

# Lead Scientist Report

# Fremont Weir & Yolo Bypass



# Importance of Yolo Bypass flooding to Bay-Delta food webs

Shruti Khanna et al. 2025. Ecological Applications.

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**Very collaborative!**



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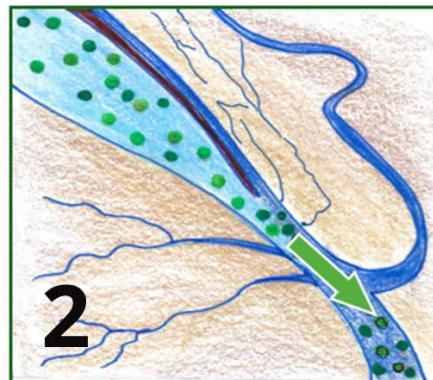
**Yolo Bypass**

<https://doi.org/10.1002/Feap.70146>

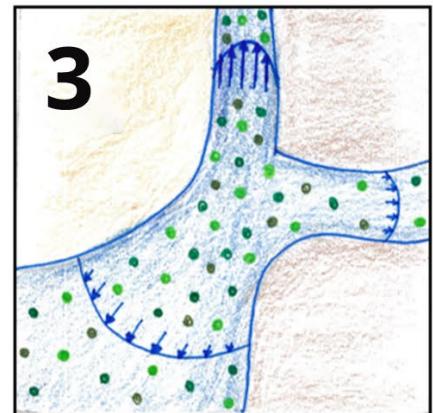
# Conceptual model of phytoplankton export from an inundated floodplain

Modified from illustration by Shruti Khanna in Khanna et al. 2025.  
Food web icons courtesy Tanya Rogers.

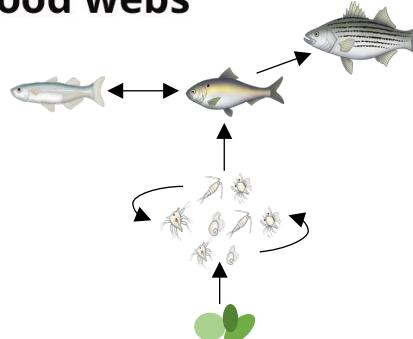
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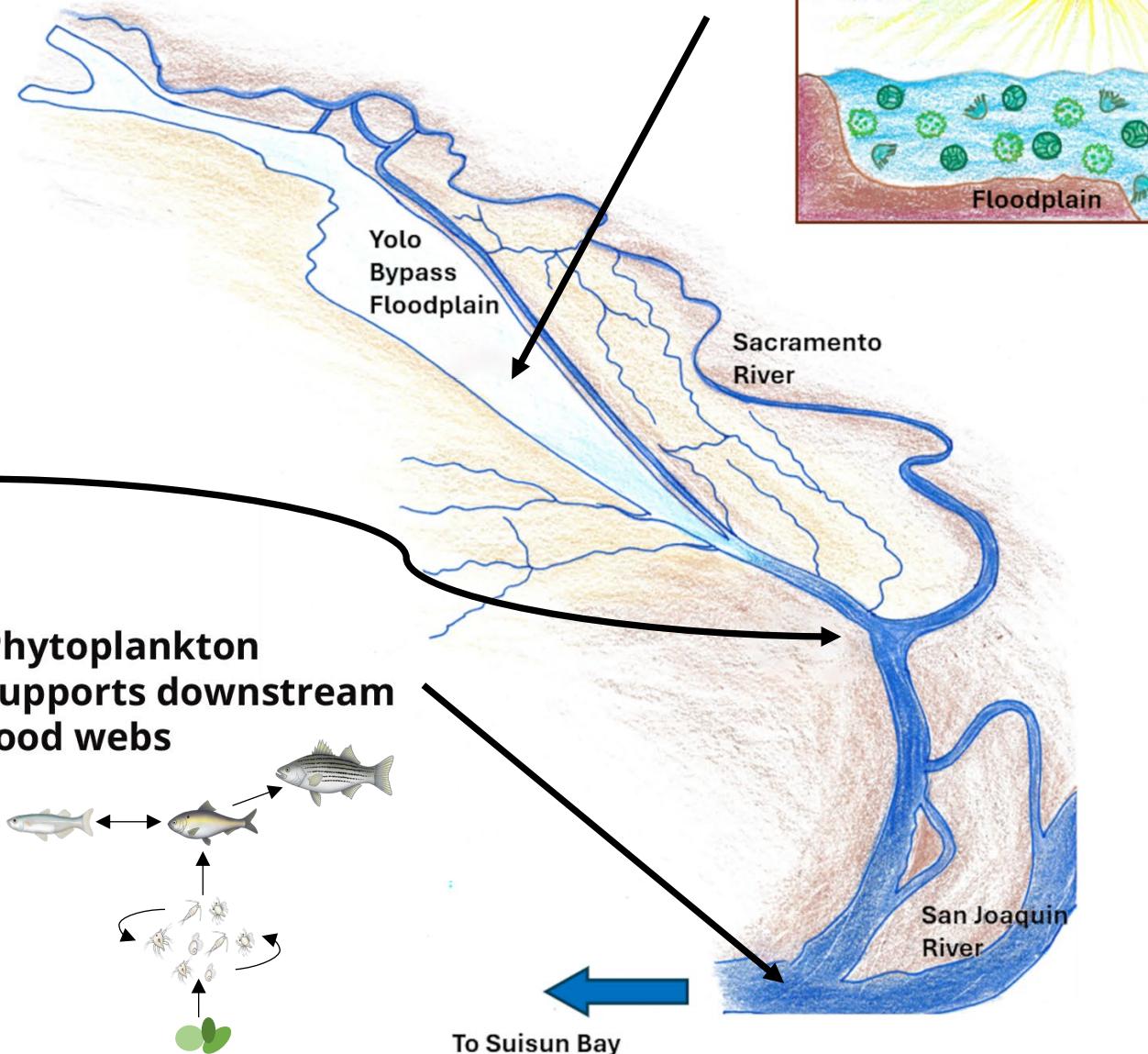
**Phytoplankton is flushed downstream**



