# Interim Operations Plan

Lessons Learned

and

Areas of Concern

# U.S. Drought Monitor

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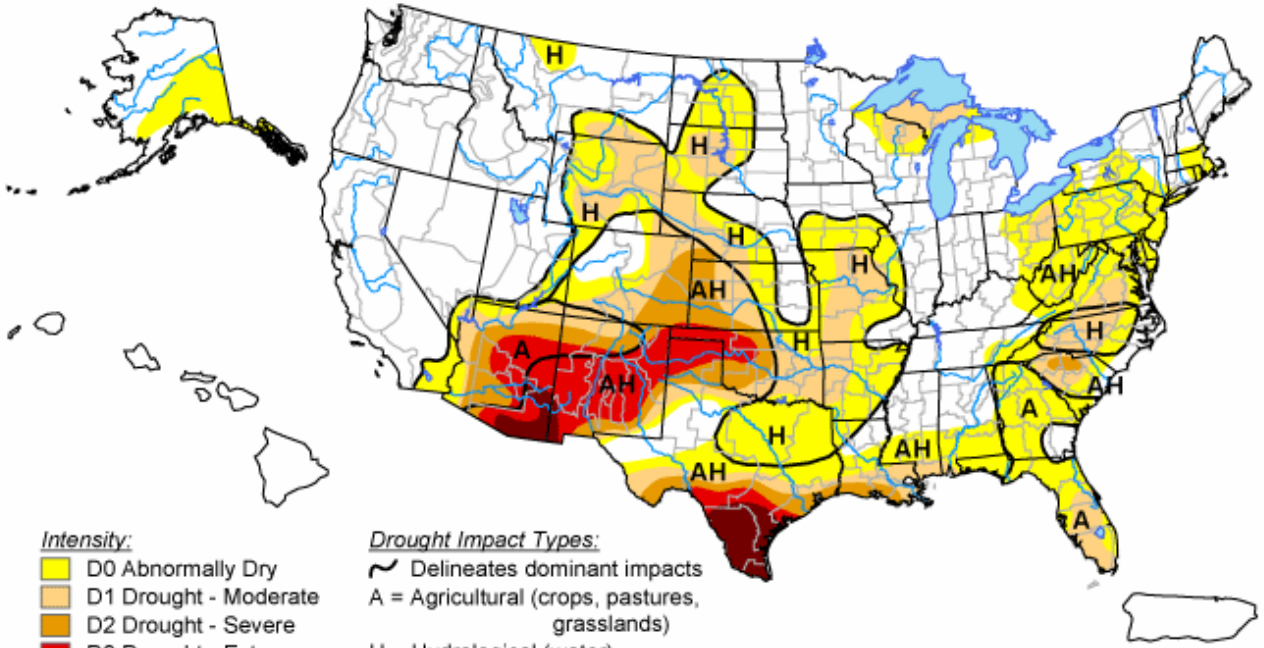


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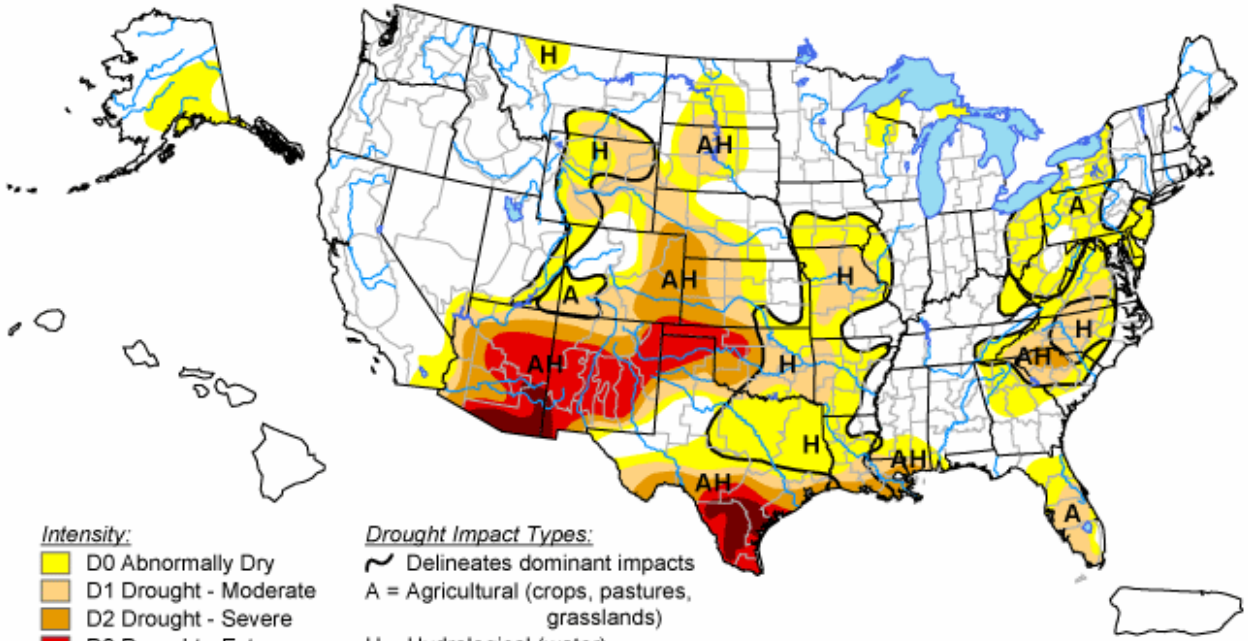


