

**KICKING THE HABIT**  
**ONE COMPANY'S EFFORT TO**  
**MINIMIZE FRESH WATER USE IN**  
**SE NEW MEXICO**



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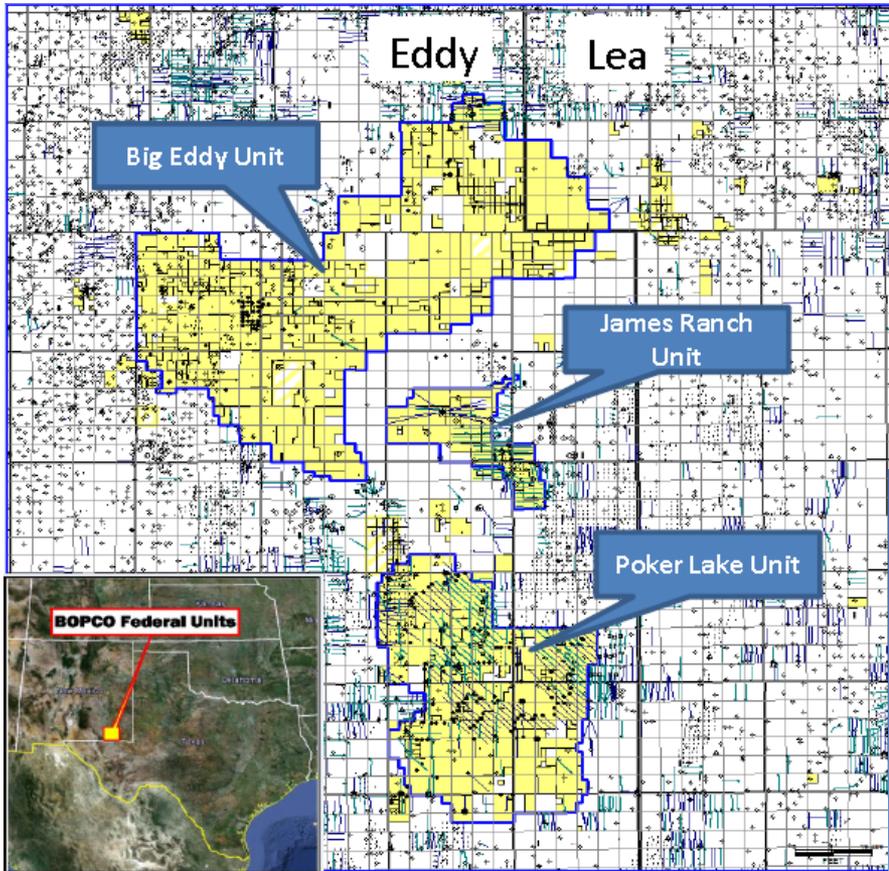
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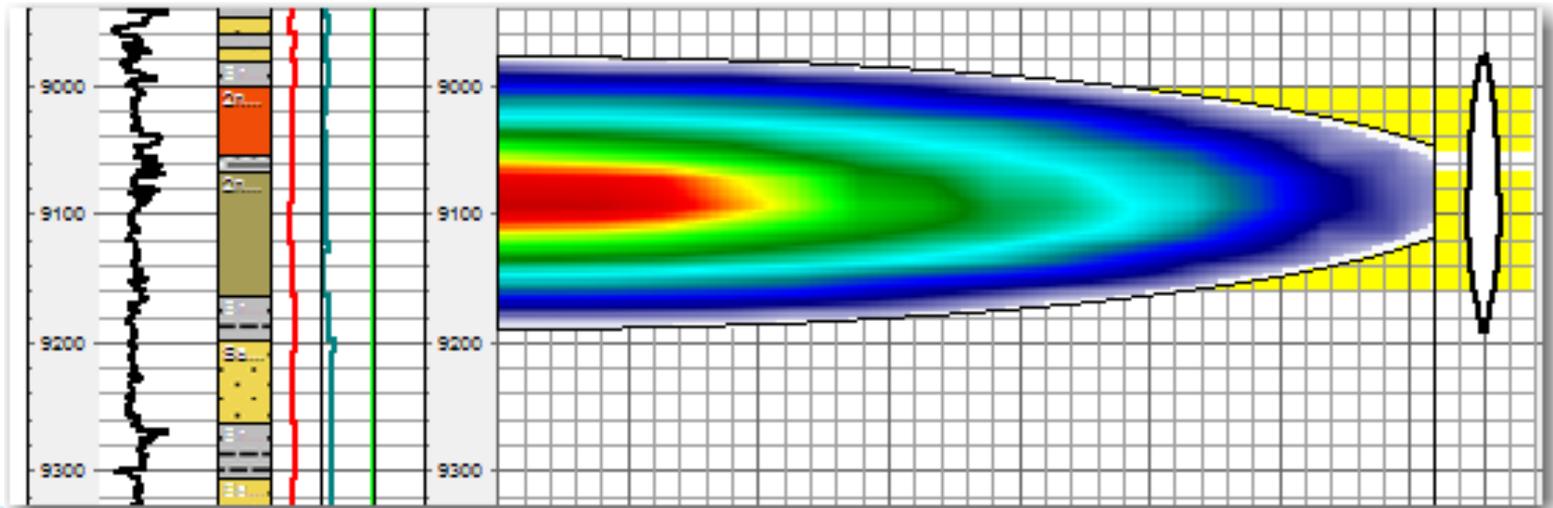


