

Funding Routine Monitoring with Federal Dollars

The LCRA Experience

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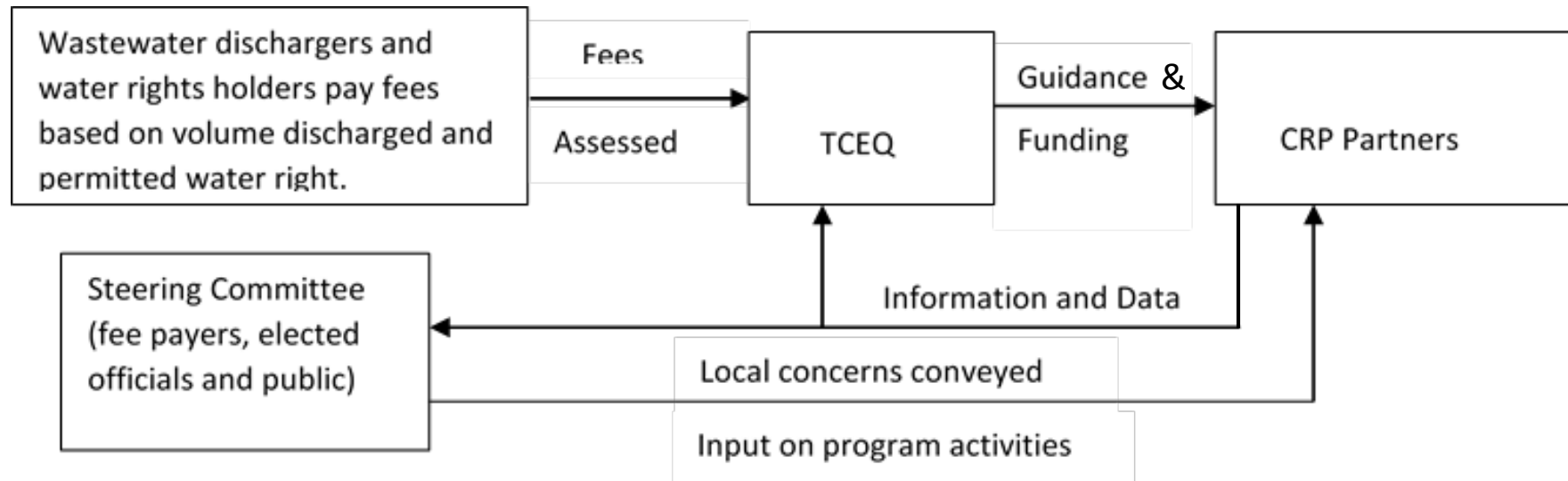
Where were you in 1991?

- Desert Storm
- Internet was made available to the public
- The Simpsons began their domination of network television
- Nirvana released Nevermind



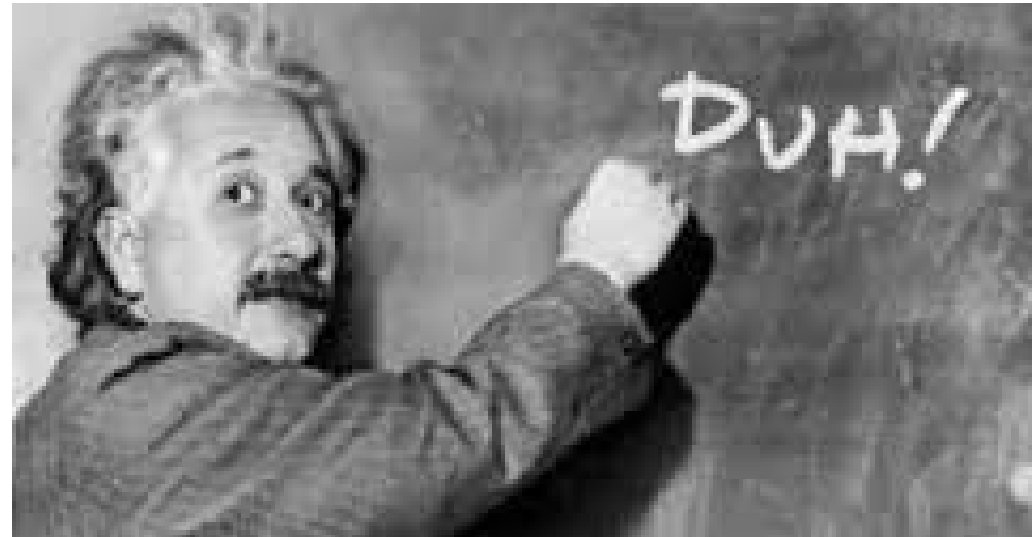
And...CRP was created by SB 818

- What were the goals of the program?
- How was money generated – creative financing

