Warm and cold wet-states in the western United States during the Plio-Pleistocene

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Scaling of potential evapotranspiration with surface temperature

We use climate model experiments to estimate how net surface radiation (R_N) and potential evapotranspiration (E_p) scale with temperature (Equation 4). To do so we sum the radiation fluxes (Equation 4) to obtain the annual net surface radiation (R_N) and calculate average annual temperature for all land grid cells in our domain of interest (30-45 °N, 102-121 °W). We then calculate domain average temperature and R_N anomalies for the LGM and Pliocene using the PMIP3 and PlioMIP output (Table DR5) relative to the preindustrial control experiments (see next section). We also include 25 CMIP5 climate models using 30-year averages from the historical (1976-2005) and RCP 8.5 (2070-2099) simulations (where the historical period is taken as the control point). The R_N anomalies are calculated as a percentage change relative to the control.

The potential evapotranspiration calculated from the net surface radiation scales with surface temperature at a rate of 1.6%/K (Figure DR1). For this study we use the net-radiation formulation of potential evapotranspiration (Roderick et al., 2014) and thus use the scaling factor of 1.6%/K for the NARR sensitivity analyses. This regional result derived using the CMIP5, PMIP3 and PlioMIP models is similar to previous work using CMIP3 and CMIP5 models which suggest empirical scalings of R_N to temperature of ~0.9 to 1.5 %/K (Milly and Dunne, 2016; Scheff and Frierson, 2014; Roderick et al., 2014; 2015).

Processing of climate model output and NARR dataset

To carry out our lake area modeling (Equations 2 and 3), we use monthly average output from the North American Regional Reanalysis (NARR) (Mesinger et al., 2006), the Paleoclimate Model Intercomparison Project 3 (PMIP3) ensemble and the Pliocene Model Intercomparison Project (PlioMIP) ensemble (Braconnot et al., 2012; Haywood et al., 2011; 2013). PlioMIP conducted two distinct simulations; we choose to use Experiment 2, which is the full oceanatmosphere climate model simulations of the mid-Pliocene (*cf.* Haywood et al., 2013), making them more directly comparable to the LGM model output from PMIP3. We only use the archived energy and precipitation fields for forward modeling lake area distributions (Equation 2), and follow Roderick et al. (2014) by also using evapotranspiration (ET) fields to derive estimates of the regional ω parameters used in the Budyko equation (Equation 3). The models used in this study (Table DR4) are a subset of the PMIP3 and PlioMIP ensembles that included all of the necessary surface energy and water flux variables necessary to carry out our calculations. Because of different model resolutions we re-grid all model data prior to further analysis using the 'fields' package in R (Nycha et al. 2016).

We use the methods outlined by Roderick et al. (2014) and process the NARR and climate model output by calculating the annual sum of potential evapotranspiration (E_p) as the liquid water equivalent of the net irradiance (Equation 4 in main text). Further, annually summed precipitation (P) and evapotranspiration were tabulated from monthly averages. We use all of the land-grid cells where ET does not exceed P annually to fit the Budyko relationship (Equation 3 in main text) using the 'nls2' package in R (Grothendieck, 2013). The derived ω values are reported in Table DR5. The median change in E_p/P vs. ET/P for all grid cells in the domain for each model is shown in Figure DR2 with the mean ω value over all models contoured. We plot the median change of E_p/P vs. ET/P, rather than mean changes, for each individual model because the spatial distributions of E_p , P and ET are skewed in the modeling domain of interest. To avoid potential biases in absolute precipitation amount simulated by different models, we plot the anomaly relative to the pre-industrial control simulation in the predicted lake surface area

change in Figure 2B rather than the absolute value. Further, since our objective is to model trends and lake area distributions, we determine E_L using the Priestley-Taylor equation (Priestley, 1959; Priestley and Taylor, 1972; Summer and Jacobs, 2005):

$$LE = \alpha \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma} R_N \tag{DR1}$$

where LE is the latent heat flux that is related to lake evaporation (E_L in equation 3 in the main text) by the latent heat of vaporization, α =1.25 is an empirically determined dimensionless correction, Δ is the slope of the saturation vapor-pressure curve, which is temperature dependent, γ is the psychometric constant, which is elevation dependent, and R_N is the net downward radiation at the surface (see equation 4). Use of more complex evaporation equations would require additional parameters that are difficult to estimate or measure in the past (e.g., Linacre, 1977).

To carry out the NARR sensitivity analyses (Figure 2A, 2C, 2D and DR3), we scale precipitation linearly using a scaling factor as described in the main text. Temperature is scaled linearly to scale R_N (equation 4) by 1.6%/K (see previous section). Further, because we use the Priestley-Taylor equation (Priestley, 1959; Priestley and Taylor, 1972; Sumner and Jacobs, 2005) to approximate lake evaporation (E_L in equation 2 in the main text) changes in temperature change the slope (Δ) of the saturation vapor-pressure curve. For the NARR sensitivity analyses, we use the US catchment median value of $\omega = 2.6$ (Greve et al., 2015). If we were to use a lower ω value (see for example PMIP3/PlioMIP control simulations in Table DR5), as suggested by maps of modern catchment derived ω values in Greve et al. (2015), the effect of decreasing evaporative demand on increasing LGM lake levels would be greater, suggesting lower precipitation scaling factors (Figure 2C and 2D). Conversely, the increase in precipitation needed to drive Pliocene lake areas would be lower, but greater than pre-industrial. However, a majority of the models suggest a decrease in ω for the LGM but not the Pliocene (Table DR5).

