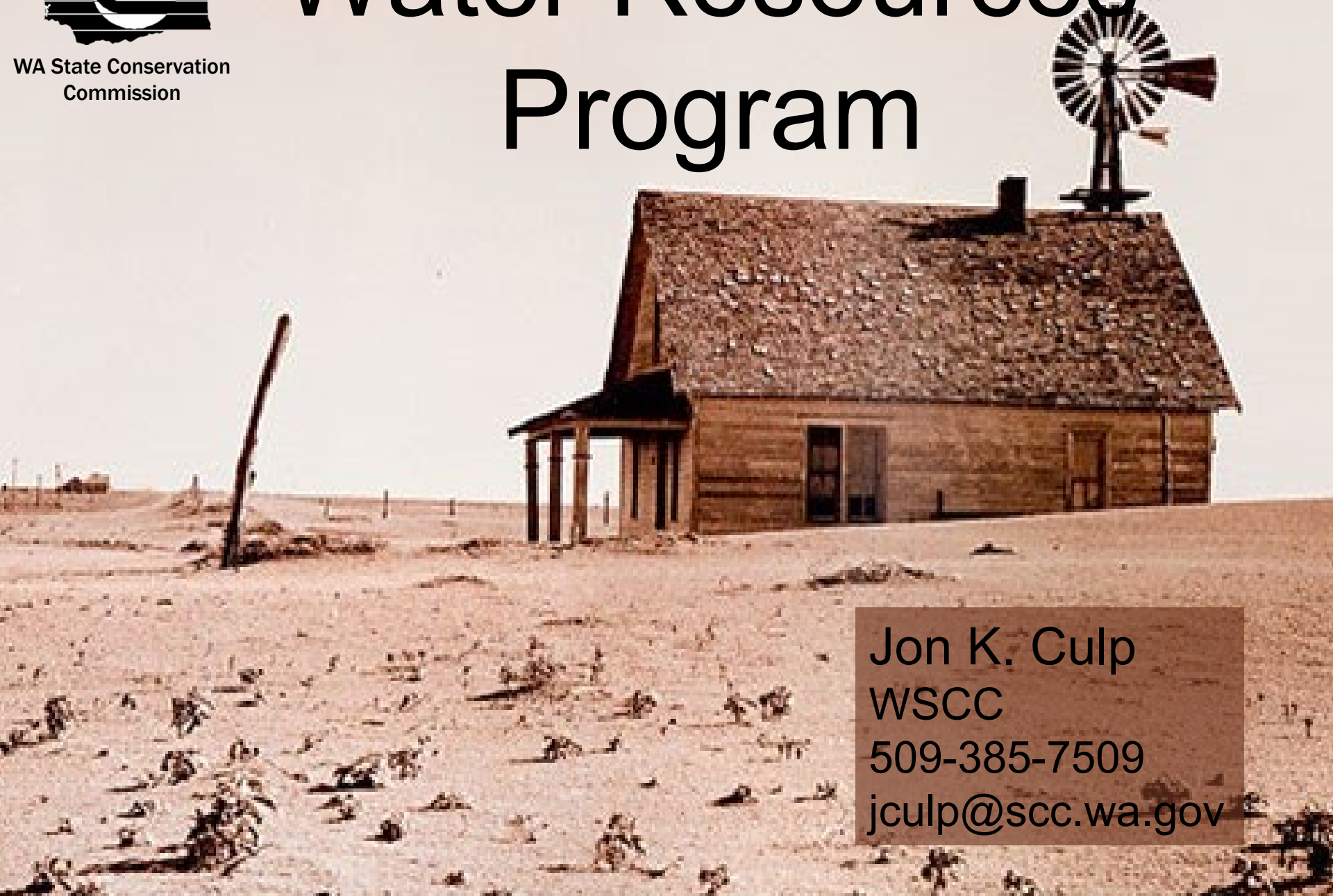




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Water Resources Program



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- 300+ different crops grown
- \$10.6 billion in Market Value
- 35,500 Farms (95% family owned)
- 160,000 employed in ag and food

- 1.8 Million Irrigated Acres
- 75% from surface water sources
- 80% of all water withdrawals for ag

- In Prosser, an average of 7 inches of precipitation fall per year while apple orchards need about 42 inches of water.



