

How might a “water bank” work?

Water right holders curtail use.



Municipal and other water right holders that need certainty

Upper Basin



Reservoir storage or held in “account” elsewhere



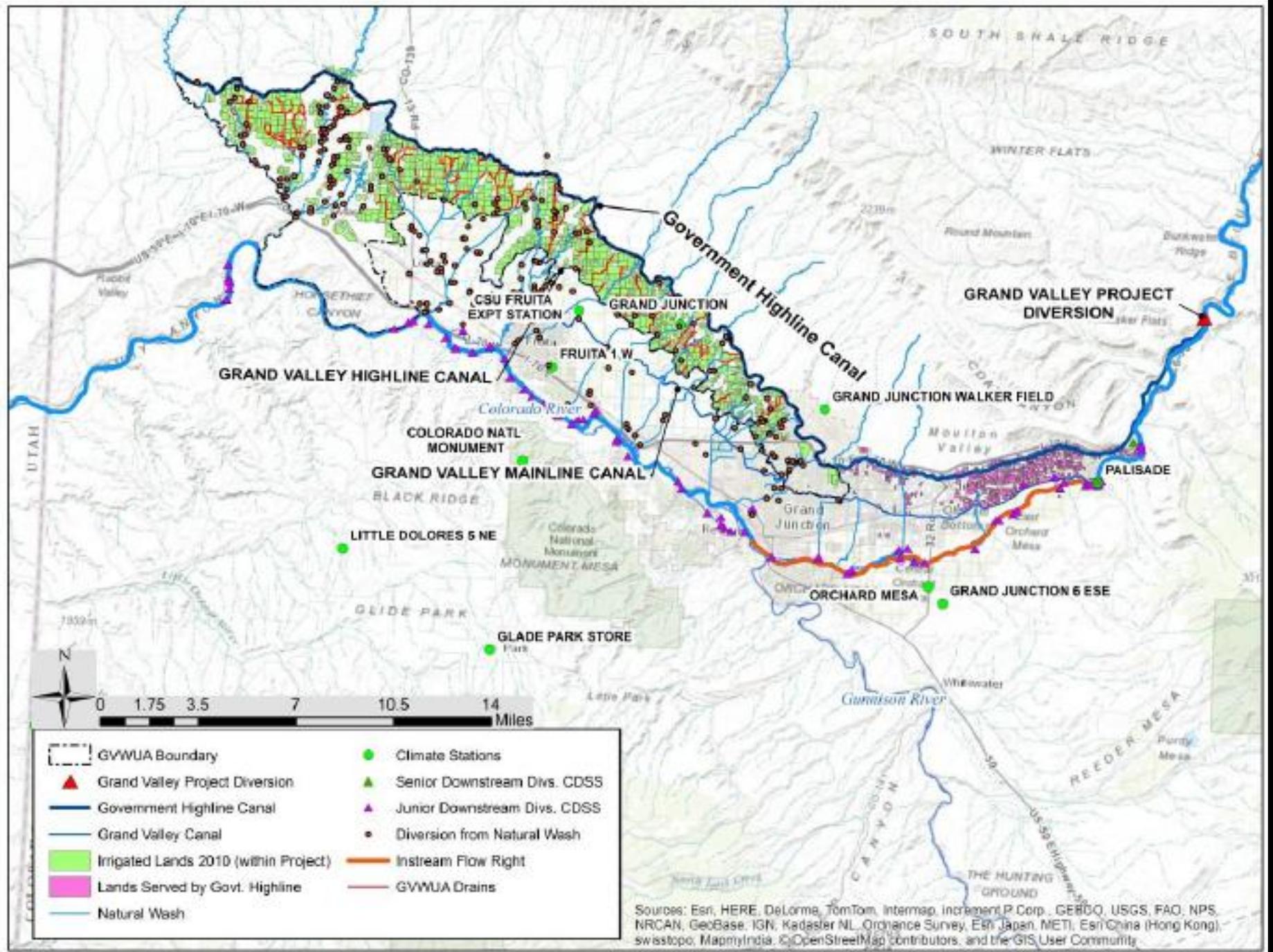
Maintain reservoir levels and releases to meet Compact obligations.



Lower Basin



Curtailment and crisis are averted.



Grand Valley Pilot Project: Goals



- Reduce water use
- Involve a range of partners
- Scale-up
- Test the nuts and bolts
- Help finance infrastructure improvements for ongoing benefits
- Address community concerns

Grand Valley Pilot Project: The Numbers

- 2017 Irrigation Season
- 1,250 acres participating
- 10 farmers
- 4 distinct program activities for reducing water use
- 3,200 AF of water savings
- \$1,000,000 for farmer payments, program administration, and infrastructure improvements