- Three Large Units
- Mostly in Eddy County, NM
- Mostly Federal Acreage
- 200,000 Net Acres
- Contiguous



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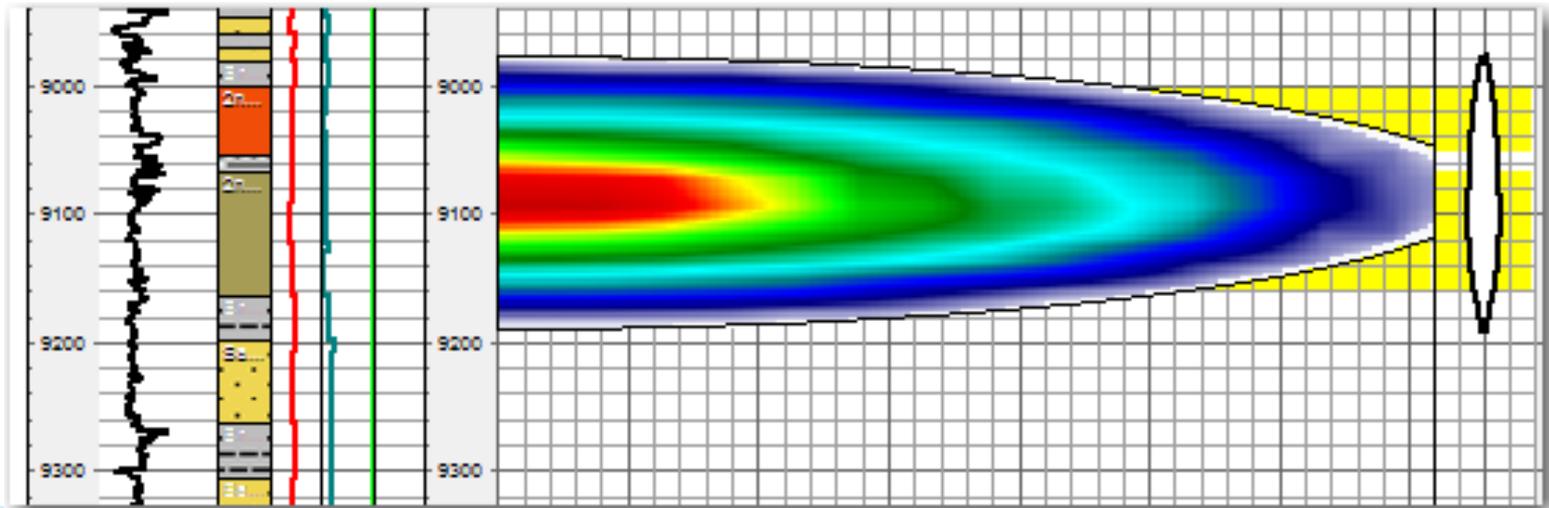


