



Drought Study

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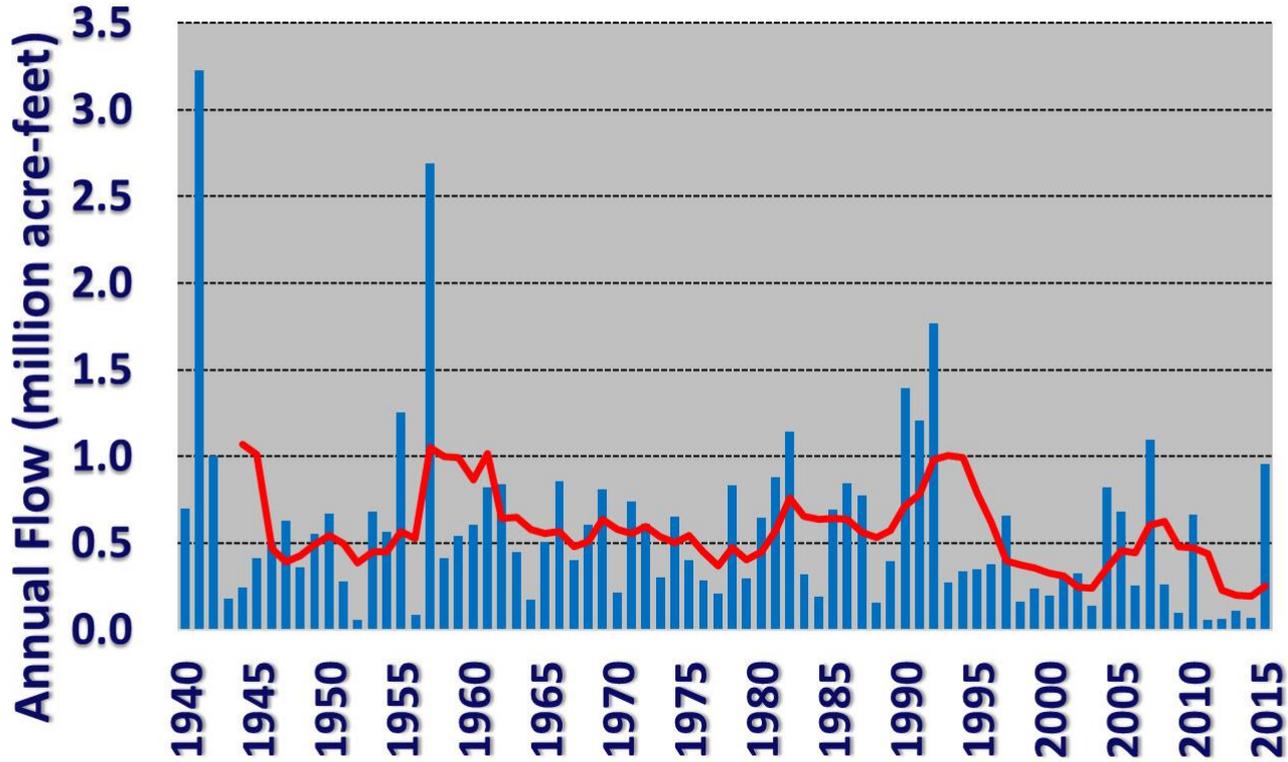


Study Overview

- **Extend WAM hydrology through 2015**
- **Determine extent of new drought**
- **Evaluate impact on BRA system**
- **Recommendations for amending permit**

