# Modelling and Water Balance for a Highly Irrigated area in Sinnar

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# Irrigation in Maharashtra

- Water is the most critical factor for enhancing agriculture productivity
- Around 20% of net sown area surface irrigated
- Cost of irrigation in command area
- PMKSY- More crop per drop



## DBI

- Diversion based irrigation s/m (Built during colonial time)
- Protective irrigation in Kharif
- Indirect irrigation (through Well)-Rabi
- DBI active from monsoon till early Rabi season







## Working of DBI



## **Objectives-Benefit analysis of DBI**

- To understand impact of Diversion Based Irrigation system on cropping and groundwater scenario.
- To develop a conceptual model for estimating groundwater flows in and out of the village
- To delineate different zones at village level based on various parameters.
- To build a crop water balance in the village level

## Sinnar taluka

- Large scale of vegetable production and Horticulture
- Devnadi river (39,000 ha catchment)
- Part of watershed GV-21 which was categorized as over exploited.





## Further

- Falls under Drought Prone area (DPA)
- Drought years from year 2012 to 2015
- DBI irrigation system in the taluka
- DBI system based on Devnadi river
- Around 15 active DBI system in place along the river

# Partnering NGO

- Yuva Mitra is a NGO working in Sinnar taluka
- DBI was rejuvenated in the area by YM in a phased manner
- First DBI's to be rejuvenated were in Lonarwadi and Wadgaon Sinnar villages in year 2011
- Average cost of Rejuvenation of one DBI is around 30 lakhs
- WUA were formed for O&M of these systems in each village
- Problem posed: what is the actual effect of DBI?

## **DBI system in Sinnar**



- •12 villages as part of DBI system
- •Starts at Konambe and ends at Deopur

## Wadgaon Sinnar at a glance

- Village located at up stream of Devnadi
- Partly tanker fed in the year 2015
- Agricultural Village





# Geography

- Slope gradient of area 0-5%
- Average rainfall 615 mm.
- Clayey and sandy gravelly clay loam soil



## Literature

- Modelling done in large scale i.e. Large watersheds and basin level
- Steady state condition boundary conditions are no flow condition
- Steady state possible when there is lack of data
- Village level water balance

Ref:

- (Development of steady state groundwater flow model in lower Walawa Basin- Sri Lanka; Amarsingha Seneviratne)
- Steady state Unconfined Aquifer simulation of the Garegh-Bygone Plain, Iran; Hossein Hashemi

## Daily water balance

- Framework for DBI village water balance-
- Estimating stock and flows in the presence and absence of canal on a particular day.



# Well observations- Stock

- Selection of wells
- Periodic recording







# Flow: Cropping

- Kharif- tomato, soyabean
- Rabi- Wheat and onion
- Summer- groundnut
- ET loads calculated

Season		Crops	Cropping percent	No. of watering (on average)	Type of irrigation
Kharif	Soya bean	60	70	Rainfall/flood	Canal/well
	Other vegetable	40	-	Flood	Well/canal
Rabi	Wheat	38	41	Flood	Well
	Onion	41	37	Flood	Well
	Others	22	5-8	Drip/flood	Well 17

## Over view of cropping



# LULC of village



Cropping in 2015: 300ha Cropping in 2016: 425ha

#### **TAO** Data

Data obtained from agricultural officer in SinnarComparing that data with LULC data

Village		Area (ha)	Cultivable land (ha)
Wadgaon Sinnar		815	693
Rabi	TAO		160
	LULC		425
Kharif	ТАО		562

# Modelling for given day

- The stocks and flows on a given day-25/11/2016
- Stock: Groundwater known by Well readings
- Flow: Canal , ET load, River, hill
- Taking snapshot of the day

## **Boundary condition**



# Modelling issues

- Transient, for a given day
- Making steady state condition from transient state condition
- Computing flows from boundary condition
- Finding the ET loads

## **Measuring Canal**

Pygmy Current meter used for canal measurement
Flows measured at various points along the canal



## **Canal flows**



Date	Location	Point 1(lps)	Point 2 (lps)	Distance	Percolate
				(km)	(lps/km)
26/10/2016	Sinnar Vijayvaran	126.6	102.4	1.5	16
27/11/2016	Wadagon Sinnar	28.4	4.8	2.6	9

## Total seepage from canal to ground calculated as 2.4 TCM in Wadgaon Sinnar

Steady vs Transient state  

$$K\left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2}\right) - W_s = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(K_x\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(K_y\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(K_z\frac{\partial h}{\partial z}\right) - W = \frac{S_s}{K}\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \dots \dots$$

$$W_S = W_T + S_y \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta t}$$

## **Converting Transient to steady**

- S 1: Calibration: Run the model with different recharge (RHS) values in steady state to match the well readings.
- S 2: Equate this calibrated recharge with Et load –Sy. Check that these match estimates.
- S 3: Interpret flow budgets and check with canal flow
- S 4: If fine: simulate with no canal condition
- S 5: Compare

