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An Update on the Status of South Carolina's Surface Water Quantity Models

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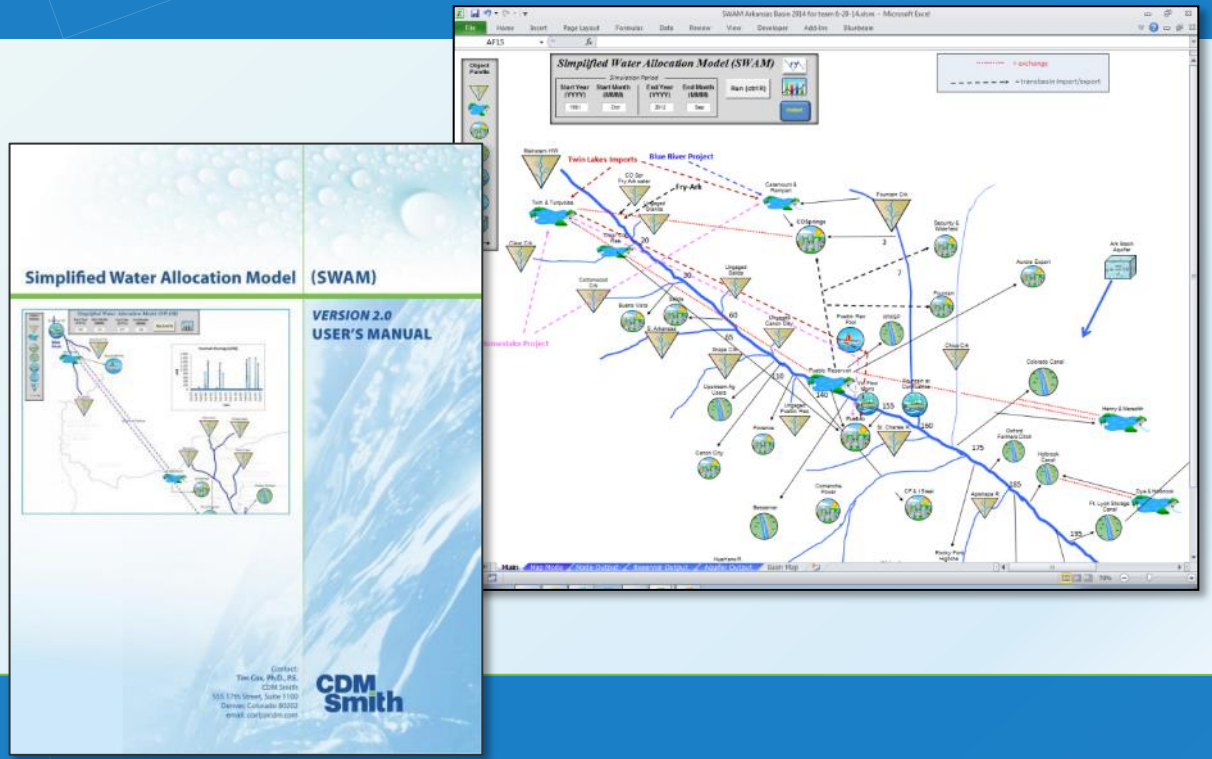

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Presentation Outline

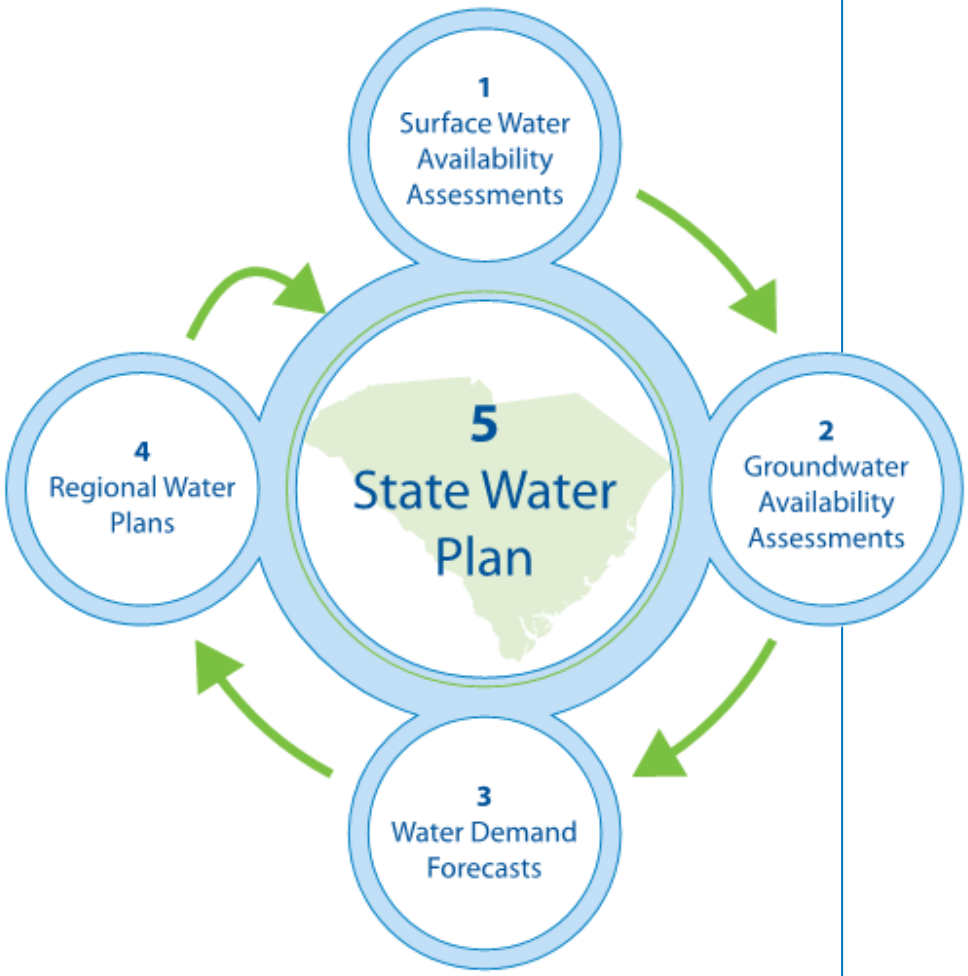
- Project Purpose, Schedule, and Approach
- The Modeling Tool
- Saluda River Basin Unimpaired Flows and Pilot Model
- Stakeholder Involvement Opportunities

Project Purpose

- Build surface water quantity models capable of:
  - Accounting for inflows and outflows from a basin
  - Accurately simulating streamflows and reservoir levels over the historical inflow record
  - Conducting “What if” scenarios to evaluate future water demands, management strategies and system performance.
- The models will be made available for use by all stakeholders to assist with planning and management

