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## **List of Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AC Advisory Committee

AF acre-feet

AFY acre-feet per year

bgs below ground surface

CALSIMETAW California Simulation of Evapotranspiration of Applied Water

CASGEM California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring

CCWD Calaveras County Water District

CDWA Central Delta Water Agency

CIP Capital Improvement Program

CSJWCD Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Delta Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

DMS Data Management System

DWR California Department of Water Resources

EBMUD East Bay Municipal Utility District

EC electrical conductivity
ESJ Eastern San Joaquin

ESJGWA Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority
ESJWRM Eastern San Joaquin Water Resources Model

ft/mi feet per mile

GMP Groundwater Management Plan
GSA Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP Groundwater Sustainability Plan

IDW Inverse Distance Weighting
IWFM Integrated Water Flow Model

LCSD Lockeford Community Services District

LCWD Linden County Water District

MAF Million acre-feet

MAR Managed Aquifer Recharge
MCL Maximum Contaminant Level

mg/L milligrams per liter

msl mean sea level

MUD Municipal Utilities Department

NAVD North American Vertical Datum

NSJWCD North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

OID Oakdale Irrigation District

PRISM Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model

SDWA South Delta Water Agency
SEWD Stockton East Water District

SGMA Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SMCL Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

SSJ GSA South San Joaquin GSA

SSJID South San Joaquin Irrigation District

TDS total dissolved solids

USGS United States Geological Survey

VFD variable frequency drive

WID Woodbridge Irrigation District

Workgroup Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup

WY Water Year

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### INTRODUCTION

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin (Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, or Subbasin) has a long history of proactively and collaboratively managing water resources, with strong participation from local water management agencies, other local agencies, stakeholders, and state and federal agencies. Collaborative efforts that have guided sustainable groundwater resources management in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin include the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) (2019) and its forerunner, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) (2004).

The GSP was developed jointly with the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA), which is a joint powers authority formed by the 16 groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (ESJGWA, 2019). The ESJGWA includes the Central Delta Water Agency (CDWA), Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD), City of Lodi, City of Manteca, City of Stockton, Eastside San Joaquin GSA (Eastside GSA) (composed of Calaveras County, Calaveras County Water District [CCWD], Stanislaus County, and Rock Creek Water District), Linden County Water District (LCWD), Lockeford Community Services District (LCSD), North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD), Oakdale Irrigation District (OID), County of San Joaquin GSAs (Eastern San Joaquin 1 and -Eastern San Joaquin 2), South Delta Water Agency (SDWA), South San Joaquin GSA (composed of South San Joaquin Irrigation District [SSJID] including all conveyance works, Woodward Reservoir, City of Ripon, and City of Escalon), Stockton East Water District (SEWD), and Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID). Collectively, these 16 GSAs will be referred to as "GSAs."

Between November 2019 and January 2020, the GSAs individually adopted the Eastern San Joaquin (ESJ) GSP, which meets all relevant requirements contained within the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014 and the GSP Emergency Regulations. The GSP was developed in a stakeholder-driven environment with cooperation between the GSAs and their member agencies. A stakeholder engagement strategy was developed to enable the interests of beneficial users of groundwater in the Subbasin to be considered. The strategy incorporated monthly Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup meetings, monthly Advisory Committee meetings, monthly ESJGWA Board meetings, coordination with neighboring Subbasins, approximately quarterly informational open house events, outreach presentations to community groups, and information distribution to property owners and residents in the Subbasin. The GSP describes groundwater conditions in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and sets up a system of management based on sustainable management criteria supported by monitoring networks, projects and management actions, adaptive management, and reporting.

This water year (WY) 2021 Annual Report for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin has been prepared in compliance with Article 7 *Annual Reports and Periodic Evaluations by the Agency*, § 356.2 *Annual Reports* of the GSP Emergency Regulations, as included in the California Code of Regulations. WY 2021 includes the period from October 2020 through September 2021.

#### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES**

While enactment of SGMA in 2015 prohibited the development or renewal of any GMPs within medium and high priority basins (such as the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin), the GSAs continued to implement the management activities identified in the 2004 GMP throughout the GSP development process (ending January 31, 2020). Such activities included continuing to work with DWR to improve sharing and exchange of data and development of the Eastern San Joaquin Water Resources Model (ESJWRM). This

Annual Report uses the information contained within the GSP, along with data collected during GSP implementation, to evaluate continued sustainable conditions throughout the planning and implementation horizon.

The GSP sets sustainable management criteria for applicable sustainability indicators and identifies projects and management actions to aid in maintaining sustainable conditions throughout the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Under SGMA, sustainable management criteria can be defined as the following:

- **Minimum Threshold** Quantitative threshold for each sustainability indicator used to define the point at which undesirable results may begin to occur
- **Measurable Objective** Quantitative target that establishes a point above the minimum threshold that allows for a range of active management in order to prevent undesirable results
- **Interim Milestones** Targets set in increments of five (5) years over the implementation period of the GSP to put the basin on a path to achieving sustainability by 2040
- Margin of Operational Flexibility The range of active management between the measurable objective and the minimum threshold

During WY 2021, monitoring relative to all sustainability indicators indicated that the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin was continuing to operate under sustainable conditions relative to their respective sustainability indicators and established sustainable management criteria. As projects are implemented, the ESJGWA will continue to assess conditions relative to established criteria and definitions of undesirable results.

### **GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT**

#### **Hydrologic Conditions**

WY 2021 was drier than average (second driest year on record based on statewide runoff data) and classified as a critical water year. During WY 2021, estimated precipitation in the Subbasin was 57 percent of long-term average (WY 1969-2018). Measured stream flows in the San Joaquin River were approximately 23 percent of long-term averages, whereas those in the Calaveras River were 49 percent of long-term averages and those in the Cosumnes River were 16 percent of long-term averages (USGS, National Water Information System, 2022).

#### **Groundwater Levels**

Groundwater elevations generally decreased throughout WY 2021 for almost all wells in the representative monitoring network with groundwater level data available. No wells reported groundwater levels below the minimum thresholds established in the GSP. Eleven wells reported Fall 2020 measurements and twelve wells reported Spring 2021 measurements that met or exceeded their measurable objective. All recent data show typical patterns of annual highs in the Spring and lows in the late Summer or Fall that match historical trends. According to DWR's Household Water Supply Shortage

Reporting System, San Joaquin County had 26 reported water shortages from dry wells in the 365 days prior to the preparation of this annual report (DWR, 2022b).<sup>1</sup>

### **Groundwater Storage:**

The groundwater storage sustainability indicator for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin uses the groundwater level sustainable management criteria (i.e., Minimum Threshold, Measurable Objective, Interim Milestones, and Margin of Operational Flexibility) as a proxy. Therefore, the minimum thresholds for groundwater levels are designed to be protective of significant and unreasonable impacts to changes in groundwater storage. For WY 2021, groundwater storage was estimated using the ESJWRM (the Subbasin's integrated flow model). Based on these estimates, from the beginning to the end of WY 2021, storage in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin decreased by 157,000 acre-feet (AF). This volume represents about 0.3% of the total fresh groundwater in storage, which was estimated to be more than 50 million acre-feet (MAF) in 2015, and is less than the WY 2020 change in storage (-213,000 AF), most likely due to statewide water use restrictions put in place in response to existing dry hydrologic conditions.

### **Groundwater Quality**

Salinity is the only water quality constituent for which minimum thresholds are established in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. In WY 2021, total dissolved solids (TDS) was measured at three wells and specific conductance was measured at two wells and converted to TDS measurements. TDS was not reported for the remaining five representative monitoring wells due to a variety of reasons, including reductions in field work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All measurements reported are above the minimum thresholds for water quality set in the GSP.

### **Saltwater Migration**

The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is not in a coastal area, and seawater intrusion via the aquifer formations is unlikely. Seawater could migrate into the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) via the tides or as result of sea level rise and climate change. This could create the potential for seawater to percolate into the aquifers. This condition would be observable and widely noted with current monitoring of surface water conditions in the Delta.

There is saline water underlying the Delta in deeper aquifers, and saline conditions have been observed in shallower zones. This potential impairment to beneficial uses of groundwater would be related to the migration of the saline waters from west to east into the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin due to hydraulic conditions and the lowering of groundwater levels. The GSP established monitoring protocols for the early detection of saltwater migration from the west, under the Delta, to the east into the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin. The monitoring program is intended to identify the issue associated with saltwater migrations so that the ESJGWA can take early action to address undesirable results. In WY 2021, chloride was measured at three wells. Chloride measurements were not reported for seven representative monitoring wells due to a variety of reasons, including reductions in field work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All measurements reported are below the minimum threshold for chloride concentrations set in the GSP.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: This figure includes some portions of the County that are not within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin as well as 4 months of WY 2022.

#### **Land Subsidence**

The land subsidence sustainability indicator in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin uses the groundwater level sustainable management criteria as a proxy. The minimum thresholds for groundwater levels are designed to be protective of significant and unreasonable impacts to land subsidence. There were no minimum threshold exceedances for groundwater levels; therefore, there were no land subsidence sustainability threshold exceedances. Land subsidence has not historically been an area of concern in the Subbasin and there are no records of significant land subsidence caused by groundwater pumping in the Subbasin. Section 2.1.5 of the GSP details the extent of clay deposits in the Subbasin, and Section 2.2.5 of the GSP includes a description of the minimal subsidence that has historically occurred in the Subbasin.

#### **Groundwater-Surface Water Interaction**

The depletions of interconnected surface water sustainability indicator in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin uses the groundwater level sustainable management criteria as a proxy. The minimum thresholds for groundwater levels are designed to be protective of significant and unreasonable impacts to depletions of interconnected surface waters. There were no minimum threshold exceedances for groundwater levels; therefore, there were no interconnected surface water sustainability threshold exceedances.

#### **Total Water Use**

The primary water use sectors in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin include urban and agriculture uses, with groundwater supplying the majority of the total water use. During WY 2021, groundwater extraction and use is estimated to be 809,327 AF for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Surface water deliveries during WY 2021 are estimated to be 574,597 AF. The majority of surface water is used between May and September. Total water use is the sum of the groundwater use and surface water use; therefore, total water use during WY 2021 is estimated to be 1,383,924 AF.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT ELEMENTS:**

The following table presents the sections and page numbers where requirements for Annual Report elements are included, subject to Article 7 § 356.2 of the GSP Regulation Sections in the California Code of Regulations.

California Code of Regulations - GSP Regulation Sections	of Regulations - GSP Regulation Sections  Annual Report Elements	
Article 7	Annual Reports and Periodic Evaluations by Agency	
§ 356.2	Annual Reports	
	Each Agency shall submit an annual report to the Department by April 1 of each year following the adoption of the Plan. The annual report shall include the following components for the preceding water year:	
	(a) General information, including an executive summary and a location map depicting the basin covered by the report.	Executive Summary, Figure 1 pg. 5:10, 14
	(b) A detailed description and graphical representation of the following conditions of the basin managed in the Plan:	
	Groundwater elevation data from monitoring wells identified in the monitoring network shall be analyzed and displayed as follows:	
	(A) Groundwater elevation contour maps for each principal aquifer in the basin illustrating, at a minimum, the seasonal high and seasonal low groundwater	Section 3.2.2, Figure 3, Figure 4
	conditions.	pg. 34:37
	(B) Hydrographs of groundwater elevations and water year type using historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to current	Section 3.2, Figure 2, Figure 5, Appendix B, Appendix C
	reporting year.	pg. 33:38, 67:120
	(2) Groundwater extraction for the preceding water year. Data shall be collected using the best available measurement methods and shall be presented in a table that summarizes groundwater extractions by water use sector, and identifies	Section 3.8.1, Figure 11, Table 3-1
	the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements, and a map that illustrates the general location and volume of groundwater extractions.	pg. 46, 48:49
	(3) Surface water supply used or available for use, for groundwater recharge or in-lieu use shall be reported based on quantitative data that describes the annual volume and	Section 3.8.2, Table 3-2
	sources for the preceding water year.  (4) Total water use shall be collected using the best available	pg. 46:47, 50
	measurement methods and shall be reported in a table that summarizes total water use by water use sector, water source type, and identifies the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements.  Existing water use data from the most recent Urban Water Management Plans or Agricultural Water Management Plans within the basin may be used, as long as the data are reported by water year.	Section 3.8, Table 3-3 pg. 46:51
	(5) Change in groundwater in storage shall include the following:	
	(A) Change in groundwater in storage maps for each principal aquifer in the basin.	Section 3.3, Figure 8 pg. 38:41

California Code of Regulations - GSP Regulation Sections	Annual Report Elements	Section(s) and page numbers(s) where requirements for Annual Report elements are included
	(B) A graph depicting water year type, groundwater use, the annual change in groundwater in storage, and the cumulative change in groundwater in storage for the basin based on historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to the current reporting year.	Section 3.3, Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7 pg. 38:41
	(c) A description of progress towards implementing the Plan, including achieving interim milestones, and implementation of projects or management actions since the previous annual report.	Section 2.3, Table 2-3, Table 2-4, Table 2-5, Appendix A pg. 24:32, 58:66

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin (Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin or Subbasin) (**Figure 1**) has been identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as critically overdrafted. The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Eastern San Joaquin GSP, GSP, or the Plan) has been developed and submitted to meet Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) regulatory requirements by the January 31, 2020, deadline for critically-overdrafted basins while reflecting local needs and preserving local control over water resources. While the Eastern San Joaquin GSP offers a new and significant approach to groundwater resource protection, it was developed within an existing framework of comprehensive planning efforts. Throughout the region, several separate yet related planning efforts have occurred previously or are concurrently proceeding, including integrated regional water management, urban water management, agricultural water management, watershed management, habitat conservation, and general planning and most closely, the *Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Groundwater Management Plan* (GMP) (2004). The Eastern San Joaquin GSP fits in with these prior planning efforts, building on existing local management and basin characterization.

The Eastern San Joaquin GSP provides a path to achieve and document sustainable groundwater management within 20 years following Plan adoption, promoting the long-term sustainability of locally managed groundwater resources now and into the future.

The GSP was developed jointly by the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA), which is a joint powers authority formed by the following 16 groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Collectively, these 16 GSAs will be referred to as "GSAs".

- Central Delta Water Agency (CDWA)
- Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD)
- City of Lodi
- City of Manteca
- City of Stockton
- Eastside San Joaquin GSA (Eastside GSA) (composed of Calaveras County, Calaveras County Water District [CCWD], Stanislaus County, and Rock Creek Water District)
- Linden County Water District (LCWD)
- Lockeford Community Services District (LCSD)
- North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD)
- Oakdale Irrigation District (OID)
- County of San Joaquin GSA Eastern San Joaquin 1
- County of San Joaquin GSA Eastern San Joaquin 2
- South Delta Water Agency (SDWA)
- South San Joaquin GSA (composed of South San Joaquin Irrigation District [SSJID] including all conveyance works, Woodward Reservoir, City of Ripon, and City of Escalon)
- Stockton East Water District (SEWD)

### • Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID)

During water year (WY) 2021 (October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021), groundwater management within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin evolved through the implementation of the GSP, which was ultimately adopted by the GSAs between November 2019 and January 2020. The GSP was developed in a stakeholder-driven environment, including 69 open meetings and numerous other outreach activities. The result is a GSP that describes groundwater conditions in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and sets up a system of management based on quantitative thresholds, termed sustainable management criteria, for six sustainability indicators: chronic lowering of groundwater levels, degraded water quality, saltwater migration, land subsidence, change in groundwater storage, and depletions of interconnected surface water.

This Annual Report provides information on conditions in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and progress towards implementing the GSP for WY 2021. The report has been prepared in accordance with Article 7 *Annual Reports and Periodic Evaluations by the Agency*, § 356.2 *Annual Reports* of the GSP Emergency Regulations as contained within the California Code of Regulations.

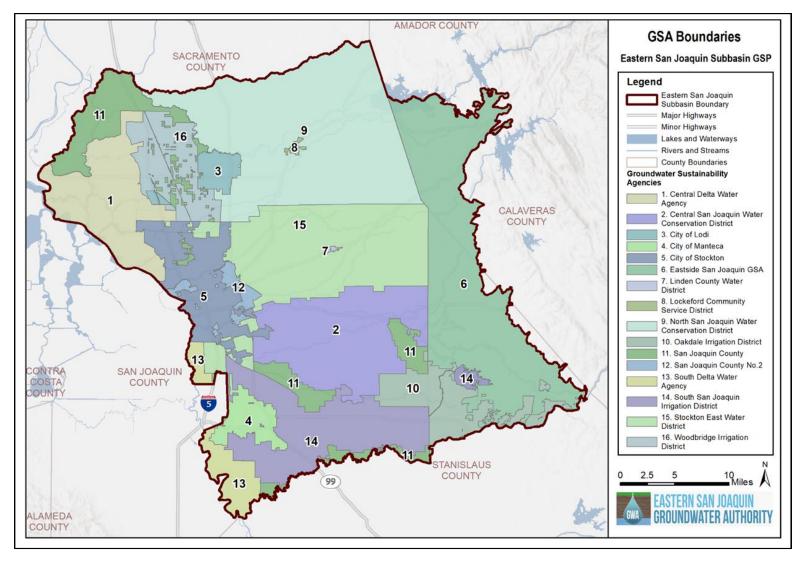


Figure 1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin

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### 2. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES

This section documents the activities and milestones from the passing of SGMA throughout GSP development, summarizes the contents of the GSP for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, and documents GSP implementation progress during WY 2021.

Implementation of the GSP is underway, which includes this Annual Report as well as monitoring and associated assessment of sustainable management criteria and identified projects, management actions, and adaptive management (as needed).

### 2.1 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary development of the Eastern San Joaquin GSP began with formation of the member GSAs and agreement to form the ESJGWA for the purpose of GSP development and implementation. The ESJGWA Board of Directors (ESJGWA Board) developed an Advisory Committee (AC) that included staff members from the GSAs. The AC provides technical review and recommendations to the ESJGWA Board for ongoing sustainable groundwater management and development of the Eastern San Joaquin GSP. The ESJGWA also developed a Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup (Workgroup) to promote stakeholder input and relied upon the Workgroup when developing the GSP. The Workgroup began with an application process to ensure a diverse cross section of populations were represented to serve on the Workgroup. Workgroup members participated and provided valuable input throughout the GSP development process.

On March 3, 2018, the GSAs filed a notice of intent to prepare a GSP with DWR. A public draft of the GSP was posted for public comment in July 2019, and a notice of intent to adopt a GSP was sent by the ESJGWA to all cities and counties in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin on August 16, 2019. The Final GSP, published November 5, 2019, was adopted by the individual GSAs between November 2019 and January 2020. On January 8, 2020, the ESJGWA Board passed a resolution agreeing to submit the Plan to DWR on behalf of the 16 GSAs.

On November 18, 2021, DWR notified the GSAs in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin that the GSP will need to address deficiencies in order to be approved. DWR has requested a consultation with the GSAs to discuss actions and time necessary to improve the GSP prior to making a final determination. The Subbasin GSAs met with DWR on December 3, 2021 to discuss the comments received. The GSAs have initiated efforts to address DWR's comments and are in the process of scheduling additional consultation meetings with DWR to address any identified deficiencies.

### 2.2 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN CONTENTS SUMMARY

The GSP was prepared in compliance with all relevant elements of the SGMA Regulations and GSP Emergency Regulations, Article 5 *Plan Contents*. The subsections below summarize the contents of the GSP relevant to assessing changing conditions in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin for the purposes of evaluating GSP implementation progress in this Annual Report.

### 2.2.1 Plan Area

The GSP's plan area encompasses the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (5-22.01), as defined by DWR's Final 2018 Basin Boundary Modifications (released February 11, 2019). The Eastern Subbasin is located at the north end of the larger San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, to the west of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) and is generally bounded by the Sierra Nevada foothills to the east, the San Joaquin River to the west, Dry Creek to the north, and Stanislaus River to the south. The major river

systems traversing the Subbasin include the Calaveras, Mokelumne, and Stanislaus Rivers. Multiple smaller streams flow into the San Joaquin River.

The plan area covers areas of San Joaquin County east of the San Joaquin River, including the cities of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Escalon, and Ripon, and portions of Calaveras and Stanislaus Counties. The Subbasin is bordered by Sacramento, Amador, and Contra Costa Counties. Land use patterns in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin are dominated by agricultural uses, including nut and fruit trees, vineyards, row crops, grazing, and forage. Irrigated crop acreage in the Subbasin is 42% fruit and nut trees, 24% vineyards, and 9% alfalfa and irrigated pasture, according to 2016 statewide land use data.

### 2.2.2 Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

One principal aquifer exists across the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin that is composed of three water production zones. The zones are:

- **Shallow Zone** that consists of the alluvial sands and gravels of the Modesto, Riverbank, and Upper Turlock Lake Formations
- Intermediate Zone that consists of the Lower Turlock Lake and Laguna Formations
- **Deep Zone** that consists of the consolidated sands and gravels of the Mehrten Formation

The Stockton Fault is the largest fault in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. It is a large reverse fault with displacements of up to 3,600 feet. The Vernalis Fault is a reverse fault with a northwest-southeast trend that bounds the Tracy-Vernalis anticlinal trend that is mapped outside of the west boundary of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Additionally, the Stockton Arch is a broad transverse structure that underlies the southern half of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. The base of fresh water (encountered saline) has been observed as shallow as 650 feet below ground surface (bgs) in the eastern part of the Subbasin to over 2,000 feet bgs in the northern part of the Subbasin.

### 2.2.3 Existing Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater levels in some portions of the Subbasin have been declining for many years, while groundwater levels in other areas of the Subbasin have remained stable or increased in recent years. The change in groundwater levels varies across the Subbasin, with the greatest declines occurring in the central portion of the Subbasin. The western and southern portions of the Subbasin have experienced less change in groundwater levels, in part due to the minimal groundwater pumping in the Delta area to the west and the import of surface water for agricultural and urban uses.

In many areas of the Subbasin, groundwater levels reached their lowest in Fall 1992. In many cases, areas that experienced undesirable results in 1992 put mitigation measures in place, often deepening wells, meaning that 1992 groundwater levels would no longer trigger undesirable effects. Groundwater levels in some areas of the Subbasin have recovered since 1992; however, groundwater levels in other portions of the Subbasin further declined below 1992 levels.