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Water is for Fighting. . .

Mantra of the West





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Tools for Problem Solving



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Irrigation Efficiencies Program

- ✓ The Irrigation Efficiencies Program
- ✓ On-Farm
- ✓ Conveyance





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Irrigation Efficiencies Program



- 85% Cost Share
- \$400,000/project
- IWM Planning
- Source Metering
- Trust Water Right

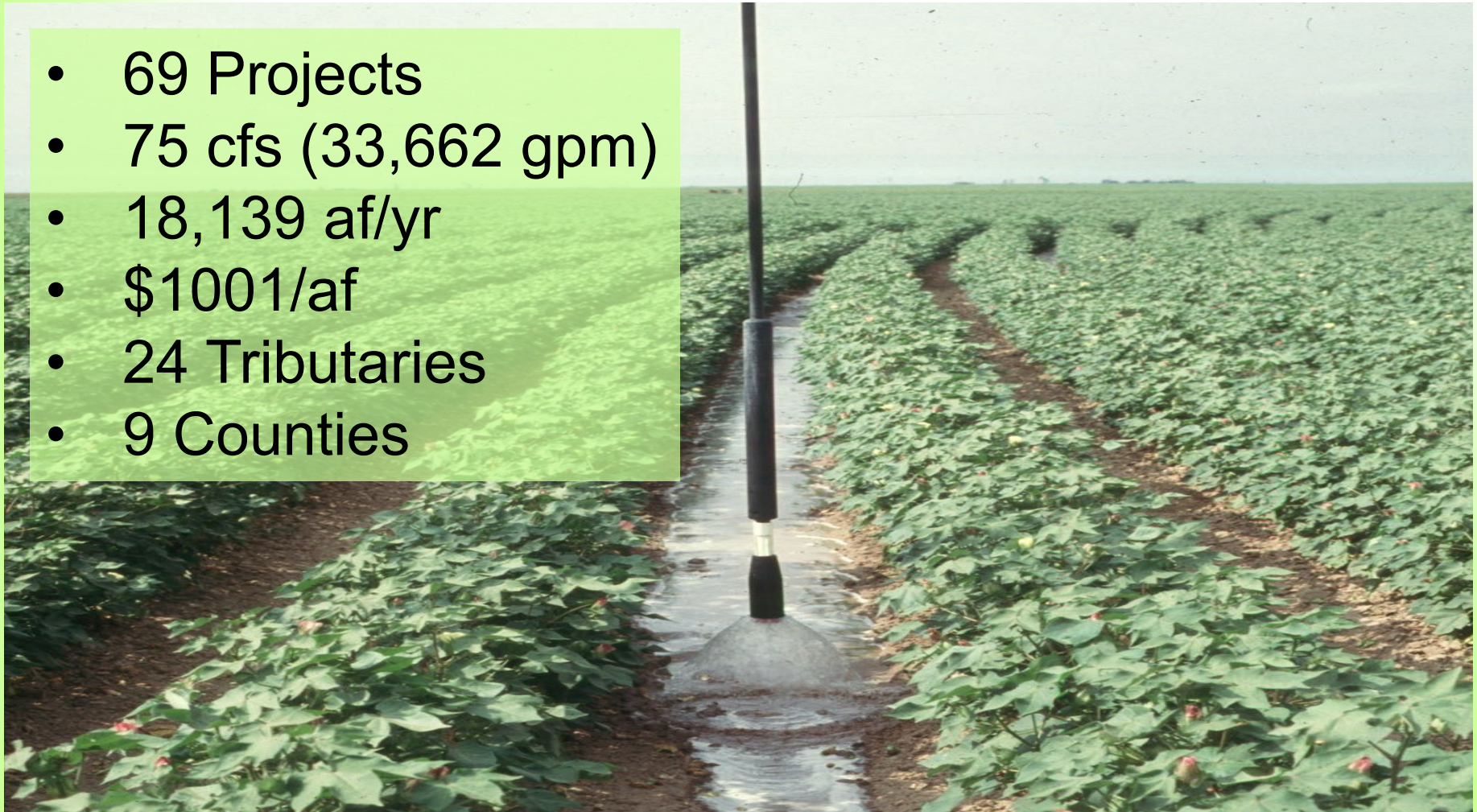




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Irrigation Efficiencies Program Totals