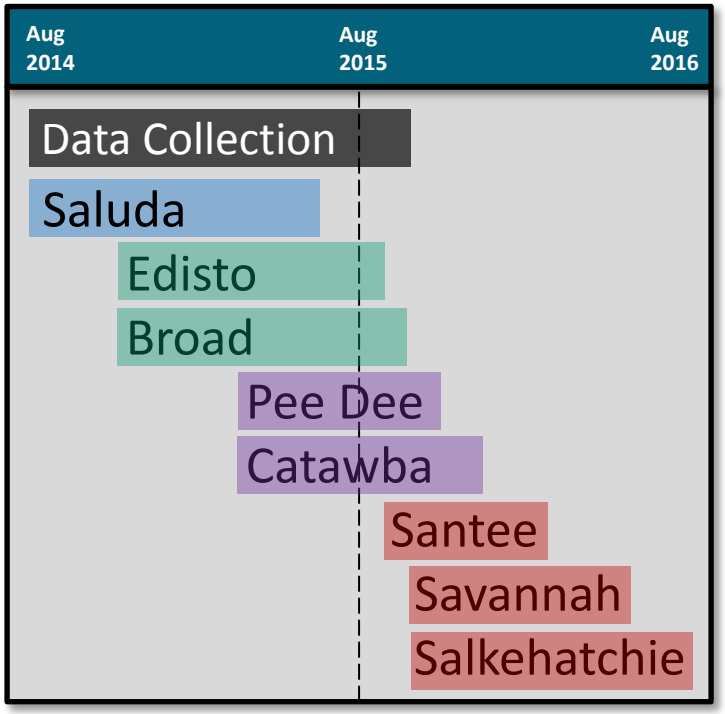
Project Purpose

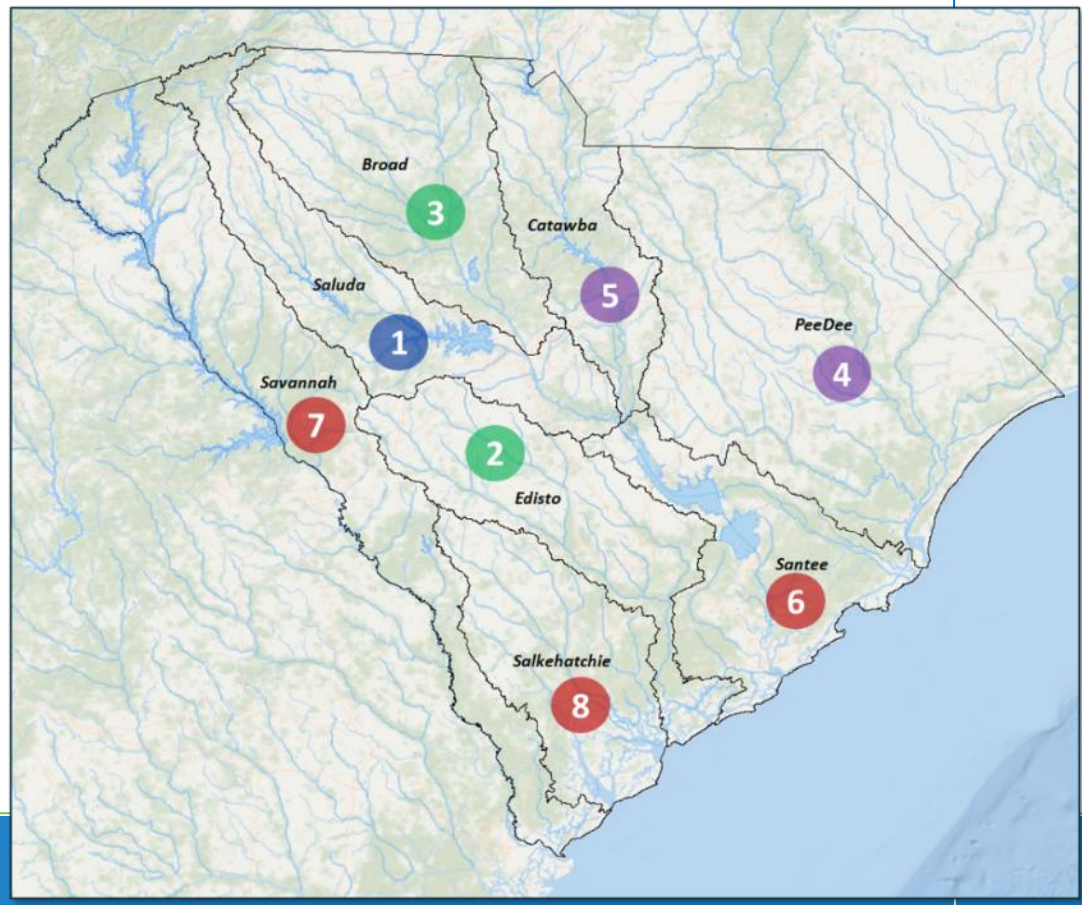
- This phase of the State Water Plan development only involves baseline surface water model development
- The surface water models, and other available tools, will eventually be used to support development of regional water plans



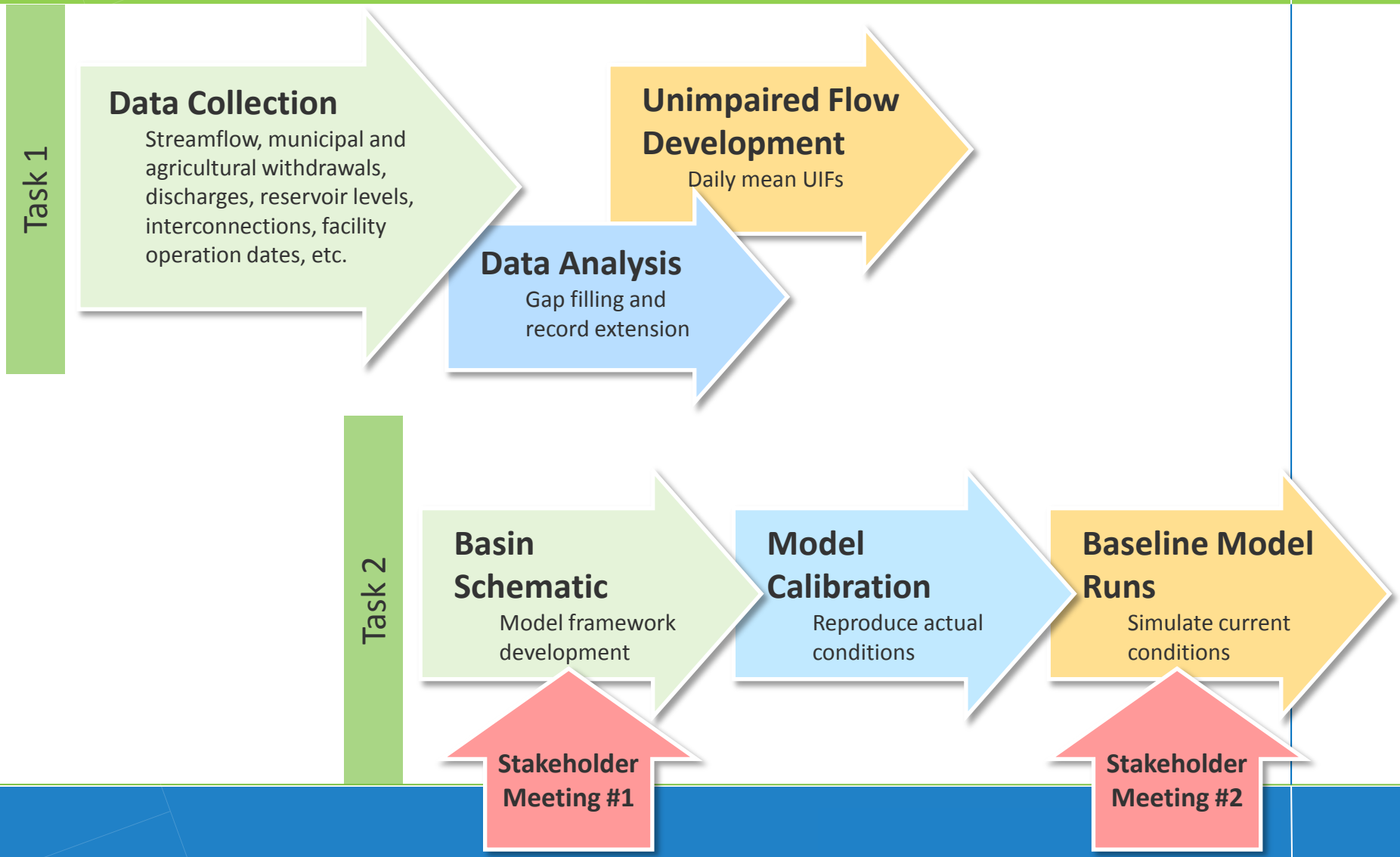
Schedule for Developing the Models

- Pilot Model of the Saluda River Basin is underway
- Groups of models will be constructed in parallel
- August 2016 Finish





Project Approach



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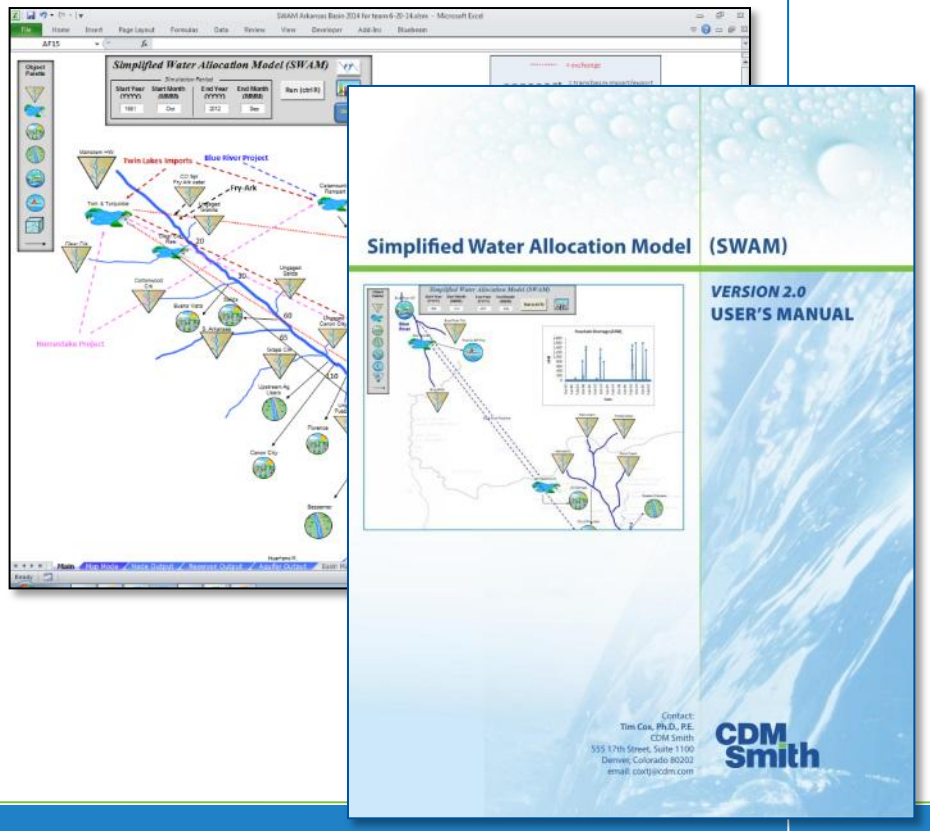
Simplified Water Allocation Model (SWAM)

- Developed in response to an increasing need for a desktop tool to facilitate regional and statewide water allocation analysis
- Calculates physically and legally available water, diversions, storage consumption and return flows at user-defined nodes
- Used to support large-scale planning studies in Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas



Simplified Water Allocation Model (SWAM)

Similarities between SWAM, OASIS, CHEOPS, and RiverWare:

- Used in major river basin studies and/or statewide water plans
- Operating Rules of varying complexity
- Monthly and Daily Timesteps
- Visual Depiction of the River Network

Unique Features:

SWAM

- Familiar and adaptable environment: Visual Basic and Spreadsheets
- Built in functions for reservoirs, river operations, discharges, irrigation, return flows, etc.

