

## Drought Policy

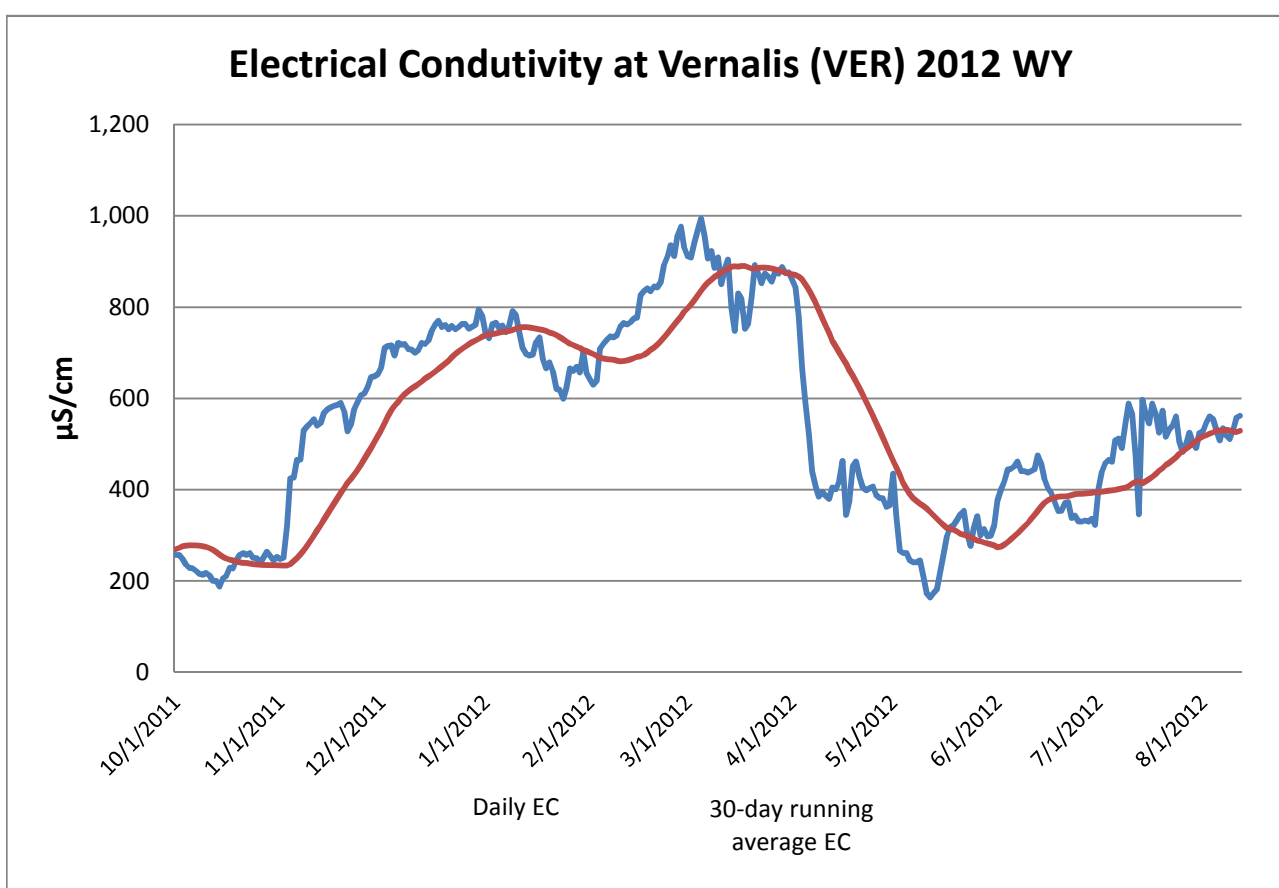
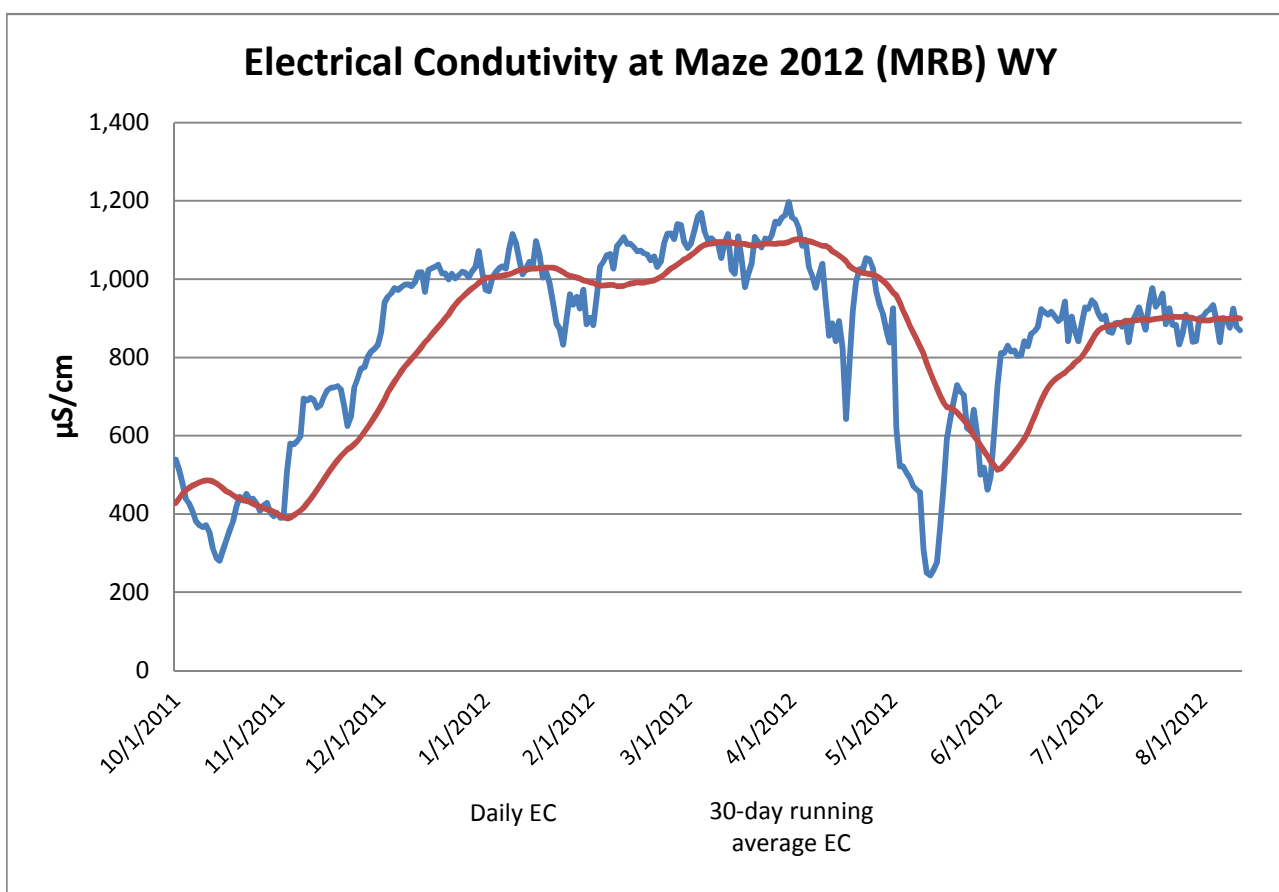
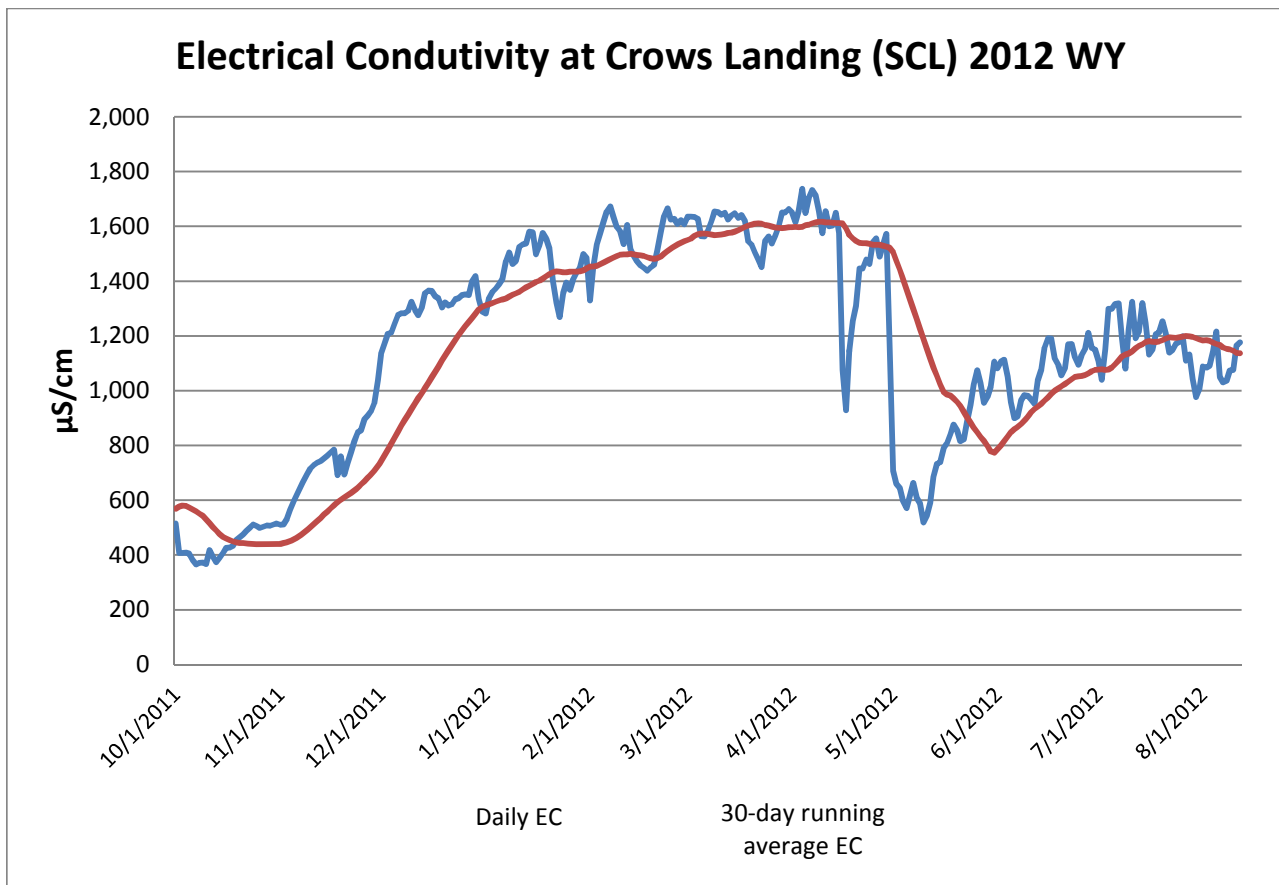
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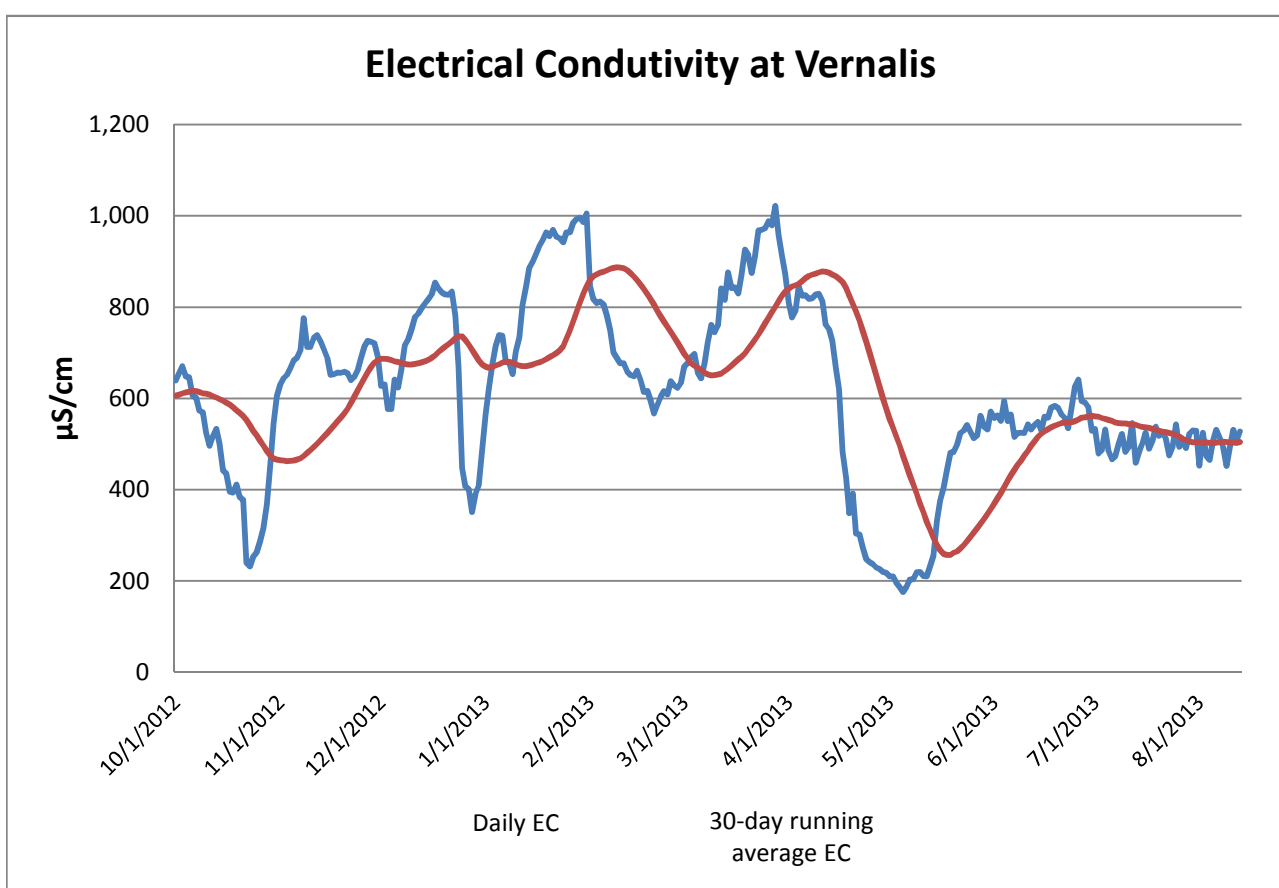
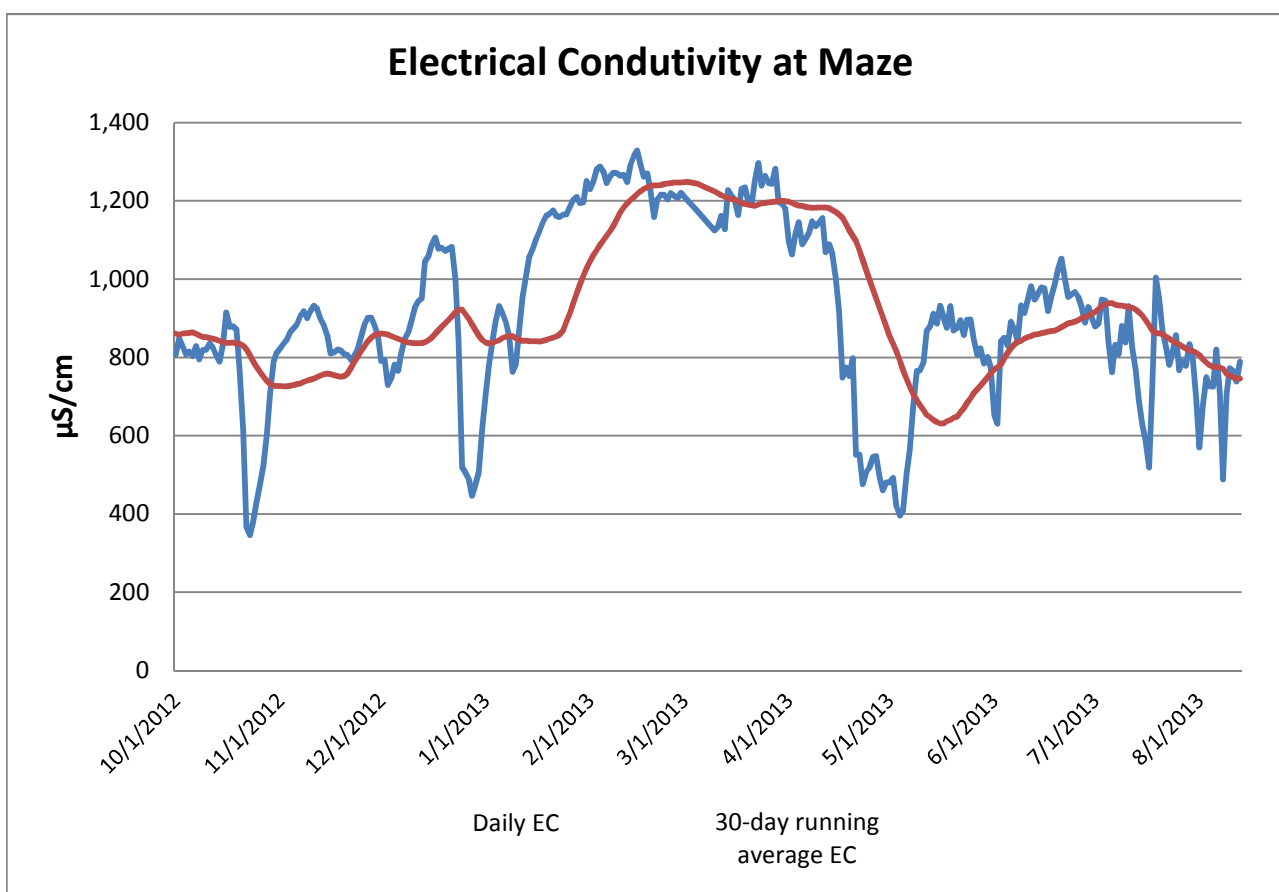