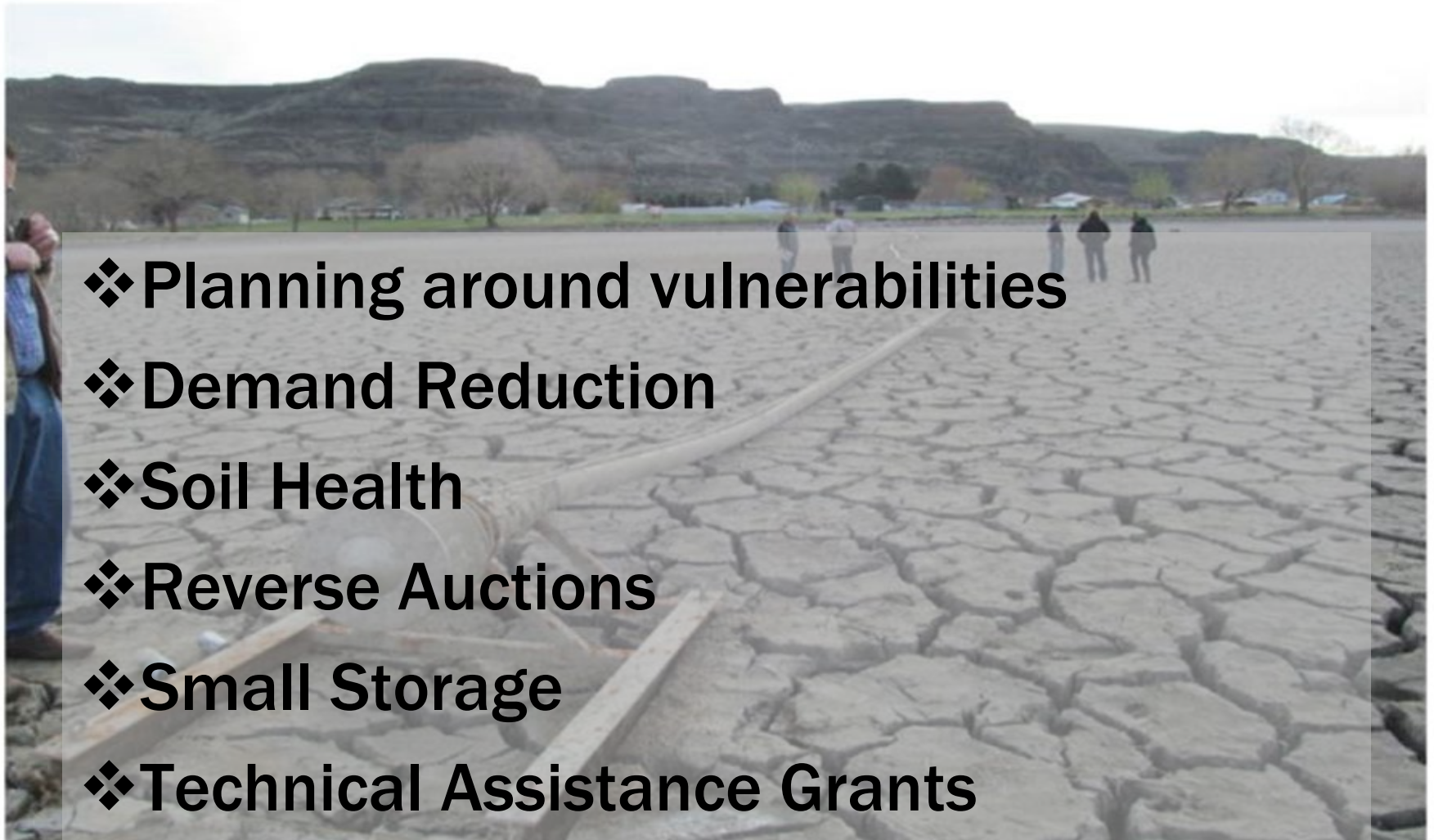
- 69 Projects
- 75 cfs (33,662 gpm)
- 18,139 af/yr
- \$1001/af
- 24 Tributaries
- 9 Counties





