

## Watersheds and Flooding

watershed - an area of land that drains into a specific river

flood - the flow of water over the banks of a body of water and across land.

Notes from textbook:

① How many watersheds are in CA? \_\_\_\_\_

② What are the two S. CA watersheds?

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③ Why are watersheds important?

④ What helps control the flow of water in a watershed? \_\_\_\_\_

How?

Video Notes:

"What's a Watershed?"

A watershed is an area of land that drains water to a common outlet, such as a river or the ocean. The boundary between two watersheds is a ridge or a barrier that prevents water from flowing from one watershed to another. This boundary is called a watershed divide.

Watersheds are important because they determine which water bodies a watershed drains into. This means that the water quality and quantity in a watershed can have a significant impact on the water quality and quantity in the water bodies it drains into.

Watersheds are also important because they help us understand how human activities can affect the environment. For example, if we know that a watershed drains into a river, we can take steps to protect the river by reducing pollution and conserving water in that watershed.

"Stressed Watersheds"

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