OASIS

- Built in Probability Analysis for Real-Time Ops
- Optimization toward objectives in each timestep

CHEOPS

- Tailored specifically for hydropower
  - Energy Calculations
  - Reservoir Tracking
- Familiar Visual Basic programming

RiverWare

- Fully linked graphical network development
- 3 modes:
  - Pure simulation
  - Rules-based simulation
  - Optimization

The Simplified Water Allocation Model is…

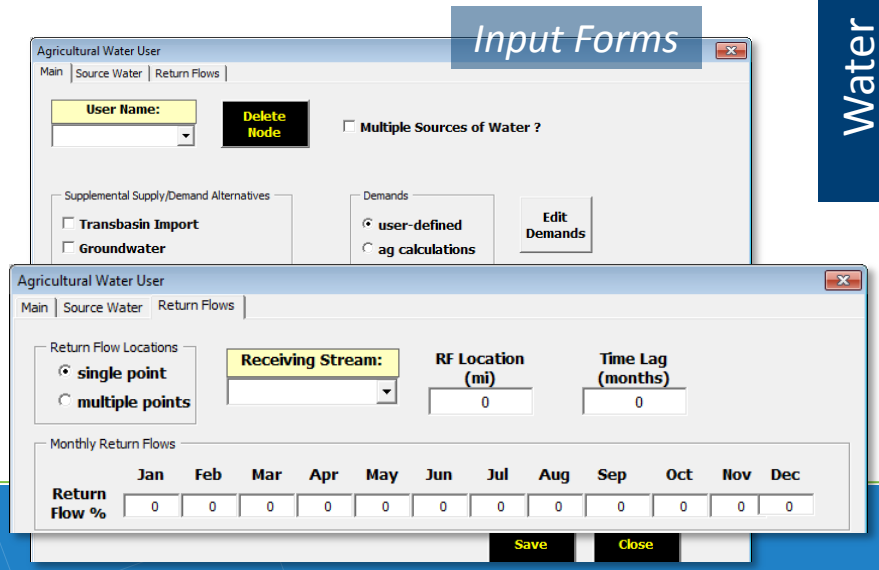
- a water accounting tool
- a WHAT-IF simulation model
- a network flow model that traces water through a natural stream network, simulating withdrawals, discharges, storage, and hydroelectric operations
- not precipitation-runoff model (e.g., HEC-HMS)
- not a hydraulic model (e.g. HEC-RAS)
- not a water quality model (e.g., QUAL2K)
- not an optimization model
- not a groundwater flow model (e.g., MODFLOW)

The Models Can Be Used To…

- Determine surface-water availability
- Predict where and when future water shortages would occur
- Test alternative water management strategies, new operating rules, and “what-if” scenarios
- Consolidate hydrologic data
- Evaluate the impacts of future withdrawals on instream flow needs
- Evaluate interbasin transfers
- Support development of Drought Management Plans
- Compare managed flows to natural flows

Simplified Water Allocation Model (SWAM)

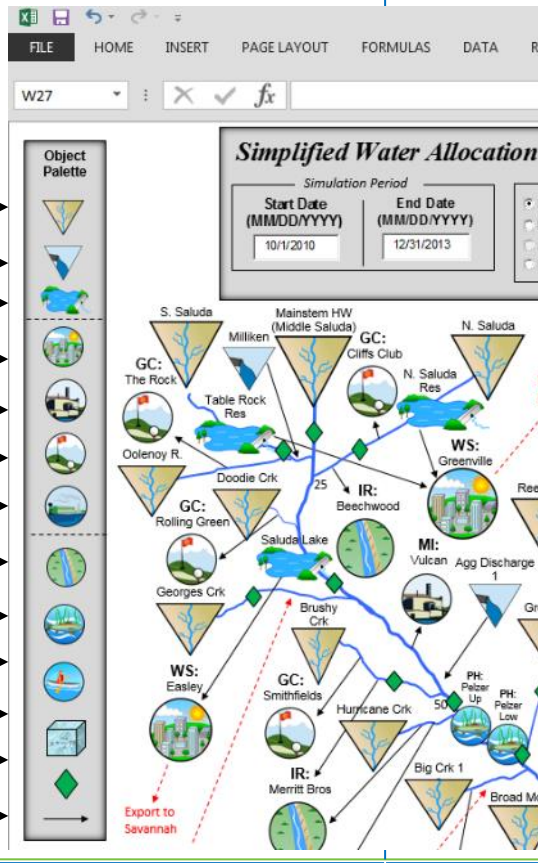
- Object-oriented tool in which a river basin and all of its influences can be linked into a network with user defined priorities
- Resides within Microsoft Excel
- Point and click setup and output access



Objects

Water User Objects

- Tributaries
- Discharges
- Reservoirs
- Municipal
- Industrial
- Golf Courses
- Power Plants
- Agriculture
- Instream Flow
- Recreational Pool
- Aquifer
- USGS Gage
- Interbasin Transfer



Output Tables

Node Output

SWAM Arkansas Basin 2014 for team 6-20-14.xlsm - Microsoft Excel

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1	Output			Priority Rank	Reach (mi)	Location	Water Right (AFM)	Ditch Capacity (AFM)	Storage Capacity (AF)						Priority Rank	Reach (mi)
2			*Pueblo4*	*32*	*Mainstem*	*136*	*420*	*1,000,000*	*5,000*					*Fountain2*	*44*	*Mainstem*
3		Date	Physically Avail. (AFM)	Legally Avail. (AFM)	Diverted (AFM)	Storage (AF)	GW Pumping (AFM)	Demand (AFM)	Shortage (AFM)	Return Flow (AFM)	Release (AFM)	Evap Losses (AFM)		Physically Avail. (AFM)	Legally Avail. (AFM)	Diverted (AFI
4		Min	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,200	0	0
5		Max	423,253	420	420	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	52		423,201	0	0
6		Avg	44,588	117	33	4,340	0	0	0	0	0	21		44,555	0	0
7		Oct-81	14,837	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		14,837	0	0
8		Nov-81	23,186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		23,186	0	0
9		Dec-81	24,424	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		24,424	0	0
10		Jan-82	17,870	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		17,870	0	0
11		Feb-82	16,694	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		16,694	0	0
12		Mar-82	25,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		25,120	0	0
13		Apr-82	11,977	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		11,977	0	0
14		May-82	35,025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		35,025	0	0
15		Jun-82	146,407	0												
16		Jul-82	97,301	0												
17		Aug-82	75,150	0												
18		Sep-82	73,884	420												
19		Oct-82	39,997	420												
20		Nov-82	4,595	0												
21		Dec-82	4,215	0												
22		Jan-83	16,663	420												
23		Feb-83	15,069	420												
24		Mar-83	26,208	420												
25		Apr-83	42,386	420												
26		May-83	47,647	420												
27		Jun-83	349,601	420												
28		Jul-83	178,891	420												
29		Aug-83	93,139	420												
30		Sep-83	21,418	0												
31		Oct-83	13,990	0												
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33		Dec-83	1,200	0												
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40		Jul-84	147,595	420												
41		Aug-84	99,322	420												
42		Sep-84	30,073	0												
43		Oct-84	37,219	420												
44		Nov-84	1,200	0												
45		Dec-84	4,940	420												
46		Jan-85	22,847	420												

