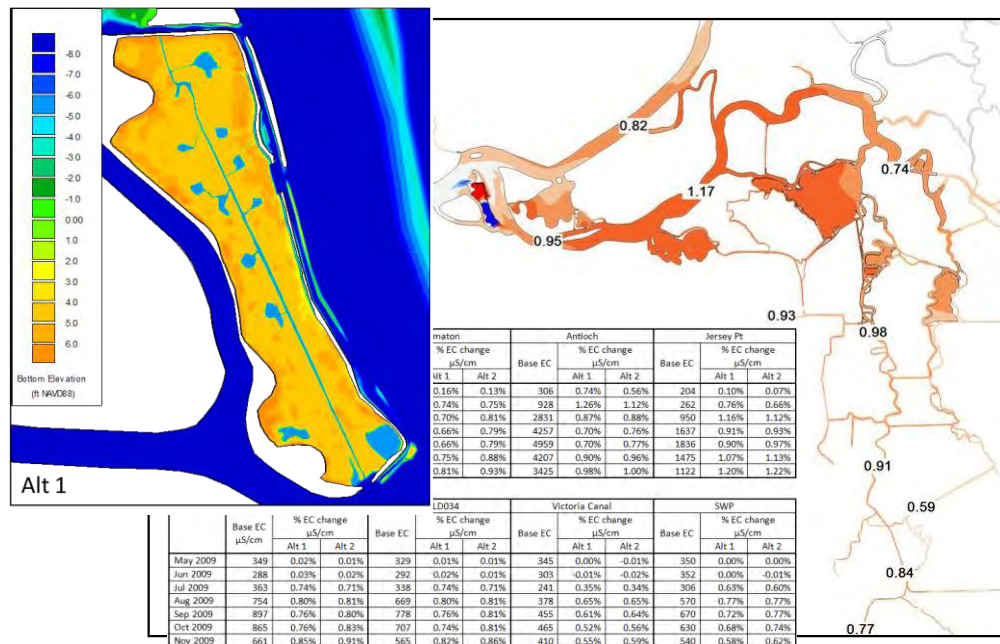


# Initial Modeling of Local and Regional Impacts of the Proposed Winter Island Tidal Marsh Restoration

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## Executive Summary

*Numerical models for hydrodynamics and water quality transport have been applied to evaluate Local and Regional Impacts of the Proposed Winter Island Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (Project). The Winter Island restoration site was added to the latest version of the RMA Delta model in its current state with a single breach on the east side and with two alternative restoration configurations. Prospect Island restoration was included in all simulations under the assumption that it will be constructed prior to Project restoration.*

*The Alt 1 restoration alternative includes widening the existing breach on the east side of the island and adding a new breach at the south end of the island. Alt 2 adds another breach at the north end of the island.*

*Two sets of Base and Alternative simulations were performed using different marsh plain elevations to test sensitivity to possible LiDAR data bias.*

*The analysis was performed for May through November of 2009 and 2013.*

*Alt 1 and Alt 2 resulted in similar EC impacts. Alt 1 tended to have slightly larger impacts with the Base-1 scenario, while the reverse was true with the Base-2 scenario.*

*The lower marsh plain elevations in the Base-2 scenario resulted in a noticeably larger EC impact.*

*The largest EC impacts occurred in the San Joaquin River near Antioch and Jersey Point and into False River. Changes did not exceed 1% for the Base-1 results or 2% for the Base-2 results.*

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## Introduction

This report provides a detailed description of initial numerical modeling for the Winter Island restoration. Regional salinity impacts resulting from the restoration are evaluated. Electrical conductivity ( $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ ), or EC, was modeled as a surrogate for salinity. Details are provided describing model boundary condition data sources and the application of boundary conditions in the model.

## *Background*

Winter Island is an approximately 450 acre private duck club located at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin River. The island is being considered for tidal marsh restoration. In its current state, the island is open to the San Joaquin River through a single breach that is approximately 200 feet wide. A constructed channel runs the length of the island in a north-south direction, with several small ponds extending from it.

## *Objectives*

The objective of this study was to evaluate regional salinity impacts resulting from Winter Island tidal marsh restoration alternatives. Two breach configuration alternatives were considered. To address the issue of uncertainty in Winter Island elevation data, additional simulations were performed to assess sensitivity to marsh plain elevations.

## RMA Delta Model

The RMA Delta model has been used for this analysis. The RMA Delta model is a well-established tool for analysis of hydrodynamic and water quality impacts of proposed projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The RMA Delta Model was chosen for this study due to its ability to provide sufficiently accurate simulation of Delta-wide hydrodynamics and water quality transport and its ability to perform predictive simulations to evaluate the impacts of proposed tidal marsh restoration. The RMA Delta Model utilizes the RMA2 hydrodynamics and RMA11 water quality transport finite element computational engines. The finite element model formulation allows use of an unstructured computation mesh where resolution can be increased locally to represent the topographic details of a restoration site. RMA2 and RMA11 engines support combining two-dimensional depth-averaged (2D) computational elements and one-dimensional cross-sectionally averaged (1D) elements in a single mesh. In the RMA Delta Model all large channels, embayments, and tidal marsh restoration areas are represented in 2D. The model has been shown to provide accurate simulation of tidal exchange through constrictions, such as levee breaches into a restoration site, based on the breach geometry, site topography, and friction parameter (Manning's  $n$  value) estimated within typical accepted range.

The model does not directly simulate the effects of stratified flow, which would require application of a three-dimensional (3D) model. The effects of stratification are approximately incorporated into the model through calibration exercises where mixing coefficients are adjusted to best represent the observed salinity field for a historic period, or to best represent the simulated salinity field from a 3D model simulation for a proposed condition.

When performing numerical modeling to predict system performance for physical or operational conditions where field observations are not available, it is important to ensure that the mathematical formulation of the model appropriately represents the relevant physical processes and can provide sufficient geometric detail. For analysis of tidal marsh restoration that is not expected to have large impacts on stratification, such as this analysis of the Winter Island site, the RMA Delta Model is an appropriate choice.

### *Geometric Extents*

RMA's Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta network was developed using an in-house GIS-based graphical user interface program (RMA, 2003). The program allows for development of the finite element mesh over layers of bathymetry points and bathymetry grids, GIS shapefiles and aerial images.

The RMA Delta model, shown in Figure 1, extends from the Martinez at the west end of Suisun Bay to the Sacramento River above the confluence with the American River, and to the San Joaquin River near Vernalis. A two-dimensional depth-averaged approximation is used to represent the San Francisco Bay, Suisun Bay region, the Sacramento-San Joaquin confluence area, Sherman Lake, the Sacramento River up to Rio Vista, Cache Slough, Liberty Island, Shag Slough, portions of Lindsey Slough, the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC) and Miner Slough, Big Break, the San Joaquin River up to its confluence with Middle River, False River, Franks Tract and surrounding channels, Mildred Island, Old River south of Franks Tract, and the Delta Cross Channel area. The other Delta and Suisun Marsh channels and tributary streams are represented using a one-dimensional cross-sectionally averaged approximation.

For the purpose of this project, Winter Island in its current state has been added to the model network. The Prospect Island planned restoration has also been added as it is expected to be constructed in the near future.

A detail view of the Project area, is shown in Figure 2

### ***Bathymetry***

Delta model bathymetry is shown in Figure 1 for the Base case. A comparison of Base and Restoration case model bathymetry in the Project region is shown in Figure 2. For all areas of the RMA2 model grid, the most current, best quality bathymetric data were used to set grid elevations.

The model was refined in the project area with added detail in the channels around Winter Island. Elevations in the surrounding channels were set using the latest Digital Elevation Model (DEM) developed by Department of Water Resources (DWR):

<http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/modeling/deltamodeling/modelingdata/DEM.cfm>

Within Winter Island, marsh plain elevations were set using the 2009-2011 CA Coastal Conservancy Coastal Lidar Project DEM: <https://data.noaa.gov/dataset/2009-2011-ca-coastal-conservancy-coastal-lidar-project-hydro-flattened-bare-earth-dem> All Winter Island marsh channel and pond elevations were set at -5.9 feet. This elevation was estimated based on data from neighboring marsh areas (WWR, 2006).

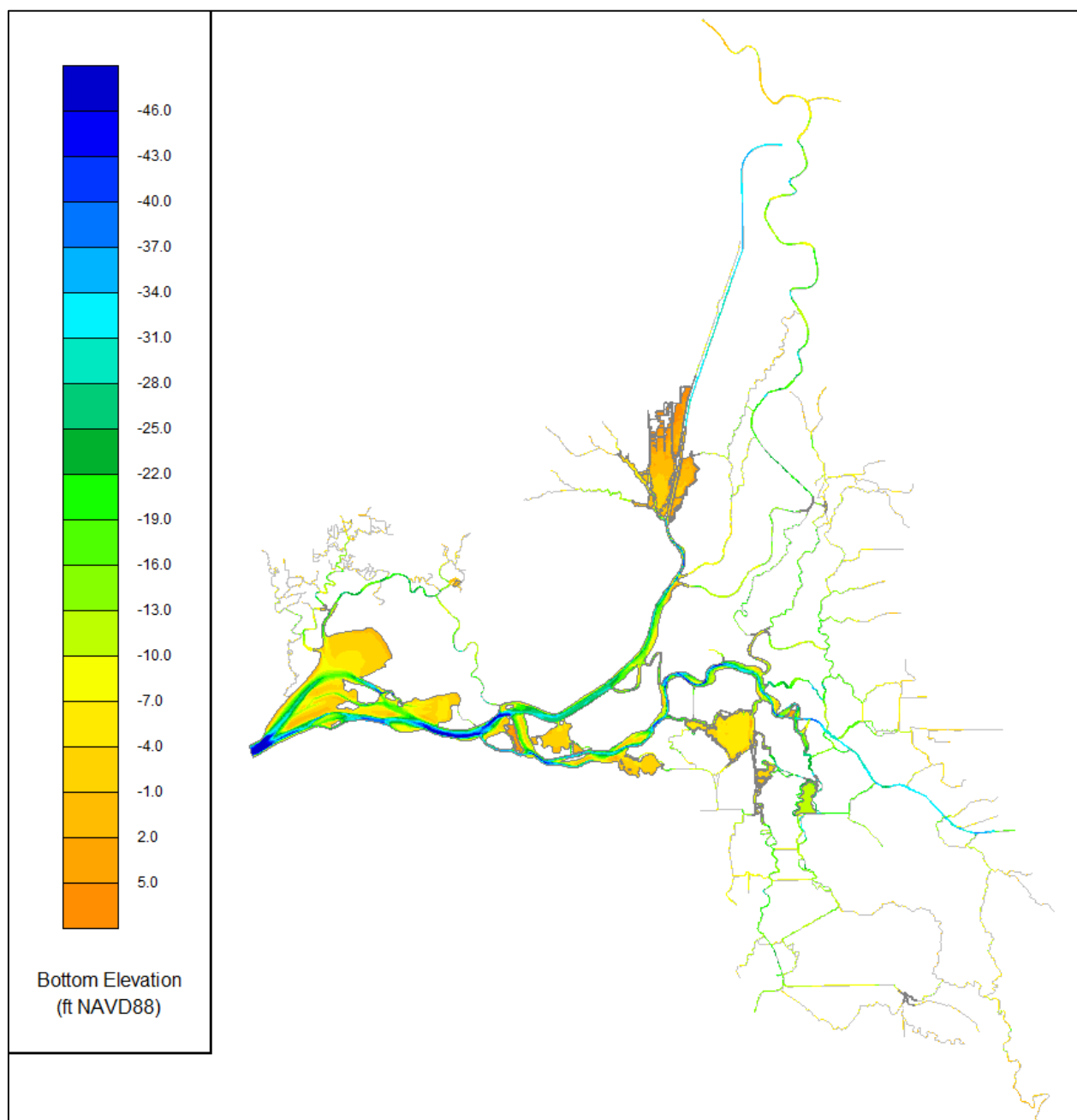
Due to uncertainty in this data set and the possibility that elevations could be biased high due to marsh plants, a set of model grids were created with Winter Island marsh plain elevations lowered by 0.5 meters to test sensitivity.

Bathymetry in the Cache Slough area were set using bathymetric data collected in 2012 by DWR (DWR, 2012) and Environmental Data Solutions (EDS, 2013), in 2009 by cbec (cbec, 2011) and in 1997 and 2005 by USACE data (USACE, 2005 and 2002). Coarsely space single beam



transects from the Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation and Delineation (CVFED) (cbec, 2011) were used to set model elevations in various locations in the northern Delta and Sacramento River.

For all other areas, bottom elevations and the extent of mudflats were based on bathymetry data collected by NOAA, DWR, USACE and USGS. These datasets have been compiled by DWR and can be downloaded from DWR's Cross Section Development Program (CSDP) website at <http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/modeling/deltamodeling/models/csdp/csdp.cfm>. Topography data from DWR's Delta LiDAR survey (2007) was used where elevation data for channel banks, tidal marsh and flood plains was not available from the other sources.



**Figure 1 Base case model bathymetry.**

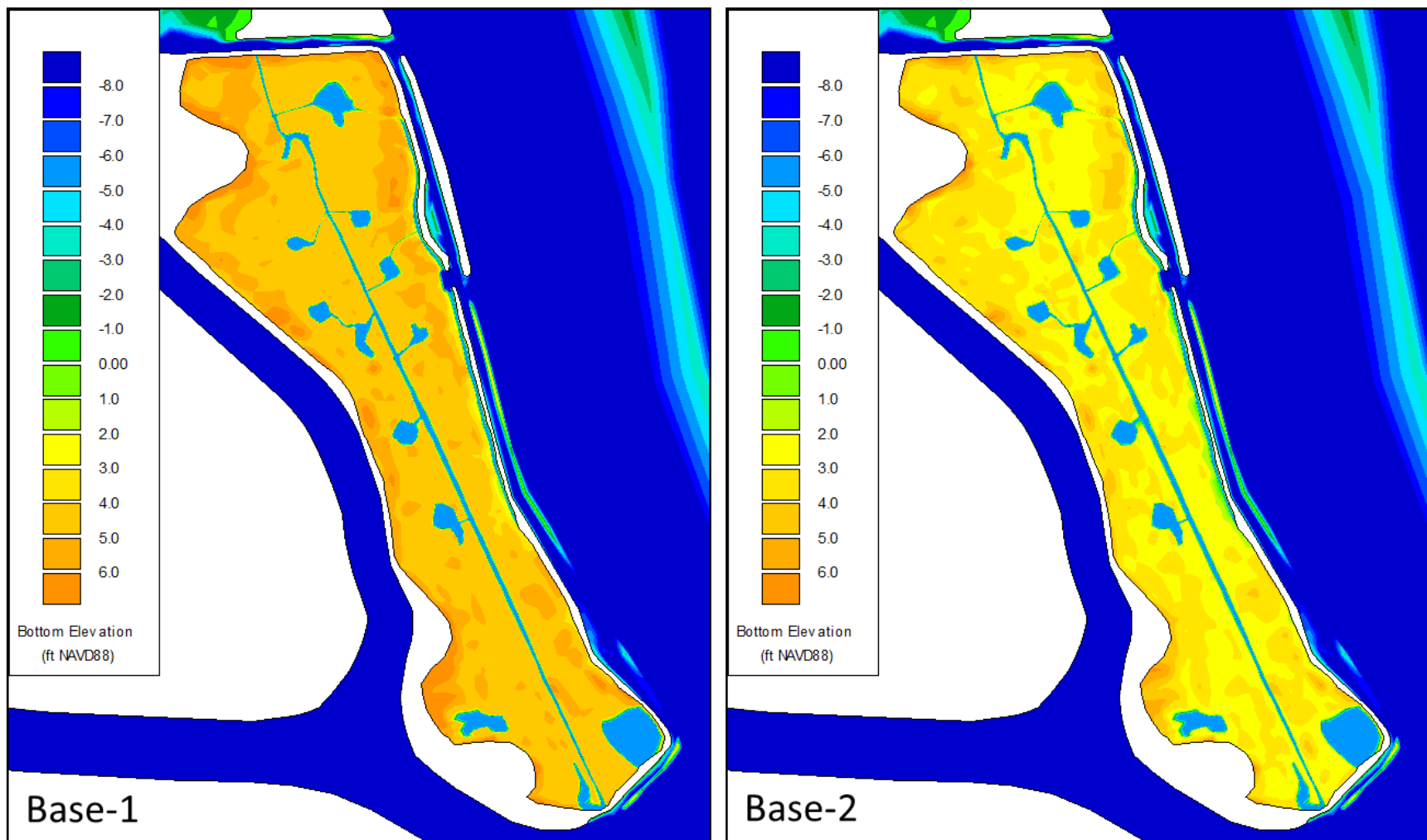


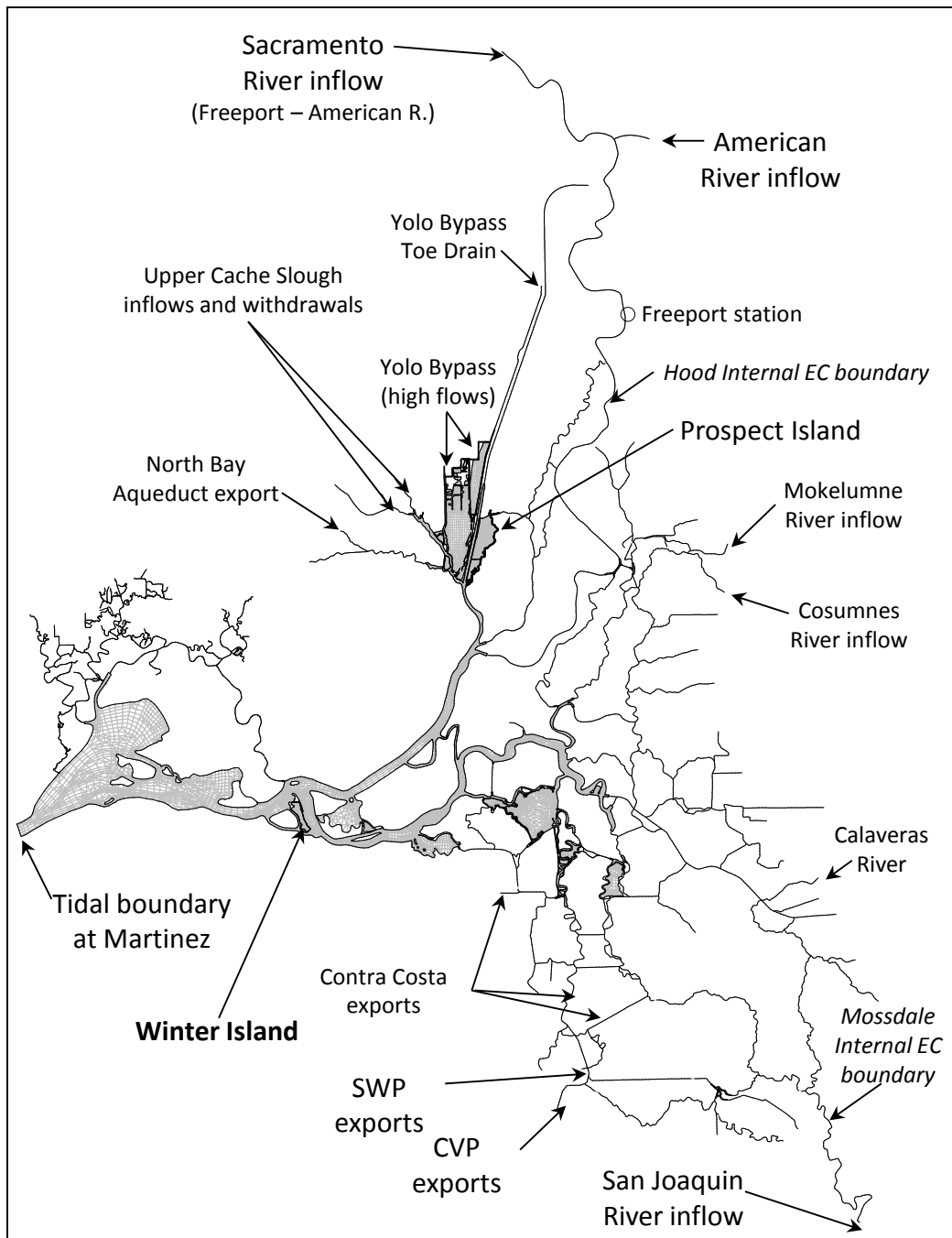
Figure 2 Model bathymetry in the Project vicinity for the two Base configurations.

## Boundary Conditions

The RMA Delta hydrodynamic model operation requires specification of the tidal stage at Martinez and inflow and withdrawal rates at other external boundaries as shown in Figure 3.

Hydrodynamic and water quality models were run for the January – November 2009 and January – November 2013 periods. January – April were used for model spin-up and May through November results were used for EC impact analysis. The 2009 simulation period includes below normal, dry and critically dry conditions and the 2013 period includes dry and critically dry conditions (see <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iodir/wsihist>). Delta outflow for both periods is plotted in Figure 4.

Boundary conditions for the 2009 and 2013 simulation periods are detailed in the Appendix.



**Figure 3 Model boundary condition locations.**

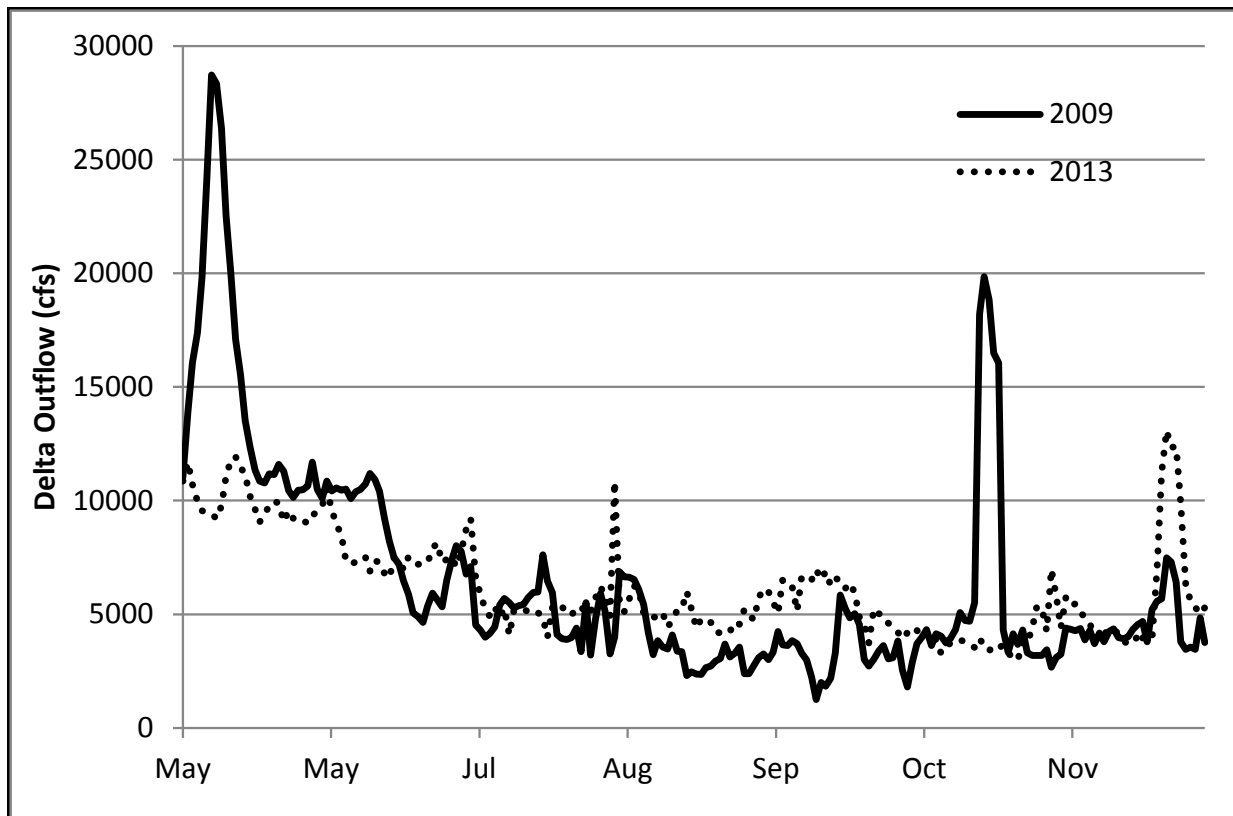


Figure 4 Delta outflow for the 2009 and 2013 simulation periods.

## Winter Island Restoration Alternatives

Two alternative Winter Island restoration alternatives were considered. For “Alt 1” the existing breach on the west side of the island was enlarged by removing the barge that blocks part of the breach (see Figure 5). A 200 foot breach was added at the south end of the island, connecting to the existing north-south running channel through the marsh plain. “Alt 2” adds another breach at the north end of the island, connecting to the marsh plain channel.

Both alternatives were added to both Base grids for a total of four alternative grids. Color contours of model bathymetry for the two alternatives with the Base-1 marsh plain elevations are shown in Figure 6.



Figure 5 Aerial photograph (source: Google) showing barge blocking east breach on Winter Island.

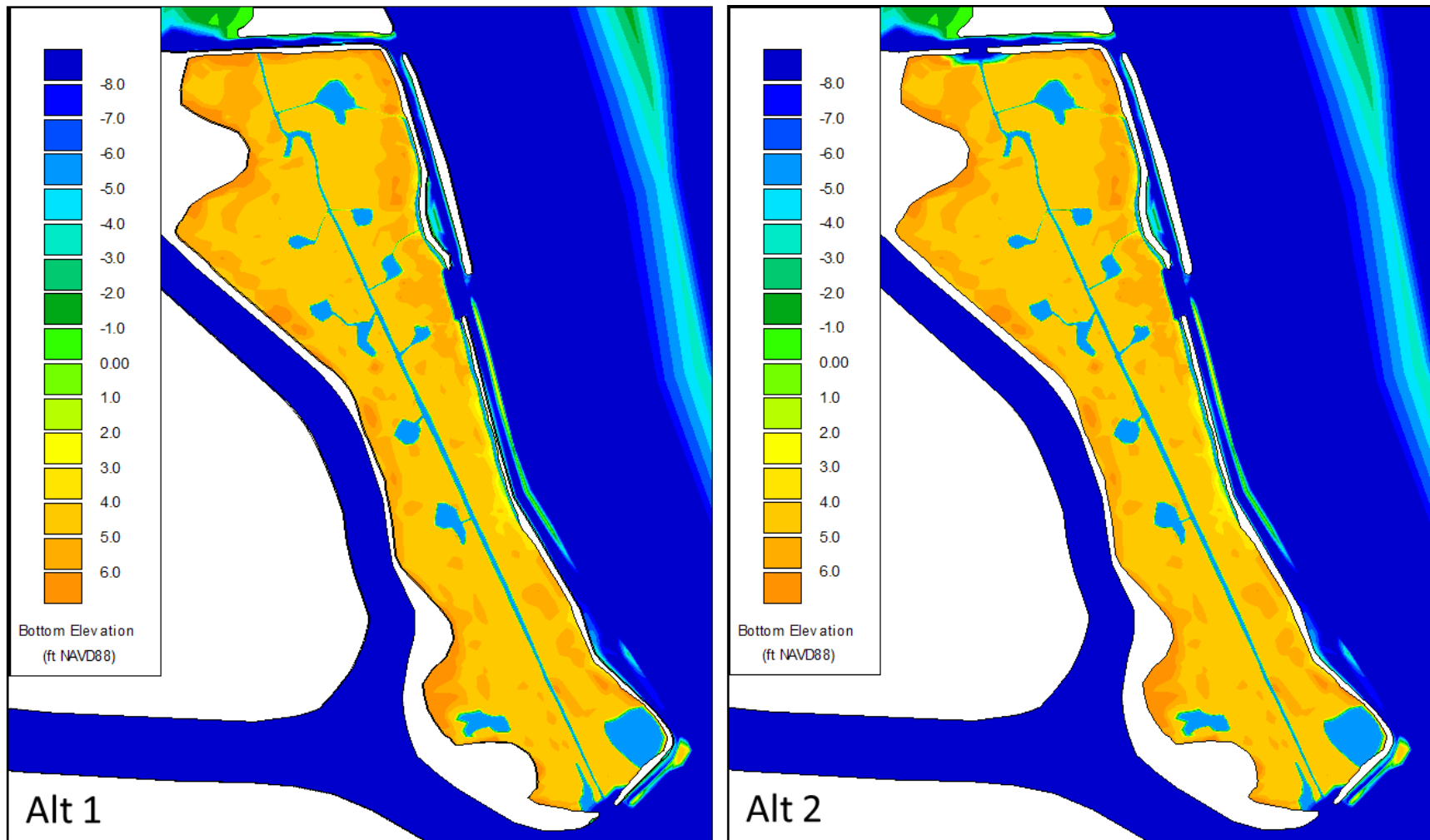


Figure 6 Model bathymetry in the Project vicinity for the Alt 1 and Alt 2 configurations with Base-1 marsh plain elevations.



