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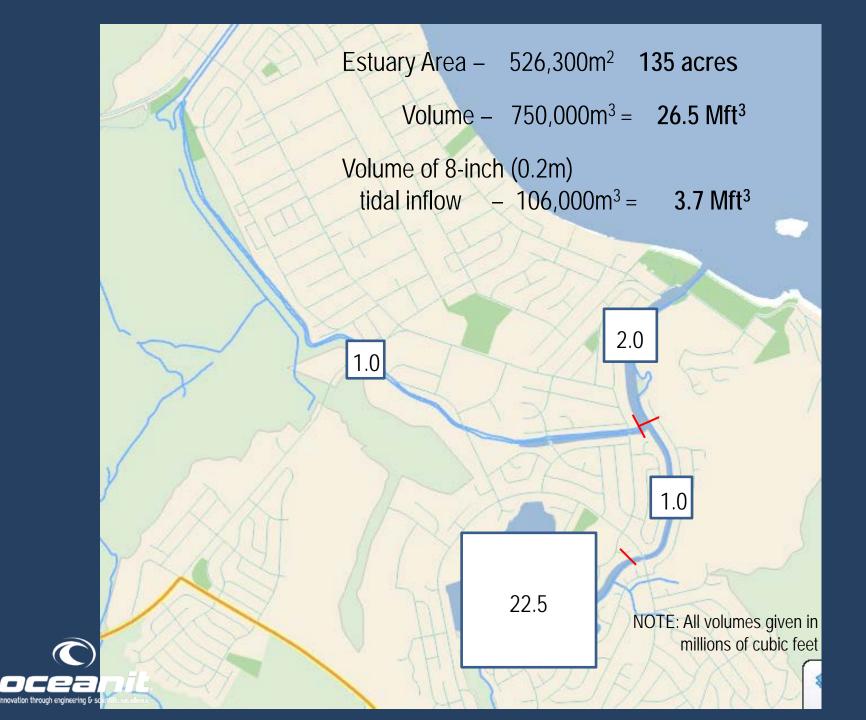


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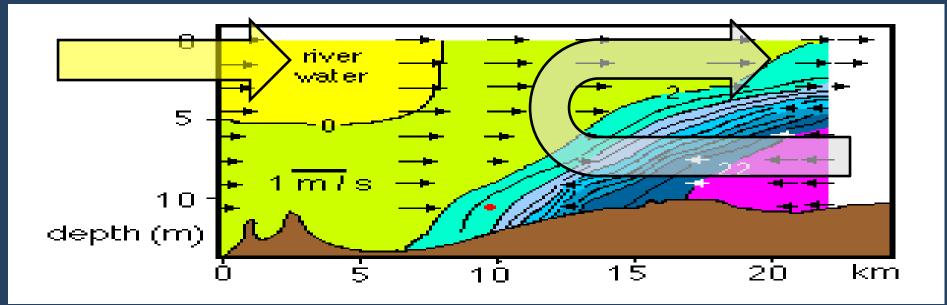
- Pollutant flows from urban storm drains
- Poor salt wedge penetration into pond
- Poor exchange at stream mouth
- Invasive Species (mangrove)
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Improving water flow was deemed likely to provide the greatest benefit with the least effort.

