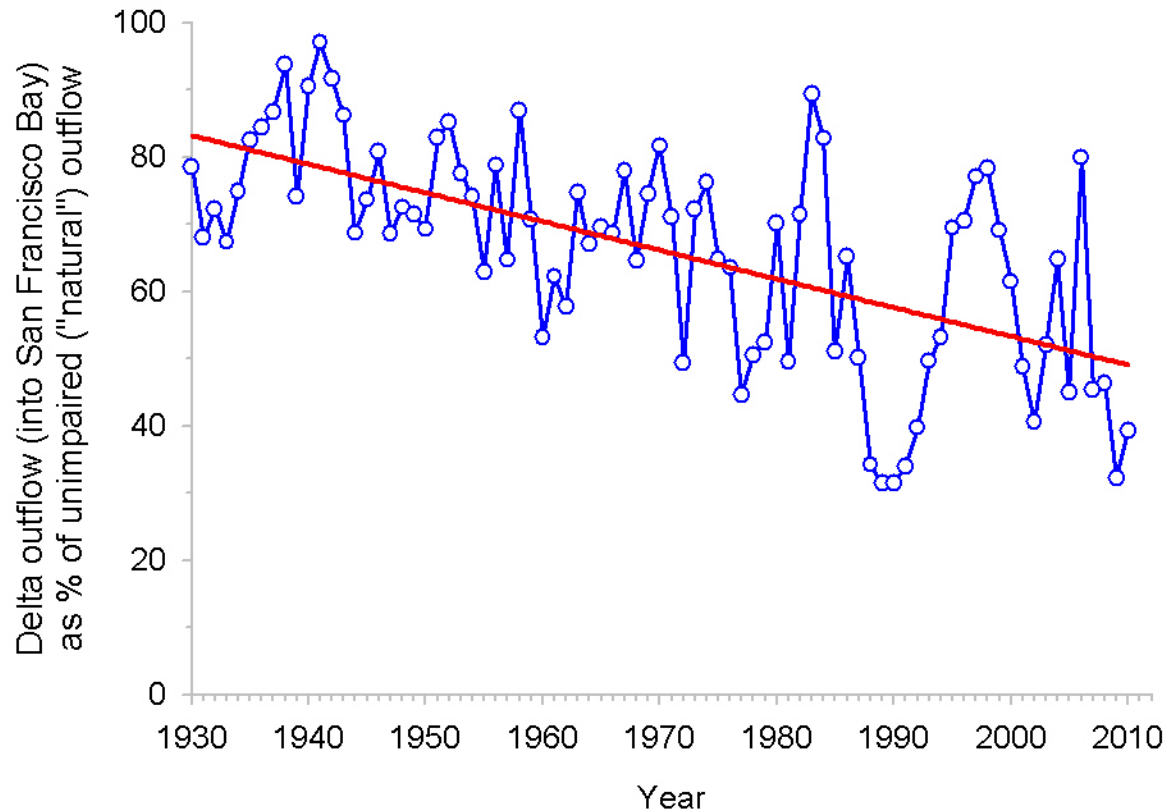


Freshwater flows to San Francisco Bay have been reduced over time to only 50% of the runoff in the watershed



The volume of water flowing all the way through the Bay-Delta estuary has dramatically decreased over time. Only about one-half of the water that once flowed from the mountains and valleys to the Delta makes it downstream to San Francisco Bay today. Upstream diversions, in-Delta diversions, and water exports at the south Delta pumps all contribute to this worsening problem.

Note that the vertical axis shows the percent of delta outflow expressed as the proportion of the unimpaired ("natural") flow, and thus takes into account the precipitation available each year.