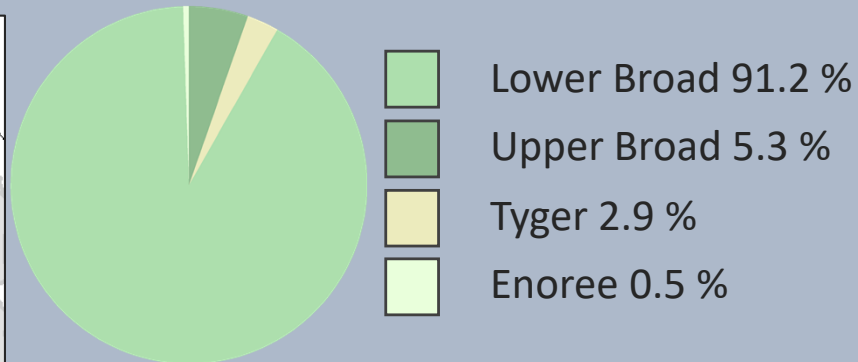




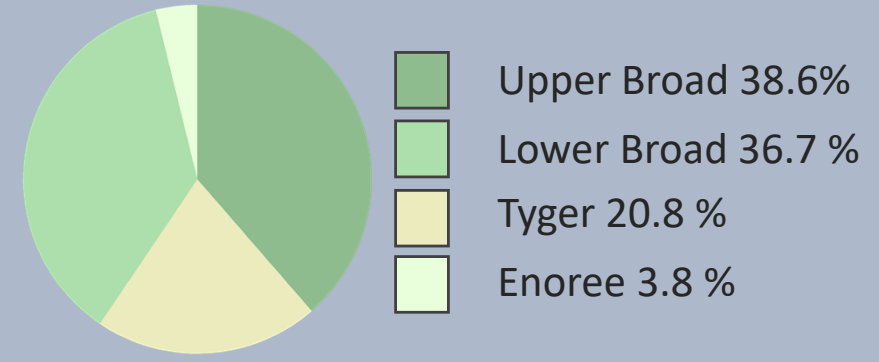
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Excluding Hydroelectric Power



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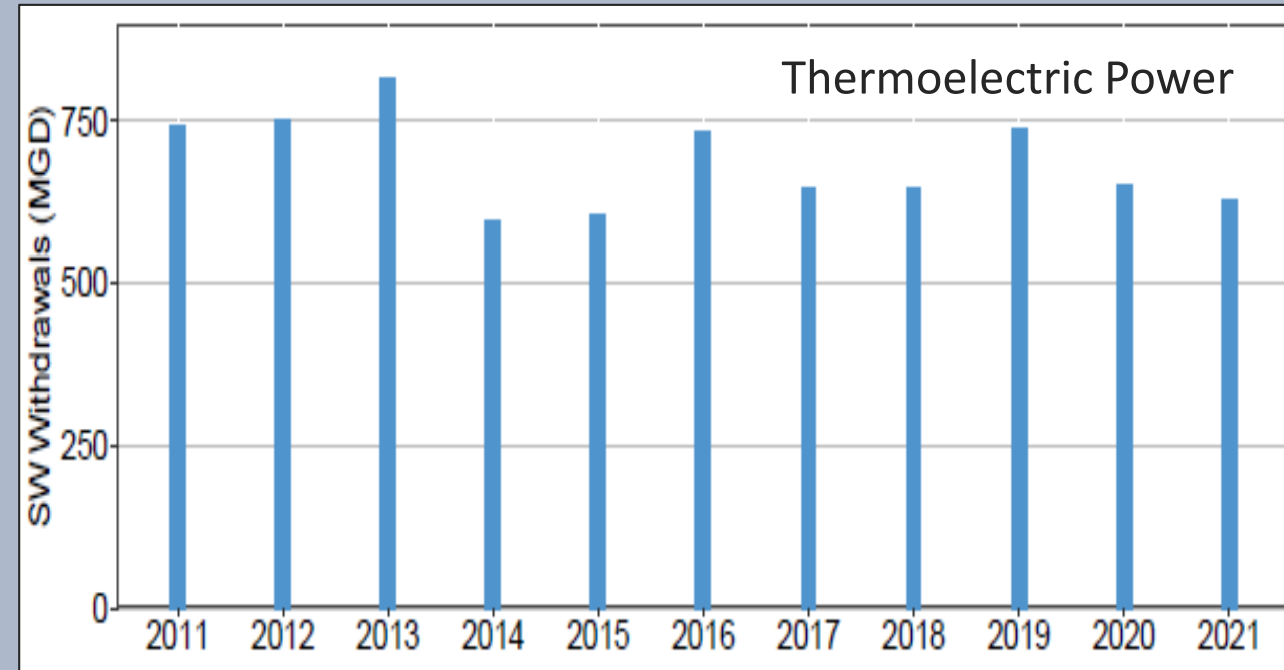
| Sub-basin   | Percent of total SW withdrawal (%) |     |        |        |     | Total SW withdrawal (MGD) |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|-----|---------------------------|
|             | WS                                 | IN  | GC     | Ag     | MI  |                           |
| Upper Broad | 92.7                               | 7.2 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.1 | 38.9                      |
| Lower Broad | 98.8                               | 0.3 | 0.1    | 0.7    | --  | 37.1                      |
| Tyger       | 99.7                               | --  | 0.2    | 0.0    | --  | 21.0                      |
| Enoree      | 84.8                               | --  | 15.2   | --     | --  | 3.9                       |



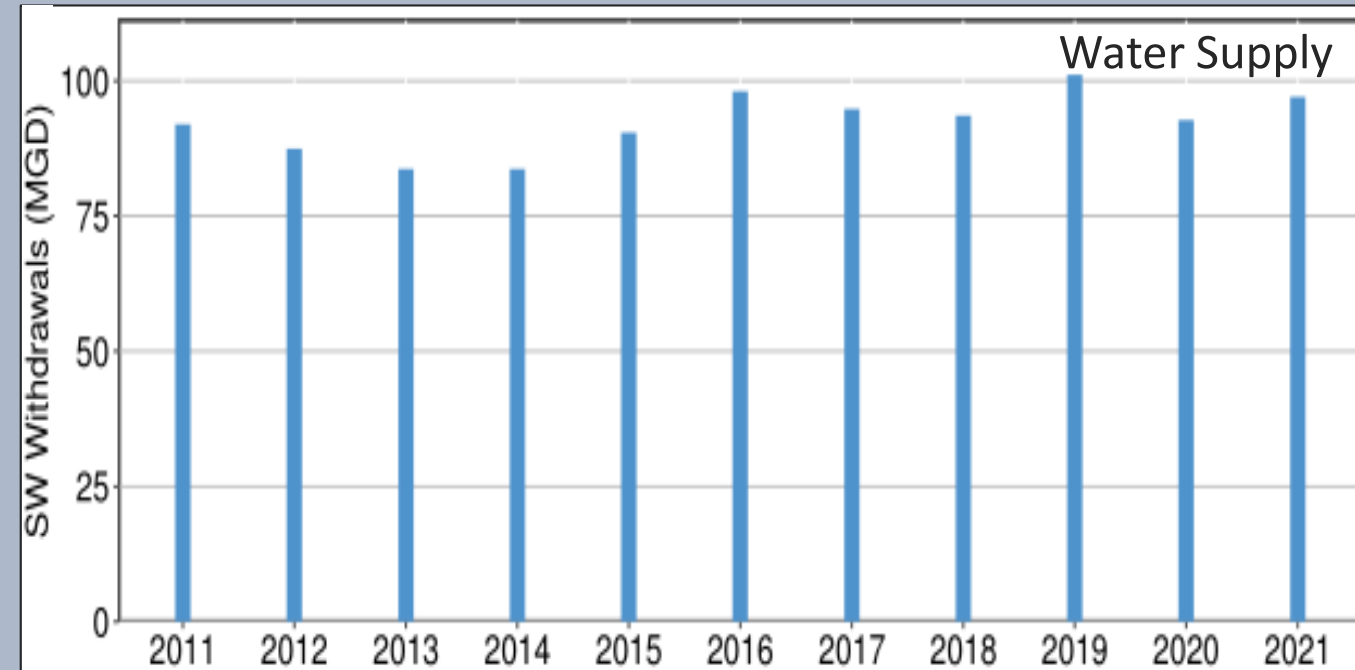
# Reported Surface Water Withdrawal by Categories