**Phytoplankton supports downstream food webs**



**Phytoplankton grows on warm, shallow floodplain**



## TAKEAWAY #1: There's hope!



## TAKEAWAY #2: Collaboratory—Learning together!



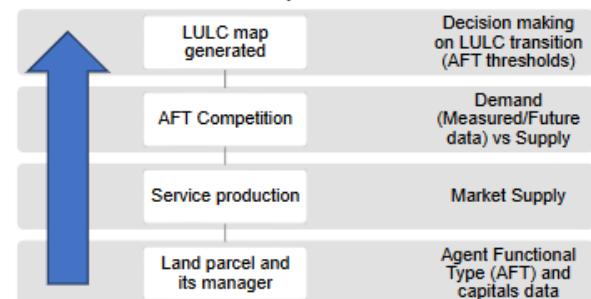
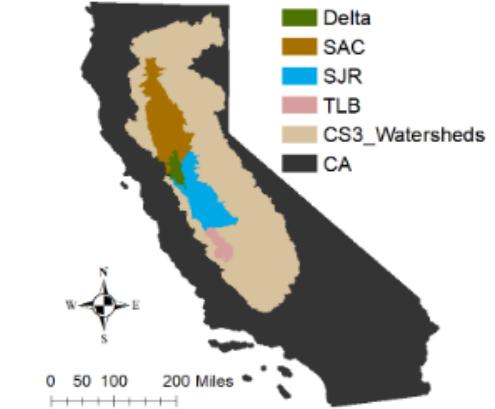
**OVERALL: Science impact grows when you bring people in.**