A central pumping depression exists east of the City of Stockton. Groundwater generally flows from the outer edges of the Subbasin towards the depression in the middle of the Subbasin. Along the eastern side of the Subbasin, the lateral gradient of groundwater levels ranges from approximately 21 feet per mile (ft/mi) during the seasonal high to 16 ft/mi during the seasonal low. Along the western side of the Subbasin, the lateral gradient ranges from approximately 7 ft/mi during the seasonal high to 6 ft/mi during the seasonal low. The steeper gradients on the east side of the Subbasin compared to the west side is

primarly due to the steeper aquifer units in that area, combined with a lack of head influence from the Delta.

Groundwater quality in the Subbasin varies by location. Areas along the western margin have historically had higher levels of salinity. Salinity may be naturally occurring or the result of human activity. Sources of salinity in the Subbasin include Delta sediments, deep saline groundwater, and irrigation return water. Elevated concentrations of other constituents, such as nitrate, arsenic, and point-source contaminants, are generally localized and not widespread and are generally related to natural sources or land use activities.

While the total volume of groundwater in storage in the Subbasin has declined over time, groundwater storage reduction has not historically been an area of concern in the Subbasin as there are large volumes of fresh water stored in the aquifer. As estimated in the ESJGSP, the total volume of fresh groundwater in storage was estimated at over 53 million acre-feet (MAF) in 2015 (Woodard & Curran, 2019, page 2-80). Significant impacts to groundwater beneficial uses were estimated (via modeling) to occur if there was a depletion of 23 MAF (e.g., only 30 MAF of fresh groundwater remained in the aquifer). As such, it is highly unlikely the Subbasin will experience conditions under which the volume of stored groundwater poses a concern, although the depth to access that groundwater does pose a concern.

Land subsidence has not historically been an area of concern in the Subbasin, and there are no records of land subsidence caused by groundwater pumping in the Subbasin.

Seawater intrusion is not present in the Subbasin. While the Delta ecosystem evolved with a natural salinity cycle that brought brackish tidal water in from the San Francisco Bay, current management practices endeavor to maintain freshwater flows through a combination of hydraulic and physical barriers and alterations to existing channels.

Major river systems in the Subbasin are highly managed to meet instream flow requirements for fisheries, water quality standards, and water rights of users downstream. Many smaller streams run through the Subbasin that provide contributions to both groundwater, riparian habitat, and the major river systems. The interconnection between reaches of these streams and the groundwater system will be better understood through monitoring as the GSP is implemented.

### 2.2.4 Water Budgets

Water budgets provide a quantitative accounting of surface water and groundwater entering and leaving the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin under historical, current, projected, and projected with climate change conditions. The budgets were estimated using the ESJWRM. The primary components of the groundwater budget are:

#### • Inflows:

- Deep percolation from precipitation, applied water (surface water and groundwater) for agricultural lands, and applied water (surface water and groundwater) for outdoor use in the urban areas or industrial purposes
- Stream seepage (i.e., losses to the groundwater system)
- Other recharge (including unlined canals/reservoir seepage, local tributaries seepage, and Managed Aquifer Recharge [MAR] projects)
- Subsurface inflow

#### Outflows:

- o Groundwater outflow to streams (i.e., stream gain from the groundwater system)
- Groundwater pumping

- Subsurface outflow
- Change in Groundwater Storage (Inflows Minus Outflows)

The average annual groundwater storage is shown as decreasing under historical, current, projected, and projected with climate change conditions, suggesting conditions of overdraft.

The sustainable conditions scenario results in groundwater outflows almost equal to groundwater inflows, bringing the long-term (50-year) average change in groundwater storage to close to zero. Based on this analysis, the sustainable yield of the Subbasin is 715,000 acre-feet per year (AFY)  $\pm$  10 percent. Groundwater pumping and sustainable yield is discussed further in Section 3.8.1.

### 2.2.5 Sustainable Management Criteria

SGMA allows several pathways to meet the distinct local needs of each groundwater basin, including development of sustainable management criteria, usage of other sustainability indicators as a proxy, and identification of indicators as not being applicable to the basin. Sustainable management criteria were developed based on information about the Subbasin in the hydrogeologic conceptual model, the descriptions of current and historical groundwater conditions, the water budget, and input from stakeholders during the GSP development process.

The sustainability goal for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins is:

to maintain an economically viable groundwater resource for the beneficial use of the people of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin by operating the Subbasin within its sustainable yield or by modification of existing management to address future conditions. This goal will be achieved through the implementation of a mix of supply and demand type projects consistent with the GSP implementation plan.

The method prescribed by SGMA to measure undesirable results and achieve the sustainability goal involves setting minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for a series of representative monitoring sites. These representative sites are a subset of the monitoring network developed as part of the GSP. The sustainable management criteria are summarized in **Table 2-2**.

Of the six sustainability indicators addressed in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, chronic lowering of groundwater levels is the driver for sustainable groundwater management, as several other indicators all correlated with groundwater levels. Measurable objectives, minimum thresholds, and interim milestones were developed for each of the identified representative wells.

Minimum thresholds for groundwater levels were developed with reference to historical drought low conditions and domestic well depths. Specifically, minimum thresholds were established based on the deeper of the historical drought low plus a buffer of the historical fluctuation or the 10th percentile domestic well depth, whichever is shallower – establishing levels that are protective of 90 percent of domestic wells. In municipalities with ordinances requiring the use of municipal water (water provided by a city's municipal wells) for domestic users, the 10th percentile municipal well depth is used in place of the 10th percentile domestic well depth criteria. Measurable objectives were established based on the historical drought low and provide a buffer above the minimum threshold. A table summarizing minimum thresholds and measurable objectives is included in the GSP. Graphs showing the minimum threshold and measurable objective for each of the representative wells are contained in an appendix to the GSP.

Minimum thresholds for water quality were defined by considering two primary beneficial uses at risk of undesirable results related to salinity: drinking water and agriculture uses. Minimum thresholds are 1,000

milligrams per liter (mg/L) for each representative monitoring well, consistent with the upper limit secondary maximum contaminant level (SMCL) for total dissolved solids (TDS). Crop tolerances in the Subbasin range by crop type from 900 mg/L TDS for almonds up to 4,000 mg/L TDS for wheat, assuming a 90 percent yield.

The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is not in a coastal area, and seawater intrusion is not currently present. Undesirable results related to seawater intrusion are not currently occurring and are not reasonably expected to occur. However, this GSP recognizes that saltwater currently found in some of the aquifers under the Delta could migrate and impair groundwater quality. As such, the GSP establishes monitoring protocols for the early detection of saltwater migration from under the Delta or deep aquifer zones, were it ever to occur, so that the ESJGWA can take early actions to address any associated undesirable results.

The GSP develops minimum thresholds and measurable objectives that include monitoring for chloride and an analysis of isotopic ratios to identify the source of high salinity. The minimum threshold for saltwater migration is a 2,000 mg/L chloride isocontour line established near the western edge of the Subbasin between sentinel monitoring locations. 2,000 mg/L chloride is approximately 10 percent of seawater chloride concentrations (19,500 mg/L).

For depletions of interconnected surface water, the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for groundwater levels are used. There is significant correlation between groundwater levels and depletions, and the groundwater levels minimum thresholds are found to be protective of depletions. Similarly, the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for groundwater levels are used for the land subsidence and groundwater storage sustainability indicators as both are also strongly linked to groundwater levels. The groundwater levels minimum thresholds are found to be protective of land subsidence and groundwater storage.

### 2.2.6 Monitoring Networks

Monitoring networks were developed for the sustainability indicators that apply to the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, leveraging existing monitoring that has been developed locally and in cooperation with DWR. The objective of these monitoring networks is to monitor conditions across the Subbasin so that the GSAs can continue to manage groundwater sustainably. Specifically, the monitoring network was developed to do the following:

- Monitor impacts to the beneficial uses or users of groundwater
- Monitor changes in groundwater conditions relative to measurable objectives and minimum thresholds
- Demonstrate progress toward achieving measurable objectives described in the GSP
- Support estimation of annual changes in water budget components

To achieve these objectives, the monitoring well networks incorporate sites and frequencies that can detect seasonal and long-term trends for each applicable sustainability indicator. This includes selection of an appropriate temporal frequency and spatial density to evaluate groundwater conditions related to the effectiveness of the GSP.

There are four monitoring well networks established within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin GSP: a representative network for water levels, a broad network for water levels, a representative network for water quality, and a broad network for water quality. Monitoring well data from the representative networks are used to determine compliance with the minimum thresholds, while data from the broad

networks are used for informational purposes to identify trends and fill data gaps. The two monitoring well networks for water quality are also used to develop a chloride isocontour to evaluate potential for saltwater migration. Water level data inform depletions of interconnected surface water.

Wells in the monitoring networks are measured on a semi-annual schedule (spring and fall) for both groundwater levels and water quality. Historical measurements have been entered into the Subbasin Data Management System (DMS), and future data are also be stored in the DMS.

A summary of the wells in the monitoring networks is shown in **Table 2-1**.

 Representative Networks
 Well Count

 Groundwater Level
 21²

 Groundwater Quality\*
 10

 Broad Networks
 CASGEM (Groundwater Levels)
 76

 Nested or Clustered Wells (Groundwater Levels & Quality)\*
 16

 Agency Wells (Groundwater Levels & Quality)\*
 5

**Table 2-1: Summary of Monitoring Network Wells** 

### 2.2.7 Projects and Management Actions

Achieving sustainability in the Subbasin requires implementation of projects and management actions. The Subbasin will achieve sustainability by implementing water supply projects that either replace groundwater use or supplement groundwater supplies to attain the current estimated pumping offset and/or recharge targets identified in the GSP. In addition, three projects have been identified that support demand-side reduction activities through conservation measures, including water use efficiency upgrades. At present, the Subbasin has submitted a grant application for implementation grant funding under the Sustainable Groundwater Management grant program for critically-overdrafted groundwater basin. This funding will be used to further three projects in support of the Subbasin's sustainability.

Currently, no pumping restrictions have been proposed for the Subbasin; however, GSAs maintain the flexibility to implement such demand-side management actions in the future if need is determined. Additional management activities are:

- Monitoring and recording of groundwater levels and groundwater quality data
- Maintaining and updating the DMS with newly collected data
- Annual monitoring of progress toward sustainability
- Annual reporting of Subbasin conditions to DWR as required by SGMA

<sup>\*</sup>The 10 groundwater quality wells in the Representative Networks are also part of the Broad Networks. The well count presented in this table for the Broad Network do not include the 10 wells that are included in the Representative Network for water quality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 20 wells were included in the representative monitoring network for groundwater levels in the GSP. An additional well (01S10E04C001M) was added during WY 2020 in an effort to fill identified data gaps in the Subbasin.

**Table 2-2. Summary of Sustainable Management Criteria** 

Sustainability	Undesirable Results	Identification of	Measurable	Minimum		
Indicator	Officestrable Results	Undesirable Results Undesirable Results		Threshold		
Indicator	An undesirable result is	Undesirable results	Objective At each of 20	The deeper of 1992		
	experienced if sustained	occur when more	representative wells,	and 2015-2016		
	groundwater levels are too low	than 25% of	the measurable	groundwater levels		
	to satisfy beneficial uses within	representative	objective was defined	with a buffer of 100		
	the Subbasin over the planning	monitoring wells	based on the deeper	percent of historical		
	and implementation horizon of	(5 of 20 wells in the	of 1992 or 2015-2016	range applied, or the		
	the GSP.	Subbasin) fall below	groundwater level	10th percentile		
		their minimum	values.	domestic well depth		
		elevation thresholds		within a 3-mile		
Chronic		for two consecutive		radius of the		
lowering of		years that are		monitoring well, <sup>1</sup>		
groundwater		categorized as non-		whichever is		
levels		dry years (below-		shallower. In		
		normal, above-		municipalities with		
		normal, or wet), according to the San		ordinances requiring the use of municipal		
		Joaquin Valley Water		water, the 10th		
		Year Hydrologic		percentile municipal		
		Classification.		well depth is used in		
				place of the 10th		
				percentile domestic		
				well depth criteria.		
	An undesirable result is	Undesirable results	Management of	Management of		
	experienced if sustained	would occur if	reduction in	reduction in		
	groundwater storage volumes	groundwater storage	groundwater storage	groundwater storage		
D 1 4	are insufficient to satisfy	volumes were	is performed using	is performed using		
Reduction in	beneficial uses within the	depleted by 23 MAF	groundwater levels as	groundwater levels as		
groundwater storage	Subbasin over the planning and implementation horizon of the	(e.g., 30 MAF of freshwater remain in	a proxy.	a proxy.		
Storage	GSP. Undesirable results	storage).				
	related to groundwater storage	storage).				
	are not present and are not					
	likely to occur in the Subbasin.					
	An undesirable result is	Undesirable results	At each of 10	At each of 10		
	experienced if SGMA-related	occur when more	representative wells,	representative wells,		
	groundwater management	than 25% of	600 mg/L TDS. The	1,000 mg/L TDS,		
	activities cause significant and	representative	measurable objective	consistent with the		
	unreasonable impacts to the	monitoring wells	is close to the	upper SMCL and		
	long-term viability of	(3 of 10 wells in the	recommended SMCL	developed based on		
Doomo d : 3	domestic, agricultural,	Subbasin) exceed the	of 500 mg/L and	the crop tolerances		
Degraded water quality	municipal, environmental, or other beneficial uses over the	minimum thresholds	significantly below	for fruit and nut trees		
water quality	planning and implementation	for water quality for two consecutive	the upper limit SMCL of 1,000	and vineyards.		
	horizon of the GSP.	years and where	mg/L.			
	nonzon of the opt.	these concentrations				
		are the result of				
		groundwater				
		management				
		activities.				

Sustainability Indicator	Undesirable Results	Identification of Undesirable Results	Measurable Objective	Minimum Threshold
Saltwater migration	An undesirable result is experienced if sustained groundwater salinity levels caused by saltwater migration and due to groundwater management practices are too high to satisfy beneficial uses within the basin over the planning and implementation horizon of the GSP. Saltwater migration is not present and is not likely to occur in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.	Undesirable results are considered to occur during GSP implementation when 2,000 mg/L chloride reaches an established isocontour line and where these concentrations are caused by intrusion of a seawater source as a result of groundwater management activity.	500 mg/L chloride concentrations at an established isocontour line along the western portion of the Subbasin.	2,000 mg/L chloride concentrations at the established isocontour line along the western portion of the Subbasin. An action plan is in place to trigger additional monitoring and analysis at detections of 1,000 mg/L chloride in the monitoring network to confirm seawater source.
Land subsidence	An undesirable result is experienced if the occurrence of land subsidence substantially interferes with beneficial uses of groundwater and infrastructure within the Subbasin over the planning and implementation horizon of the GSP. There are no historical records of significant and unreasonable impacts from subsidence in the Subbasin.	An undesirable result occurs when subsidence substantially interferes with beneficial uses of groundwater and surface land uses. Undesirable results would occur when substantial interference with land use occurs, including significant damage to canals, pipes, or other water conveyance facilities.	Management of land subsidence is performed using groundwater levels as a proxy.	Management of land subsidence is performed using groundwater levels as a proxy.
Depletions of interconnected surface water	An undesirable result is experienced if the depletions of interconnected surface water causes significant and unreasonable adverse effects on beneficial uses of surface water within the Subbasin over the planning and implementation horizon of the GSP.	An undesirable result occurs when depletions result in reductions in flow or levels of major rivers and streams that are hydrologically connected to the basin such that the reduced surface water flow or levels have a significant and unreasonable adverse impact on beneficial uses and users of the surface water.	Management of depletions of interconnected surface water is performed using groundwater levels as a proxy.	Management of depletions of interconnected surface water is performed using groundwater levels as a proxy.

### Notes:

A radius of 2 miles was used for well 03N07E21L003 to reflect domestic well depths in close proximity to the Mokelumne River.

### 2.2.8 Implementation

Implementation of the GSP includes monitoring of conditions, comparing against sustainable management criteria, reporting of those conditions, evaluating the GSP, implementing adaptive management strategies, implementing projects and management actions, and funding of these activities. Data are collected through monitoring on a prescribed schedule for each monitoring network.

The data collected are used to improve the understanding of the Subbasin as well as for comparison with the sustainable management criteria. Each representative monitoring well site included in each monitoring well network has defined measurable objectives and minimum thresholds for each applicable sustainability indicator. Comparison of monitoring well data and measurable objectives allow for assessment and tracking of desired conditions. Comparisons with minimum thresholds allow for assessment and tracking of undesirable results.

While undesirable results are not anticipated, should sites begin to approach minimum thresholds, the ESJGWA will convene a working group to evaluate adaptive management strategies, such as the implementation of groundwater pumping curtailments, land fallowing, etc. Further, the total percentage of representative sites exceeding minimum thresholds will be calculated and compared against the percentage which has been identified as reflective of undesirable results.

Implementation activities are reported in annual reports due April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and includes conditions and activities from the previous water year. This WY 2021 report is the third annual report, and the second to be prepared follow GSP submittal on January 31, 2020. Evaluation reports will also be developed every five years to document progress on implementation and to reconsider elements of the GSP.

The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin applied for funding under the Proposition 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program, Round 3. The ESJGWA was awarded \$500,000 on January 24, 2020. These grant funds will be used to install additional monitoring wells adjacent to the Delta to assess cross-boundary flows in the area, improve the existing DMS, and design a Rate Study to develop a cost allocation framework that will help the Subbasin identify how costs for implementation activities will be distributed between GSAs. Such implementation activities include monitoring and reporting, model verification efforts, and public engagement and outreach. Additionally, as previously mentioned, the ESJGWA is currently pursuing funding under the Proposition 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program – Critically Overdrafted Basin SGMA Implementation Round 1 to identify and implement projects that enhance direct recharge in the Subbasin. Projects in the Subbasin are being implemented at the GSA level.

### 2.3 GSP IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Throughout the GSP development process, measurable objectives, interim milestones, and minimum thresholds for applicable sustainability indicators, as well as projects and management actions, were identified to aid in maintaining sustainable conditions throughout the Subbasin. Implementation progress of projects, management actions, and adaptive management activities are detailed in **Appendix A**. The following sections describe progress made in achieving the interim milestones identified in the GSP for groundwater levels and groundwater quality. Groundwater levels are used as a proxy for reduction in groundwater storage, land subsidence, and depletions of interconnected surface water. Monitoring for saltwater migration is done in conjunction with measuring chloride concentrations through the groundwater quality representative monitoring network wells. The ESJWRM was used to quantify recent changes in groundwater storage to reflect WY 2016 to 2021 for this Annual Report, described in

Section 3.4. During WY 2021, conditions relative to all thresholds for all applicable sustainability indicators were considered sustainable.

It should be noted that since early 2020, GSP implementation has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) as GSA employees were encouraged to work from home and avoid public gatherings to prevent the spread of the virus, and more recently by the prevalent spread of the Omicron virus resulting in increased employee illness and associated leaves of absence. Monitoring activities that required traveling and in-person contact have been temporarily suspended and/or delayed in accordance with State and public health guidelines, resulting in monitoring data gaps during WY 2021. Pandemic restrictions may have also delayed implementation progress of projects, management actions, and adaptive management activities described in **Appendix A**.

#### 2.3.1 Groundwater Levels

An analysis was performed to determine conditions relative to established thresholds (including interim milestones for 2025, measurable objectives, and minimum thresholds) during WY 2021 for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels sustainability indicator (**Table 2-3**). Three representative monitoring network wells were not monitored in WY 2021 and two were only monitored once due to a variety of factors including travel restrictions as a result of COVID-19 or well inaccessibility, as shown in **Table 2-3**. Groundwater levels at these wells will be reported in future annual reports. Hydrographs with historical data at each of the 21 representative monitoring network wells are included in **Appendix B**.

As defined in the GSP, interim milestones are established as the current condition for the first 10 years of GSP implementation, and then follow a linear trend between the current condition and the measurable objective.

**Table 2-3. Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels Threshold Analysis** 

Well ID	CASGEM ID	Interim Milestone (2025) (IM)	Measurable Objective (MO)	Minimum Threshold (MT)	Fall 2020 (Seasonal Low)	Difference between Fall 2020 (ft msl)		Spring 2021 (Seasonal High) Difference between Spring 2021 (ft msl)				
		(ft msl)	(ft msl)	(ft msl)	(ft msl)	IM	МО	MT	(ft msl)	IM	мо	MT
01S09E05H002	378824N1210000W001	-8.7	-19.6	-49.8	-17.75	-9.05	1.85	32.05	-9.3	-0.6	10.4	40.6
01N07E14J002	379316N1211665W001	-49.9	-70.4	-114.4	-59.41	-9.51	10.99	54.99	-54.4	-4.5	16.0	60.0
Lodi City Well #2	Not Part of CASGEM Program	0.6	-3.5	-38.5	4.94	4.34	8.44	43.44	2.9	2.3	6.4	41.4
Manteca 18	Not Part of CASGEM Program	9.1	5.8	-16	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Swenson-3	380067N1213458W003	-19.3	-19.3	-26.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
01S10E26J001M	378163N1208321W001	81.7	81.7	43.7	81.94	0.24	0.24	38.24	83.4	1.7	1.7	39.7
02N08E15M002	380206N1210943W001	-63.2	-69.7	-124.1	-62.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
#3 Bear Creek	Not Part of CASGEM Program	-49.3	-50.3	-72.3	-63.3	-14	-13	9	-58.3	-9.0	-8.0	14.0
04N07E20H003M	381843N1212261W001	-35.5	-36.7	-81.7	-33.94	1.56	2.76	47.76	-33.0	2.5	3.7	48.7
03N07E21L003	380909N1212153W001	-51.5	-57.5	-100	-50	1.5	7.5	50	*	*	*	*
Hirschfeld (OID-8)	Not Part of CASGEM Program	36	36	12.5	31.54	-4.46	-4.46	19.04	33.9	-2.1	-2.1	21.4
Burnett (OID-4)	377909N1208675W001	79.7	79.7	60.7	77.89	-1.81	-1.81	17.19	81.2	1.5	1.5	20.5
02S07E31N001	377136N1212508W001	13.8	13	1.5	16.86**	3.06	3.86	15.36	15.4	1.6	2.4	13.9
02S08E08A001	377810N1211142W001	22.2	24	0.6	17.36	-4.84	-6.64	16.76	20.4	-1.8	-3.6	19.8
02N07E03D001	380578N1212017W001	-61.7	-79.7	-122.8	-54.23	7.47	25.47	68.57	-50.2	11.5	29.5	72.6
01N09E05J001	379661N1210011W001	-20.2	-51.1	-86.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
02N07E29B001	379976N1212308W001	-49.8	-80.4	-130.1	-39.13***	10.67	41.27	90.97	-35.7	14.1	44.7	94.4
04N05E36H003	381559N1213727W001	-5.1	-5.1	-31.1	0.33	5.43	5.43	31.43	0.4	5.5	5.5	31.5
03N06E05N003	381317N1213524W001	-14.1	-14.1	-35.1	****	****	****	****	-3.1	11.0	11.0	32.0
04N05E24J004	381816N1213723W001	-6.2	-6.2	-31.2	0.8	7	7	32	0.8	7.0	7.0	32.0
01S10E04C001M <sup>1</sup>	378846N1208816W001		70	50	64.22		-5.78	14.22	65.3		-4.7	15.3

<sup>\*</sup> Groundwater level data for WY 2021 unavailable.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Groundwater level data for WY 1991-2018 was provided by South Delta Water Agency, as reported in the GSP. Groundwater level data for WY 2019-2021 was provided by San Joaquin County.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Groundwater level data for WY 1991-2018 was provided by Stockton East Water District, as reported in the GSP. Groundwater level data for WY 2019-2021 was provided by San Joaquin County.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Well temporarily inaccessible. No measurement was taken.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is a new representative monitoring network well. Interim Milestones for 2025 have not yet been established.

