



***Middle Fork Project
Modeling Update***

Placer County Water Agency

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Modeling Update

- What's New
- Betterments Logic
- Hourly Model

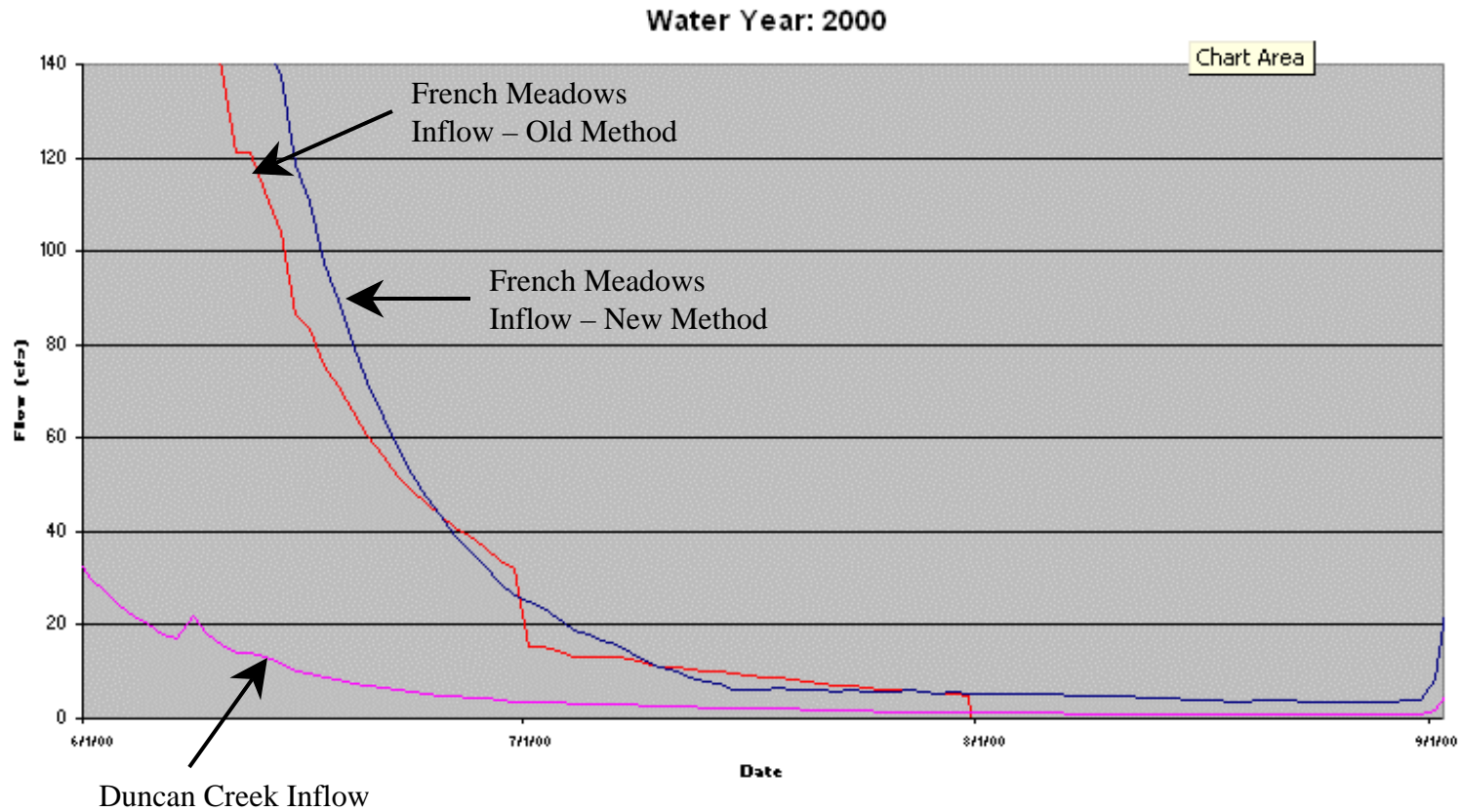
What's new - Overview

- Updated Hydrology Set
- Updated Powerhouse Efficiency Curves
- Instream Flow Requirements Now Located in Pattern Tables
- Supplemental Flow Requirement Tables
- New Consumptive Demands Structure
- Updated SAE Curves
- Peak Hours Designation

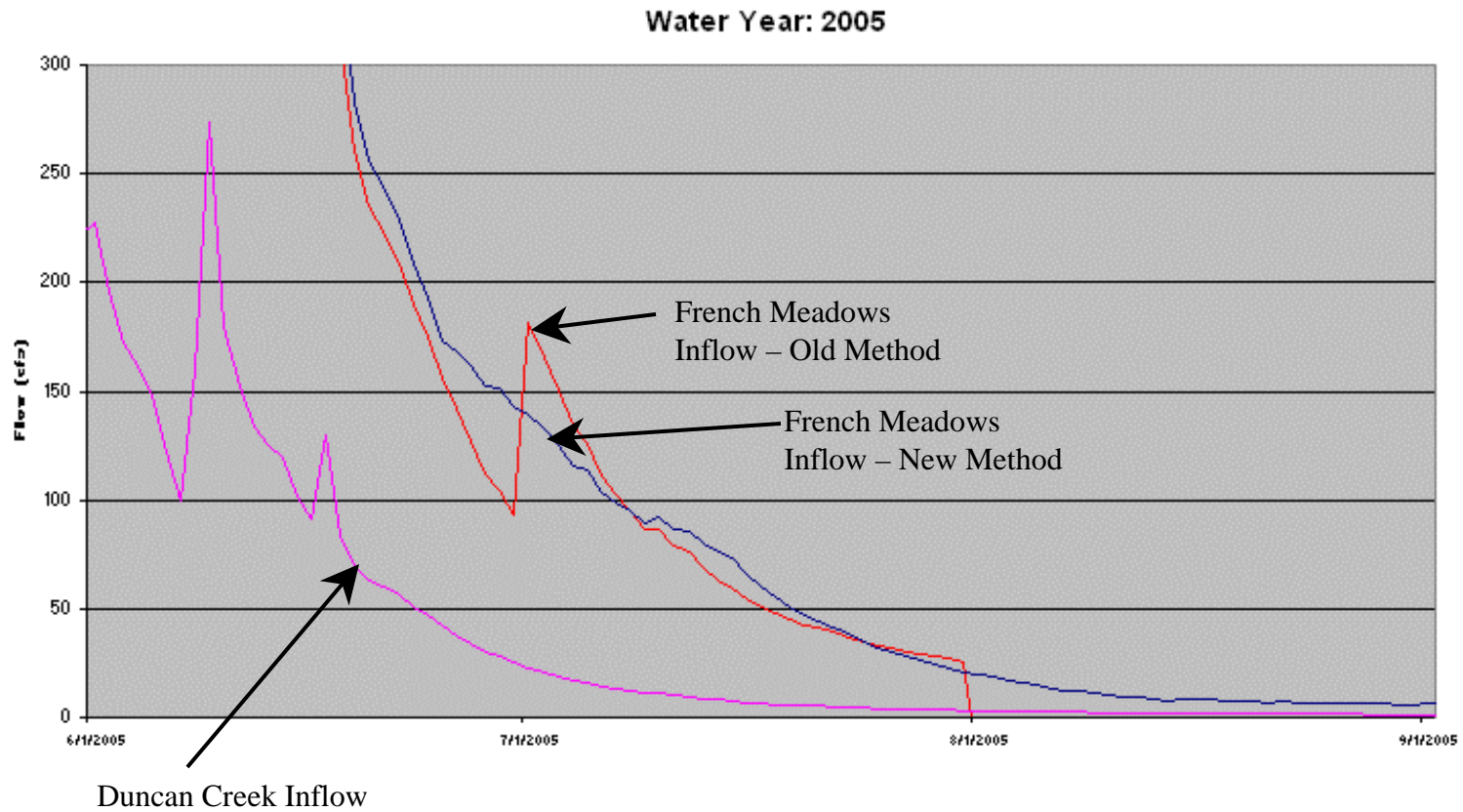
Updated Hydrology

- Reservoir inflows not gaged, computed from available data
- Additional analysis yielded better smoothing technique
- Previous technique smoothed months individually, new technique connects months
- Hydrology through water year 2007, previously through 2006