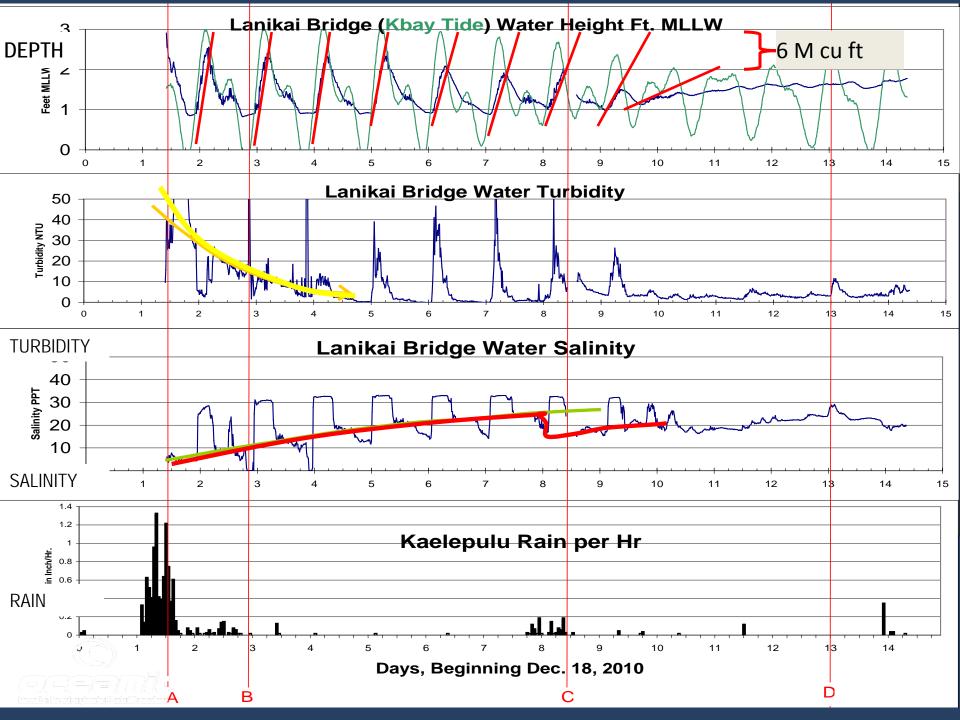


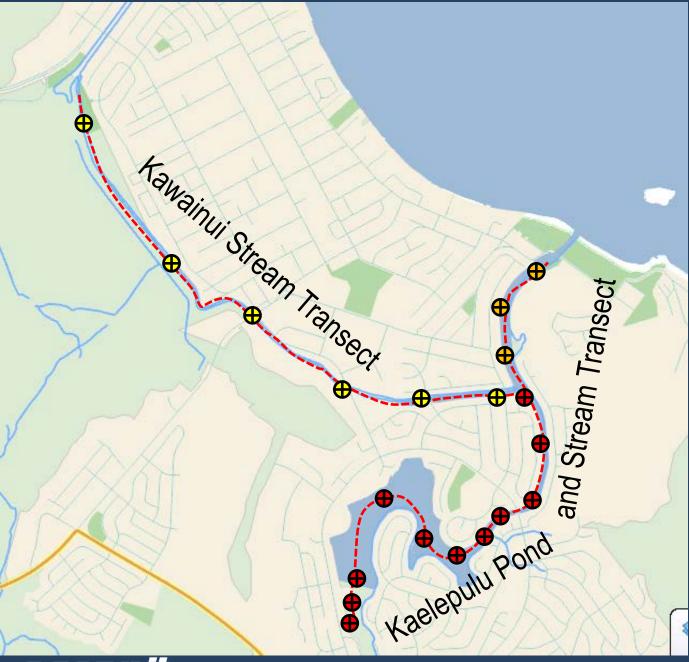


# CLASSICAL SALT WEDGE AND EXCHANGE CURRENTS IN AN ESTUARY









PHYSICAL WATER QUALITY TRANSECTS OF ESTUARY

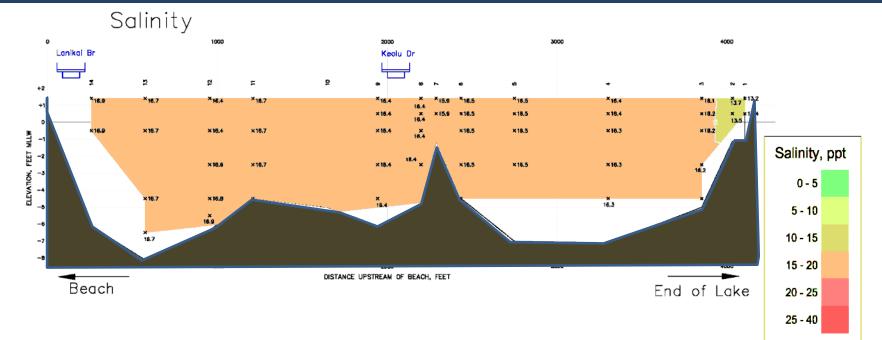