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### 2.3.2 Groundwater Storage

The GSP uses groundwater level minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and interim milestones as a proxy for the reduction in groundwater storage sustainability indicator. An analysis to determine conditions relative to established thresholds (including interim milestones for 2025, measurable objectives, and minimum thresholds) during WY 2021 for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels sustainability indicator is described in Section 2.3.1. The ESJWRM was updated to estimate the changes in groundwater storage during WY 2021, as described in Section 0.

### 2.3.3 Groundwater Quality

An analysis was performed to determine groundwater quality conditions relative to established sustainable management criteria (including interim milestones for 2025, measurable objectives, and minimum thresholds) during WY 2021 for the degraded water quality sustainability indicator (**Table 2-4**). During WY 2021, TDS was sampled at Well 15, Well 16, and Well 17, and specific conductance was sampled at Well 1 and Well 2 and converted to TDS. TDS was not sampled at Well 3, Stockton 10R, and 119-075-01. Stockton Well SSS8 was on standby during WY 2021, but will be active for WY 2022 reporting. Stockton Well 26 was no longer active at the time this Annual Report was developed. It will be replaced in the representative monitoring network for water quality by another nearby City of Stockton well. The replacement well has yet to be determined. Results from sampling at these wells will be reported on in future annual reports.

As defined in the GSP, interim milestones are established following a linear trend between the current condition and measurable objective. In many cases, the most recent available data are what was presented in the GSP. Additional groundwater quality data will be collected and reported moving forward as part of GSP implementation.

**Table 2-4. Degraded Water Quality Threshold Analysis** 

Well ID	Interim Milestone (2025)	Measurable Objective	Minimum Threshold	Current Conditions from GSP	WY 2021, i	f available **
well ID	(Total Dissolved Solids, mg/L)	(Total Dissolved Solids, mg/L)	(Total Dissolved Solids, mg/L)	(Total Dissolved Solids, mg/L)	Date of Measurement	(Total Dissolved Solids, mg/L)
Well 1	525	600	1,000	500	10/6/21	$406^{3}$
Well 2	532.5	600	1,000	510	10/6/21	545 <sup>3</sup>
Well 3	532.5	600	1,000	510	-	No Data
Stockton 10R	391.5	600	1,000	322	-	No Data <sup>4</sup>
Stockton 26	412.5	600	1,000	350	-	No Data <sup>5</sup>
Stockton SSS8	427.5	600	1,000	370	-	No Data <sup>6</sup>
Well 15	375	600	1,000	300	=	310
Well 16	360	600	1,000	280*	-	330
Well 17	375	600	1,000	300*	-	320
119-075-01	375	600	1,000	300	-	No Data <sup>7</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated by averaging 2012-2018 data due to limitations on data availability.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For wells where Water Year 2021 data are unavailable, the current conditions presented in the GSP represent the most recent available information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Measurement was reported as specific conductance (micromhos per centimeter [umho/cm]) and converted to TDS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> No data available for WY 2021. The most recent measurement for Stockton 10R was 390 mg/L on 2/2/2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> City of Stockton Well 26 has been decommissioned and was inactive at the time this report was developed. This well will be replaced in the representative monitoring network for water quality by a neighboring City of Stockton well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> City of Stockton Well SSS8 was on standby at the time this report was written. For reporting in WY 2022, it will be active.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> No data available for WY 2021. The most recent year available for 119-075-01 was 280 mg/L on 11/12/19.

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### 2.3.4 Saltwater Migration

An analyses was performed during WY 2021 to determine conditions relative to established sustainable management criteria (including measurable objectives and minimum thresholds) for the saltwater migration indicator (**Table 2-5**). Chloride concentrations were monitored at Well 15, 16, and 17. Chloride concentrations were not sampled during WY 2021 at Well 1, Well 2, Well 3, Stockton 10R, and 119-075-01. Stockton Well SSS8 was on standby during WY 2021, but will be active for WY 2022 reporting. Stockton Well 26 was no longer active at the time this Annual Report was developed. It will be replaced in the representative monitoring network for water quality by another nearby City of Stockton well. The replacement well has yet to be determined. Results from sampling at these wells will be reported on in future annual reports.

Interim milestones, which are based on the measurable objective, are not included in **Table 2-5** as these will be further developed through ongoing water quality monitoring.

Well ID	Measurable Objective	Minimum Threshold	WY 2021, if	`available **
well ID	(Chloride, mg/L)	(Chloride, mg/L)	Date of Measurement	(Chloride, mg/L)
Well 1	500	2,000	-	No Data
Well 2	500	2,000	-	No Data
Well 3	500	2,000	-	No Data
Stockton 10R	500	2,000	1	No Data <sup>8</sup>
Stockton 26	500	2,000	-	No Data <sup>9</sup>
Stockton SSS8	500	2,000	-	No Data <sup>10</sup>
Well 15	500	2,000	-	15
Well 16	500	2,000	-	16
Well 17	500	2,000	-	17
119-075-01	500	2,000	-	No Data <sup>11</sup>

**Table 2-5. Saltwater Migration Threshold Analysis** 

### 2.3.5 Land Subsidence

The GSP uses groundwater level minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and interim milestones as a proxy for the land subsidence sustainability indicator. An analysis to determine conditions relative to established thresholds (including interim milestones for 2025, measurable objectives, and minimum thresholds) during WY 2021 for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels sustainability indicator is described in Section 2.3.1. Additionally, per publicly-available datasets, there are three Continuous GPS subsidence monitoring stations in the Subbasin, P273, CNDR and P309, which were measured during WY 2021 along with InSAR data released by DWR, Neither P273 nor P309 showed any land subsidence over WY 2021, and CNDR showed 0.01 feet of land subsidence (within the realm of error) over the last

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> No water quality data available for WY 2021. Monitoring data will be available for reporting in WY 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> City of Stockton Well 26 has been decommissioned and was inactive at the time this report was developed. This well will be replaced in the representative monitoring network for water quality by a neighboring City of Stockton well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> City of Stockton Well SSS8 was on standby at the time this report was written. For reporting in WY 2022, it will be active.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> No data available for WY 2021. The most recent measurement for Well 18 was 30 mg/L on 11/12/19.

water year. These results are reflected in the recently-released InSAR data which shows that no land subsidence occurred in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

### 2.3.6 Groundwater-Surface Water Interaction

The GSP uses groundwater level minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and interim milestones as a proxy for the depletions of interconnected surface water sustainability indicator. An analysis to determine conditions relative to established thresholds (including interim milestones for 2025, measurable objectives, and minimum thresholds) during WY 2021 for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels sustainability indicator is described in Section 2.3.1.

### 3. GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT

This section discusses hydrologic conditions, groundwater elevation trends, groundwater quality, and groundwater-surface water interaction in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

### 3.1 HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS

Rainfall data derived from the PRISM (Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model) dataset of the DWR's California Simulation of Evapotranspiration of Applied Water (CALSIMETAW) model indicate a Subbasin average of 8.8 inches of rainfall during WY 2021. This represents approximately 57% of the long-term (WY 1969-2018) Subbasin average precipitation of 15.4 inches. San Joaquin River flow at Vernalis for the same period had an average monthly discharge of approximately 62 thousand acre-feet, representing about 23% of the long-term (WY 1965-2020) average flow at that location (USGS, 2022). The Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar for this period had an average monthly discharge of approximately 5 thousand acre-feet, representing about 16% of the long-term (WY 1965-2020) average flow at that location; and Calaveras River flow below New Hogan Dam had an average monthly discharge of approximately 6.3 thousand acre-feet, representing about 49% of the long-term (WY 1965-2020) average flow at that location (USGS, 2022).

### 3.2 GROUNDWATER LEVELS

**Figure 2** shows the location of the representative wells identified in the GSP monitoring network for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels. Individual hydrographs<sup>12</sup>, charts of groundwater levels over time, for these wells are included in **Appendix B**. The hydrographs display historical trends of groundwater levels in the Subbasin through WY 2021, contingent upon data availability. All available data are shown (DWR, 2022a).

All hydrographs show yearly cycles of groundwater level declines in summer due to typical patterns in groundwater pumping and recharge during winter recovery. Of the 21 representative monitoring wells, 17 wells reported groundwater levels for Fall 2020 and 16 wells in Spring 2021 as shown in **Table 2-3**. Water levels fluctuated around the measurable objective for multiple representative wells, remaining an average of 5.2 feet above the measurable objectives in Fall 2020 and 7.6 feet above the measurable objectives in Spring 2020. Five representative wells (#3 Bear Creek, Hirschfeld (OID-8), Burnett (OID-4), 02S08E08A001, and 01S10E04C001M1) reported Spring 2021 levels that did not meet the measurable objective. Water levels remained an average of 37.4 feet above the minimum threshold for all representative wells with reported data in Spring 2021. No wells reported groundwater levels below the minimum threshold, and as a result, no undesirable results were triggered as specified by the sustainable management criteria set in the GSP.

Hydrographs showing WY 2021 for wells in the broad monitoring network are included in **Appendix C**.

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Except where noted, groundwater levels in hydrographs were converted to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88), consistent with CASGEM groundwater data reporting.

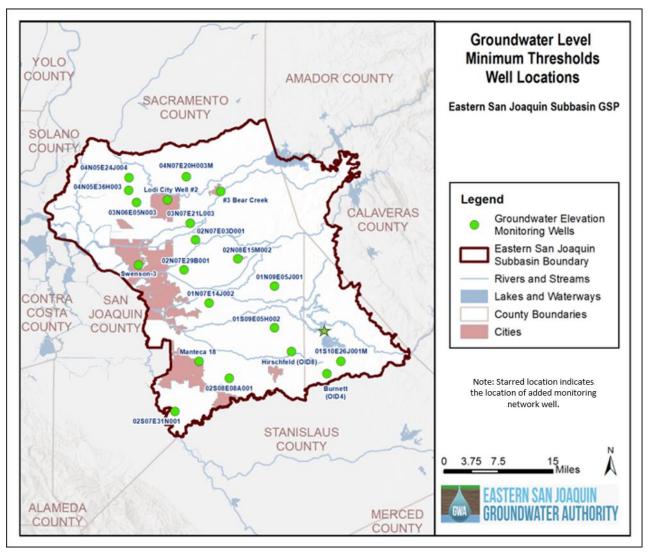


Figure 2. Groundwater Level Representative Monitoring Well Locations

### 3.2.1 Comparison of Current and Historical Spring Groundwater Levels

A comparison of Spring 2021 groundwater levels with the range of historical spring levels for representative wells in the Subbasin shows a general trend of decreasing groundwater levels. Groundwater levels decreased an average of 0.9 feet between Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 for representative wells with WY 2020 and WY 2021 data. This trend correlates with increased groundwater use during dry years which is not surprising given WY 2021 was a critical (C) water year under the San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index following a dry water year (WY 2020).

### 3.2.2 Groundwater Level Contour Maps

Groundwater level contour maps were developed as part of this annual report to represent seasonal high and seasonal low conditions. Fall 2020 (September, October, November 2020) and Spring 2021 (March, April, May 2021) groundwater elevation maps are included in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4.** Previous work expanded the groundwater level period to include September and November 2020 and May 2021 for seasonal low and seasonal high readings, respectively. This definition was used again in this year's annual

report for consistency. This approach reduces the impact of disruptions, whether for unanticipated COVID-19 reasons or for routine well accessibility issues, to the monitoring data quality used to develop the groundwater contour map. This also allowed the analysis to capture a larger dataset and better represent current conditions.

Groundwater levels in the center of the Subbasin rose slightly between Spring of WY 2020 and the beginning of WY 2021 (Fall 2020). Between Fall WY 2021 (Fall 2020) and Spring WY 2021 (Spring 2021), groundwater level stayed relatively constant, likely reflecting the dry conditions of the wet season during WY 2021 that did not cause the typical seasonal high rise.

Groundwater elevation contours shown in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4** used the Kriging interpolation method (as opposed to the spline interpolation used in the GSP) as the Kriging method better represented the updated data set. Areas where there were limited WY 2021 data available are indicated with hash marking all three figures. There is a notable data gap on the eastern side of the Subbasin. Installation of new monitoring wells in these regions as part of GSP implementation, as well as corresponding changes to groundwater level monitoring, will be critical in filling these data gaps.

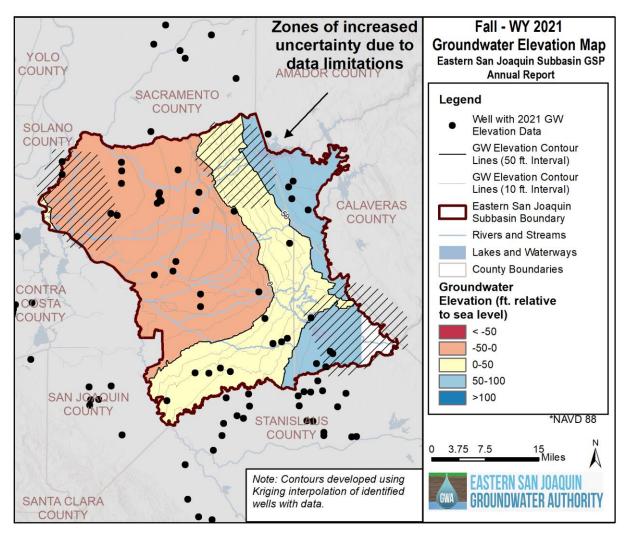


Figure 3. Seasonal Low Groundwater Levels in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, based on data from September 2020 (WY 2020), October and November 2020 (WY 2021)

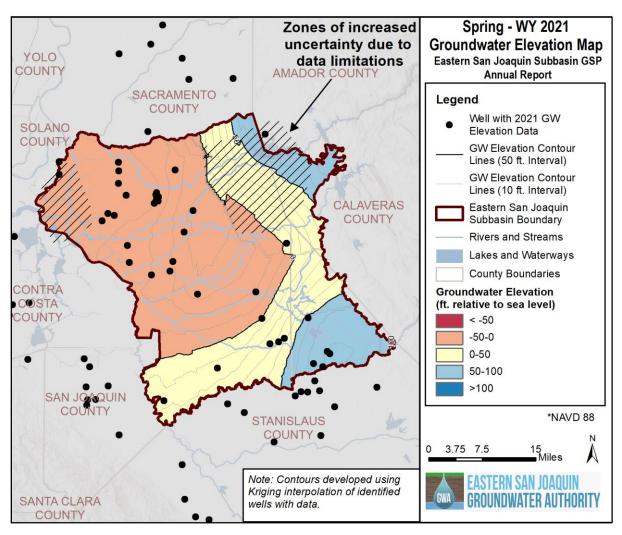


Figure 4. Seasonal High Groundwater Levels in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, based on data from March, April, May 2021 (WY 2021)

### 3.3 GROUNDWATER STORAGE

Change in groundwater storage is estimated using the ESJWRM. **Figure 5** shows the annual and cumulative change in storage from WY 1996 to 2021 for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. In WY 2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021), the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin saw a decrease of groundwater in storage of approximately 157,000 AF, reflecting the dry conditions of the year. **Figure 5** indicates positive "Change in Storage", meaning that inflows (consisting of deep percolation, recharge, flow from streams, and boundary inflows) were less than outflows in WY 2021. **Figure 6** adds all inflows together to highlight the annual change in storage. **Figure 7** shows this inverse "Change in Storage" plotted with "Groundwater Pumping" and "Cumulative Change in Storage".

**Figure 8** shows the change in groundwater storage for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin by ESJWRM element between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. On an ESJWRM element basis, groundwater storage was estimated to increase or decrease by 0.2 feet over much of the Subbasin, with an area of decrease of less than 1 foot at most near the center of the Subbasin. Though change in storage varied on an ESJWRM element basis, there was an overall net decrease in groundwater storage in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin during WY 2021, as previously stated and reflected in **Figure 5** to **Figure 7**, and mapped in **Figure 8**.

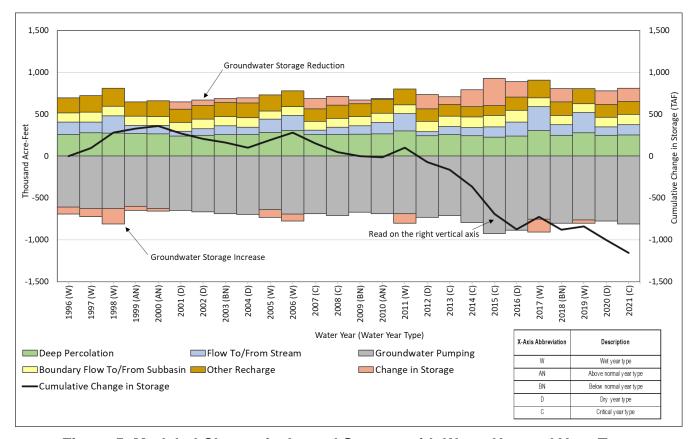


Figure 5. Modeled Change in Annual Storage with Water Use and Year Type

#### Notes:

1. Water Year Types based on San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index (CA DWR, 2022). Water Year 2021 classification is Critical (C) based on the hydrologic conditions for that year.

- "Other Recharge" includes managed aquifer recharge, recharge from unlined canals and/or reservoirs, and recharge from ungauged watersheds.
- 3. "Change in Storage" balances the water budget. For instance, if annual outflows (-) are greater than inflows (+), there is a decrease in storage, but this would be shown as storage depletion on the positive side of the bar chart to balance out the increased outflows on the negative side of the bar chart.

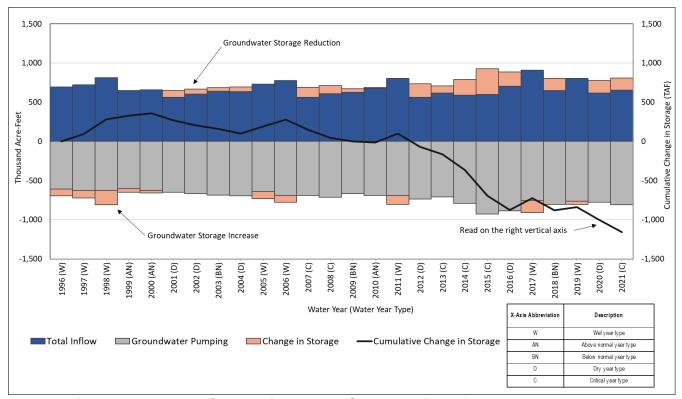


Figure 6. Modeled Change in Annual Storage with Inflows and Year Type

### Notes:

- 1. Water Year Types based on San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index (CA DWR, 2022). Water Year 2021 classification is Critical (C) based on the hydrologic conditions that year.
- "Total Inflow" includes "Deep Percolation", "Flow To/From Stream", "Other Recharge", and "Boundary Flow To/From Subbasin" from Figure 5.
- 3. "Change in Storage" balances the water budget. For instance, if annual outflows (-) are greater than inflows (+), there is a decrease in storage, but this would be shown as storage depletion on the positive side of the bar chart to balance out the increased outflows on the negative side of the bar chart.

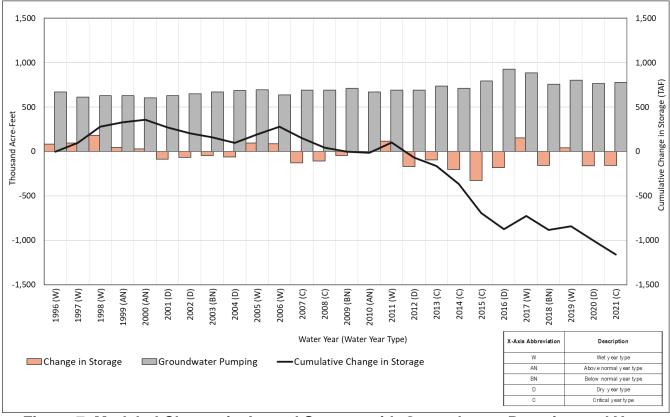


Figure 7. Modeled Change in Annual Storage with Groundwater Pumping and Year Type

### Notes:

- Water Year Types based on San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index (CA DWR, 2022). Water Year 2021 classification is Critical (C) based on the hydrologic conditions for this analysis, however, the San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index has not yet published the WY 2021 designation.
- 2. "Groundwater Pumping" and "Change in Storage" are the inverse of what is shown in **Figure 5** and **Figure 6**. In this figure, a positive "Change in Storage" indicates an increase in groundwater storage, while a negative "Change in Storage" indicates a decrease in groundwater storage. These changes are directly reflected in the "Cumulative Change in Storage" line. The annual "Groundwater Pumping" is shown adjacent to the "Change in Storage" for the same year.

