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Kickoff Meeting – Yadkin-Pee Dee/Lumber River Basin Hydrologic Model

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Concept of Basin Hydrologic Model

- River basin model at the finest practical geographic resolution and timestep
 - Nodes for: reservoirs, withdrawals, discharges, USGS gages, minimum instream flows, and other points important to DWR/stakeholders
 - Daily timestep
- Possible Uses
 - Evaluation of the cumulative effects of municipal water supply plans
 - Evaluation of inter-basin transfer permit applications
 - Development of individual water supply plans
 - Model will be on the DWR server and available to stakeholders and their consultants
 - A platform for developing risk-based drought plans

Modeling Process

- Develop schematic
- Collect impairment and operating data
- Generate inflows
- Develop performance measures
- Develop "basecase" scenario of current basin conditions
- Provide documentation, set up stakeholder accounts, and train users on model (OASIS)
 - Stakeholder access promotes use of model



Project Timeline



What is OASIS?

Operational Analysis and Simulation of Integrated Systems

- A patented, mass balance, water resources simulation/optimization model
- Purposes:
 - Alternatives evaluation (planning)
 - Real-time operations
- Used in:
 - Water allocation/conflict resolution (drought management)
 - Water supply planning and operations

Modeling Experience



Model Input

• Time series data

- Unregulated inflows
- Evaporation
- Precipitation
- Static data
 - Physical data
 - Reservoir SAE, turbine characteristics, channel capacities, etc.

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- Withdrawals, discharges, demands
- Operating Data, e.g.
 - Rule curves
 - Minimum releases/environmental flows
 - Drought and flood management policies



Model Output

- Tables and graphs of
 - Flow
 - Storage, and
 - *Derived attributes,* e.g. habitat availability, energy, revenue, water supply shortages, recreation days, etc.

for every time step

at every point in the system



Examples

- Yadkin Pee Dee
 - Alcoa (APGI) relicensing
 - Coordinated with Progress Energy and DTA (CHEOPS)

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- Coordinated with Duke Energy and HDR (CHEOPS)
- Roanoke
 - Dominion Energy
 - Corps of Engineers
 - American Electric Power



Examples: NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Planning, Ω Create short-term ensemble simulations J for operational guidance, or long-term Operations **New York City Operations Support Tool** runs for capital planning, rule testing, Support and climate change assessment. Hazen and Sawyer led development of the Operations Support Tool (OST) to help NYCDEP meet the challenges of operating its 19-reservoir water supply system. OST is a data and OASIS is dynamically linked to CE-QUAL-W2 models of key reservoir operating rules and simulation modeling. NYCDEP uses OST to guide reservoirs to capture the impact of water reservoir system operations decisions that reliably deliver 1.1 billion gallons OASIS Model quality on system of high quality water daily to over 9 million people. operations. Operations n Model The core of OST is an OASIS model of New York City's water How it supply system and the Delaware River Basin. works Data feeds At the helm NYC Water Supply System **OST** integrates Multiple users can access the near-real time system concurrently to review data and data inputs, create simulations, ensemble and analyze results through a The OASIS-W2 model hydrologic user-friendly interface and simulates daily forecasts. interactive dashboard. reservoir operations and water quality. Operators run what-if scenarios to select An AQUARIUS timeoperations that best meet reliability, quality, series data management environmental, and system provides automated (and manual) data quality control. cost objectives. Ensemble inflow forecasts provide powerful look-ahead capability to analyze future system storage HAZEN AND SAWYER CHYDROLOGICS levels, operating costs, and environmental performance. RIVERSIDE

Demonstration of OASIS (Using Classic)



Data Collection

- Use to develop daily inflow record extending from 1930 to 2019
- Geographic scope from headwaters to state line (or the nearest gage)



Water withdrawal and wastewater returns

- Water withdrawals for municipal and industrial (over 100,000 gpd)
 - DWR databases for Water Withdrawals and Transfers and Local Water Supply Plans
 - Water withdrawals are net of any groundwater use
 - Contact facilities for additional data
- Wastewater returns for municipal and industrial (over 100,000 gpd)
 - Include those users that rely on groundwater for water supply
 - NPDES databases

- Contact facilities for additional data
- Agricultural use: surface water irrigation based on acreage, net of rainfall, and livestock counts, both net of groundwater use
 - Ag extension agencies; USGS and others
- Extrapolate back in time (factoring in facility starts)
 - Based on population, economic, and power generation data (municipal and industrial)
 - Based on historic acreage, livestock, and climate (agricultural)
- Coordinate with YRBWMG in terms of data collected



Lumber not included yet



Operating Protocols

- FERC license agreements, including minimum releases and drought response plans
 - Coordinate with HDR on hydropower operations in CHEOPS model
- Utility drought plans (Water Shortage Response Plans)
- Facility operations, including hydro facilities (e.g., rule curves)
- Annual average and monthly patterns for municipal and industrial demands and discharges
- Additional system information from Local Water Supply Plans

Other

- "Static"
 - Storage, area, elevation curves for reservoirs
 - Maximum pumping and treatment capacity
 - Turbine curves

• Timeseries

- Precipitation and evaporation
- Gaging data
- Historic reservoir storage/elevation and outflows





Schematic Development





YADKIN RIVER BASIN SCHEMATIC

Inflow Development (Matching at Gages)



Model Development (Sample of Output)





Next Steps

- Coordinate with Technical Review Committee
- Send out data request (in coordination with DWR) and follow-up with users for additional information
- Develop model schematic
- Optional: set up a data repository on SharePoint
- Next meetings
 - Data collection and inflows (summer)
 - Preliminary review of basecase model run (fall)
 - Training (winter)