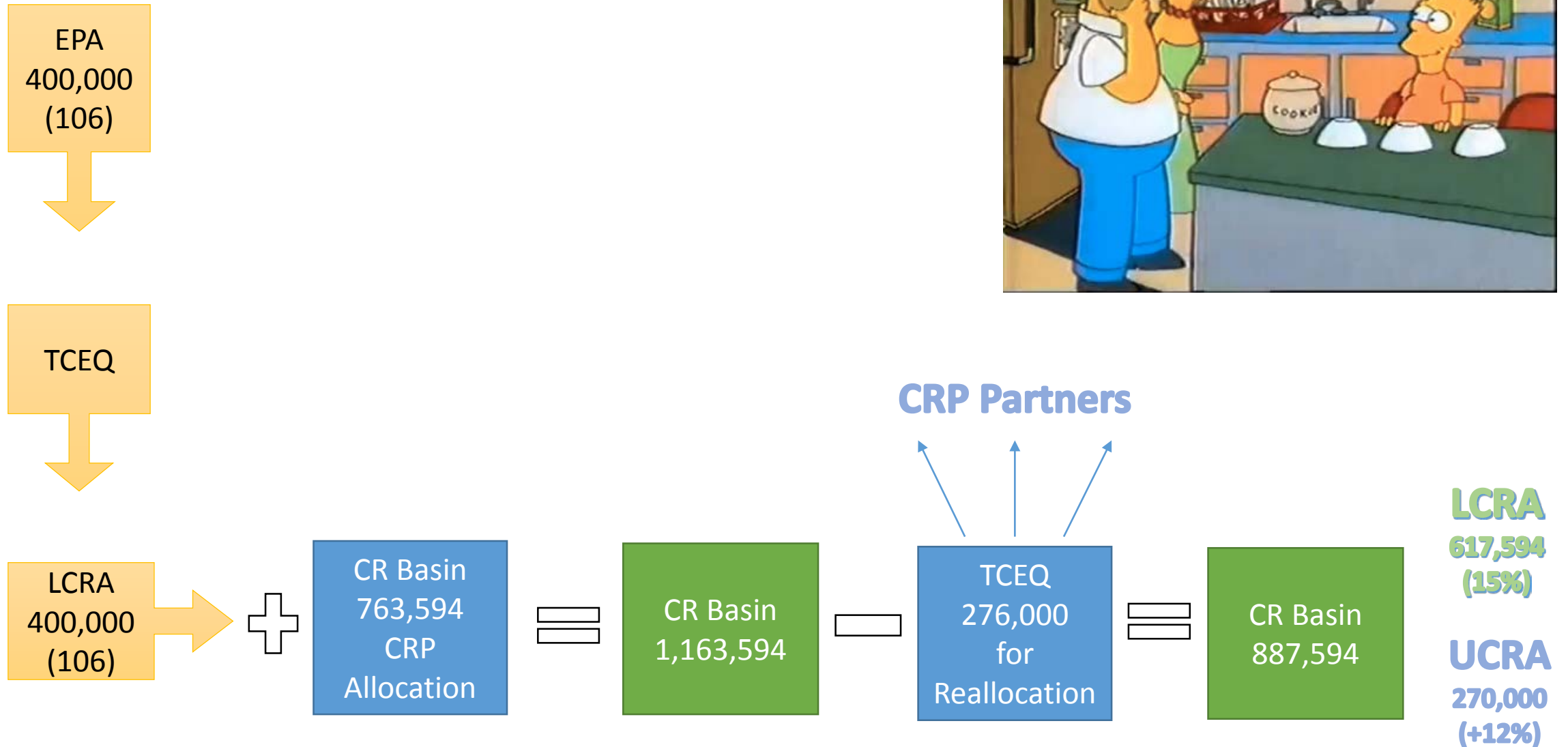


Present

- 42% decrease in TCEQ monitoring in the CR basin since 2003
- 10% decrease in CRP contract allocation to the CR basin since 1999
- Increased costs (labor, analysis, equipment, fuel etc.)



Creative Financial Solution



Pros

- Increases or helps maintain funding for all

Cons

- Administrative burden - slightly different grant requirements
(Undergoing our single audit now)
- QA Burden – QAPP and QAP
- Different PM's

In closing

- It's not 1991 any more
 - Dedicated funding is no more
 - Costs are increasing
 - Reduction in TCEQ monitoring is leaving data gaps
- “Outside” funding sources may be the new norm
- Benefits outweigh the cost, today