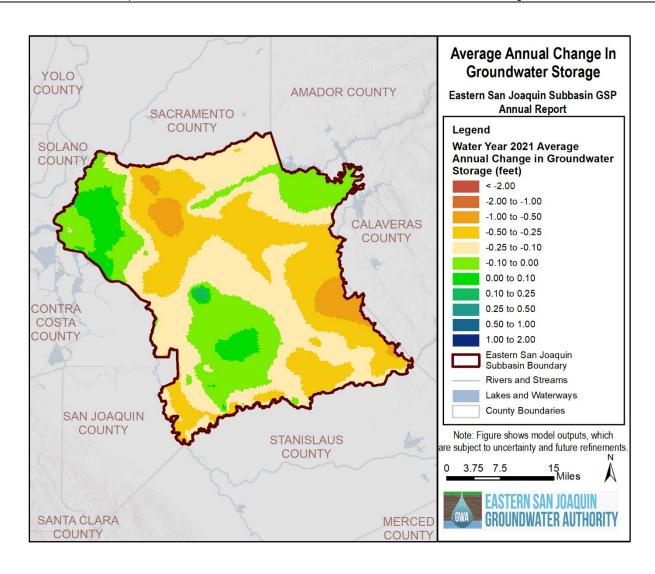


Figure 8. Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin WY 2021 Change in Storage

# 3.4 GROUNDWATER QUALITY

While groundwater quality in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is generally sufficient to meet beneficial uses and is on track to surpass measurable objectives, there are a few constituents of concern that are either currently impacting groundwater use or could impact groundwater in the future. Each water quality parameter may be naturally occurring or anthropogenic in source as well as localized or widespread. The primary naturally occurring water quality constituents of concern in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin are salinity and arsenic. The primary water quality constituents related to human activity include nitrates, salinity, and various point-source contaminants such as petroleum hydrocarbons, solvents, and emerging contaminants. Historical groundwater quality conditions for these constituents are described in Section 2.2.4 in the GSP.

A primary maximum contaminant level (MCL) or secondary maximum contaminant level (SMCL) is defined for a variety of parameters. For the purposes of this GSP, comparing parameter concentrations to their MCL or SMCL is used as the basis for describing groundwater quality concerns in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. Water quality has generally not significantly affected beneficial uses of groundwater in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

Through GSP implementation, monitoring networks for water quality are tested for TDS, cations and anions (including chloride and nitrate), arsenic, and field parameters including pH, electrical conductivity (EC), and temperature. Arsenic and nitrate are monitored for informational purposes only and to track trends in arsenic concentrations, especially as projects are implemented; the GSP does not include sustainability goals, measurable objectives, or minimum thresholds for arsenic or nitrate. Through new monitoring efforts, the GSP will document trends in monitored constituents and identify opportunities for coordination with existing programs. Through coordination with existing agencies and through additional monitoring, the ESJGWA will know if existing regulations are being met or if groundwater management activities in the Subbasin are contributing to significant and unreasonable undesirable effects related to degraded water quality. (It should be noted that arsenic and nitrate are currently regulated in the Subbasin through existing water resources monitoring and management programs such as the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. If groundwater quality conditions violate those regulations, or if monitoring efforts indicate concerning trends, the ESJGWA will take steps to coordinate with regulatory agencies implementing those programs and will evaluate establishing minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for these constituents at that time.)

Ten representative monitoring wells were selected to be monitored for water quality. These wells are currently monitored and managed by City of Manteca, Cal Water, City of Stockton, and San Joaquin County. These measurements are logged in **Table 2-4** in Section 2.5, GSP Implementation Progress of this Annual Report. Details regarding the status of wells that were not sampled during WY 2021 are also included.

The broad monitoring network for water quality includes sampling from five identified local water quality wells and 16 nested and/or clustered well sites that are also monitored for groundwater levels in the broad monitoring network for groundwater levels.

## 3.4.1 Total Dissolved Solids Measurements in Representative Monitoring Network Wells

During WY 2021, TDS was monitored at three wells and specific conductance was sampled and converted to TDS at two of the ten representative monitoring wells for water quality. TDS measurements were not reported from the remaining five representative monitoring wells for a variety of reasons, including reductions in field work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent figures

available are included in **Table 2-4** and the location of the ten representative monitoring wells are shown in **Figure 9**. There were no minimum threshold exceedances to report for WY 2021.

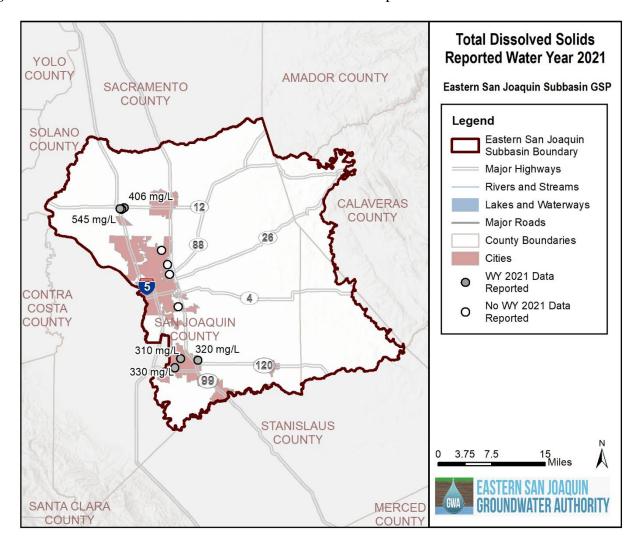


Figure 9. Water Year 2021 Total Dissolved Solids Measurements at Representative Monitoring Well Sites<sup>13</sup>

## 3.4.2 Contaminated Sites

Please refer to the GSP for the most recent information regarding contaminated sites within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins. As the GSP was completed November 2019, limited additional data are available on contaminated sites. Updates regarding contaminated sites within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins will be provided in subsequent Annual Reports.

### 3.4.3 Regional Groundwater Quality

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The two wells in the North with WY 2021 data reported were sampled for specific conductance and converted to TDS.

Please refer to the GSP for the most recent information regarding regional water quality within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. As the GSP was completed November 2019, limited additional data are available on regional groundwater quality. Updates regarding regional water quality within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin will be provided in subsequent Annual Reports.

## 3.5 SALTWATER MIGRATION

As described in the GSP, the ESJGWA monitors chloride concentrations to support information collection and early detection of saltwater intrusion and will report chloride concentrations to DWR in each annual report. While saltwater migration is not expected to occur, the GSP established monitoring protocols for the early detection of saltwater migration were it ever to occur. Chloride measurements were reported at three of the ten representative monitoring wells for water quality. The remaining seven representative monitoring wells were not sampled for a variety of reasons, including reductions in field work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent figures available are included in **Table 2-5** and the locations of the ten representative wells are shown in **Figure 10**. Based on the most recent data available from previous water years along with anecdotal information from the Subbasin GSAs, there are no minimum threshold exceedances for saltwater migration to report.

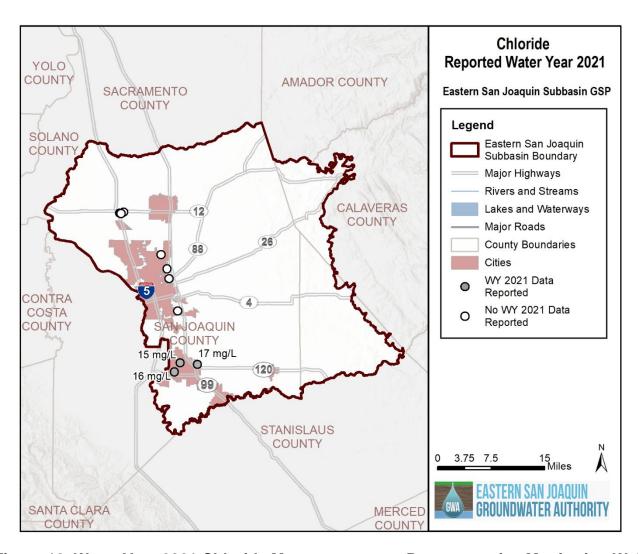


Figure 10. Water Year 2021 Chloride Measurements at Representative Monitoring Well Sites

### 3.6 LAND SUBSIDENCE

SGMA considers the impact of groundwater management actions on land subsidence through the land subsidence sustainability indicator. In the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, the land subsidence sustainability indicator uses the groundwater level sustainability indicator as a proxy. Minimum thresholds for groundwater levels are protective of significant and unreasonable impacts to land subsidence, as described in the GSP. There were no minimum threshold exceedances for groundwater levels; therefore, there are no land subsidence impacts to report for WY 2021. This conclusion is further supported by data for Continuous GPS subsidence monitoring stations P273, CNDR and P309, none of which showed any reportable land subsidence (although CNDR showed 0.01 feet of land subsidence, which is within the realm of error), and by the InSAR data released by DWR, which also did show that land subsidence did not occur in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin during WY 2021.

### 3.7 GROUNDWATER-SURFACE WATER INTERACTION

SGMA considers the impact of groundwater management actions on groundwater-surface water interactions through the depletions of interconnected surface water sustainability indicator. In the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, the depletions of interconnected surface water sustainability indicator use the groundwater level sustainability indicator as a proxy. Minimum thresholds for groundwater levels are protective of significant and unreasonable impacts to depletions of interconnected surface waters, as described in the GSP. There were no minimum threshold exceedances for groundwater levels; therefore, there are no groundwater-surface water interaction impacts to report for WY 2021.

### 3.8 TOTAL WATER USE

#### 3.8.1 Groundwater Use

Groundwater pumping data are available only from a limited number of metered wells within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, with the remainder of extraction information estimated using ESJWRM<sup>14</sup>. Metered data are available from municipal water purveyors (Cal Water, City of Escalon, City of Lodi, City of Manteca, City of Ripon, City of Stockton, LCWD, LCSD, and SEWD). Agricultural, private domestic, and other groundwater production in the Subbasin is largely unmetered and were estimated using the ESJWRM, which bases water use on crop type, hydrologic data (precipitation and evapotranspiration), irrigation efficiency, and population information.

**Figure 11** shows the general location and volume of groundwater pumping within the Subbasin by ESJWRM element for WY 2021. Large portions of the Subbasin elements experience very little pumping between 0.0 to 0.5 AF/acre or feet, while areas with agriculture or municipal pumping wells have pumping ranging from 0.5 to 10 or more feet.

In WY 2021, total groundwater use in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin was estimated at 809,327 AF across water use sectors, as shown in **Table 3-1**. As the estimated sustainable yield of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is 715,000 AFY  $\pm$  10 percent over the long-term, pumping may exceed the sustainable yield during certain years, balanced by other years with reduced pumping so that the long-term average remains at or below the sustainable yield. The groundwater use simulated in ESJWRM over the last 12 years (WY 2010-2021) ranged from a low of 689,000 AF in WY 2011 (wet year) to a high of 928,000 AF in WY 2015 (critical year), with 7 of the 12 simulated years staying within the range of the sustainable yield. It is important to note that the ESJWRM was recently updated and recalibrated with more recent data; however, the Subbasin sustainable yield has not been recalculated following model's updated calibration.

## 3.8.2 Surface Water Use

Surface water delivery data are available from purveyors in the Subbasin and include deliveries for urban and industrial use (City of Lodi; City of Manteca; and City of Stockton, including Cal Water and unincorporated portions of San Joaquin County) and deliveries for agricultural use (CCWD, CSJWCD, NSJWCD, OID, SSJID, SEWD, and WID). For WY 2021, this includes a transfer of just over 1,000 AF of surface water from SSJID and OID to SEWD. The remaining surface water use is estimated in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> A pilot project was undertaken in SEWD to test use of satellite technology to measure and quantify crop evapotranspiration. These measurements, in combination with known data on surface water deliveries, could provide a more direct measure of groundwater pumping for agricultural irrigation. The approach will be further evaluated and may be used along with modeling to quantify agricultural groundwater extractions in the future.

ESJWRM and covers riparian diversions occurring in the CDWA, SDWA, and along major Subbasin rivers. Sources of surface water in the Subbasin include Calaveras River, Mokelumne River, San Joaquin River, and Stanislaus River. Surface water deliveries during WY 2021 are estimated to be 574,597 AF for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (**Table 3-2**). The majority of surface water is used between May and September.

Conjunctive use is the use of surface water in coordination with groundwater to allow the Subbasin to recharge and store additional water supply, either through in-lieu use or direct recharge. In-lieu recharge occurs for both agricultural and municipal purveyors wherever surface water is being delivered to offset groundwater that would have otherwise been used. Agencies conducting in-lieu recharge include Cal Water, CCWD, City of Escalon, City of Lodi, City of Manteca, City of Ripon, City of Stockton, CSJWCD, LCWD, LCSD, NSJWCD, OID, SSJID, SEWD, and WID. While in-lieu recharge was not quantified separately in this report, estimates may be made in future annual reports.

Direct recharge projects exist in NSJWCD and SEWD and recharged almost 11,000 AF in WY 2021. These projects use water from the Calaveras River, Mokelumne River, and Stanislaus River and include NSJWCD's Tracy Lake Groundwater Recharge Project, NSJWCD's Cal-Fed/Costa Recharge project, and SEWD's Farmington Groundwater Recharge Program.

### 3.8.3 Total Water Use

Total water use is the sum of the groundwater use and surface water use. Total water use during WY 2021 is estimated to be 1,383,924 AF for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (**Table 3-3**), comparable to and slightly more than the 1,295,934 AF used in WY 2020 (again, consistent with the Critical water year designation for WY 2021). Groundwater pumping accounted for just over 58% of total water use in the Subbasin, while surface water deliveries were a little less than 42% of total water used.

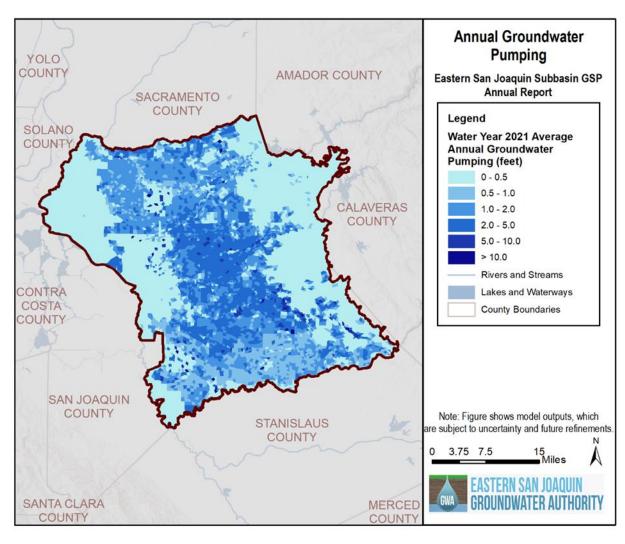


Figure 11. Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin WY 2021 Groundwater Extraction

Table 3-1. Water Year 2021 Monthly Groundwater Extraction (in acre-feet)

	Agric	ultural	Urban and	l Industrial	
Month	Agency Reported Values*	Estimated Agricultural**	Agency Reported Values*	Private Domestic**	Total
Oct-20	348	116,400	1,952	1,900	120,601
Nov-20	31	6,600	1,144	1,300	9,075
Dec-20	4	2,400	910	1,100	4,414
Jan-21	14	1,700	1,143	1,100	3,956
Feb-21	44	24,100	1,396	1,100	26,640
Mar-21	338	10,600	1,742	1,500	14,180
Apr-21	677	103,100	1,880	1,800	107,457
May-21	1,171	80,600	2,861	2,600	87,232
Jun-21	840	148,900	3,399	3,000	156,139
Jul-21	889	74,300	4,028	3,300	82,517
Aug-21	637	127,200	3,593	3,200	134,629
Sep-21	647	56,300	2,940	2,600	62,487
Total	5,640	752,200	26,987	24,500	809,327
Measurement Accuracy	High	Medium	High	Medium	-

<sup>\*</sup> Agency reported values for agriculture were collected for some of the agencies (SSJID and OID) that report pumping for either agricultural or landscape use.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Additional groundwater pumping is estimated by the ESJWRM based on crop type, hydrologic data (precipitation and evapotranspiration), irrigation efficiency, and population information.

Table 3-2. Water Year 2021 Monthly Surface Water Delivered for Use (in acre-feet)

Mandh	Agricu	ltural	Urban and	Industrial	
Month	Agency Reported Values*	Estimated Riparian**	Agency Reported Values	Estimated in ESJWRM	Total
Oct-20	25,081	7,300	5,952	0	38,333
Nov-20	1,873	0	4,372	0	6,245
Dec-20	1,034	0	3,753	0	4,787
Jan-21	1,718	0	3,748	0	5,467
Feb-21	4,136	0	2,973	0	7,110
Mar-21	8,637	9,200	3,481	0	21,319
Apr-21	24,060	15,900	4,500	0	44,460
May-21	49,544	42,300	5,667	0	97,511
Jun-21	48,950	25,600	7,395	0	81,945
Jul-21	56,876	44,200	7,729	0	108,805
Aug-21	54,649	24,700	7,318	0	86,667
Sep-21	41,227	24,300	6,421	0	71,948
Total	317,786	193,500	63,311	0	574,597
leasurement Accuracy	High	Medium	High	Medium	-

<sup>\*</sup> Agency reported values reflect deliveries to meet demand, which was based on evapotranspiration and land use.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Estimated agricultural surface water deliveries include deliveries to Central Delta Water Authority, South Delta Water Authority, and riparian users along major streams.

Table 3-3. Water Year 2021 Monthly Total Water Use (in acre-feet)

			Agricult	ural			Urban and Industrial						
Month	Direct l	Measuremen	ıt	Estima	ited in ESJW	<i>RM</i> **	Direct A	Measureme	nt	Estimate	d in ESJW	RM**	Total
Within	Groundwater*	Surface Water	Total	Ground water	Surface Water	Total	Groundwater	Surface Water	Total	Groundwater	Surface Water	Total	
Oct-20	348	25081	25,429	116,400	7,300	123,700	1,952	5,952	7,904	1,900	0	1,900	158,933
Nov-20	31	1873	1,904	6,600	0	6,600	1,144	4,372	5,516	1,300	0	1,300	15,320
Dec-20	4	1034	1,038	2,400	0	2,400	910	3,753	4,663	1,100	0	1,100	9,201
Jan-21	14	1718	1,732	1,700	0	1,700	1,143	3,748	4,891	1,100	0	1,100	9,423
Feb-21	44	4136	4,181	24,100	0	24,100	1,396	2,973	4,369	1,100	0	1,100	33,750
Mar-21	338	8637	8,975	10,600	9,200	19,800	1,742	3,481	5,223	1,500	0	1,500	35,499
Apr-21	677	24060	24,737	103,100	15,900	119,000	1,880	4,500	6,381	1,800	0	1,800	151,917
May-21	1,171	49544	50,715	80,600	42,300	122,900	2,861	5,667	8,528	2,600	0	2,600	184,743
Jun-21	840	48950	49,790	148,900	25,600	174,500	3,399	7,395	10,795	3,000	0	3,000	238,084
Jul-21	889	56876	57,765	74,300	44,200	118,500	4,028	7,729	11,757	3,300	0	3,300	191,322
Aug-21	637	54649	55,286	127,200	24,700	151,900	3,593	7,318	10,910	3,200	0	3,200	221,296
Sep-21	647	41227	41,874	56,300	24,300	80,600	2,940	6,421	9,360	2,600	0	2,600	134,435
Total	5,640	317,786	323,426	752,200	193,500	945,700	26,987	63,311	90,299	24,500	0	24,500	1,383,924
Measurement Accuracy	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	-

<sup>\*</sup> Agency reported values for agriculture was collected for some of the agencies (SSJID and OID) that report pumping for either agricultural or landscape use.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes estimated agricultural groundwater use, estimated private domestic groundwater use, and estimated riparian surface water use. See previous tables for further details.

# 3.8.4 Eastern San Joaquin Water Resources Model Update

The ESJWRM was originally developed and calibrated to model historical groundwater storage from water years 1996-2015. The model has been updated annually to include the recent Water Year data as part of the annual report preparation to reflect more recent data. The *Eastern San Joaquin Water Resources Model Final Report* provides detailed documentation on the ESJWRM model (Woodard & Curran, 2018). In 2021, the ESJWRM was updated and calibrated for the entire period from 1996-2020. Updates to the model are described in *Eastern San Joaquin Water Resources Model Version 2.0 Update* (Woodard & Curran, 2022). Data for WY 2021 were collected from the same public and private sources that had provided the historical data through 2015 used in the GSP. As a result of the model extension, a new historical water budget was generated including updated estimates of change in groundwater storage. The full annual groundwater budget for water years 1996-2021 is shown earlier in **Figure 5**.

### **Data Sources**

Data were requested and received from the following entities in the Subbasin to complete the ESJWRM update through WY 2021:

**Agricultural Water Purveyors** 

- Calaveras County Water District
- Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
- Oakdale Irrigation District
- South San Joaquin Irrigation District
- Stockton East Water District

# Municipal Water Purveyors

- California Water Service Company Stockton District
- City of Escalon
- · City of Lodi
- City of Manteca
- City of Ripon
- City of Stockton
- Linden County Water District
- Lockeford Community Services District
- Stockton East Water District

Additional publicly-available data were downloaded to complete the ESJWRM update:

### State

• California Department of Finance population estimates

#### Federal

- United States Geological Survey (USGS) stream flows<sup>15</sup>
- United States Army Corps of Engineers reservoir releases<sup>16</sup>

#### Other

 Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM) Climate Group, Oregon State University

## **Updated Components**

The above data sources provided the necessary data to allow the historical model to reflect recent conditions. The following components of the model were updated:

**Surface Water Diversions and Deliveries:** Monthly surface water diversions and deliveries were provided for October 2020 through September 2021 for urban and industrial use and agricultural use as described in Section 3.8.2. Remaining riparian diversion occurring in CDWA, SDWA, and along major rivers were estimated based off agricultural demands estimated in ESJWRM.

