# On the Need to Include Better Water Management Parameterization in Land Surface Models

Cumulative freshwater losses in California (left), the Middle East (center) and NW India (right) from GRACE, 2002-2014





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Trends in Groundwater Storage from NASA GRACE Mission (2003-2013) Richey at al., 2015, Water Resources Research



Richey, A.S., B.F. Thomas, M. Lo, J.T. Reager, J.S. Famiglietti, K. Voss, S. Swenson, M. Rodell (2015), Quantifying Revewable Groundwater Stress with GRACE, Water Resour, Res., doi: 10.1002/2015WR017349



# Water Redistribution Aqueducts in California







## The Challenge

- Given the strong fir landscape, we must pumping, irrigation land surface model
- How, for example, resources, if we car and groundwater re
- We have a long way





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Area under irrigation in percentage of land area



The map depicts the area equipped for irrigation in percentage of cell area. For the majority of countries the base year of statistics is in the period 1997 - 2002. Projection: Mollweide

#### http://www.fao.org/ag/agl/aglw/aquastat/irrigationmap/index.stm

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# Some of the things that we are working on at JPL





# Downscaling GRACE to water management scales California's Central Valley



Miro and Famiglietti (2016), submitted

# Output at 10-fold higher resolution

Spatial resolution of GRACE:

- 1 degree by 1 degree 200,000 km<sup>2</sup>
  Spatial resolution of output maps:
- 4km by 4km 16 km<sup>2</sup>

# Acceptable NSE values

- Calibration 0.1911 to 0.8200
- Validation 0.3546 to 0.8302
- 0 1 is acceptable, 1 is ideal



# **The Western States Water Mission**

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- A focused, accelerated effort in a flight project framework (i.e. treating it with the intensity of a NASA satellite mission)
- Integrate key satellite, aircraft and ground-based measurements (GRACE, GRACE-FO, SMAP, snow cover, SWOT-ready) into a high-resolution model (3 km<sup>2</sup> or less) of California and western U. S. hydrology
- Represent the major features of the natural (snow, surface water, soil moisture, groundwater, streamflow, evapotranspiration) and managed (conveyances, reservoirs, groundwater pumping, irrigation) water cycle in catchment-based framework with explicit river networks
- Provide NASA's best-available estimates of freshwater availability from localto-regional scales, including: snowcover, snow depth, snow water equivalent; surface water storage and streamflow; soil moisture content; and groundwater levels and storage changes
- Link to models of agriculture, food production, energy production, climate, ecology, etc; and very high resolution models for localized flooding









Cedric David, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory David et al., 2015



## Including simple reservoirs on the river network Solander et al. (2015)







# NASA Western Water Applications Office (WWAO)

## What is the WWAO?

A new NASA initiative to make satellite hydrology data more accessible and informative for western US water management

## What Does the WWAO Do?

- Connect stakeholders with NASA scientists, NASA technology, tools, and data.
- Serving NASA hydrology data in accesible format at water management scale
- Strategic support of NASA projects that enhance application readiness

## Why the NASA-WWAO?

- Apply NASA's wealth of science, remote sensing data and expertise.
- Leverage decades of investment in science and technology.
- Develop and maintain lasting relationships with stakeholders.



## Integrated models enable new science and applications Helping California water managers define 'sustainable' groundwater use





# Integrated models enable new science and applications: Irrigation in California's Central Valley Strengthens the Southwestern U. S. Water Cycle