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Drought Mitigation and Response



- ❖ Planning around vulnerabilities
- ❖ Demand Reduction
- ❖ Soil Health
- ❖ Reverse Auctions
- ❖ Small Storage
- ❖ Technical Assistance Grants

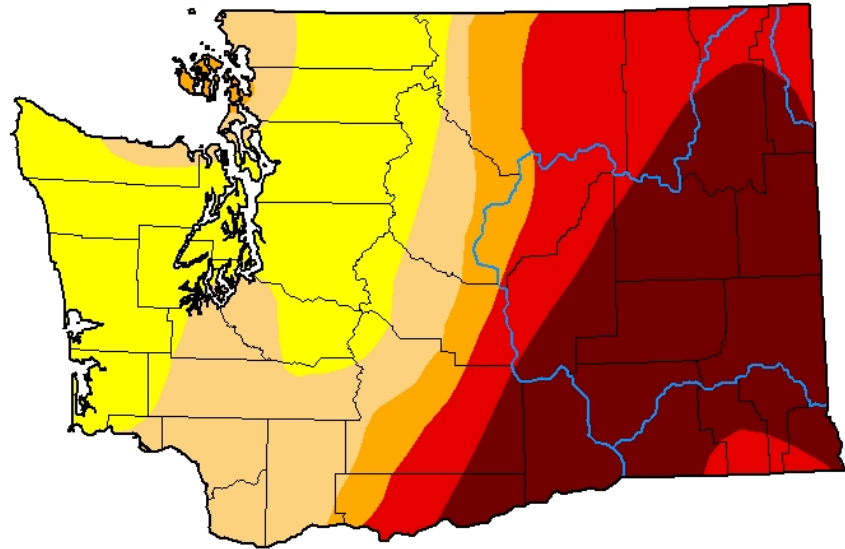


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US Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Washington

September 28, 2021
(Released Thursday, Sep. 30, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



- Intensity:**
- None
 - D0 Abnormally Dry
 - D1 Moderate Drought
 - D2 Severe Drought
 - D3 Extreme Drought
 - D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Water Rights Protection

- ❖ Education is important
 - " What is a water right?
 - " Tell me a story
- ❖ Trust Water Right Program
 - " Conservation
 - " Lease
 - " Purchase
 - " Donation