**Groundwater Pumping:** Groundwater extractions from October 2020 to September 2021 were provided by municipal water purveyors as described in Section 3.8.1. Pumping estimates were made in ESJWRM for private agriculture and domestic wells based on land use type and population.

**Population:** California Department of Finance estimates (E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State, 2011-2021, with 2010 Census Benchmark) were downloaded to update annual population for 2021 (State of California, 2021). Rural populations were estimated from Department of Finance county totals and spatially assigned throughout the model by urban acreage.

Land Use: Each element within the ESJWRM is comprised of some fraction of 27 land uses, including 23 agricultural crop categories, native vegetation, water surface, riparian vegetation, and urban landscape. For WY 2021, the model continues to utilize data from DWR's 2016 Statewide Crop Mapping which provides data on urban and irrigated land throughout the model domain on a parcel scale (DWR, 2016).

**Precipitation:** Rainfall data for the model area are derived from the PRISM (Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model) database used in the DWR's CALSIMETAW (California Simulation of Evapotranspiration of Applied Water) model. The database contains daily precipitation data from October 1, 1921, on a four-kilometer grid throughout the model area. ESJWRM has monthly rainfall data defined for every model element in order to preserve the spatial distribution of the monthly rainfall. Each of the model elements was mapped to the nearest of 364 available PRISM reference nodes, uniformly distributed across the model domain. The PRISM dataset is available online from Oregon State University through a partnership with the NRCS National Water and Climate Center (Oregon State University, 2019).

**Streamflow:** Monthly inflow to the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin were updated for Dry Creek, Mokelumne River, Calaveras River, Stanislaus River, and San Joaquin River. Sources of data included USGS (USGS, 2022) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (US Army Corps of Engineers, 2021).

New Melones Reservoir flows are monitored at a USGS gauge downstream on the Stanislaus River below Goodwin Dam near Knights Ferry, CA.

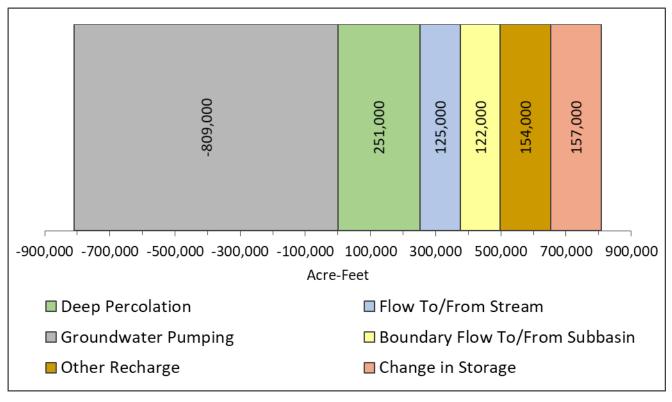
Reservoir release for New Hogan Reservoir on the Calaveras River.

Non-gauged tributaries into the Subbasin were estimated internally by the model using the Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM) small-watershed package.

**Boundary Conditions:** Averages of historical model data by water year type were used to update the assumed groundwater elevation boundary conditions in the model.

### **Results:**

Evaluation of WY 2021 (**Figure 12**) shows that the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin experienced, on an average and net basis, 652,000 AF of inflows and 809,000 AF of outflow, leading to an annual decrease of groundwater in storage of 157,000 AF. Deep percolation from the root zone is the largest contributor of groundwater inflow (251,000 AFY), followed by recharge from managed aquifer projects, unlined canals or reservoirs, and ungauged watersheds (154,000 AFY); boundary flows from surrounding groundwater subbasins (122,000 AFY); and recharge from streams (125,000 AFY). Groundwater production (809,000 AFY) accounts for the greatest outflow from the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. **Table 3-4** compares these values against those from WY 2020. Values for WY 2020 differ from those presented in the last annual report due to the ESJWRM update and recalibration in 2021.



#### Notes:

- 1. "Other Recharge" includes managed aquifer recharge, recharge from unlined canals and/or reservoirs, and recharge from ungauged watersheds.
- 2. "Change in Storage" is placed to balance the water budget. For instance, if annual outflows (-) are greater than inflows (+), there is a decrease in storage, but this would be shown on the positive side of the bar chart to balance out the increased outflows on the negative side of the bar chart.

Figure 12. WY 2021 Average Annual Estimated Groundwater Budget, Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin

Table 3-4. Comparison of WY 2020 and WY 2021 Water Budget (in acre-feet)

Water Budget Element	WY 2020	WY 2021
Water Year Type	Dry	Critical
Deep Percolation	247,000	251,000
Other Recharge	155,000	154,000
Flow to/from Stream	99,000	125,000
Boundary Flow to/from Subbasin	114,000	122,000
Groundwater Pumping	-777,000	-809,000
Change in Storage	162,000	157,000

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**Appendix A – GSP Implementation Progress** 

Table A-1. Summary of Implementation Progress of GSP Projects and Management Actions:

Activity	Project Type	Project Proponent	Current Status	Schedule (initiation and completion)	Status
Project 1: Lake Grupe In-lieu Recharge	In-lieu Recharge	SEWD	Currently underway		Project implementation is underway. Footings for the river pump have been installed. The platform and pump work are pending. Currently, no instream work has been completed. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 2: SEWD Surface Water Implementation Expansion	In-lieu Recharge	SEWD	Implementation phase		The Project is being implemented in stages. SEWD has completed the conversion of 153 acres to surface water, is in the construction phase to convert an additional 2,592 acres, and in the planning phase to convert an additional 1,048 acres. During WY 2022, the SEWD plans to continue constituent outreach efforts and address the necessary improvements to facilitate the conversions of an additional 3,000 acres to surface water.
Project 3: City of Manteca Advanced Metering Infrastructure	Conservation	City of Manteca	Currently underway		The City of Manteca is updating its Water Master Plan and will be evaluating all projects including the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. The Water Master Plan is expected to be completed in December 2023.
Project 4: City of Lodi Surface Water Facility Expansion & Delivery Pipeline	In-lieu Recharge	City of Lodi	Planning phase		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 since implementation is not planned until 2030. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 5: White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion	Recycling/ In-lieu Recharge	City of Lodi	Construction complete		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. The Project is complete.
Project 6: CSJWCD Capital Improvement Program	In-lieu Recharge	CSJWCD	Can be implemented immediately	going with 7- year completion cycles	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. The Project has been implemented and is on-going each year of available water delivery. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.

Activity	Project Type	Project Proponent	Current Status	Schedule (initiation and completion)	Status
Project 7: NSJWCD South System Modernization	In-lieu Recharge	NSJWCD	Environmental review is complete, funding has been sought and a landowner improvement district formed	2018-2023	This Project is progressing. The new pump station was completed in 2019. Variable frequency drive (VFD) and automation equipment were added in February through March 2020. In 2021, the South System Pump station and the main junction box at Tretheway and Brandt Road was completed, including installation of all automation and communication equipment, and is in the final testing and calibration stage. The next phase of improvements is in the design phase and is planned to start construction summer of 2022. NSJWCD is working on sub-improvement districts for lateral distribution. ID3A formed in 2021 and ID3B will be formed in 2022. In WY 2022, NSJWCD will pursue an IRWM grant for the implementation of groundwater recharge facilities on the South System. No water was available to run the system in WY 2021 for irrigation deliveries.
Project 8: Long-term Water Transfer to SEWD and CSJWCD	Transfers/ In-lieu Recharge	SSJ GSA	Infrastructure is in place. Environmental Review may need to be implemented	2019-2021	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. OID and SJJID completed a one-year water transfer to SEWD in the amount of 1,002 AF during the 2021 irrigation season. The water was delivered through the existing Goodwin Tunnel and the Upper Farmington Canal for final delivery to an agricultural operation. Future transfers are currently being discussed.
Project 9: BNSF Railway Company Intermodal Facility Recharge Pond	Direct Recharge	CSJWCD	Planning phase	2020-2023	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 due to delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. CSJWCD plans to move forward with the Project during WY 2022. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.

Activity	Project Type	Project Proponent	Current Status	Schedule (initiation and completion)	Status
Project 10: City of Stockton Advanced Metering Infrastructure	Conservation	City of Stockton	Initial study completed in 2011	2020/25- 2025/28	The Project's concept analysis and schedule were updated and included in City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department's (MUD's) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2025 schedule. The Project schedule has been accelerated, and the request for proposals for Project implementation is anticipated in 2022. The Advanced Metering Infrastructure Pilot Test is anticipated in 2023.
Project 11: South System Groundwater Banking with East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD)	In-lieu Recharge	NSJWCD	Agreement is in place; parties need to finalize design. Environmental review and permitting needed	2020-2025	NSJWCD and EBMUD are working to complete the pilot DREAM Project. Facilities to complete the final phases of the pilot Project are currently under construction and are expected to be complete by early 2022. Water that was banked in prior years will be returned in February through March 2022. Additional water will be banked and returned in future years. Planning efforts for a larger scale banking project are underway.
Project 12: NSJWCD North System Modernization/Lakso Recharge	In-Lieu Recharge/ Direct Recharge	NSJWCD	Planning phase	2021-2026	Project planning is advancing. In December 2020, NSJWCD hired an engineering consultant to prepare 30% design plans and a cost estimate to apply for funding under the Proposition 68 Round 1 grant. The Project was not awarded Proposition 68 funding. NSJWCD will reapply for Proposition 68 Round 2 funding. If awarded, NSJWCD will proceed with construction of the first phase of this Project. NSJWCD will also continue working on a strategic plan and funding options for the implementation of this Project.
Project 13: Manaserro Recharge Project	Direct Recharge	NSJWCD	Planning phase	2019-2022	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 due to a lack of funding. NSJWCD is continuing to work on a strategic plan and funding options for the implementation of this Project.

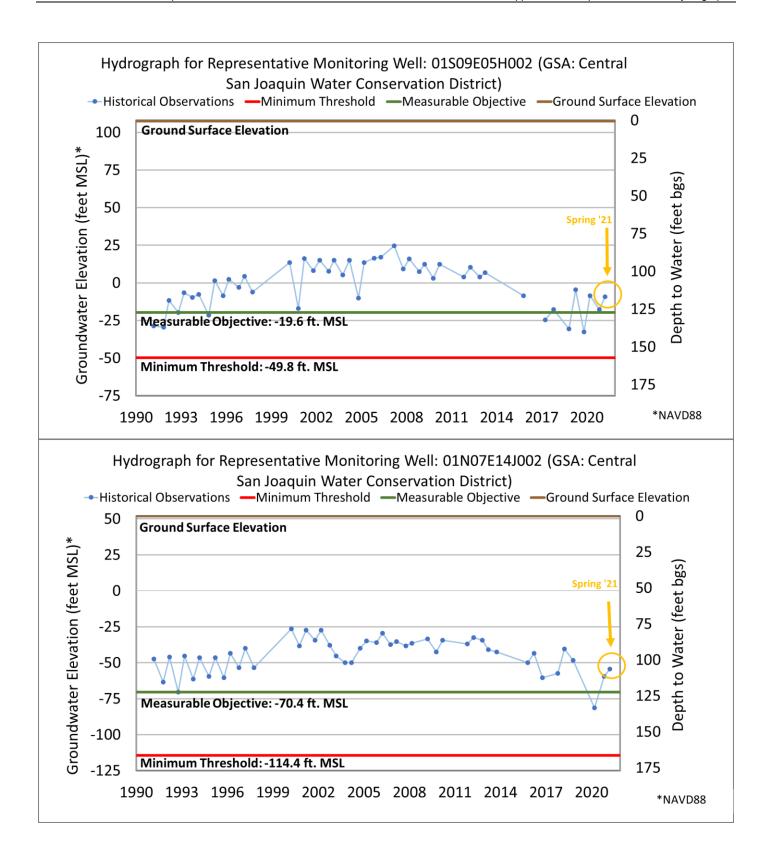
Activity	Project Type	Project Proponent	Current Status	Schedule (initiation and completion)	Status
Project 14: Tecklenburg Recharge Project	Direct Recharge	NSJWCD	Planning phase	2020-2023	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 due to a lack of funding. NSJWCD is currently working on a pending Federal Appropriation Request that could be used for the implementation of this Project.
Project 15: City of Escalon Wastewater Reuse	Recycling/ In-lieu Recharge/ Transfers	SSJ GSA	Planning phase	2020-2028	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. The Project is in the early conceptual stages and requires additional feasibility analysis and long-term planning. The City of Escalon has hired a consultant to explore the feasibility of project alternatives. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 16: City of Ripon Surface Water Supply	In-lieu Recharge	SSJ GSA	Design complete; environmental permitting underway	2020-2024	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 as it requires additional feasibility analysis and long-term planning. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 17: City of Escalon Connection to Nick DeGroot Water Treatment Plant	In-lieu Recharge	SSJ GSA	Conceptual design phase; environmental review complete	2020-2023	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation requires additional feasibility analysis and long-term planning. In WY 2021, the City of Escalon hired a consultant to develop alternatives to connect to the Nick C. DeGroot WTP for further evaluation. Estimated costs for the alternatives currently range between \$3.5 million - \$8 million. The City Council directed staff to approach SSJID to further refine the alternatives prior to initiating the design process. SSJGSA and Escalon staff are actively seeking grant opportunities for defraying capital costs. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.

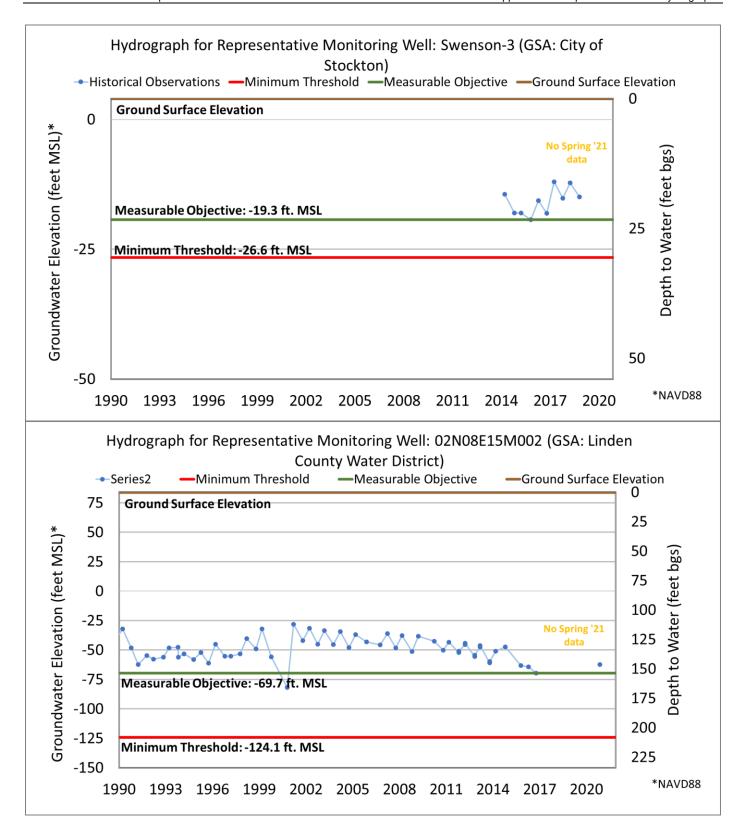
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Project 18: Farmington Dam Repurpose Project	Direct Recharge	SEWD	Preplanning phase with reconnaissance study complete		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 as SEWD dedicated resources to bring short-term projects online first. More resources will be directed toward the implementation of this Project as Project 2 is completed. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 19: Recycled Water Transfer to Agriculture	Recycling/Transfers/ In-lieu Recharge	City of Manteca	Planning phase with evaluation completed in Draft Reclaimed Water Facilities Master Plan		The City of Manteca is updating its Wastewater Master Plan and will be evaluating all projects including the Recycled Water Transfer to Agriculture Project. The Wastewater Master Plan is expected to be completed in December 2023.
Project 20: Mobilizing Recharge Opportunities	Direct Recharge	San Joaquin County	Early conceptual planning phase		The Project has been expanded into a multi-benefit project, and the ESJGWA will apply for grant funds for the expanded project under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant Program Round 1. Regionwide surface water availability and needs are being discussed, and future acquisition of the Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority's water rights will be explored. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 21: NSJWCD Winery Recycled Water	Recycling/ In-Lieu Recharge/ Direct Recharge	NSJWCD	Conceptual planning and discussion	2025-2027	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 due to a lack of funding. NSJWCD is continuing to work on a strategic plan and funding options for the implementation of this Project.

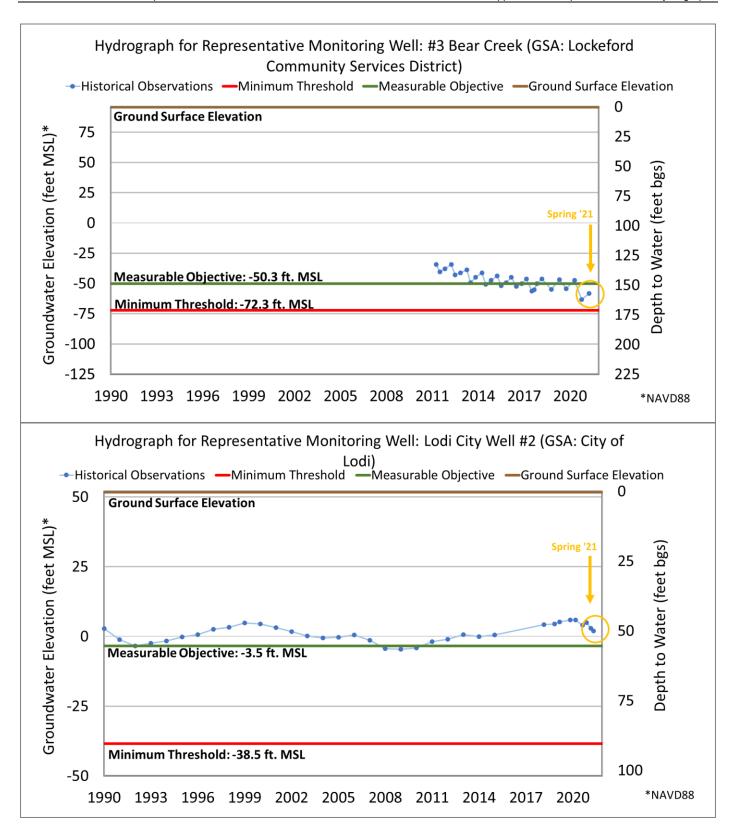
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Project 22: Pressurization of SSJID Facilities	Conser	vation	SSJ GSA	Feasibility study complete		In WY 2021, SSJID evaluated the feasibility of converting its entire irrigation system to a pressurized piped system. Although the cost is currently deemed to be infeasible, there are opportunities to make strategic improvements to modernize the irrigation system to provide partial pressurization or for growers to become more efficient and receive an improved level of service through increased lateral capacity, new reservoirs, and the increased use of SCADA controls. SSJID is compiling and ranking these opportunities into a comprehensive Water Master Plan which is scheduled to be complete in 2022.
Project 23: SSJID Storm Water Reuse	Storm V In-lieu Ro Direct Ro	echarge/	SSJ GSA	Planning phase		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 since implementation is not planned until 2030. SSJID continues to fund capital improvements to make this Project part of SSJID's annual CIP and could be expanded as a result of the Water Master Plan. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Project 24: South Stockton Well Rehabilitation Program (new)	City of Stockton	Design underway	2021-2023			to rehabilitate existing inactive wells. Design in string Well SSS8 and back-up power to Well SSS3
Project 25: Delta Water Supply Project Phase 2: Groundwater Improvement Project	City of Stockton	Planning phase	2022 - 2026	study to determine the fe	asibility of const	to conduct a geotechnical investigation and feasibility ructing a recharge basin. Bids for this planning work egarding activity progress will be included in future

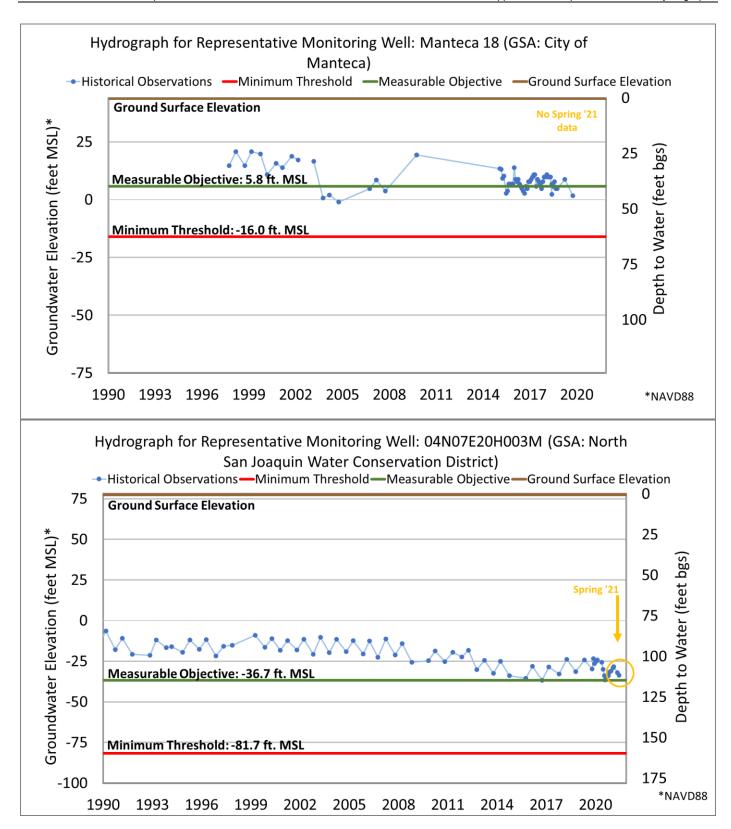
Activity	Project Type	Project Proponent	Current Status	Schedule (initiation and completion)	Status
Mokelumne River Loss Study	Model Refinement and Validation	NSJWCD	Conceptual planning and discussion	2020-2025	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. Project implementation did not occur during WY 2021 due to a lack of funding and lack of staff resources to complete the plans and move the projects forward. NSJWCD is continuing to work on strategic plan and funding options for the implementation of this Project.
Monitoring and recording of groundwater levels and groundwater quality data	Monitoring and Reporting	Implemented at Subbasin scale	Ongoing		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. This is the third Annual Report that reports groundwater level and groundwater quality monitoring data. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Maintaining and updating the Subbasin Data Management System (DMS) with newly collected data	Monitoring and Reporting	Implemented at Subbasin scale	Ongoing		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. The DMMs was maintained and updated to include monitoring data for WY 2021. Updates regarding activity progress will be included in future Annual Reports.
Annual monitoring of progress toward sustainability	Monitoring and Reporting	Implemented at Subbasin scale	Ongoing		The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. This is the third Annual Report that monitors the progress toward sustainability. Updates regarding progress toward sustainability will be included in future Annual Reports.
Annual reporting of Subbasin conditions to DWR as required by SGMA	Monitoring and Reporting	Implemented at Subbasin scale	Ongoing	2020-2040	The Project status information presented in the GSP is up to date. This is the third Annual Report that describes the current conditions in the Subbasin and will be submitted to DWR as required by SGMA. Updates regarding Subbasin conditions will be included in future Annual Reports.
Addressing Data Gaps	Monitoring and Reporting	San Joaquin County	Ongoing	2020-2040	During WY 2021, NSJWCD contracted with DWR and San Joaquin County to install a TSS monitoring well with in the NSJWCD area.

