Pretreatment Design for Wildfire Runoff

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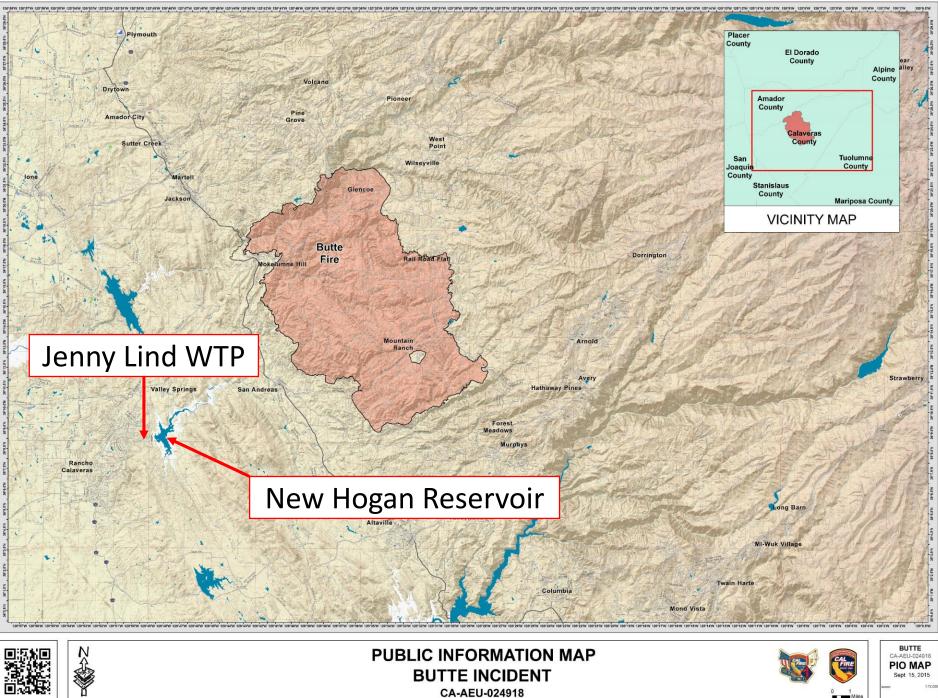
Presentation Overview

I. 2015 Butte Fire Background

- II. Impacts to Raw Water Quality
- III. Impacts to Finished Water Quality
- **IV.** Pretreatment Alternatives
- V. Pretreatment Selection
- VI. Grant Funding

The 2015 Butte Fire

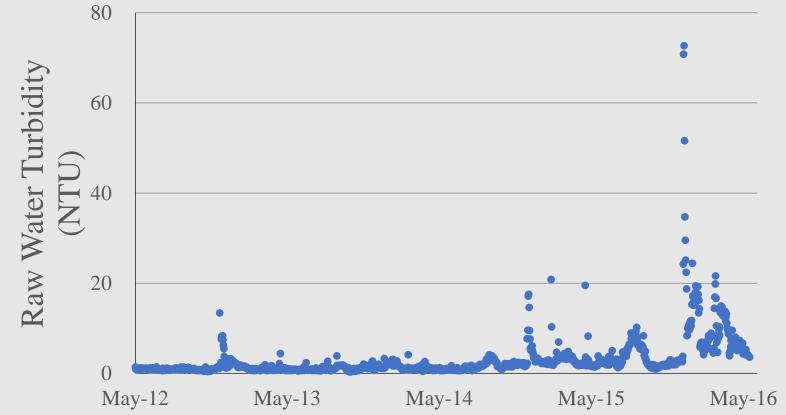
- Fire Began on September 9th, 2015
- ✤ Lasted until October 1st, 2015
- Spanned Across Amador and Calaveras Counties
 - Burned Approximately 70,868 Acres across
 - Destroyed 921 Structures
 - Significant Impact to New Hogan Reservoir



Water Quality Impacts

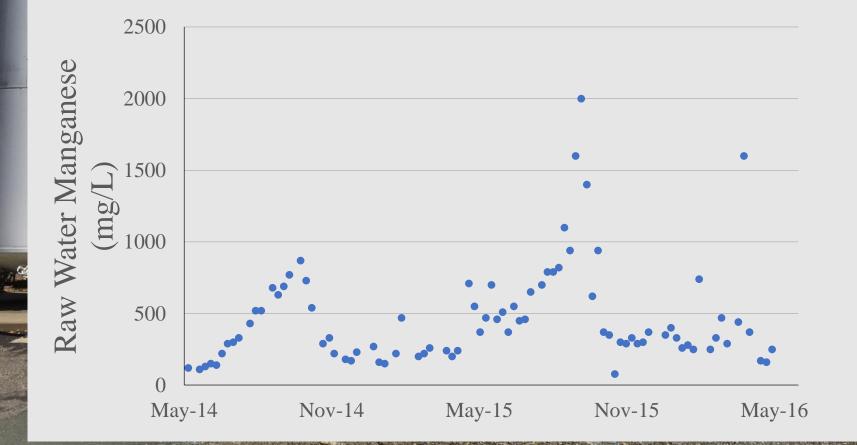
- Negatively Impacted Raw Water Turbidity, TOC & Manganese
- Impacts were Immediate and Long Lasting
- Impacts Centered Around Storm Events
 Ultimately Impacted Finished Water Quality