Main Map Mode Node Output

Ready

Reservoir Output

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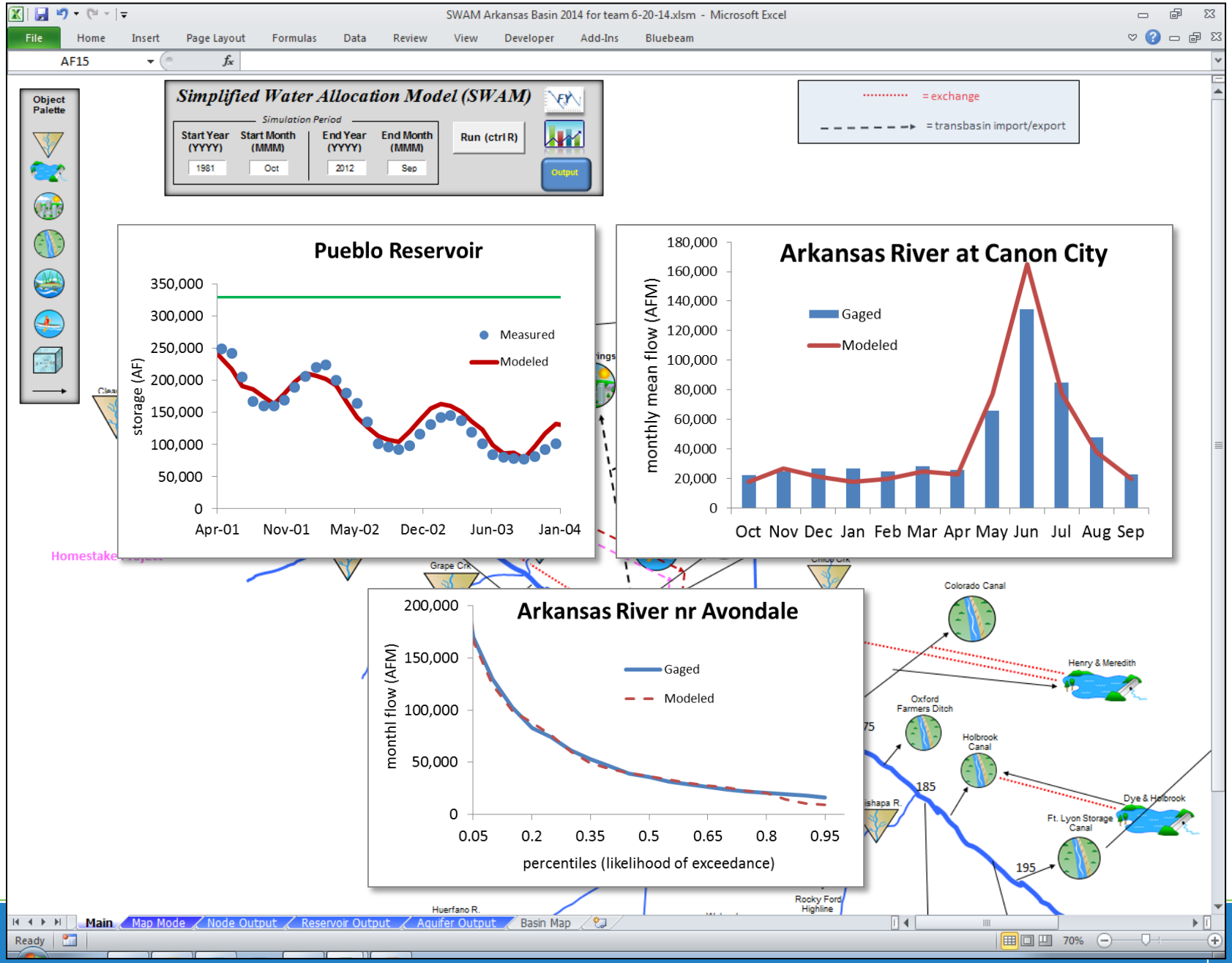
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Output					Total Capacity (AF)	Release Location						
2				*Pueblo Reservoir*		*330000.0*	*143.0*						*JMR*
3		Date		Storage (AF)	Excess Volume (AF)	Overflow (AFM)	Total Inflow (AFM)	Total Withdrawl (AFM)	Release (AFM)	Outflow (AFM)	Evap (AFM)		Storage (A
4		Min		37,367	0	0	2,862	4,373	0	0	0		7,545
5		Max		330,000	0	19,692	303,831	101,197	0	7,000	3,451		450,000
6		Avg		212,993	0	1,352	46,753	39,940	0	4,281	1,009		132,387
7		Oct-81		92,749	0	0	40,265	46,985	0	0	532		200,277
8		Nov-81		90,783	0	240	14,646	16,371	0	0	0		176,741
9		Dec-81		88,111	0	680	11,817	13,808	0	0	0		154,539
10		Jan-82		86,610	0	680	8,105	8,927	0	0	0		134,969
11		Feb-82		87,315	0	680	7,549	6,165	0	0	0		119,018
12		Mar-82		88,019	0	680	10,218	8,834	0	0	0		107,688
13		Apr-82		82,264	0	614	24,650	29,220	0	0	571		98,144
14		May-82		64,852	0	624	55,732	71,830	0	0	690		90,661
15		Jun-82		62,620	0	728	98,054	98,922	0	0	637		95,890
16		Jul-82		52,251	0	525	79,954	89,142	0	0	655		94,416
17		Aug-82		42,029	0	600	61,795	70,950	0	0	466		102,863
18		Sep-82		38,780	0	810	50,284	52,424	0	0	299		110,282
19		Oct-82		53,544	0	1,087	56,442	40,384	0	0	206		107,965
20		Nov-82		82,590	0	1,384	44,561	12,995	0	1,136	0		97,376
21		Dec-82		100,657	0	1,384	31,635	10,432	0	1,752	0		87,514
22		Jan-83		110,347	0	1,384	19,931	6,721	0	2,135	0		90,684
23		Feb-83		118,421	0	1,384	17,965	6,165	0	2,341	0		83,248
24		Mar-83		127,482	0	1,384	22,397	9,440	0	2,512	0		89,077
25		Apr-83		136,429	0	1,213	43,943	30,270	0	2,687	827		97,669
26		May-83		132,169	0	936	74,268	73,580	0	2,870	1,144		108,757
27		Jun-83		330,000	0	728	303,831	101,197	0	2,776	1,299		258,390