## TAKEAWAY #3: Lots of CA and Delta water work!

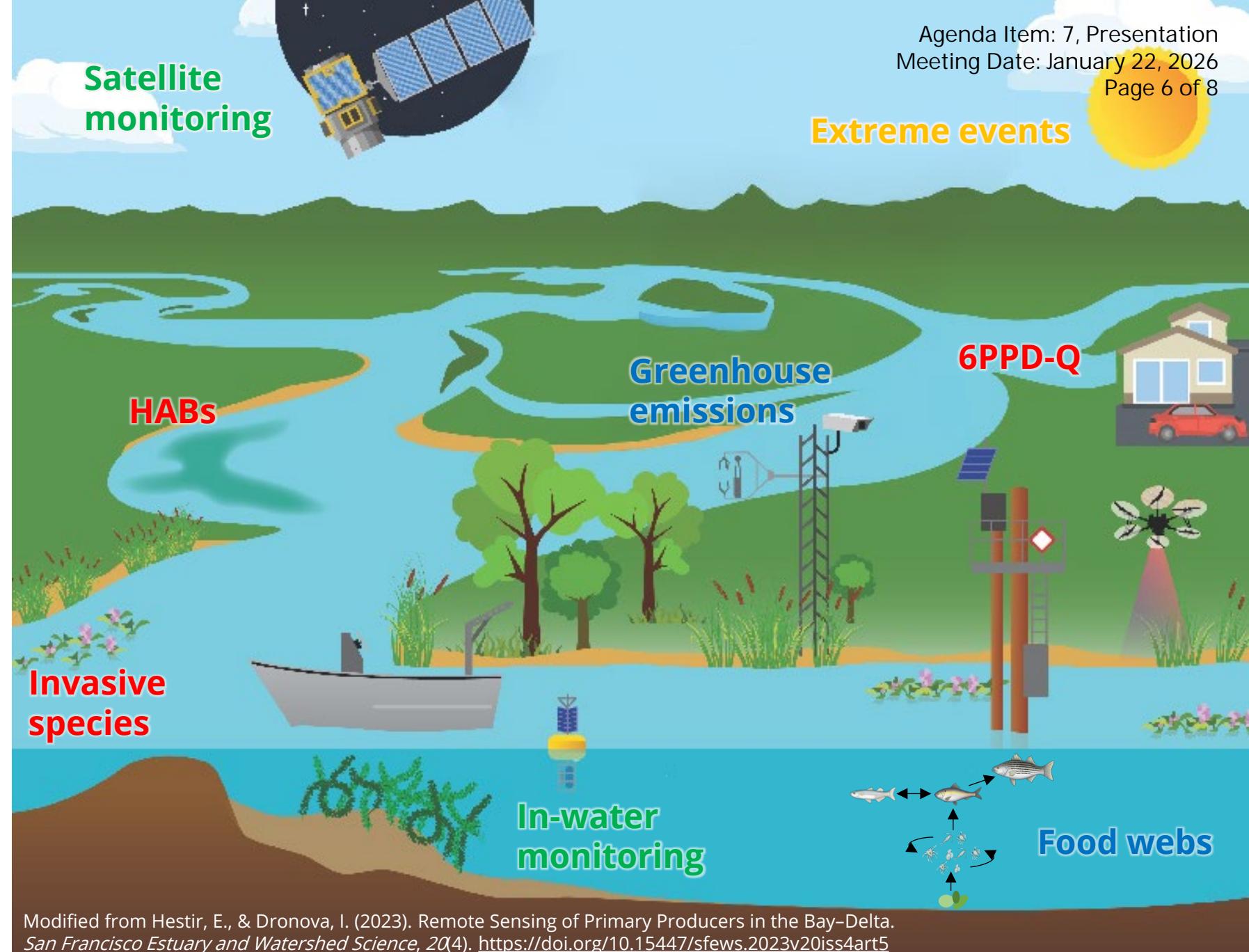


Study Area: Central Valley, California



# 2025 LSR topics

- **Satellite data are powerful** for monitoring and decision-making
- Current **Delta stressors** include HABs, contaminants (6PPD-Q), and invasive species
- **Wetland restoration** impacts food webs, carbon cycling, and greenhouse gas emissions
- **Climate & extreme events** overlay everything



# 2026 – Focusing on Connections

*It's not too late! January 30 extended deadline for public comments on the 2026 Draft Delta Science Plan*  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQCP SXF>

## Upcoming events

March 5: Accounting for Blue Carbon in the Bay-Delta  
<https://marinescience.ucdavis.edu/events/cmsi-and-delta-stewardship-council-symposia>

March 16 - 18: Interagency Ecological Program Annual Workshop  
<https://iep.ca.gov/Public-Engagement/Annual-IEP-Workshop>