Updated Hydrology

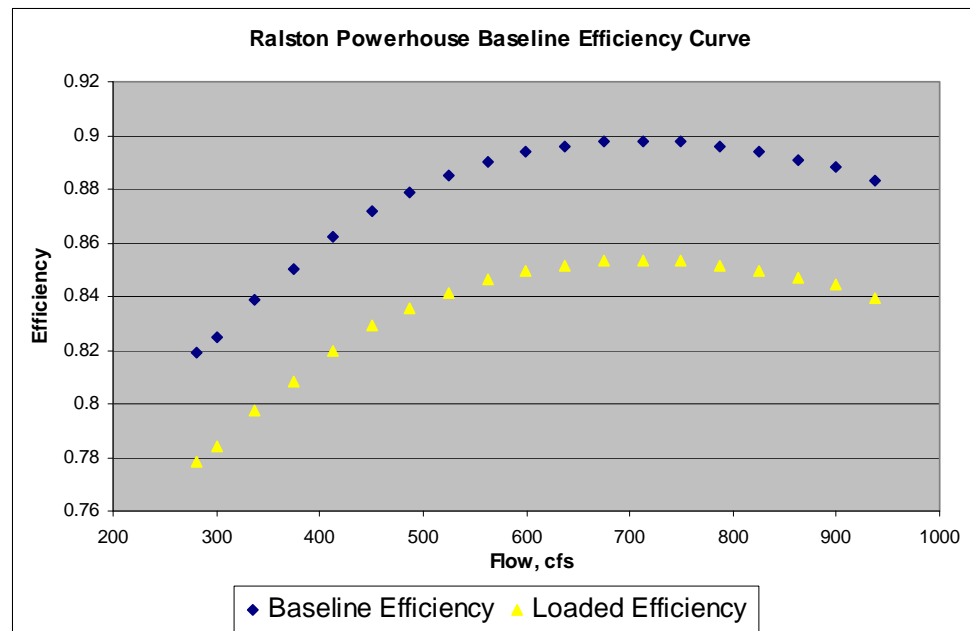


Updated Hydrology



Powerhouse Efficiency Curves

- Previous curves represented turbine efficiency, not total station efficiency
- Composite station efficiency includes:
 - 98% generator efficiency
 - 97% transformer efficiency



Instream Flow Requirements

- All flow requirements in pattern tables, previously in OCL code

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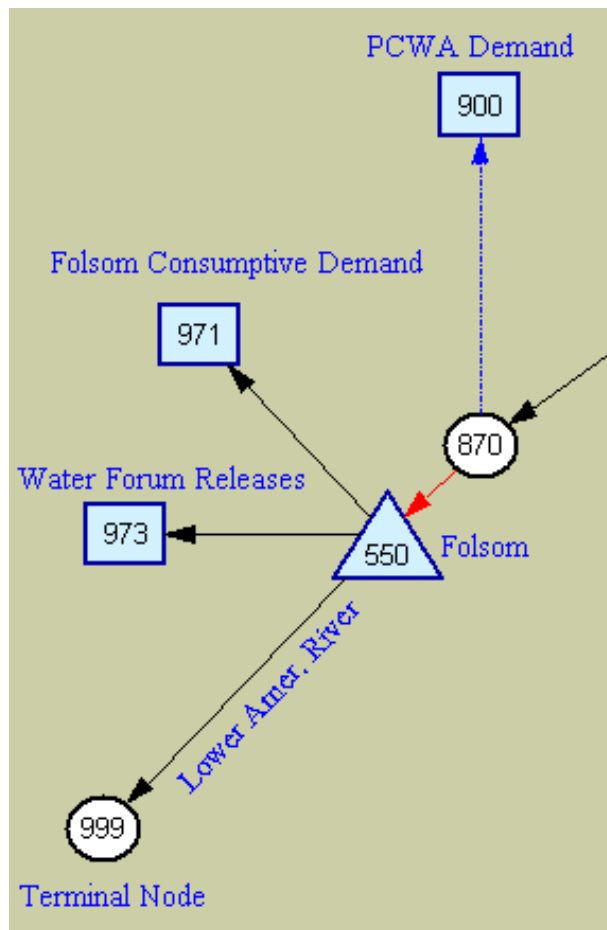
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Condition AN : aui_ar >= [Year_type_AN]
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value : MIN < cfs_to_af< 4 >*1.05 , timesers(800/inflow) >
}
    
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OCL Pattern								
Name	EOP	Flow to Vol	Rate	Factor	Month	Day	Value	
Duncan_AN_minflow	0	1	0	1.0	1	1	8.0	
Duncan_AN_minflow						9	30	8.0
Duncan_AN_minflow	0	1	0	1.0	10	1	8.0	
Duncan_AN_minflow						12	31	8.0
Duncan_BN_minflow	0	1	0	1.0	1	1	8.0	
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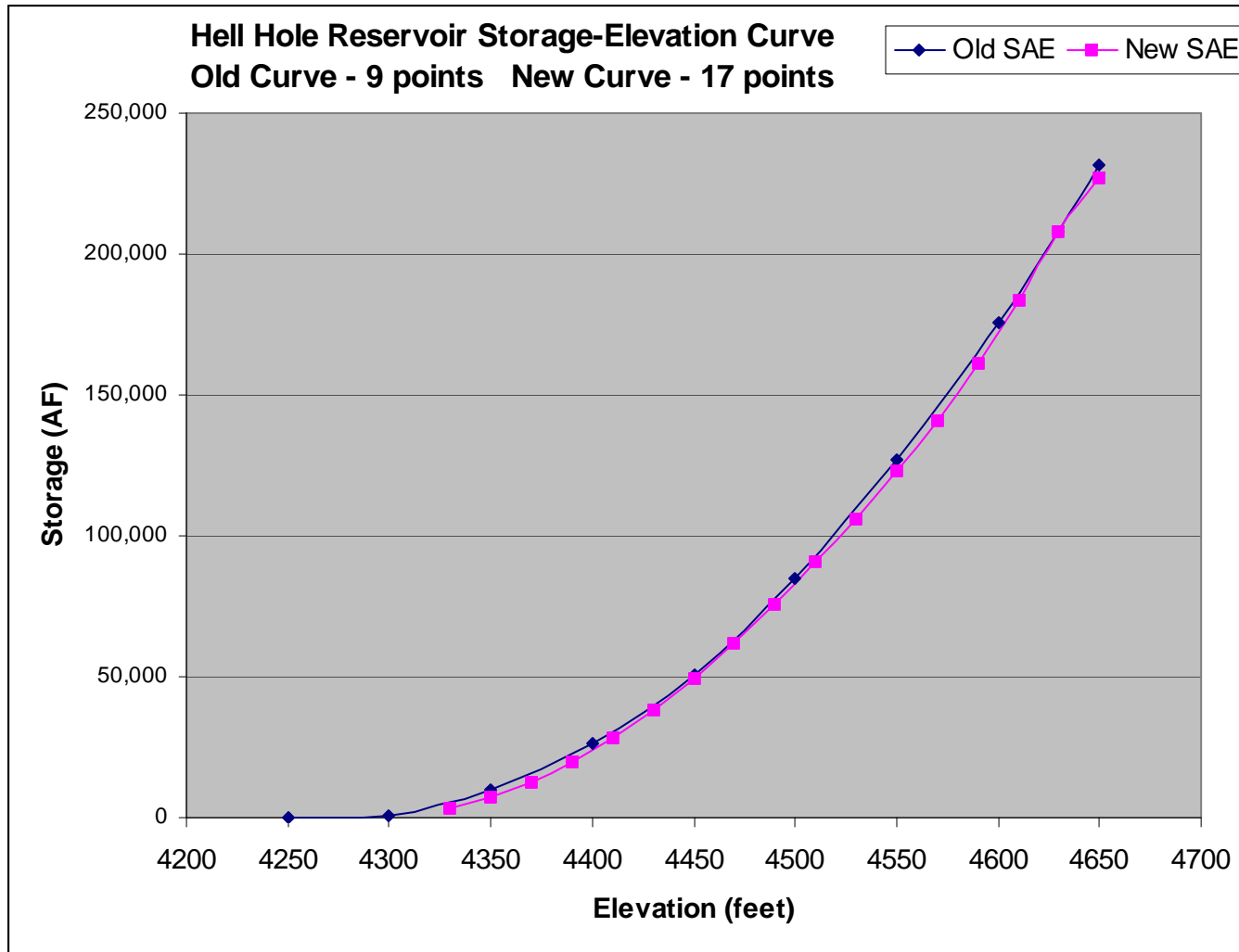


Consumptive Demands Structure

- Folsom demands were partitioned more than necessary, complicated demand tables



New SAE Curves



Peak Hours Designation

- Prioritize hours of day in terms of generation value

Hour of day	Weekdays Jul - Aug	Weekdays Jun, Sep	Weekdays Nov - Feb	Weekends Jun - Sep	Weekdays Mar - May & Oct	Weekends Oct - May
0	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak
1	Super Off Peak	Super Off Peak	Super Off Peak	Super Off Peak	Super Off Peak	Super Off Peak
2						
3						
4						
5	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak
6	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	
7	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	
8	Low Partial Peak	Low Partial Peak	Low Partial Peak	Low Partial Peak	Low Partial Peak	
9	High Partial Peak	High Partial Peak				
10	Peak	Peak	High Partial Peak	High Partial Peak		
11	Crit Peak					
12	Peak					
13	Peak					
14	Crit Peak					
15	Peak	High Partial Peak	High Partial Peak			
16	Peak	High Partial Peak	High Partial Peak			
17	Peak	High Partial Peak	High Partial Peak			
18	Peak	High Partial Peak	High Partial Peak			
19	High Partial Peak	Low Partial Peak	Low Part Pk	Low Partial Peak		
20	High Partial Peak	Low Partial Peak				
21	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	
22	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	
23	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	Off Peak	

Critical Peak	176
Peak	434
High Partial Peak	1393
Low Partial Peak	2127
Off Peak	3170
Super Off Peak	1460
Total	8760