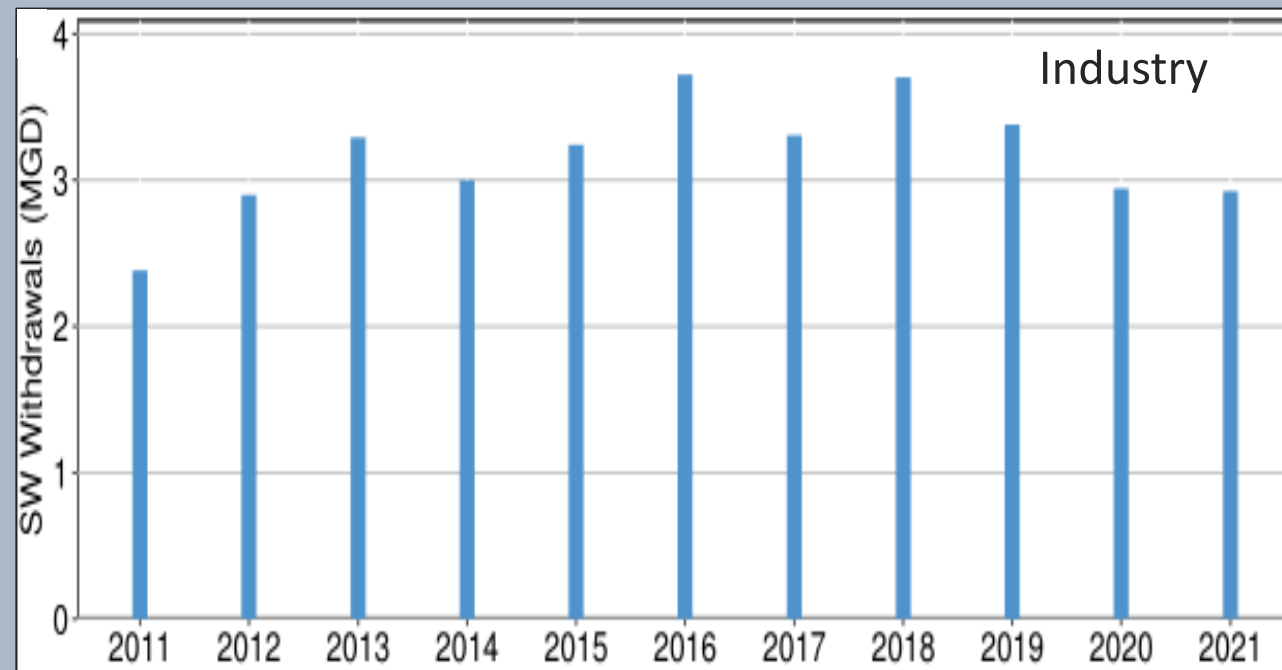
### Thermoelectric Power



### Water Supply

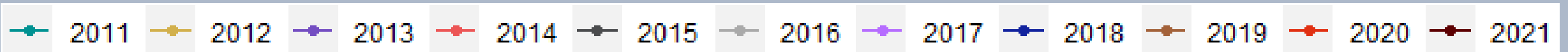
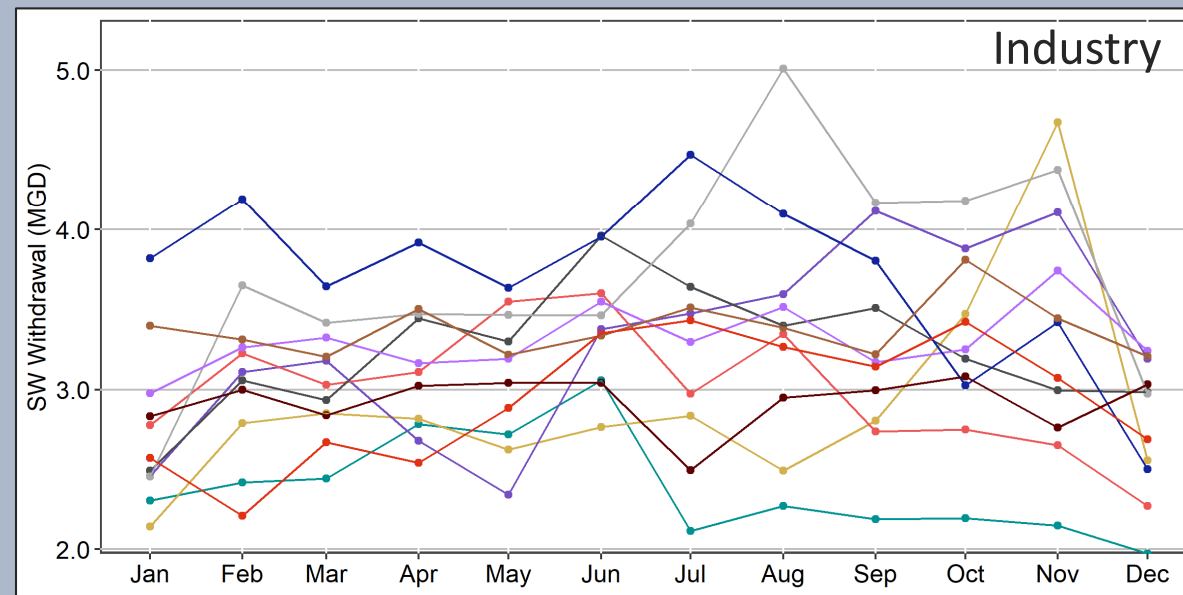
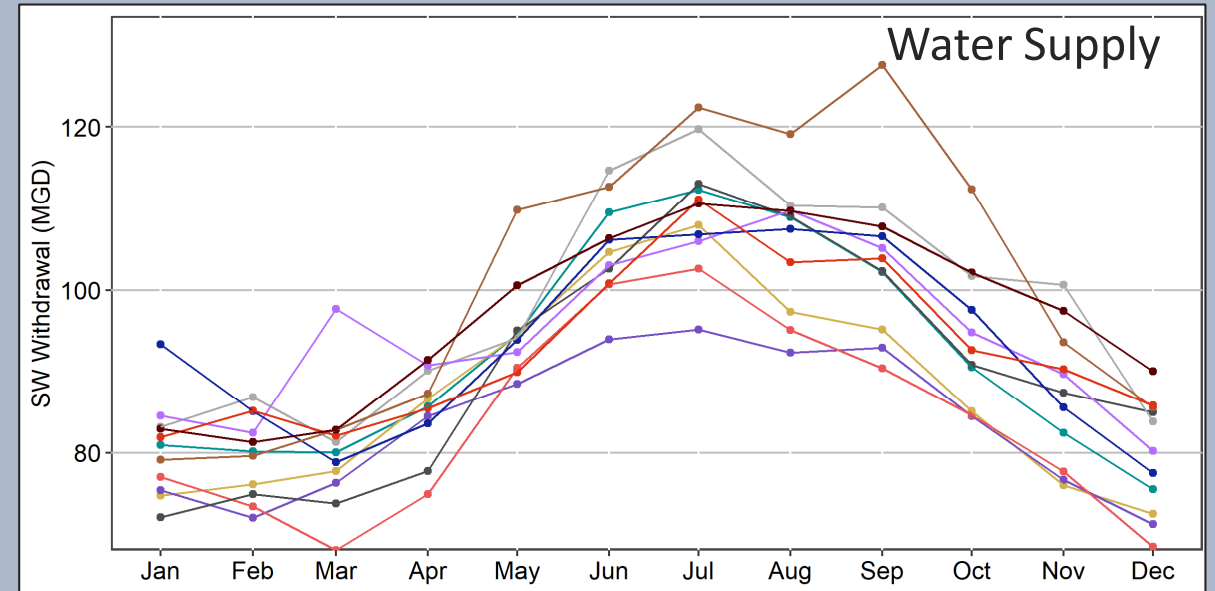
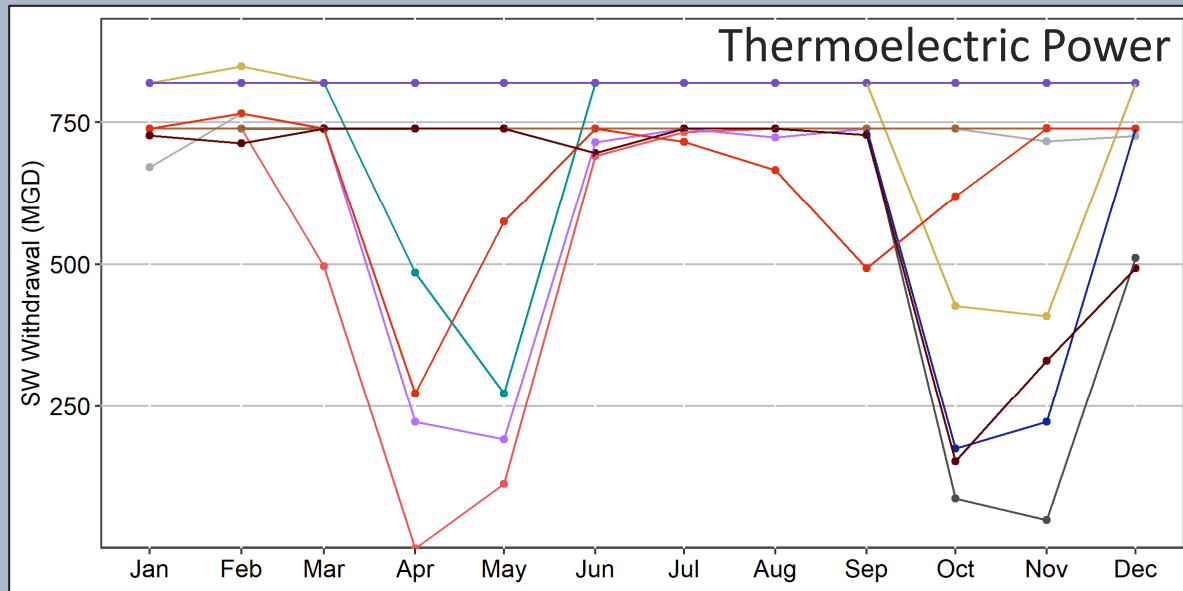