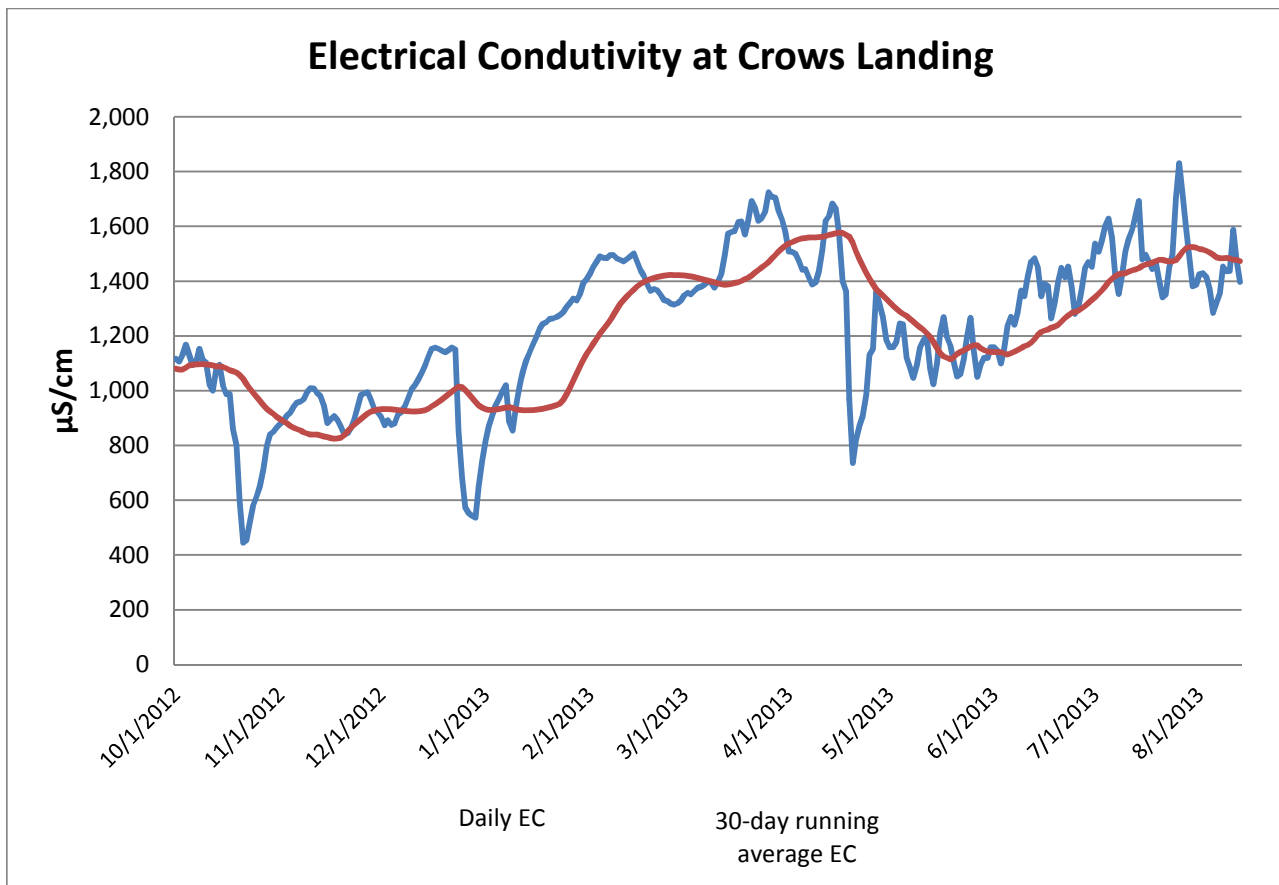
The EC 30-day running average at Crows Landing during the 2012 dry year growing season ranged between approximately 600 and 900  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (Attachment 1), during the 2013 critically dry year growing season ranged between 1,100 and 1,500  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (Attachment 2), and during the same period in the 2014 critically dry year it has ranged between 1,500 and 2,000  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (Attachment 3).

If we set the WQO at 1,550  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  upstream of Vernalis, does it mean that restrictions on agriculture discharges would be required during a drought? Will irrigators along the LSJR want any water they can get, regardless of quality (or at least water at an EC between 1,500 to 2,000)? Should we consider a policy that would suspend or relax the WQO during a draught? Should we propose/recommend such a policy to the CV-SALTS Executive Committee?

# Attachment 1: 2012 Water Year



# Attachment 2: 2013 Water Year



# Attachment 3: 2014 Water Year