Calibration Result Graphs



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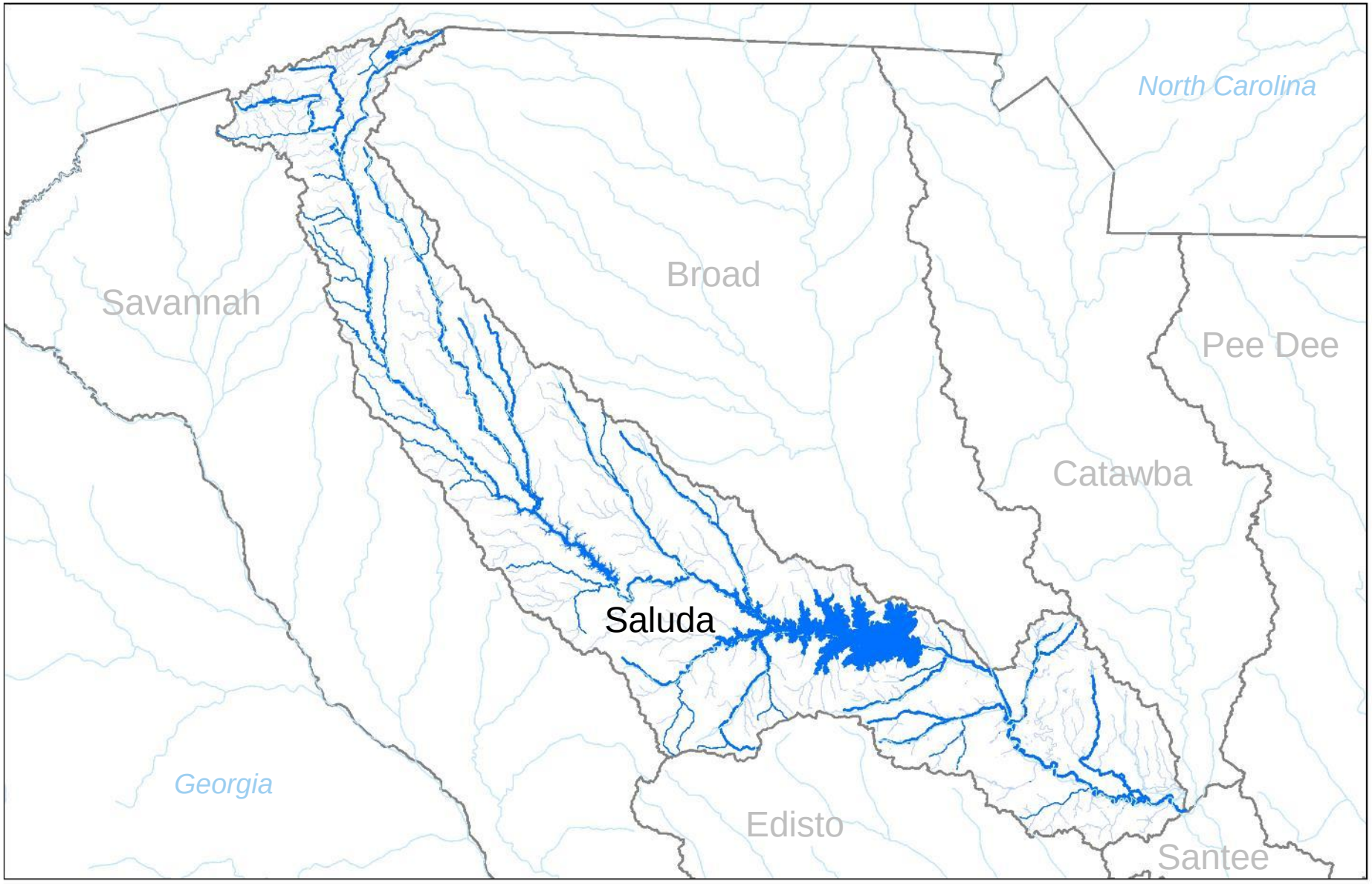
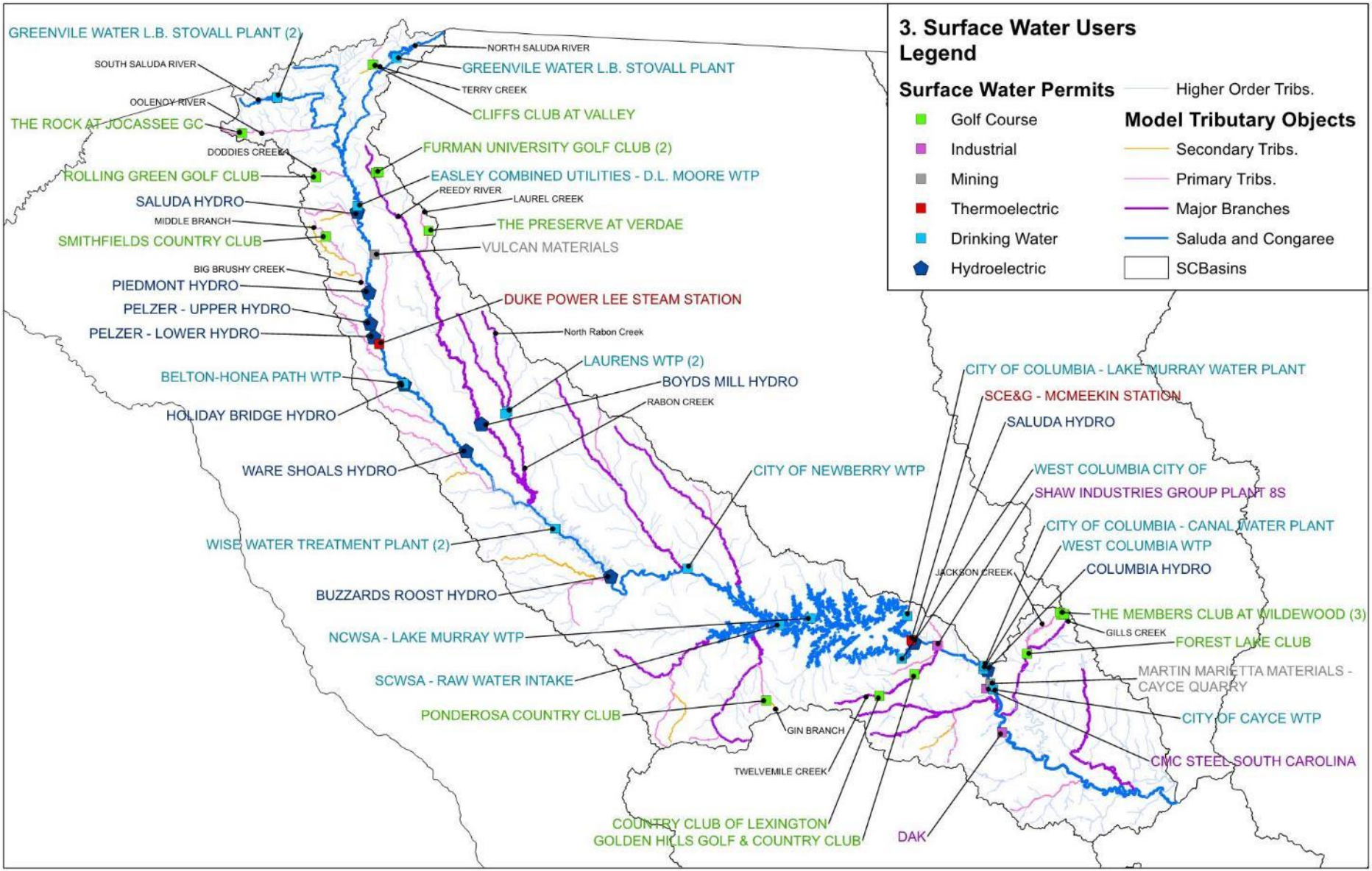
Saluda Basin Pilot Model



Status of the Saluda Basin Pilot Model

- Data Collection is complete
  - DHEC withdrawal records, 2001 – 2014 (some back to 1985)
  - NPDES discharge records, 1989 – 2014
  - Utility-provided historical records, estimates, and start dates
  - Instream flow requirements and minimum releases
  - Streamflow and lake levels
  - Evaporation and precipitation

Saluda Basin – Permitted Users



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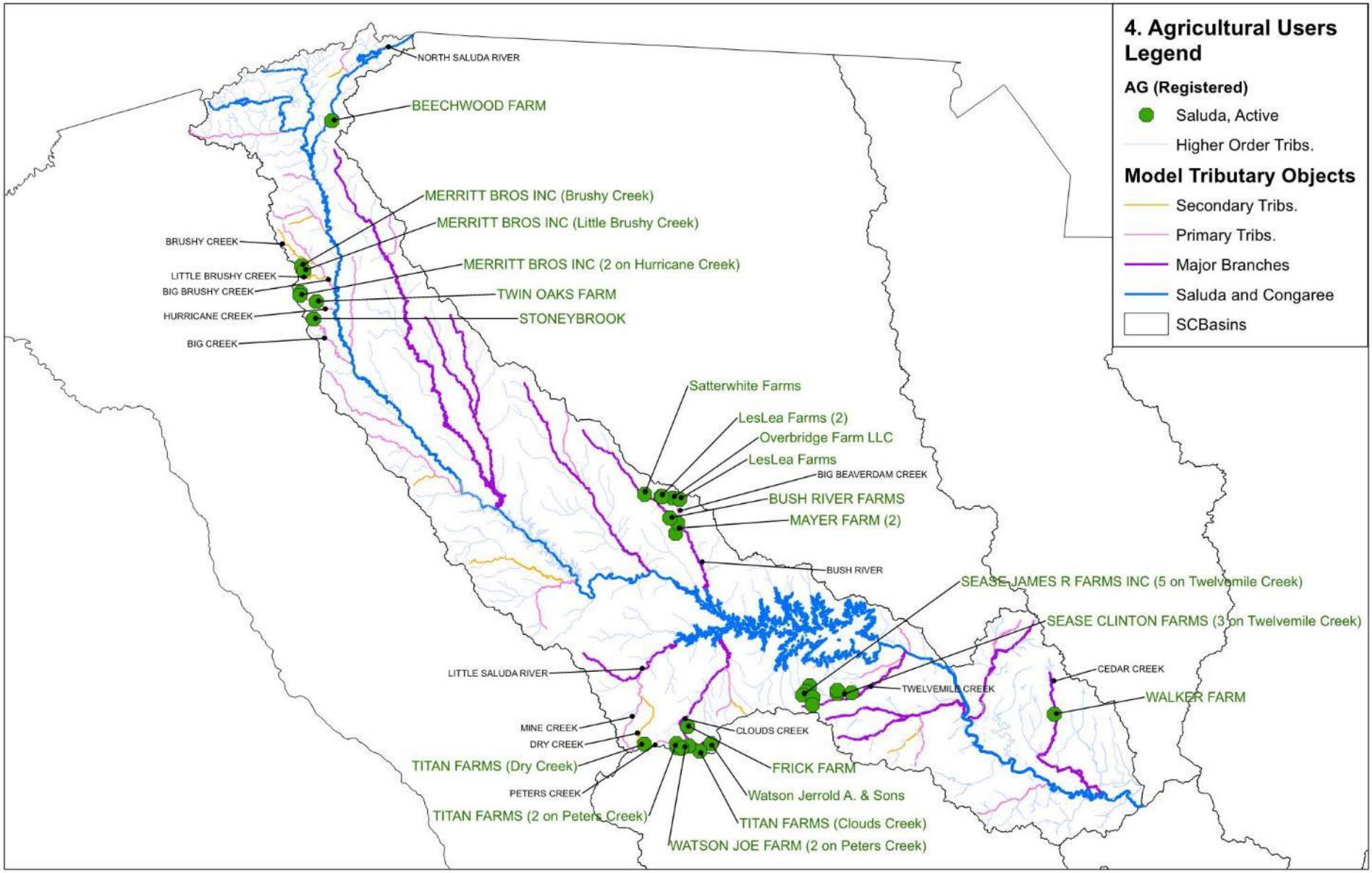
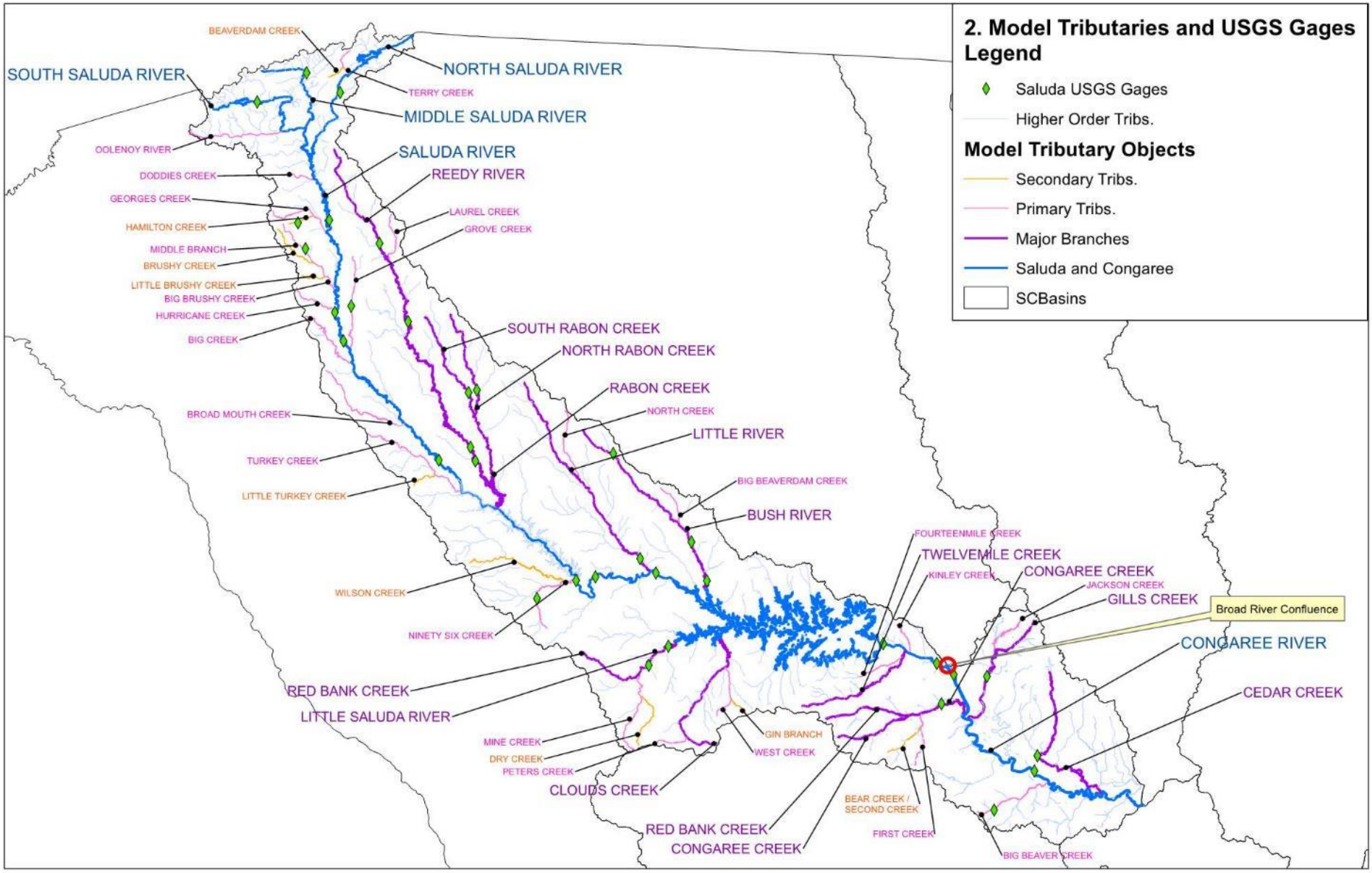