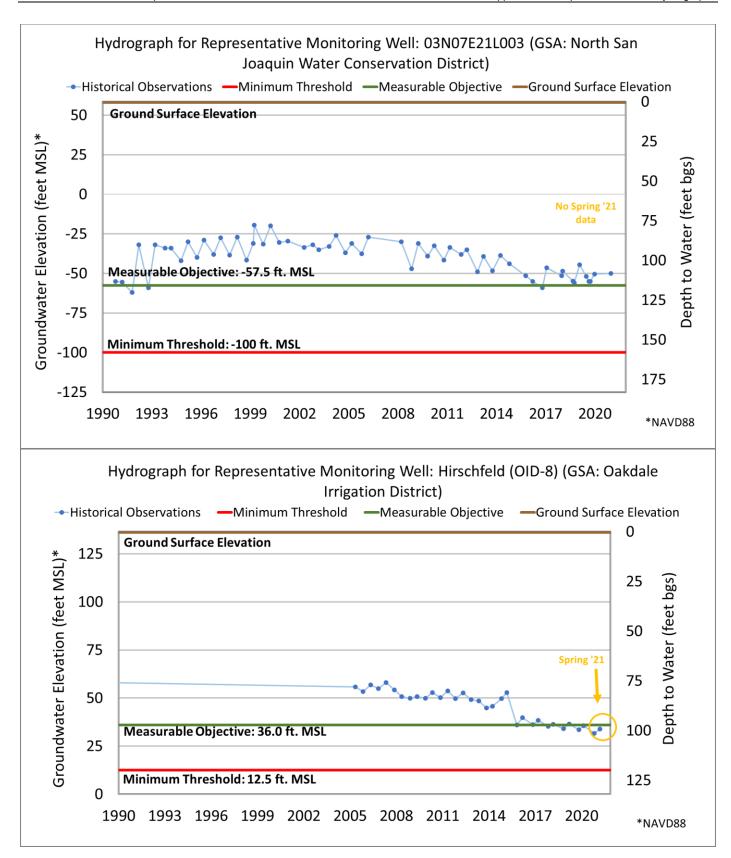
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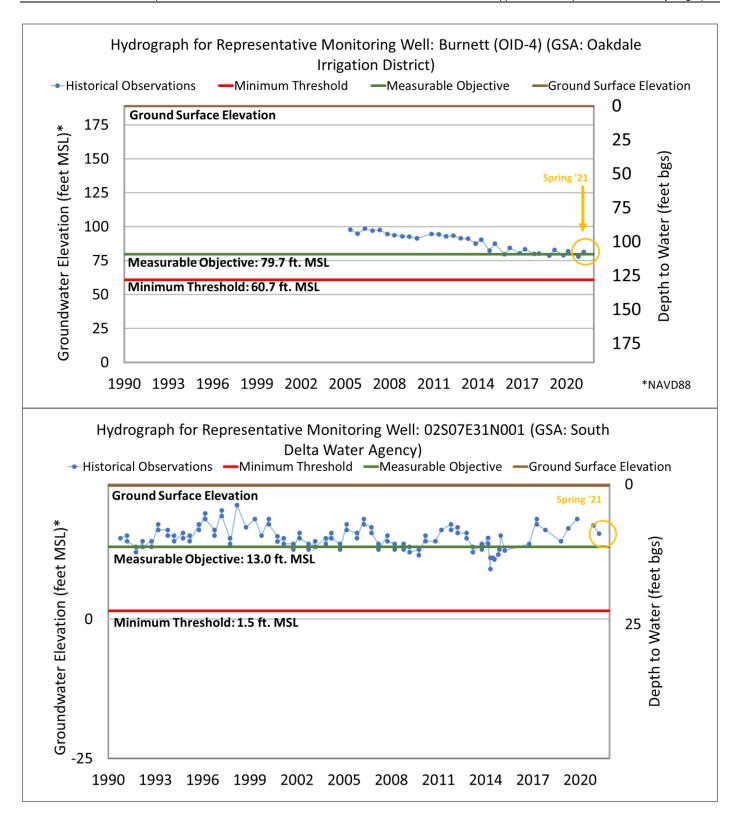


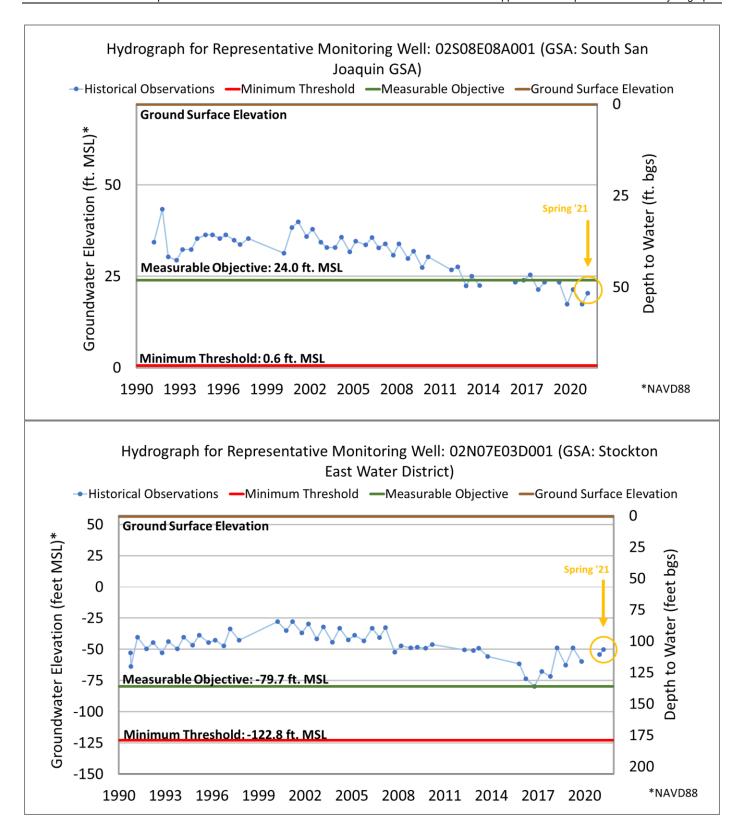


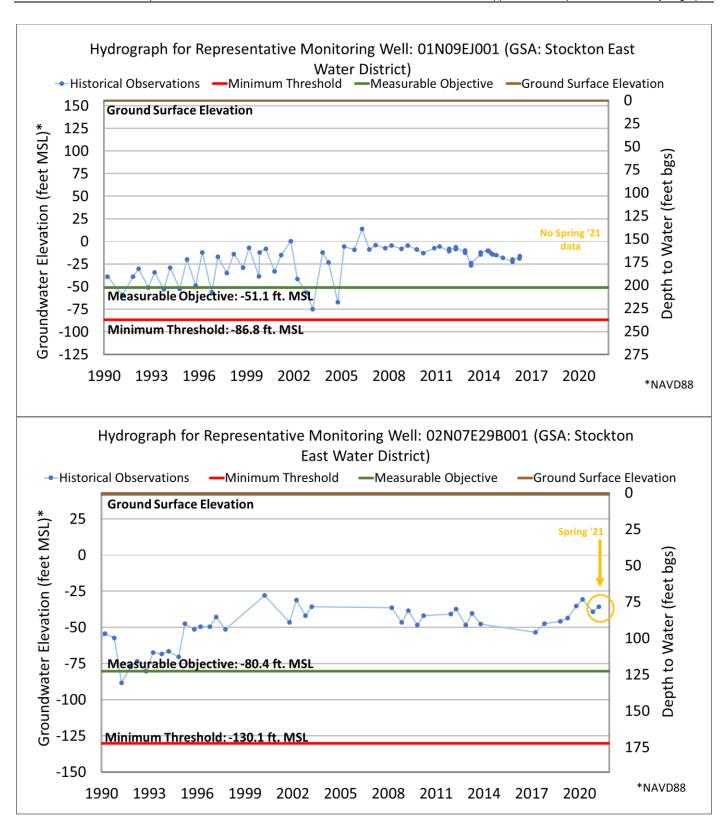


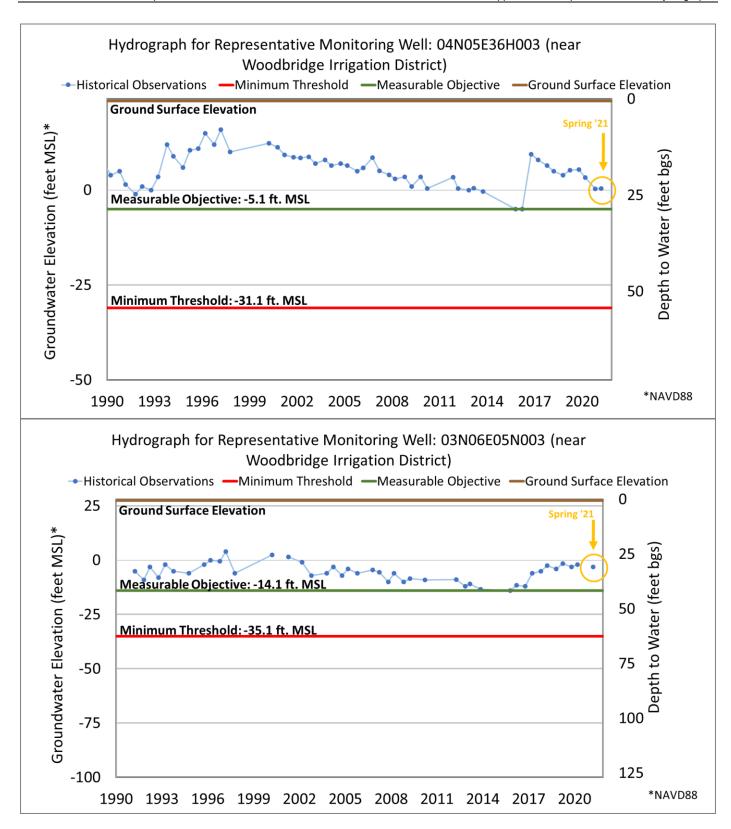


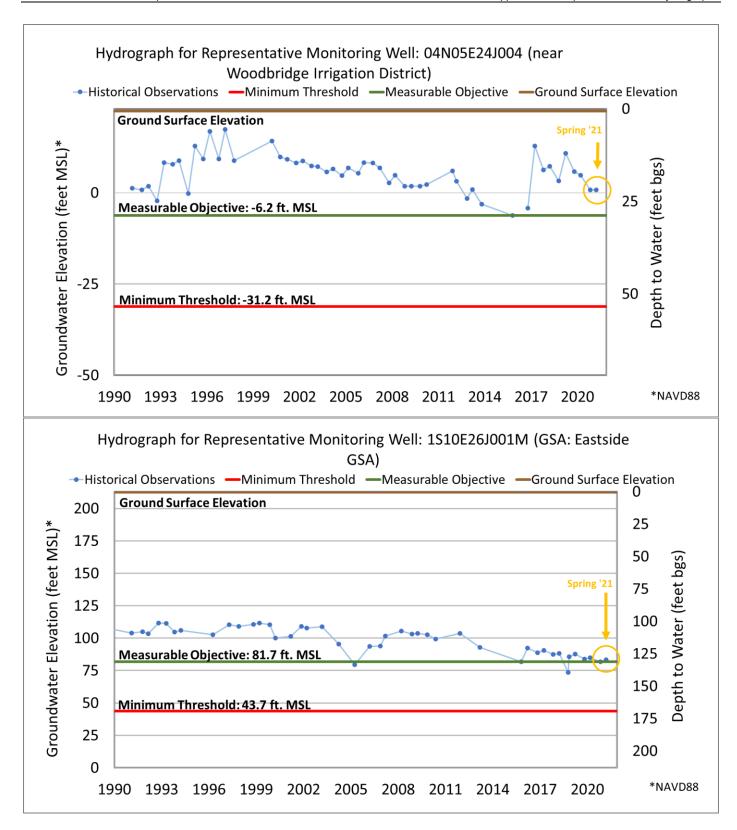


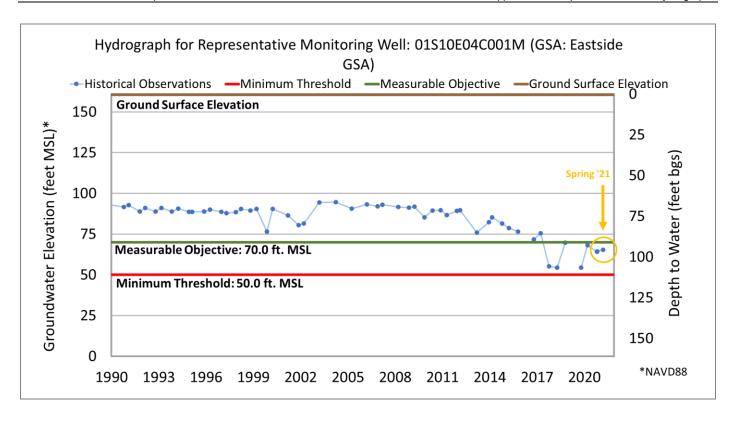








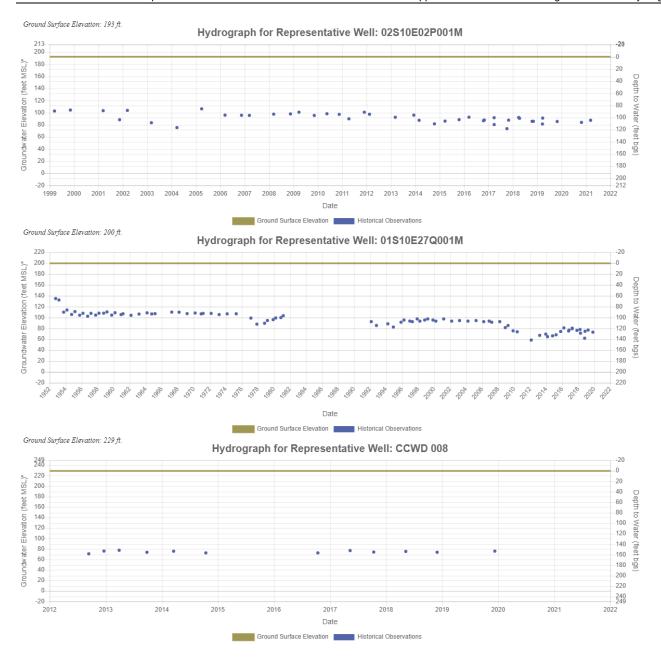


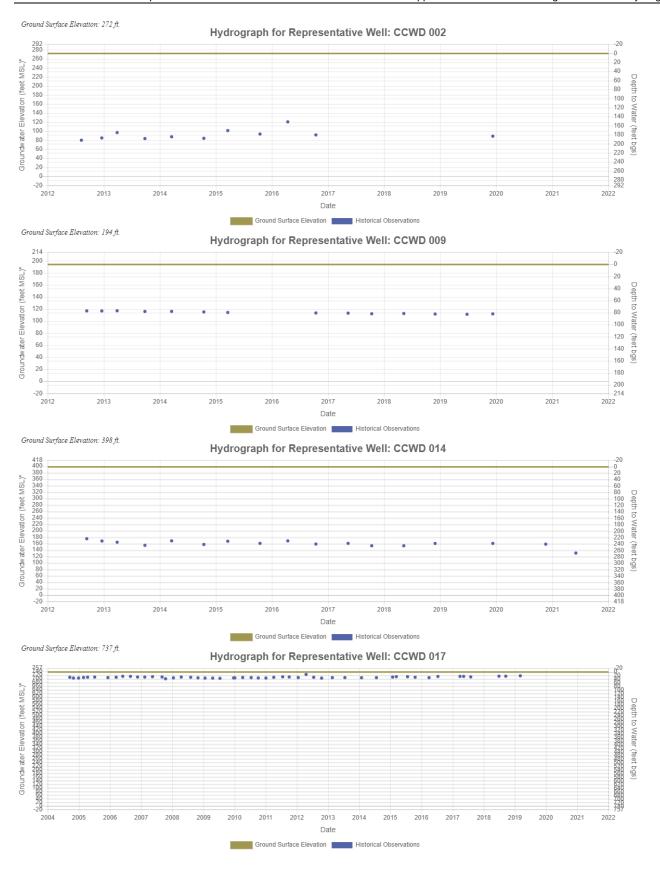


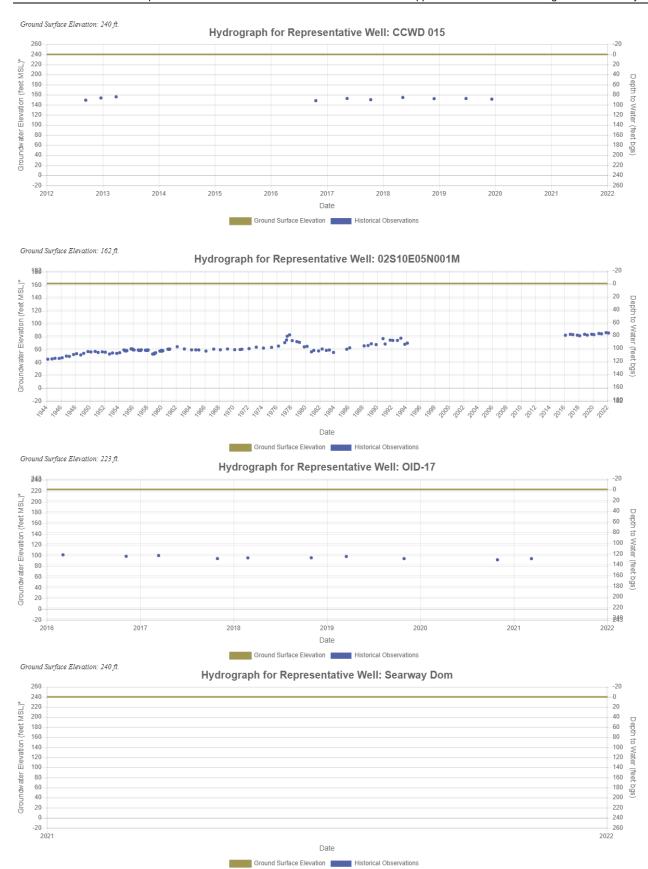
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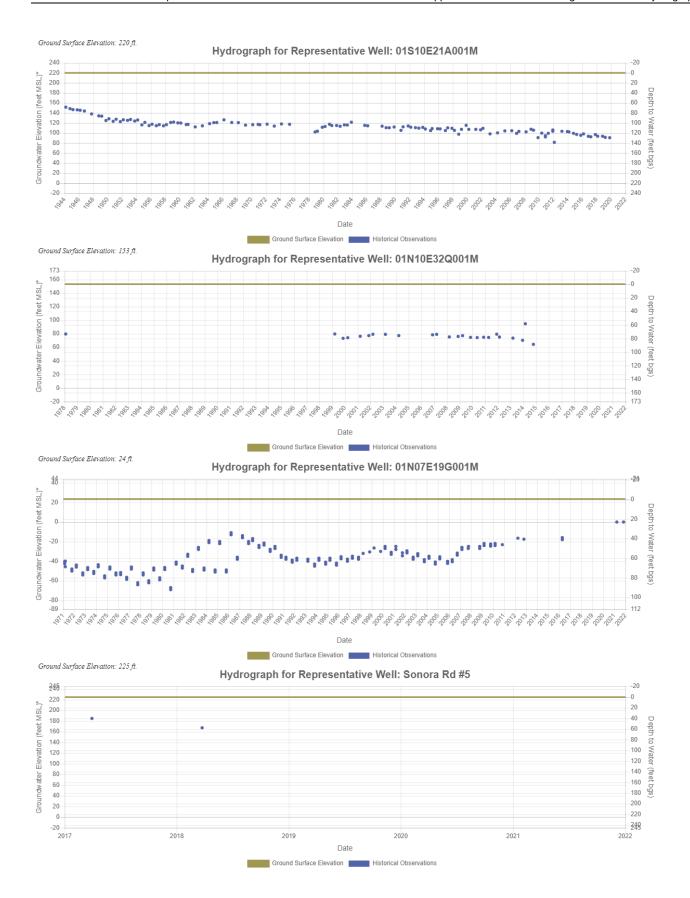
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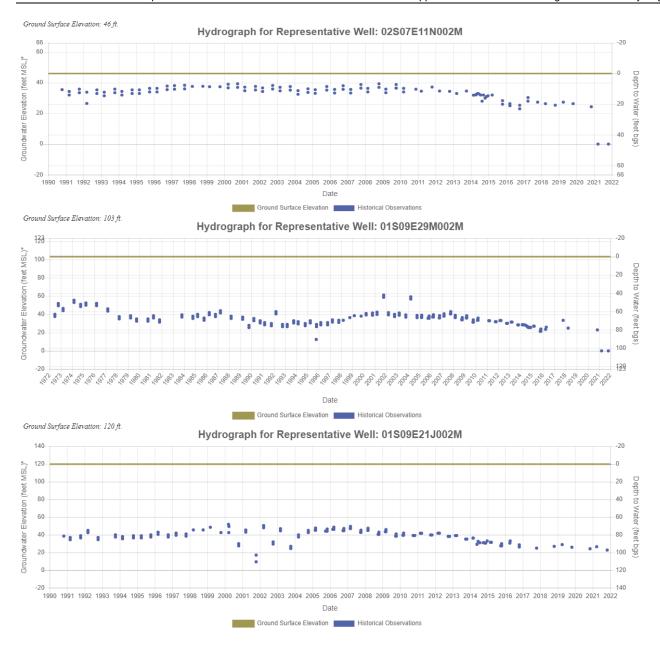
**Note:** Included in Appendix C are the 76 broad network CASGEM well historical hydrographs and 52 broad network nested well historical hydrographs listed in Appendix 4-A of the GSP. Wells for which historical data are not available are included as hydrographs with no data points. Future annual reports will report on the monitoring carried out at these wells, along with those in the representative monitoring network, as the GSP is implemented. Additionally, 15 local wells that have historically been monitored for water quality will also be monitored for water levels as the GSP is further implemented. These data will also be reported on in future annual reports.