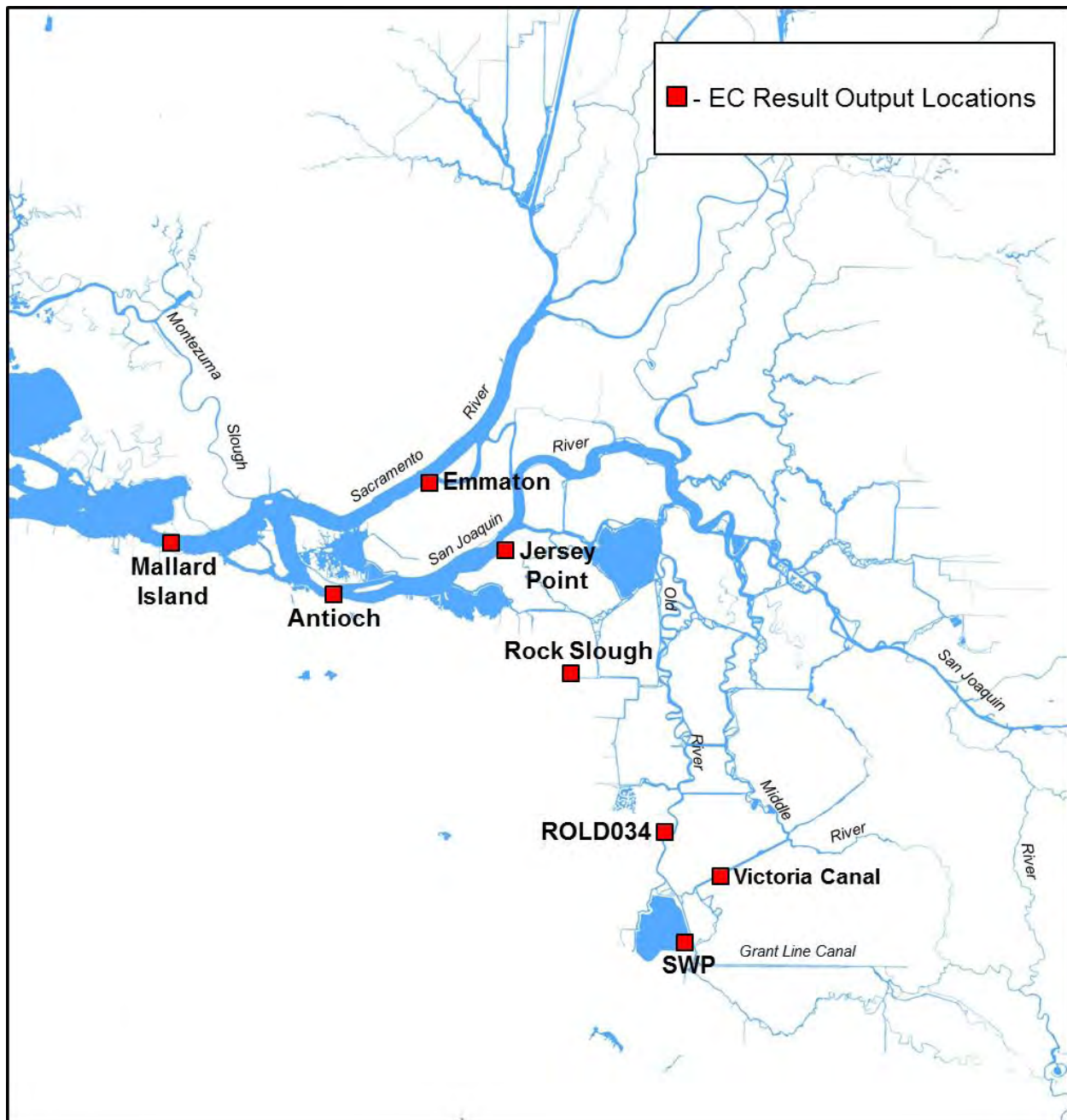
## *EC Impact Analysis*

Hydrodynamic and EC simulations were performed for January – November of 2009 and 2013 to assess the potential impacts of the restoration alternatives on EC. EC results were analyzed at key locations shown in Figure 7. Monthly averages were computed for May through November of each simulation period and summarized in tabular format (2009 results are tabulated in Table 1 through Table 4; 2013 results are tabulated in Table 5 through Table 8). For the Base-1 and Base-2 (sensitivity) cases, Base EC is tabulated with change and percent change for each alternative. Time series of the monthly averaged Base and percent change results are plotted for a subset of these locations.

From tidally averaged results, EC change and percent change from Base was computed throughout the model network so that color contours could be plotted for any time during the analysis periods. The color contours are displayed so that EC increases are shades of red and decreases are shades of blue. These results are displayed for July 30 for each alternative and each analysis year. For additional comparison, results are shown on September 23, 2009 for the Alt 1 – Base-1 comparison and on September 24, 2013 for the Alt 1 – Base-2 comparison.

In general, the restoration alternatives tend to decrease EC downstream of the Project site and increase EC upstream. The largest increases occur in the San Joaquin River around Antioch, Jersey Point and False River. With the Base-1 configuration, Alt 1 tends to produce slightly larger changes than Alt 2. However, with the Base-2 scenarios the opposite is true. With the lower marsh plain elevations, Base-2 scenarios have a noticeably larger EC impact than the Base-1 scenarios. As an example, during 2013, the Alt 2 Base-2 scenario increases monthly average EC at Antioch by 56.5  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ , whereas the Alt 2 Base-1 scenario increase is only 19.5  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  at this time.

Impacts at CCWD intakes can be as high as 0.6% for the Base-1 configuration and as high as 0.9% for the Base-2 configuration. Impacts at SWP are slightly lower.



**Figure 7 EC result output locations.**

## **2009**

EC analysis results for May through November 2009 are provided in the sections below.

### ***Base-1***

Results in Table 1 and Table 2, and in Figure 8 through Figure 16 illustrate comparisons between 2009 Base-1 and alternative EC simulation results.

**Table 1 Summary of 2009 monthly average Base-1 EC and change from Base-1 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

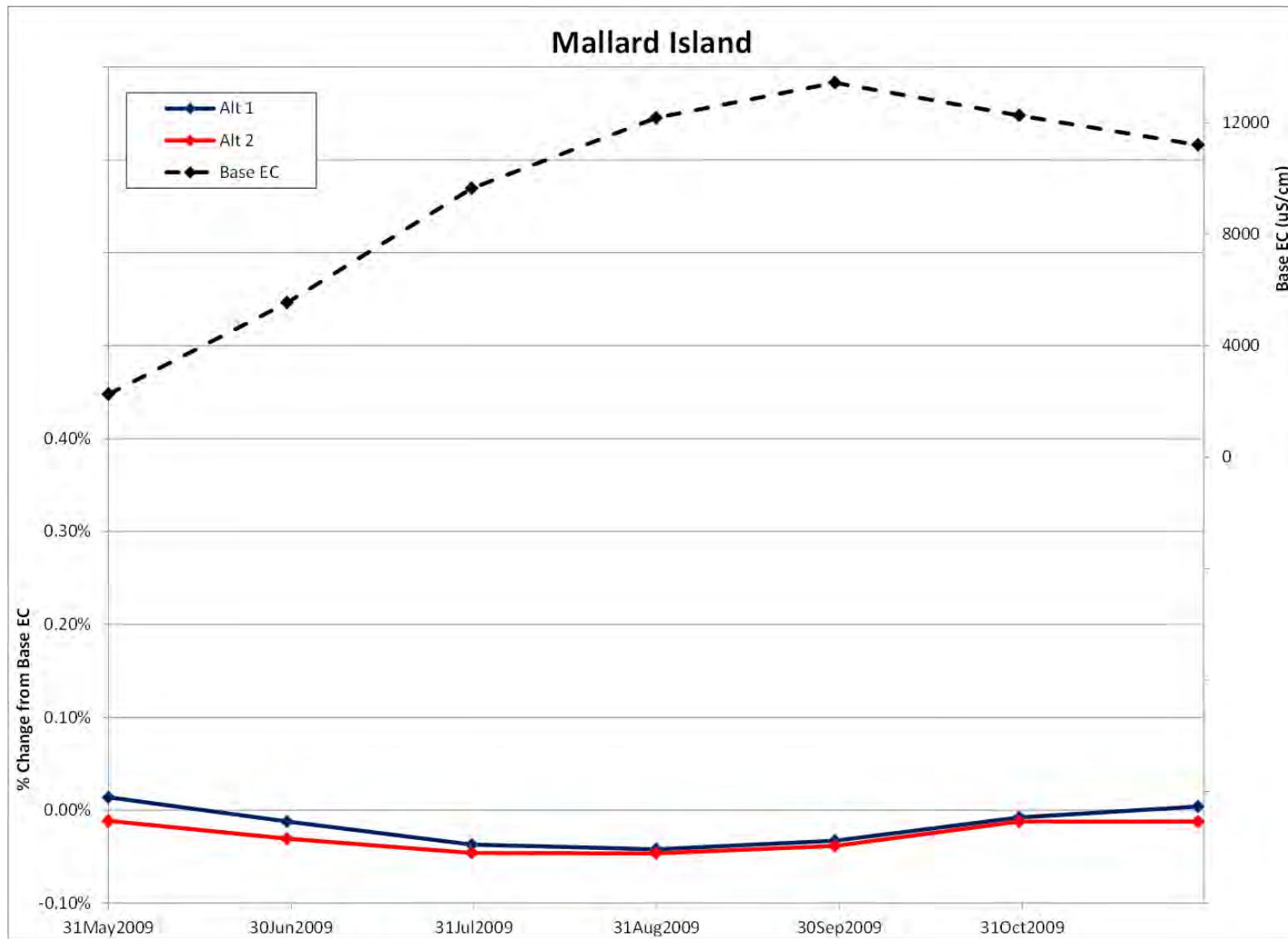
	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	2257	0.31	-0.26	166	0.21	0.19	305	1.56	1.18	204	0.13	0.09
Jun 2009	5546	-0.67	-1.70	367	2.21	2.36	922	8.27	7.39	261	1.18	1.01
Jul 2009	9644	-3.56	-4.42	632	3.85	4.33	2819	18.94	18.35	946	7.77	7.21
Aug 2009	12173	-5.11	-5.64	1131	5.59	6.53	4242	20.39	20.76	1632	10.12	9.54
Sep 2009	13436	-4.40	-5.16	1631	7.22	8.30	4943	20.95	20.07	1830	10.55	9.53
Oct 2009	12258	-0.94	-1.48	1533	7.53	8.32	4189	22.65	21.61	1469	9.62	8.46
Nov 2009	11202	0.45	-1.38	1271	6.97	7.36	3411	20.74	18.30	1118	8.39	7.38

	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	349	0.03	0.01	329	0.03	0.02	345	0.01	-0.01	350	0.02	0.01
Jun 2009	288	0.06	0.04	292	0.05	0.03	303	0.00	-0.01	352	0.03	0.01
Jul 2009	362	1.90	1.76	337	1.79	1.65	241	0.59	0.54	306	1.36	1.25
Aug 2009	752	4.51	4.27	667	3.95	3.75	377	1.79	1.66	568	3.21	3.03
Sep 2009	895	4.73	4.53	775	4.05	3.85	454	1.85	1.75	669	3.30	3.13
Oct 2009	862	4.39	4.04	705	3.43	3.15	464	1.53	1.41	628	2.76	2.53
Nov 2009	659	3.56	3.24	563	2.87	2.61	410	1.36	1.25	539	1.94	1.77

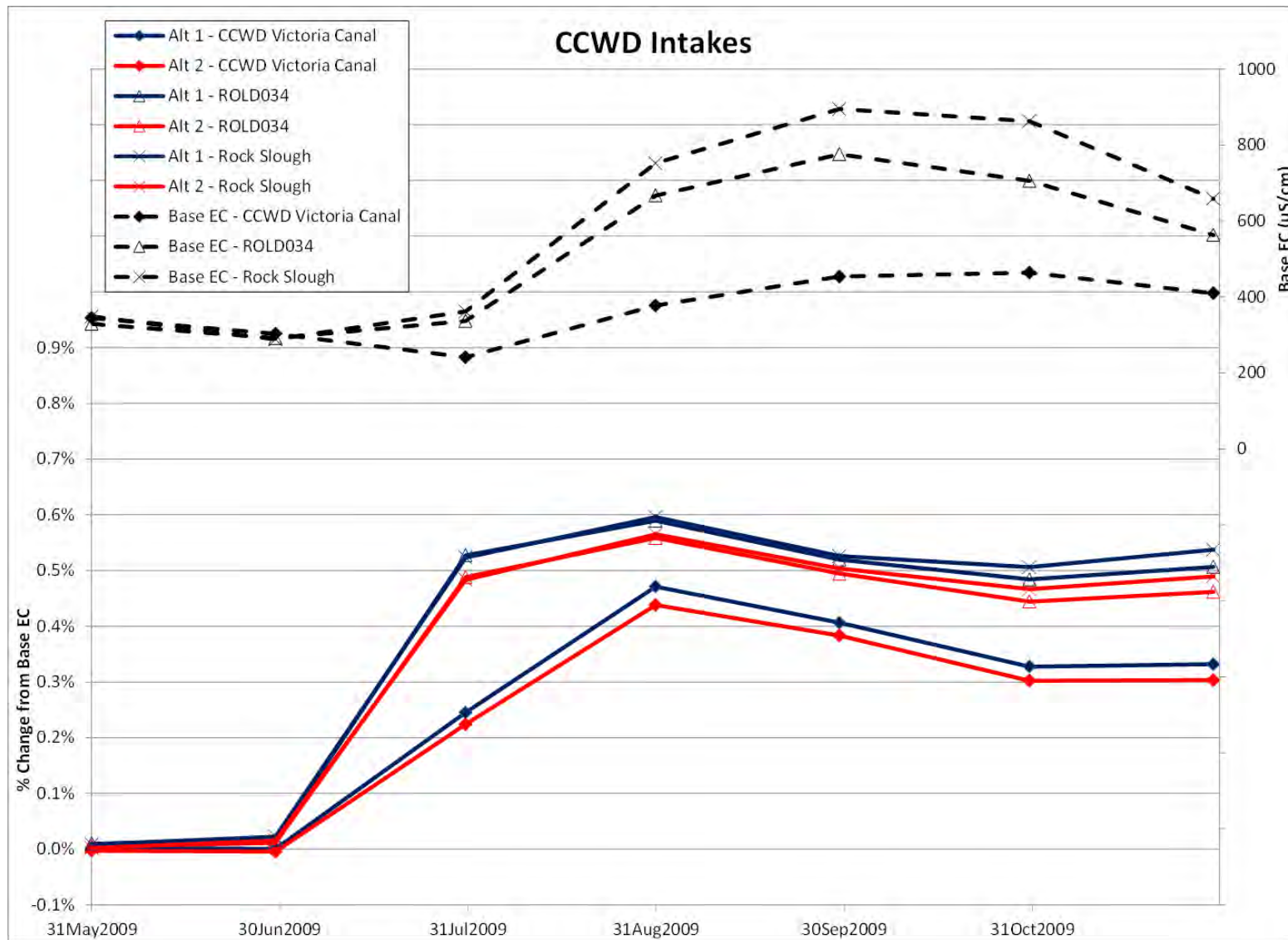
**Table 2 Summary of 2009 monthly average Base-1 EC and percent change from Base-1 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	2257	0.01%	-0.01%	166	0.13%	0.11%	305	0.51%	0.38%	204	0.06%	0.04%
Jun 2009	5546	-0.01%	-0.03%	367	0.60%	0.64%	922	0.89%	0.79%	261	0.45%	0.39%
Jul 2009	9644	-0.04%	-0.05%	632	0.61%	0.68%	2819	0.67%	0.65%	946	0.81%	0.76%
Aug 2009	12173	-0.04%	-0.05%	1131	0.49%	0.57%	4242	0.48%	0.49%	1632	0.62%	0.58%
Sep 2009	13436	-0.03%	-0.04%	1631	0.44%	0.51%	4943	0.42%	0.40%	1830	0.57%	0.52%
Oct 2009	12258	-0.01%	-0.01%	1533	0.49%	0.54%	4189	0.54%	0.51%	1469	0.65%	0.57%
Nov 2009	11202	0.00%	-0.01%	1271	0.55%	0.58%	3411	0.60%	0.53%	1118	0.75%	0.66%

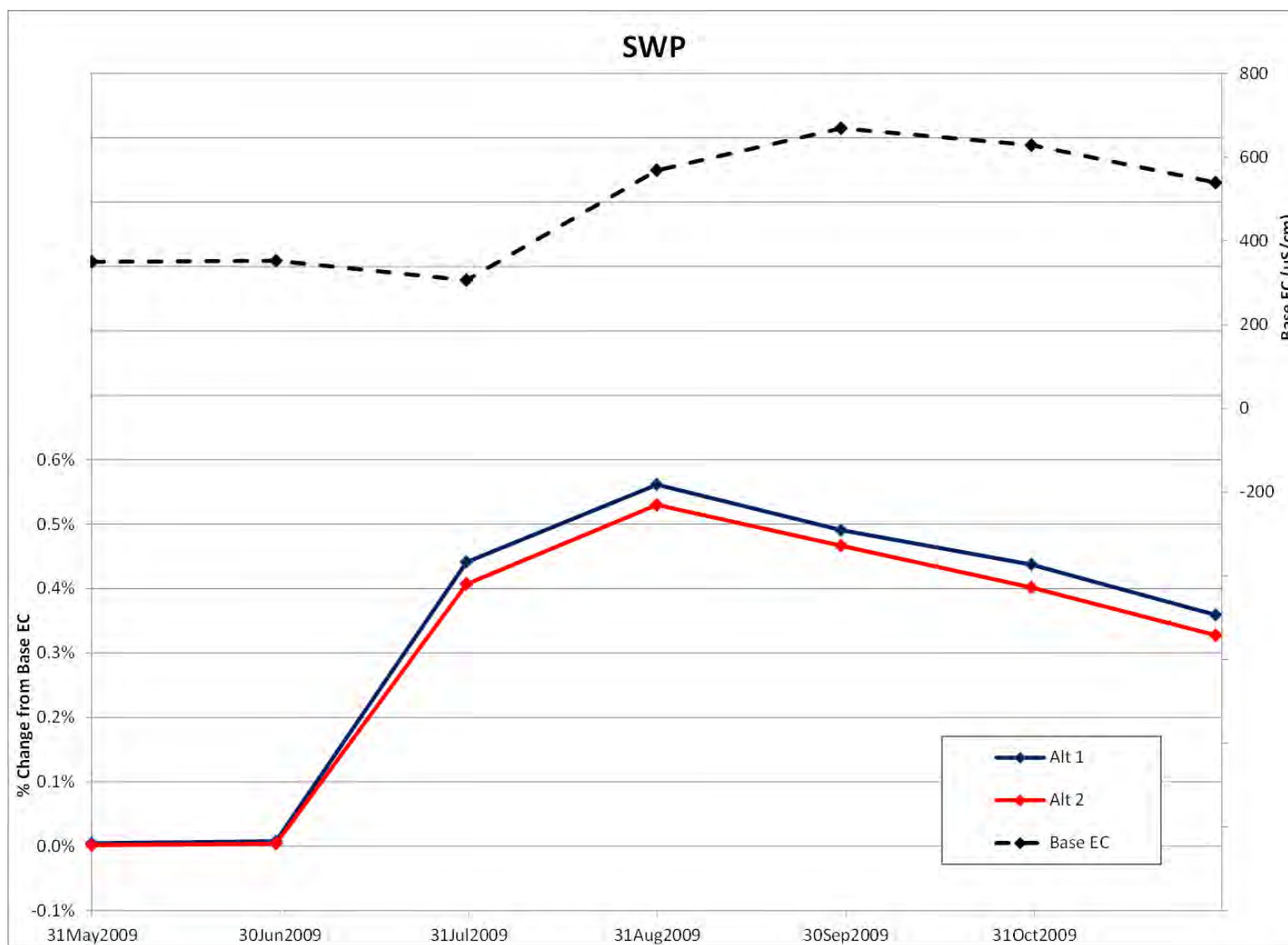
	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	349	0.01%	0.00%	329	0.01%	0.00%	345	0.00%	0.00%	350	0.00%	0.00%
Jun 2009	288	0.02%	0.02%	292	0.02%	0.01%	303	0.00%	0.00%	352	0.01%	0.00%
Jul 2009	362	0.52%	0.48%	337	0.53%	0.49%	241	0.25%	0.22%	306	0.44%	0.41%
Aug 2009	752	0.60%	0.57%	667	0.59%	0.56%	377	0.47%	0.44%	568	0.56%	0.53%
Sep 2009	895	0.53%	0.50%	775	0.52%	0.49%	454	0.41%	0.38%	669	0.49%	0.47%
Oct 2009	862	0.51%	0.47%	705	0.48%	0.44%	464	0.33%	0.30%	628	0.44%	0.40%
Nov 2009	659	0.54%	0.49%	563	0.51%	0.46%	410	0.33%	0.30%	539	0.36%	0.33%



**Figure 8** Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-1 EC plotted with Base-1 EC at Mallard Island for the 2009 analysis period.



**Figure 9 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-1 EC plotted with Base-1 EC at the Contra Costa Water District intakes for the 2009 analysis period.**



**Figure 10** Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-1 EC plotted with Base-1 EC at SWP for the 2009 analysis period.



## Alt 1 color contour plots – 2009 Base-1

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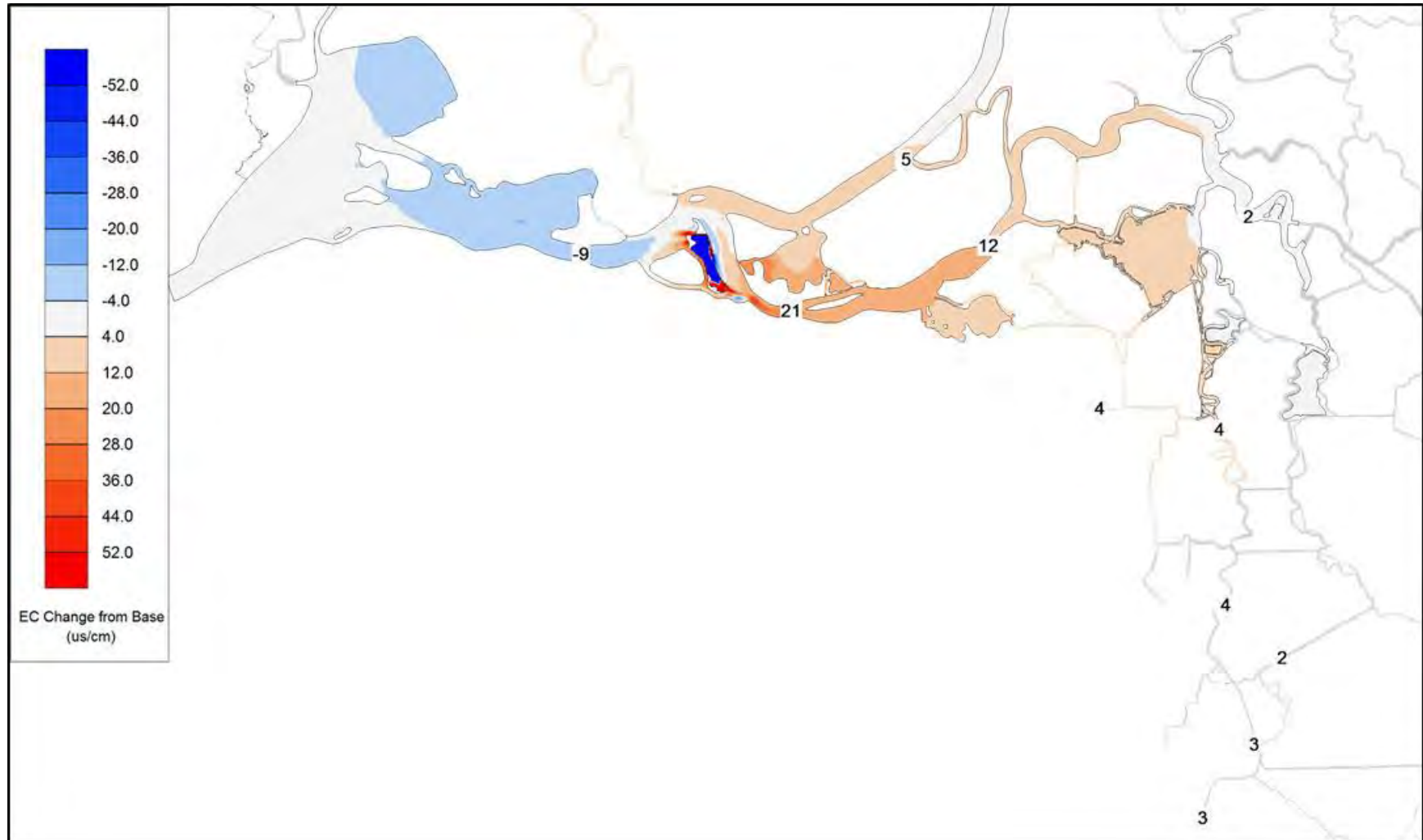


Figure 11 Alt 1: tidally averaged change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2009.



