

# InFRM (Interagency Flood Risk Management) Neches River Basin Overview

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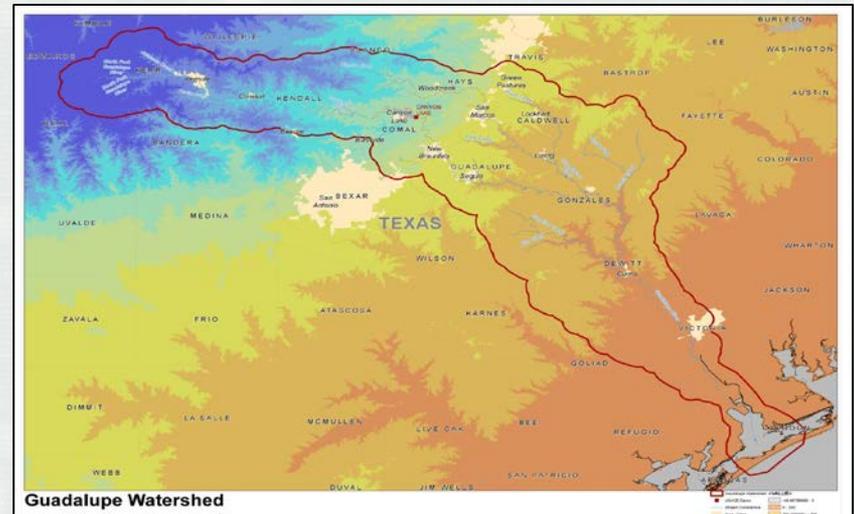
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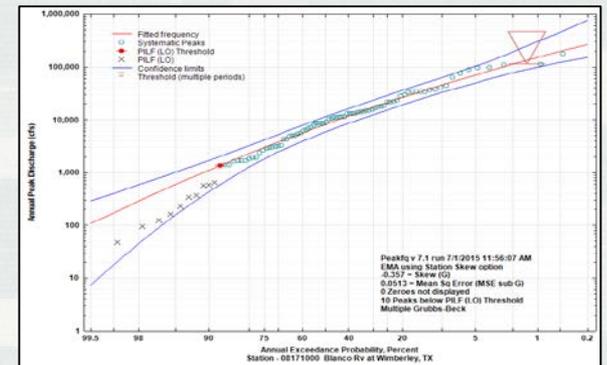
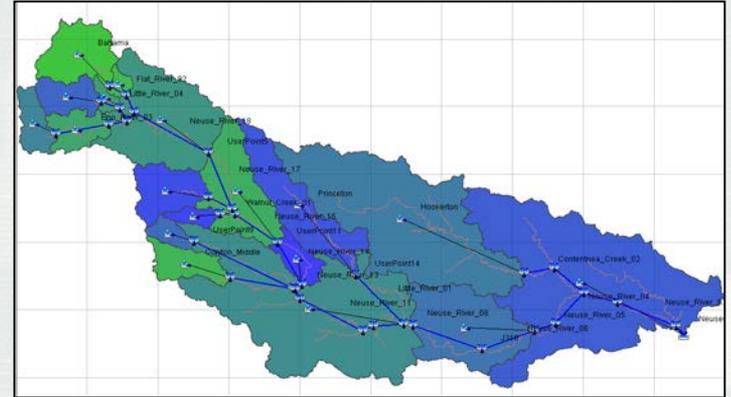
# Objectives

- Consistent flood risk assessments for entire watersheds within FEMA Region 6
- Utilize various hydrologic analysis techniques
- Examine and account for non-stationary trends
  - ▶ Land use changes
  - ▶ Climate variability
  - ▶ Regulation
- Watershed report
  - ▶ 0.2%, 1%, 2%, 4% and 10% exceedance probability events
- Modeling tools to easily increase granularity
- Interagency partnership