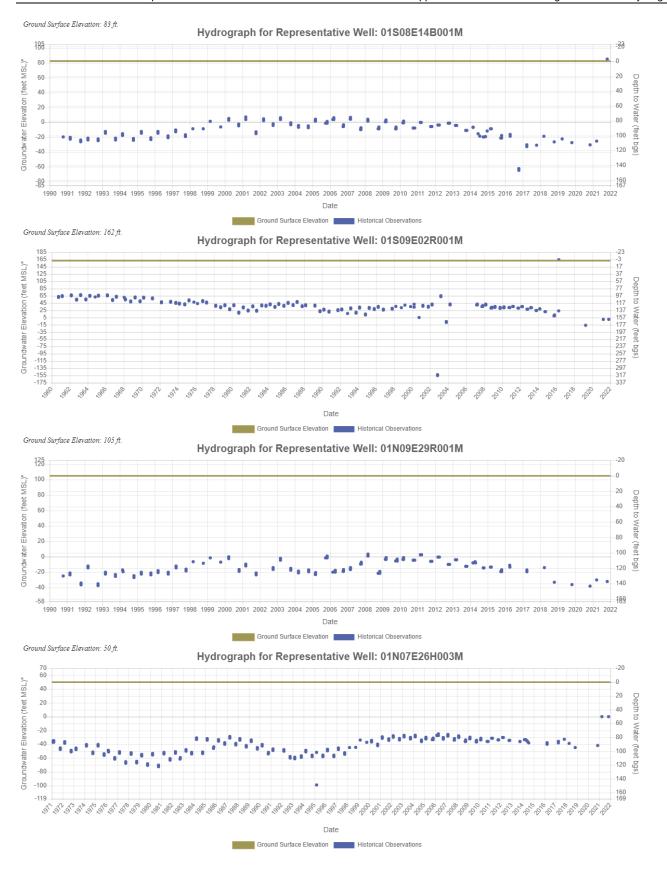


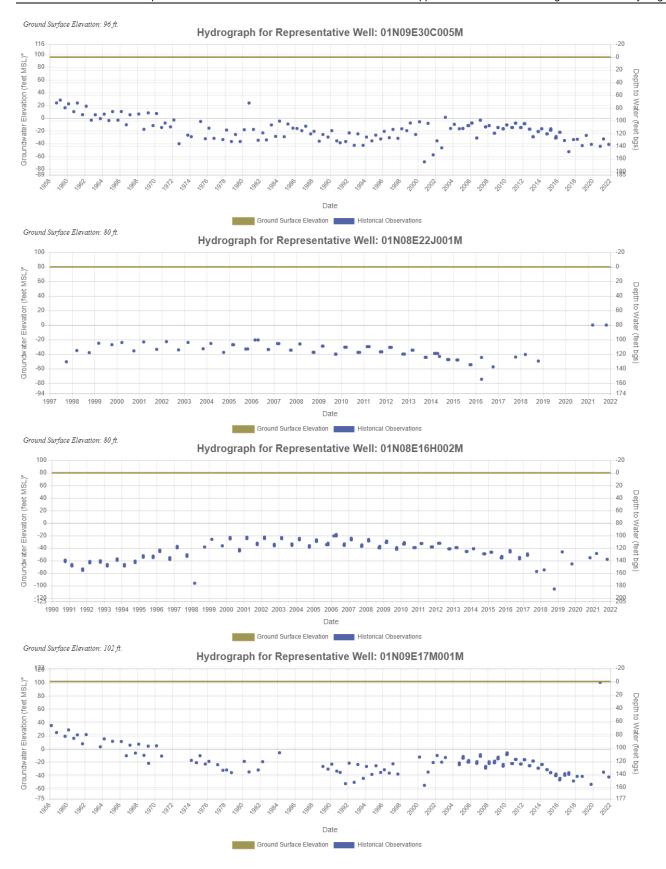


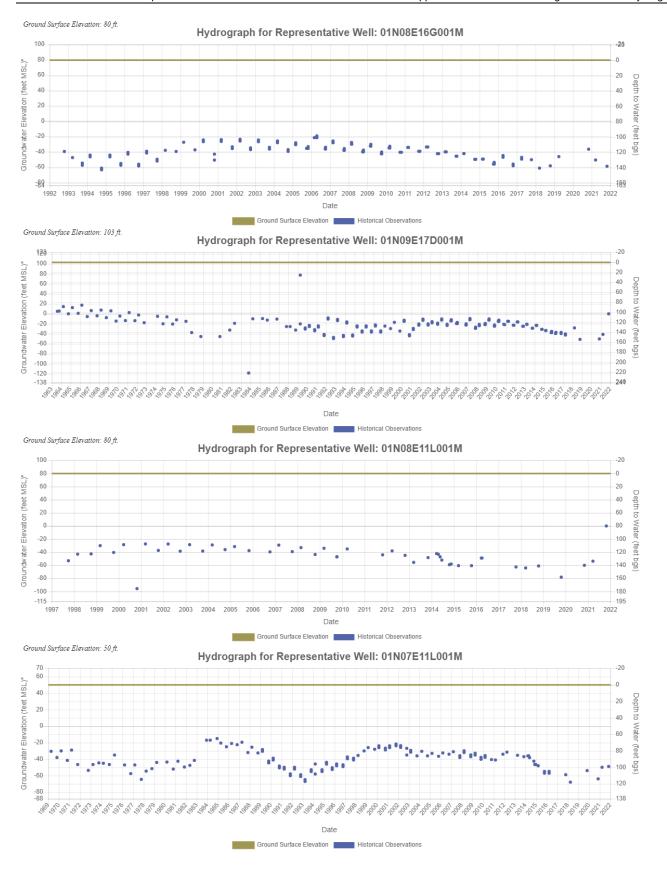


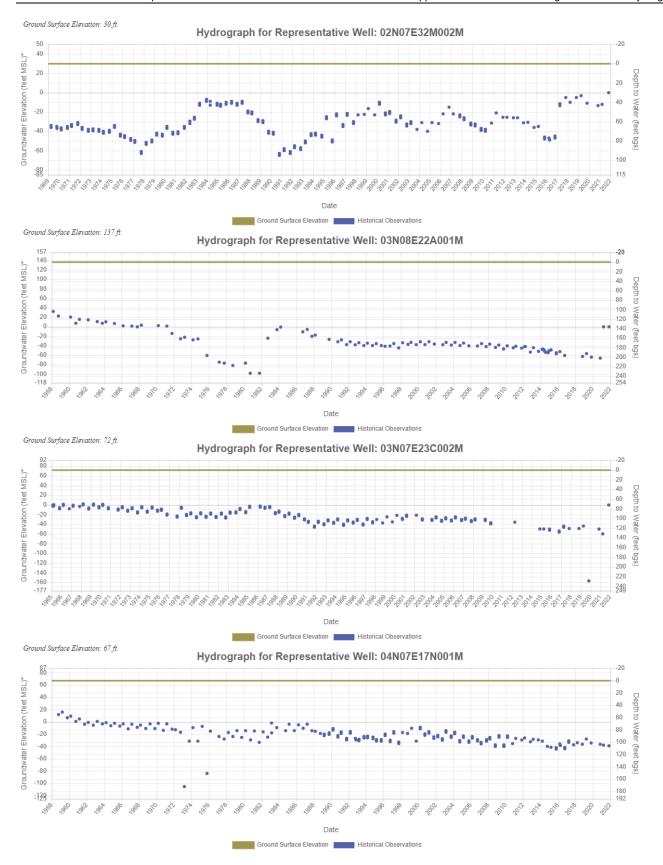


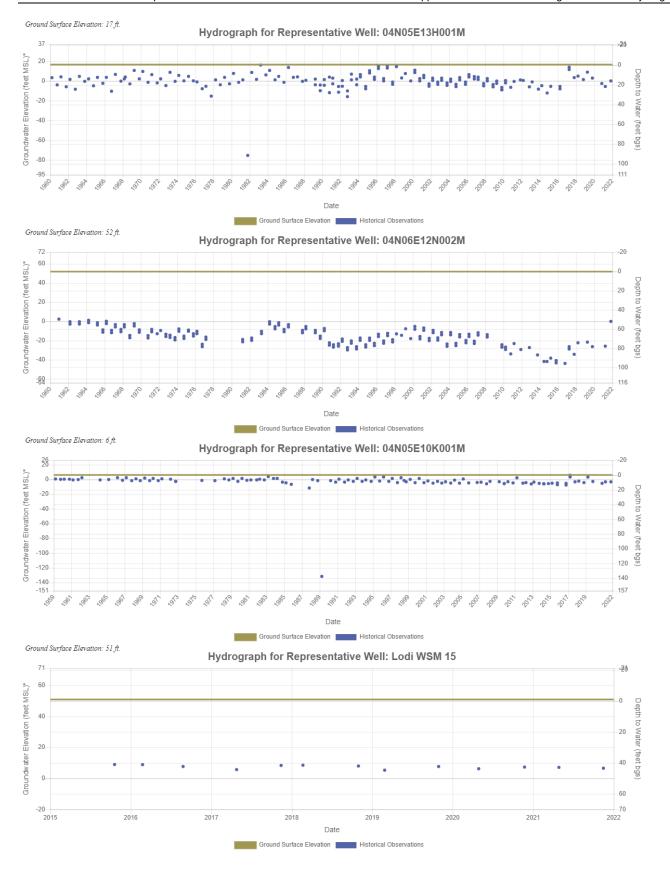


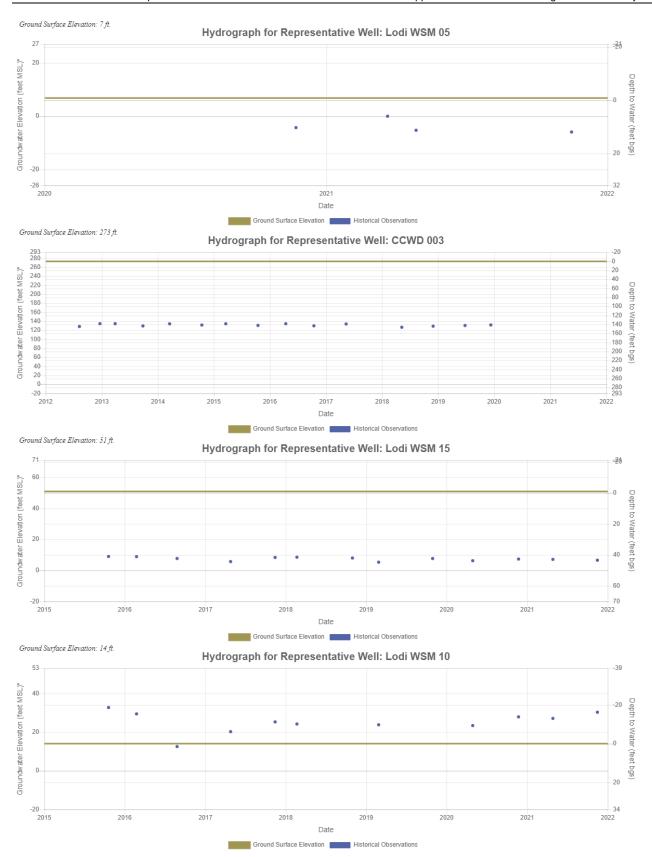


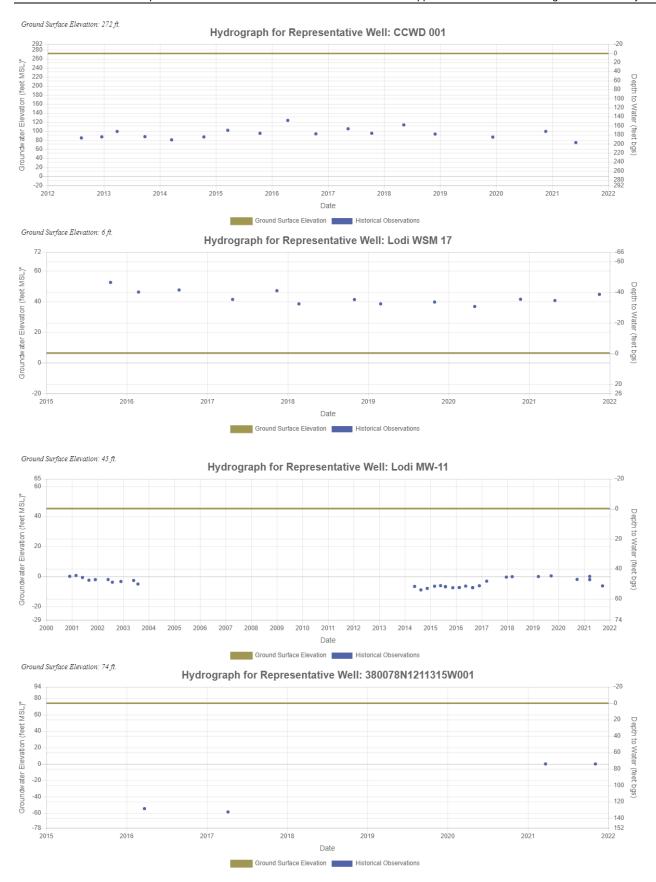


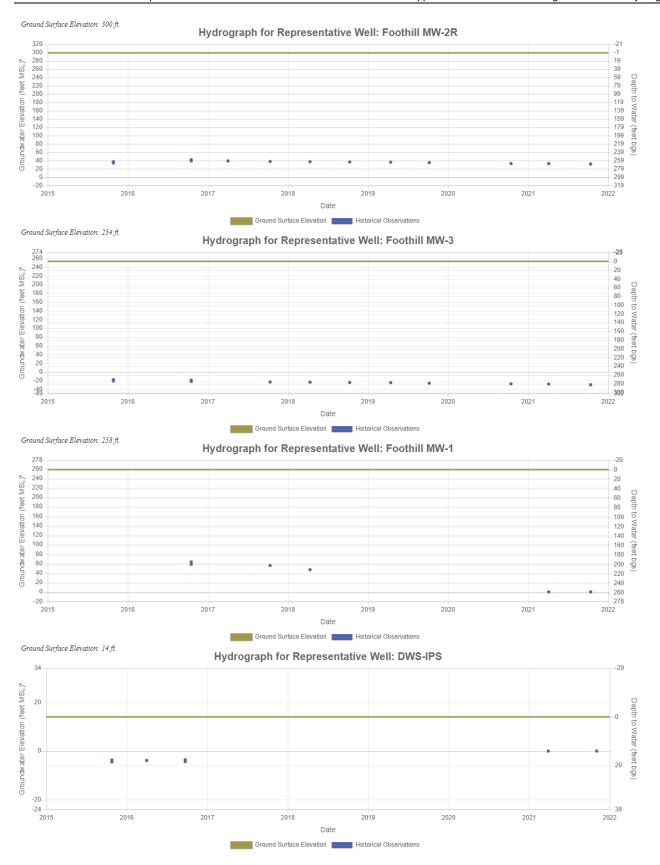


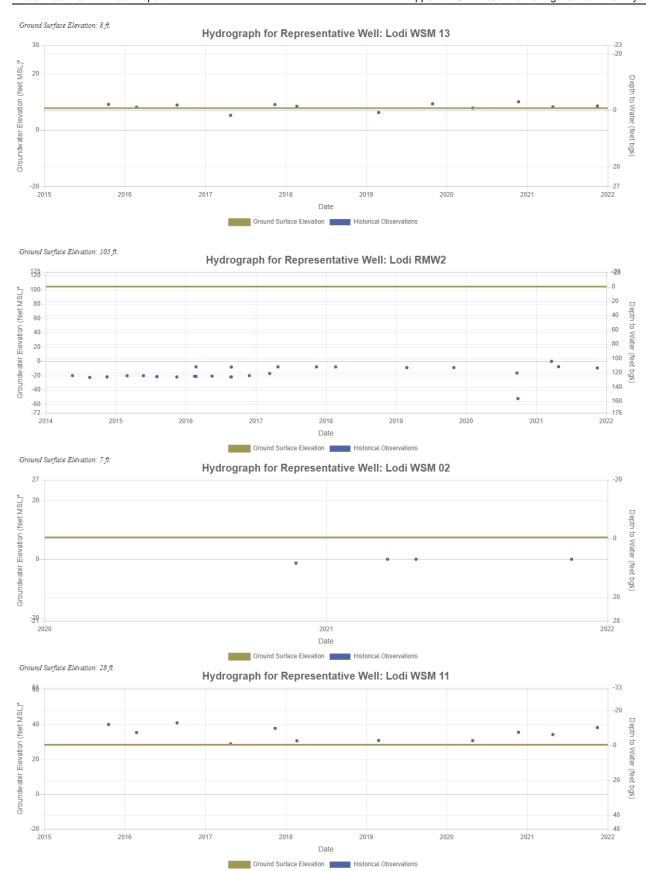


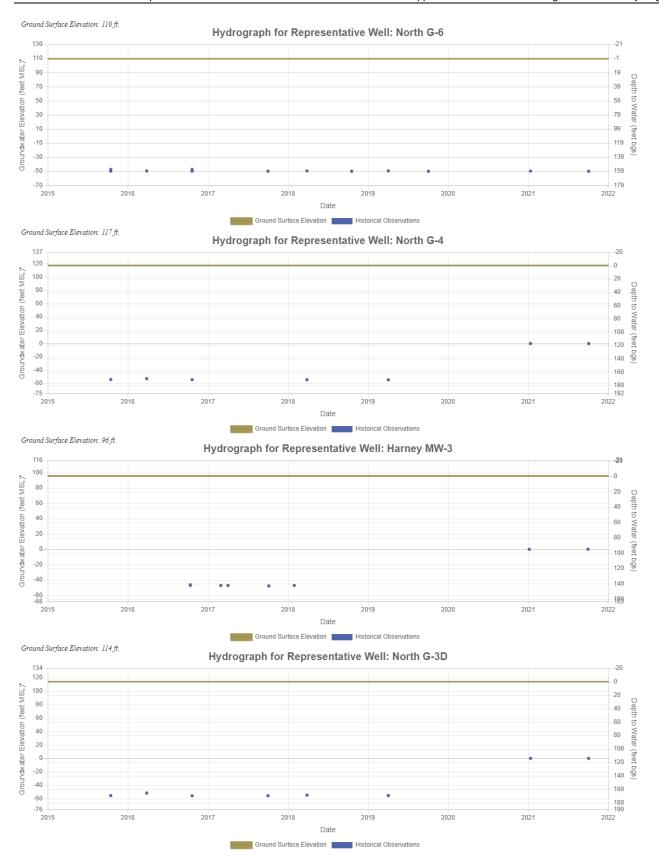


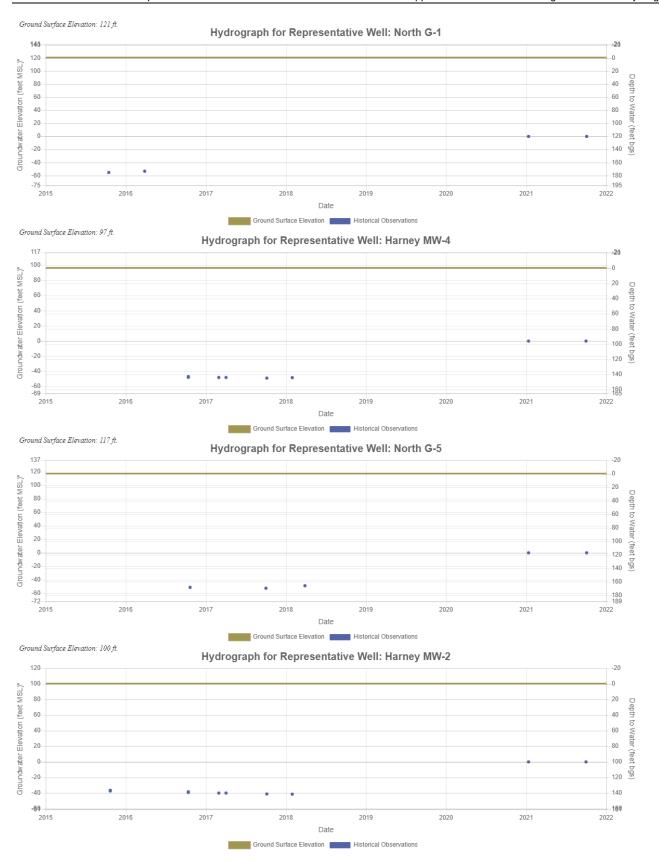


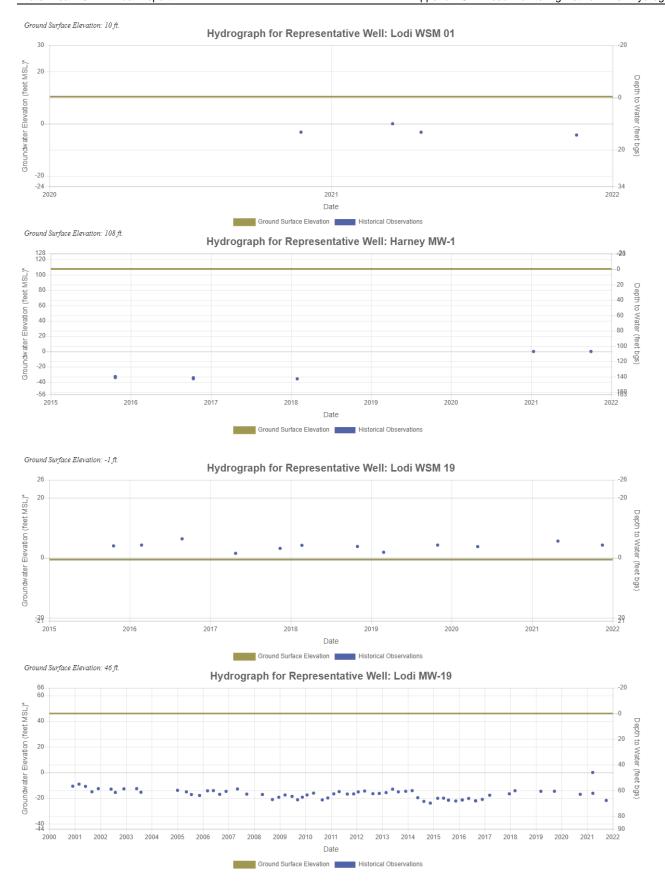