Dataset Treatment

LGM Normalized Lake Areas. LGM lake areas were compiled from the tables and maps of the sources listed in Table DR1 (Allen, 2005; Reheis, 1999; Orme, 2008; Grayson, 2011; *Natural Earth* database; Soller et al., 2009; Williams and Bedinger, 1984; Mifflin and Wheat, 1979). We assume no major watershed boundary and basin configuration changes since the LGM. We paired the lake areas in ArcGIS 10.0 with the LGM lake areas with modern watershed boundaries from the *HydroSHEDS, HydroBASINS,* and *HydroLAKES* (Lehner et al., 2008; Lehner and Grill, 2013; Messager et al., 2016) databases (<u>http://www.hydrosheds.org/</u>). Further assumptions were:

- Average normalized areas were calculated across all available estimates (rightmost column of Table DR1).
- For Figure DR3 northern Great Basin lakes (> 39 °N) areas were reduced by 50%, based on work from smaller lakes such as Lake Surprise (Ibarra et al., 2014), Lake Franklin (Munroe and Laabs, 2013), and a review by Reheis et al. (2014).

Mid-Pliocene Normalized Lake Areas. Lake areas were only derived from the compilation in Pound et al. (2014). We only paired lakes in the compilation from Pound et al. (2014) to modern drainage basins (Table DR3) if the following criteria were met:

- It was clear that the lake was terminal based on the lacustrine sedimentology, topography and drainage network (cf. Table 2 in Pound et al. (2014)).
- The lake area did not span multiple modern watersheds over large drainage divides nor did it appear to be influenced by large tectonic drainage reconfigurations (cf. Adam et al., 1990; Thompson, 1992; Reheis et al., 2002; Knott et al., 2008; Phillips, 2008; Pound et al., 2014).

Given that extension in the Basin and Range has been ongoing since the Miocene (e.g., Colgan et al., 2006), it is likely that the many terminal basins created by Basin and Range faulting were filled by lakes during wet intervals such as the mid-Pliocene. Since the Pound et al. (2014) dataset is primarily derived from basinal sedimentary deposits, which may have undergone unquantifiable erosion or burial since Pliocene deposition the A_I/A_B calculations may be underestimates which would necessitate even larger increases in precipitation relative to present day during the mid-Pliocene. However, if additional extension has occurred since the Pliocene these estimates may be overestimates. Examples of lakes in Table DR 3 from the Pound et al. (2014) compilation for which normalized lake areas were not calculated include Tule Lake (Adam et al., 1990), which has evidence for a sill indicating that the lake overflowed into the Klamath River basin (cf. Figure 1 of Adam et al., (1990)), and Glenn's Ferry (Smith, 1981; Thompson, 1992), due to possible drainage to the southwest (Thompson, 1992).

Macrostrat lacustrine data are only used as supporting evidence plotted on Figure 1B. The *Macrostrat* database does not provide individual lakes, rather the database contains aggregates of stratigraphic datasets grouped into polygons of differing areas. However, given the relatively high resolution of the *Macrostrat* polygons the distribution of mid-Pliocene lacustrine sediments suggests that many areas of modern terminally draining basins had lakes during the mid-Pliocene (Fig. 1B).

The calculation of lake area, A_L represents the maximum expansion of lakes in a given basin during the time intervals of interest. A complication for both the LGM and mid-Pliocene lake areas is the "Manly Group", which contain multiple higher elevation fill and spill sub-basins that eventually flowed to Lake Manly (Death Valley). For ease of analysis we choose to group these sub-basins into one large terminal basin (see Table DR1 and DR3) although this treatment may result in an underestimate in A_L/A_B . Similarly, Lake Lahontan and Lake Bonneville integrated multiple sub-basins but were fully connected at their highstand elevations (Reheis et al., 2014). As such, we combined areas for all sub-basins in the Lahontan and Bonneville watersheds in Table DR1.