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IWM / SIS

❖ **The right amount of water at the right time**

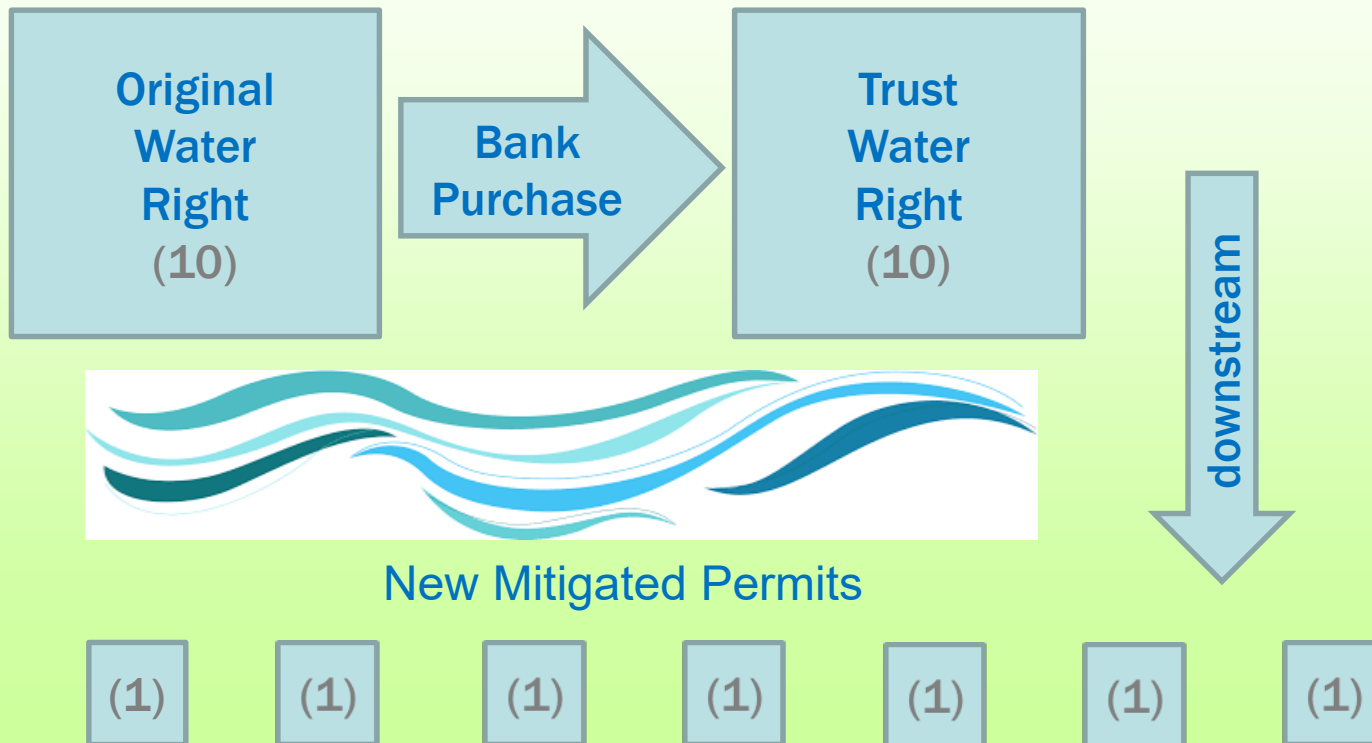




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Water Banking Technical Assistance

- ❖ How it works in Washington
- ❖ How it might work for agriculture



Challenges Ahead

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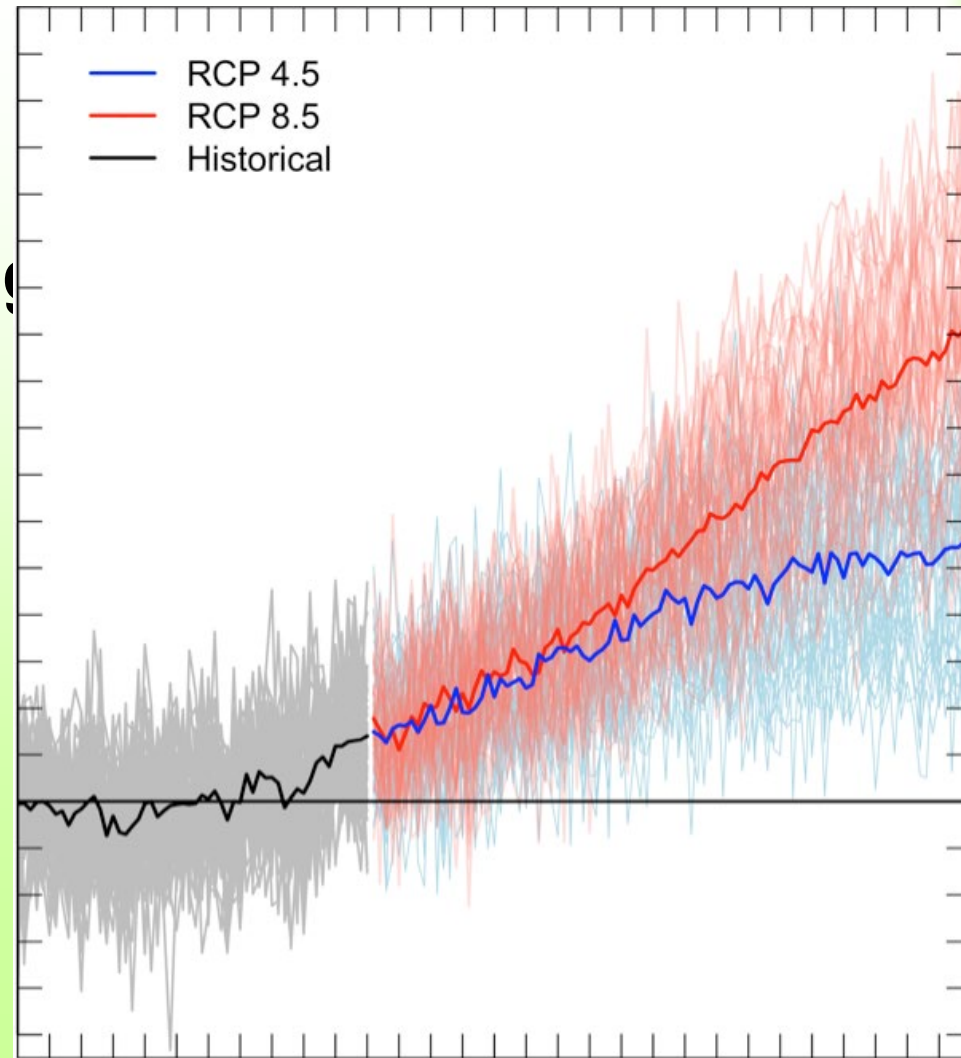
Climate Change