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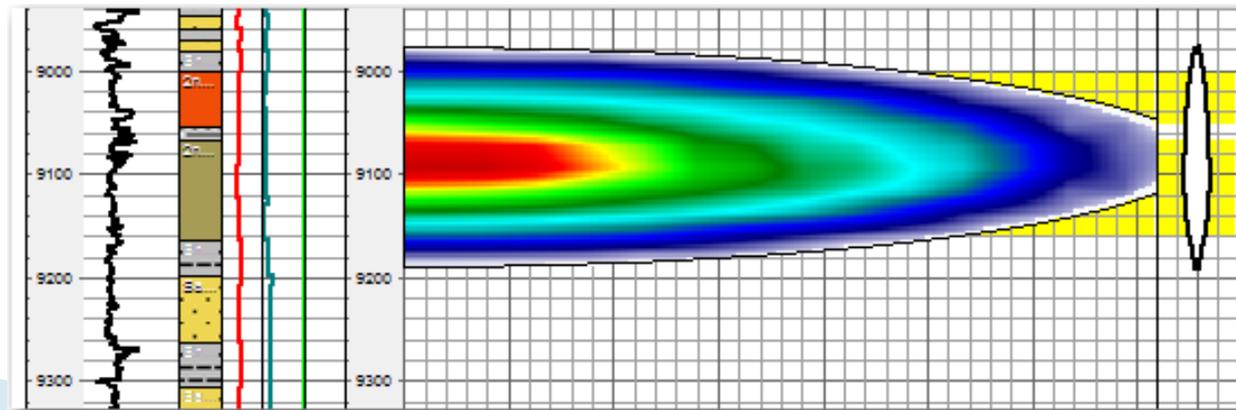
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