Temperature Estimates. Independent estimates of temperature changes (relative to modern) (x-axis of Figures 2C, 2D and DR3) are as follows:

- Figure 2C we plot the full range of temperature estimates for the LGM (-13 to -2.75 °C (median = -7.5°C) based on tables in: Matsubara and Howard, 2008; Grayson, 2011).
- In Figure 2D depressions are observed to be less depressed in this region than further inland. Thus, we plot a reduced range of temperature estimates for the LGM (-10 to -2.75 °C based on tables in: Matsubara and Howard, 2008; Grayson, 2011).
- For Figures 2C and 2D we plot the full range of temperature estimates for the mid-Pliocene (0 to +6 °C based on tables in: Dowsett et al., 1994; Molnar and Cane, 2007)

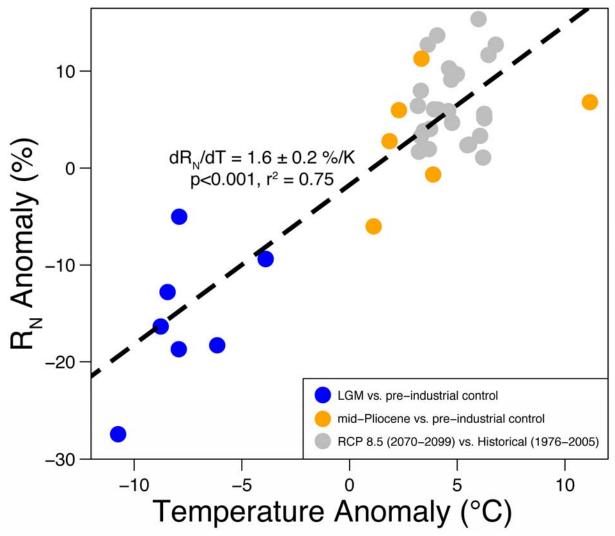


Figure DR1. Empirical scaling of potential evapotranspiration with surface temperature based on PMIP3, PlioMIP and CMIP5 simulations (see DR text above).

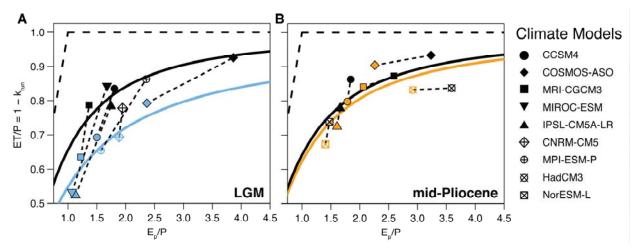


Figure DR2. A: Budyko framework – median changes in E_p/P vs. ET/P calculated from LGM climate model simulations. Dashed lines connect simulations from the same models. Colored curves and symbols are the LGM simulations. Solid lines are the ensemble averages (Table DR5). See climate model processing methods for more details. **B:** Same as A for mid-Pliocene simulations.

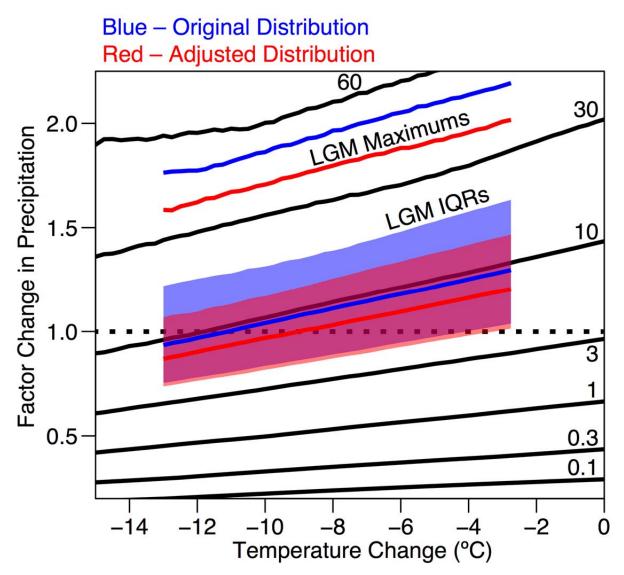


Figure DR3. Effect of adjusting northern Great Basin lake areas. Median calculated lake level from NARR data (black lines) and original LGM distributions (blue shading and lines) are the same as Figure 2C. Shown in red is the adjusted distribution of LGM lake areas (see Table DR1) assuming ~50% smaller lakes in the northern Great Basin (lakes north of 39 °N). Many lakes in the northern Great Basin stood at prominent but lower stillstands during the LGM than the post-LGM highstands (Munroe and Laabs, 2013; Ibarra et al., 2014; Reheis et al., 2014). As in Figure 2B we plot the full range of temperature estimates for the LGM (-13 to -2.75 °C (median = -7.5°C) based on tables in: Matsubara and Howard, 2008; Grayson, 2011).