Betterments



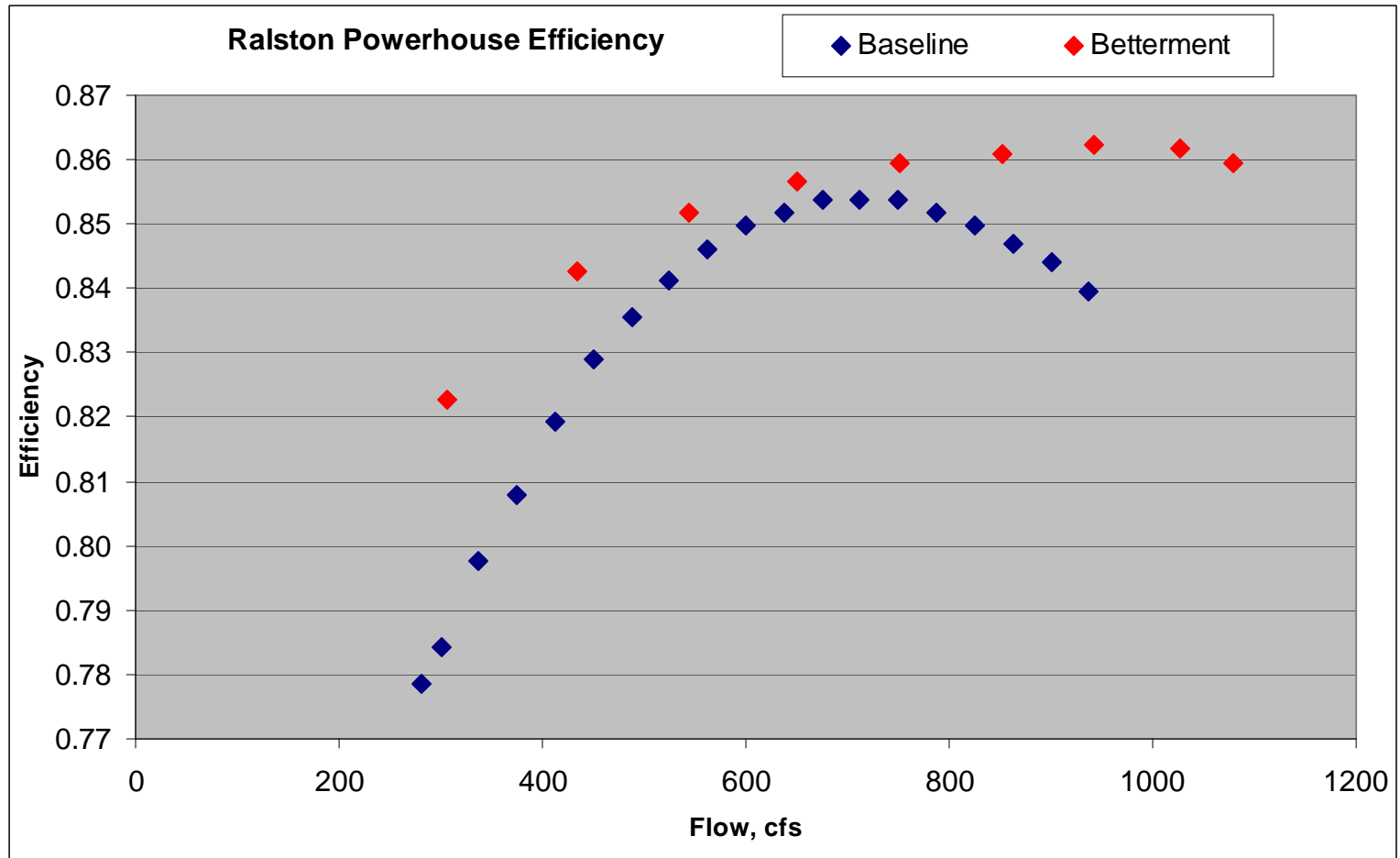
Betterments

- Ralston Powerhouse Capacity Upgrade
- French Meadows Powerhouse Capacity Upgrade
- Hell Hole Seasonal Storage Increase

Ralston PH Upgrade

- Increased capacity – 924 cfs to 1024 cfs.
- Betterment has improved efficiency curve
- Can take advantage of additional accretion flows