### Industry





# Reported Monthly Surface Water Withdrawal by Categories





# Projections are not forecasts

## Forecast

- Educated guess.
- Based on expected conditions and actions.
- Timeframe limited by predictability of future conditions.
- Aim to be accurate.

## Projection

- Extrapolation of trend.
- Based on hypothetical scenarios.
- Timeframe can extend beyond the limits of effective forecasting.
- Aim to be informative.



# Equations to Define the Terms

## Equation 1: Water Demand Mass Balance

$$\text{Demand} = \text{Withdrawal} + \text{Purchase} + \text{Reuse} - \text{Sales} - \text{Loss} - \Delta\text{Storage} + \text{Shortage}$$

Where:

|                        |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Demand</i>          | : | Off-stream water demand   |
| <i>Withdrawal</i>      | : | Total water withdrawal from source water bodies                   |
| <i>Purchase</i>        | : | Total purchases of water from distributors                        |
| <i>Reuse</i>           | : | Total reuse of water previously used for another purpose          |
| <i>Sales</i>           | : | Total wholesale transfers of water to another user or distributor |
| <i>Loss</i>            | : | Total losses of water preventing it from being put to use         |
| $\Delta\text{Storage}$ | : | Net change in off-stream storage                                  |
| <i>Shortage</i>        | : | Water not available to meet the objectives of water users         |

## Equation 2: Return Flow Mass Balance

$$\text{Return Flow} = \text{Discharge} - \text{Inflow \& Infiltration}$$

Where:

|                                  |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Return Flow</i>               | : | Water returned to the environment after non-consumptive uses |
| <i>Discharge</i>                 | : | Concentrated discharges to surface water bodies (NPDES data) |
| <i>Inflow &amp; Infiltration</i> | : | Waste-water resulting from inflow and infiltration (I/I)     |



# Drivers of Water Demand

Table 1.1: Drivers of Water Demand

| <b>Category</b>              | <b>Primary driver</b>  |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Thermo-electric power        | Electricity production |
| Public and domestic supply   | Population             |
| Manufacturing                | Economic production    |
| Agriculture and Golf Courses | Irrigated acres        |



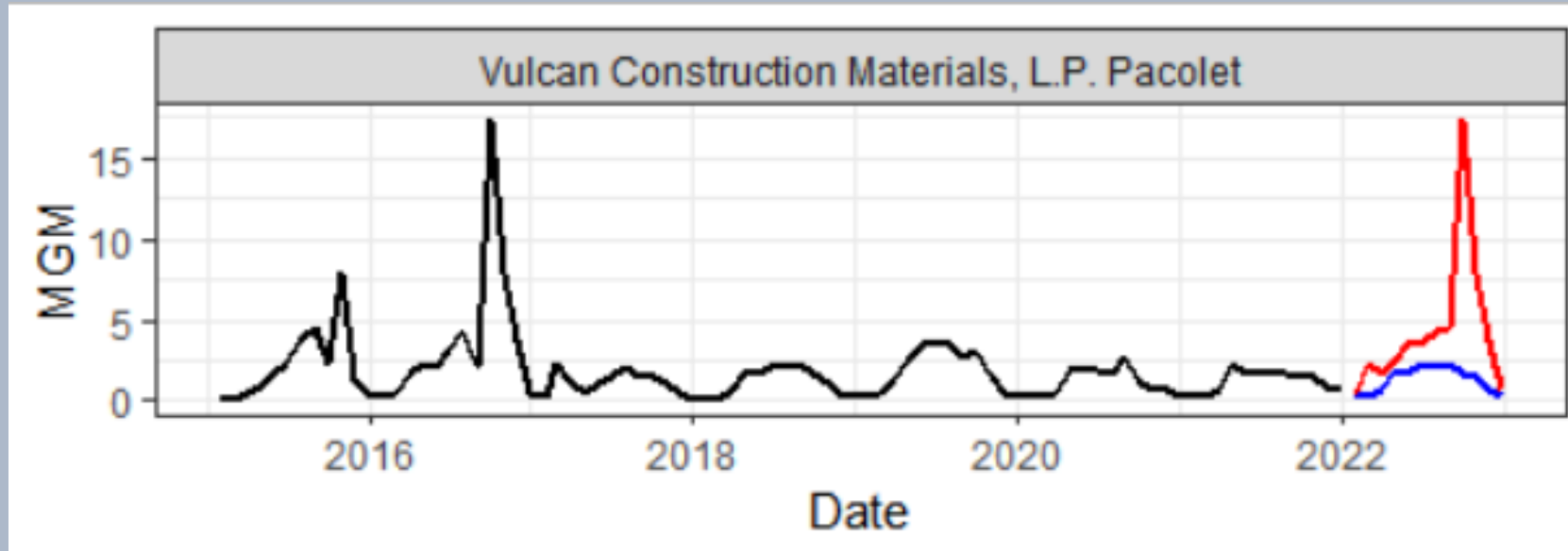


# Draft Water Demand Projections

- Preliminary draft results, not yet vetted.
- For demonstration purposes only.
- Only includes users of surface water in the Broad basin.
- There will be modifications to these draft projections based on continued stakeholder feedback.
- All values are plotted as Million Gallons per Month