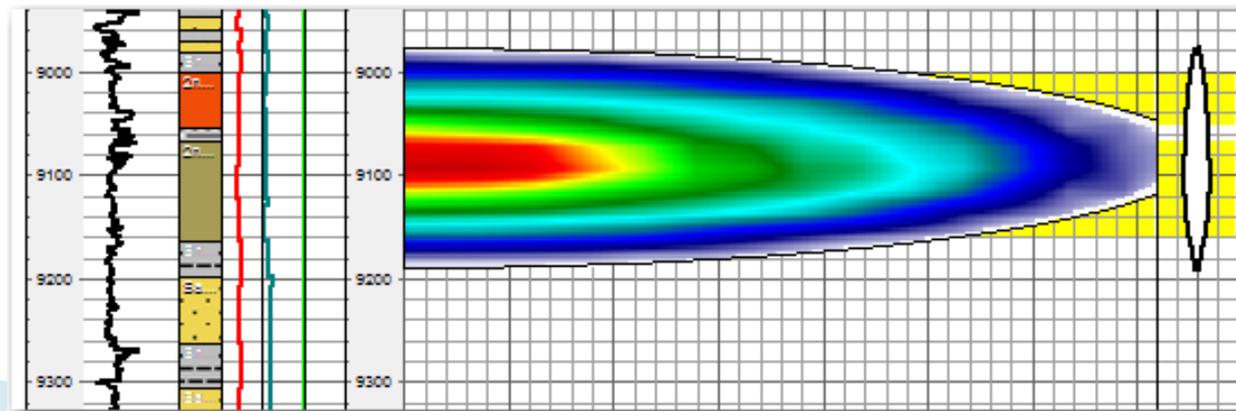
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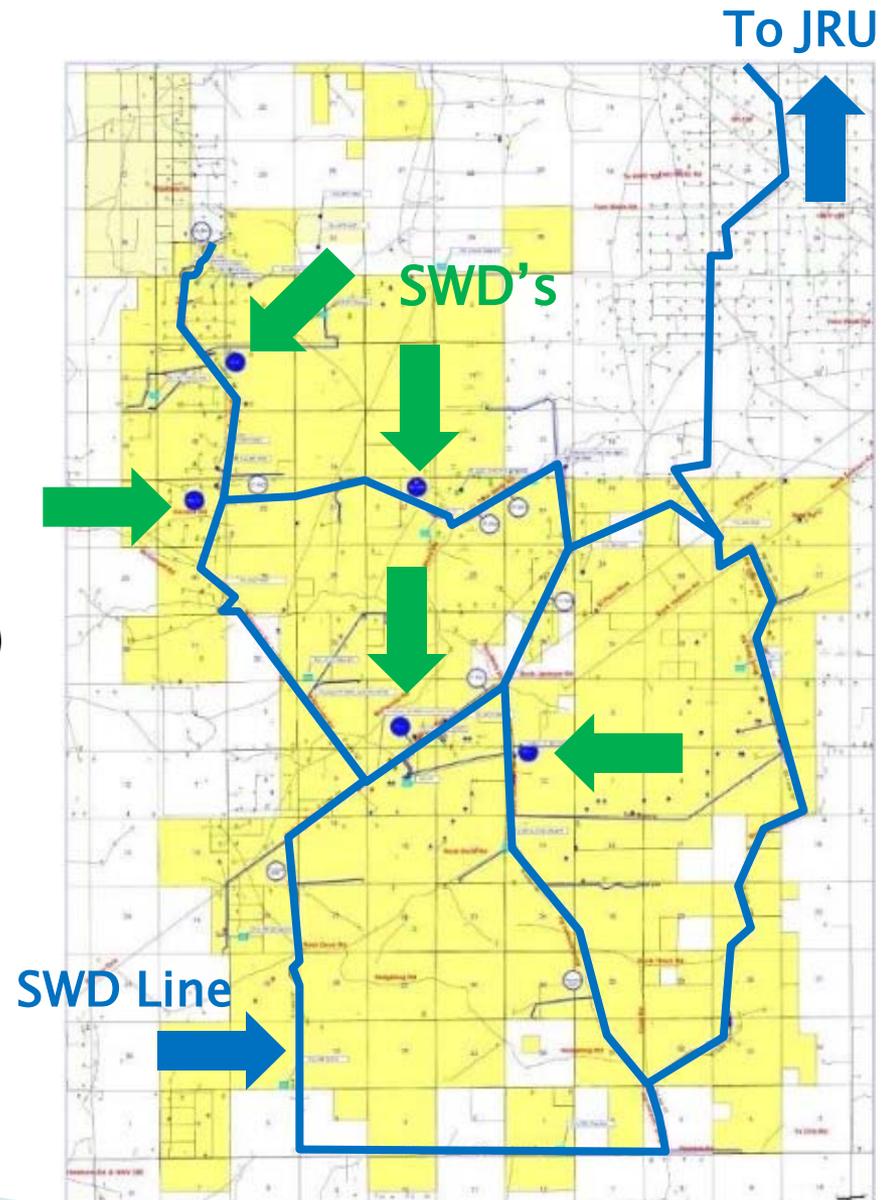
## Alternative