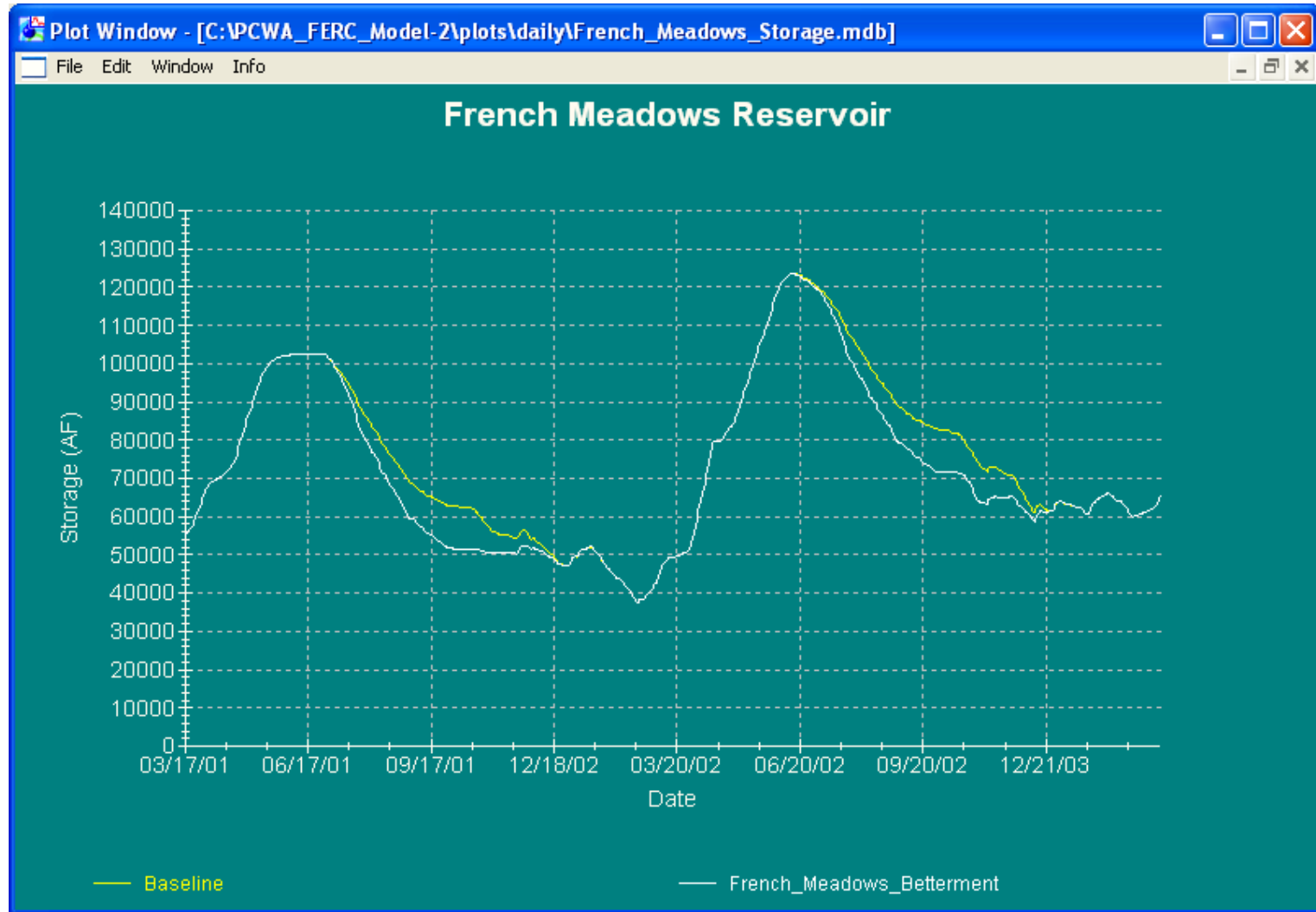
Ralston PH Upgrade



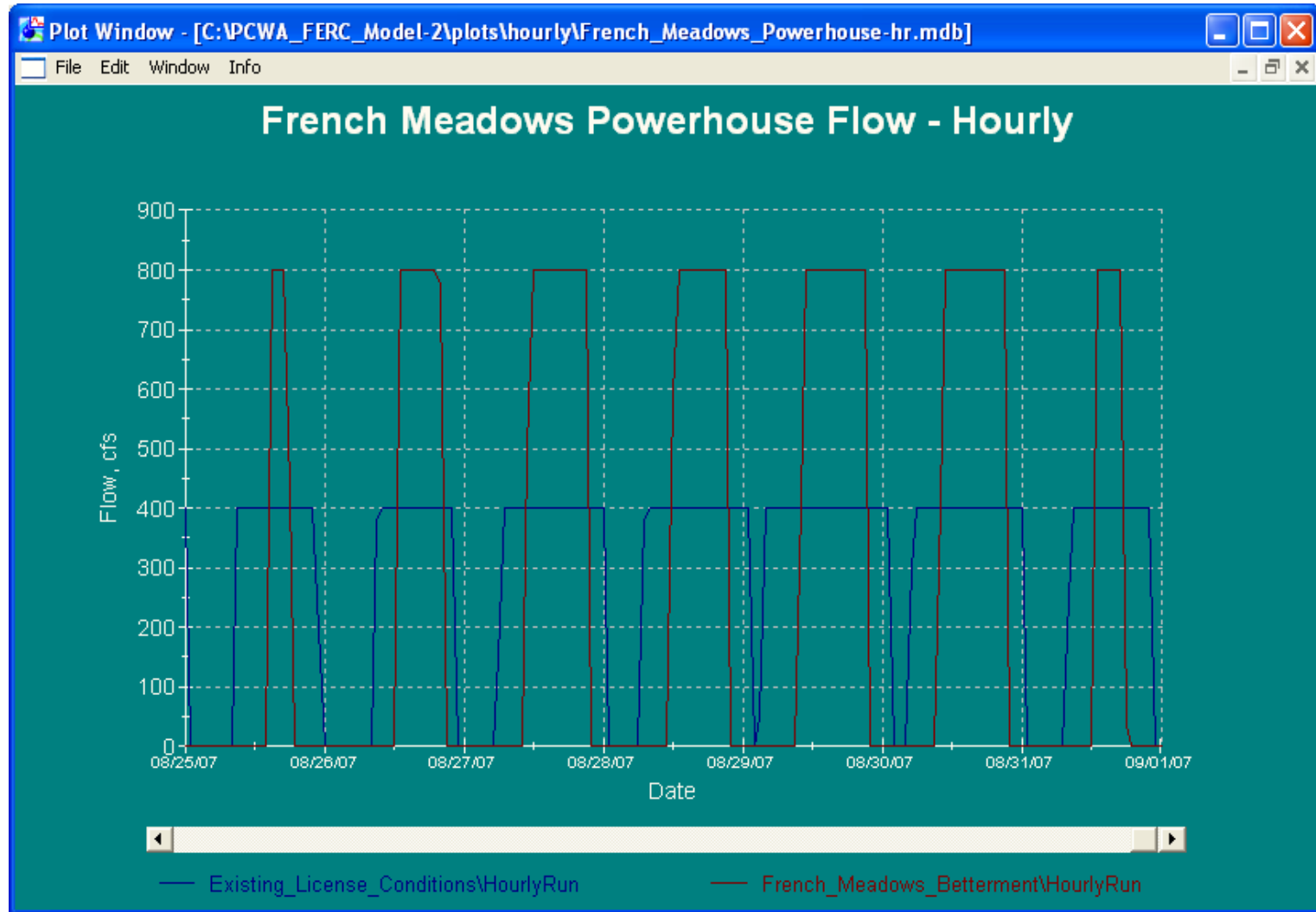
French Meadows PH Upgrade

- Increased capacity – 400 cfs to 800 cfs
- Possibility of new penstock alignment – different head loss relationship
- Slightly decreased KW per AF ratio, can put more generation in peak hours
- Potential for ancillary services
- Can move generation within season to more valuable periods

French Meadows PH Upgrade



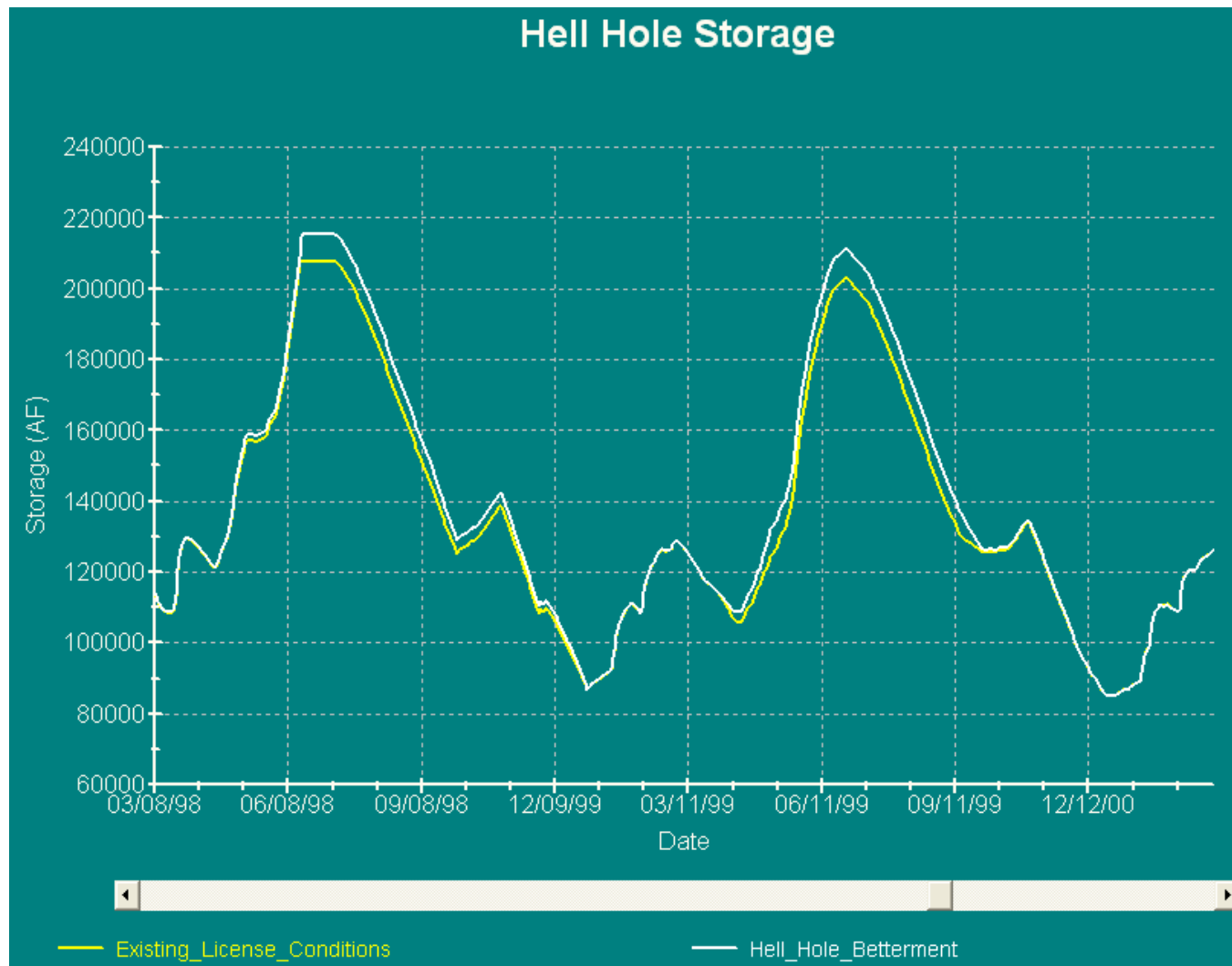
French Meadows PH Upgrade



Hell Hole Seasonal Storage Increase

- Seasonal increase in storage capacity
- 6 foot raise – 7,600 AF
- Modeled with gates in place April through October (Assumption, need to verify)
- Increased active storage results in more generation in wetter years