Links to online databases for geospatial and climate data used for this study

- *HydroSHEDS/HydroBASINS/HydroLAKES* (Lehner et al., 2008; Lehner and Grill, 2013; Messager et al., 2016): <u>http://www.hydrosheds.org/</u>
- *Natural Earth* pluvial lakes database: <u>http://www.naturalearthdata.com/downloads/10m-physical-vectors/10m-lakes/</u>
- *Macrostrat* database: <u>https://macrostrat.org/</u>
- "Extent of Pleistocene Lakes in the Western Great Basin", by Reheis (1999): <u>https://geo-nsdi.er.usgs.gov/metadata/map-mf/2323/metadata.faq.html</u>
- "Map Database for Surficial Materials in the Coterminous United States", by Soller et al. (2009): <u>https://pubs.usgs.gov/ds/425/</u>
- NCEP North American Regional Reanalysis (NARR): https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/gridded/data.narr.html
- Paleoclimate Modelling Intercomparison Project 3 (PMIP3): <u>https://pmip3.lsce.ipsl.fr/</u>
- PlioMIP1 output was distributed by Alan Haywood, Aislin Dolan, Daniel Hill and Steven Pickering (personal communication, 2016)

Table DR1 – Compilation of late Pleistocene (~LGM) lake areas and modern watershed areas. All areas are in km². References: (1) *HydroSHEDS/HydroBASINS/HydroLAKES* (Lehner et al., 2008; Lehner and Grill, 2013; Messager et al., 2016), (2) Allen (2005), (3) Reheis (1999), (4) Orme (2008), (5) Grayson (2011), (6) *Natural Earth* database, (7) Soller et al. (2009), (8) Williams and Bedinger (1984), (9) Mifflin and Wheat (1979). Average normalized areas are calculated using the *HydroBASINS* (Lehner and Grill, 2013) basin areas and stream networks with all available lake area estimates (columns 2b, 3a, 4-9). Agreement of lake areas between publications is <5% for most basins. Allen (2005) basin areas (column 2a) are for comparison only. Reheis (1999) maximum lake areas (column 3b) are not used as they represent post-LGM highstand areas or pre-MIS 2 highstands. Latitude and longitude values are for reference only and correspond to the centroid for each terminal basin. Soller et al. (2009), Reheis (1999) and the *Natural Earth* pluvial lakes database are mapped in Figure 1A. Adjusted normalized distributions (shown used in Figure DR3) assumes that LGM lake areas were ~50% maximum highstands for watersheds north of 39 °N (polygon centroid's location) to account for post-LGM highstands observed in the northern Great Basin (Munroe and Laabs, 2013; Ibarra et al., 2014; Reheis et al., 2014). Unnamed basins were assigned numbers: UN-GB# – Unnamed-Great Basin; UN-SW# – Unnamed-Southwest.

Lake Name	Latitude	Longitude	Basin Area (1)	Basin Area (2a)	Lake Area (2b)	Lake Area (3a)	Maximum Lake Area (3b)	Lake Area (4)	Lake Area (5)	Lake Area (6)	Lake Area (7)	Lake Area (8)	Lake Area (9)	Average Normalized Area (%)
Acme	38.55	-118.32	351.45	· · ·						7.40				2.10
Alford	42.18	-118.68	7031.36			1153.62		1270.00	1269.10	947.19		1217.30		16.66
Alkali	43.04	-120.06	1375.20					550.00	590.52	565.90				41.36
Animas	32.29	-108.85	5607.00	5670.00	374.00						313.38			5.59
Antelope	39.85	-114.31	874.68			140.15			124.32	127.12		124.32	124.32	14.64
Bonneville	40.18	-112.67	134131.13					51700.00	51864.55	51956.71		51644.40	51644.40	38.59
Bonnie														
Claire	37.33	-117.11	3526.21							142.63				4.04
Bristol	37.96	-114.76	2334.47						90.65	77.33		90.65		3.69
Buffalo	40.50	-117.32	1284.38			66.55			199.43	195.25		199.43		12.86
Cactus Flat	38.13	-116.80	6100.73					344.47		374.97				5.90
Cahuilla	33.00	-115.80	20050.8									7769.97		38.75
Carpenter	38.51	-114.57	1432.29			121.93			347.06	358.10		347.06	347.06	21.24
Catlow	42.52	-119.20	4850.63					900.00	898.73	905.54		1152.55		19.88
Cave	38.57	-114.85	930.13			121.29			178.71	180.27		178.71	178.71	18.01
Cedar	37.62	-113.17	374.57							18.55				4.95
Chewaucan	42.68	-120.51	3385.35					1200.00	1243.20	1194.08		1243.20		36.04
Chochise	32.15	-109.84	4357.00								545.79	621.60		13.40
Clayton	37.71	-117.60	1437.76							85.14				5.92
Clover	40.85	-114.83	2665.56			743.21	1094.25	890.00	890.96	913.81		911.68	911.68	32.90
Cloverdale	31.36	-108.85	467.80	460.00	102.00						82.52	77.70		17.12
Coal	38.00	-115.41	2487.57						178.71	188.33		178.71	178.71	7.28
Colombus	37.79	-118.00	3532.12			141.45			139.86	365.10		204.61	204.61	5.98
Coyote	42.38	-118.19	1789.45			317.39				125.90				12.39
Cuddeback	35.31	-117.47	555.31									90.65		16.32
Deep Spring	37.36	-118.08	519.42						44.03	25.33		44.03		7.28
Delamar	37.44	-114.87	926.74							26.49				2.86
Desatoya	39.29	-117.57	1490.65			397.51			435.12	442.13		435.12	435.12	28.78
Diamond	39.40	-116.38	8018.15			1021.21	2283.22	760.00	758.87	1023.04		1015.28		11.42
Dixie	39.80	-117.84	5410.24			798.63	2394.69	1090.00	1090.39	721.47		714.84	766.64	15.96
Eagle	40.64	-120.89	1123.78			126.84			160.58	145.49				12.84
Edwards	39.58	-117.69	1078.89			287.10			264.18	266.36		264.18	264.18	24.95
Encino	34.60	-105.60	644.20	620.00	96.00						56.77	310.80		28.53
Estancia	34.67	-105.96	5733.70	5050.00	1125.00						1084.76	2330.99		29.79
Fort Rock	43.28	-120.89	6403.89						1945.08	1564.66	T	2343.94		30.47

