

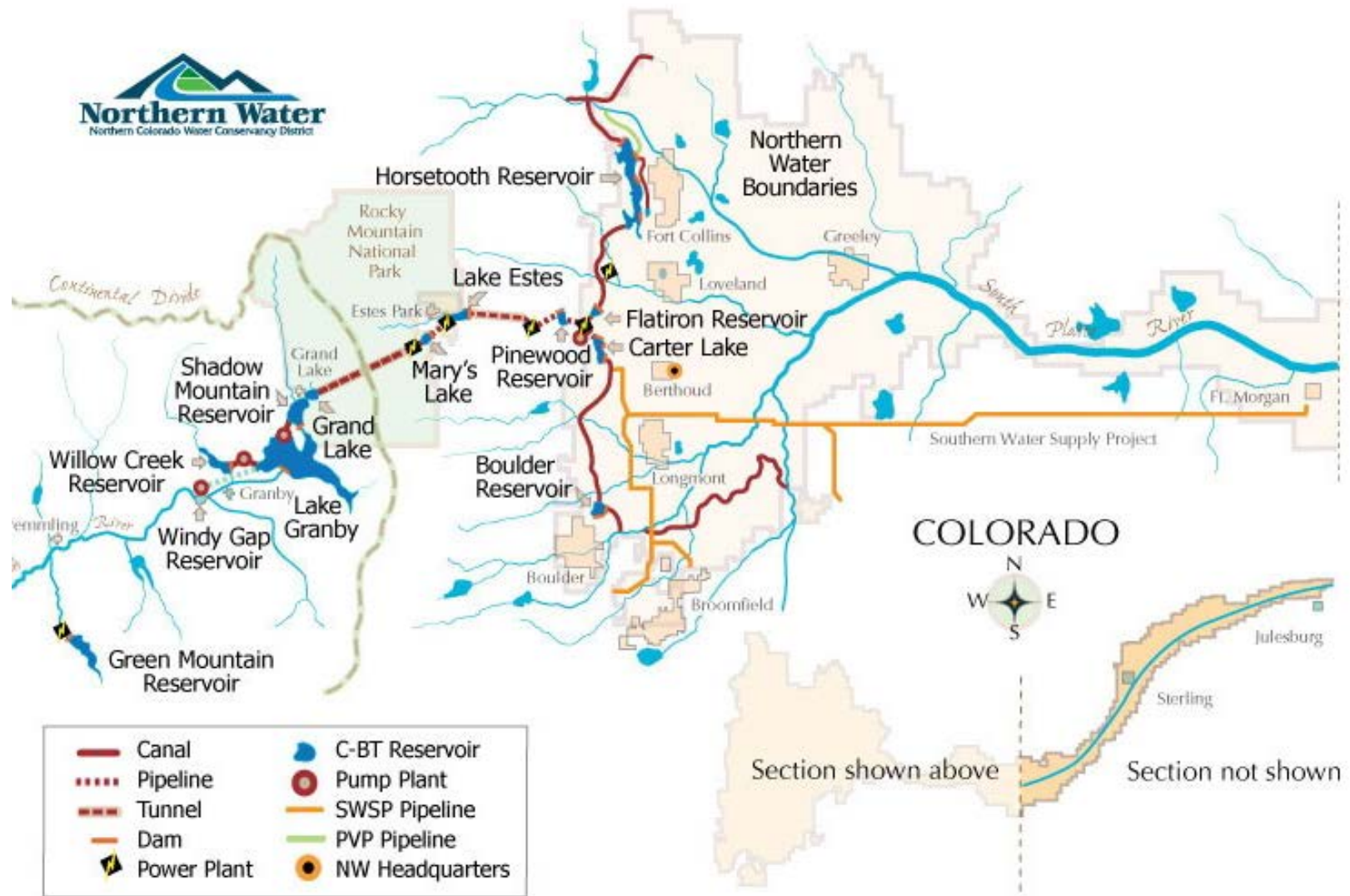
ADMINISTRATION OF WATER RIGHTS AND TRANSACTION COSTS

NORTHERN WATER & THE C-BT PROJECT

Water Transfers Workshop

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Northern Water: Colorado-Big Thompson Project



Fundamental Framework

- Transbasin Water Right
- Water Conservancy Act
 - State of Colorado
- U.S. “Senate Document 80”
 - 75th Congress, 1937
- Repayment Contract
 - Northern Water/Reclamation, 1938
- Northern Water
 - Rules, Regulations & Guidelines