Hell Hole Seasonal Storage Increase



Hourly Model

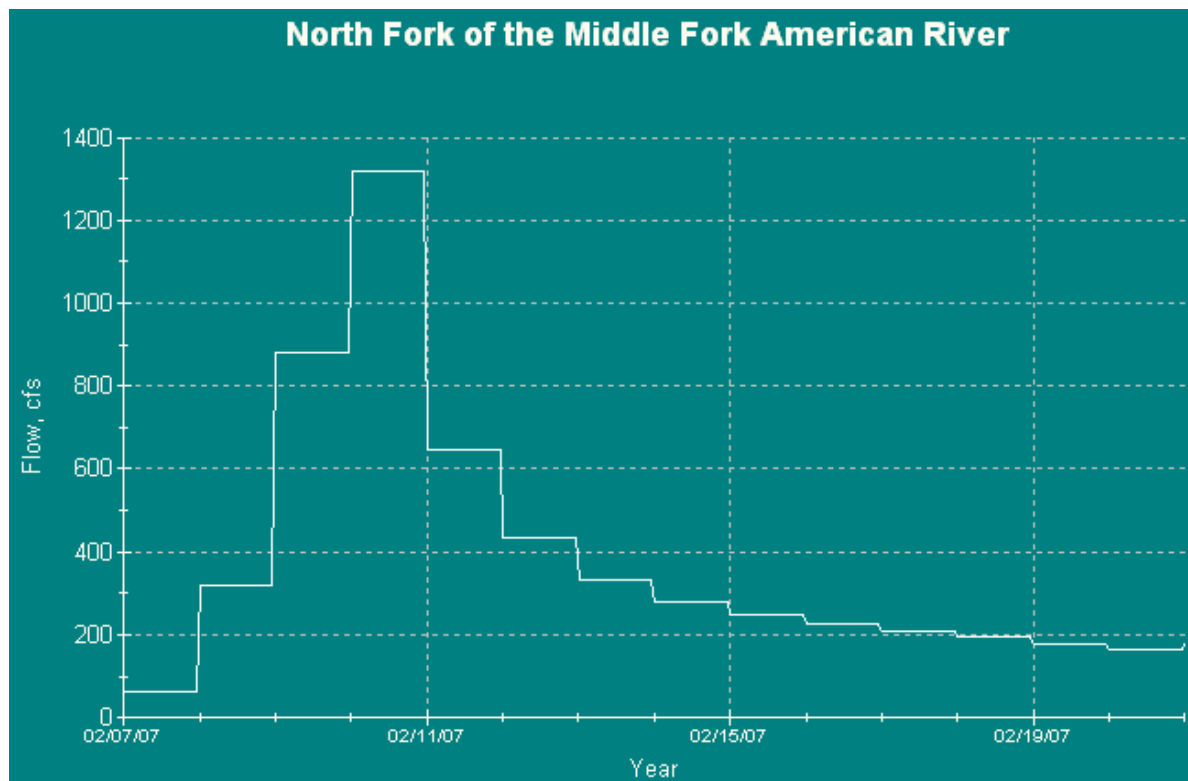


Hourly Model

- Purpose:
 - Evaluate environmental and recreational impacts of hourly flow changes in the peaking reach
 - Evaluate impacts to Oxbow generation and Ralston Afterbay storage
 - Support water temperature modeling effort
 - Support habitat modeling effort
 - Support recreation flows analysis

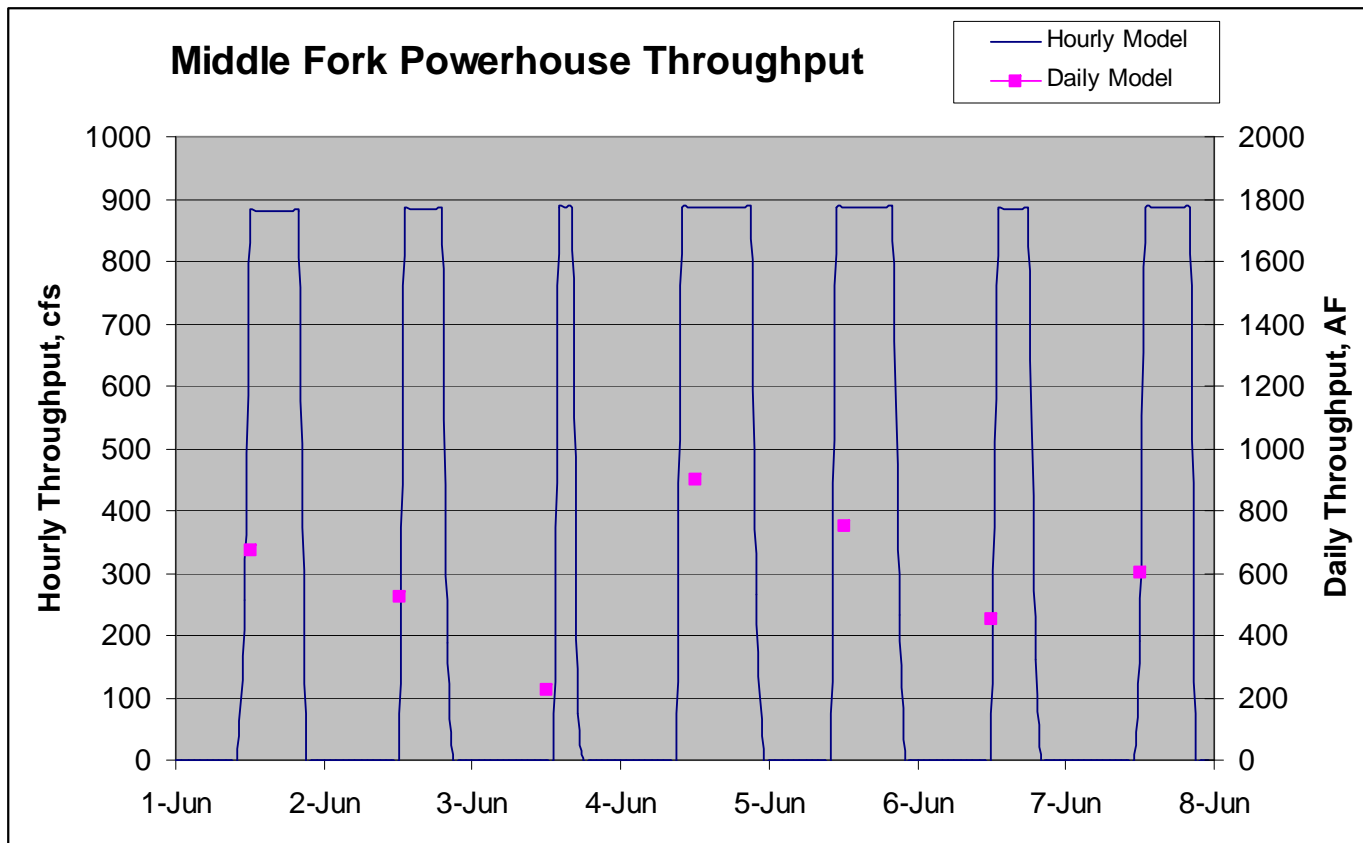
Hourly Model Operation

- All accretion flows are steady within a day, equal to the daily average inflow
- All instream releases and reservoir spills are steady within a day, equal to the daily average flow from the daily model

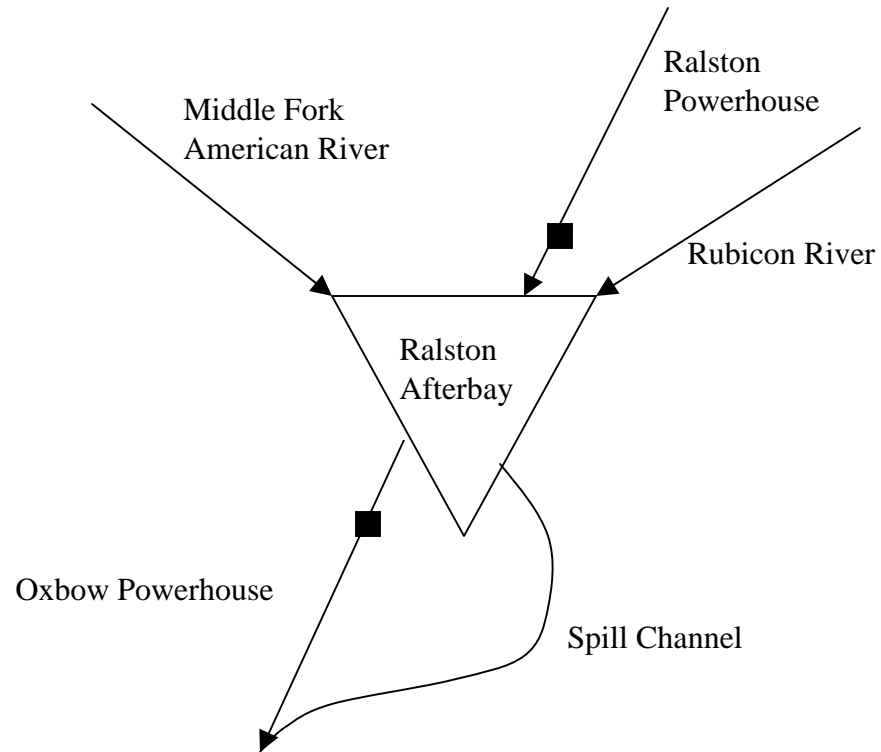


Hourly Model Operation

- Powerhouses upstream of Ralston Afterbay re-shape daily volume into peaking shape