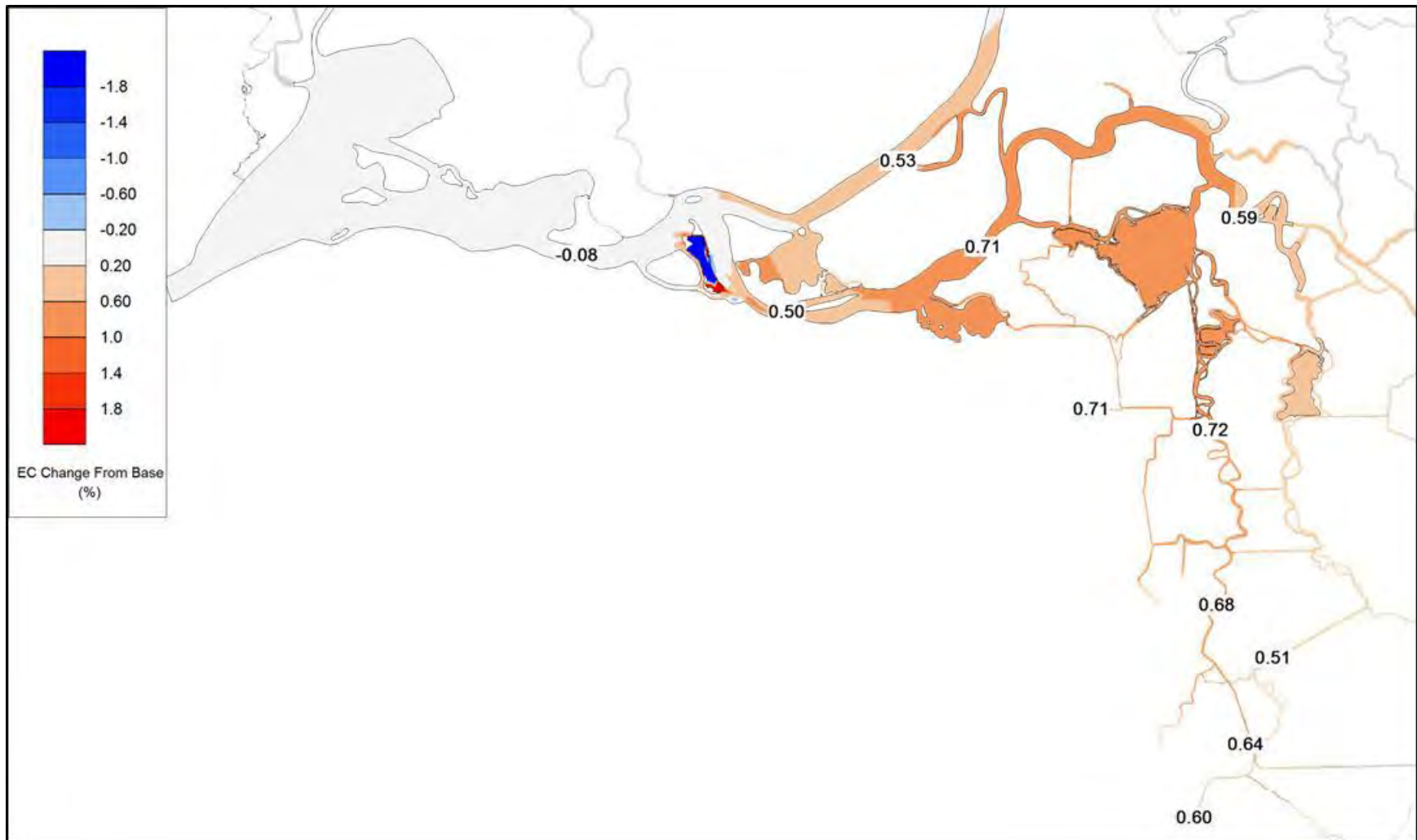


Figure 12 Alt 1: tidally averaged percent change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2009.

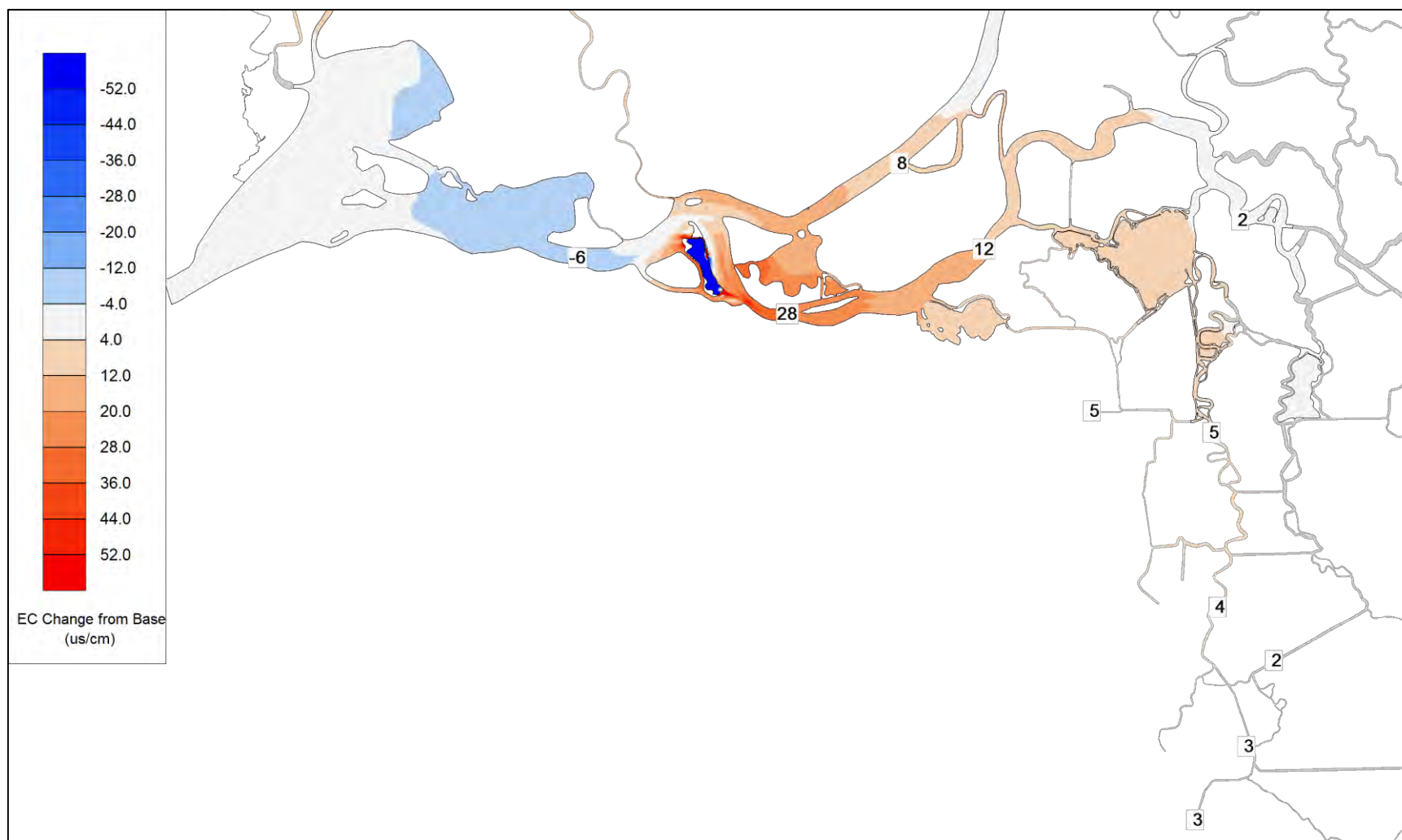


Figure 13 Alt 1: tidally averaged change from Base-1 EC on September 23, 2009.

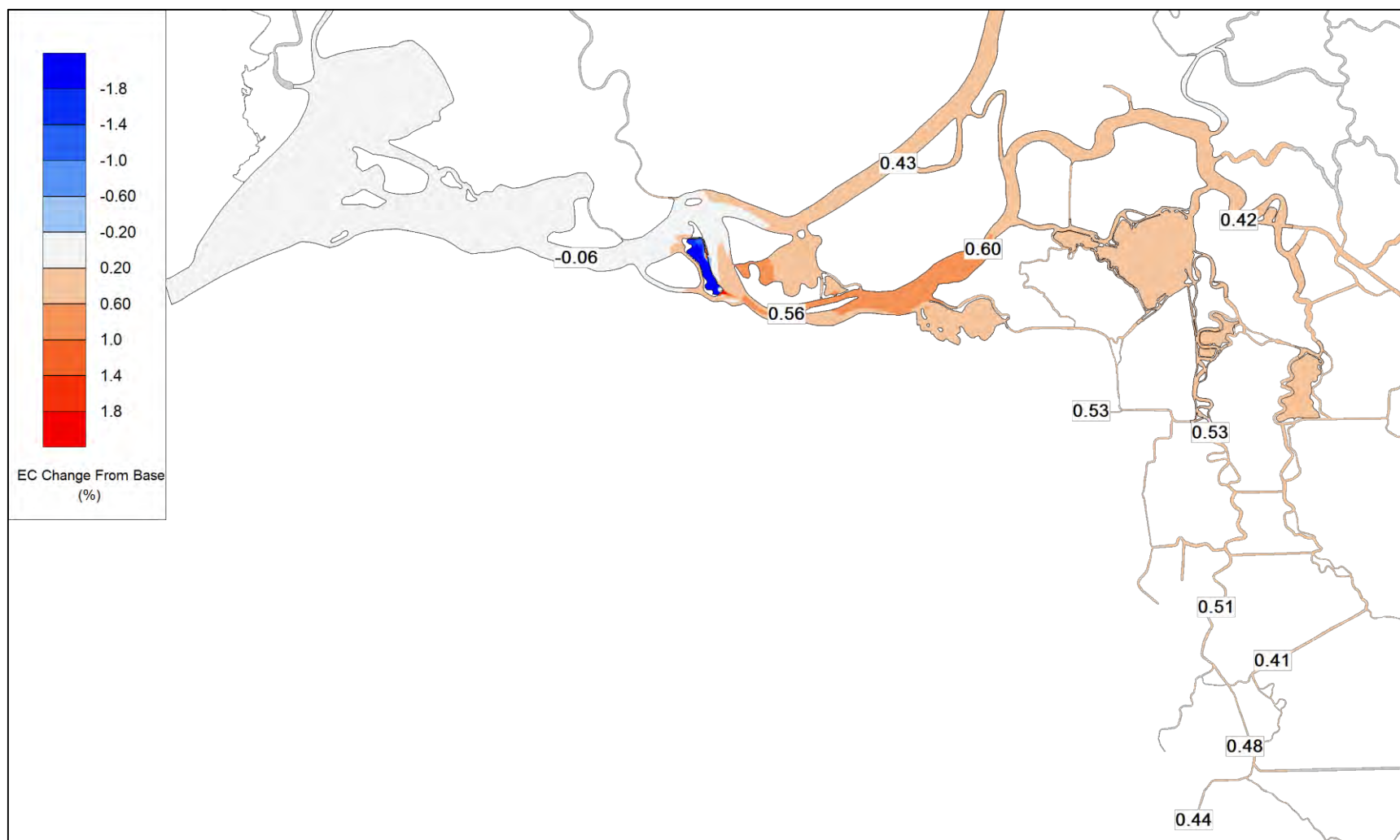


Figure 14 Alt 1: tidally averaged percent change from Base-1 EC on September 23, 2009.

## Alt 2 color contour plots – 2009 Base-1

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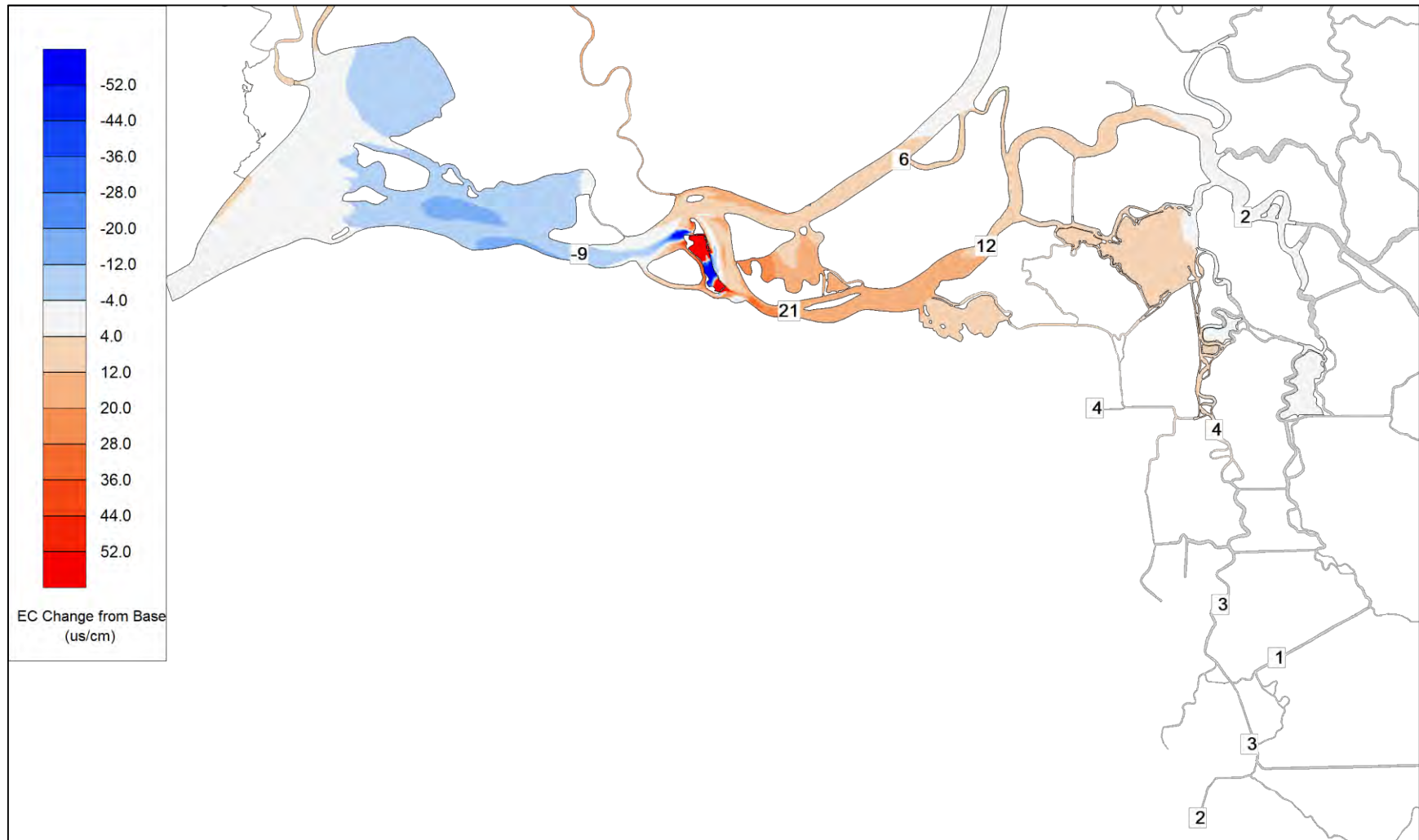


Figure 15 Alt 2: tidally averaged change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2009.

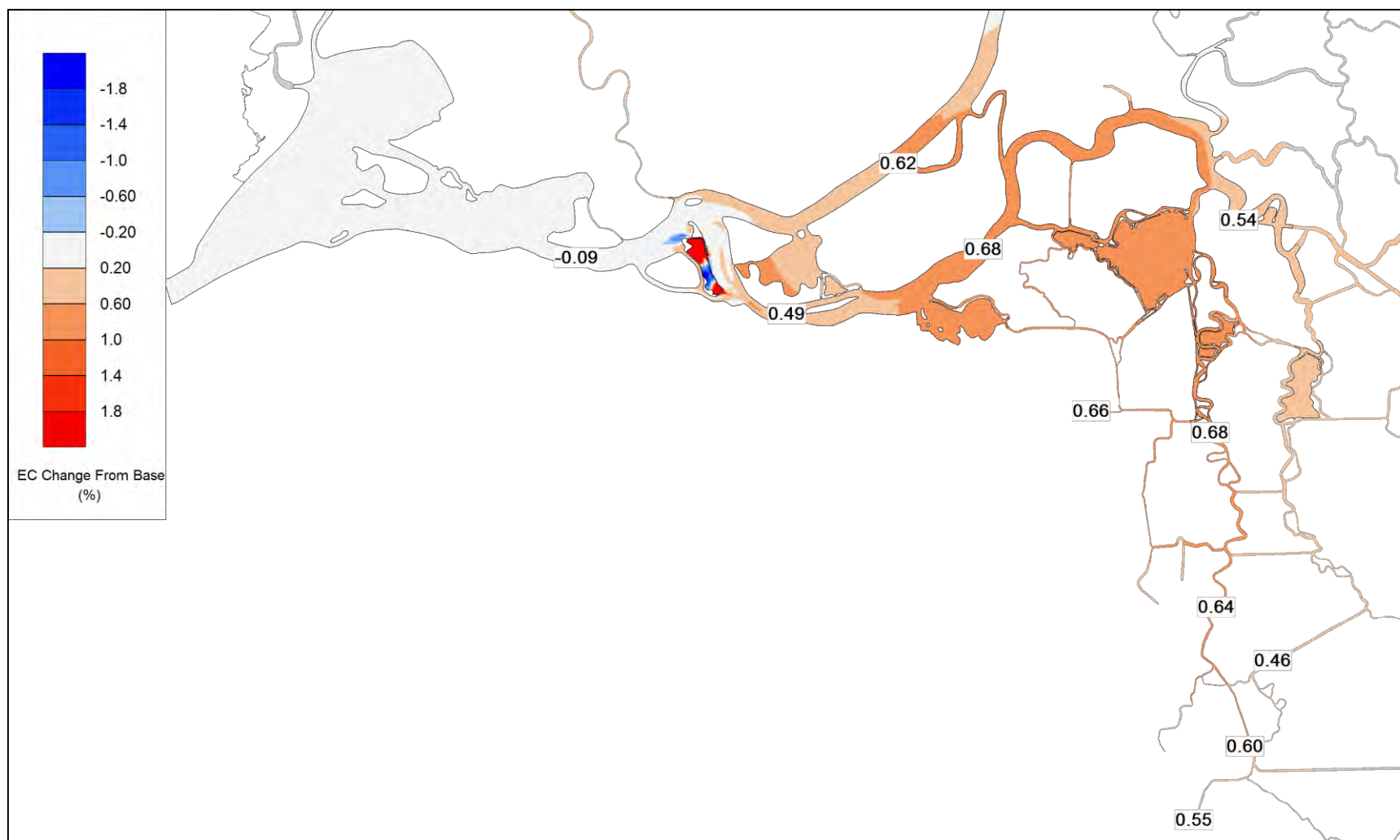


Figure 16 Alt 2: tidally averaged percent change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2009.

## Base-2

Results in Table 3 and Table 4, and in Figure 17 through Figure 23 illustrate comparisons between 2009 Base-2 and alternative EC simulation results.

**Table 3 Summary of 2009 monthly average Base-2 EC and change from Base-2 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	2260	0.88	0.49	167	0.27	0.22	306	2.29	1.72	204	0.21	0.15
Jun 2009	5551	-0.78	-0.78	368	2.75	2.79	928	11.85	10.50	262	1.99	1.74
Jul 2009	9647	-4.76	-4.40	633	4.48	5.17	2831	24.71	25.20	950	11.12	10.81
Aug 2009	12175	-6.24	-5.47	1131	7.49	9.01	4257	29.86	32.54	1637	15.03	15.35
Sep 2009	13438	-5.25	-4.81	1631	10.87	13.07	4959	34.86	38.45	1836	16.70	17.92
Oct 2009	12262	-1.19	0.22	1534	11.54	13.55	4207	38.09	40.77	1475	16.01	16.82
Nov 2009	11206	-0.37	-1.35	1272	10.42	11.95	3425	33.91	34.58	1122	13.65	13.88

	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	349	0.06	0.03	329	0.04	0.02	345	-0.01	-0.03	350	0.02	0.00
Jun 2009	288	0.09	0.07	292	0.05	0.03	303	-0.03	-0.05	352	-0.01	-0.03
Jul 2009	363	2.70	2.59	338	2.53	2.43	241	0.86	0.82	306	1.93	1.85
Aug 2009	754	6.10	6.13	669	5.42	5.48	378	2.49	2.47	570	4.42	4.45
Sep 2009	897	6.84	7.21	778	5.96	6.34	455	2.80	2.93	670	4.89	5.18
Oct 2009	865	6.65	7.23	707	5.29	5.77	465	2.41	2.64	630	4.28	4.67
Nov 2009	661	5.69	6.03	565	4.64	4.92	410	2.28	2.45	540	3.15	3.35

**Table 4 Summary of 2009 monthly average Base-2 EC and percent change from Base-2 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	2260	0.04%	0.02%	167	0.16%	0.13%	306	0.74%	0.56%	204	0.10%	0.07%
Jun 2009	5551	-0.01%	-0.01%	368	0.74%	0.75%	928	1.26%	1.12%	262	0.76%	0.66%
Jul 2009	9647	-0.05%	-0.05%	633	0.70%	0.81%	2831	0.87%	0.88%	950	1.16%	1.12%
Aug 2009	12175	-0.05%	-0.04%	1131	0.66%	0.79%	4257	0.70%	0.76%	1637	0.91%	0.93%
Sep 2009	13438	-0.04%	-0.04%	1631	0.66%	0.79%	4959	0.70%	0.77%	1836	0.90%	0.97%
Oct 2009	12262	-0.01%	0.00%	1534	0.75%	0.88%	4207	0.90%	0.96%	1475	1.07%	1.13%
Nov 2009	11206	0.00%	-0.01%	1272	0.81%	0.93%	3425	0.98%	1.00%	1122	1.20%	1.22%

	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2009	349	0.02%	0.01%	329	0.01%	0.01%	345	0.00%	-0.01%	350	0.00%	0.00%
Jun 2009	288	0.03%	0.02%	292	0.02%	0.01%	303	-0.01%	-0.02%	352	0.00%	-0.01%
Jul 2009	363	0.74%	0.71%	338	0.74%	0.71%	241	0.35%	0.34%	306	0.63%	0.60%
Aug 2009	754	0.80%	0.81%	669	0.80%	0.81%	378	0.65%	0.65%	570	0.77%	0.77%
Sep 2009	897	0.76%	0.80%	778	0.76%	0.81%	455	0.61%	0.64%	670	0.72%	0.77%
Oct 2009	865	0.76%	0.83%	707	0.74%	0.81%	465	0.52%	0.56%	630	0.68%	0.74%
Nov 2009	661	0.85%	0.91%	565	0.82%	0.86%	410	0.55%	0.59%	540	0.58%	0.62%

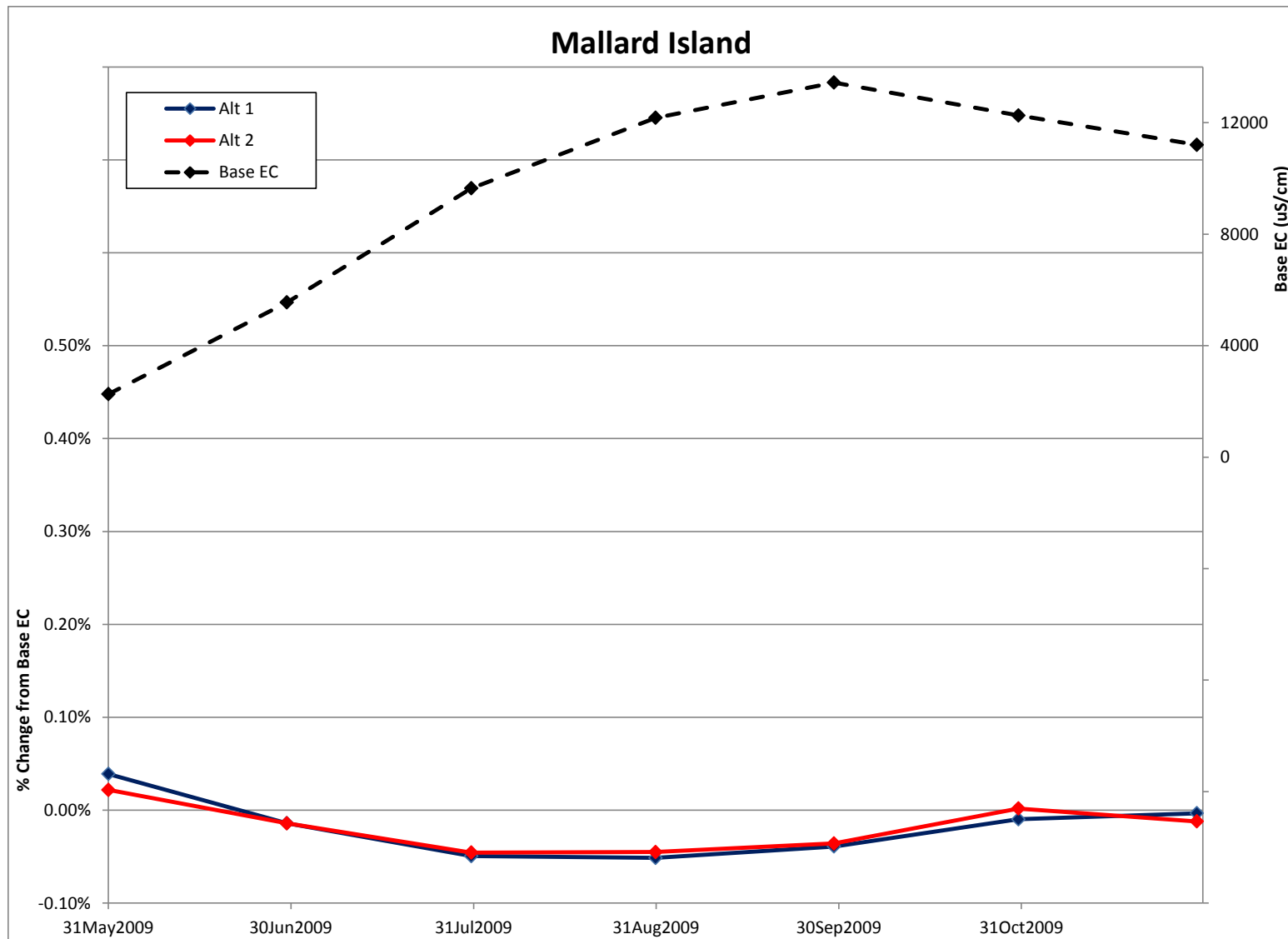
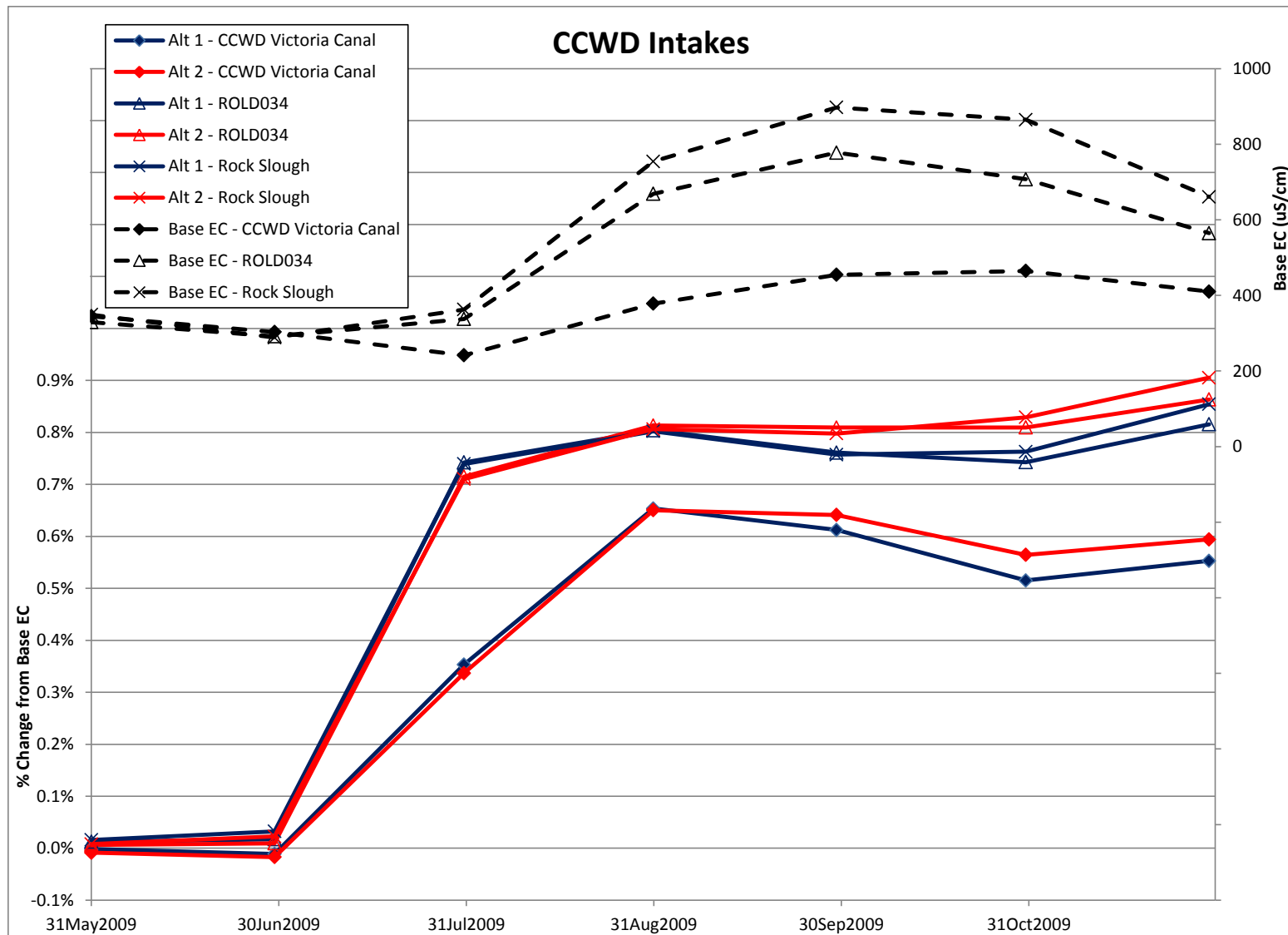


Figure 17 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-2 EC plotted with Base-2 EC at Mallard Island for the 2009 analysis period.





