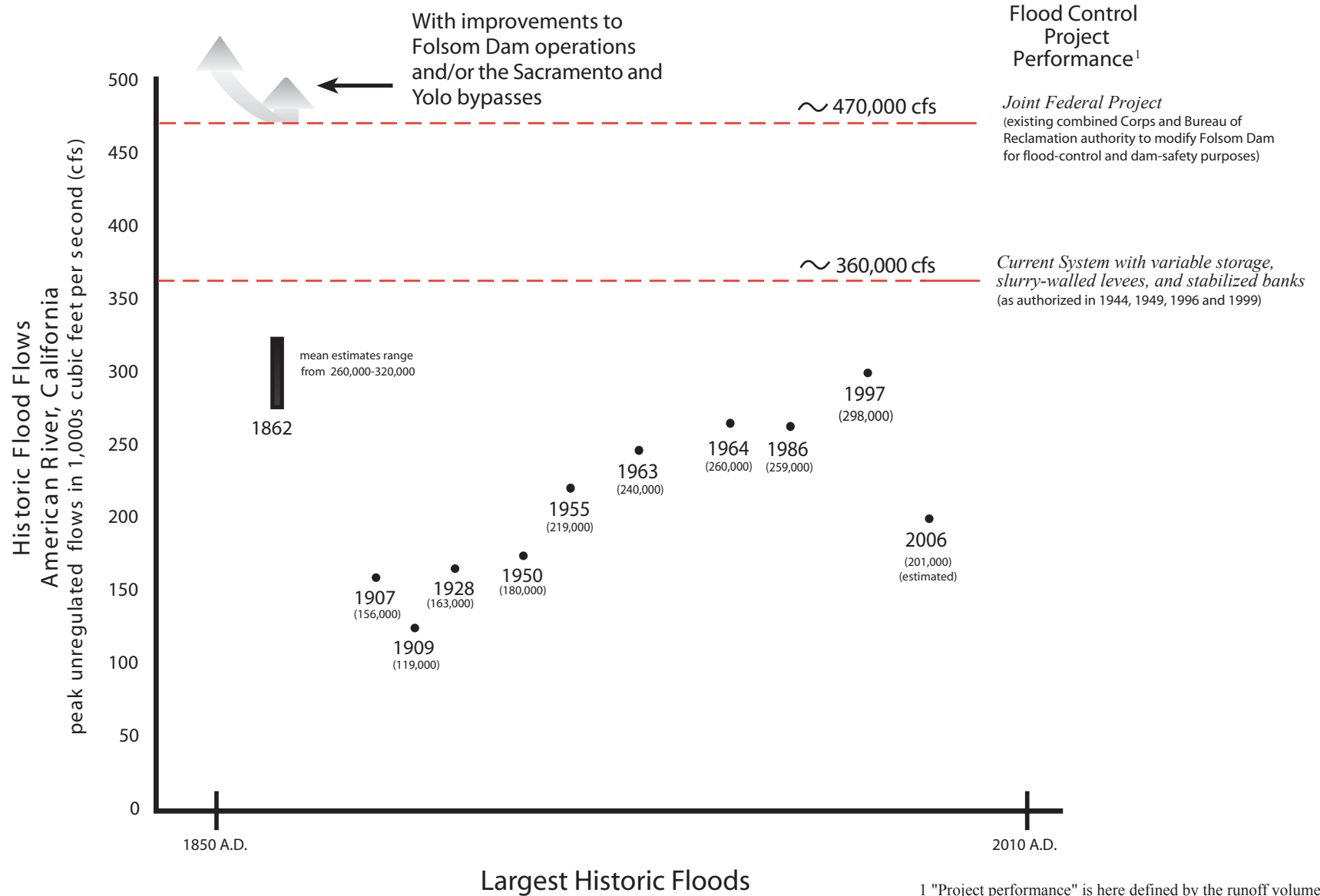


Record American River Floods, Existing and Authorized Flood Control Project Performance



¹ "Project performance" is here defined by the runoff volume (as measured by the flood peak of the unregulated "design flood" hydrograph) that a particular flood-control system can reliably accommodate. In dam-controlled watersheds, use of unregulated (total flow into rivers and storage) runoff-volume hydrographs allows planners to easily compare the performance of past, existing, and planned flood-control projects against historic, modern, and hypothetical storm-runoff events.