Saluda Basin – Model Tributaries



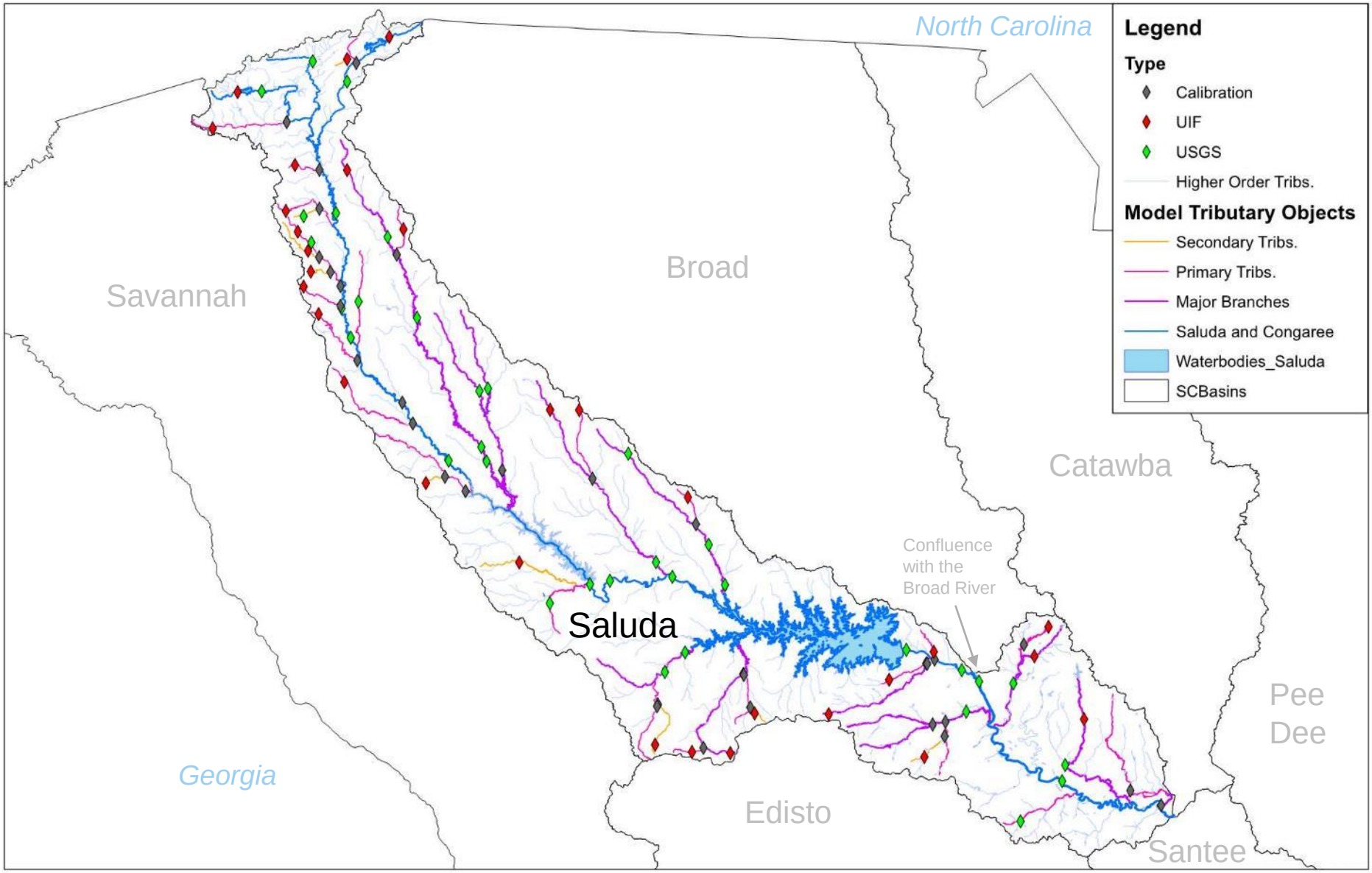
Saluda Basin – Unimpaired Flow Dataset

- Unimpaired Flows (UIFs) are being developed for the Saluda Basin up to the confluence with the Broad River
  - 1925 to 2014

UIF Definitions:	- Flow in a river as it would be in a completely unaltered state - Historically observed flows with human influences removed
UIFs Provide:	- A baseline for evaluating impacts of human use by allowing analysts to compare altered flows to UIFs

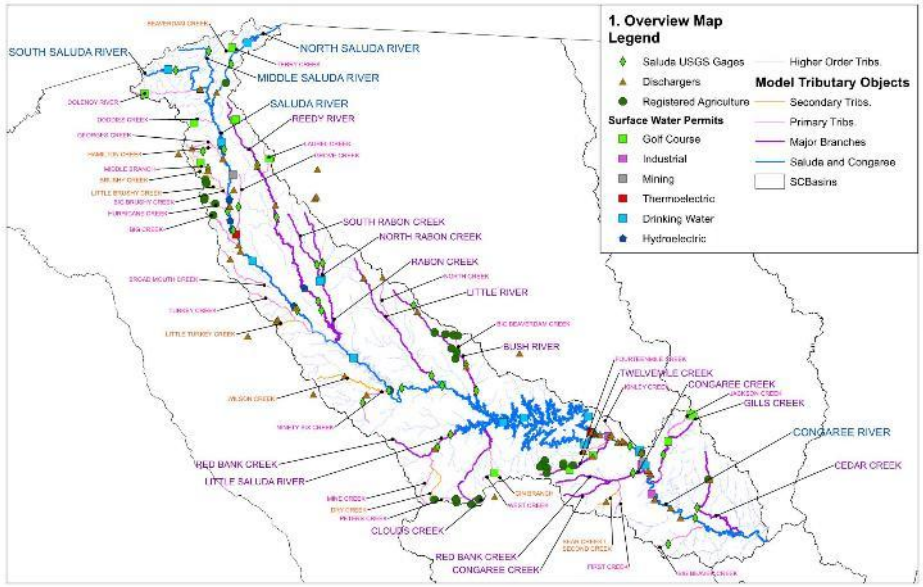
- UIF dataset will be extended into the Congaree River when Broad River UIFs are completed