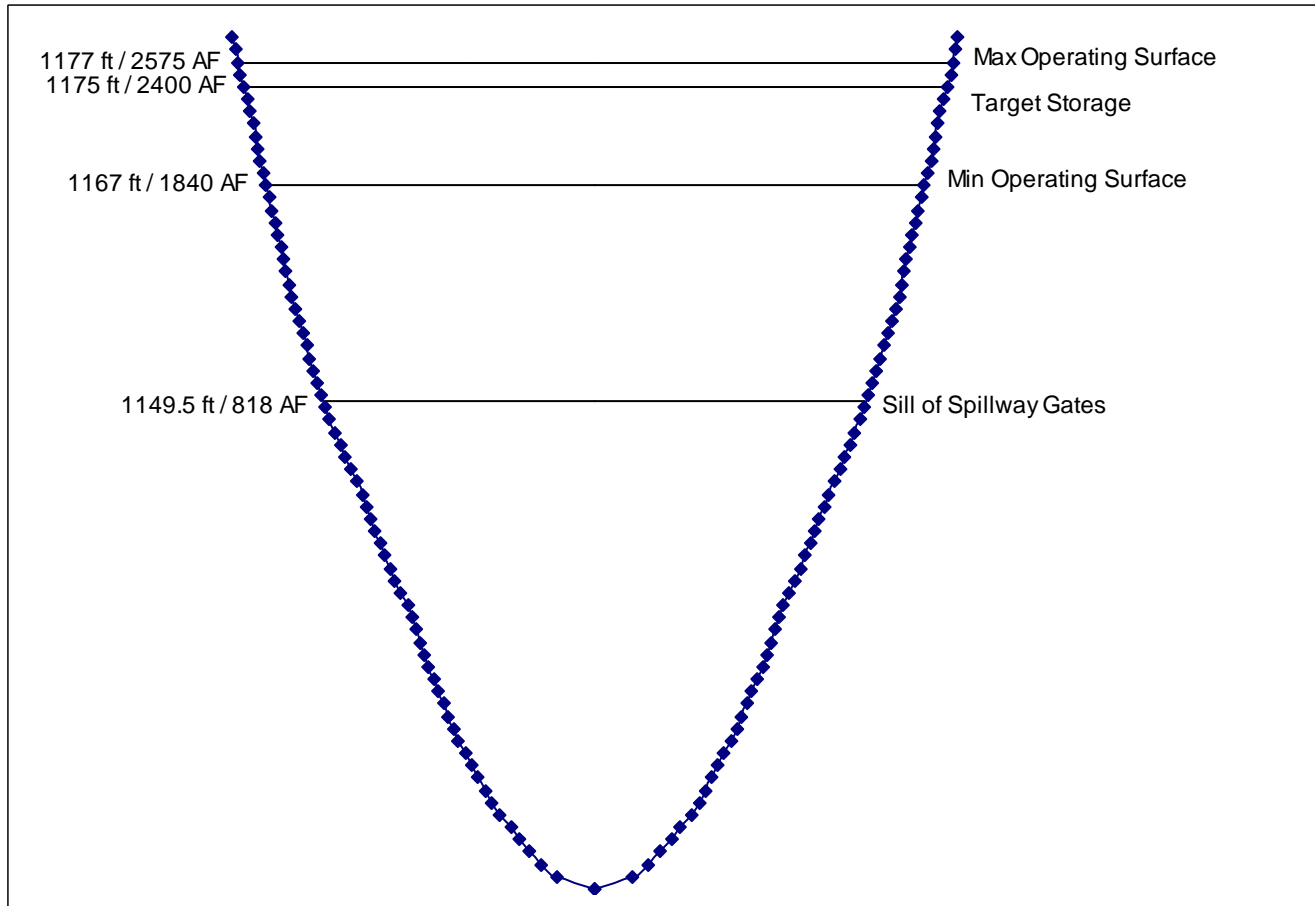


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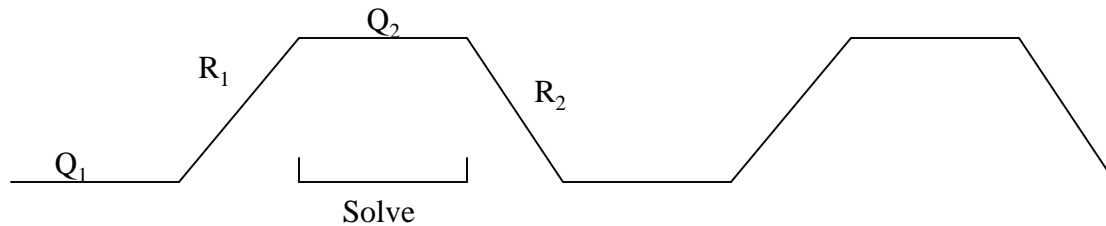
Hourly Model Operation

Ralston Afterbay



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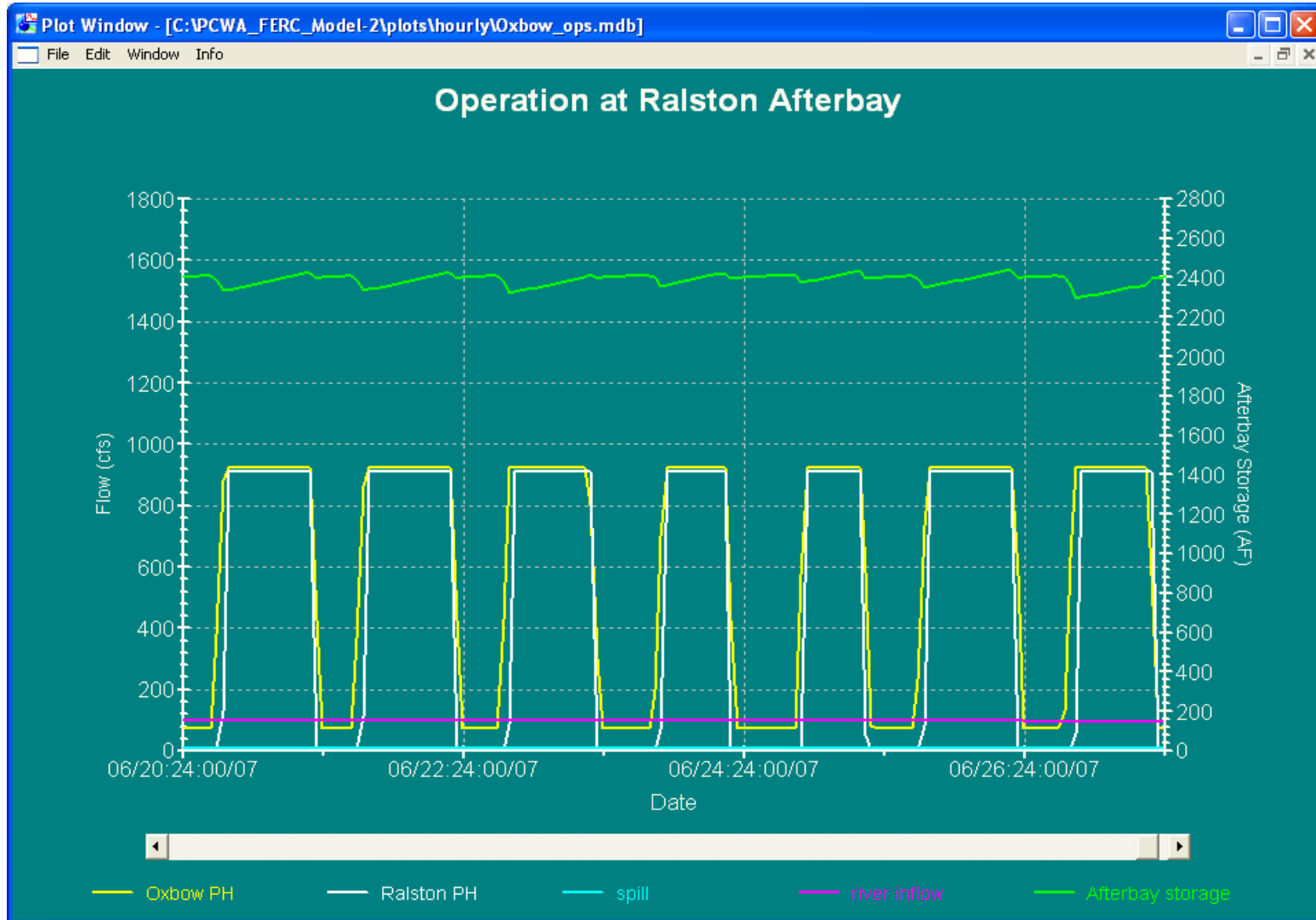
- Oxbow Powerhouse Generation