**Figure 18 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-2 EC plotted with Base-2 EC at the Contra Costa Water District intakes for the 2009 analysis period.**

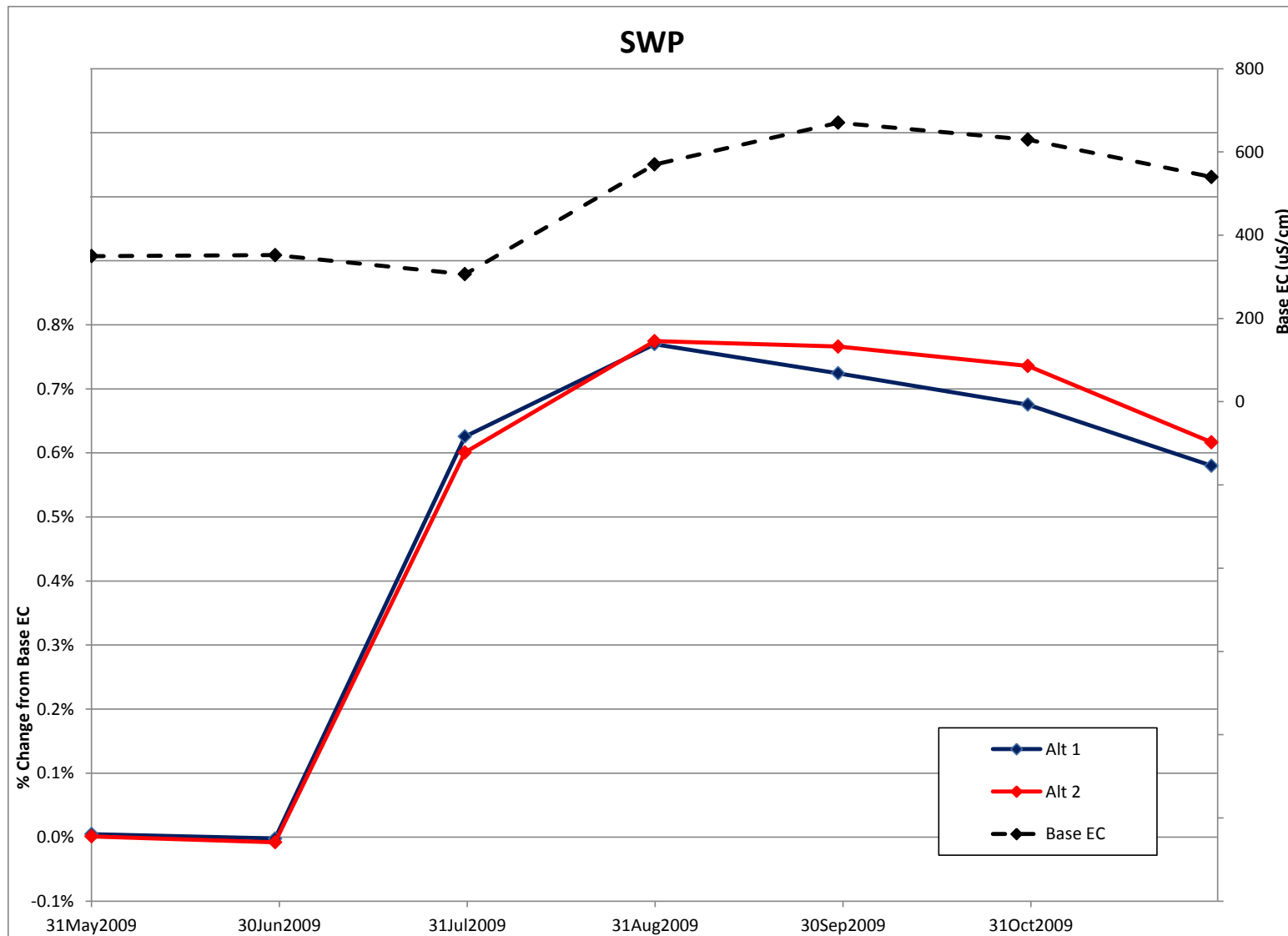


Figure 19 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-2 EC plotted with Base-2 EC at SWP for the 2009 analysis period.

## Alt 1 color contour plots – 2009 Base-2

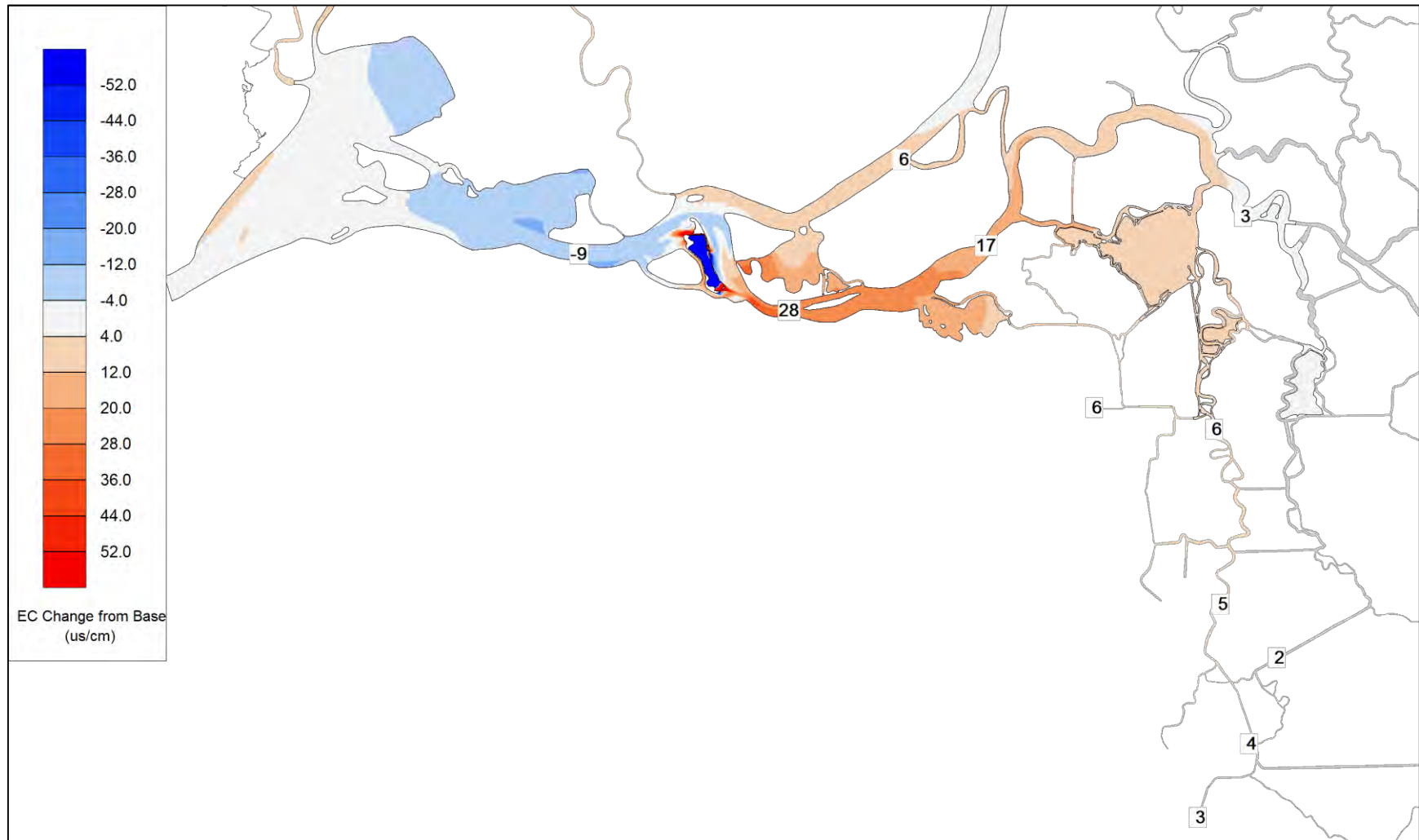


Figure 20 Alt 1: tidally averaged change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2009.

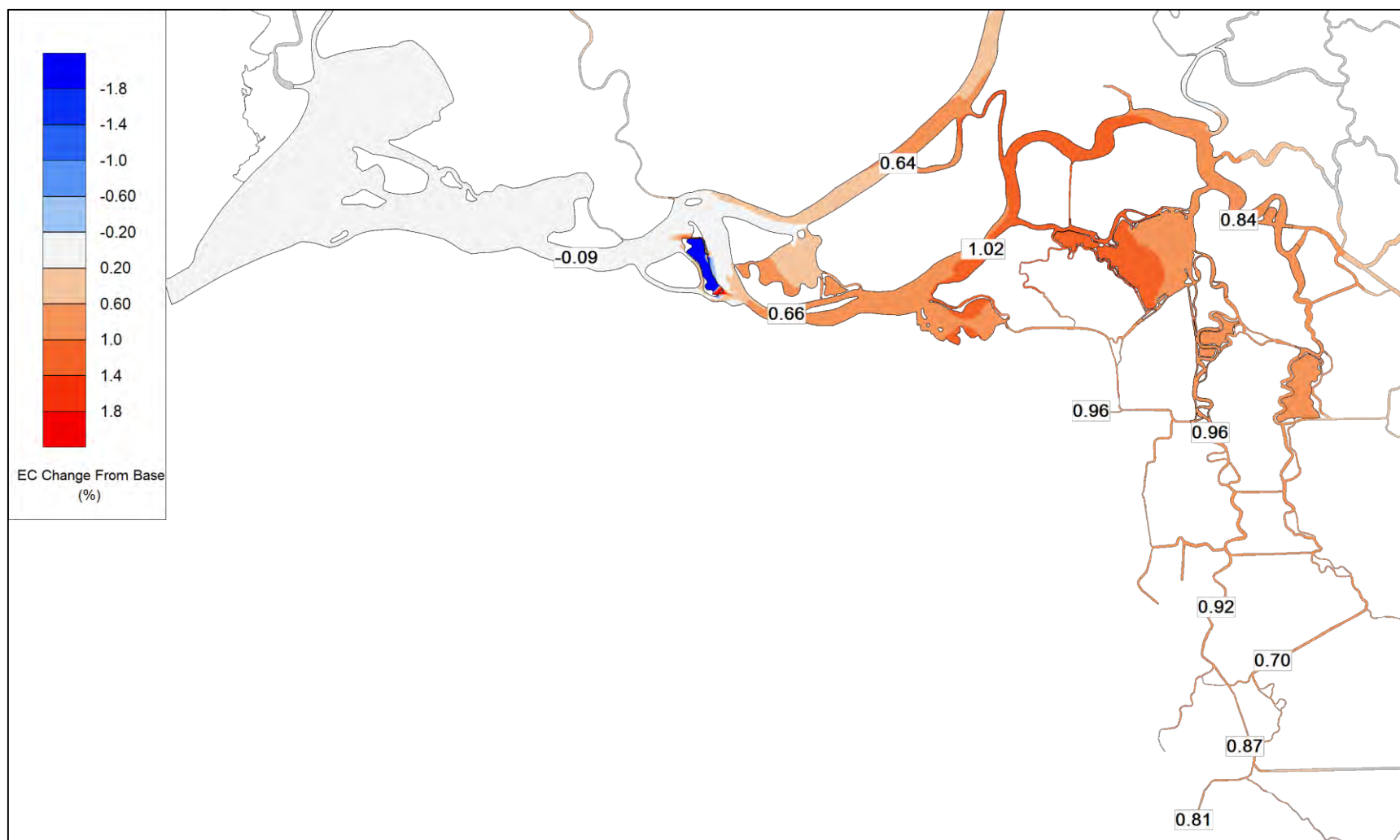


Figure 21 Alt 1: tidally averaged percent change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2009.

## Alt 2 color contour plots – 2009 Base-2

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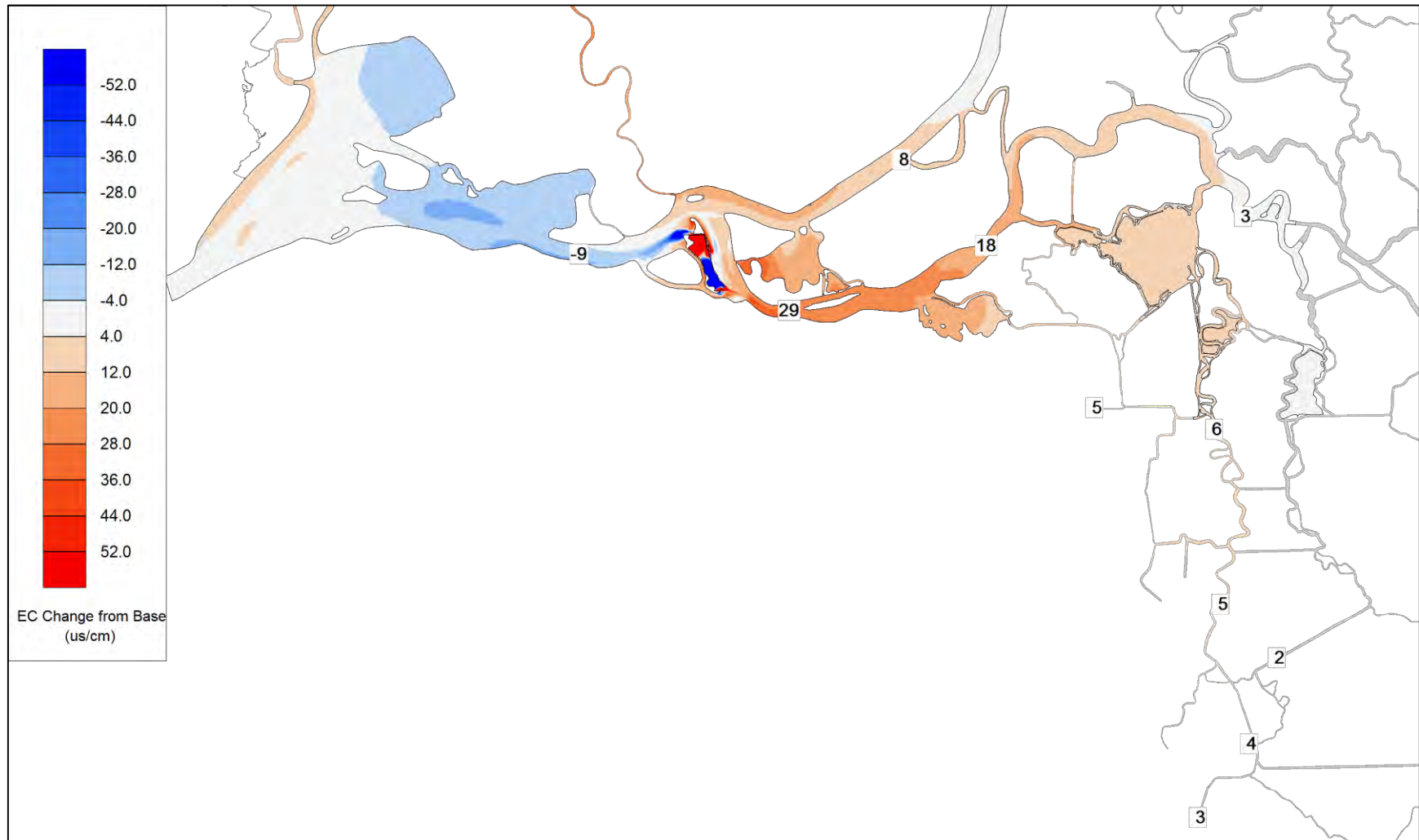


Figure 22 Alt 2: tidally averaged change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2009.

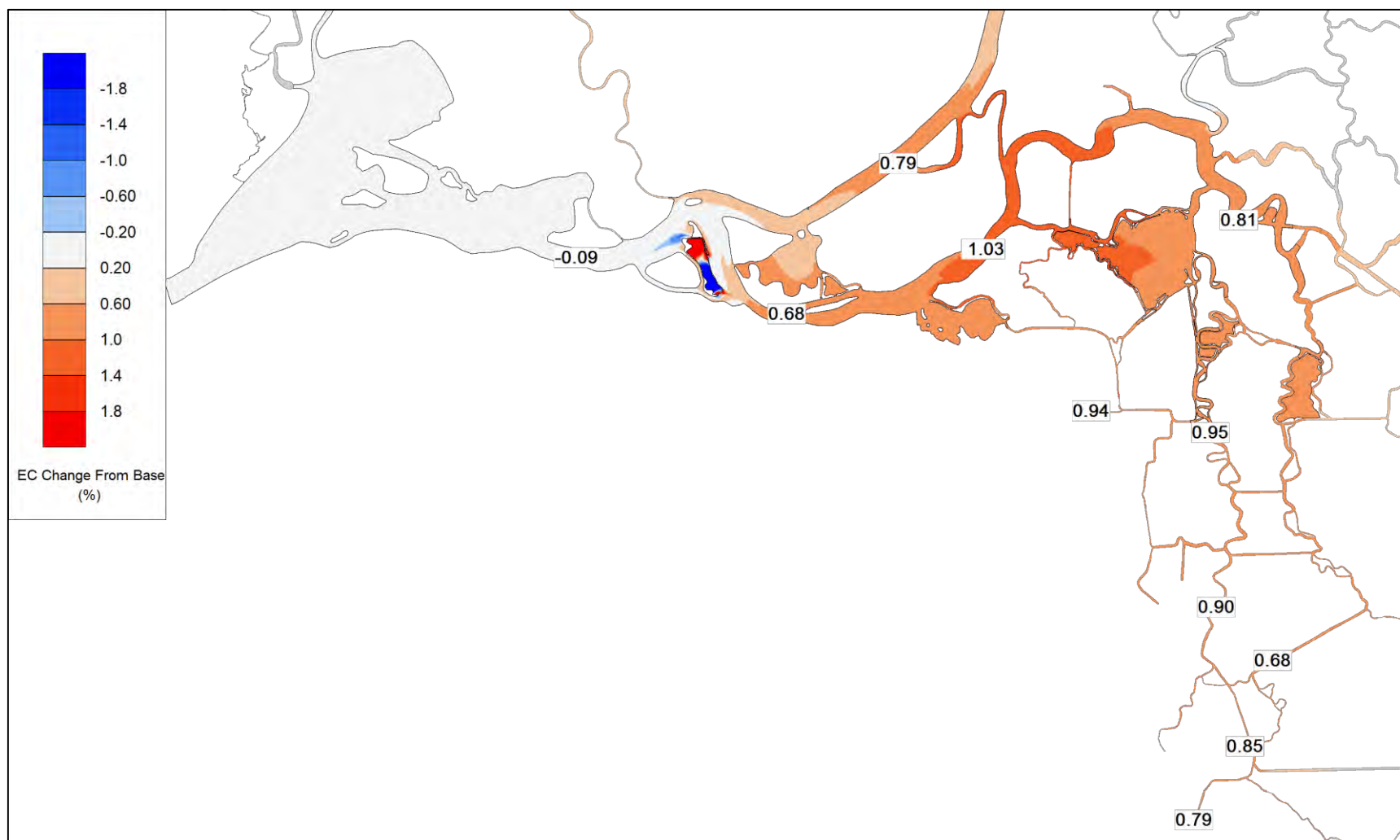


Figure 23 Alt 2: tidally averaged percent change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2009.

## 2013

### Base-1

Results in Table 5 and Table 6, and in Figure 24 through Figure 30 illustrate comparisons between 2013 Base-1 and alternative EC simulation results.

**Table 5 Summary of 2013 monthly average Base-1 EC and change from Base-1 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	6275	0.43	-2.20	324	1.29	1.27	924	6.99	5.54	304	1.04	0.83
Jun 2013	7884	0.23	-1.66	511	3.15	3.27	1586	13.86	12.30	431	2.98	2.51
Jul 2013	10485	-3.89	-5.91	607	3.50	3.98	2869	19.52	19.14	938	7.48	7.00
Aug 2013	10679	-3.87	-6.27	594	3.17	3.31	3202	18.54	16.74	1265	8.93	7.91
Sep 2013	9604	-1.11	-4.69	582	2.61	2.63	2531	14.76	12.36	1036	6.49	5.42
Oct 2013	12160	-3.05	-7.33	1295	5.91	6.31	3428	18.92	15.30	945	6.54	5.36
Nov 2013	13571	-4.82	-8.21	1361	7.29	7.70	4133	23.16	19.50	1165	9.05	7.41

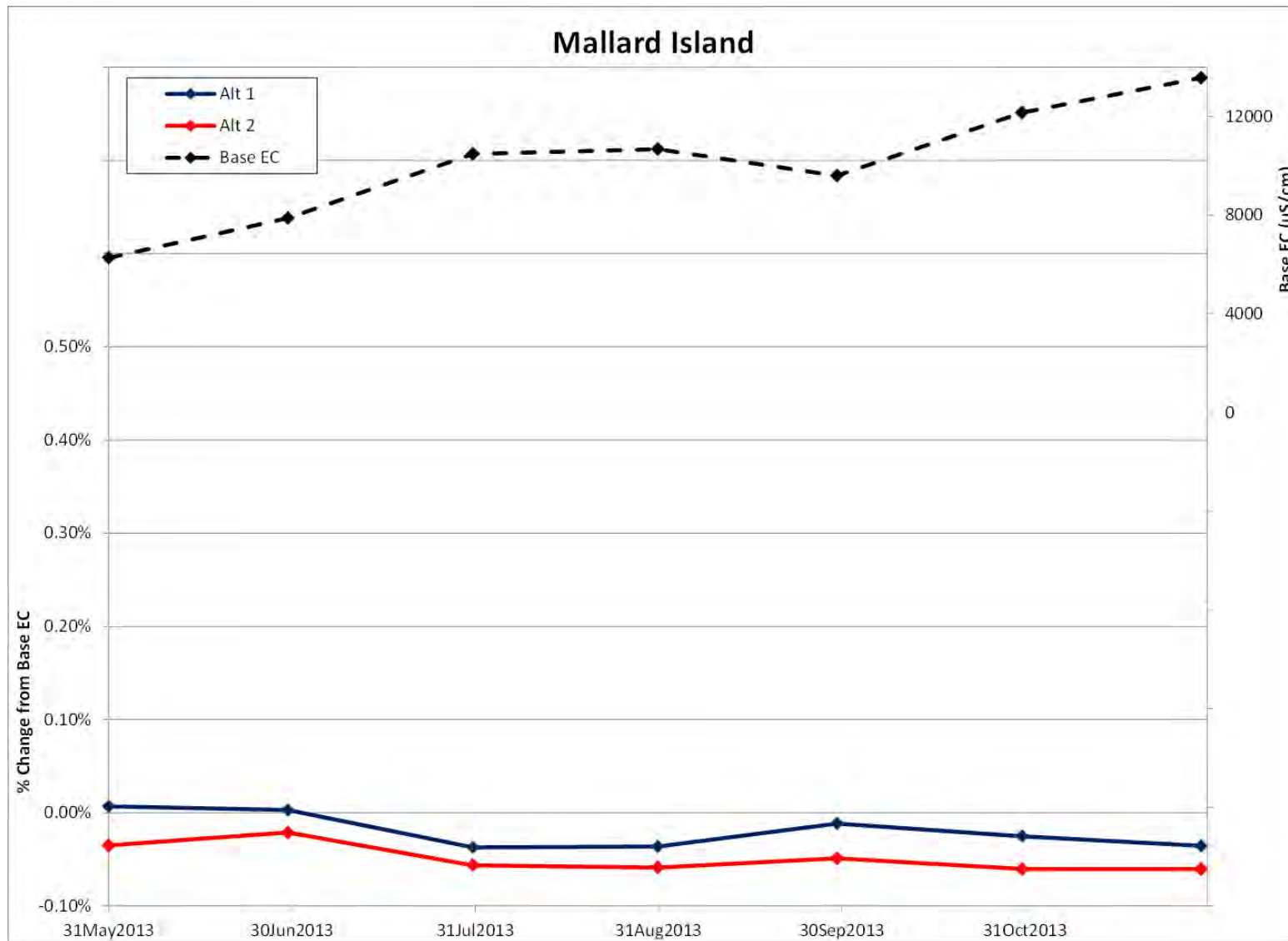
	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	362	0.10	0.06	351	0.07	0.04	361	0.03	0.00	330	0.04	0.02
Jun 2013	328	0.52	0.44	319	0.40	0.33	309	0.15	0.12	343	0.28	0.24
Jul 2013	402	2.09	1.93	366	1.89	1.75	260	0.61	0.55	332	1.44	1.33
Aug 2013	633	3.90	3.65	553	3.34	3.10	330	1.33	1.23	487	2.73	2.53
Sep 2013	698	3.86	3.41	588	3.10	2.73	378	1.39	1.22	531	2.61	2.30
Oct 2013	512	2.35	2.02	452	1.87	1.62	358	0.82	0.71	432	1.48	1.28
Nov 2013	560	2.93	2.53	518	2.49	2.14	416	1.19	1.04	505	1.80	1.56

**Table 6 Summary of 2013 monthly average Base-1 EC and percent change from Base-1 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