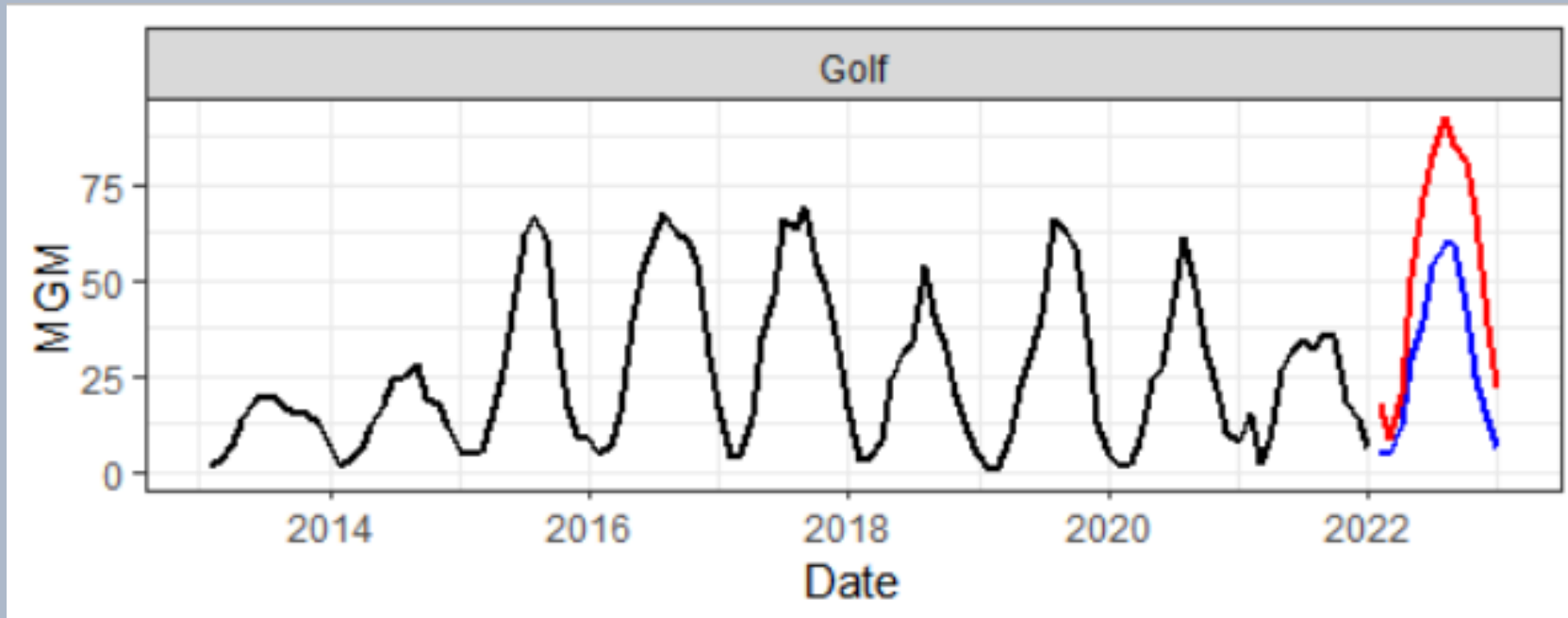
# Mining



- Only one mine uses surface water in the Broad basin, a granite quarry.
- Mining water demand is not projected to change over time.



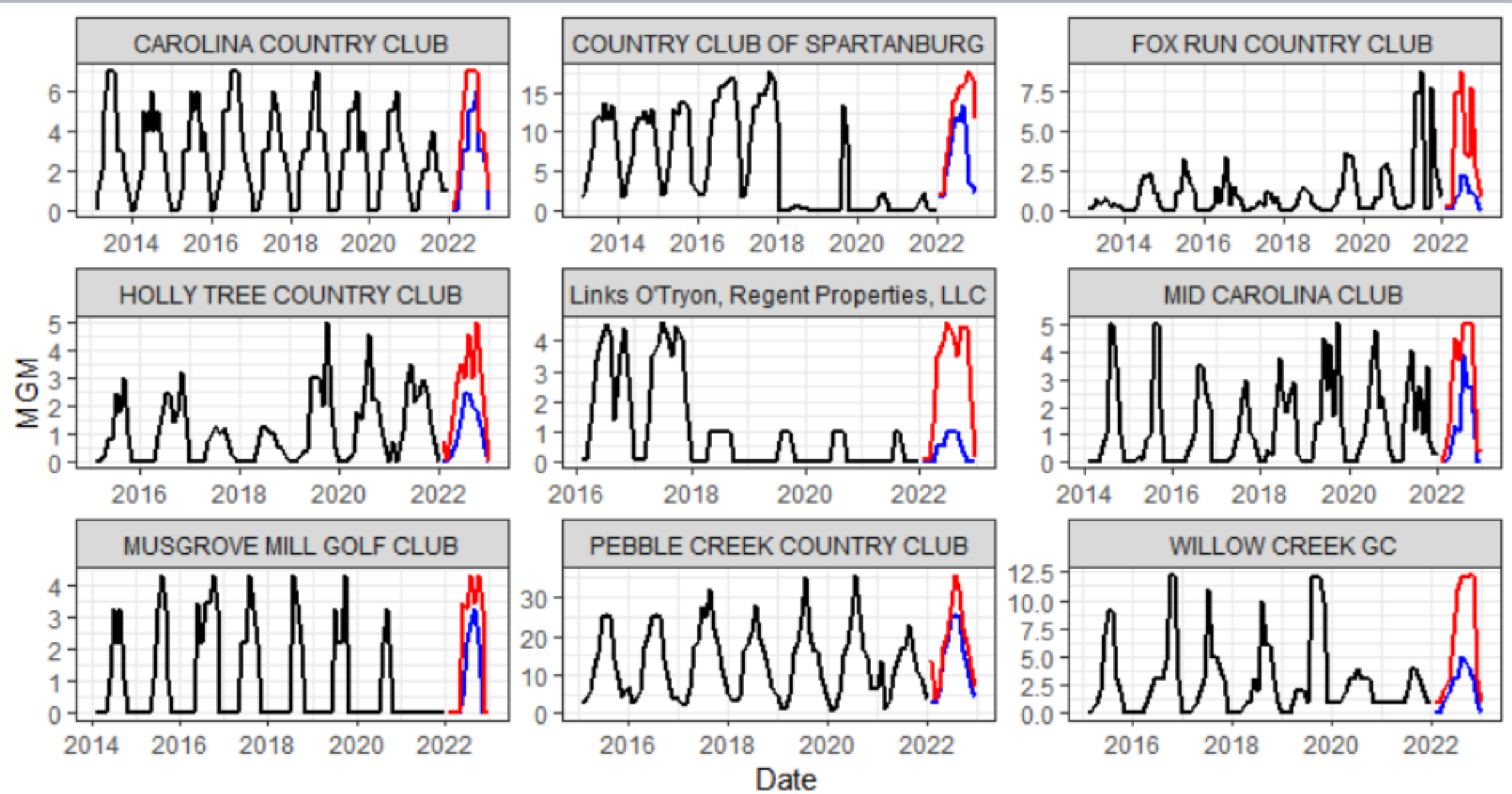
# Golf Courses



- 9 golf courses use surface water in the Broad basin.
- Golf course irrigation is not projected to change over time.