CONDUCTED BEFORE AND AFTER EACH STREAM MOUTH OPENING EVENT

T, Salinity, pH, NTU, Chl-a, PC, DO% @ 15 cm 30 cm 60 cm 120 cm 180 cm



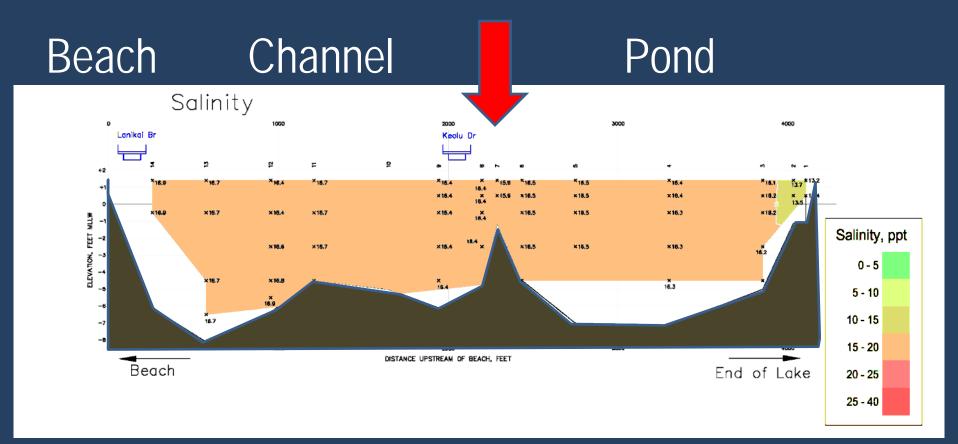
## Beach Channel

### Pond



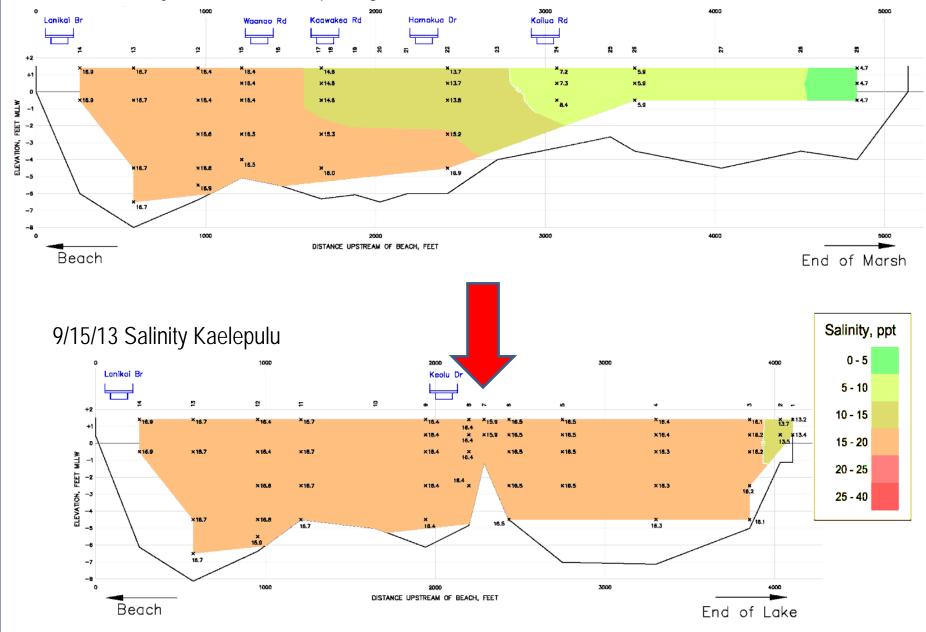