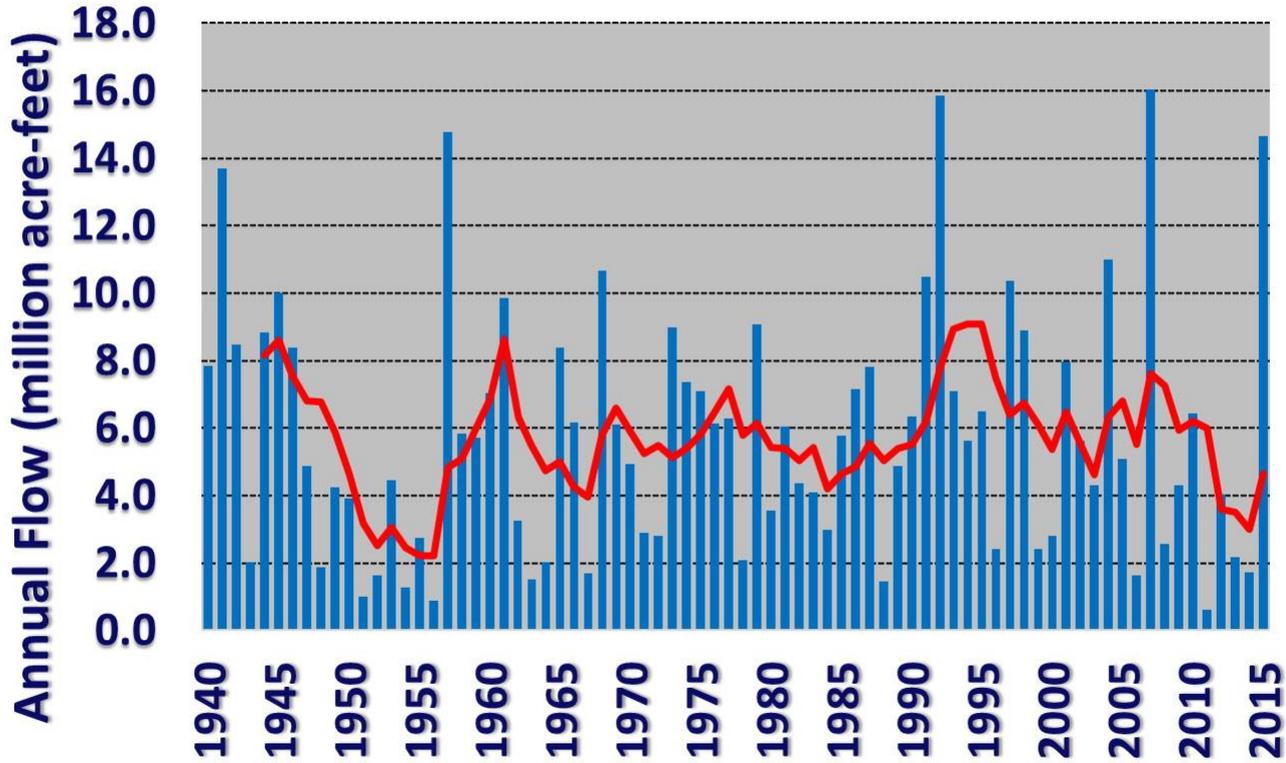


Brazos River nr South Bend



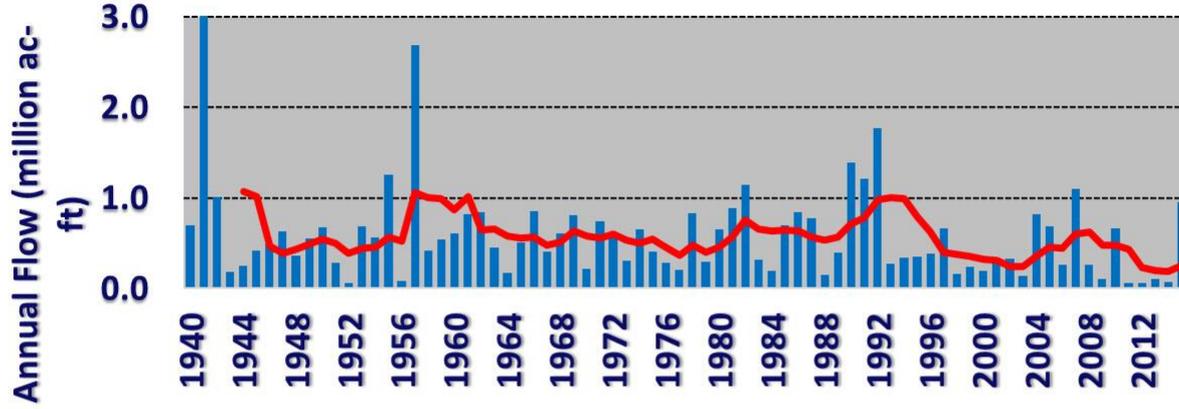


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