

Inter-Mountain Basins Alkaline Closed Depression

Sites are seasonally to semipermanently flooded, usually retaining water into the growing season and drying completely only in drought years. Seasonal drying exposes mudflats colonized by annual wetland vegetation. Salt encrustations can occur on the surface.

Species that typify this system are salt-tolerant and halophytic species such as *Distichlis spicata*, *Puccinellia lemmonii*, *Poa secunda*, *Muhlenbergia* spp., *Leymus triticoides* (= *Elymus triticoides*), *Schoenoplectus maritimus*, *Schoenoplectus americanus*, *Triglochin maritima*, and *Salicornia* spp.

Wet = currently or frequently filled; open water and well-developed emergent vegetation

Dry = currently or frequently dry; open soil, dominated by annual vegetation