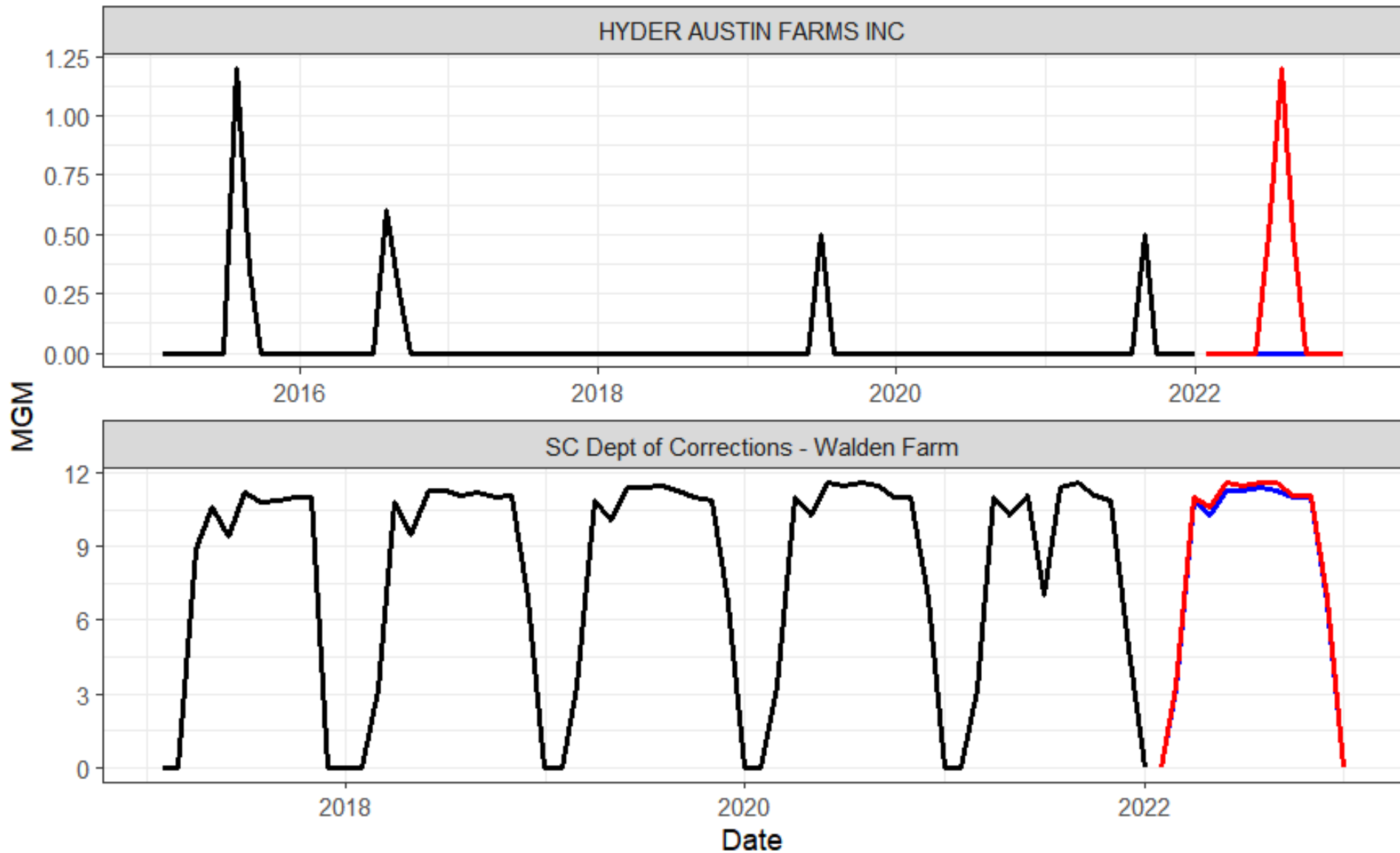


# Golf Detail





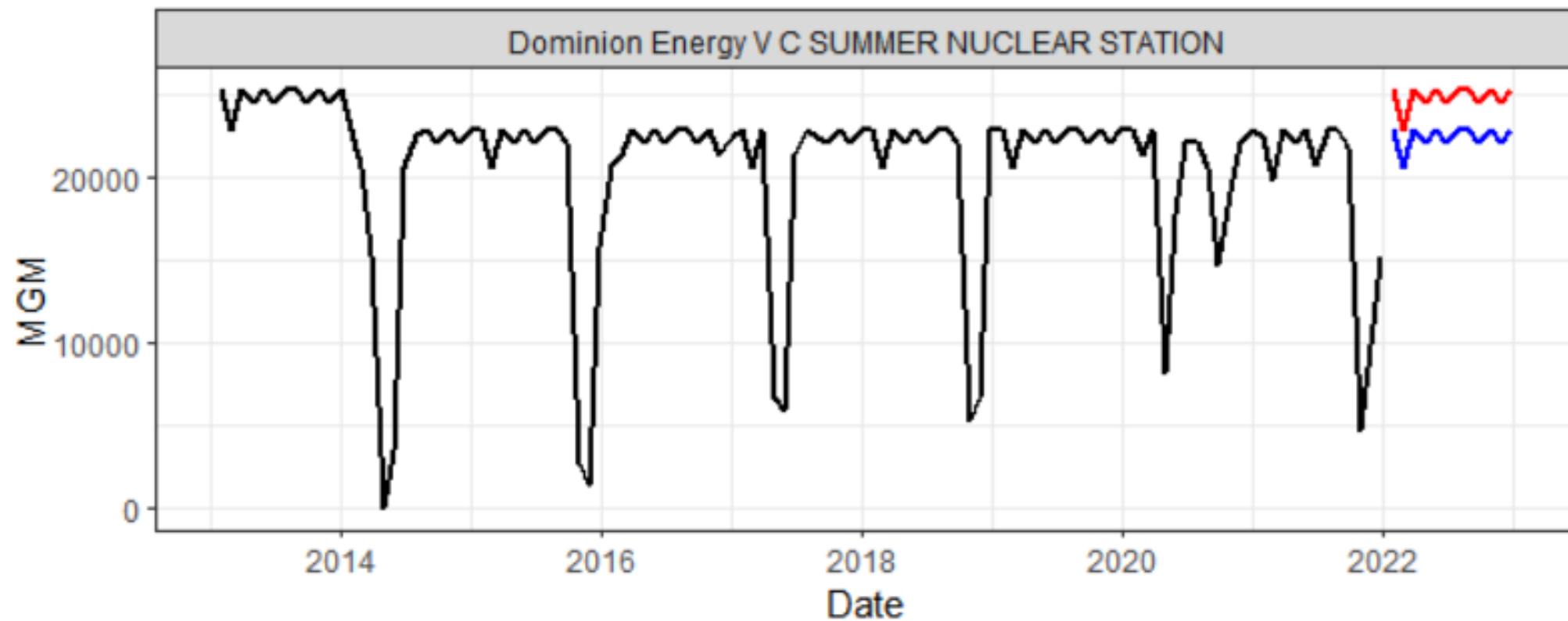
# Agricultural Irrigation



I propose projecting no growth in agricultural irrigation in the Broad basin.