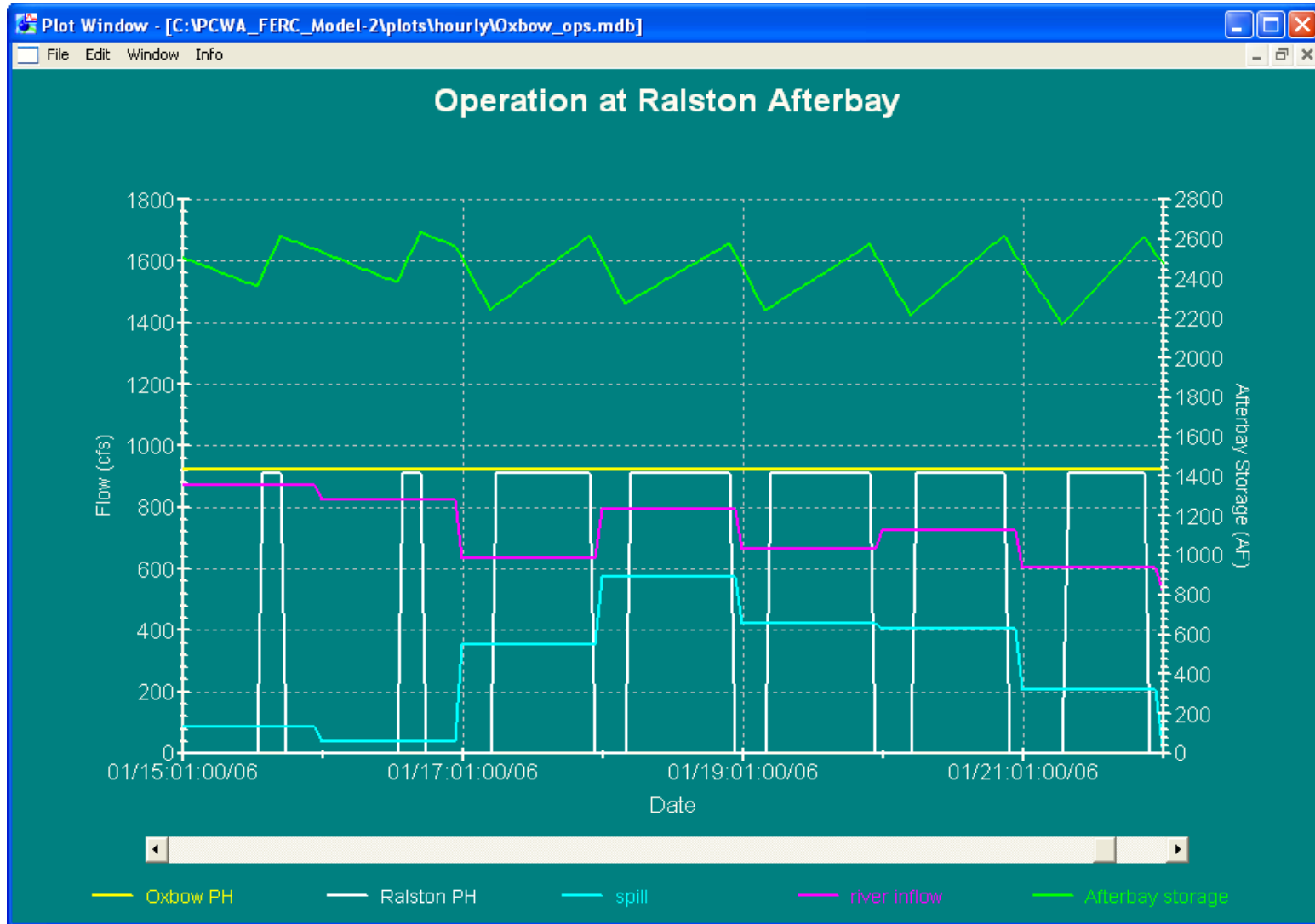
Hourly Model Operation

- Oxbow Powerhouse, Ralston Afterbay storage and spills re-operated in hourly model
- Oxbow Powerhouse will operate as much as possible, while not causing Afterbay storage to be below 1175 feet (2400 AF) at the end of the day
- When Oxbow Powerhouse is running 24 hours per day at full flow, Afterbay will spill as much water as needed to end the day at or below 1177 feet (2575 AF)

Hourly Model - Afterbay



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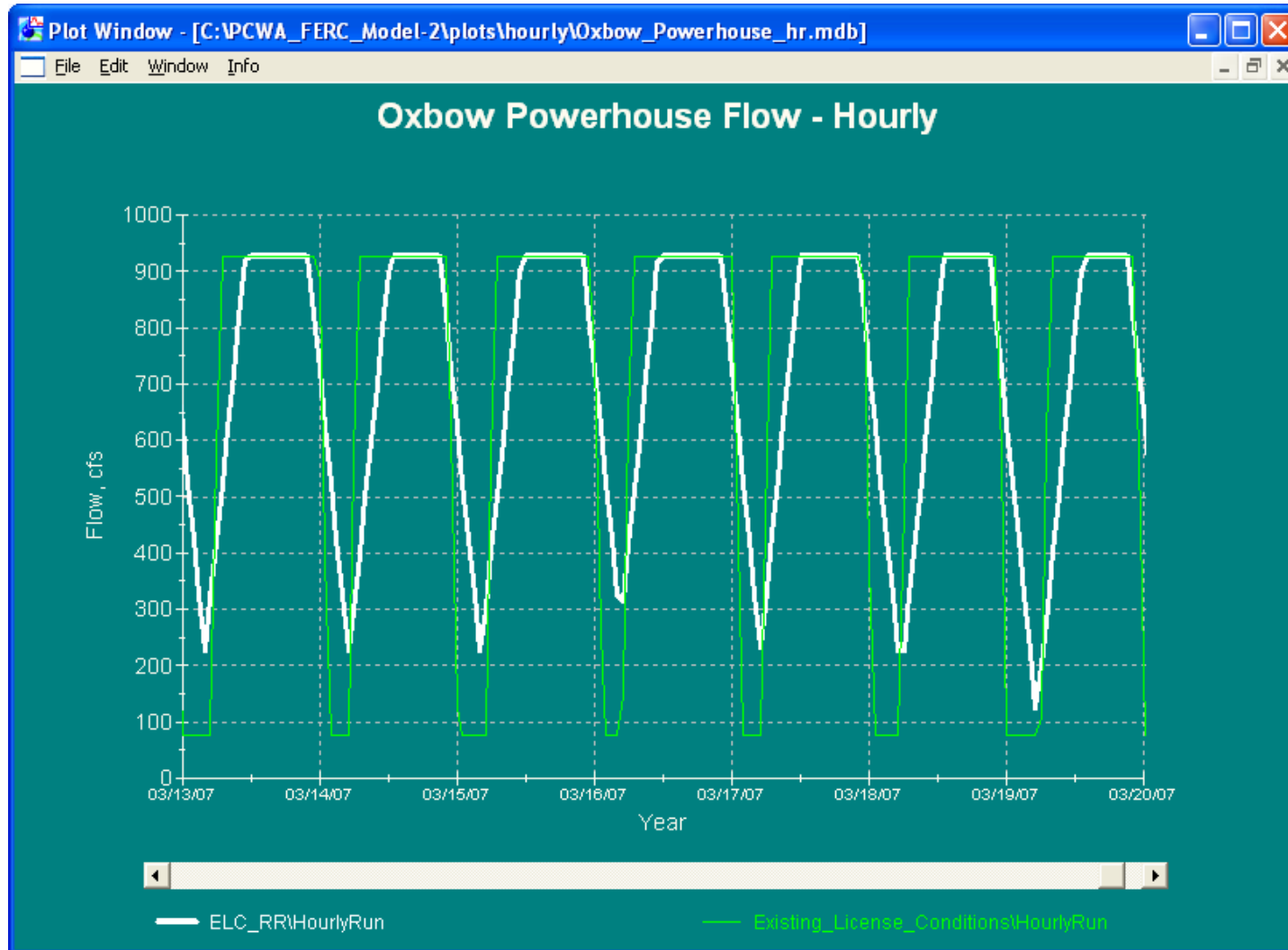
Hourly Model – Travel Time

- Hourly model utilizes travel time downstream of Ralston Afterbay
- Currently travel time is constant regardless of flow
- Developing a relationship for travel time to change with flow