Evolution of the Region

□ Changes in Population

- 1957: 150,000
- 2011: 850,000

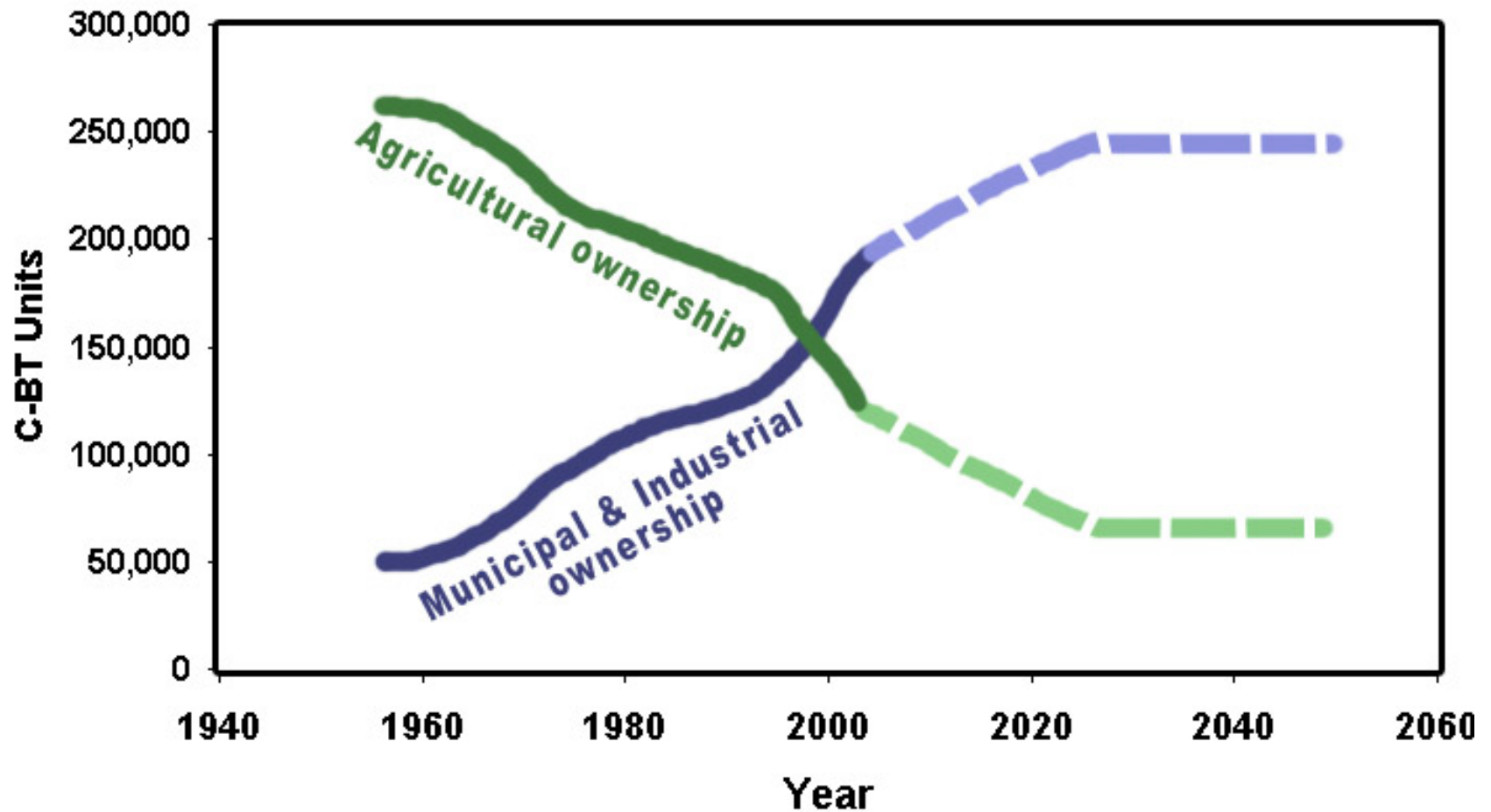
□ C-BT Ownership

- 1957: 85% Agriculture, 15% Cities/Districts/Industry
- 2011: 34% Agriculture, 66% Cities/Districts/Industry