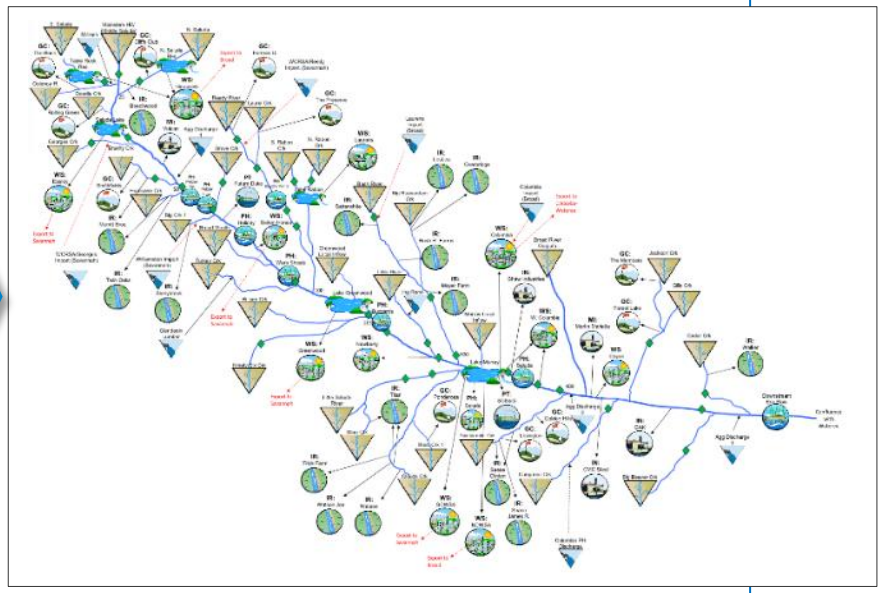
Saluda Basin Unimpaired Flow Locations



Saluda Basin Model Framework

- Draft Model Framework has been prepared for the entire Saluda Basin





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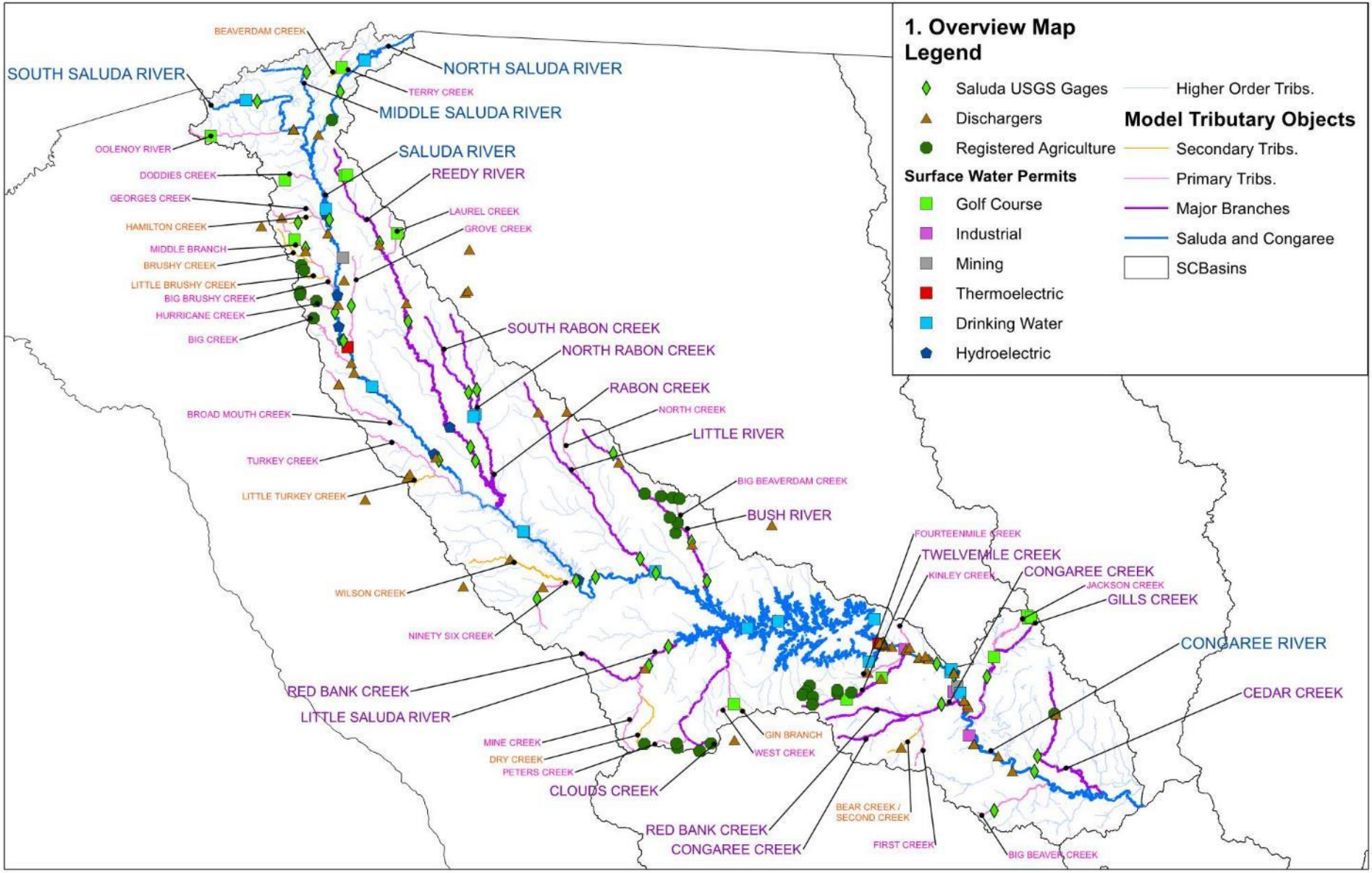

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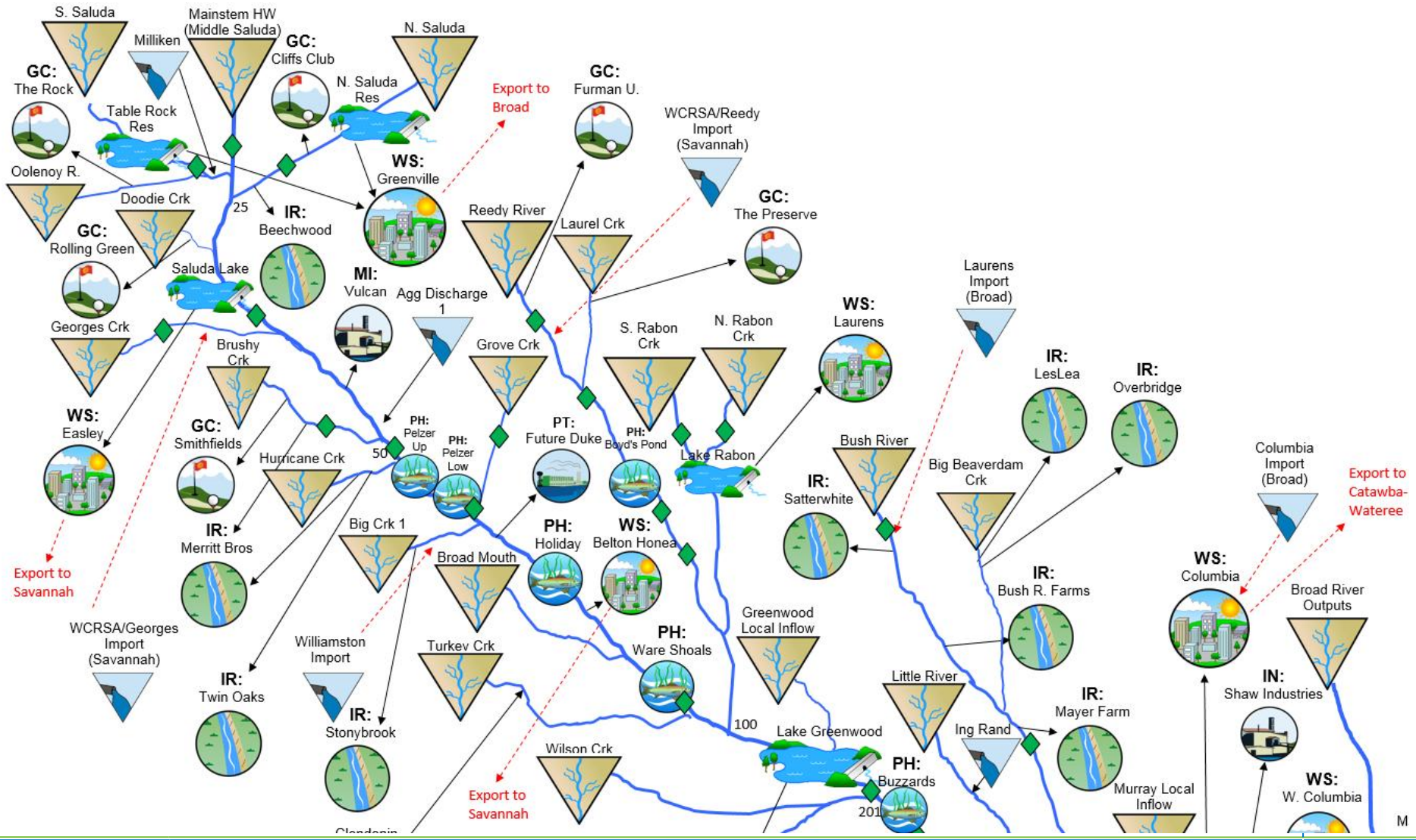

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- Two meetings per basin are planned
- A webinar is being developed to provide an introduction to the project.