# Methodology

- Statistical hydrology
- Rainfall-runoff modeling
  - ▶ Existing conditions
  - ▶ Future conditions
  - ▶ Ultimate development conditions
- Period of record (POR) simulations
  - ▶ Regulated
  - ▶ Unregulated watershed conditions
- Reservoir studies
- Stochastic methods in hydrology
- Comparison and convergence of methods



# Advantages

- Multi-Agency approach
  - ▶ Advanced scientific team
  - ▶ Leverage knowledge within each agency
  - ▶ Leverage previous flood risk studies
  - ▶ Leverage newly developed USACE CWMS models
  - ▶ Represents multiple federal agencies working to support FEMA and their flood risk program
  - ▶ Complements USACE flood risk programs
- Various hydrologic analysis techniques
- Look at impacts of non-stationary watershed trends on flood risk
- Consistent results across the entire watershed
- Toolset for use in more detailed studies



# Products

- Watershed report
- Results from various hydrologic methods
- Recommended results
- Modeling tools which can be used to increase granularity
- Comparison to previous flood risk studies within the watershed



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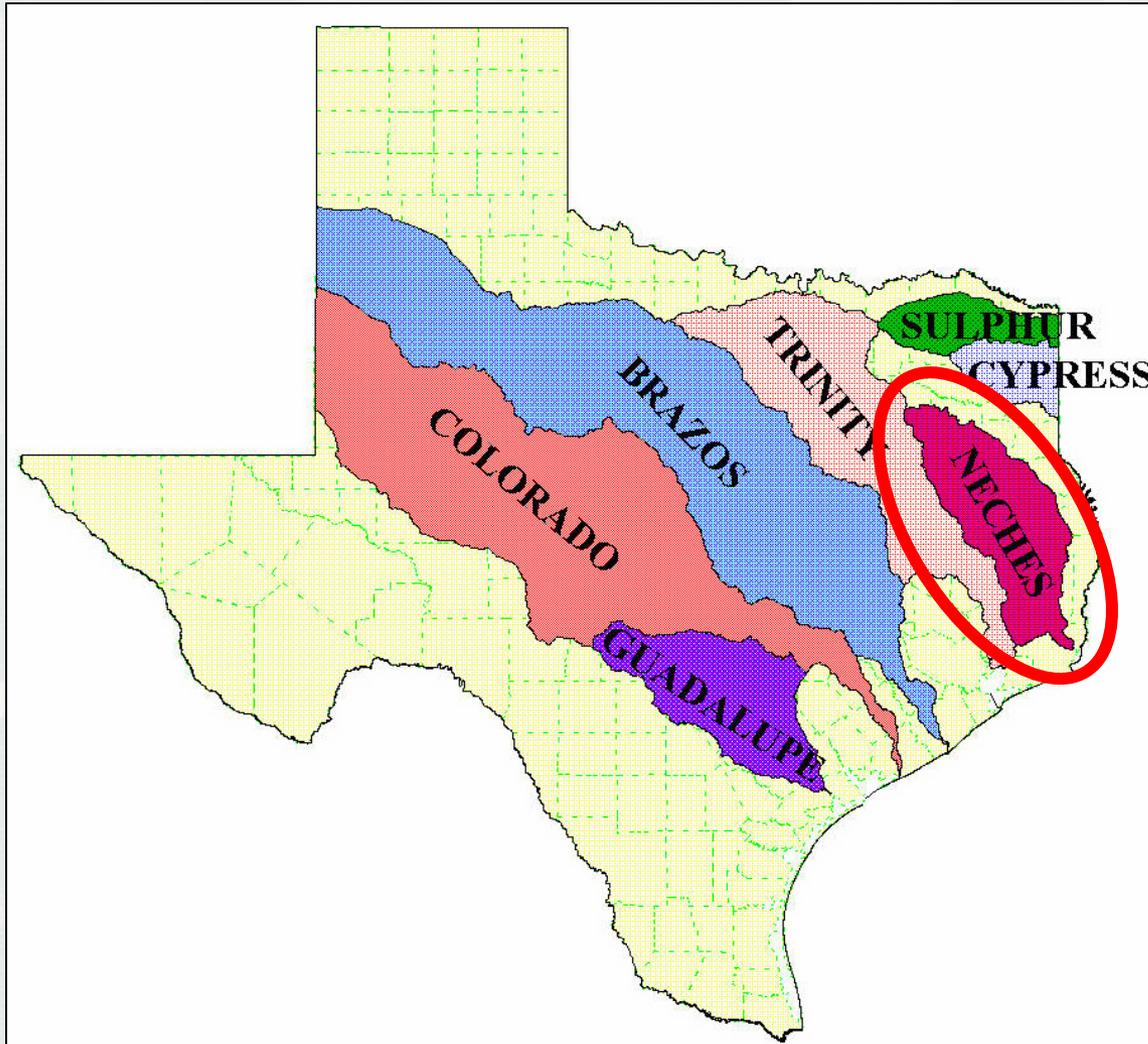