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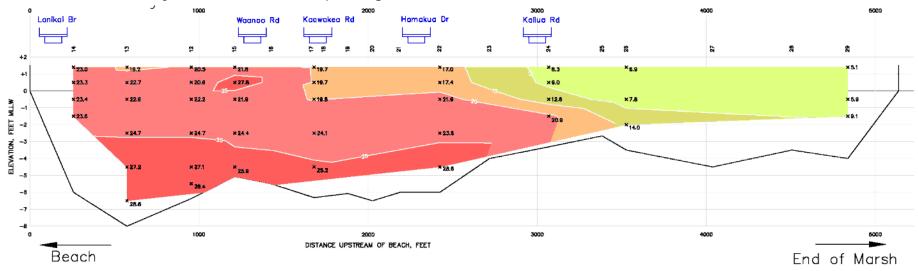


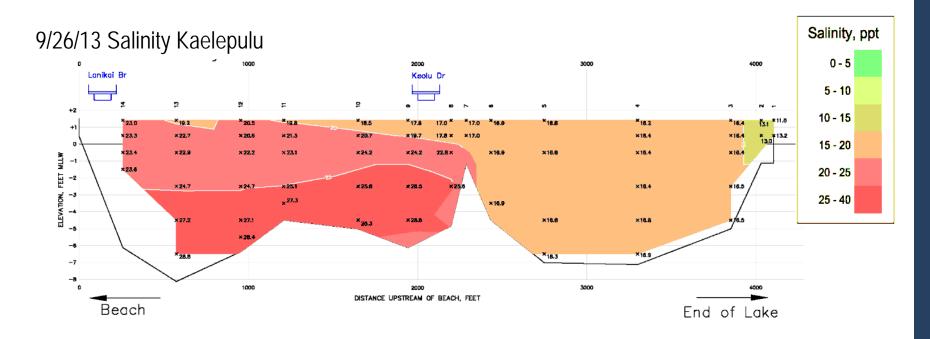


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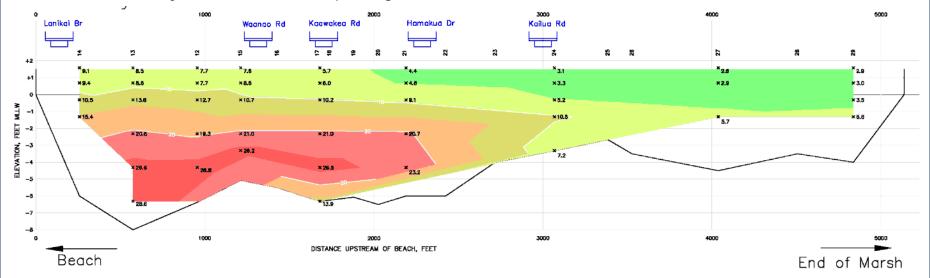