❖ Shifting Hydrograph

" Availability retiming

" Water Right Challenge

❖ Climate Migration

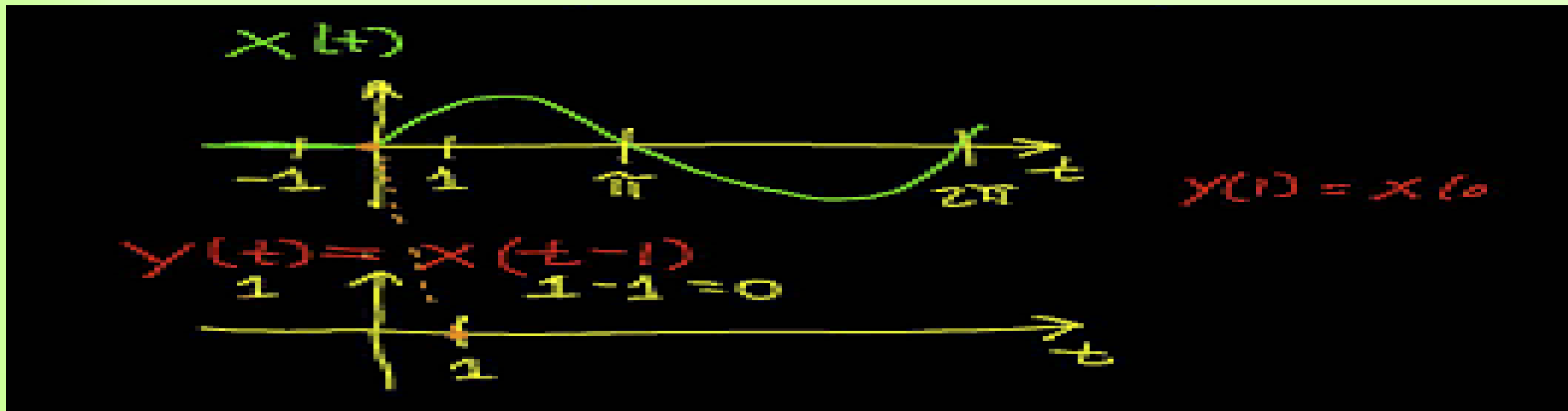




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Agricultural Changes

- ❖ Earlier growing season-shifting hydrograph
 - " The water right challenge
 - " Double cropping?
- ❖ Market shifts
- ❖ Crop tolerance