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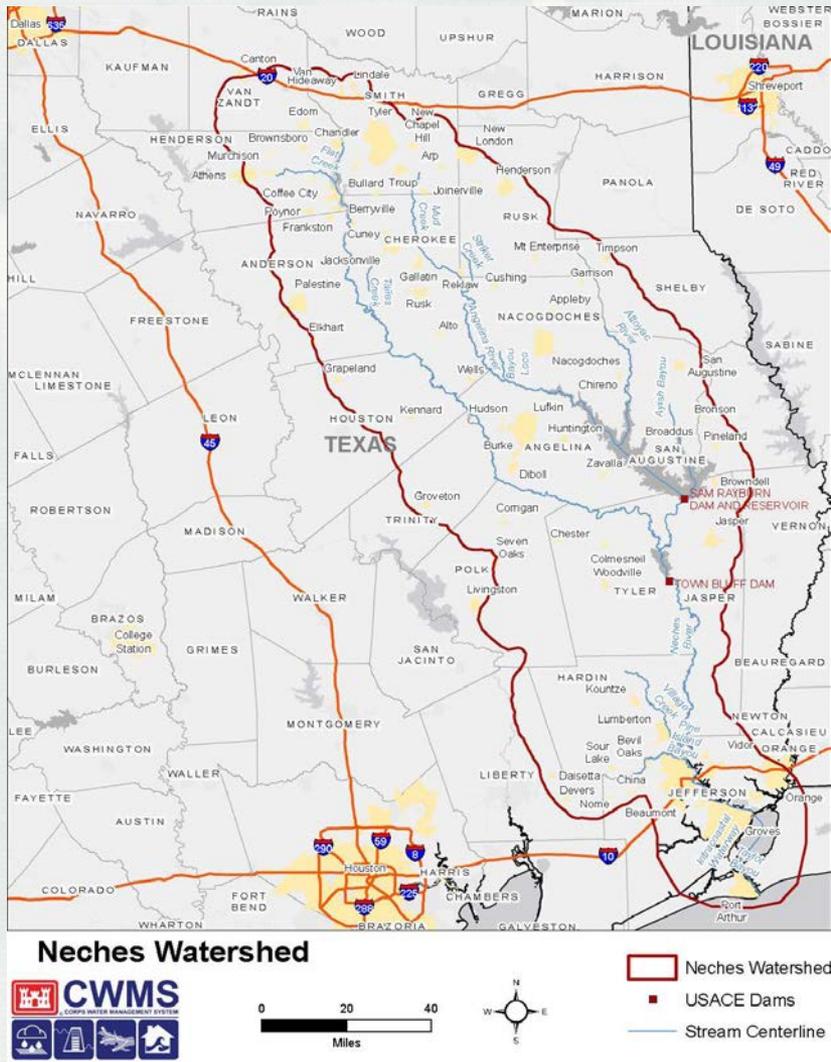
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# General Location