- Produced Water – Plentiful, Natural By-Product of Oil & Gas Production
- Started Movement toward Utilizing Produced Water (PW) as a Stimulation Fluid in 2012



# BOPCOs SWD Infrastructure

- Contiguous Acreage Ideal for Constructing and Utilizing Extensive Infrastructure
- Poker Lake Unit and James Ranch Unit Complete
- Approximately 100,000 BWPD Available
- Work Ongoing in Big Eddy Unit

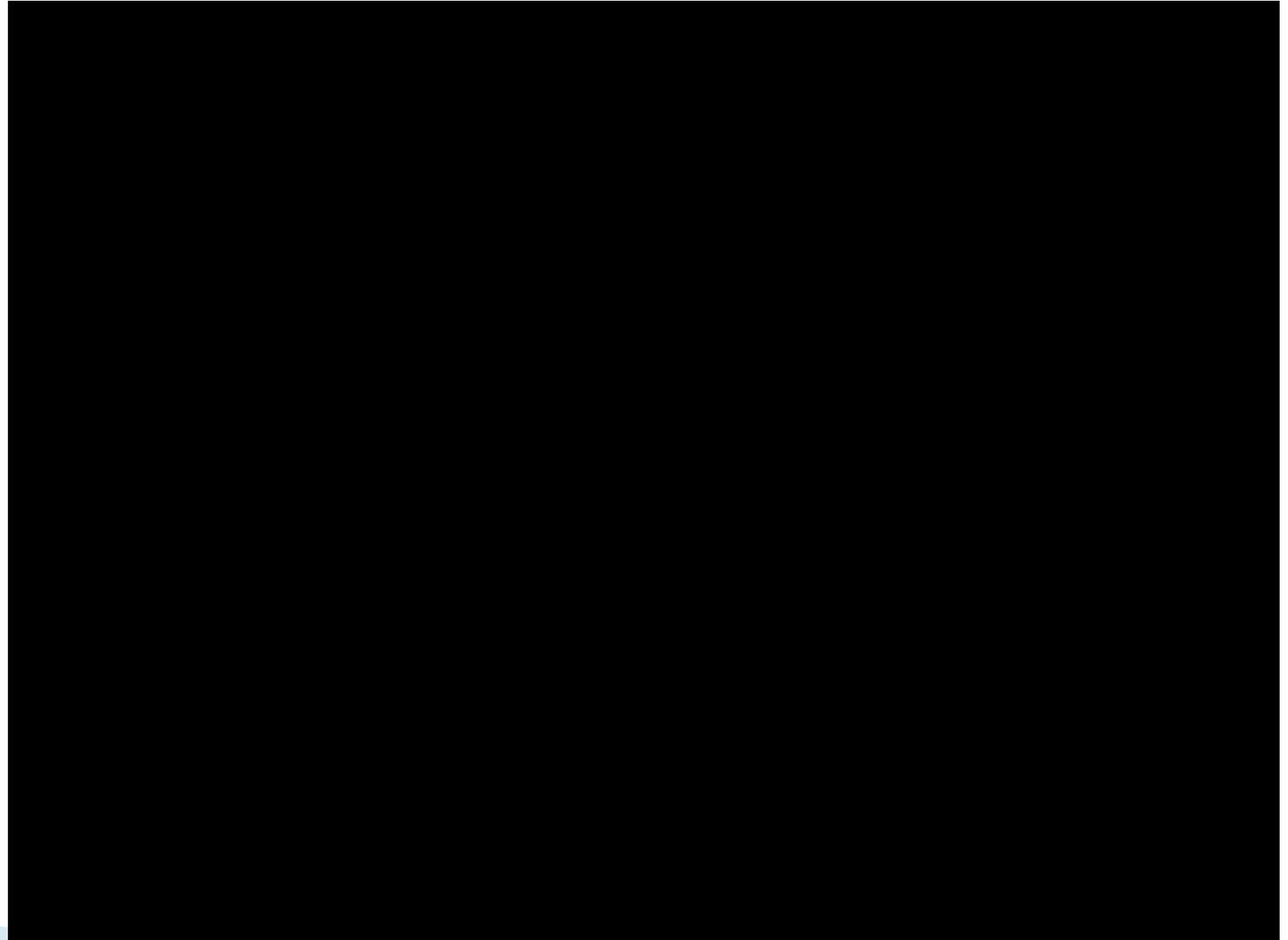


# Challenges of Utilizing Produced Water

- Water is Highly Salt Saturated
- Consistency of PW in SWD System is Unpredictable
- Chemistry to Gel and Crosslink Produced Water is Immature
- Getting PW Where You Need it in the Quantities You Need is Logistically Difficult – Storage a Challenge
- Spilling PW on the Ground is Very Expensive to Clean Up

	Fresh Water	Produced Water
Specific Gravity	1.00	1.19
pH	7.9	5.9
Chlorides	640 ppm	174,000 ppm
Iron	0 ppm	550 ppm
Total Dissolved Solids	1320 ppm	265,000 ppm