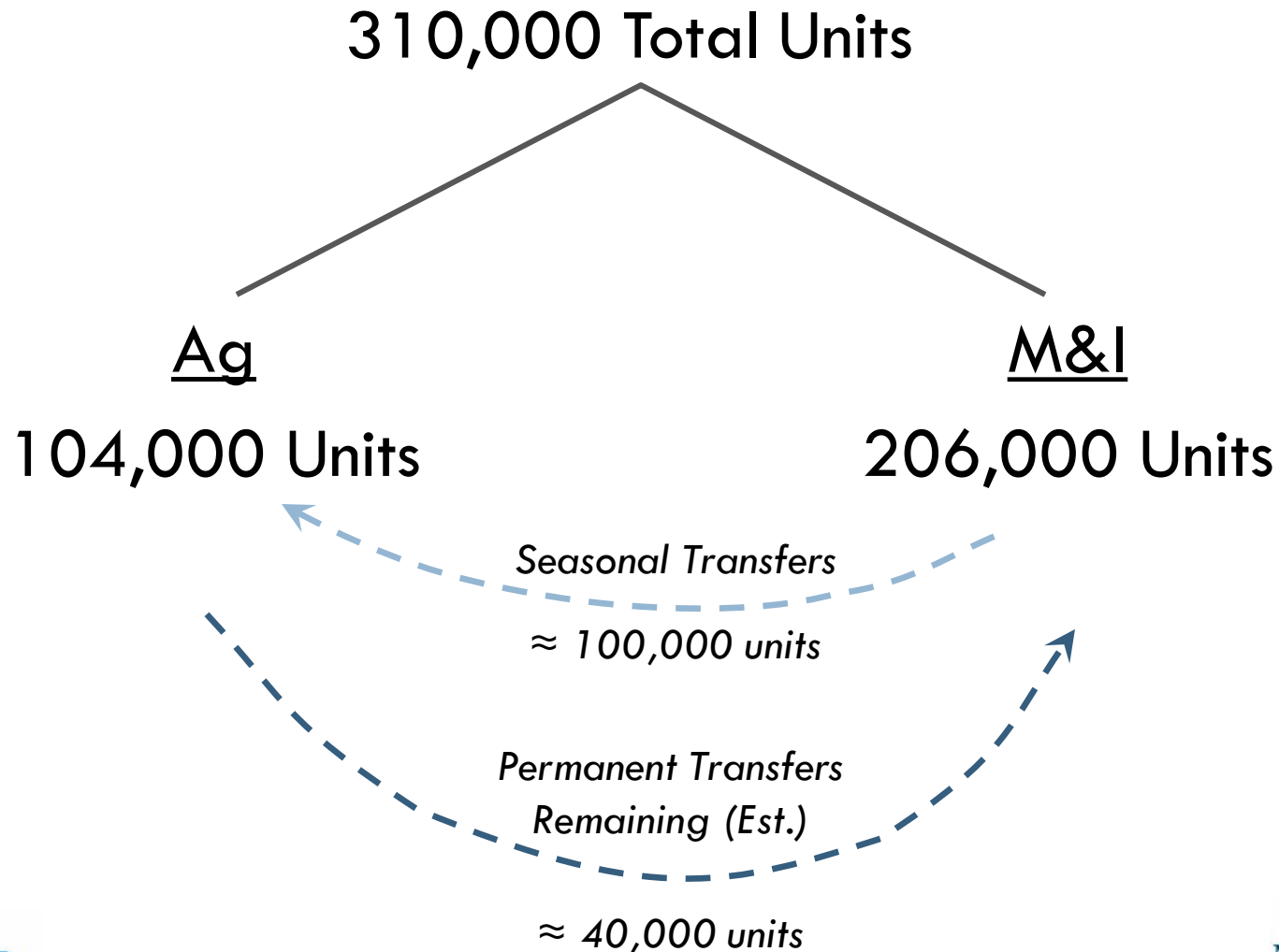
□ C-BT Deliveries

- 1957: 98% Ag Use, 2% M & I Use
- 2011: 67% Ag Use, 33% M & I Use

Colorado-Big Thompson Ownership



Unit Disposition



Transfer Considerations

- Seasonal Transfers (no cost)
 - Limited Involvement from Northern Water
 - Not Restricted to the Use Type Defined by Underlying Allottee Contract
 - By special request and approval, may be a supply to a Substitute Water Supply Plan (SWSP)

Transfer Considerations

- Ownership (Permanent) Transfers (\$200)
 - Use within Northern Water Boundaries
 - Supplemental in Nature (i.e. Base Water Supply)
 - IF Transferred to Ag:
 - ✓ History of Irrigation
 - ✓ Total Supply (C-BT + Base) Limited to 3' per Acre
 - IF Transferred to M&I:
 - ✓ Total C-BT Ownership Limited to Average Demand LESS Firm Base Supply
 - ✓ To date, no conditions requiring maintenance of return flows

Questions?

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