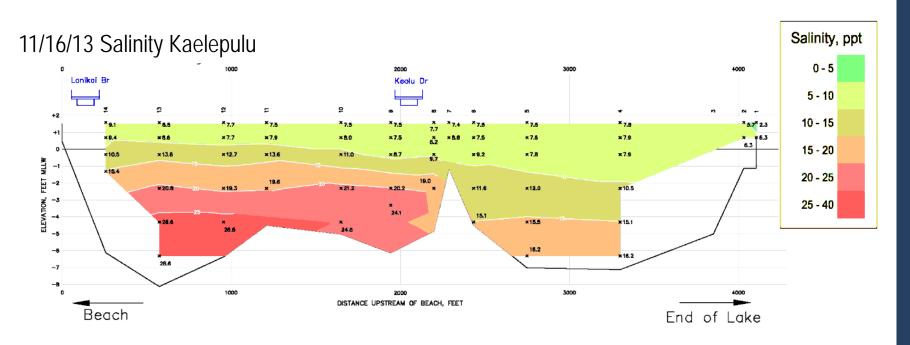
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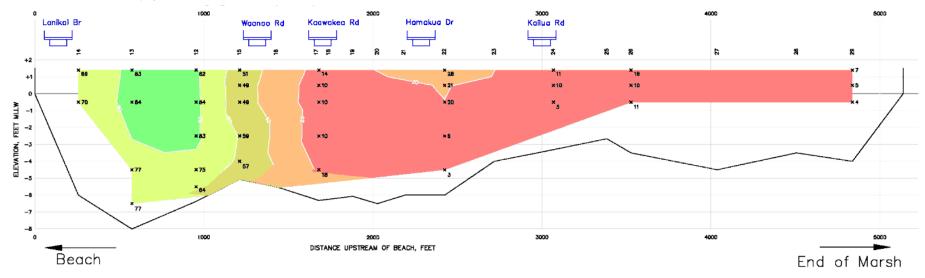


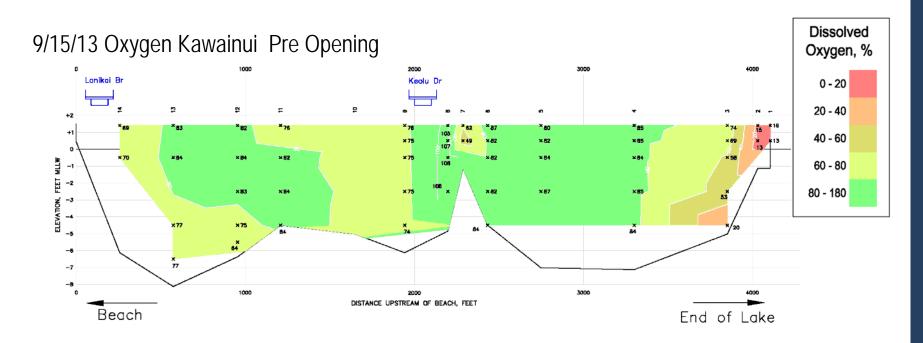
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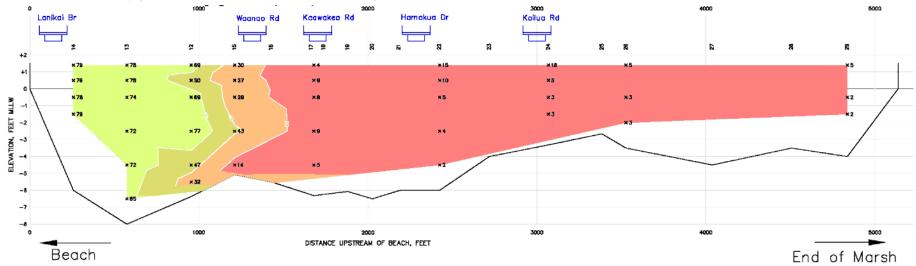