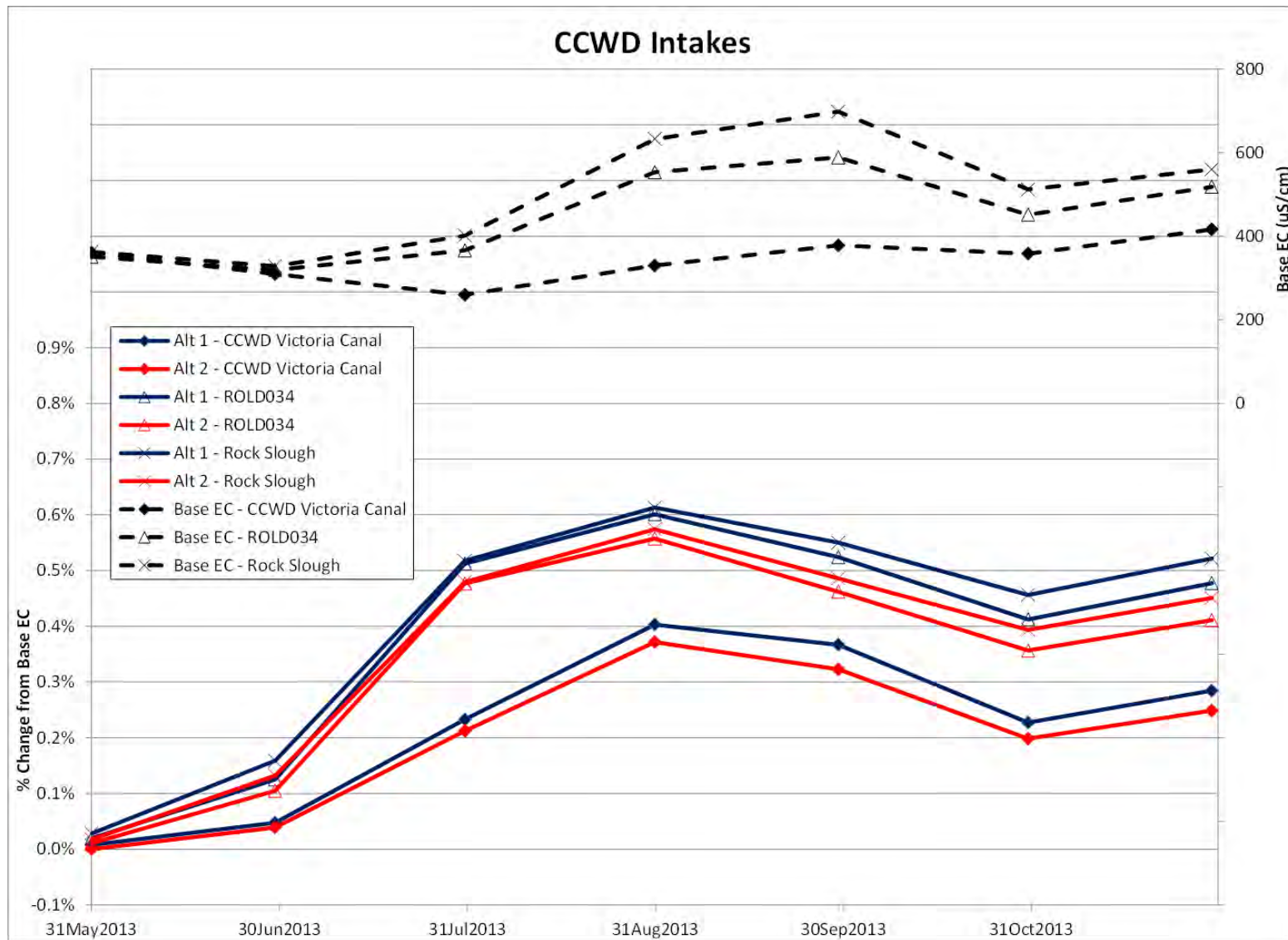
	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	6275	0.01%	-0.04%	324	0.40%	0.39%	924	0.75%	0.60%	304	0.34%	0.27%
Jun 2013	7884	0.00%	-0.02%	511	0.61%	0.64%	1586	0.87%	0.77%	431	0.69%	0.58%
Jul 2013	10485	-0.04%	-0.06%	607	0.57%	0.65%	2869	0.68%	0.66%	938	0.79%	0.74%
Aug 2013	10679	-0.04%	-0.06%	594	0.53%	0.55%	3202	0.58%	0.52%	1265	0.70%	0.62%
Sep 2013	9604	-0.01%	-0.05%	582	0.45%	0.45%	2531	0.58%	0.49%	1036	0.62%	0.52%
Oct 2013	12160	-0.03%	-0.06%	1295	0.45%	0.48%	3428	0.55%	0.44%	945	0.69%	0.56%
Nov 2013	13571	-0.04%	-0.06%	1361	0.53%	0.56%	4133	0.56%	0.47%	1165	0.77%	0.63%

	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	362	0.03%	0.02%	351	0.02%	0.01%	361	0.01%	0.00%	330	0.01%	0.01%
Jun 2013	328	0.16%	0.13%	319	0.13%	0.10%	309	0.05%	0.04%	343	0.08%	0.07%
Jul 2013	402	0.52%	0.48%	366	0.51%	0.48%	260	0.23%	0.21%	332	0.43%	0.40%
Aug 2013	633	0.61%	0.57%	553	0.60%	0.56%	330	0.40%	0.37%	487	0.56%	0.52%
Sep 2013	698	0.55%	0.49%	588	0.52%	0.46%	378	0.37%	0.32%	531	0.49%	0.43%
Oct 2013	512	0.46%	0.39%	452	0.41%	0.36%	358	0.23%	0.20%	432	0.34%	0.30%
Nov 2013	560	0.52%	0.45%	518	0.48%	0.41%	416	0.28%	0.25%	505	0.35%	0.31%

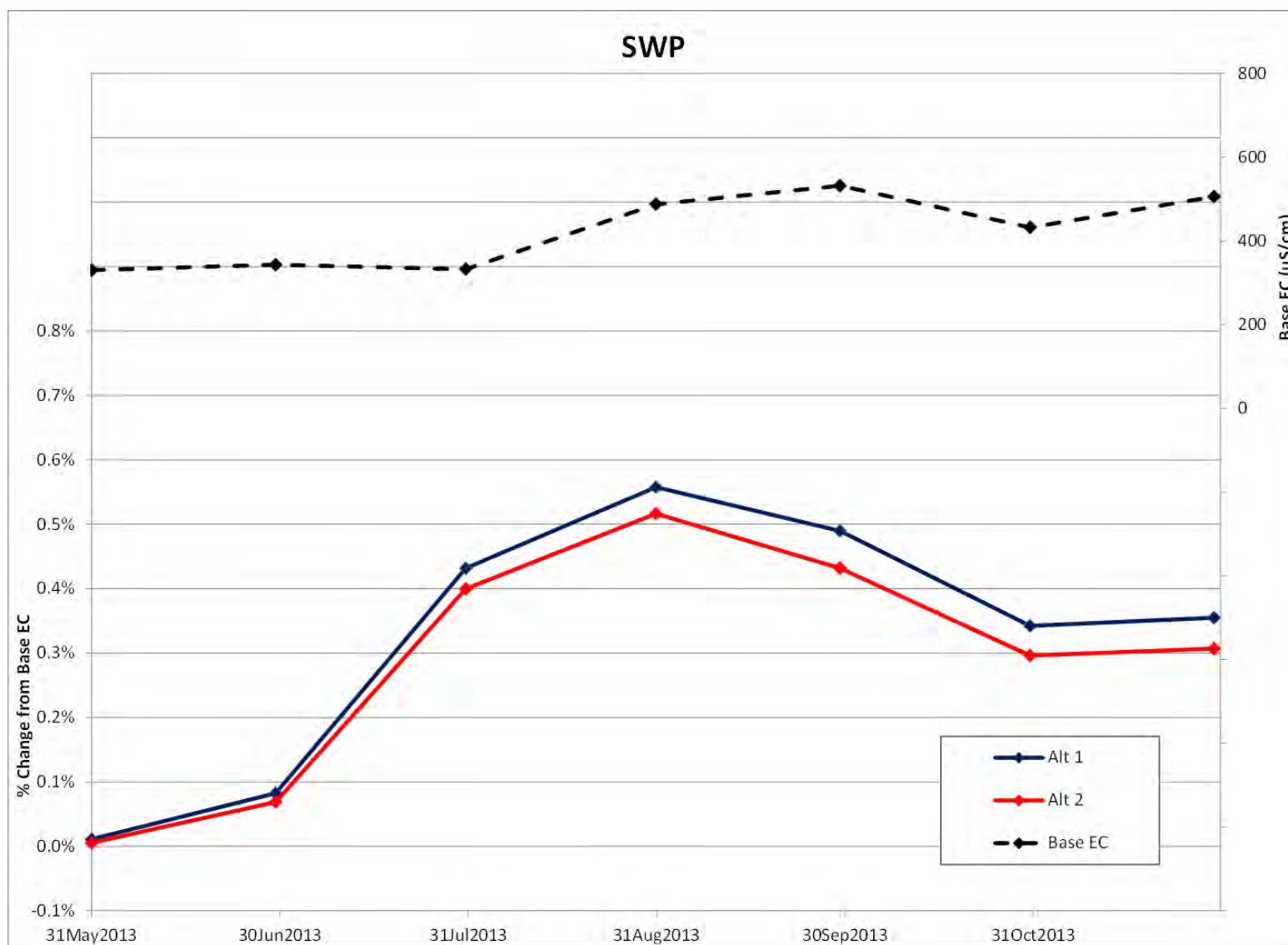




**Figure 24** Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-1 EC plotted with Base-1 EC at Mallard Island for the 2013 analysis period.



**Figure 25 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-1 EC plotted with Base-1 EC at the Contra Costa Water District intakes for the 2013 analysis period.**



**Figure 26** Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-1 EC plotted with Base-1 EC at SWP for the 2013 analysis period.

## Alt 1 color contour plots – 2013 Base-1

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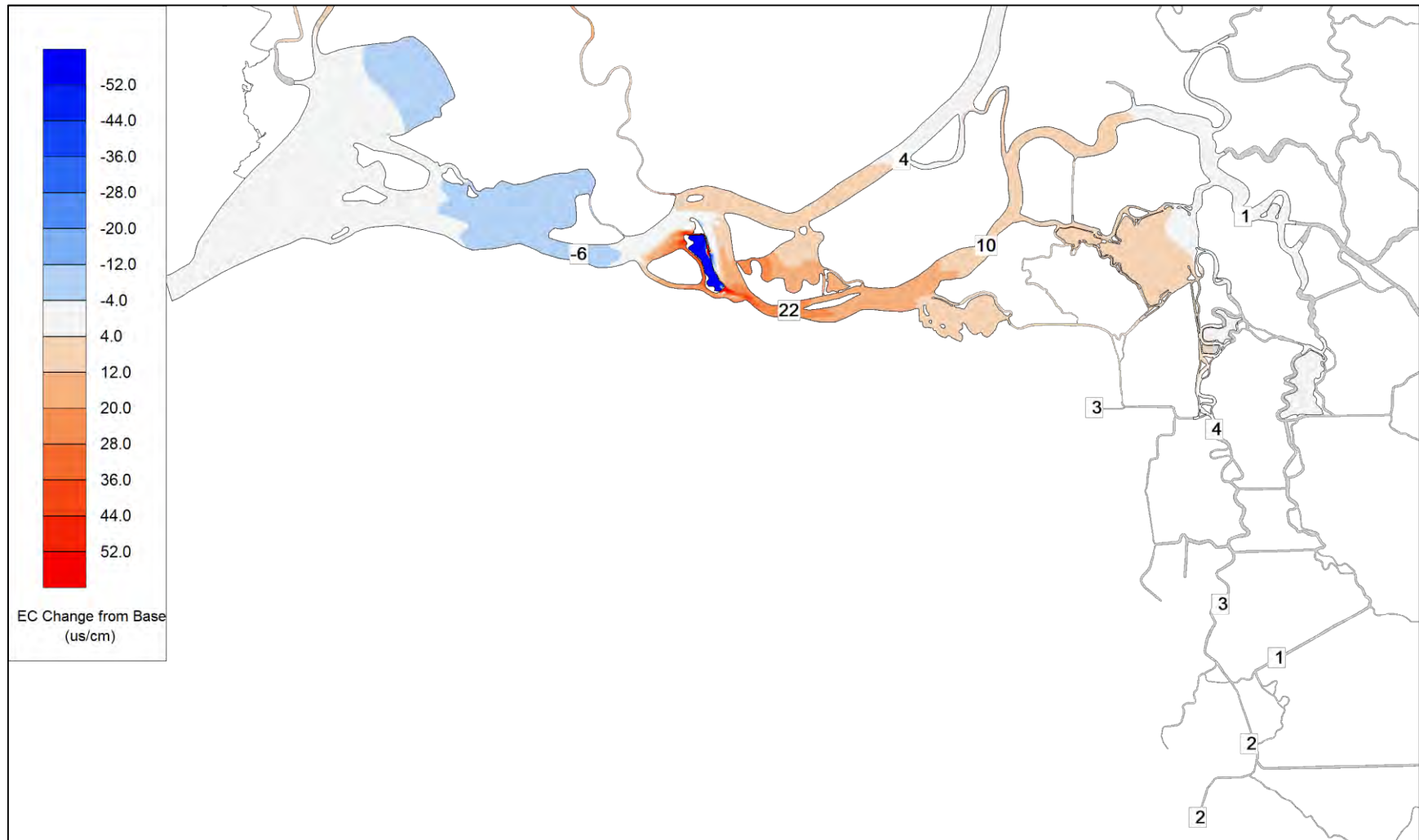


Figure 27 Alt 1: tidally averaged change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2013.

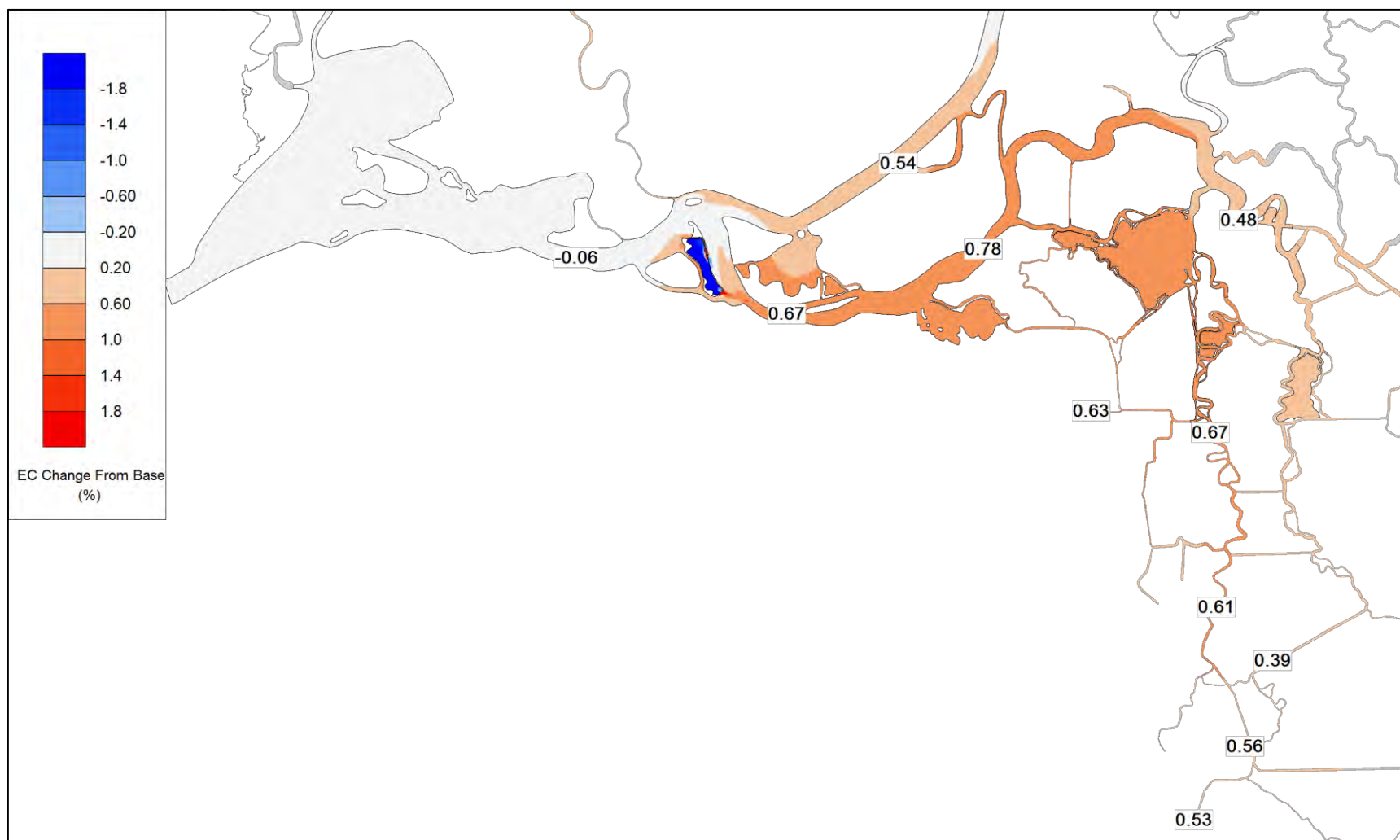


Figure 28 Alt 1: tidally averaged percent change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2013.

## Alt 2 color contour plots – 2013 Base-1

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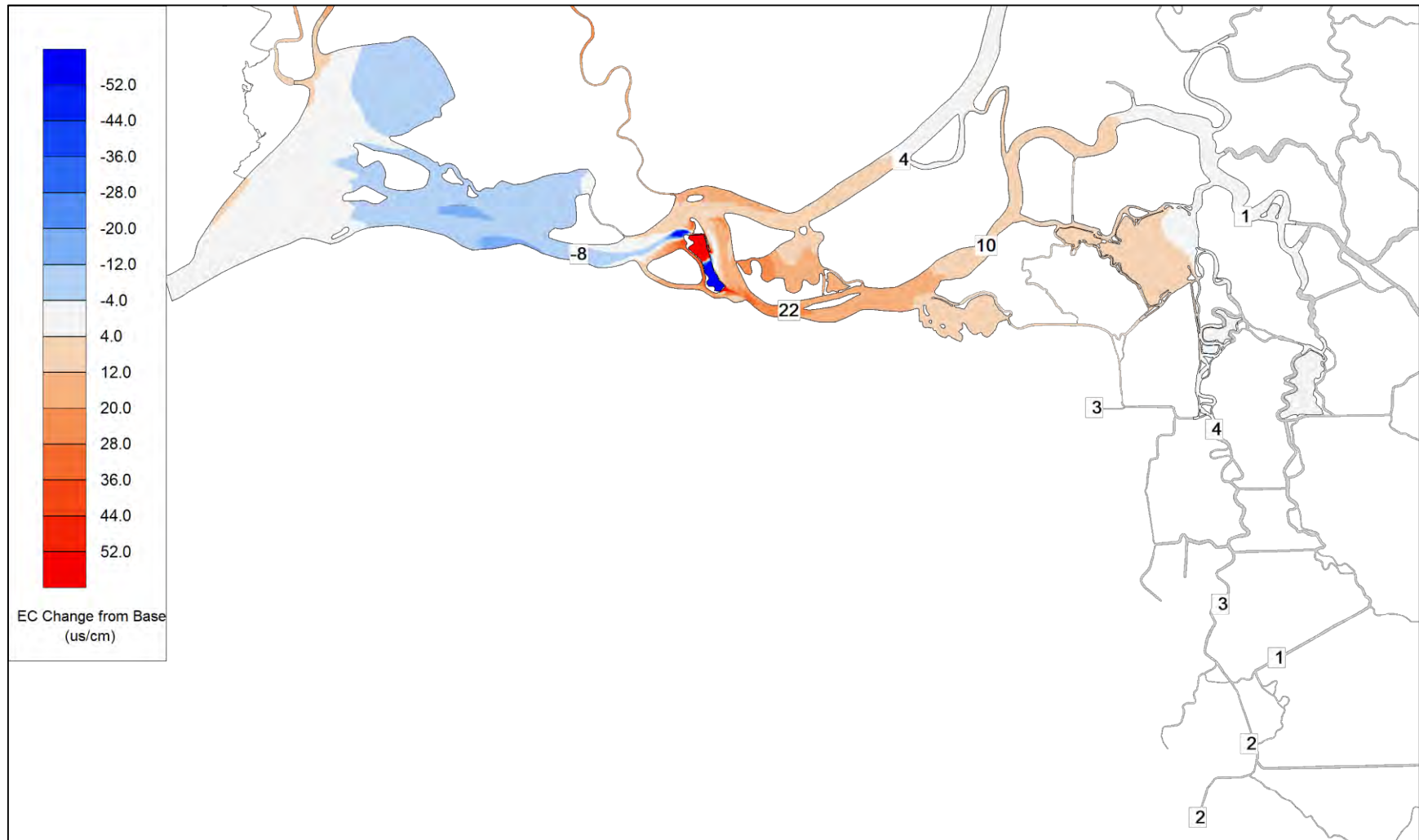


Figure 29 Alt 2: tidally averaged change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2013.

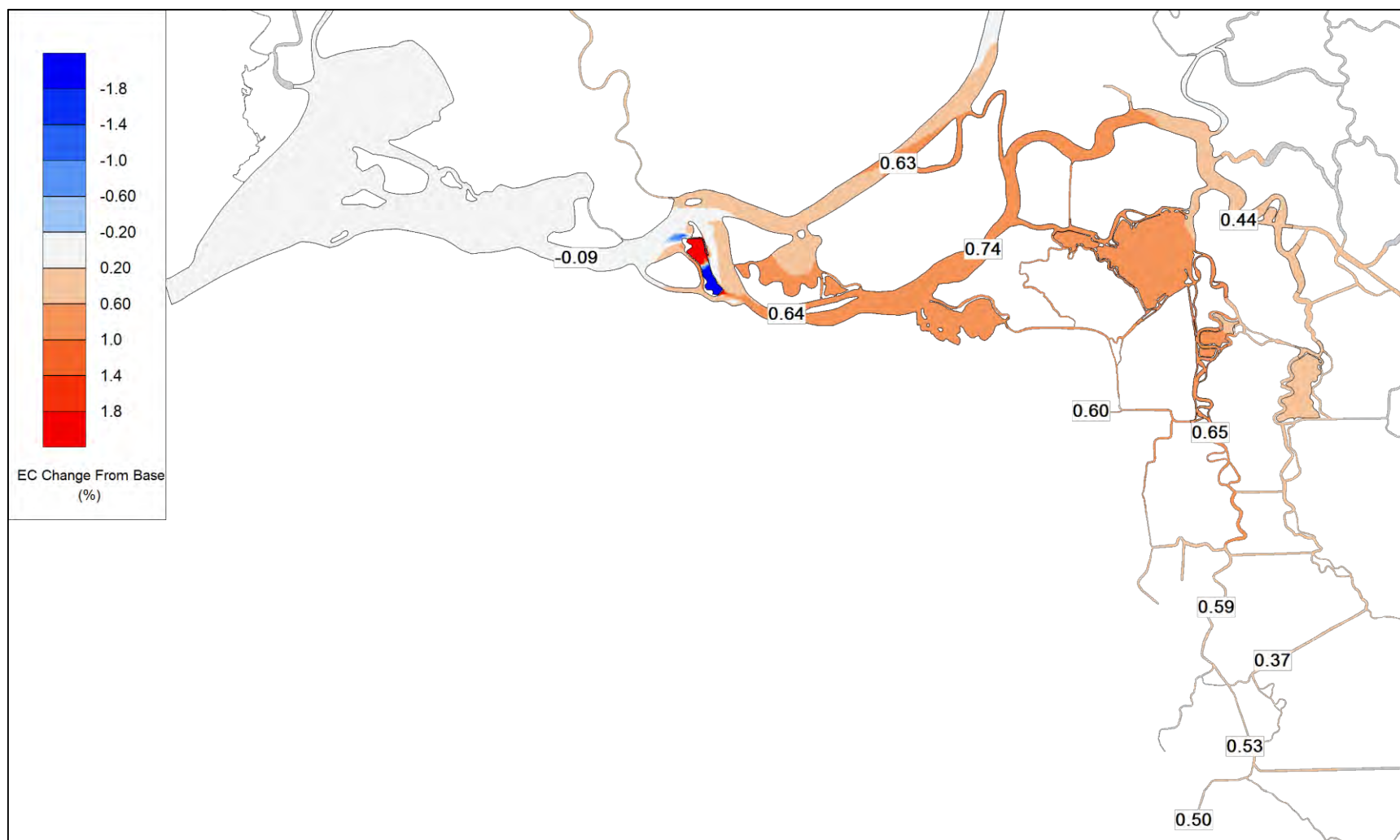


Figure 30 Alt 2: tidally averaged percent change from Base-1 EC on July 30, 2013.



## Base-2

Results in Table 7 and Table 8, and in Figure 31 through Figure 39 illustrate comparisons between 2013 Base-2 and alternative EC simulation results.

**Table 7 Summary of 2013 monthly average Base-2 EC and change from Base-2 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	6280	5.43	3.53	324	2.03	2.05	929	17.73	16.47	305	2.18	2.02
Jun 2013	7888	4.25	3.88	512	4.68	5.00	1595	29.99	28.99	432	6.08	5.78
Jul 2013	10488	-2.35	-1.67	607	4.24	4.91	2881	39.45	39.88	941	15.24	15.00
Aug 2013	10681	-2.57	-2.02	594	3.54	4.14	3213	38.45	39.28	1269	17.57	17.51
Sep 2013	9608	2.86	3.25	581	3.20	3.62	2542	35.22	35.58	1040	13.19	13.09
Oct 2013	12162	-1.79	-3.68	1295	9.42	10.92	3441	47.79	48.57	948	14.49	14.53
Nov 2013	13572	-5.35	-7.36	1360	10.15	12.34	4148	54.15	56.47	1168	18.39	18.89

	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm		Base EC	EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	362	0.26	0.22	351	0.22	0.18	361	0.16	0.12	330	0.12	0.09
Jun 2013	328	1.05	0.99	319	0.82	0.77	309	0.33	0.31	343	0.58	0.54
Jul 2013	403	4.13	4.04	367	3.74	3.67	260	1.21	1.17	333	2.88	2.82
Aug 2013	634	7.48	7.49	555	6.42	6.43	330	2.58	2.57	488	5.29	5.29
Sep 2013	700	7.41	7.41	590	5.97	5.97	379	2.68	2.68	533	5.05	5.05
Oct 2013	513	4.75	4.75	452	3.79	3.81	359	1.60	1.63	433	2.97	2.99
Nov 2013	561	5.94	6.08	519	5.01	5.15	417	2.36	2.45	506	3.61	3.71



**Table 8 Summary of 2013 monthly average Base-2 EC and percent change from Base-2 EC at key locations for Alt 1 and Alt 2.**

	Mallard Is			Emmaton			Antioch			Jersey Pt		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	6280	0.09%	0.06%	324	0.62%	0.63%	929	1.88%	1.75%	305	0.71%	0.66%
Jun 2013	7888	0.05%	0.05%	512	0.91%	0.97%	1595	1.86%	1.79%	432	1.39%	1.32%
Jul 2013	10488	-0.02%	-0.02%	607	0.69%	0.80%	2881	1.36%	1.37%	941	1.60%	1.57%
Aug 2013	10681	-0.02%	-0.02%	594	0.59%	0.69%	3213	1.19%	1.21%	1269	1.37%	1.37%
Sep 2013	9608	0.03%	0.03%	581	0.55%	0.62%	2542	1.37%	1.39%	1040	1.26%	1.25%
Oct 2013	12162	-0.01%	-0.03%	1295	0.72%	0.84%	3441	1.38%	1.40%	948	1.51%	1.51%
Nov 2013	13572	-0.04%	-0.05%	1360	0.74%	0.90%	4148	1.29%	1.35%	1168	1.55%	1.60%

	Rock Slough			ROLD034			Victoria Canal			SWP		
	Base EC μS/cm	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm		Base EC	% EC change μS/cm	
		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2		Alt 1	Alt 2
May 2013	362	0.07%	0.06%	351	0.06%	0.05%	361	0.04%	0.03%	330	0.04%	0.03%
Jun 2013	328	0.32%	0.30%	319	0.26%	0.24%	309	0.11%	0.10%	343	0.17%	0.16%
Jul 2013	403	1.02%	0.99%	367	1.01%	0.99%	260	0.46%	0.45%	333	0.86%	0.84%
Aug 2013	634	1.17%	1.17%	555	1.15%	1.15%	330	0.78%	0.77%	488	1.07%	1.07%
Sep 2013	700	1.05%	1.05%	590	1.00%	1.00%	379	0.70%	0.70%	533	0.94%	0.94%
Oct 2013	513	0.92%	0.92%	452	0.83%	0.84%	359	0.45%	0.45%	433	0.68%	0.69%
Nov 2013	561	1.05%	1.08%	519	0.96%	0.98%	417	0.56%	0.58%	506	0.71%	0.73%

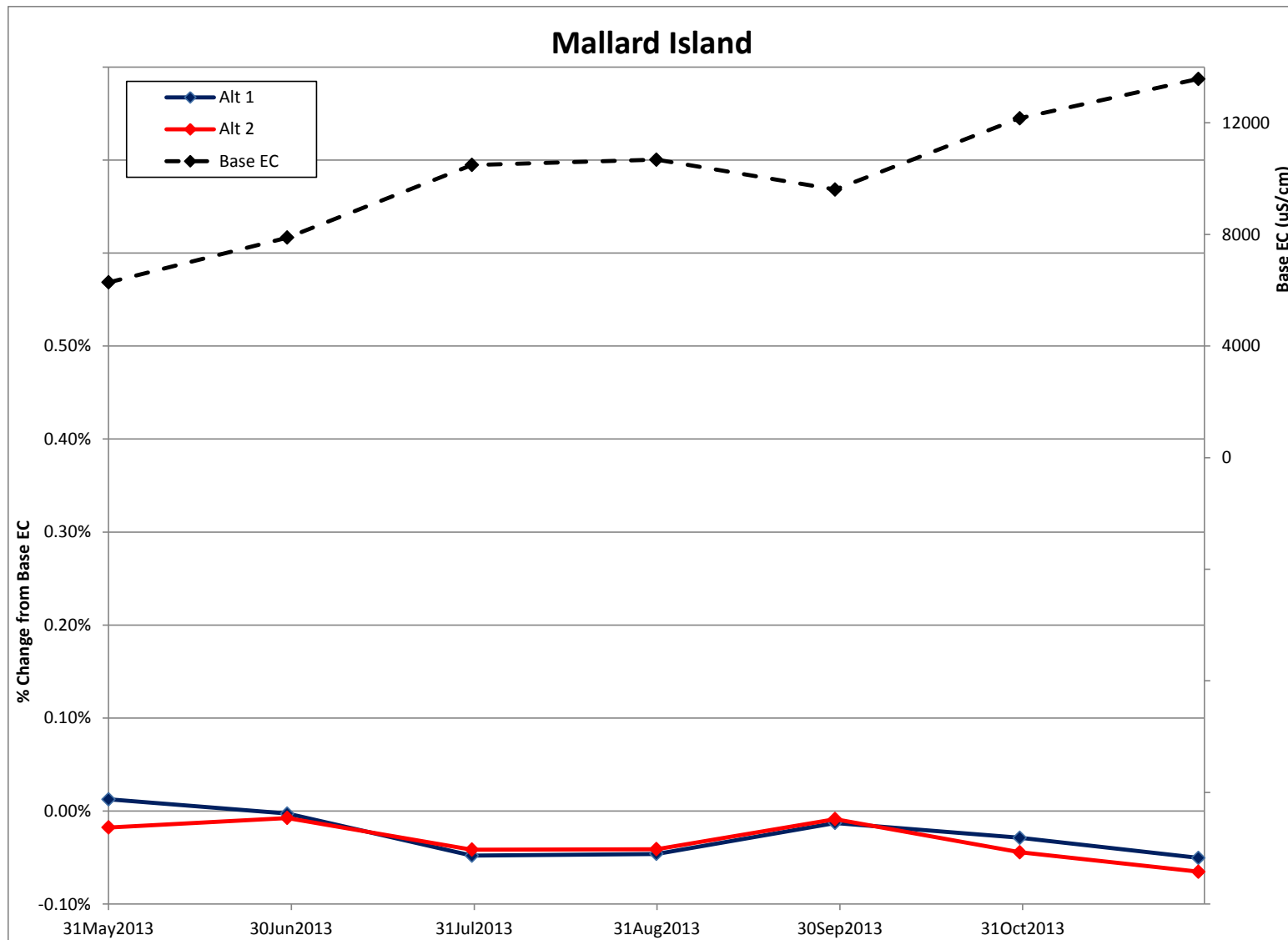


Figure 31 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-2 EC plotted with Base-2 EC at Mallard Island for the 2013 analysis period.