Franklin Fred	40.37 39.77	-115.23 -119.82	3345.89 47.73			947.49		1220.00	1219.89	1248.19 7.90		1250.97	1250.97	35.55 16.56
Frenchman	36.85	-119.82	47.75			-		-		20.05	-			1.70
Gabbs	38.85	-113.90	3319.81							312.43				9.41
Gabos	39.83	-115.09	1912.71			168.82		-	411.81	431.64	-	411.81		18.61
Garfield	39.85	-113.09	246.58			100.02		-	7.77	17.47	-	7.77	8.55	4.21
Gilbert	39.84	-116.71	1540.94			392.61		540.00	538.72	398.62		401.45	0.55	29.48
Gold Flat	37.50	-116.50	1791.85			392.01		540.00	67.34	66.76		67.34	67.34	3.75
Goldfield	37.85	-117.29	826.72						07.54	17.75		07.54	07.34	2.15
Goodsight	32.50	-107.33	532.20	590.00	65.00					17.75		38.85		7.30
Granite	52.50	107.55	332.20	590.00	05.00							50.05		7.50
Springs	40.25	-118.89	2518.64						103.60	109.41		103.60	103.60	4.17
Groom	37.31	-115.86	1717.34						93.24	74.32		93.24		5.06
Groom	37.23	-115.41	2575.13						,	133.60		93.24		4.40
Guano	42.00	-119.48	2124.41							172.02		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		8.10
Harper	35.06	-117.33	1871.58									139.86		7.47
High Rock	42.02	-119.16	194.06							13.95		31.08		11.60
Hubbs	39.76	-115.37	1666.22			532.16	619.98	530.00	530.95	521.93		505.05	505.05	31.26
Huntoon	38.11	-118.58	318.05			1				5.39				1.69
Indian														
Springs	36.68	-115.73	1719.03							168.33				9.79
Jakes	39.30	-115.27	1102.26			213.14			163.17	155.12		163.17	163.17	15.56
Kawich	37.49	-116.22	947.41						56.98	49.12		56.98	56.98	5.81
Kumiva	40.43	-119.12	853.07						38.85	45.10		38.85	38.85	4.74
Labou	39.23	-118.27	790.86			35.64			51.80	50.69		51.80	51.80	6.11
Lahontan	40.36	-118.09	105613.36			21906.48	30917.97	22300.00	22004.56	23368.63		21859.52	23478.78	21.29
Laughton	39.68	-119.97	81.36						18.13	10.87		18.13		19.31
Lemmon	39.67	-119.87	247.58						33.67	37.94		33.67	33.67	14.03
Little Fish	38.84	-116.42	1055.41							12.67				1.20
Lunar Crater	38.66	-115.98	1291.56							16.17				1.25
Luning	38.46	-118.10	637.12							30.56				4.80
Macy	41.97	-119.66	76.41							20.35		23.31		28.57
Madeline	40.89	-120.38	2167.64					780.00	777.00	763.23		777.00		35.72
Malheur	43.44	-119.11	13083.89					2380.00	2380.20	2432.95		2460.49		18.45
Manly														
Group	36.20	-117.16	51541.38						4169.88	5004.85				8.90
Maxey	38.76	-114.42	1370.13			210.87			209.79	211.83		209.79	209.79	15.36
Meinzer	41.59	-119.73	1870.75			923.61		920.00	919.45	992.93		890.96	890.96	49.34
Monte Cristo	20 24	-117.80	720.59							14.26				1.98
	38.34									70.35				7.23
Mormon Newark	<u>36.84</u> 39.38	-115.40 -115.82	973.54 3604.16			816.84	986.44	930.00	795.13	70.35		782.18	782.18	22.72
Otero	39.38	-115.82	9556.70	12600.00	745.00	010.04	700.44	930.00	/73.13	003.90	409.94	466.20	/02.10	4.58
Pahrump	36.05	-115.81	3748.99	12000.00	743.00	<u> </u>				657.73	407.74	400.20		4.58
Papoose	37.08	-115.81	256.83							27.20				17.54
Penoyer	37.74	-115.79	1819.15							59.39				3.26
Pine	38.45	-113.79	1898.09				922.41		106.19	116.43				5.86
Pinos Wells	34.46	-105.60	589.90	560.00	82.00		722.71		100.17	110.75	49.11	207.20		21.72
Playas	31.86	-108.57	1135.60	1120.00	49.00						16.72	259.00		12.14
Railroad	38.65	-115.67	5518.75	1120.00	12.00	864.43		1360.00	1359.74	980.86	10.72	971.25	971.25	19.65
Reveille	38.22	-116.22	4346.40			146.20		1500.00	106.19	103.75		106.19	106.19	2.62
Rhodes	38.25	-118.11	520.42			110.20	1		33.67	29.66		33.67	33.67	6.28
		-105.66	1397.40	780.00	86.00	1	1		22.07			22.07	22.07	6.15
Sacramento	32.46													0.10
Sacramento Saline	32.46 36.78	-117.78	1928.51	/00.00	00.00					83.93				4.35