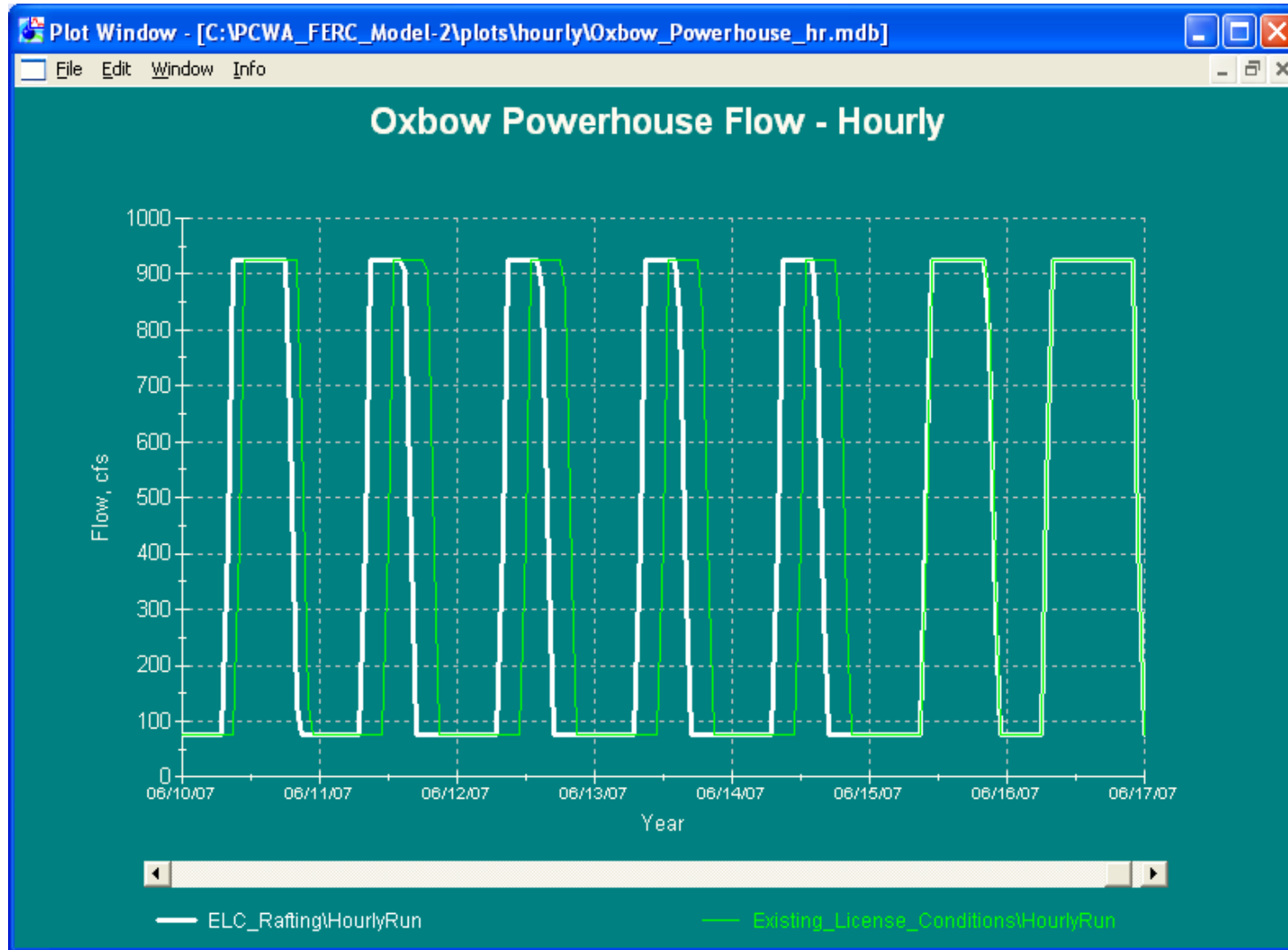
Hourly Model – User Options

- Hourly Model Specific Inputs include:
 - Hourly ramping rates at Oxbow PH
 - Independent up and down ramp rates
 - Feet per hour as referenced at Foresthill gage
 - Recreational flow requests
 - Start Time
 - Magnitude (cfs)
 - Duration (hours)
 - If recreational flow requests not met, need to go back to daily model to accommodate request

Hourly Model – Ramping Rates



Hourly Model – Recreation Flows

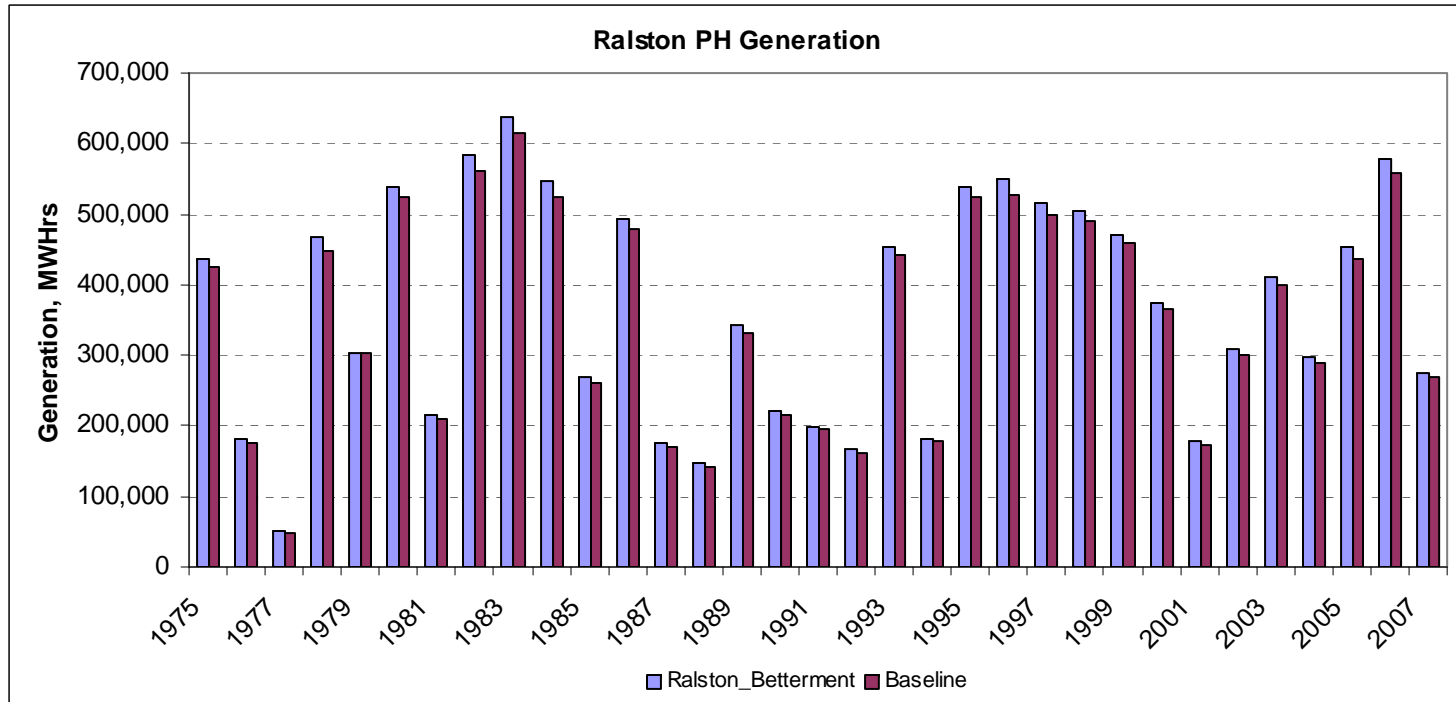


Betterments Results



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- Ralston Powerhouse Upgrade



- Average annual generation increase:

10.4 GWH at Ralston PH

2.6 GWH at Middle Fork PH

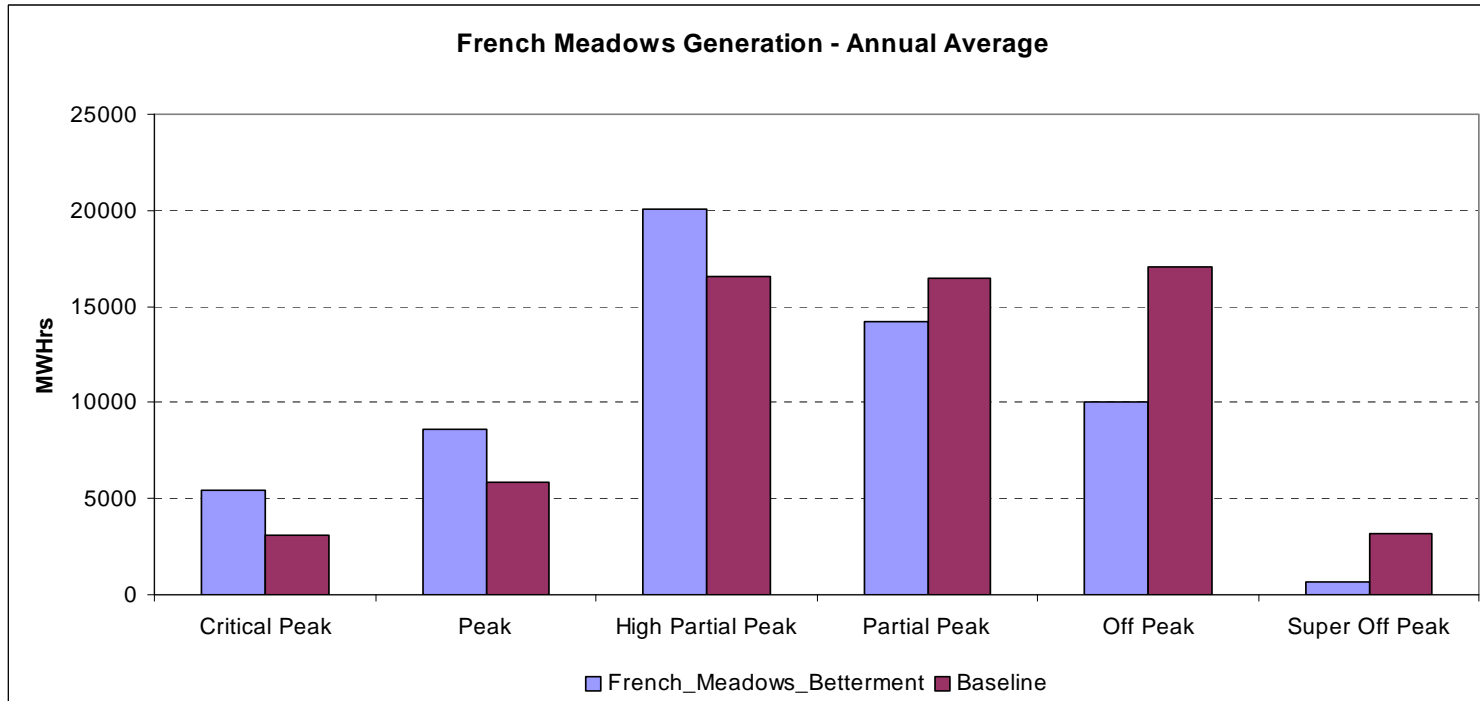


Betterments Results

- Ralston Powerhouse Upgrade
 - Increased Efficiency accounts for 8.4 GWH
 - Increased Throughput Capacity accounts for 2.0 GWH

Betterments Results

- French Meadows Powerhouse Upgrade



- Average annual increase in Peak and Critical Peak hours of 5 GWH
- Total average annual generation decrease of 3 GWH

Betterments Results

- Hell Hole Seasonal Storage Increase:
 - Additional storage used in 21 of 33 years.
 - Average annual generation increase in those years of 6.3 GWH
 - Reduced spills in 8 of 33 years
 - No elimination of spills
 - Average annual generation increase of 4.7 GWH