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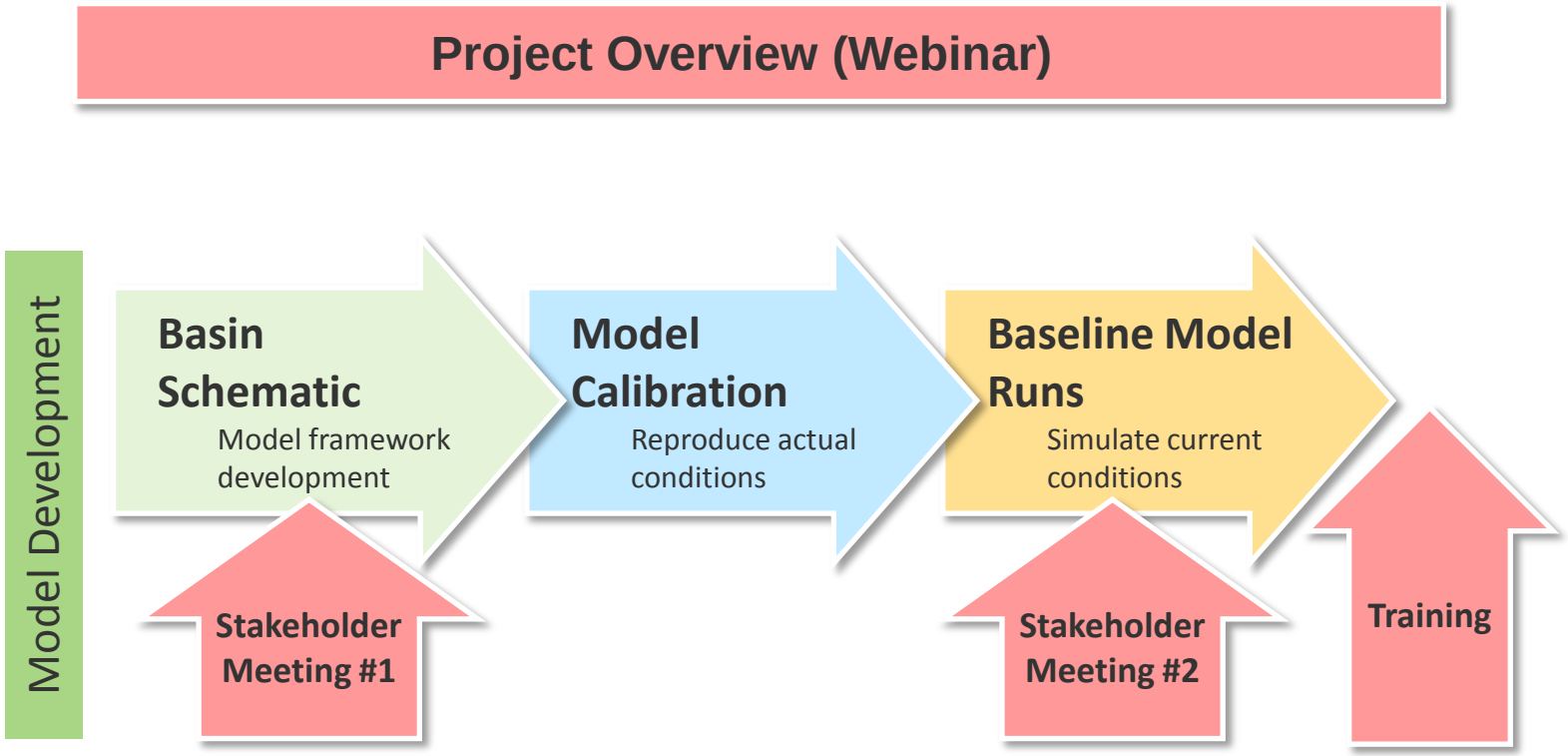


Stakeholder Involvement Opportunities

- **Meeting #1 - Review of Basin Framework (Workshop Format)**
  - Are all interests included in the framework?
  - Are all important tributaries being represented?
  - Are additional model nodes needed for environmental flows?
  - Are there significant data gaps which still need filling?

- **Saluda Basin Meeting #1**
  - Date/Time: Tuesday, April 21st, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
  - Location: Clemson ICAR
    5 Research Drive, Greenville

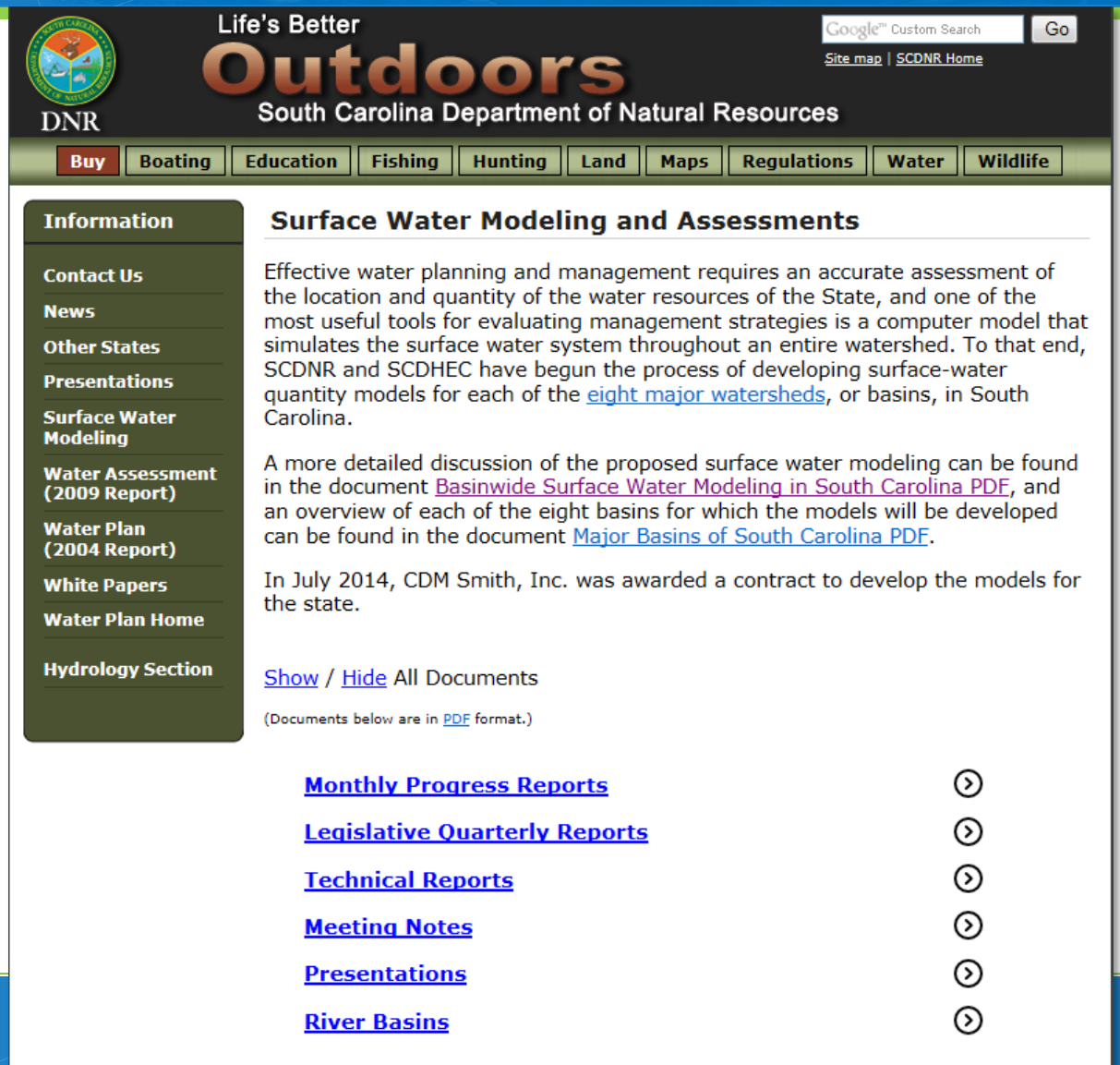
Stakeholder Involvement Opportunities

- **Meeting #2 - Review of Unimpaired Flow Dataset and Baseline Model**
  - Review of UIF development and gap filling
  - Review of baseline model
  - Review of model calibration and verification results
  - Review of model uses and limitations

- **Training**
  - Training to interested parties will be provided for each basin model

Project Web Page

www.dnr.sc.gov/water/waterplan/surfacewater.html



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