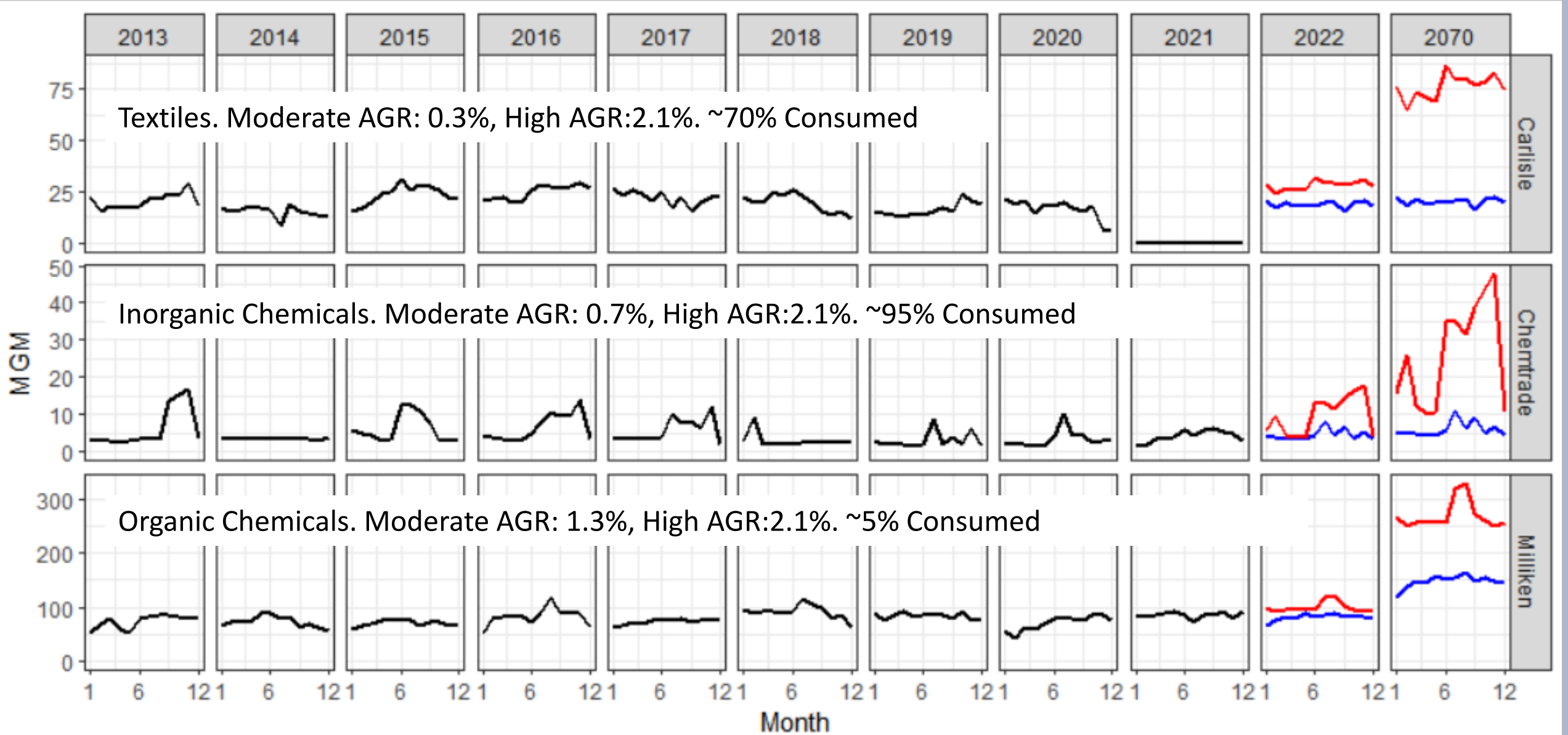
# Thermoelectric Water Demand



- No planned expansions have been reported for VC Summer. Filed for extension of license to 2062. No change in water demand is projected.
- Prior to 2014, water demand (and consumption) was greater than in recent years.
- Apparently, maintenance/refueling is carried out in alternative spring and fall seasons.
- Will there be a new nuclear plant in the future? Cherokee or William States Lee...