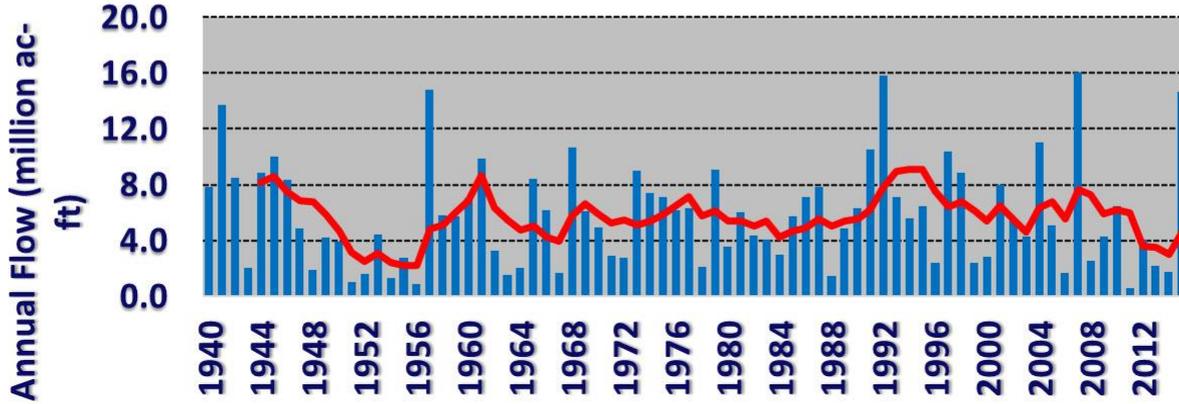




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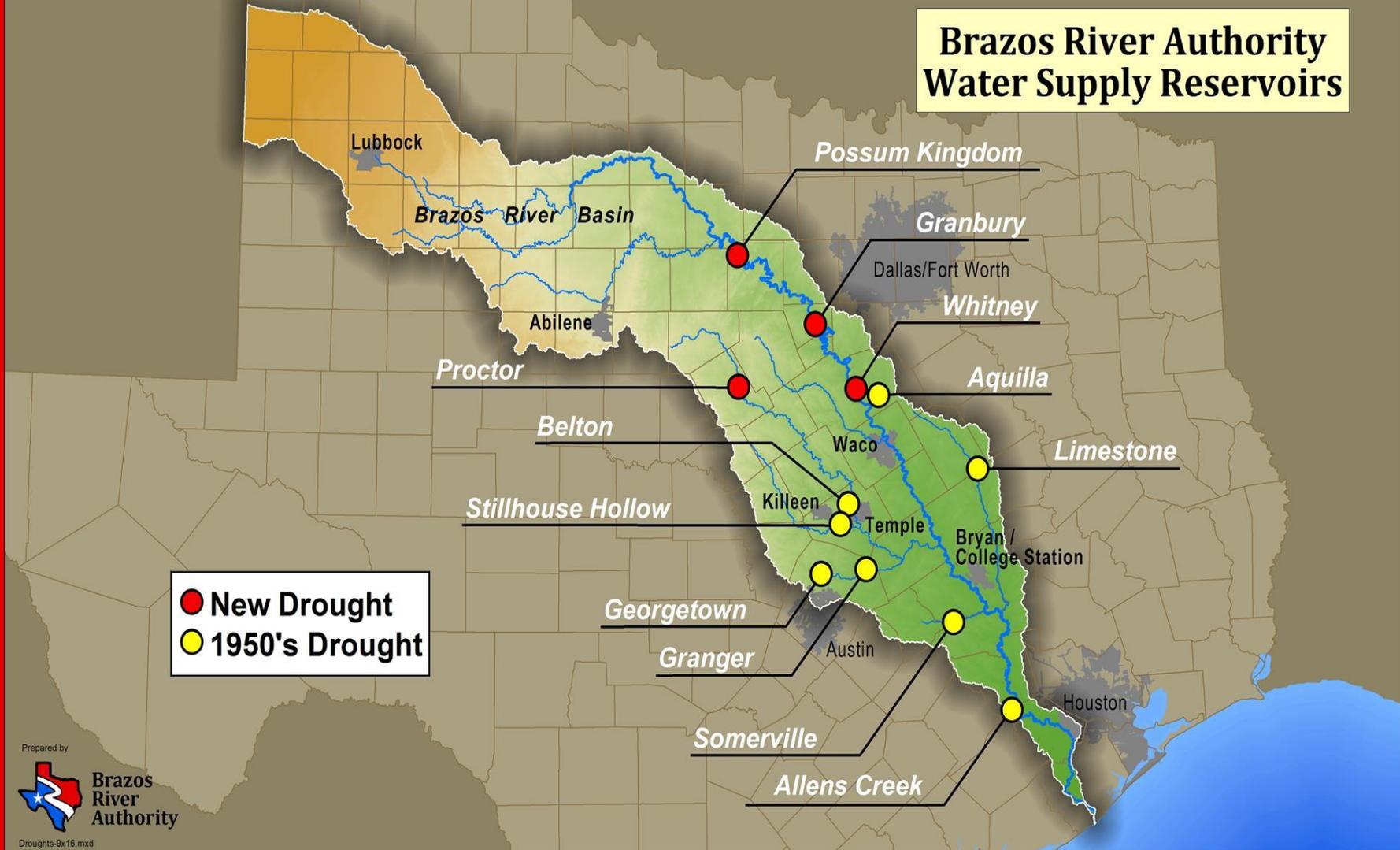