Raw Water Quality Impacts

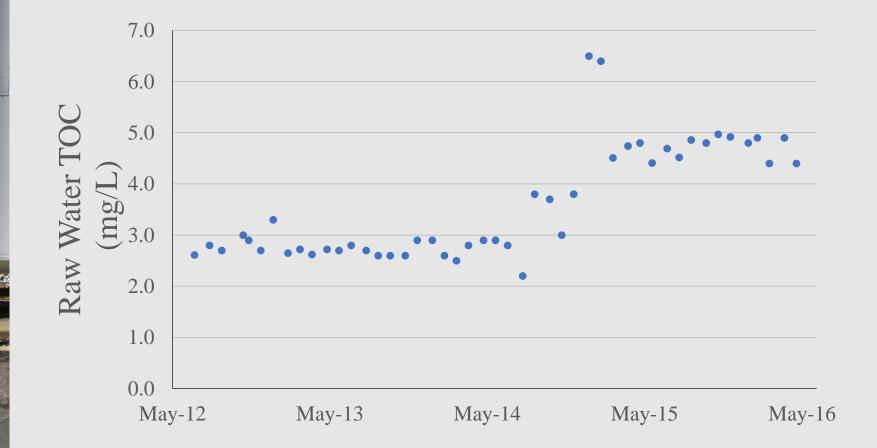


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Raw Water Quality Impacts



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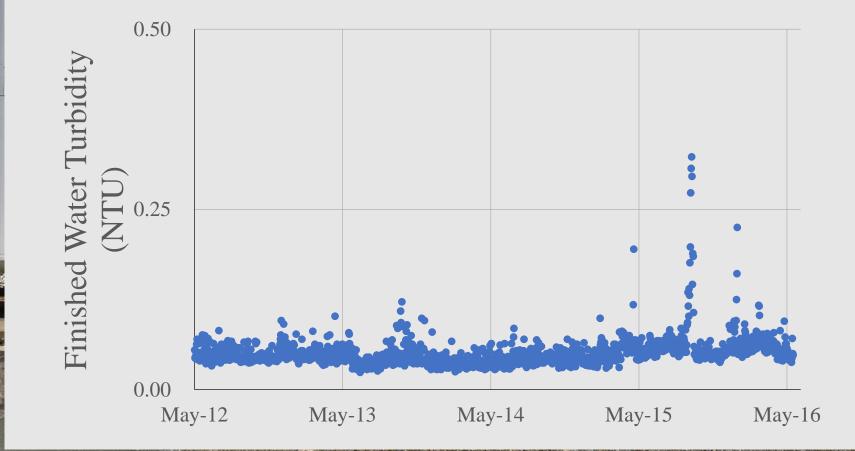
Long Lasting Drought and Fire Impacts Through 2016

