PHOSPHORUS SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER CURRENT AND FUTURE CLIMATE IN A LAKE OKEECHOBEE SUBWATERSHED

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Outline



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- Legacy P is a global problem, which may become worse with climate change
- Large lag times for water quality improvement
- Watershed simulation models
 need development
- Legacy P: A big component of TP loads to Lake Okeechobee

Background

Lake Okeechobee Watershed TP TMDL

- ▶ 105 mt/y TP Load
- Current loads: ~4 times
- Lake Okeechobee BMAP
 - Focus on identification and effectiveness of projects
- Legacy P
 - LO Watershed ~ 180,000 ± 30% mt (SWET and JGH, 2008)





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Background

Objectives

1. Quantify contribution of legacy, inorganic fertilizer, and other P sources to existing TP loads

2. Estimate potential impact of climate change on source contributions





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Approach

Phase 1

- Historic climate21-year simulations1993-2013
- Climate Projections

Phase 2

- RCP8.5 Near Term (2033-
- 2053) • Far Term(2063-2083)



- Watershed Assessment Model (WAM)
- Scenario analysis approach to apportion TP loads to source types
 - Legacy P, inorganic fertilizer P, other sources
- Test Case: Taylor Creek Nubbin Slough

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Study Area

- Drainage Area ~ 800 sq. km (7% of LOW)
- ► TP Hotspot (WY1991-2018)
 - ▶ TP FWMC: 525 µg/L
 - ▶ TP Load: 107 mt/y
 - ► UAL: 1.33 kg/ha/y

► LU/LC

- ▶ Pastures (60%), other Ag. (16%)
- ▶ Natural (14%)
- Urban and built-up (9%)

Soils

- Immokalee, Myakka, Floridana, Basinger
- Sandy, poorly drained





WAM Overview



- Physically-based, spatially distributed, watershed scale
- Inputs: Soil, LU/LC, Topography, Streams, Rainfall, Weather
- Source loads: BUCSHELL {GLEAMS, EAAMOD, Special-case}
- Routing: BLASROUTE

TCNS

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- ▶ EAAMOD 86.4% of model domain
- Legacy P
 - Initial application
 - Land use based typical values
- ▶ InOrg. Fert. P and Org. Fert. P
 - management calendar



Model Performance



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Minor re-calibration



Phase 1: P Source Contributions







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Phase 2: Climate Projections

- Precipitation and Temperature Projections (RCP8.5)
 - Near Term Future (NT): 2030-2053
 - Far Term Future (FT): 2060-2084
- Rainfall and drought characteristics based GCM evaluation methodology (Song et al., 2020)
- ► 4 Rainfall GCMs:
 - ► Bcc-csm1-1-m
 - ► CMCC-CMS
 - ► FGLOALS-g2
 - ► FGLOALS-s2

	Rainfall	Temperature
Historic (1990- 2013)	1173 mm	24.13 °C
NT	896 mm (-23.6 %)	26.16 °C (+2.03 °C)
FT	837 mm (-28.6 %)	28.18 °C (+4.04 °C)

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Phase 2: TP Loads



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Phase 2: Flows and FWMC



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Conclusions

- Legacy P contributed as much as 60.8% of the TP Load from TCNS
- GCM projections indicate
 - Drier and hotter conditions
 - less flow, but similar TP loads and high concentrations
- Future investigations
 - Performing continuous long-term simulations
 - Legacy P model



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