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Fish Needs

- ❖ **Over Allocation of Water Rights**
- ❖ **Flow**
- ❖ **Temperature**





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Development Pressure

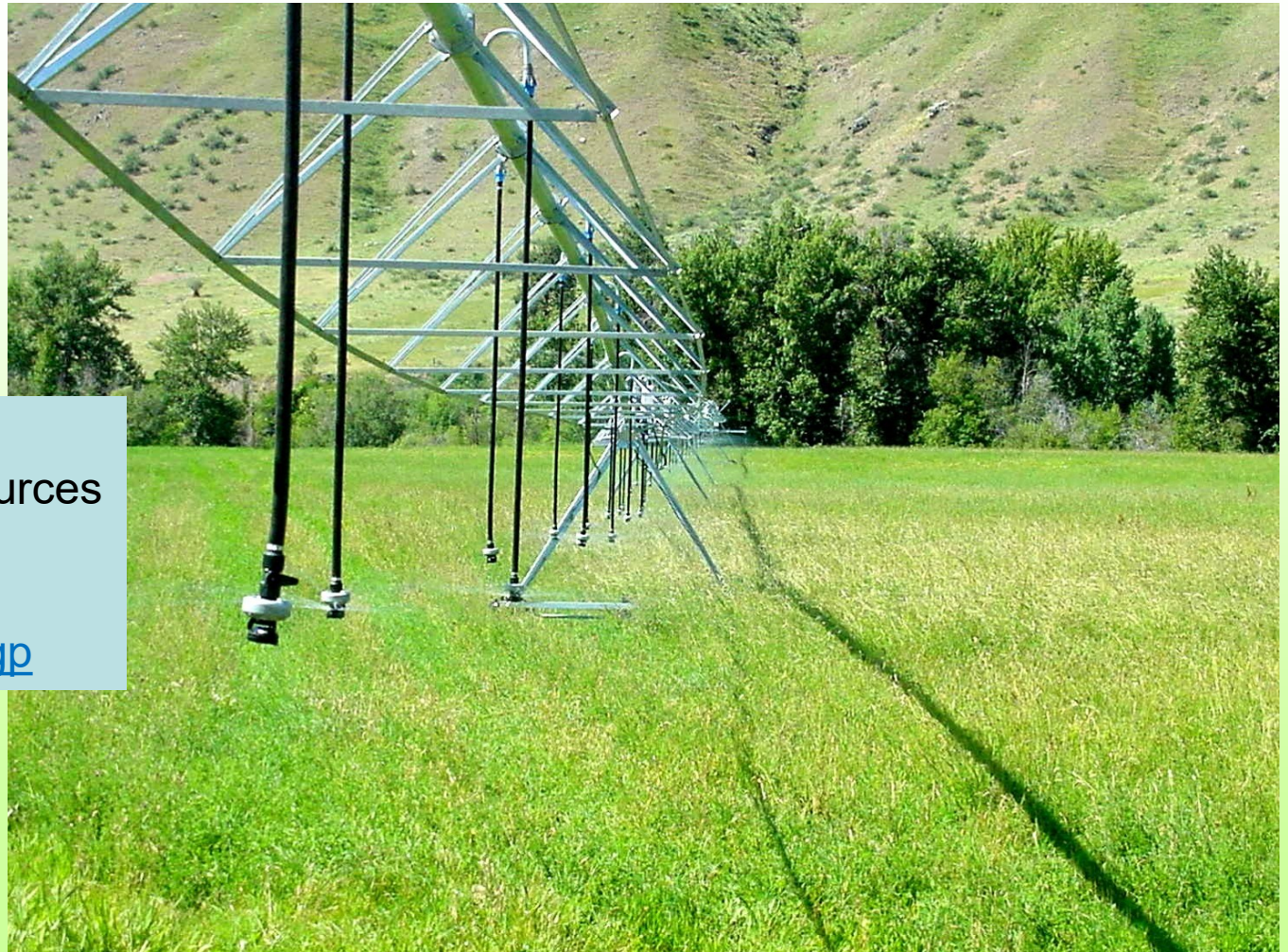
- ❖ Reduction in prime agricultural land
- ❖ Increased conflict in water timing and availability





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