# Running the model

- S1.1: Boundary condition, Drains
- S1.2: Layers and K- obs wells and lit
- S 1.3 Specific yield
- S1.4 Recharge (-ve) used for calibration

Properties	Layer 1	Layer 2
Drains	75 m^2/day/m	-
Thickness	12-20 m	10m
K values	1-2 m/day	0.009 m/day
Specific yield	0.025	

# S 1.1 Finding BC by wells reading

- Factors affecting wells
  - Spatial
  - Elevation
  - Temporal
  - Distance from river
  - Distance from cana



# Determining the B.C

- 48 well readings
- Parameters effecting each well
- Linear regression equation

## W = aX + cZ + dT + K -

Coefficients

a= 0.0429; c= 0.1353; T=0.0754 and K= -1.1739

- R^2=0.69 for above equation
- Used at hill side

### Revision: How to asses canal impact?

- Considering 2 scenarios
- Scenario 1: as is
- Scenario 2: What if



# **Recall: Modelling**

• Initial conceptual layer in MODFLOW



# ET loads calculation

- ET loads was calculated using LULC classification and Survey data
- ET loads obtained fro cropping was averaged for whole area

	Onion	Wheat	Others
C.Ratio	35%	35%	30%
ET load	400mm	500mm	350mm
Cropping days	120	120	110

## Dry run



# With actual ET load lot of cells go dry in the model which indicate dropping ground water

## **ET** zones



## Model run 1



#### Computed vs. Observed Values



## Equating the recharge

	MODFLO			Calculated	
	W ET load	Actual ET	Difference	drop for 21	Obs. Drop
ET zones	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	days (m)	(m)
Zone 1	1.3	2.51	1.21	1.01	0.4
Zone 2	1	2.59	1.59	1.34	2.3
Zone 3	0.8	2.13	1.32	1.2	1.8
Zone 4	0	2.31	2.31	1.94	1.3
Zone 5	0.3	1.52	1.22	1.02	1.2
Zone 6	0.6	2.30	1.70	1.43	1.6

# S:3:Zone budget add canal check

Zones	Constant IN (TCM)	Constant Out (TCM)
Zone 2 (model)	2.84	.72
Measured	2.4	-



November	GW stock (TCM)
Zone 1	670
Zone 2	360
Zone 3	1325
Zone 4	535
Total	<b>2900</b>



# Model run without canal

- To change Recharge (ET load) to match internal well levels/heads.
- Compare the new recharge values with the model 1 values

## Model run 2



## Difference in ET loads

	MODFLOW recharge load	MODFLOW recharge load	Difference
E 1 zones	(mm) Scenario 1	(mm) Scenario 2	
Zone 1	1.3	0.3	1
Zone 2	1	0.3	0.7
Zone 3	0.8	0.8	0
Zone 4	0	0	0
Zone 5	0.3	0.3	0
Zone 6	0.6	0.6	0

## Area under new ET

			Cropping	Cropping	ET load	
	Scenarios	Area (ha)	area (ha)	percent	(mm)	
Zone1	With Canal	160	104	65	2.5	
	Without					
	canal	160	63	39	1.5	
Zone2	With Canal	85	58	68	2.59	
	Without					
	canal	85	44	51	1.89	
Change in	cropping in z	one 1 is 39%				
Change in	cropping in z	one 2 is 24%				
Simple Cost benefit analysis of canal:						
Complete irrigation during Kharif and nearly 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> time for Rabi irrigation						
provided for 54ha of land by canal						
Rejuvenation Infrastructure Cost/ha= Rs.55000.						

#### Re check: GW stock 3500 3000 2500 Stock in TCM 2000 1500 GW-Stock (TCM) 1000 500 0 November December February March January April **Time period**

• GW stock decreases from 3194 TCM in November to 850 TCM in April

•Larger Drop in the month February and March

# Output 2

• Canal 'blocking' the sub surface flow



## Comment

- Initial zoning
- New zoning



## Conclusions

- Area under the influence of DBI was quantified
- DBI is much better alternative to conventional system
- DBI rejuvenation should be done
- Cost recovery in 4-5 years depending on crop

## Scope of Future works and limitation

- Understanding Inter well pumping in the village. To determine the water pockets in the village
- Transient state modelling of village, considering the whole watershed of village
- Complete length of canal could not be simulated

# Thank You