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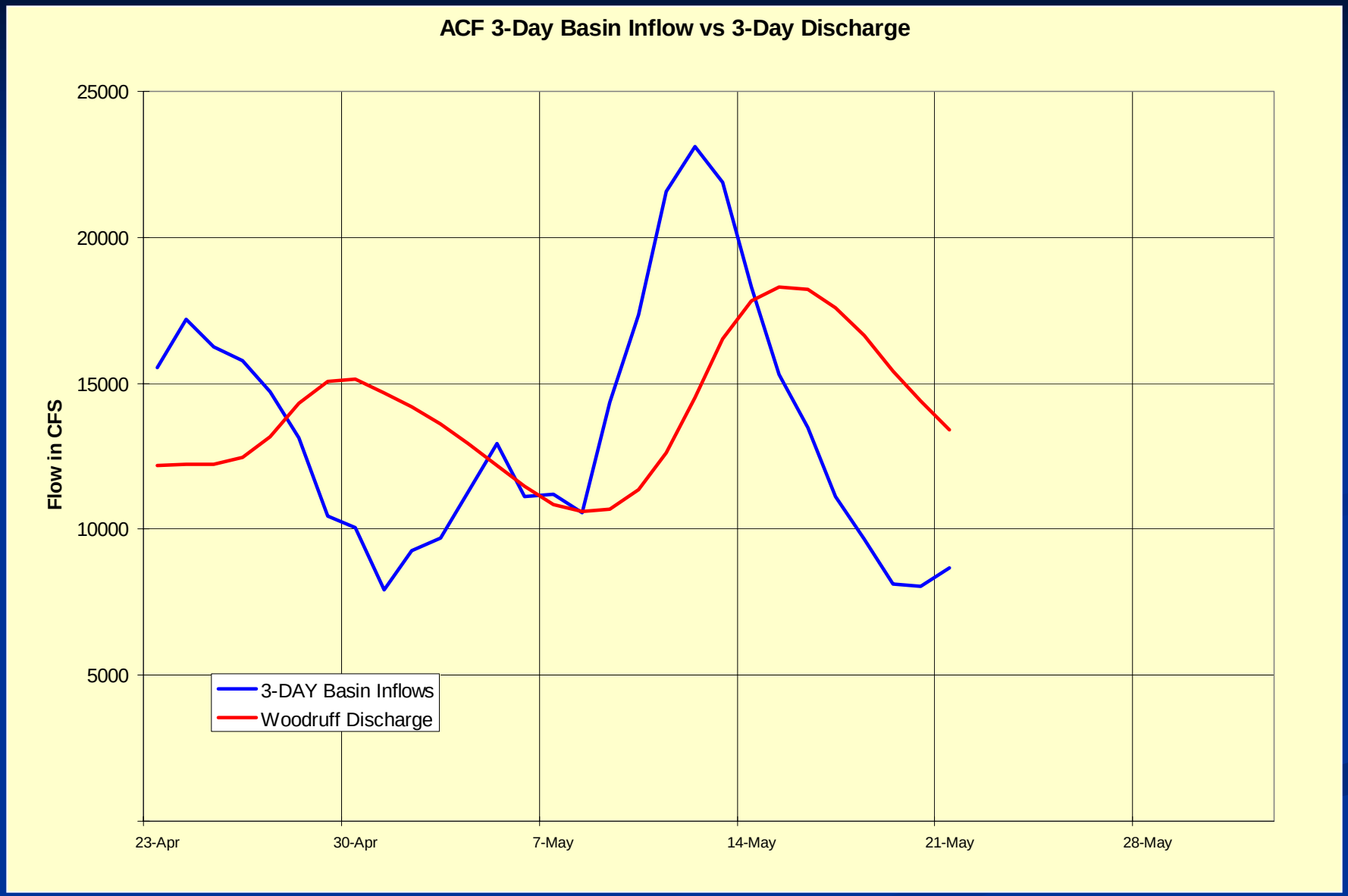
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