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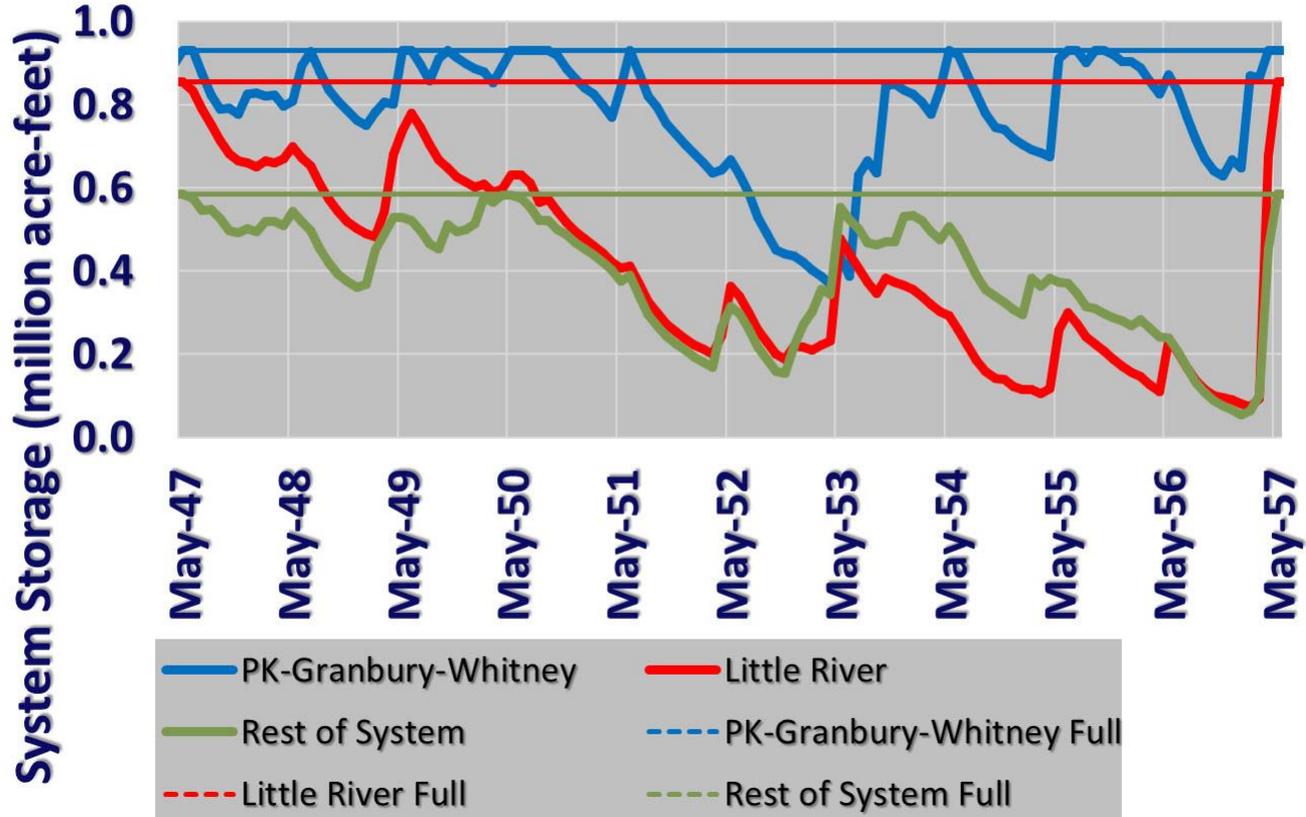