# Manufacturing

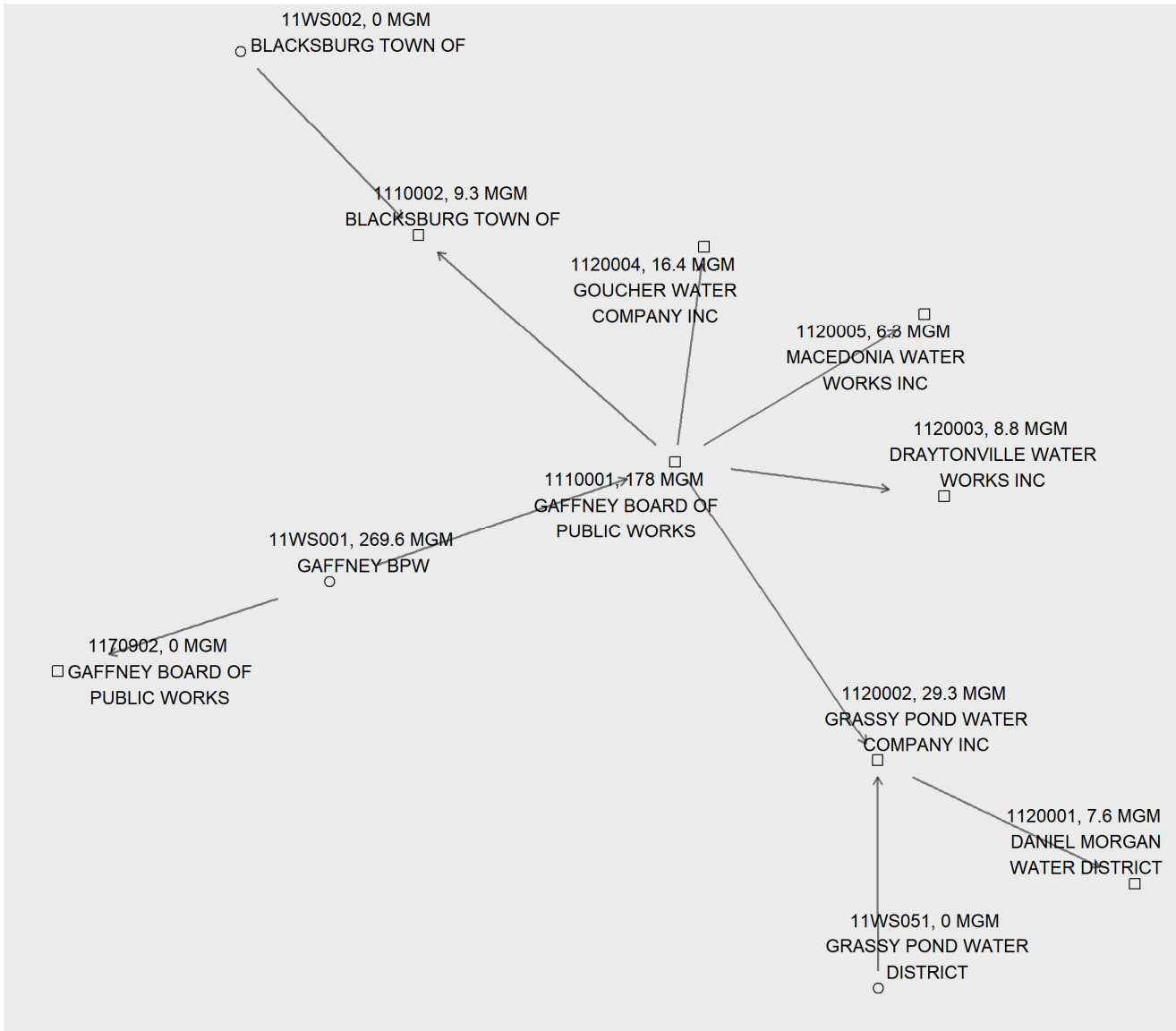




# Public Supply

## Water Withdrawal System Graph

Withdrawal System # 51



Type □ distribution ○ withdrawal \* powerplants ⊕ multi-withdrawal

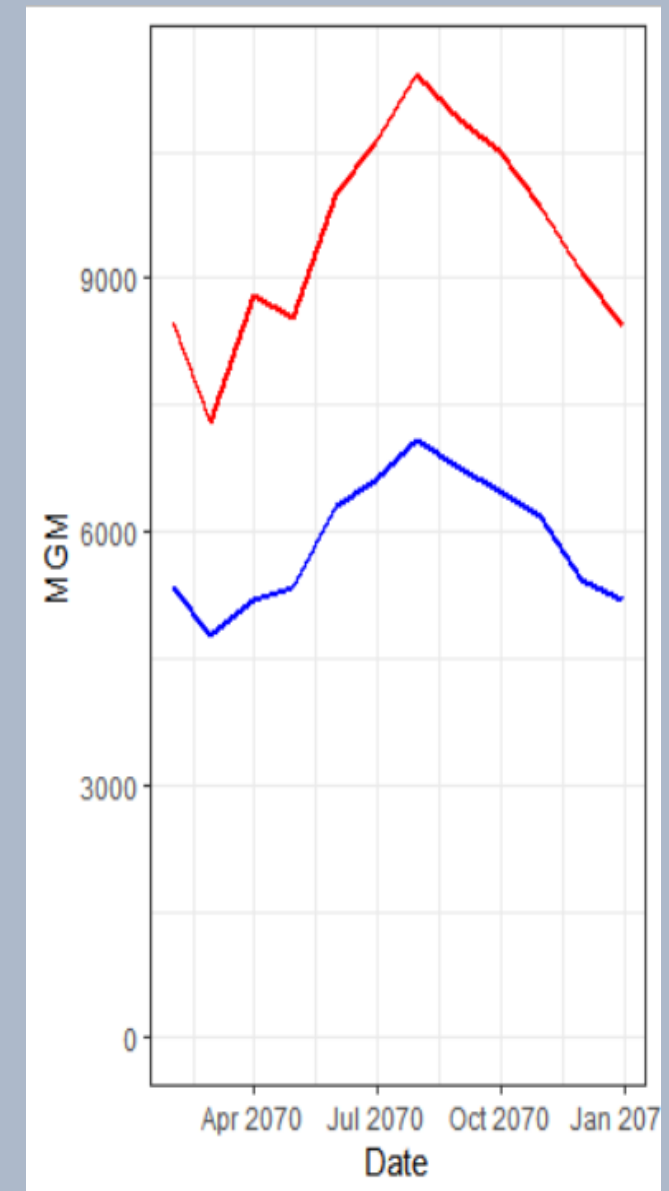
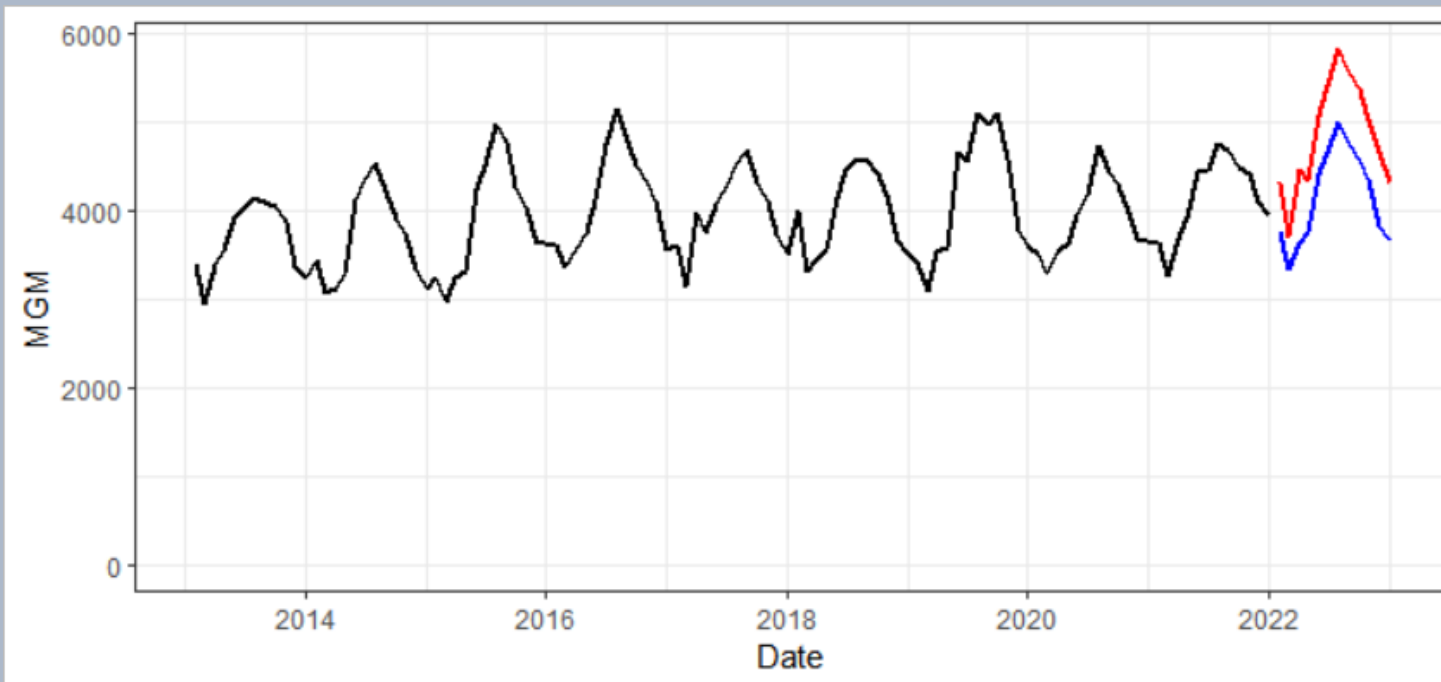
- Many Drinking Water Distributors are interconnected by wholesale purchases and sales.
- Public Supply Systems are represented as the total of all interconnected withdrawal and distribution permits.
- Population served by each distributor is projected based on the county listed on the distribution permit.