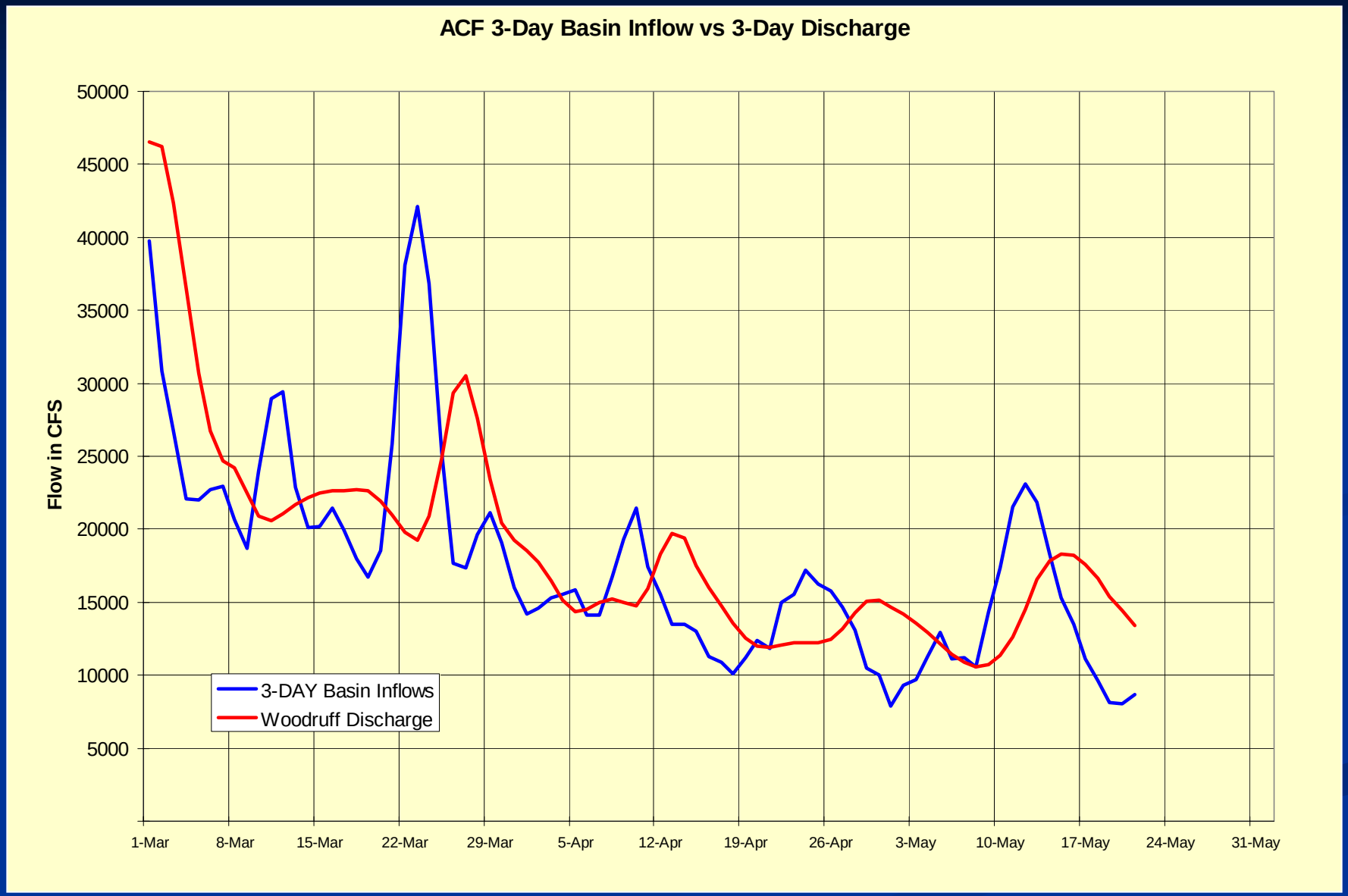
Flow in CFS
25000
20000
15000
10000
5000
23-Apr
30-Apr
7-May
14-May
21-May
28-May
3-DAY Basin Inflows
Woodruff Discharge