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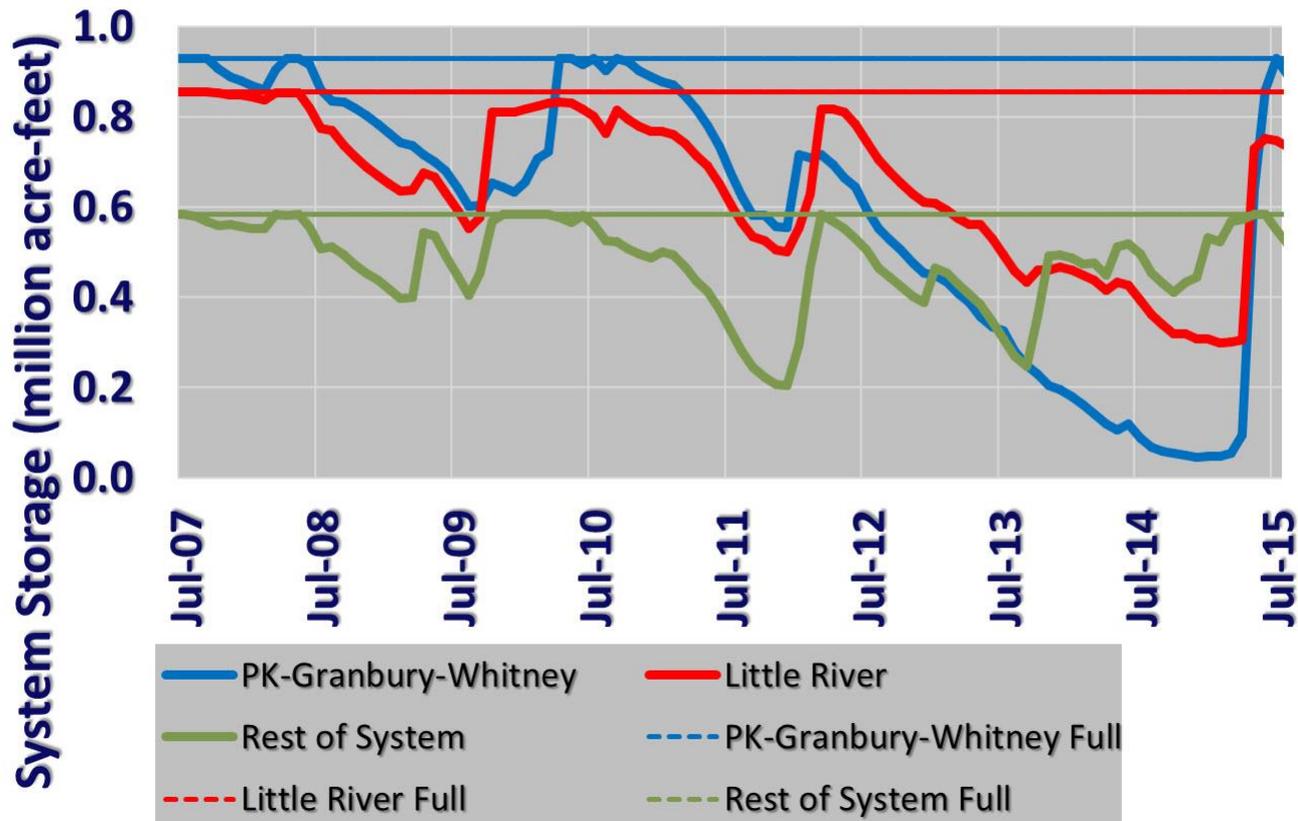