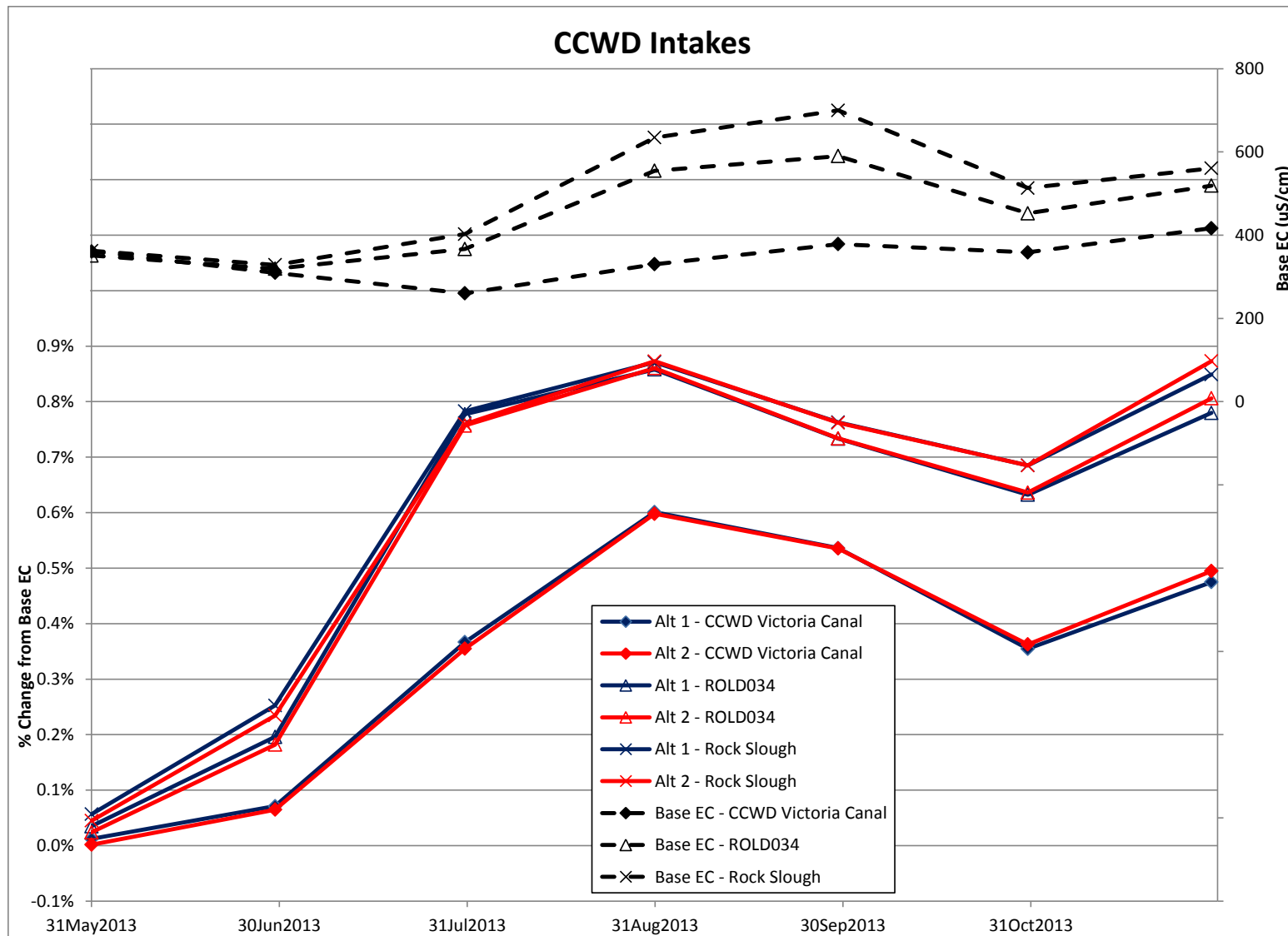


Figure 32 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-2 EC plotted with Base-2 EC at the Contra Costa Water District intakes for the 2013 analysis period.

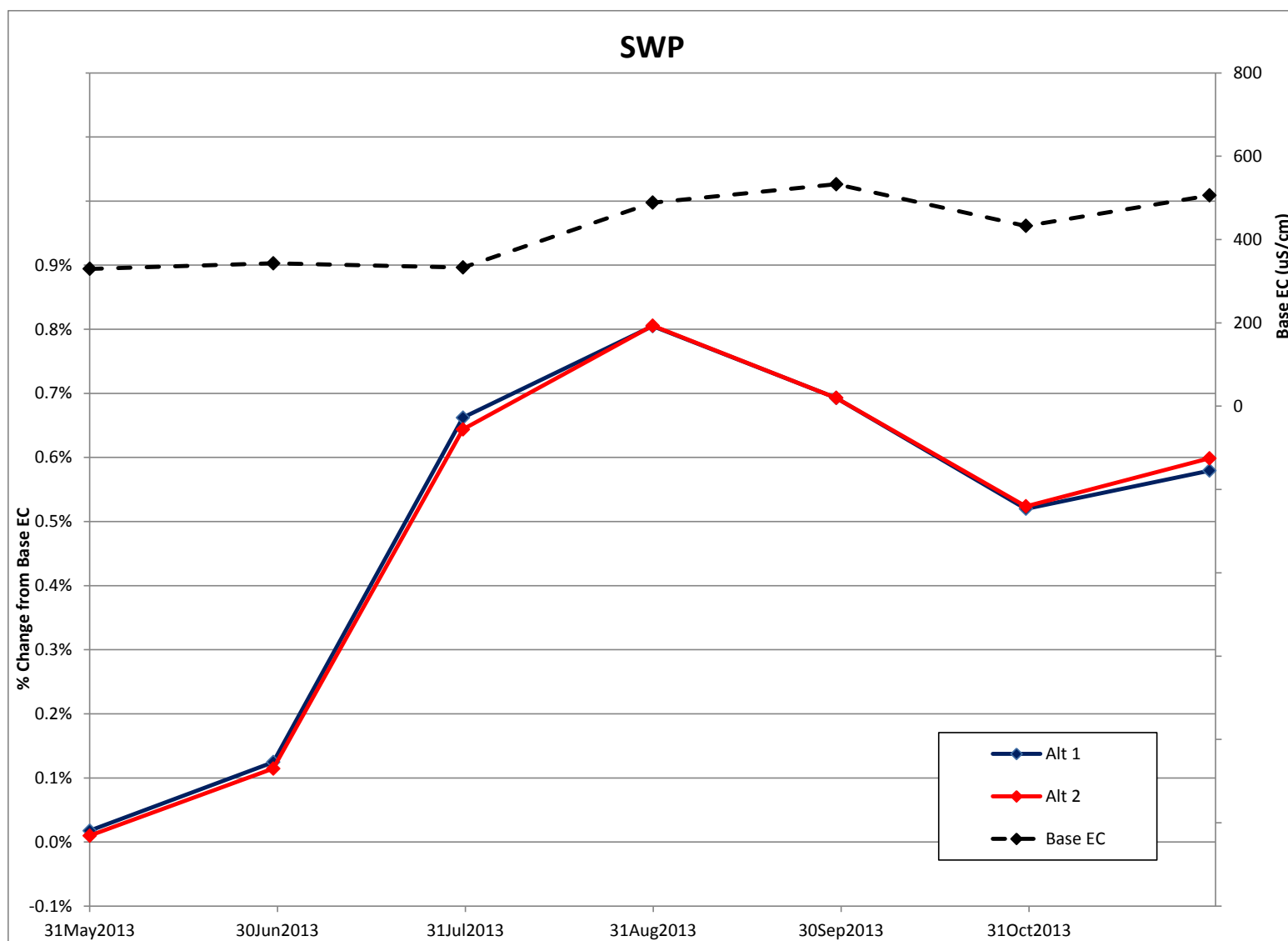


Figure 33 Time series of Alt 1 and Alt 2 monthly averaged % change from Base-2 EC plotted with Base-2 EC at SWP for the 2013 analysis period.

## Alt 1 color contour plots – 2013 Base-2

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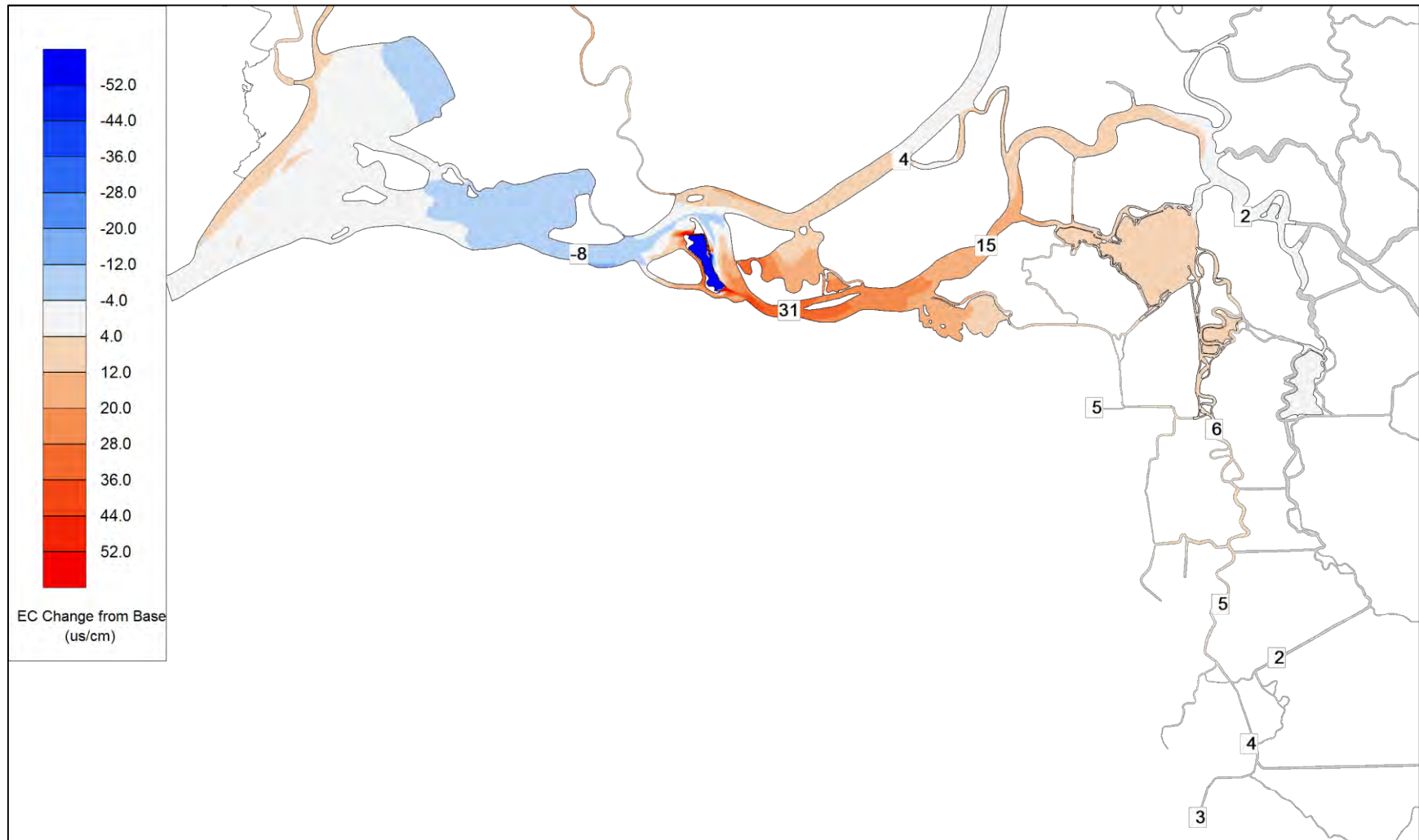


Figure 34 Alt 1: tidally averaged change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2013.

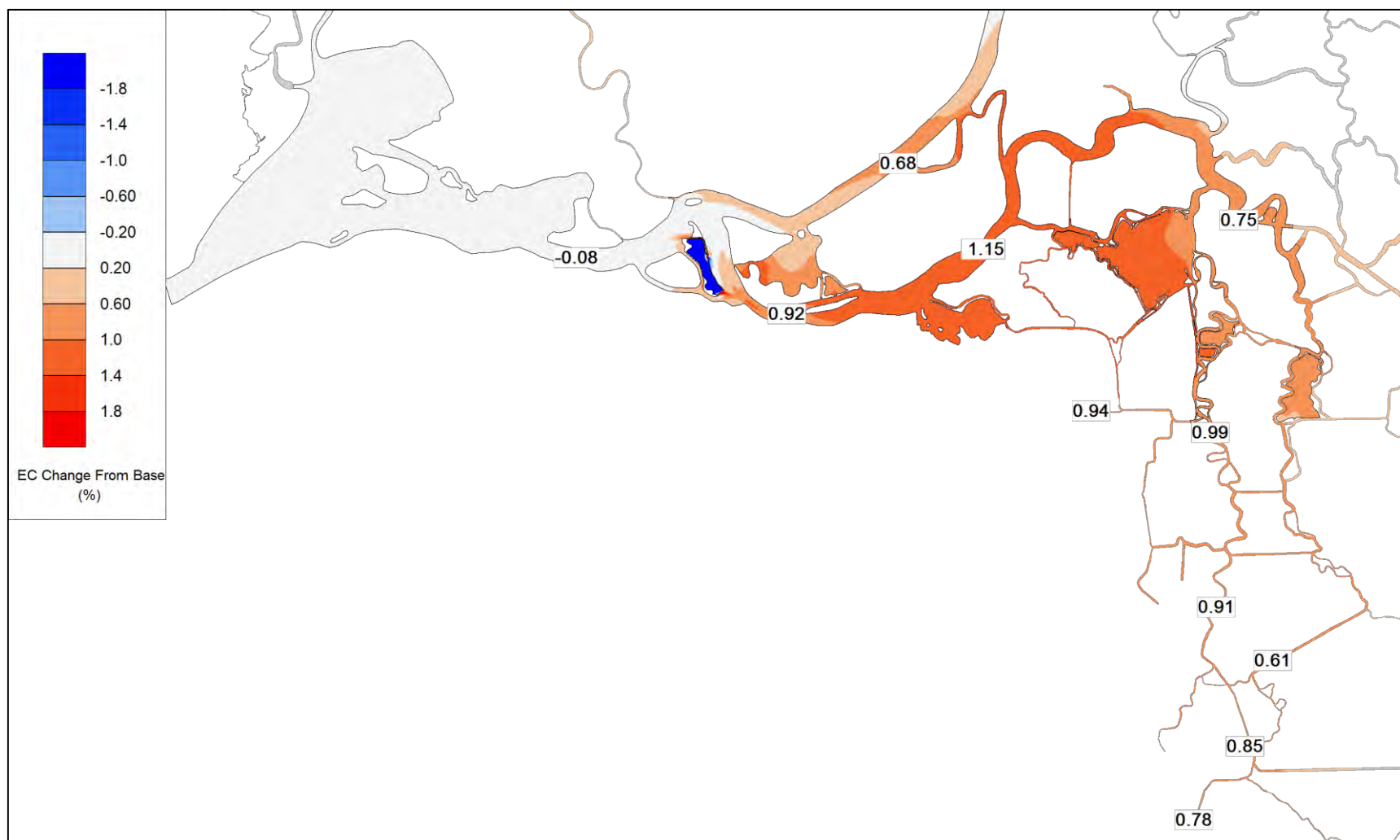


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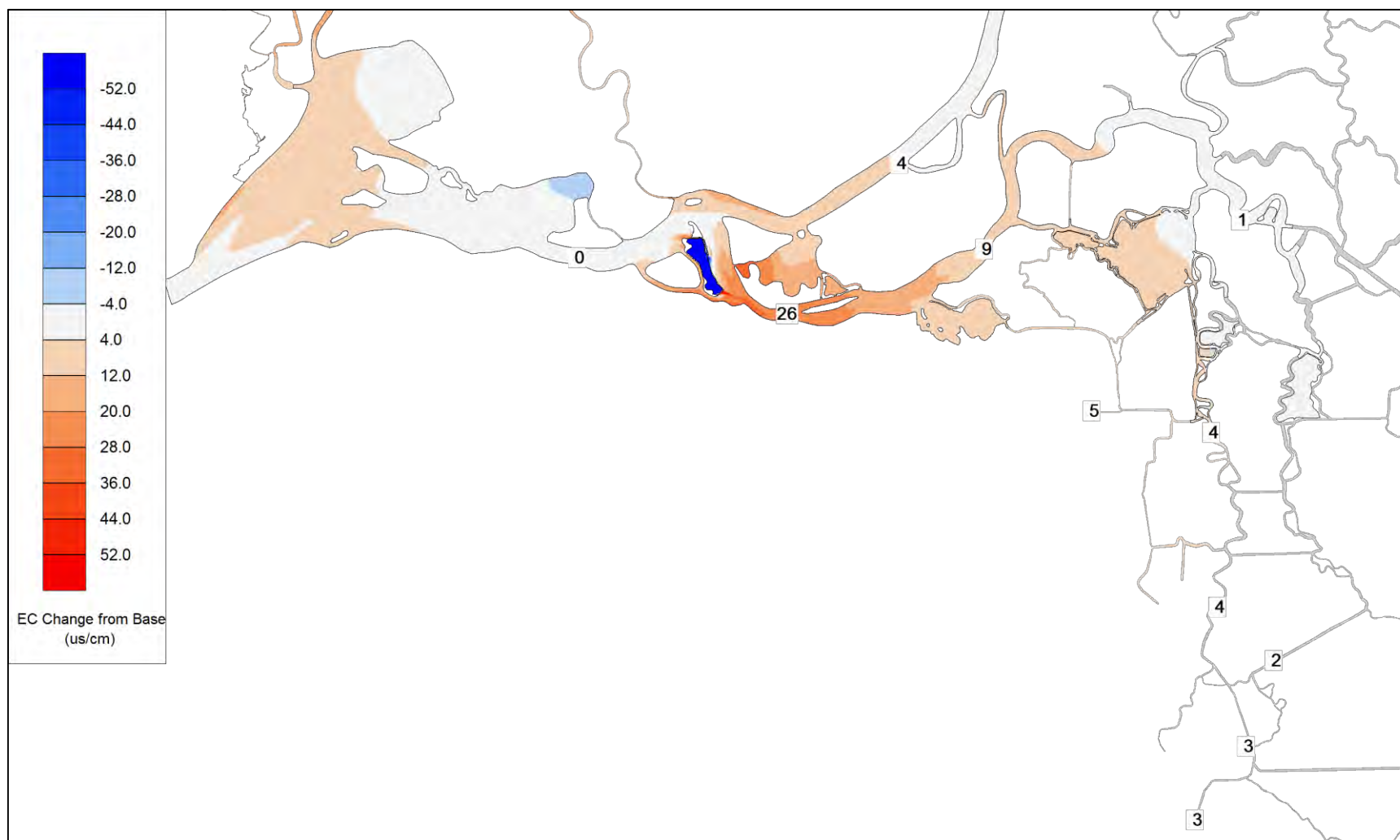


Figure 36 Alt 1: tidally averaged change from Base-2 EC on September 23, 2013.

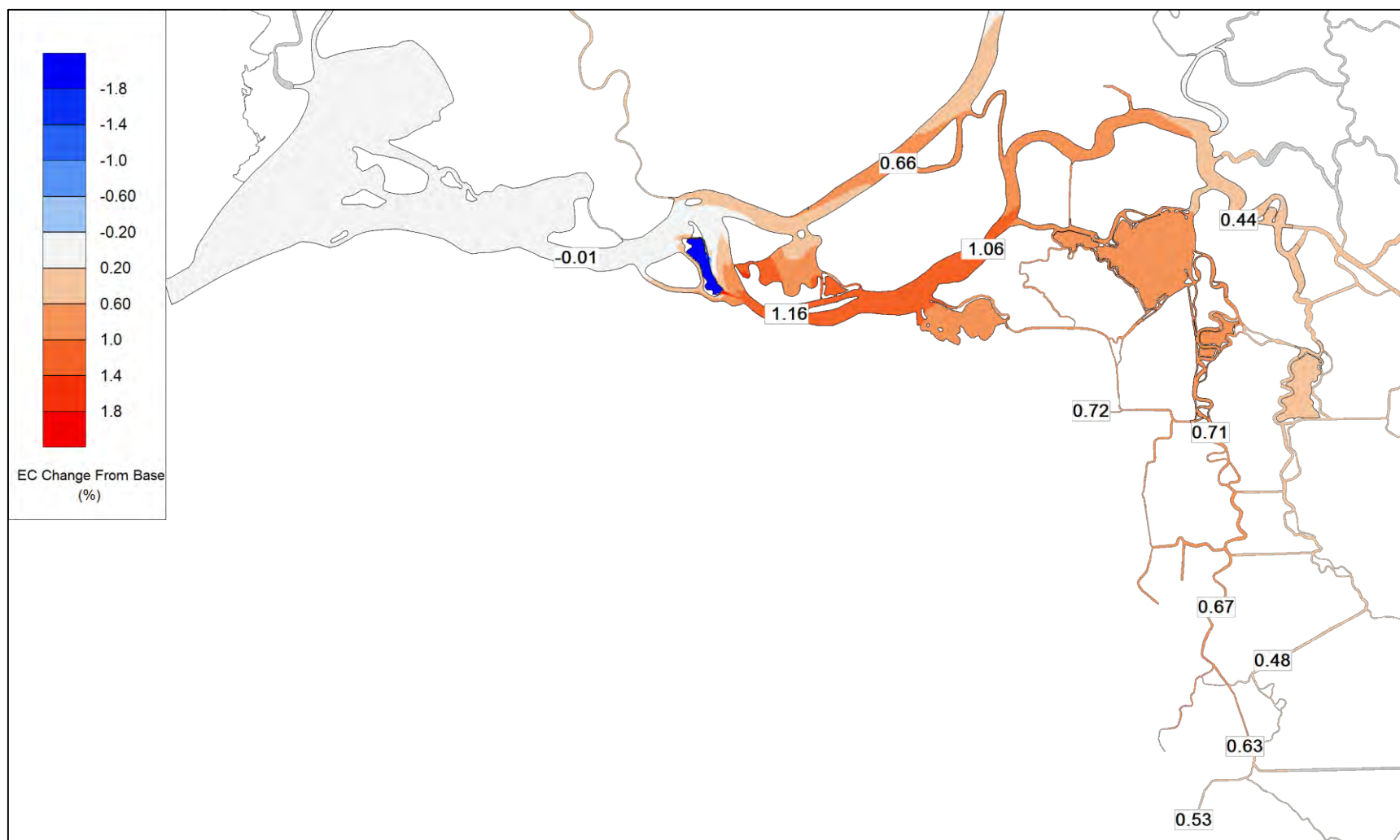


Figure 37 Alt 1: tidally averaged percent change from Base-2 EC on September 23, 2013.



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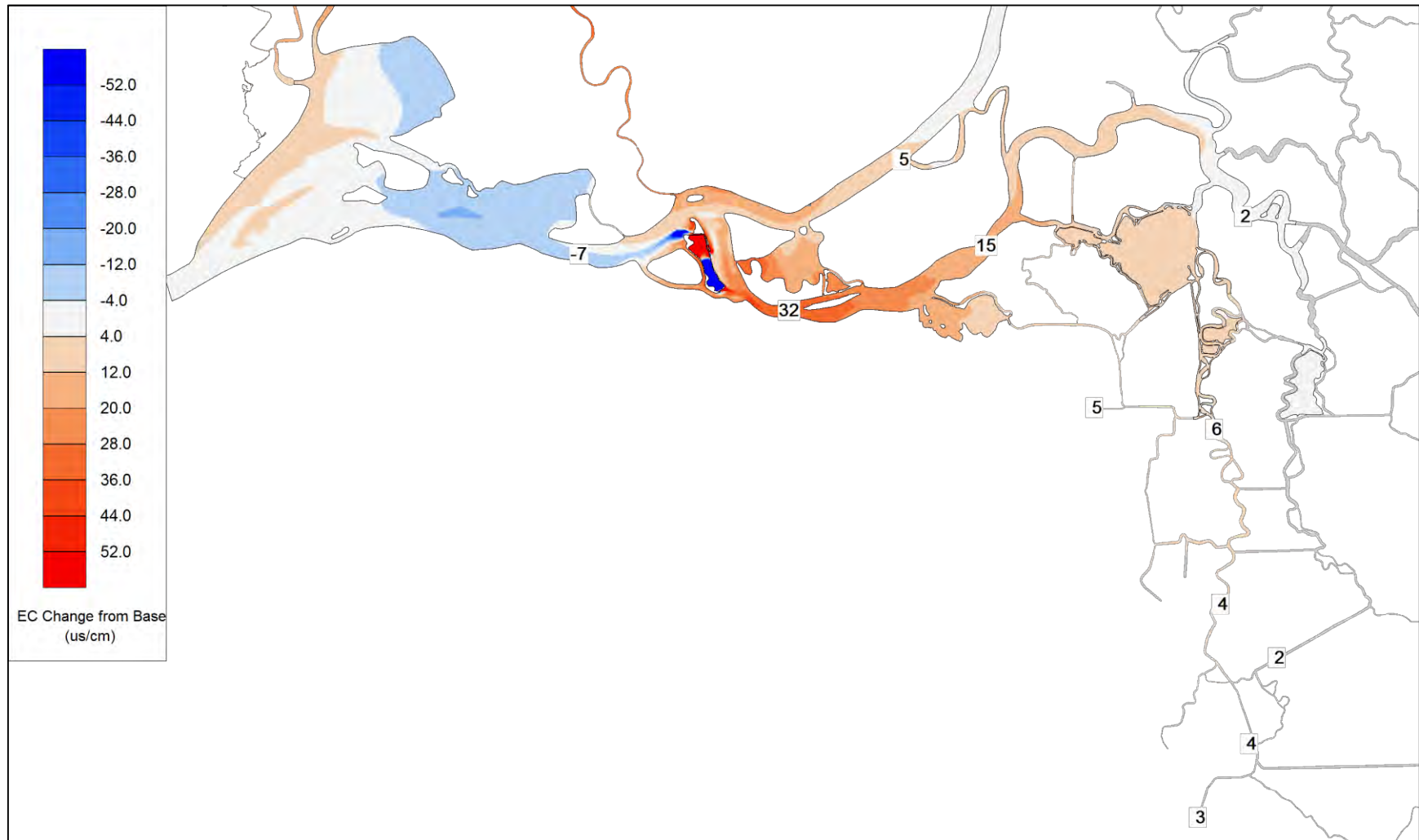


Figure 38 Alt 2: tidally averaged change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2013.