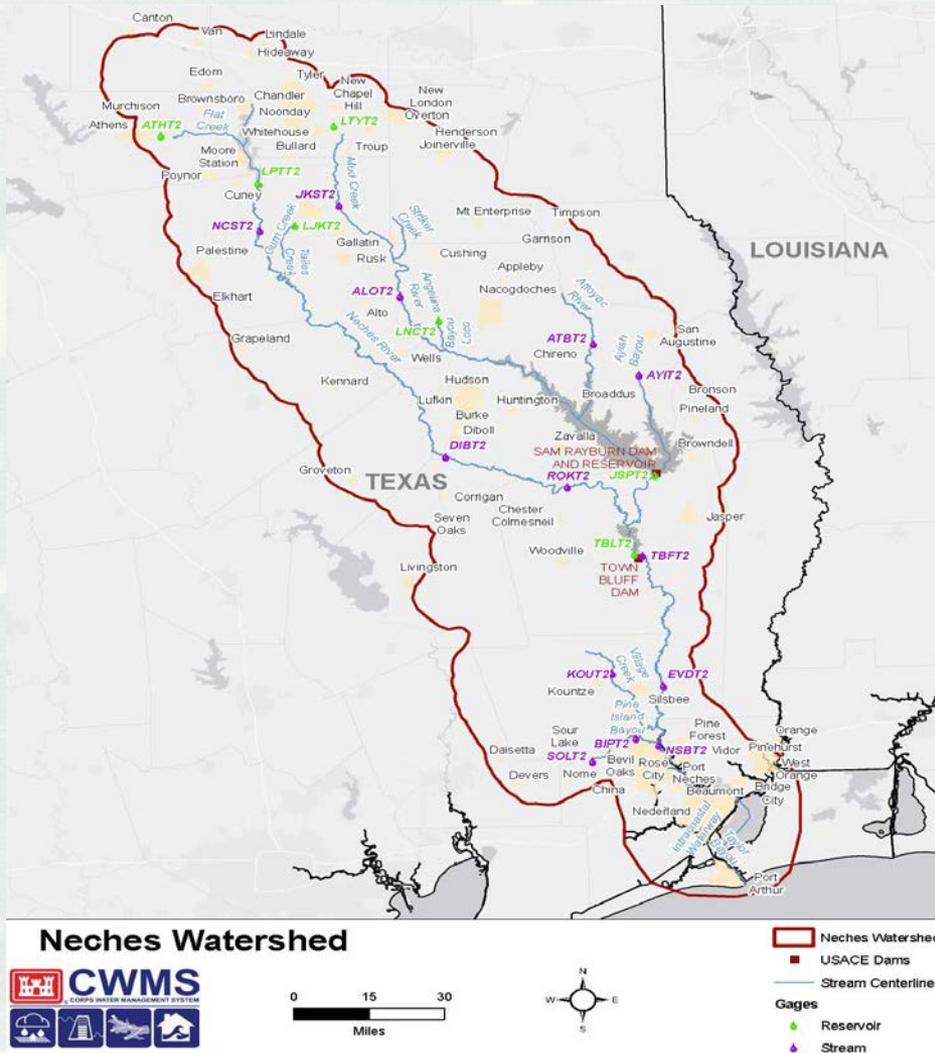
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- 10,129 Square Miles
- 1.2 feet per mile Slope from Canton to Gulf
- 8 Large Dams