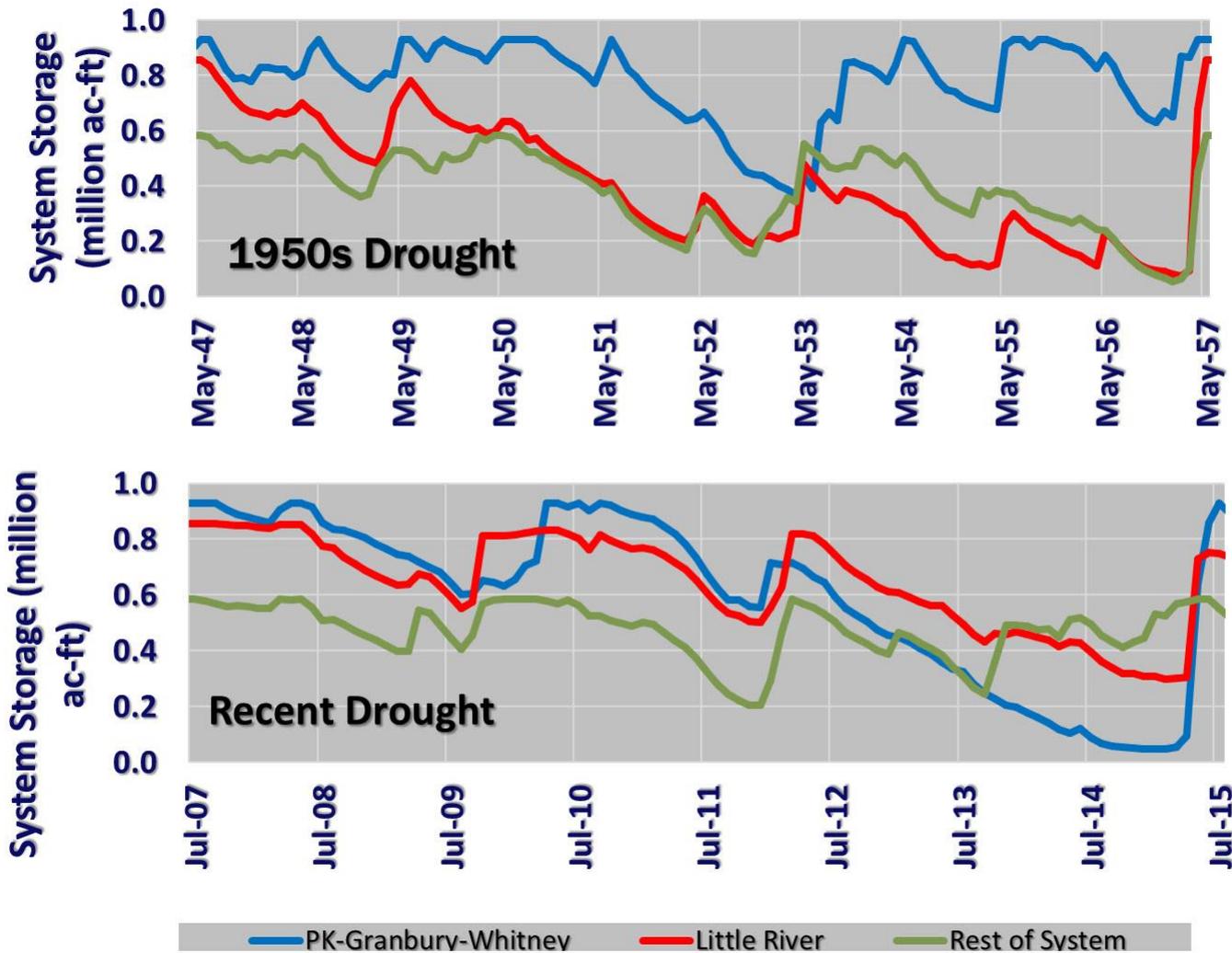
1950s Drought





Recent Drought







Benefits of System Operation

- Timing of droughts different for different parts of system
- The System Operation Permit allows BRA to use that to make more supply
- New drought highlights value of System Operation Permit



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Answers to Questions

- **Drought worse than the 1950s?**
 - Yes for part of system, but not for basin as a whole
- **Decrease in SysOps appropriation?**
 - Can still divert whole amount in appropriation modeling
 - No need to reduce appropriation



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