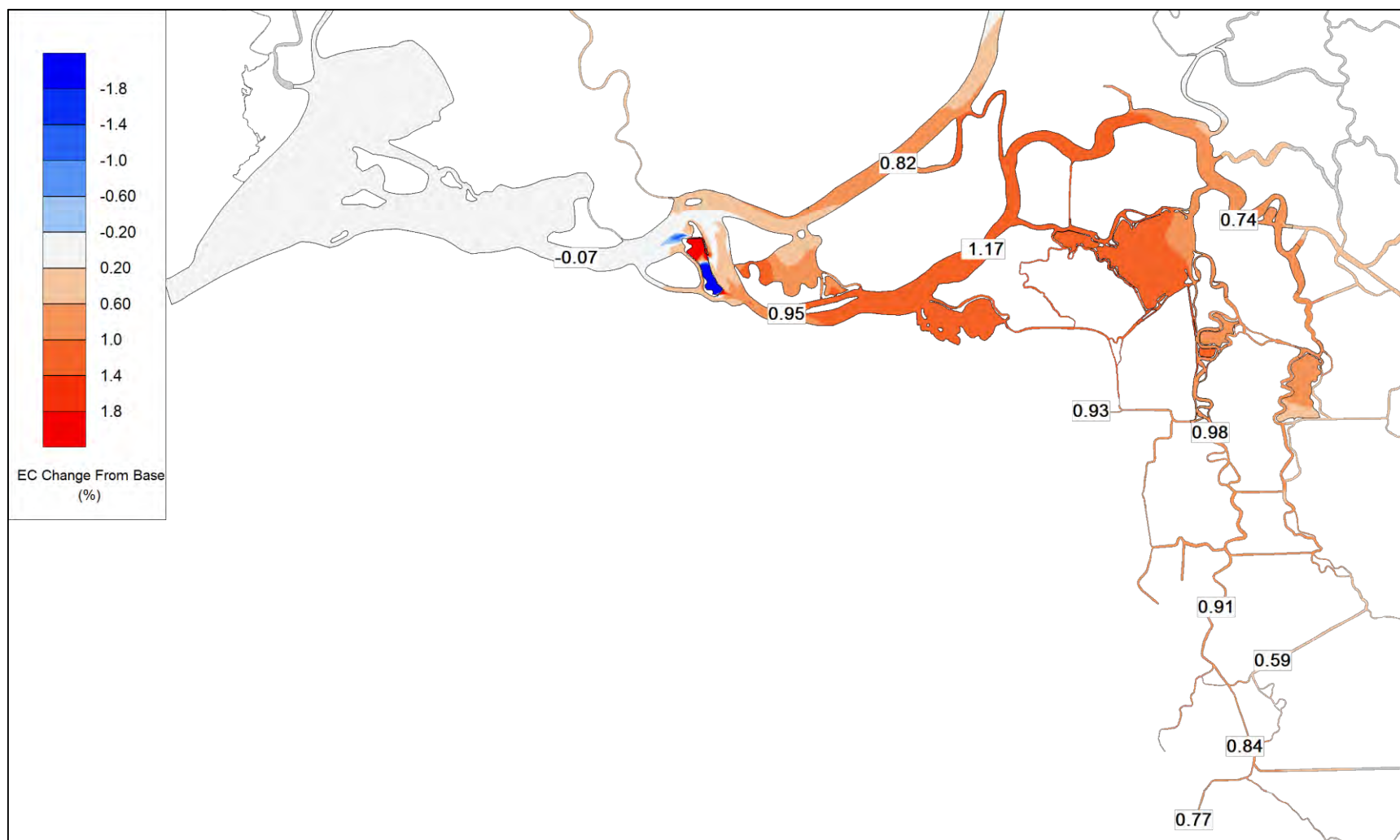


Figure 39 Alt 2: tidally averaged percent change from Base-2 EC on July 30, 2013.

## Summary

Hydrodynamic and water quality simulations have been performed to assess EC impacts of proposed tidal marsh restoration alternatives on Winter Island. The analysis was performed for May through November of 2009 and 2013.

The Alt 1 restoration alternative includes widening the existing breach on the east side of the island and adding a new breach at the south end of the island. Alt 2 adds another breach at the north end of the island.

Two sets of Base and Alternative simulations were performed using different marsh plain elevations to test sensitivity to possible LiDAR data bias.

Alt 1 and Alt 2 result in similar EC impacts. Alt 1 tends to have slightly larger impacts with the Base-1 scenario, while the reverse is true with the Base-2 scenario.

The lower marsh plain elevations in the Base-2 scenario result in a noticeably large EC impact.

The largest EC impacts occur in the San Joaquin River near Antioch and Jersey Point and into False River. Changes do not exceed 1% for the Base-1 results or 2% for the Base-2 results.

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## Appendix

### *Model Boundary Conditions*

The RMA Delta hydrodynamic model operation requires specification of the tidal stage at Martinez and inflow and withdrawal rates at other external boundaries as shown in Figure 3. Water quality model operation requires specification of quality boundary conditions at the stage and inflow boundaries.

The tidal boundary was set at Martinez using observed 15-minute stage and EC data. The average of surface and bottom EC was used. The RMA model was run in a density-coupled mode, with simulated EC used to establish the density setup of the Delta stage.

Inflows include:

Sacramento River above American River  
American River near Sacramento  
San Joaquin River near Vernalis  
Yolo Bypass and Yolo Bypass Toe Drain  
Mokelumne River near Thornton  
Cosumnes River  
Calaveras River near Stockton  
Lindsey Slough, Upper Cache and Hass Slough inflows

Exports/Diversions include:

State Water Project (SWP), Clifton Court Forebay gates.  
Central Valley Project (CVP) Tracy Pumping Plant  
Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) intakes at Rock Slough, Old River and Victoria Canal  
North Bay Aqueduct (NBA), Barker Slough Pumping Plant  
Delta Island Consumptive Use (DICU), throughout Delta  
Lindsey Slough, Upper Cache and Hass Slough diversions

The following boundary condition data sources were used:

- CDEC: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov>
- DWR-DAYFLOW: <http://www.water.ca.gov/dayflow/>
- DWR-DES (Division of Environmental Services):  
<http://www.water.ca.gov/environmentalservices/>
- DWR-DMS (Delta Modeling Section):  
<http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/modeling/deltamodeling/>

- DWR-NCRO (North Central Region Office): <http://www.cd.water.ca.gov/>
- DWR-WDL (Water Data Library): <http://www.water.ca.gov/waterdatalibrary/>
- SCWA (Solano County Water Agency): <http://www.scwa2.com/>
- USGS-NWIS (National Water Information System): <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>

DICU flows are applied on a monthly average basis for all simulation periods. These flows incorporate channel depletions, infiltration, evaporation, and precipitation, as well as Delta island agricultural use. DICU flow and EC values were derived from monthly DSM2 input values (DWR, 1995).

Gate and barrier operations are also included in the model. Permanent gates and temporary barriers represented in the model include the Delta Cross Channel, Old River near Tracy (DMC) barrier, Old River at Head barrier, Middle River barrier, Montezuma Slough salinity control gates and Grant Line Canal barrier. The historical operation schedules for these structures are available over the Web.

Delta Cross Channel gates:

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/vungvari/Ccgates.pdf>

Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/suisun/dataReports/docs/histsmscgop.pdf>

South Delta Temporary Barriers

- Old River near Tracy (DMC) temporary barrier
- Old River at Head temporary barrier
- Middle River temporary barrier
- Grant Line Canal temporary barrier

[http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/tbp/web\\_pg/tempbar/weekly.cfm](http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/tbp/web_pg/tempbar/weekly.cfm)

## 2009 Boundary Conditions

Hydrodynamic and water quality models were run for the January – November 2009 period. January – April were used for model spin-up and May through November was used for EC impact analysis. This period includes below normal, dry and critically dry conditions (see <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iodir/wsihist>).

## *Tide*

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### *Inflows*

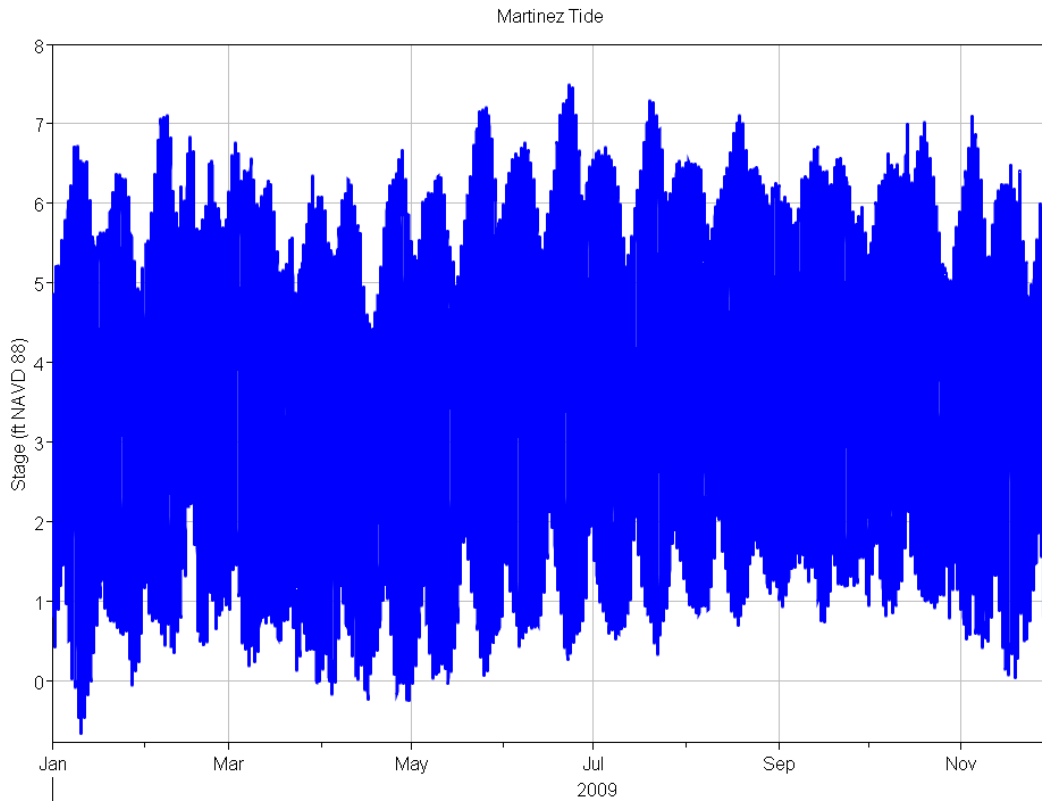
Time series of daily average inflow boundary conditions are plotted in **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.** for the 2009 simulation period. These flows are applied for the Sacramento River, American River, Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough area inflows, San Joaquin River, Cosumnes River, Mokelumne River, and Calaveras River.

### *Exports*

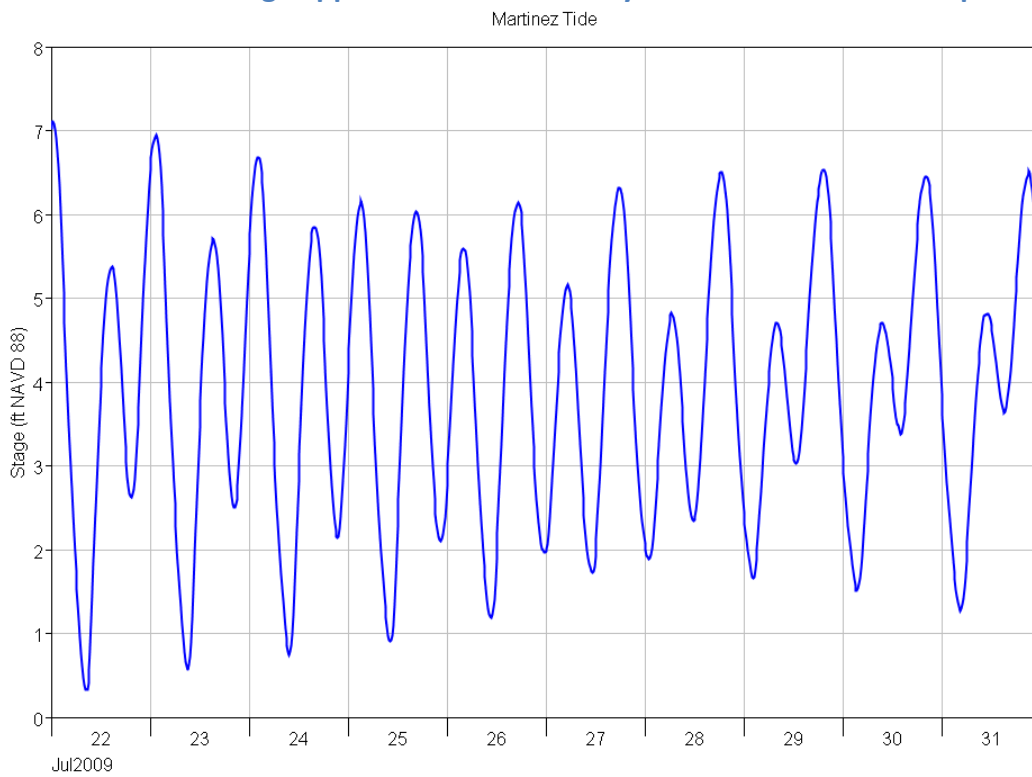
Delta exports applied in the model include Clifton Court (SWP), CVP, Contra Costa exports at Rock Slough and Old River intakes, and North Bay Aqueduct intake at Barker Slough. Exports are plotted for the 2009 period in **Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found.**. Although 10-minute export flows are applied at the SWP, daily averages are plotted for ease of viewing.

### *EC*

Time series of EC are applied at Martinez and major River inflows as shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** and **Error! Reference source not found.**. Cache Slough inflow EC is set constant at 500  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  and Lindsey Slough inflow is set constant at 200  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ .

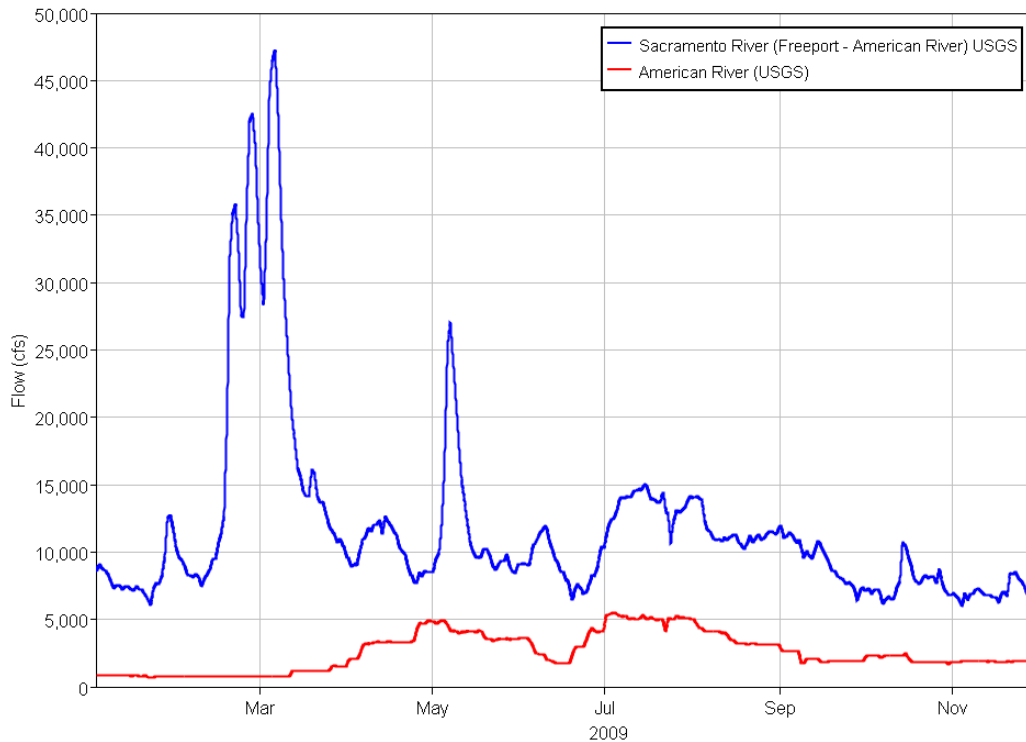


**Figure 40** Martinez stage applied at tidal boundary for the 2009 simulation period.

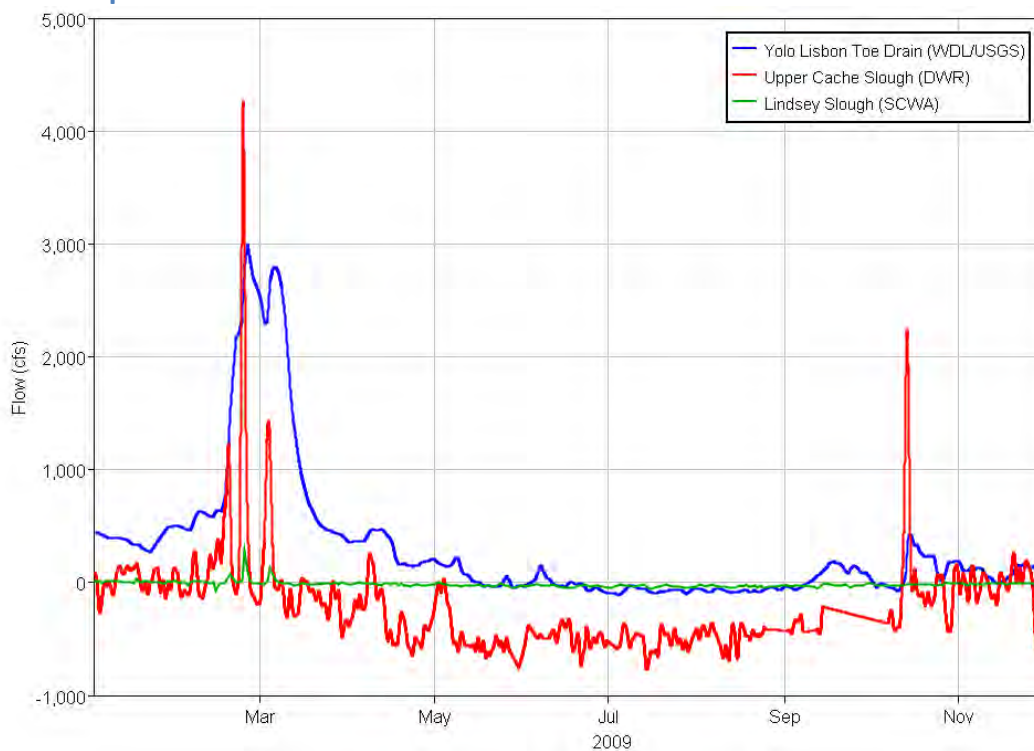


**Figure 41** Tidal boundary (expanded scale), July 2009.

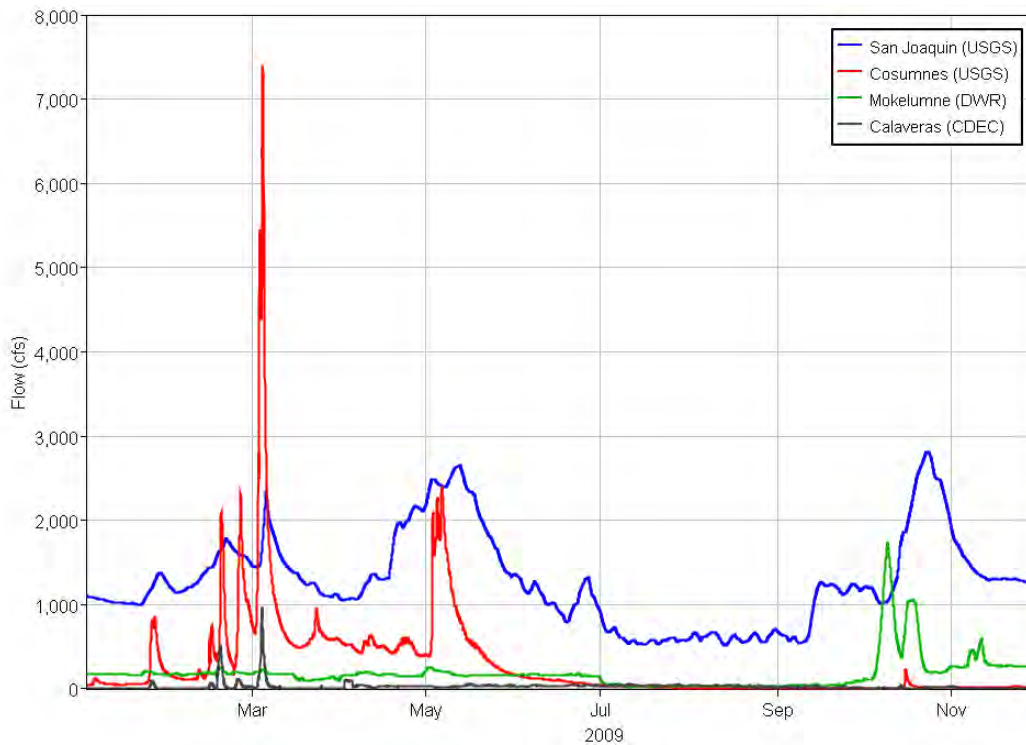




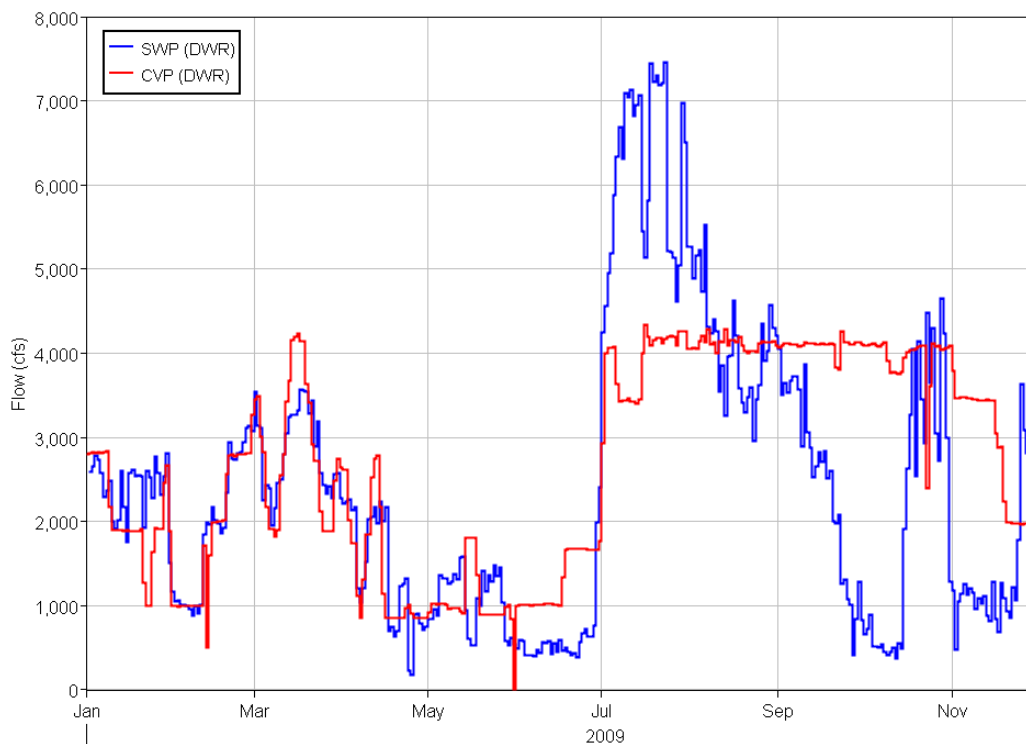
**Figure 42 Sacramento River and American River inflow boundary conditions for the 2009 simulation period.**



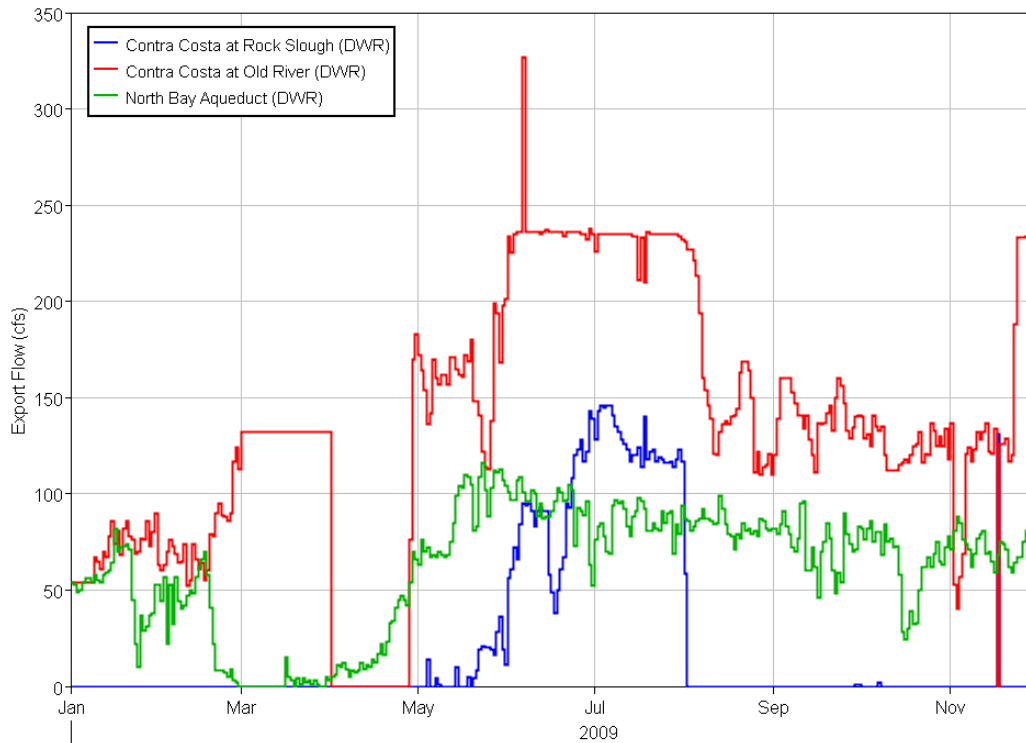
**Figure 43 Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough area inflow boundary conditions for the 2009 simulation period.**