Snyder	38.84	-116.07	163.65						38.98				23.82
Spring	39.45	-114.47	2949.98			617.85	870.00	870.24	640.32		603.47	603.47	23.76
Stonewall	37.63	-116.94	938.60						49.80				5.31
Surprise	41.35	-119.98	3840.91			1477.95	1310.00	1310.53	1475.66		1471.11	1484.84	37.01
Teel	38.13	-118.37	810.54						42.30				5.22
Thompson	34.92	-118.02	9115.90				950.00	950.53			556.85		8.99
Toiyabe	39.10	-117.02	3411.50			421.96	650.00	650.09	573.98		525.77	525.77	16.35
Tonopah	38.42	-117.51	5294.27			277.56		233.10	264.91		233.10	233.10	4.69
Trinity	33.55	-106.56	4524.50	4240.00	207.00					134.57	199.43		3.69
UN-GB1	35.76	-116.83	43.73						3.73				8.53
UN -GB2	35.70	-116.77	360.86						2.72				0.75
UN -GB3	37.14	-117.22	249.07						4.34				1.74
UN-GB4	37.17	-117.83	1540.52						6.55				0.43
UN-GB5	36.76	-117.53	162.92						6.25				3.84
UN-GB6	35.55	-116.69	402.92						4.78				1.19
UN-GB7	35.44	-113.80	3674.90							300.82			8.19
UN-SW1	34.14	-107.61	882.90							49.73			5.63
UN-SW10	33.47	-102.49	936.20							20.46			2.19
UN-SW11	33.76	-102.52	702.40							54.71			7.79
UN-SW12	33.98	-102.55	200.50							19.16			9.56
UN-SW13	33.89	-102.98	1653.40							51.41			3.11
UN-SW14	33.68	-103.68	82.80							15.54			18.77
UN-SW15	34.85	-103.99	49.30							14.32			29.05
UN-SW2	31.77	-102.88	2437.20							19.49			0.80
UN-SW3	31.50	-102.67	340.80							15.02			4.41
UN-SW4	31.47	-102.52	696.00							17.44			2.51
UN-SW5	31.68	-101.88	202.60							14.15			6.99
UN-SW6	32.39	-102.66	103.70							32.83			31.66
UN-SW7	32.91	-102.29	421.70							35.39	T		8.39
UN-SW8	33.13	223.12	222.00							47.14			21.23
UN-SW9	33.44	-102.07	688.90							19.94			2.89
Waring	40.00	-114.65	8566.76			1375.87	2520.00	1331.25	1686.23		1401.18	1401.18	18.90
Warner	42.40	-119.90	4804.82			1331.27	1250.00	1250.97	1202.50		1307.94		26.40
Yahoo	39.47	-116.09	44.62					5.18	6.97		5.18	5.18	12.61
Yucca	37.09	-116.08	777.53						12.39				1.59
		•		•		•			•			Normaliza	

 Normalized Area (%) Distribution

 Median
 9.20

 Q1
 4.62

 Q3
 19.17

 Max
 49.34

Adjusted Normalized Area (%) Distribution Median 7.30 Q1 Q3 4.32 13.62 38.75 Max South Great Basin (%) Distribution Median 5.06 Q1 2.62 Q3 8.53 23.82 Max

Table DR2 – Area of modern lakes (>1km²) found in terminal watersheds. Data derived from the HydroSHEDS/HydroLAKES/HydroBASINS database (Lehner et al., 2008; Lehner and Grill, 2013; Messager et al., 2016) intended to represent maximum possible sizes by including seasonal playa lakes.