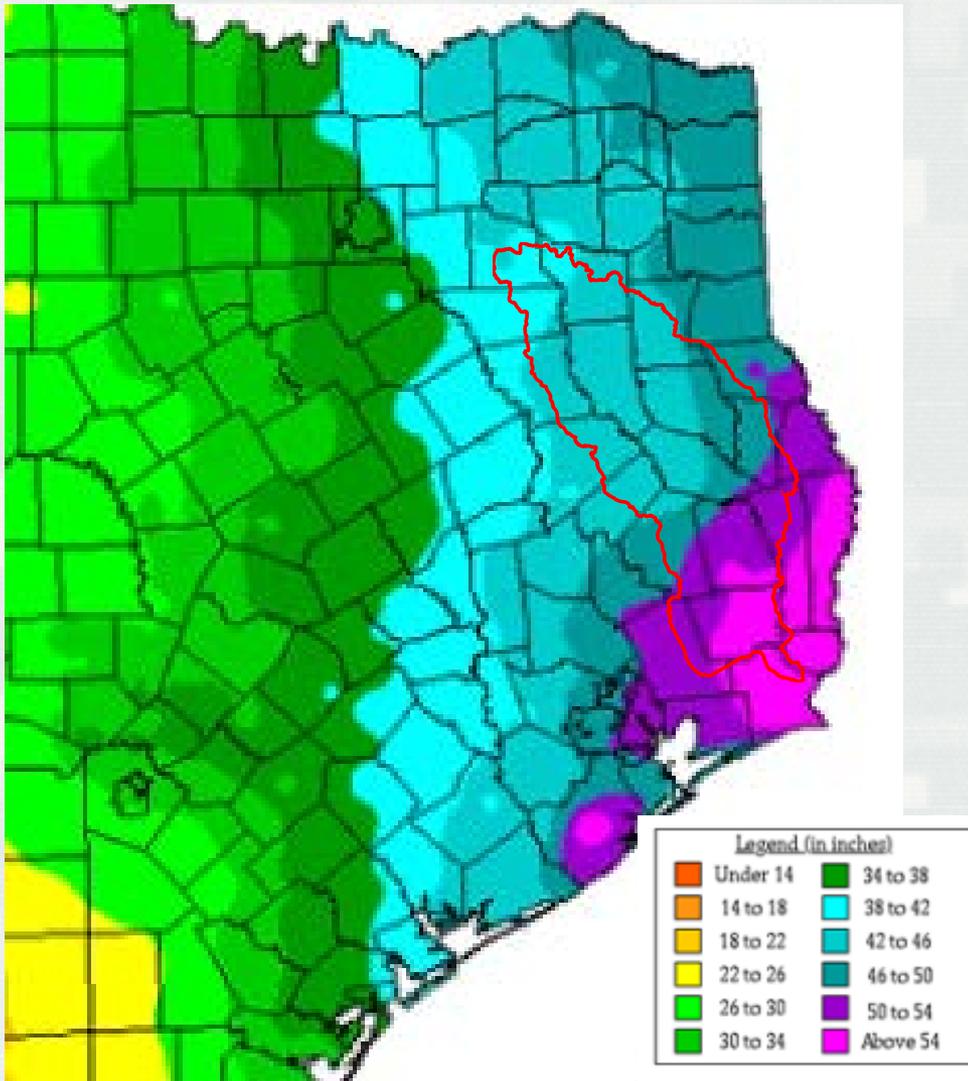


# Stream and Reservoir Gages

- 20 Stream and Reservoir Gages



# Average Annual Precipitation



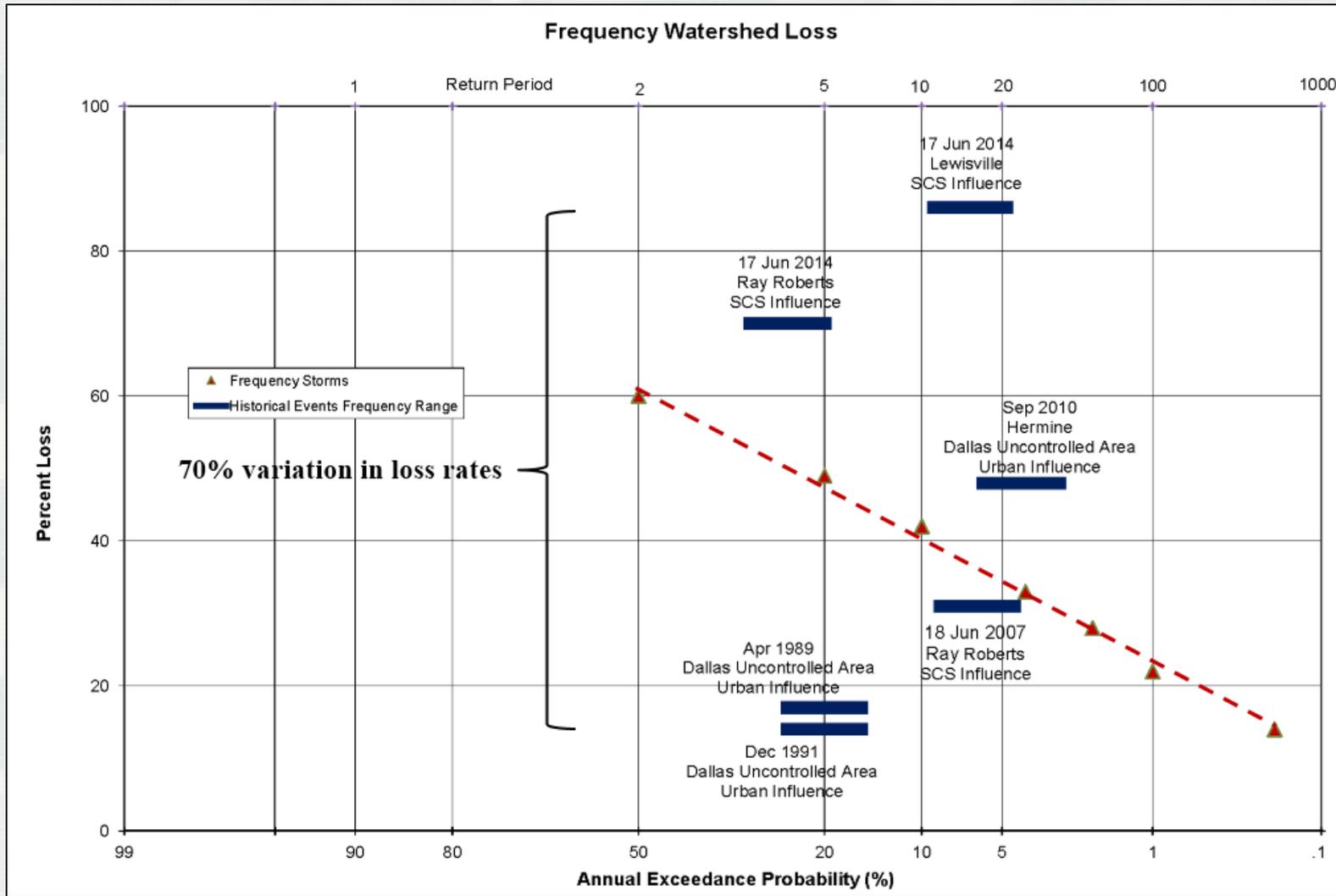
- Ranges from 38 to 54+ inches per year

Sam Rayburn

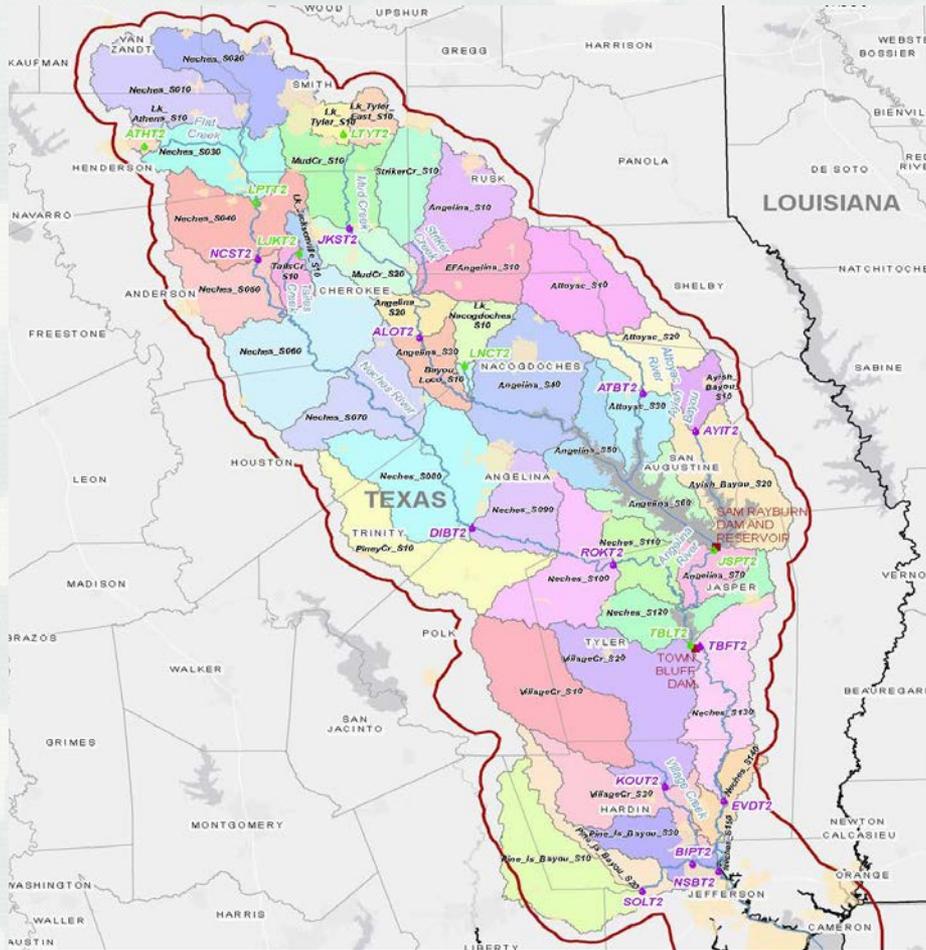
- 2014 – 49 in
- 2015 – 68 in
- 2016 – 61 in



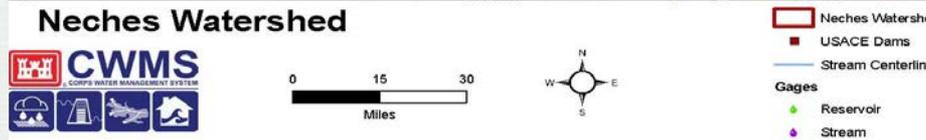
# Climate Variability



# CWMS Model



- 9,900 square miles
- 46 Subbasins
- 211 square miles (Median)
- Existing Model
  - ▶ Previous USACE HEC-1 Initial-Constant Loss, Snyder's Transform, and Recession Baseflow