# Crosslinked Produced Water Example



# Economics of Fresh Water vs Produced Water

\* – Jobs Assume 15 Stages to Complete Standard 1 Mile Horizontal Well

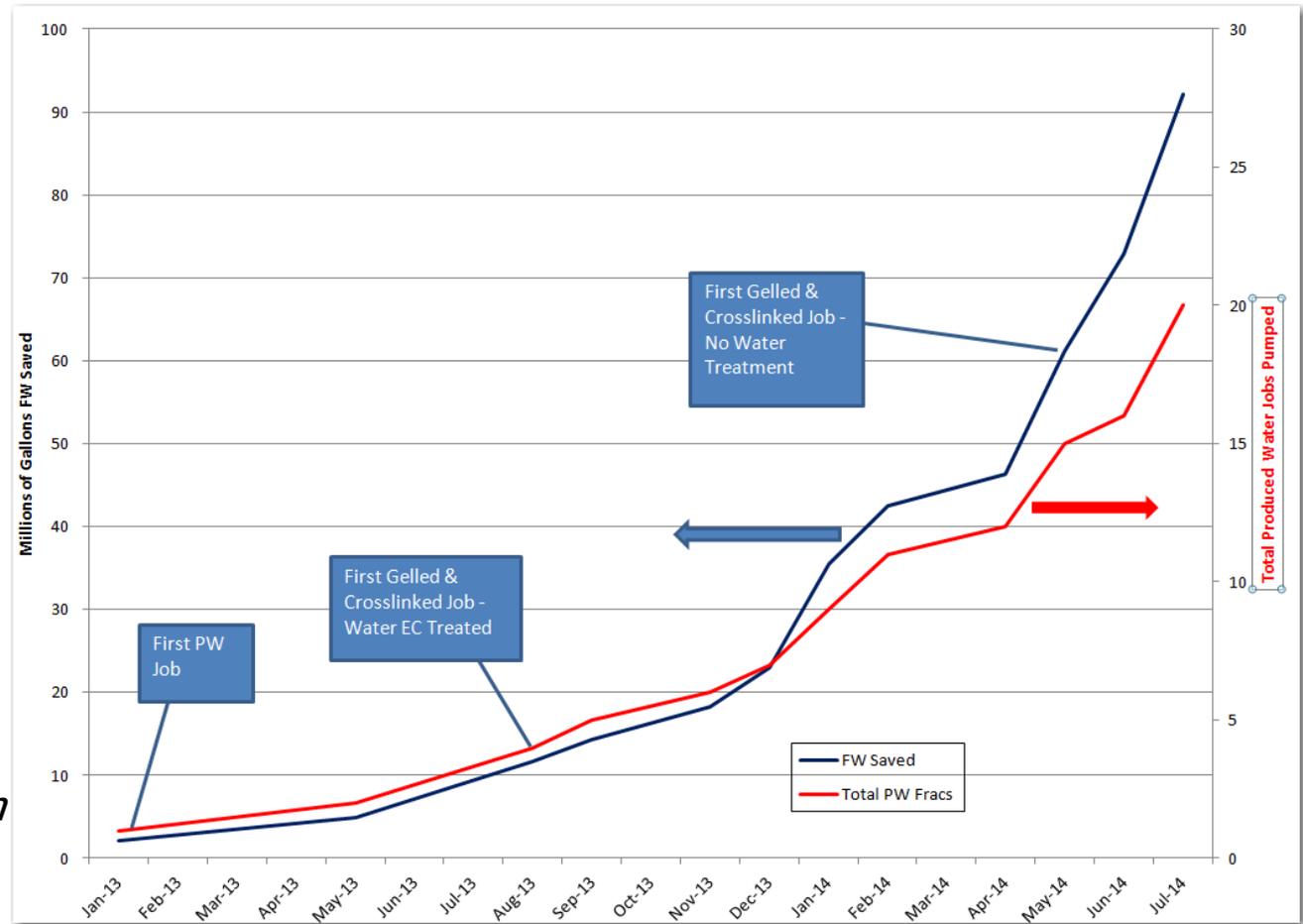
	FW Job	PW w/ EC	PW w/o Treatment
Water Cost	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Water Treatment	\$0	\$65,000	\$22,500
Water Transport	\$75,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Pumping Cost	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Total Cost	\$1,625,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,807,500

## BOTTOM LINE

IT IS EXTREMELY CHALLENGING AND CURRENTLY COST NEUTRAL AT BEST TO UTILIZE PRODUCED WATER AS A STIMULATION FLUID.

# BOPCO's Transition to Produced Water Stimulations

- **January 2013** – First PW Job Pumped in HZ Well
- **August 2013** – First Gelled & X-Linked PW Job Pumped – Water EC Treated to Remove Iron, TPH & TSS
- **May 2014** – First Gelled & XL Job Pumped with No Water Treatment
- **To Date** 20 Jobs Pumped Using 100% PW *Saving Approx 90 MM Gal of Fresh Water*
- **Currently** Utilize 100% Produced Water on ½ of BOPCO Acreage *Saving Approx 5 Million Gal Fresh Water per Job*



# Continuing Optimization

- Logistics
  - Develop Infrastructure to Fully Utilize our Produced Water
  - Looking into Different Storage Options
  - Minimize Frac Tanks by Maximizing Delivery Rate
- Gel Chemistry – Fluid Stability
  - Water analysis
  - Breaker Tests
  - Chemical Usage
  - Temperature Evaluation
  - Scaling Tendency
- EH&S – Spill Prevention
  - Early detection of leaks
  - Use of containment alarms
  - Prompt Clean Up of Spills

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