Operators Relied on Multiple Filters
 Increased Fluck & Declarate Values

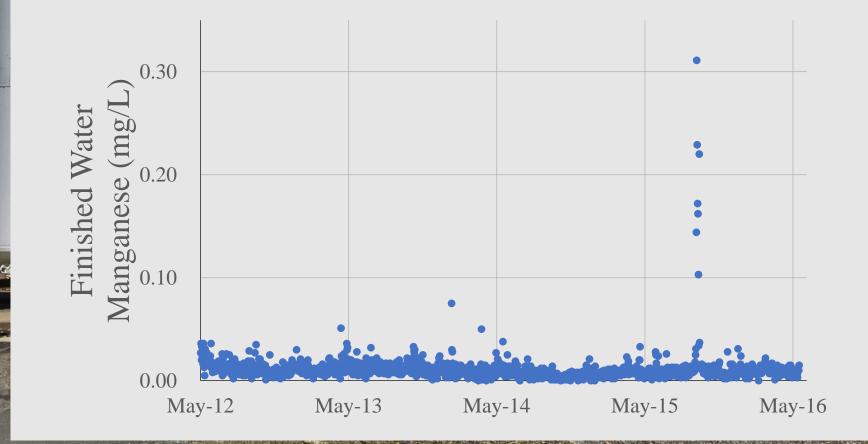
Increased Flush & Backwash Volumes

Increased Polymer Use

Ultimately Impacted Finished Water Turbidity, TOC & Manganese







Pretreatment Alternatives

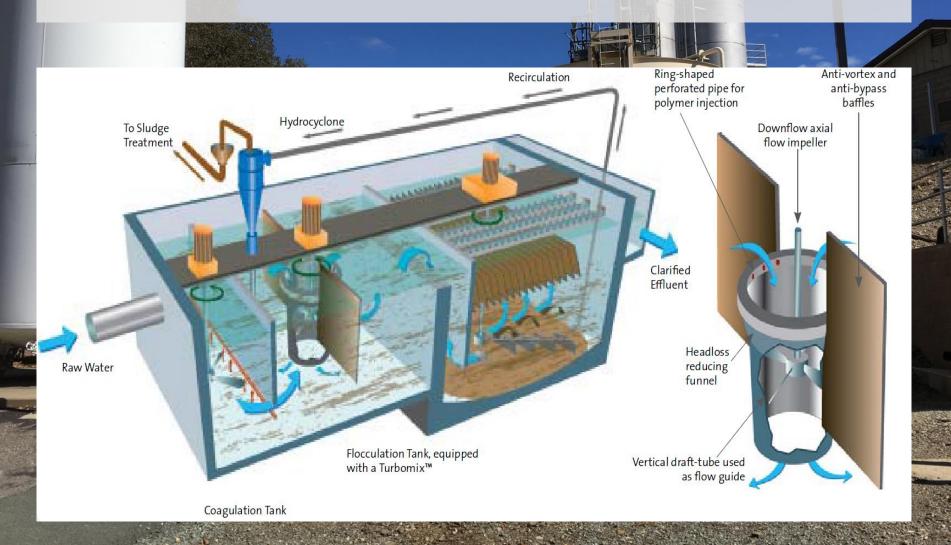
Ballasted Sedimentation
 Actiflo, CoMag, Rapisand
 Dissolved Air Flotation
 SAF
 Pressure Filters

Vertical Pressure Filters

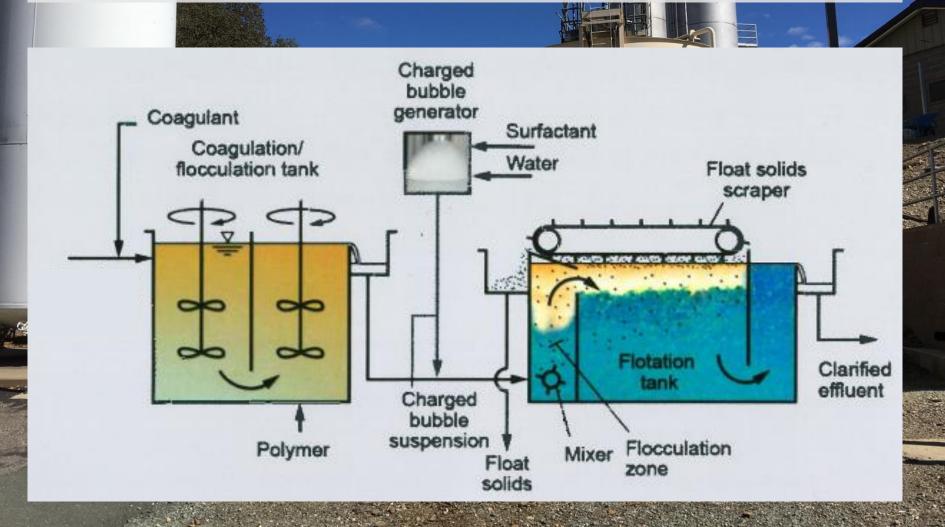
Treatment Process Guarantee

Contaminant	Actiflo	SAF	CoMag (Not Tested)	
Turbidity	< 10 NTU	< 10 NTU	≤ 10 NTU	
TOC	< 4 mg/L	NA	\leq 4 mg/L	
Manganese	< 2 mg/L	NA	\leq 2 mg/L	it is a second

Actiflo – Ballasted Sedimentation



SAF – Dissolved Air Flotation



Pretreatment Selection

Actiflo

Advantages:

Low Lifecycle Cost Small Waste Volume Small Footprint Proven Process **Disadvantages:** Added Chemical Use

SAF

Advantages:

Low Lifecycle Cost Small Waste Volume Small Footprint

Disadvantages:

Lacked Process Guarantee Added Chemical Use High Headloss

Pretreatment Selection

One 6-MGD Actiflo Unit
Unit Cost = \$1.4M
Total Project Cost = \$3.4M
Available Grant Funding = \$2.8M

Funding Availability

FEMA Funding

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program

Proposition 1 Funding

- Drinking Water (\$260M)
- Recommended for Small Disadvantage Communities
- Up to \$5M for Construction
- Up to \$500,000 for Planning
- Applications due by December 2018

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