  - ▶ CWMS Neches Model – Deficit-Constant Loss with Specified Evapotranspiration, Clark/Mod-Clark Transform, Recession Baseflow



# Historical Events

- Neches River
  - ▶ Neches Rv nr Rockland, TX Max – 17,200 cfs in 1968
  - ▶ Town Bluff Reservoir Max Elev – 85.21 in May 1953
  - ▶ Neches Rv nr Town Bluff, TX Max – 20,500 cfs in 1995
  - ▶ Neches Rv Saltwater Barrier Max – 21,500 cfs in 2015



# Historical Events

- Angelina River
  - ▶ Angelina Rv nr Alto, TX Max – 5,450 cfs in 1969
  - ▶ Sam Rayburn Reservoir Max Elev – 173.75 in June 2015



# Neches River Basin Project Schedule

Task / Months	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-24	24-27	27-30	30-33	33-36	36-39
0 Data Collection	█												
1 Statistical Hydrology					█	█				█			
2 HEC-HMS Modeling			█	█			█	█	█		█		
3 Riverware Modeling					█	█	█	█	█				
4 Reservoir Studies										█	█		
5 Flow Recommendations												█	█
6 Documentation							█	█	█	█	█	█	█
7 Q/C Reviews					█	█							█
8 Project Management	█	█	█	█									█

- April 2017 - Kickoff Meeting
- Next Step - Data Collection
- Study Completion - April 2020



# QUESTIONS?



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