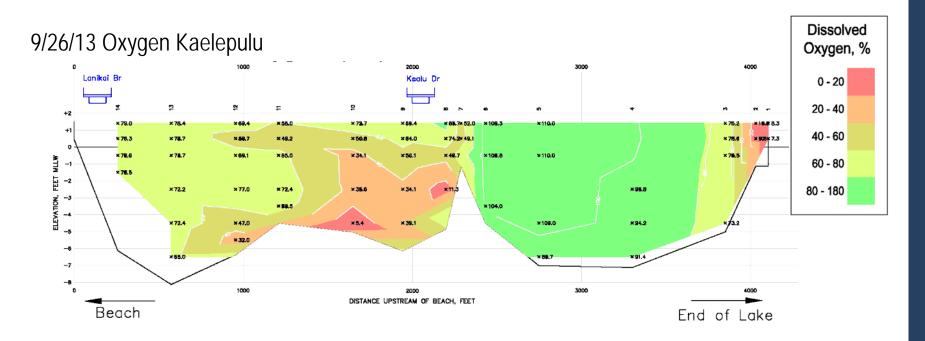
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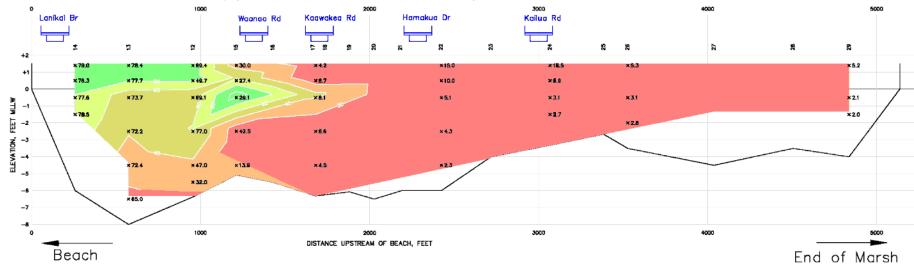


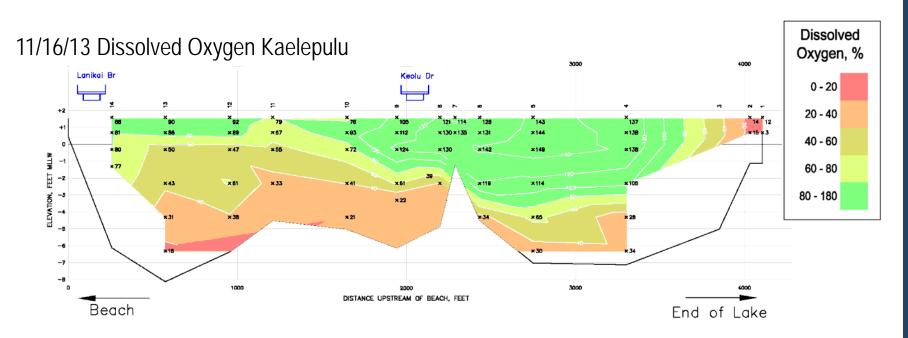
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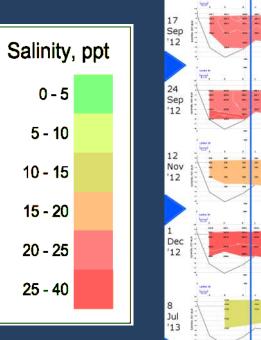