- Computation of Basin Inflow – 3-Day Average, 7-Day Average, Longer Period? 7-Day Average provides smoother transition and helps to minimize the impact of the rampdown rates.

- Routing of Basin Inflows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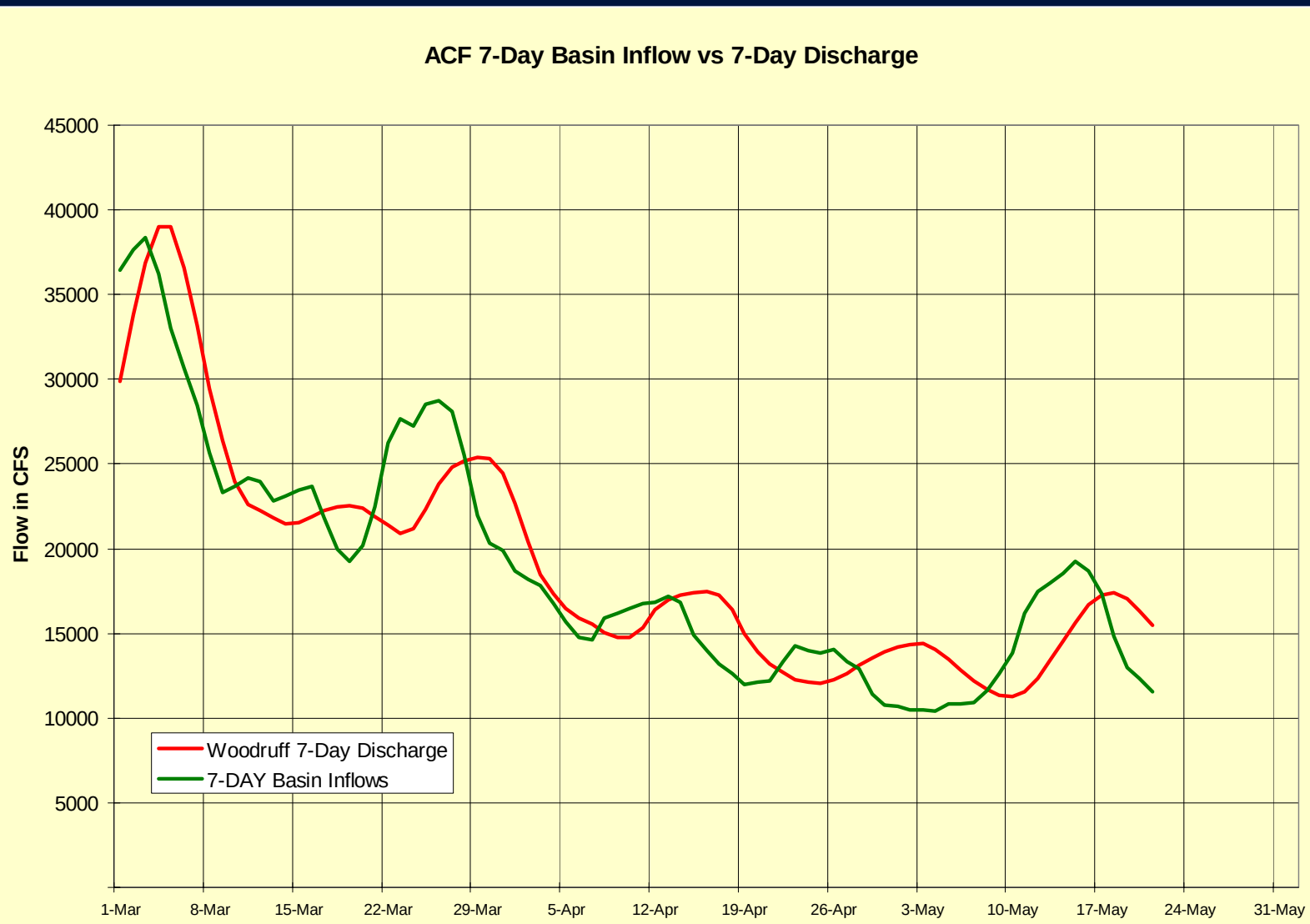
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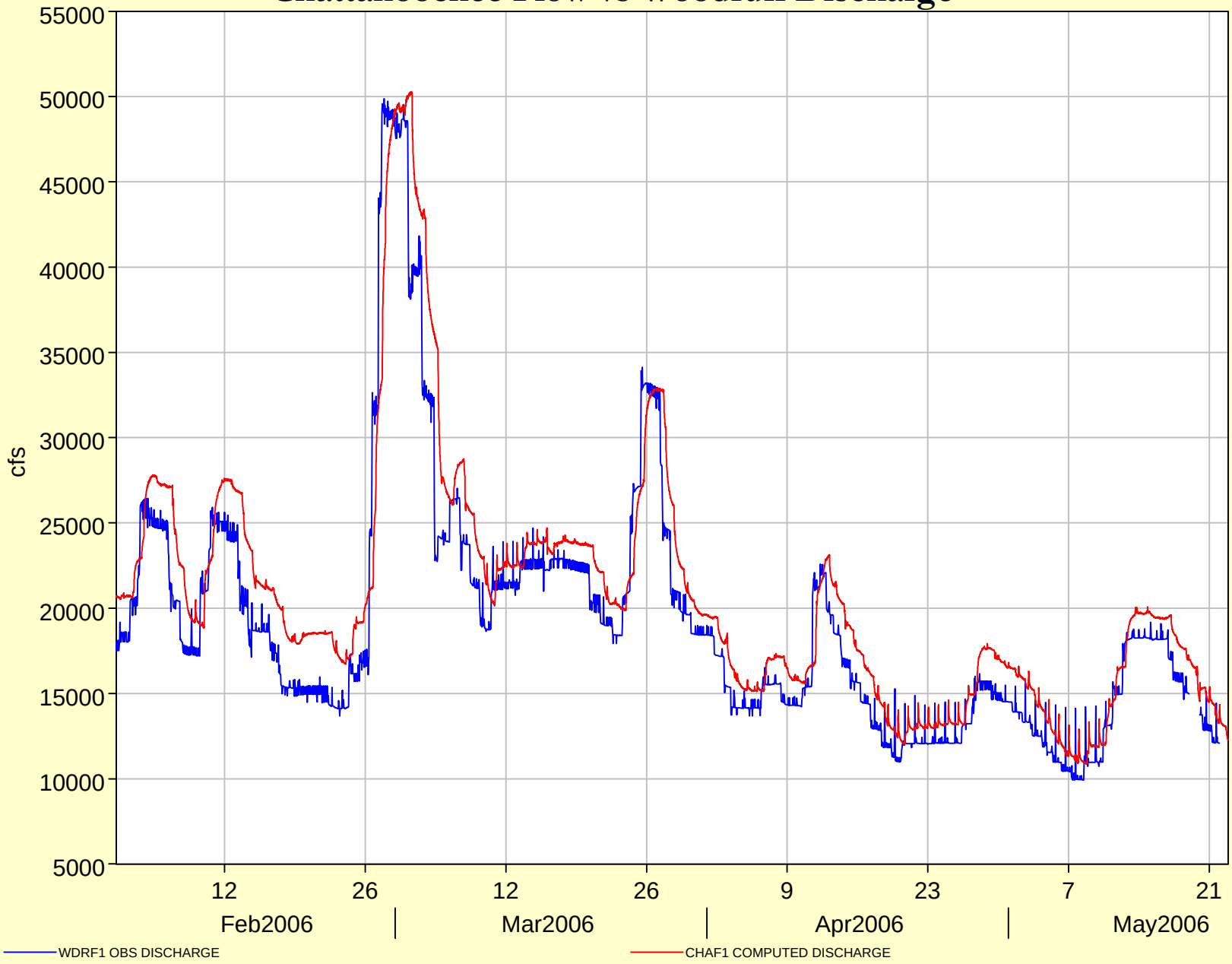
Woodruff 7-Day Discharge
7-DAY Basin Inflows

- Differences between Woodruff Discharges and Flows at Chattahoochee Gage.
  - Powerhouse turbine releases based on manufacturer discharge ratings
  - Spillway releases are based on computed spillway gate ratings
  - Seepage and other flow occurring beneath dam and underground springs (Avg of about 200 cfs at known river boil)

# Chattahoochee Flow vs Woodruff Discharge



- Physical Limitations to the Operation of Woodruff Powerhouse & Spillway to Meet Releases and Rampdown Rates.
- Releasing 70-100% Basin Inflow – Does this provide adequate opportunities to refill the projects?
- Adjustment to the 37,400 cfs and 20,400 cfs thresholds.