Lake	Basin	Total	Normalized	Notes
Name	Area	Lake Area	Area (%)	
Alkali	1375.20	14.97	1.09	3 unnamed seasonal playa lakes
Alvord	7031.36	5.49	0.08	Seasonal playa lake
Bonneville	134131.13	8923.51	6.65	Maximum size: Great Salt Lake, Bonneville Salt Flats, Bear Lake and other playa lakes
Chewaucan	3385.35	285.86	8.44	Lake Abert and Summer Lake
Clover	2665.56	5.13	0.19	Playa Lake
Fort Rock	6403.89	8.24	0.13	Seasonal playa Lake
Franklin	3345.89	13.17	0.39	3 playa/marsh lakes
Lahontan	105613.36	954.70	0.90	Pyramid and Walker Lakes (historic areas) plus playa lakes
Malheur	13083.89	422.28	3.23	2 playa lakes
Manly				Includes area of Mono Lake (Pleistocene Lake Russell) and seasonal playa lakes in all following
Group	51541.38	238.52	0.46	sub-basins: Owens, Searles, Panamint, Manly
Meinzer	1870.75	56.33	3.01	Numerous small seasonal playa lakes
Spring	2949.98	4.07	0.14	Playa lake
Surprise	3840.91	255.13	6.64	3 seasonal playa lakes
Warner	4804.82	130.15	2.71	Numerous small seasonal playa lakes
			nalized (%)	
		Distri	hution	

 Area Normalized (%)

 Distribution

 Median
 1.00

 IQR1
 0.24

 IQR3
 3.17

 Max
 8.44

Table DR3 – Compilation of mid-Pliocene (early Piacenzian, ~2.9 to 3.3 Ma) lake deposits. P2014 – Pound et al. (2014). We consider all continuous formations that span the Piacenzian in *Macrostrat*. Pliocene lake areas are only paired to basin areas when it is clear that the lake was terminal, does not span multiple modern watersheds over large drainage divides, and have not been greatly influenced by tectonic drainage reconfiguration.

Name of Lake/Formation	Latitude	Longitude	Reference	Age minimum (Ma)	Age maximum (ma)	Thickness (I	n)	Unit ID		Section ID
Palouse Loess	46.56	-117.2	Macrostrat	0	3.3	100	<i>.</i>	7460		1968
	36.42	-115.43	Macrostrat	0	5.3	10		14059		3727
	38.08	-113.78	Macrostrat	0	17.1	1000		14212		3774
Santa Fe Gp	35.46	-106.08	Macrostrat	0	14.4	1000		14906		3965
Paso Robles Fm	35.39	-120.29	Macrostrat	0	5.3	200		17724		4603
Santa Fe Gp	34.15	-107.28	Macrostrat	0.7	4.9	470		2187		356
Santa Fe Gp	33.81	-106.8	Macrostrat	0.7	4.9	130		2214		362
Glenns Ferry Fm	43.56	-115.92	Macrostrat	0.7	5.8	300		7488		1975
2	40.71	-118.24	Macrostrat	0.7	4.9	300		13530		3584
Atherton Fm	38.63	-87.07	Macrostrat	1.5	5.1	50		11687		3158
Fort Hancock Fm	31.91	-106.5	Macrostrat	1.9	3.6	10		1889		292
Santa Fe Gp	33.05	-105.61	Macrostrat	1.9	19.3	10		2275		383
Paso Robles Fm	35.46	-120.68	Macrostrat	1.9	8.3	120		17735		4605
Paso Robles Fm	36.48	-121.74	Macrostrat	1.9	8.3	155		17753	1	4612
Blanco Fm	33.73	-99.98	Macrostrat	2.6	3.3	24		2575	1	469
Hungry Valley Fm	34.67	-118.66	Macrostrat	2.6	4.9	2000		6314		1522
Palm Spring Fm	33.57	-115.85	Macrostrat	2.6	3.3	1500		6544		1598
Salt Lake Fm	41.95	-113.76	Macrostrat	2.6	8.7	800		14128		3752
	40.03	-113.9	Macrostrat	2.6	17.1	1000		14210		3773
Salt Lake Fm	41.71	-111.59	Macrostrat	2.6	17.1	1000		14476		3839
Salt Lake Fm	40	-112.03	Macrostrat	2.6	10.5	1500		14565		3863
	40.55	-112.3	Macrostrat	2.6	17.1	10		14626		3885
Salt Lake Fm	40.98	-111.62	Macrostrat	2.6	19.3	2000		14722		3909
Salt Lake Fm	40.25	-111.54	Macrostrat	2.6	17.1	4000		14727		3910
Bidahochi Fm	35.95	-109.91	Macrostrat	2.6	5.3	272		14987		3988
Bug Fm	42.05	-106.49	Macrostrat	2.6	4	37		15759		4174
Tule Gp	34.43	-101.83	Macrostrat	2.8	2.9	10		2528		458
Gila Conglomerate	32.48	-108.26	Macrostrat	2.8	4	10		1855		271
Sunshine Ranch Mbr of										
Saugus Fm	34.3	-118.53	Macrostrat	2.8	3.1	915		6344		1529
	46.66	-122.88	Macrostrat	2.8	13.3	350		7257		1896
Glenns Ferry Gp	43.23	-114.67	Macrostrat	2.8	8.3	300		13673		3622
	39.18	-112.25	Macrostrat	2.8	12.2	1000		14570		3864
Thousand Creek Beds	41.46	-119.04	Macrostrat	2.9	8.3	130		13454		3543
						Outer	op or			
						Lake	Area	Normalized	Age minimum	Age maximum
Name of Lake/Formation	Latitude		Reference	Basin Area (km ²)	Basin Area Notes	(kr		Area (%)	(Ma)	(ma)
Glenn's Ferry, ID	43.50	-116.30	P2014		Not terminal	221			2.4	3.8
Tule Lake	41.98	-122.05	P2014		Not terminal?	629	1.45		2.6	3
Rhodes-Clayton-Fish										
Valleys, NV	38.00	-118.00	P2014		Watershed unclear	108			2.6	3.4
Owens Lake	36.55	-118.00	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	15			2	3
Lake Manly	36.55	-117.05	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	13			2	3
Panamint Lake	35.95	-117.20	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	27			2	3
China-Scarles Lake	35.55	-117.40	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	80			2	3
Kochn Lake_1	35.18	-117.85	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	4	0		2	3