### 11/16/13 Dissolved Oxygen Kawainui – Pre opening





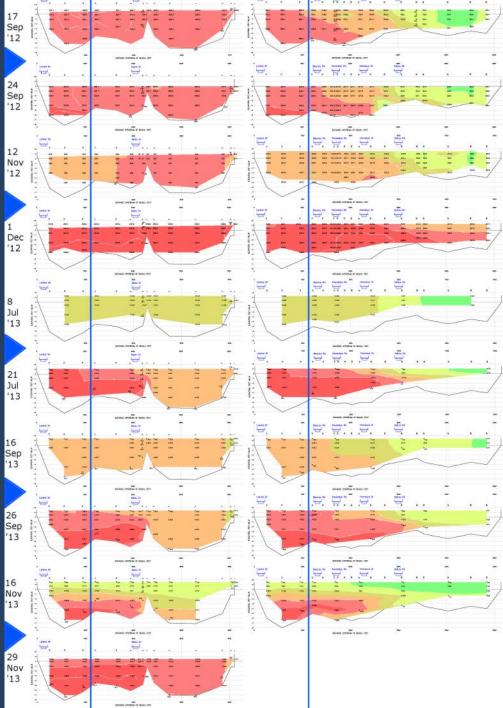
### Salinity for 10 Sampling Events

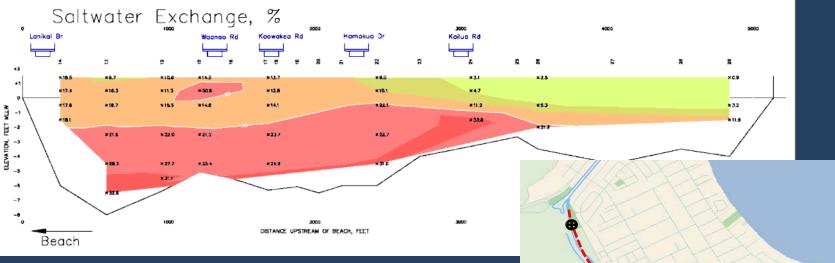


### Other Parameters Tracked:

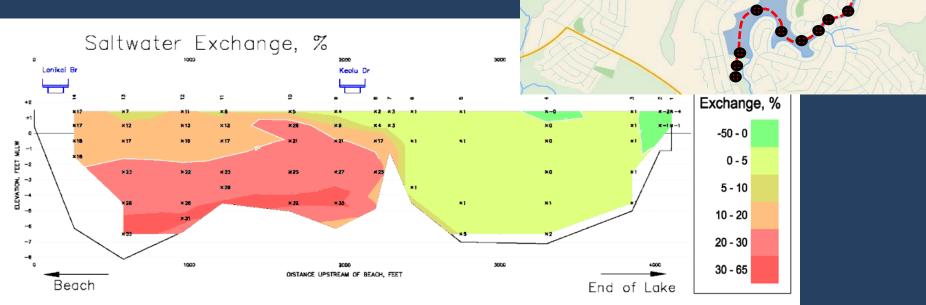
- Temperature
- Dissolved Oxygen
- pH
- Turbidity
- PC
- CHL-A
- Volume Exchange