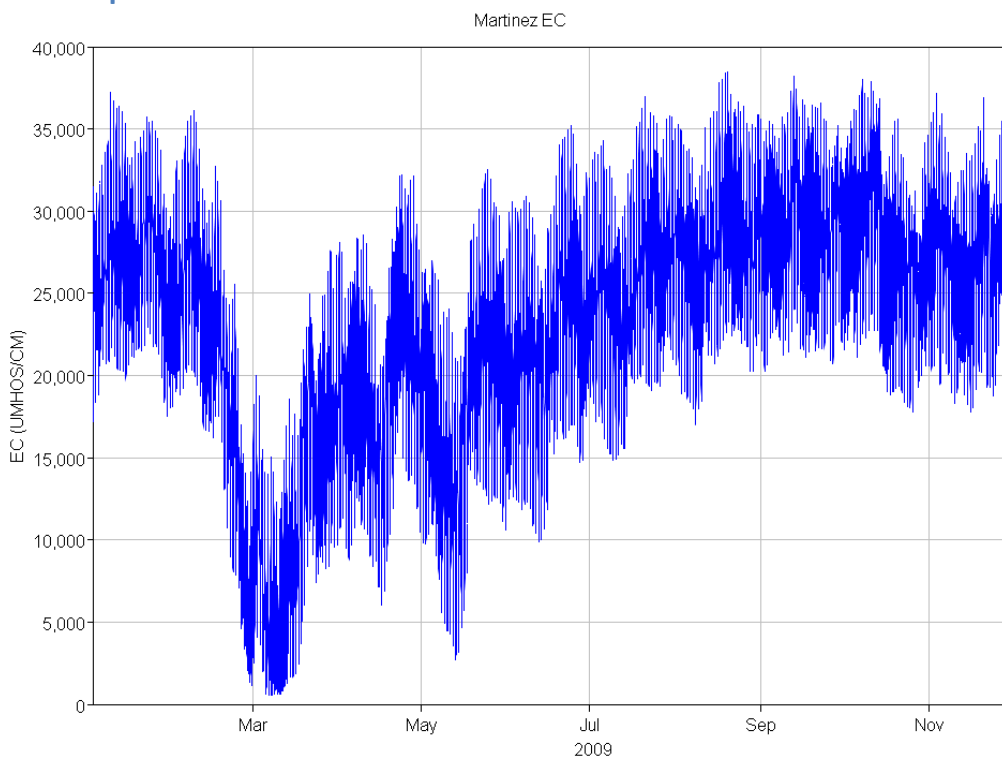
**Figure 44 San Joaquin River, Cosumnes River, Mokelumne River and Calaveras River inflow boundary conditions for the 2009 simulation period.**



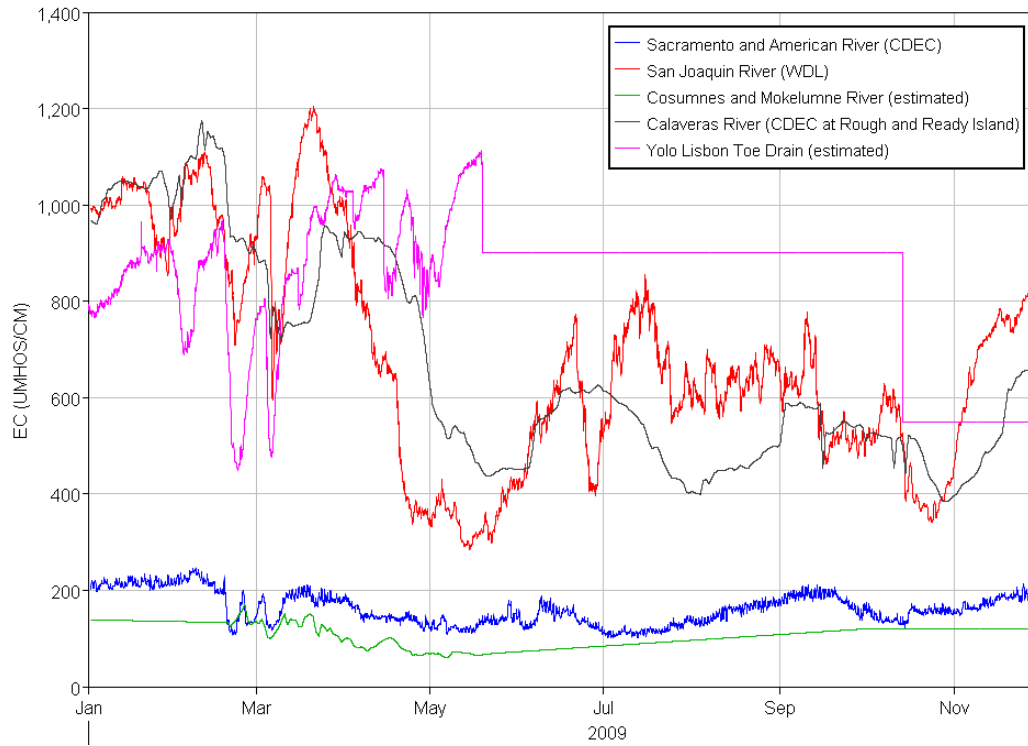
**Figure 45 Clifton Court and CVP export boundary conditions for the 2009 simulation period.**



**Figure 46** Contra Costa and North Bay Aqueduct export boundary conditions for the 2009 simulation period.



**Figure 47** Martinez EC boundary condition for 2009 simulation period.



**Figure 48 Time-varying EC boundary conditions for the 2009 simulation period.**

## 2013 Boundary Conditions

Hydrodynamic and water quality models were run for the January – November 2013 period. January – April were used for model spin-up and May through November was used for EC impact analysis. This period includes dry and critically dry conditions (see <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iodir/wsihist>).

### *Tide*

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### *Inflows*

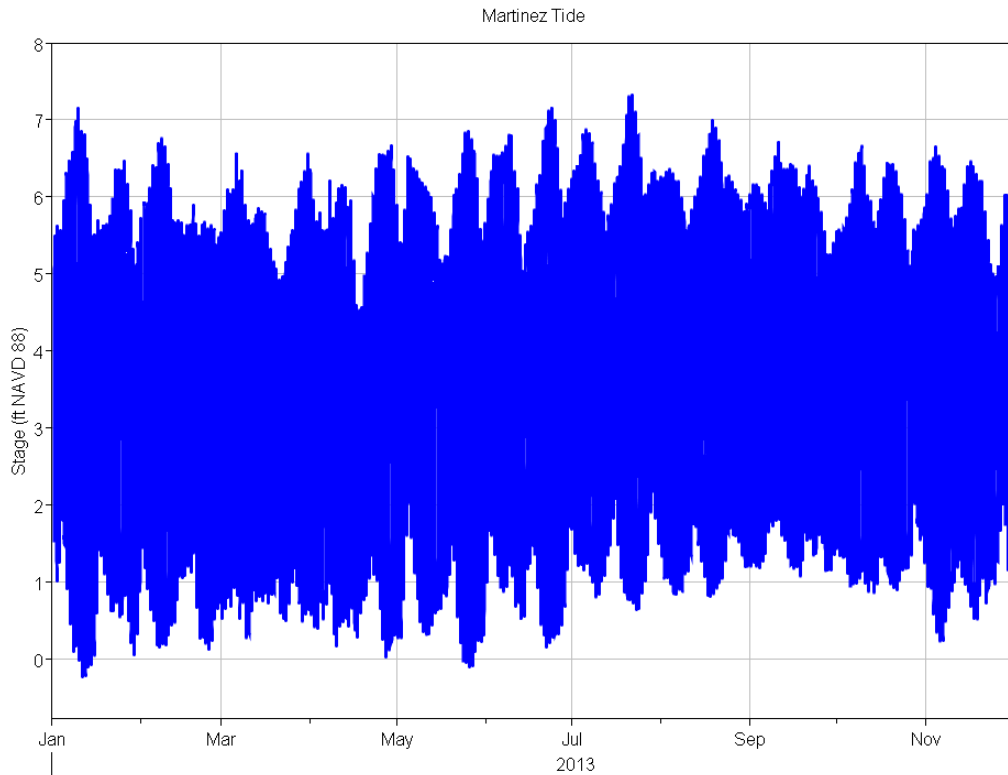
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### *Exports*

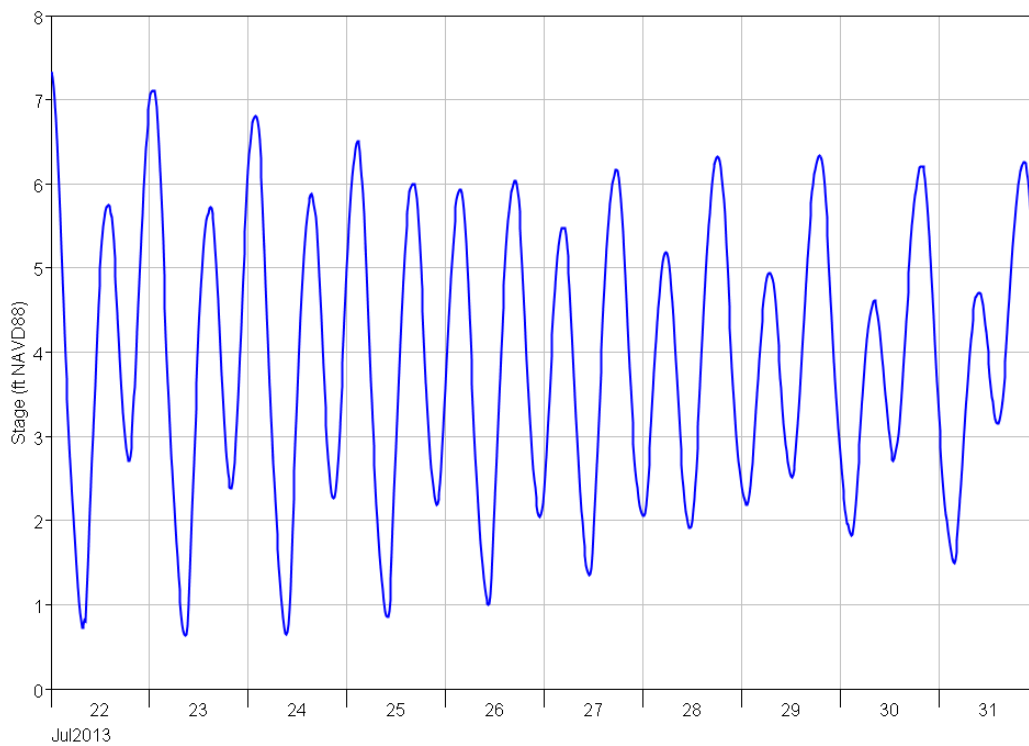
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### *EC*

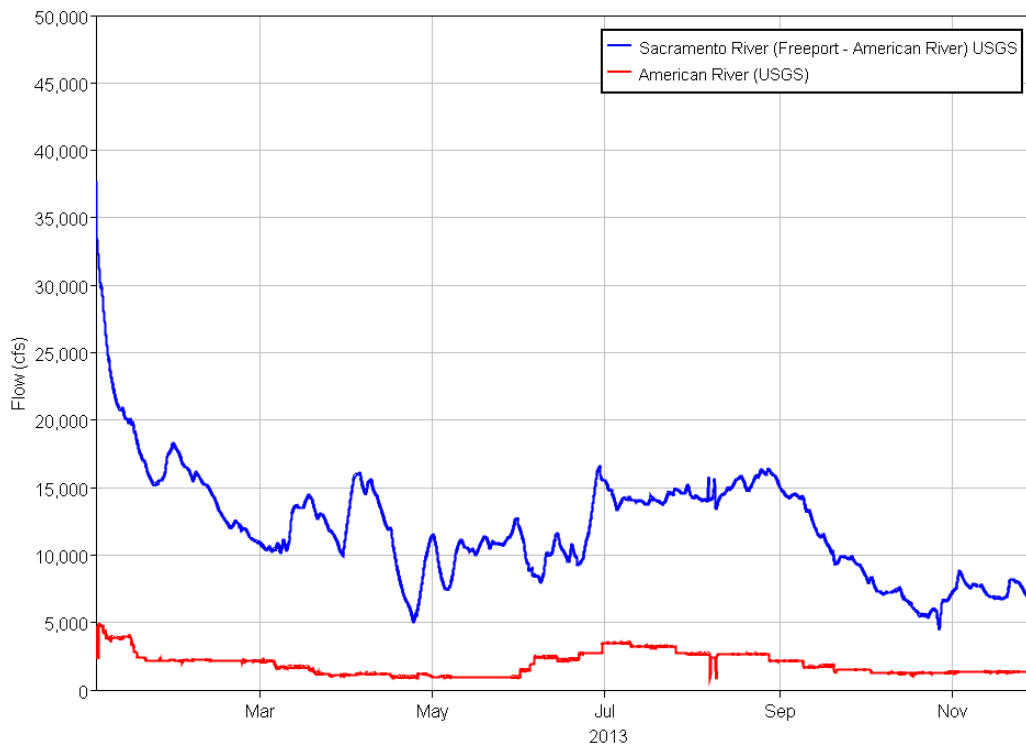
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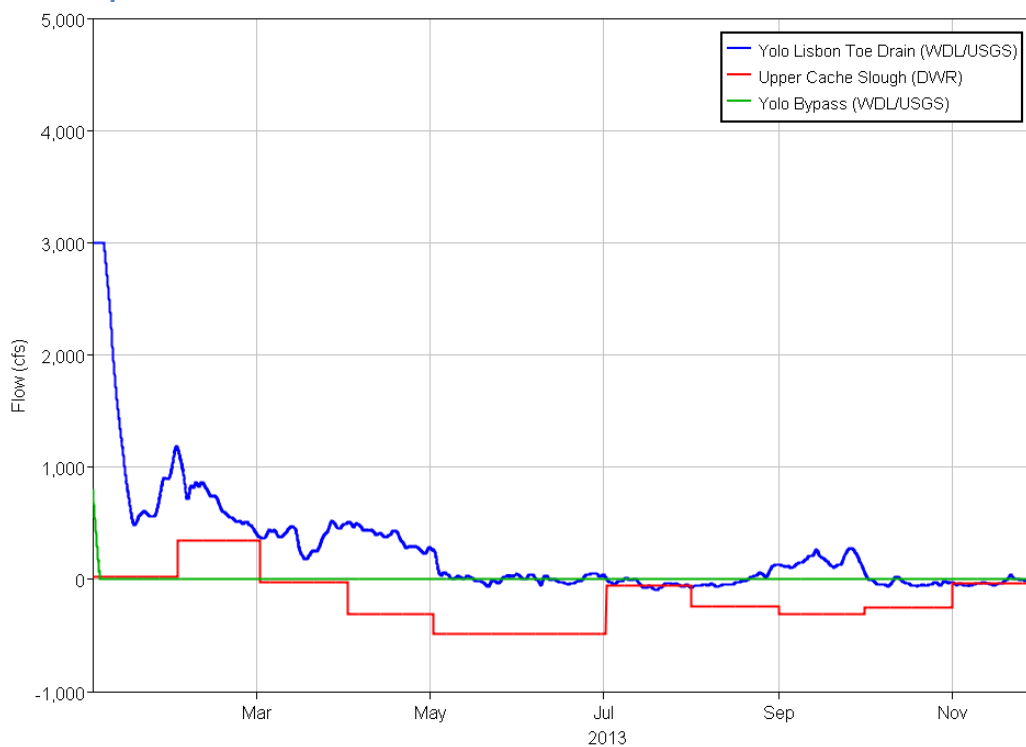
**Figure 49** Martinez stage applied at tidal boundary for the 2013 simulation period.



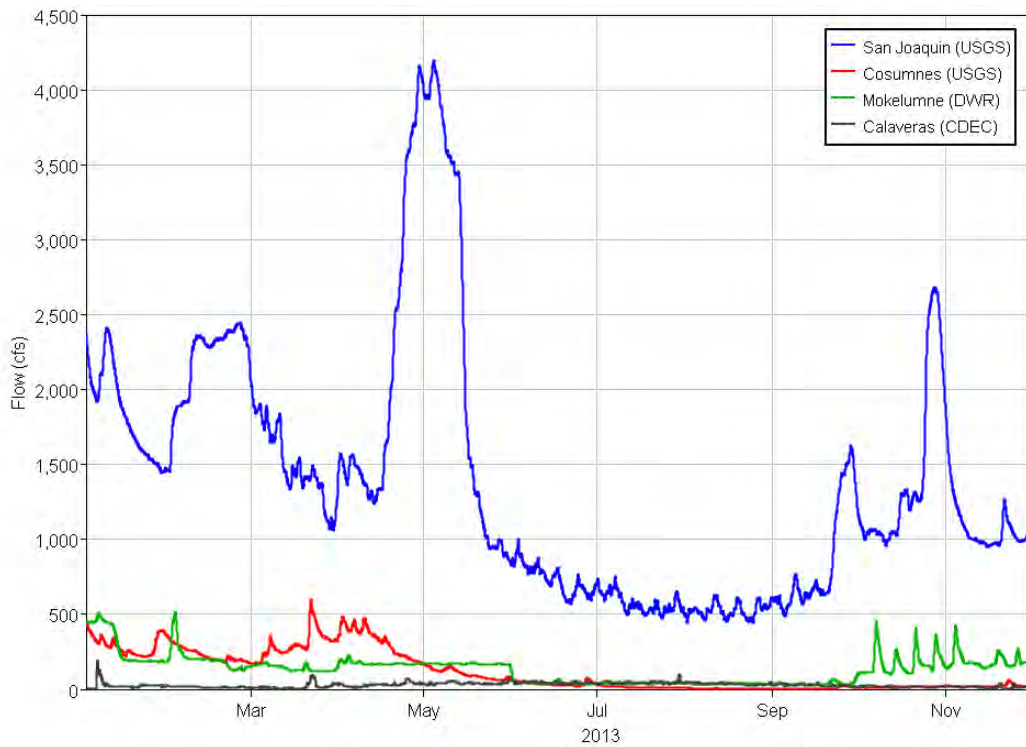
**Figure 50** Tidal boundary (expanded scale), July 2013.



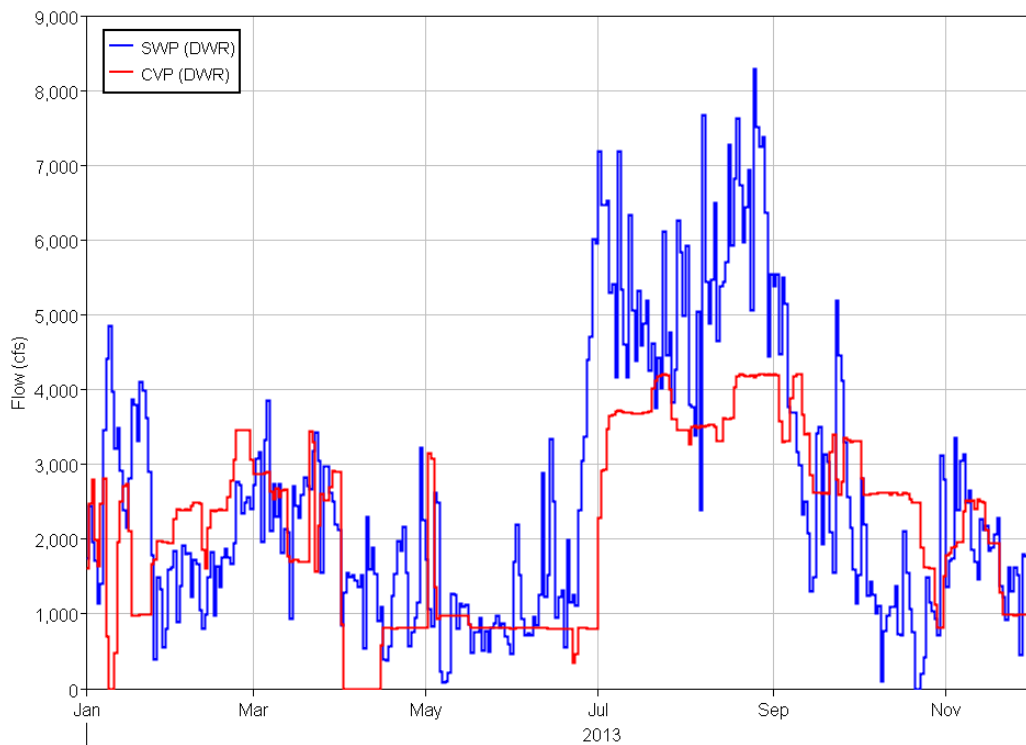
**Figure 51 Sacramento River and American River inflow boundary conditions for the 2013 simulation period.**



**Figure 52 Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough area inflow boundary conditions for the 2013 simulation period.**

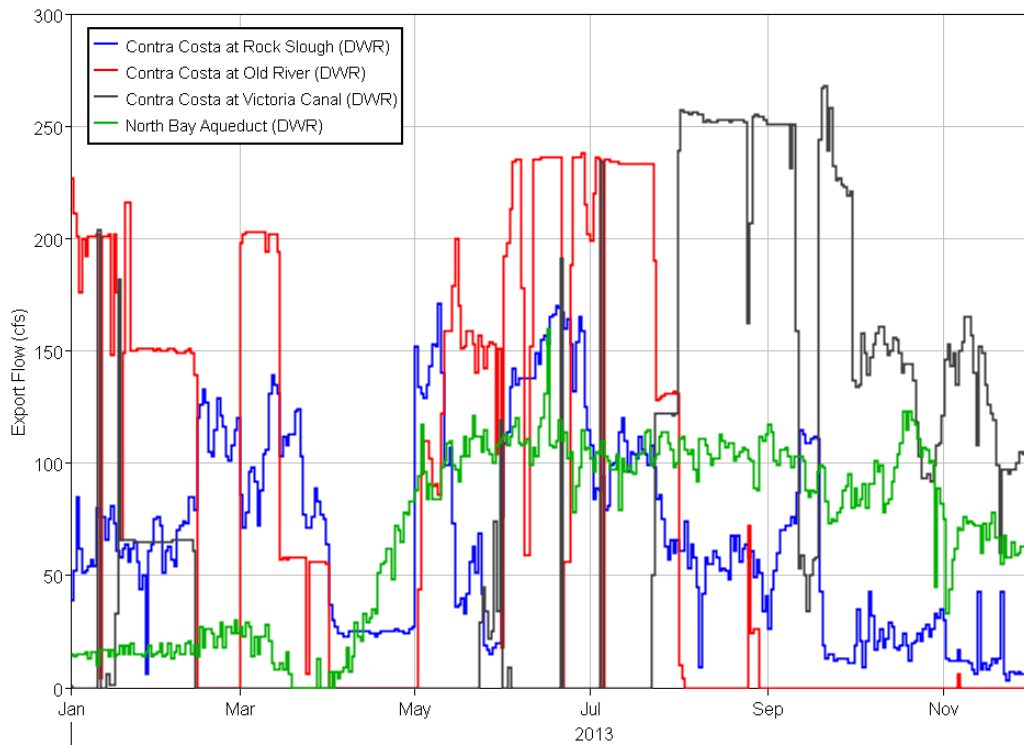


**Figure 53 San Joaquin River, Cosumnes River, Mokelumne River and Calaveras River inflow boundary conditions for the 2013 simulation period.**

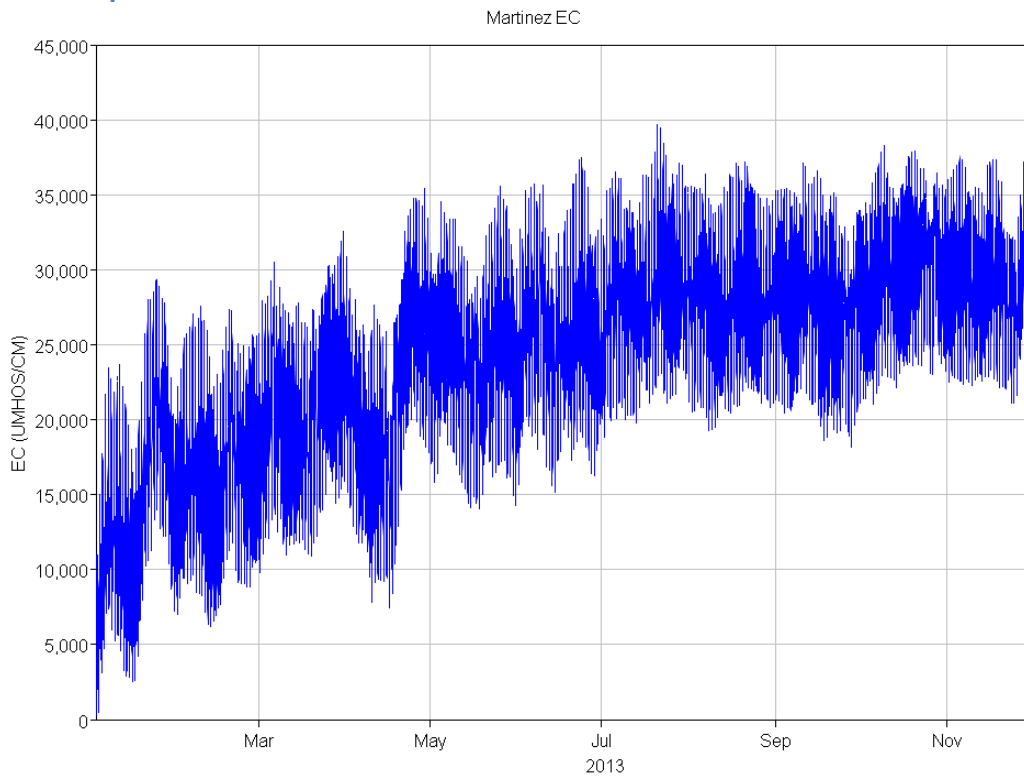


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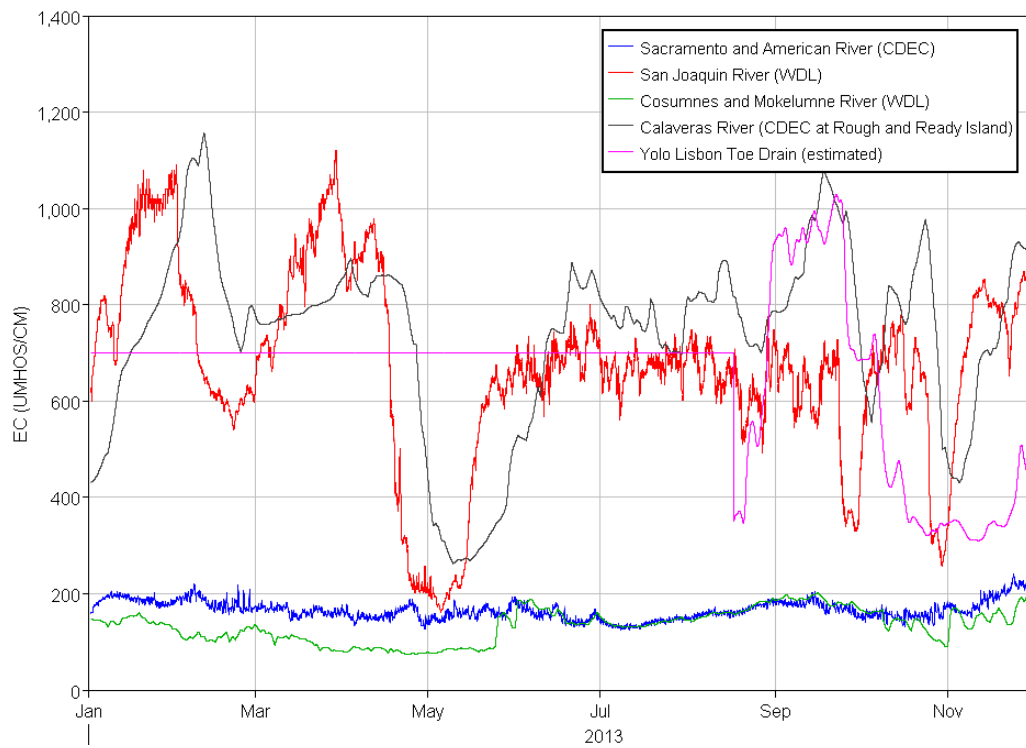




**Figure 55 Contra Costa and North Bay Aqueduct export boundary conditions for the 2013 simulation period.**



**Figure 56 Martinez EC boundary condition for 2013 simulation period.**



**Figure 57 Time-varying EC boundary conditions for the 2013 simulation period.**