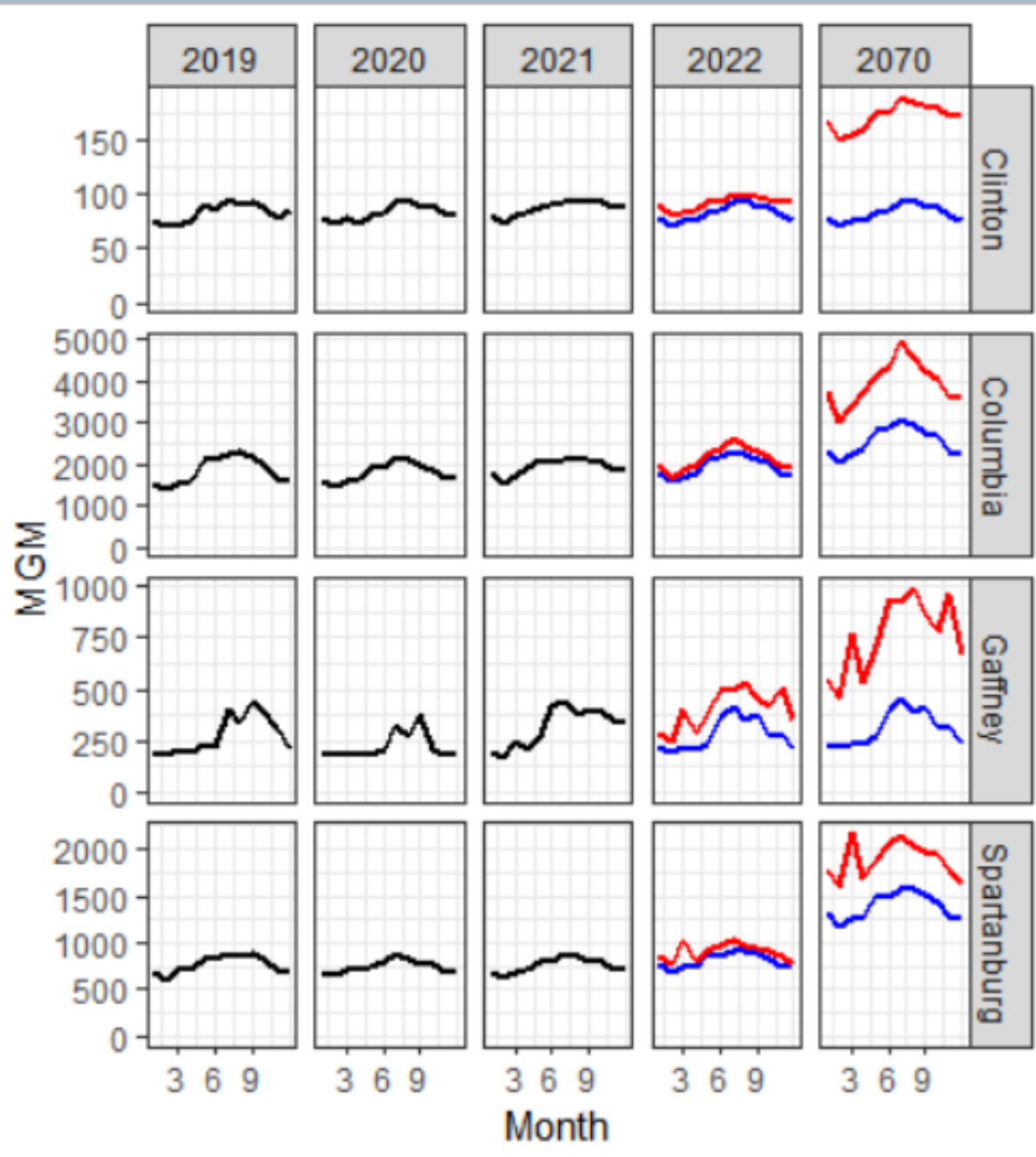
# Public Supply Projection Summary

Total water demand of public suppliers that withdraw surface water in the Broad Basin.





# Selected Public Supply Projections



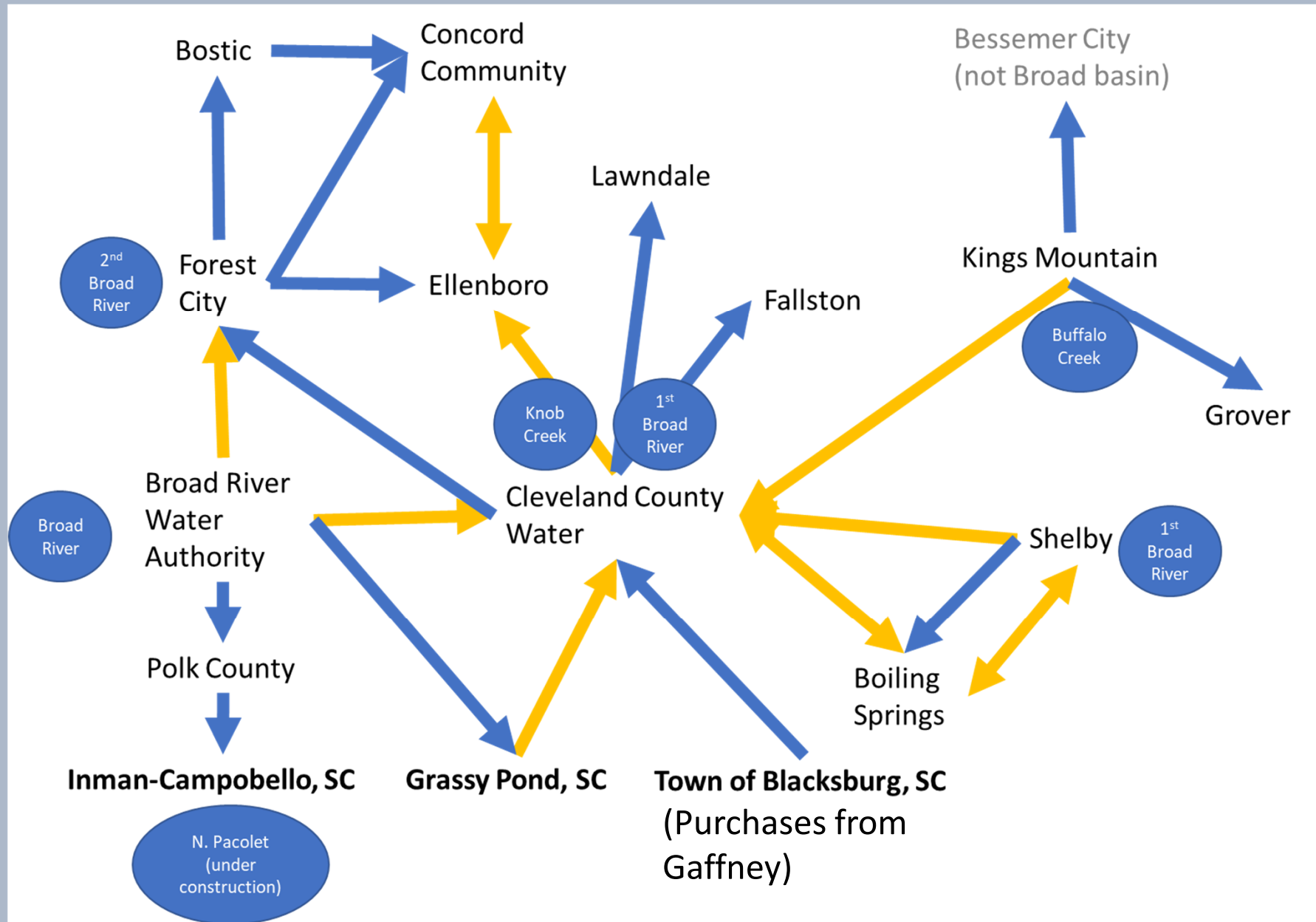
- Clinton consumes ~50% and returns to Saluda basin.
- Columbia gets about half of its water from Lake Murray. All returns go to Saluda basin.
- Gaffney consumes ~45%
- Spartanburg consumes ~75%

Questions?





# Public Supply in North Carolina





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