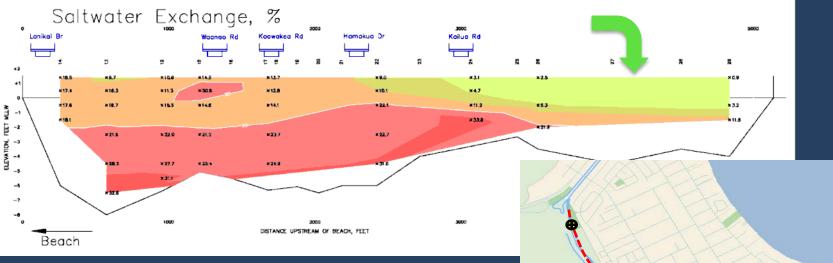




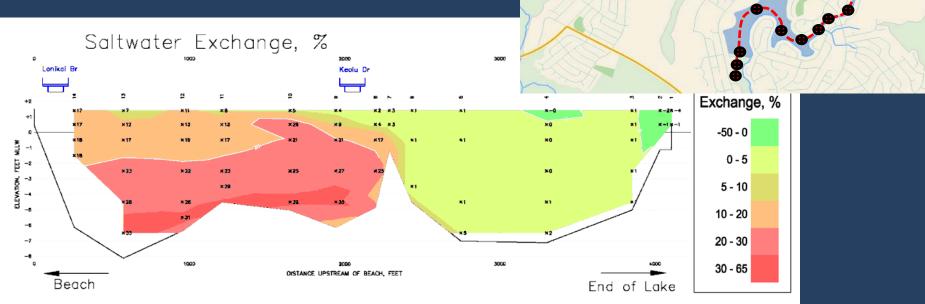


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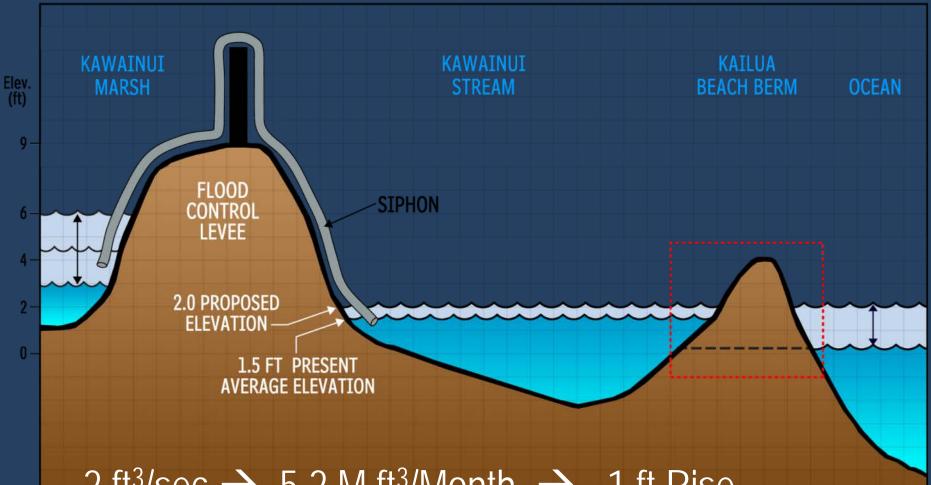


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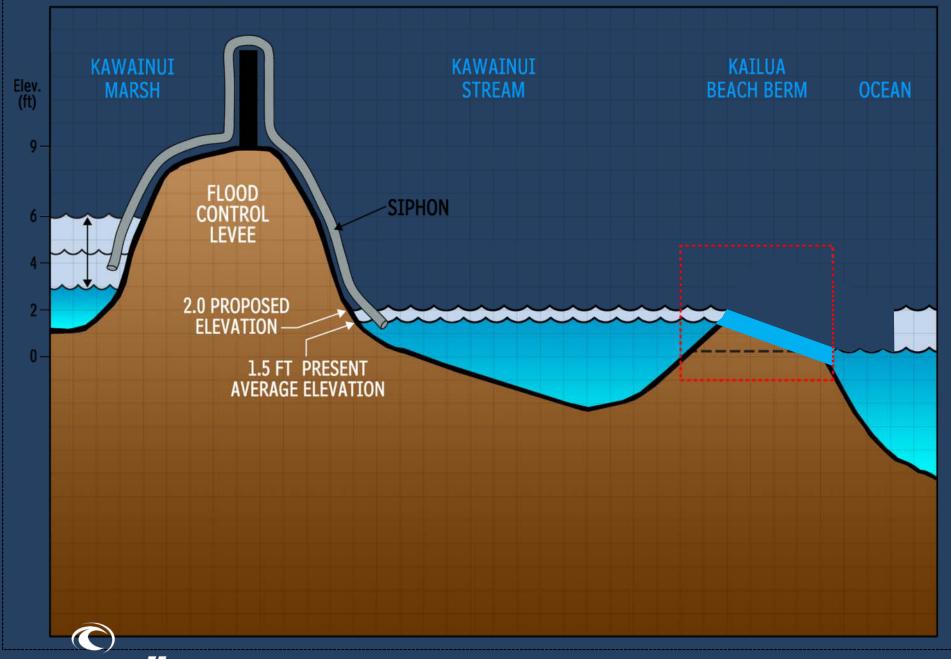


~ 6 L/s



# 2 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec $\rightarrow$ 5.2 M ft<sup>3</sup>/Month $\rightarrow$ ~1 ft Rise (- Evaporation)





**DCEPIDIC** 

# Construction of Four 6-inch PVC Siphons over Levee





# TEST TRIAL IS HYPOTHESIZED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE FLOW RESTORATION WILL

Increase monthly water exchange in the Kawainui Stream Channel thereby improving water quality
Increase volume and period of exchange with the ocean by enhanced opening head and flow dynamics