Kochn Lake_2	35.15	-117.40	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	12.5		2	3
Kochn Lake_3	35.10	-117.10	P2014		Larger Manly Basin	16		2	3
					Mono and Lake Russell listed				
Lake Russell	38.00	-119.00	P2014		separately by P2014	2800		2	2.8
					Mono and Lake Russell listed				
Mono Lake	38.00	-118.55	P2014		separately by P2014	1125		2	3
All Manly Basin with Lake									
Russell Area			P2014	51541		6744.5	13.09		
Harper_1	34.65	-118.00	P2014		Watershed unclear	25		2	3
Harper_2	34.65	-117.90	P2014		Watershed unclear	4		2	3
Harper_3	34.70	-117.80	P2014	750	Assumed separate from Harper 4	60	8.00	2	3
Harper_4	34.45	-117.50	P2014	1027	Assumed separate from Harper 3	10	0.97	2	3
South_Mojave	34.30	-117.00	P2014	11237		4	0.04	2	3
Lake Tecopa	35.75	-116.25	P2014	14129		112	0.79	2	3
					Assume that Mojave separate from				
Lake Mojave	35.05	-116.10	P2014	8219	Manly group during Pliocene	120	1.46	2	3
					Assume that Manix separate from				
Lake Manix	34.85	-116.40	P2014	1041	Manly group during Pliocene	50	4.80	2	3
Bristol Lake	34.30	-115.65	P2014	1285		84	6.54	2	3
Cadiz Lake	34.15	-115.40	P2014	967		55	5.69	2	3
Danby Lake	34.05	-115.15	P2014	1120		72	6.43	2	3
Rita Blanca	35.72	-102.39	P2014	1738		54.39	3.13	3	3.6
Hueco Bolson, TX	30.90	-105.30	P2014		Not terminal?	5780		1.8	4.8

Normalized Area	(%) Distribution
Median	4.80
Q1	1.22
Q3	6.48
Max	13.09

Model	Organization, Country	Atmospheric Resolution (#lat x lon x levels)	References
PMIP3 LGM Ense	mble		
CNRM-CM5	CNRM-CERFACS, France	256x128 x L31	Voldoire et al. (2013)
COSMOS-ASO	Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	96x48 x L19	Zhou et al. (2014)
CCSM4	National Center for Atmospheric Research, USA	288x192 x L26	Gent et al. (2011); Brady et al. (2013)
MRI-CGCM3	Meteorological Research Institute, Japan	320x160 x L48	Yukimoto et al. (2012)
IPSL-CM5A-L	Institute Pierre Simon Laplace, France	96x95 x L39	Kageyama et al. (2013); Dufresne et al (2013)
MPI-ESM-P	Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Germany	196x98 x L47	(2012)
MIROC-ESM	Model for Interdisciplinary Research on Climate, Japan	128x64 x L80	Sueyoshi et al. (2013)
PlioMIP (Experime			
CCSM4	National Center for Atmospheric Research, USA	288x192 x L26	Rosenbloom et al. (2013)
MRI-CGCM 2.3	Meteorological Research Institute and University of	128x64 x L30	Kamae and Ueda (2012)
NorESM-L	Tsukuba, Japan Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research, Norway	96x48 x L26	Zhang and Yan (2012); Zhang et al. (2012)
HadCM3	Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research/Met Office, UK	96x73 x L19	Bragg et al. (2012)
IPSL-CM5A	Institute Pierre Simon Laplace, France	96x95 x L39	Contoux et al. (2012)
COSMOS	Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany	96x48 x L19	Stepanek and Lohmann (2012)

Table DR4 – Climate models used in this study.

Model	LGM w value	PI Control ω value
CNRM-CM5	1.82	2.08
COSMOS-ASO	1.98	2.30
CCSM4	1.98	2.44
MRI-CGCM3	1.97	2.57
IPSL-CM5A-L	1.69	2.21
MPI-ESM-P	1.82	2.31
MIROC-ESM	1.76	2.60
	Pliocene ω value	PI Control ω value
CCSM4	2.25	2.60
MRI-CGCM 2.3	2.31	2.27
NorESM-L	1.98	2.18
HadCM3	1.99	1.90
IPSL-CM5A	2.04	2.24
COSMOS	2.64	2.51

Table DR5 – Regional fitted Budyko parameters

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