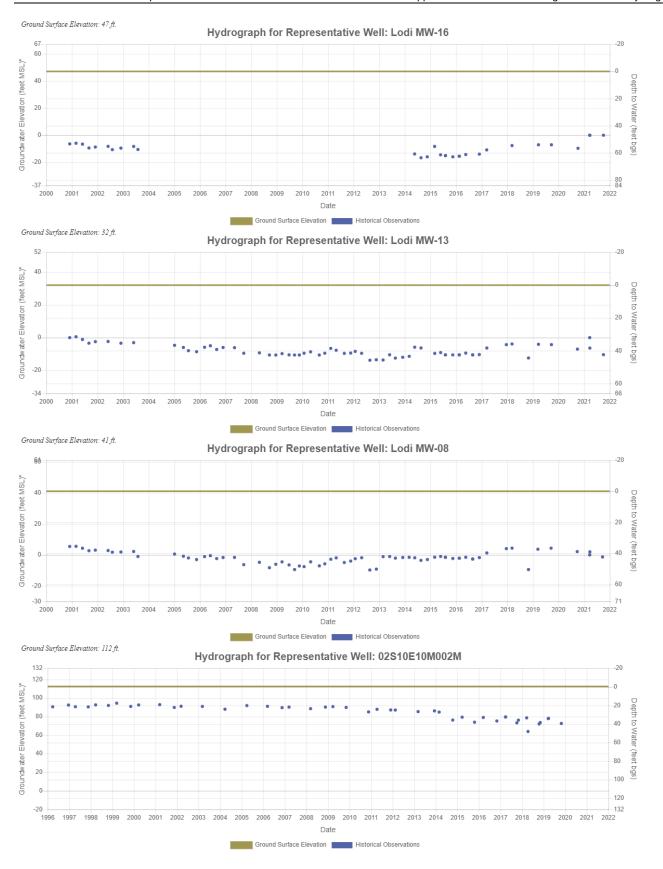


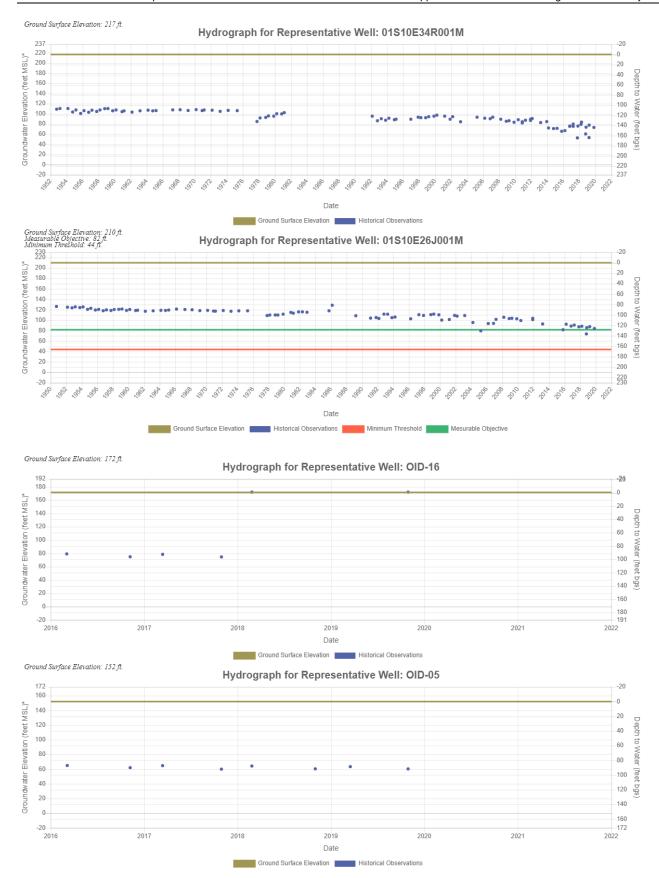


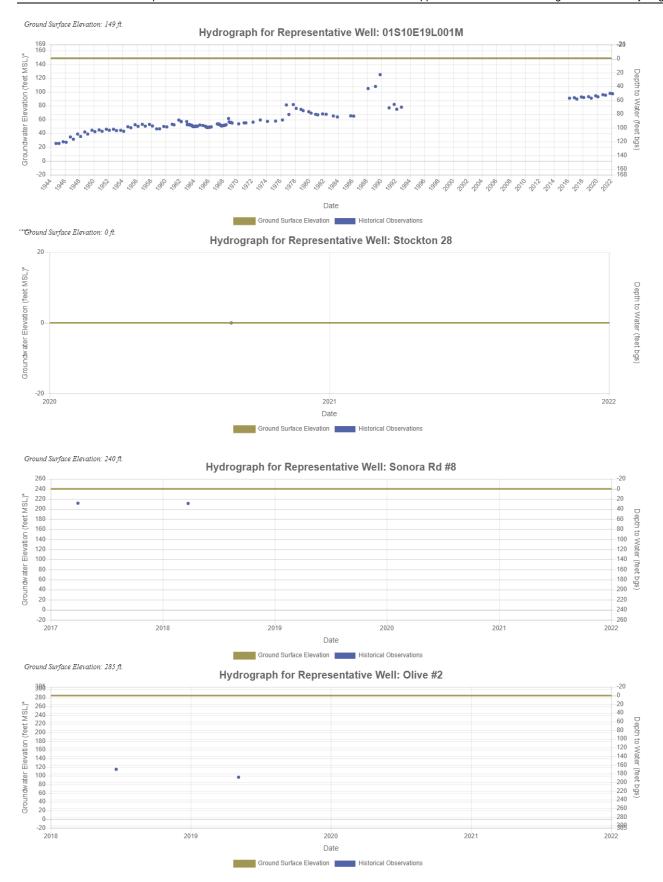


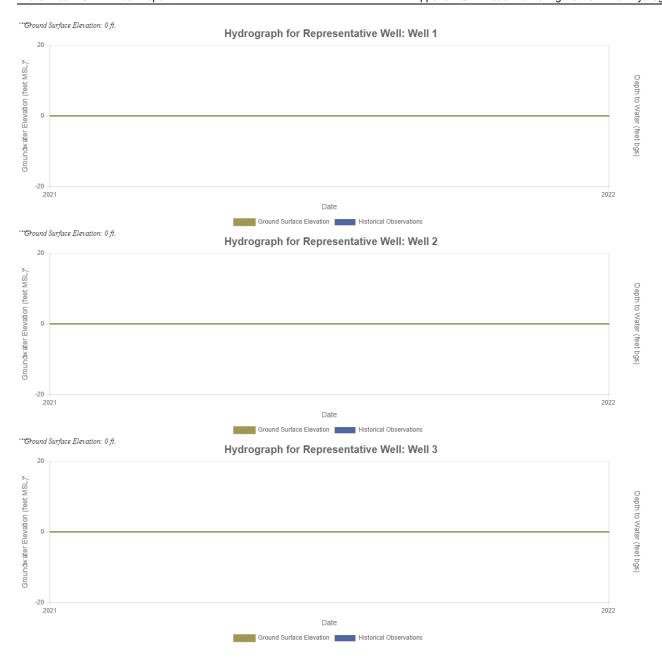


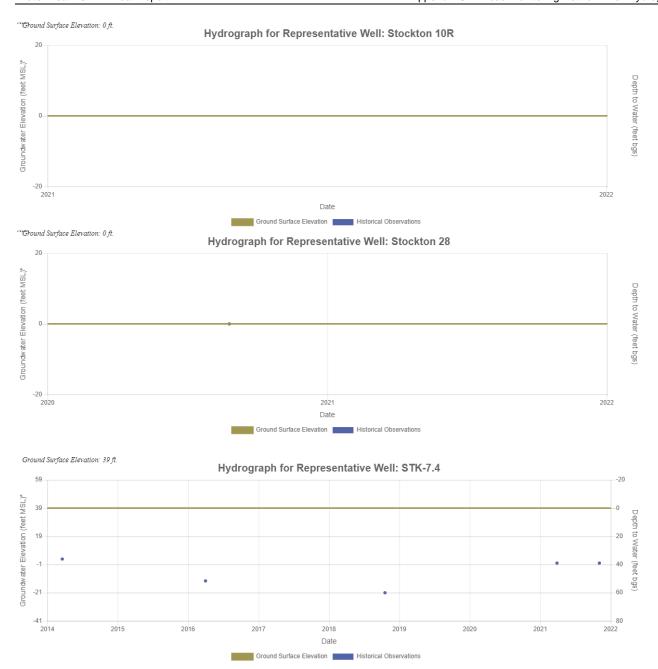


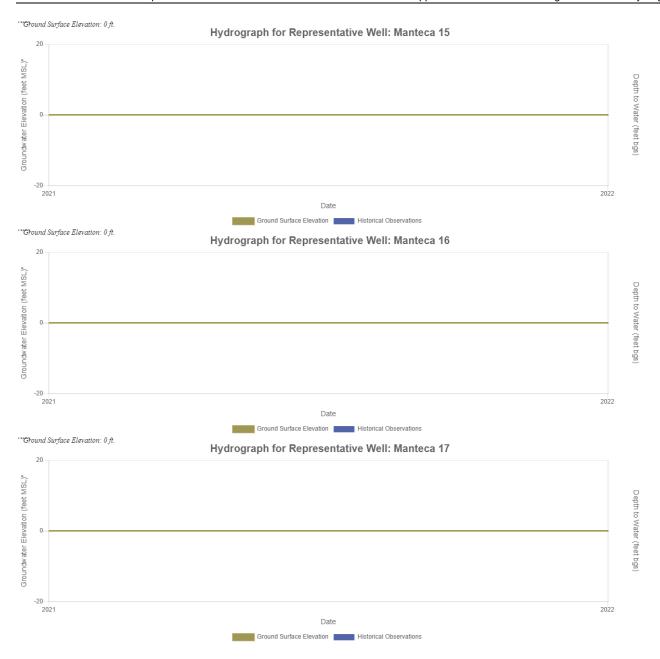


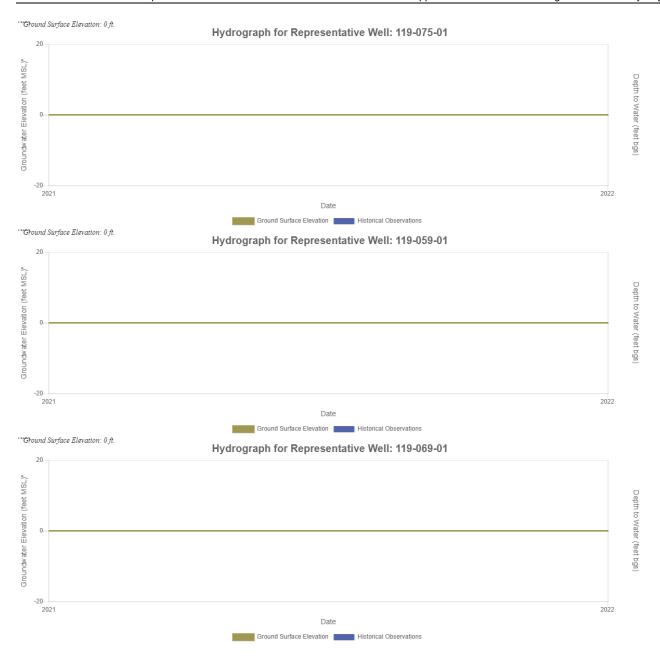


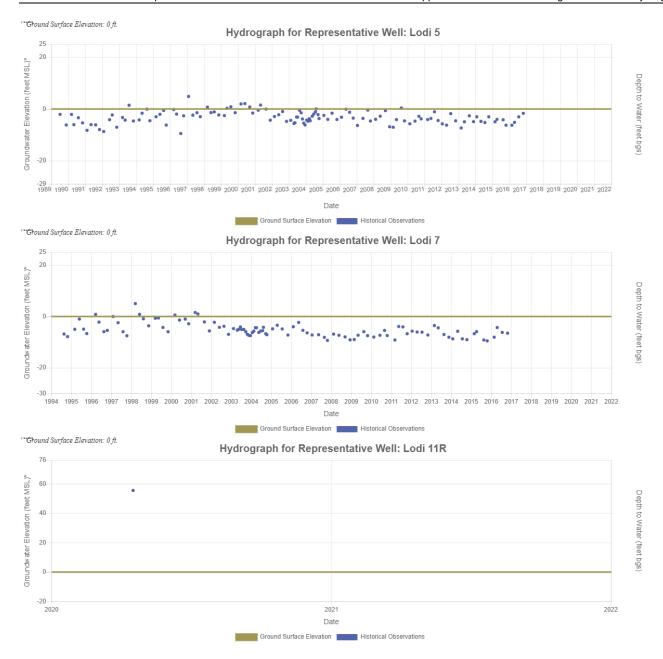


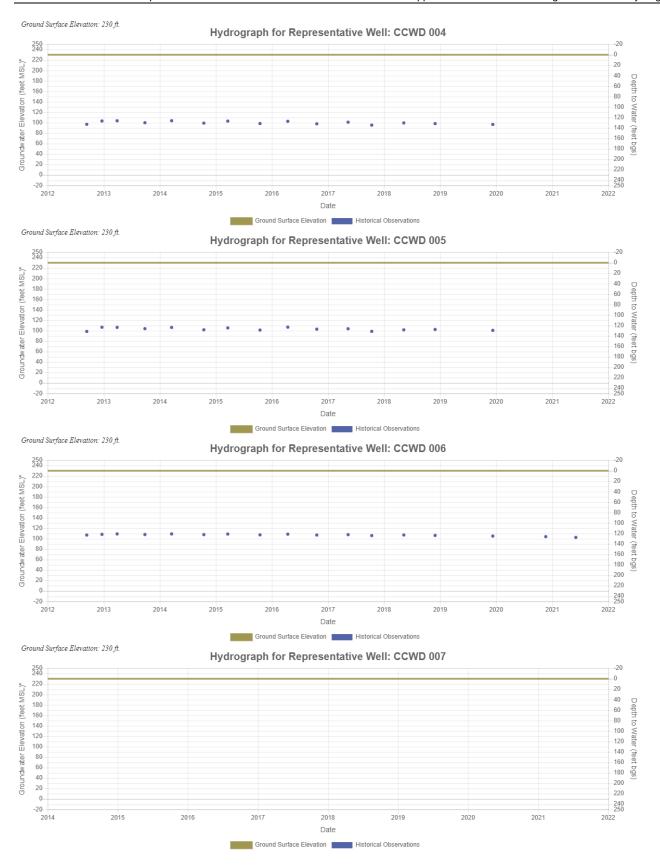


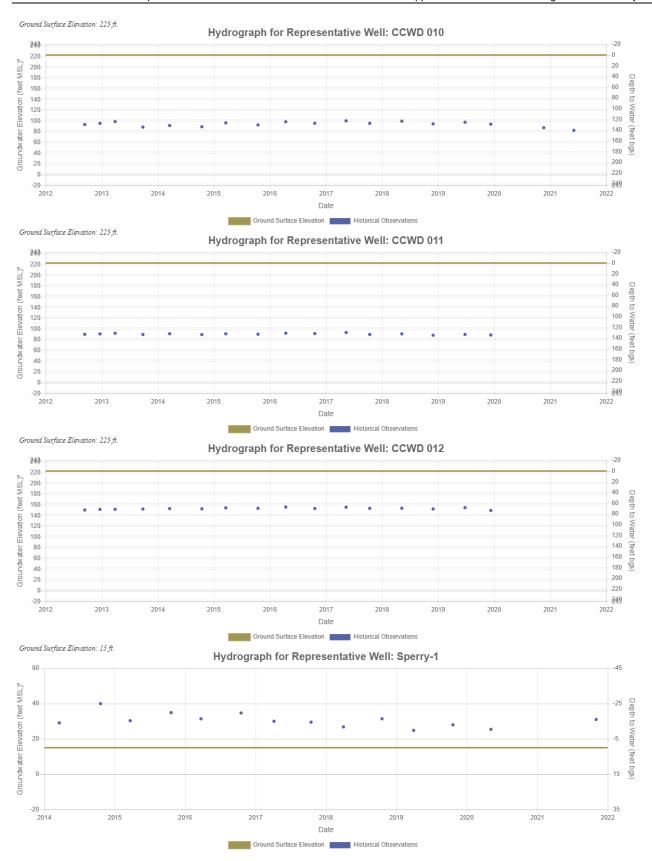


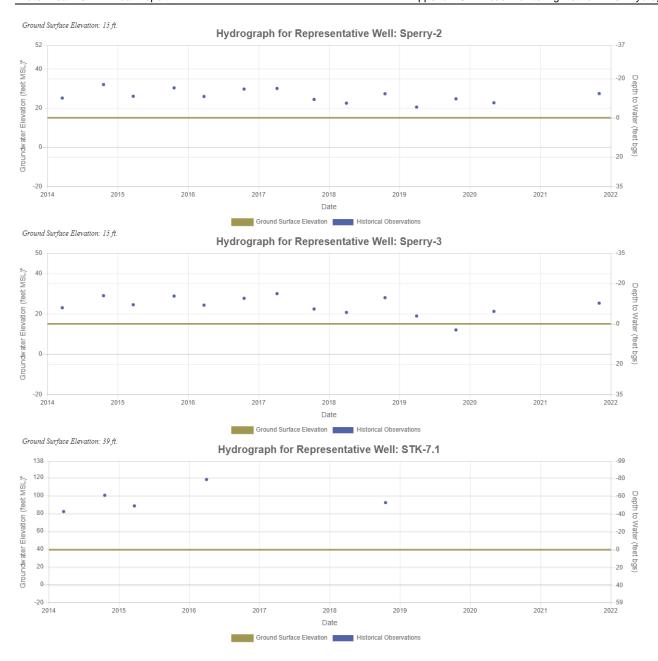


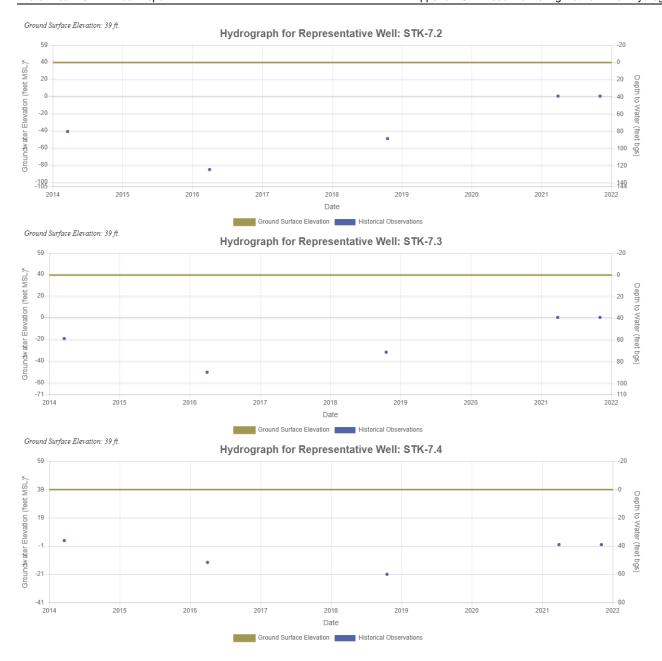


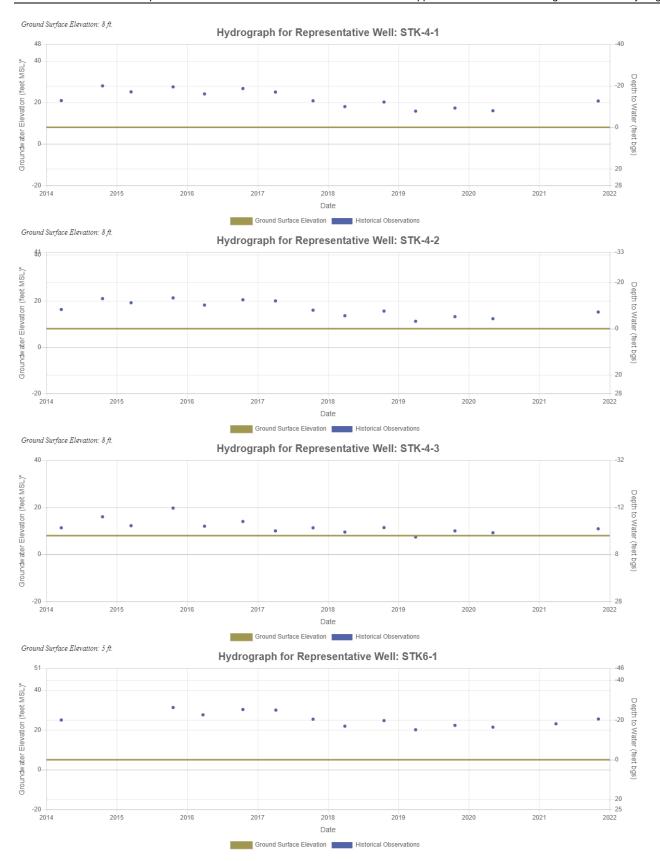


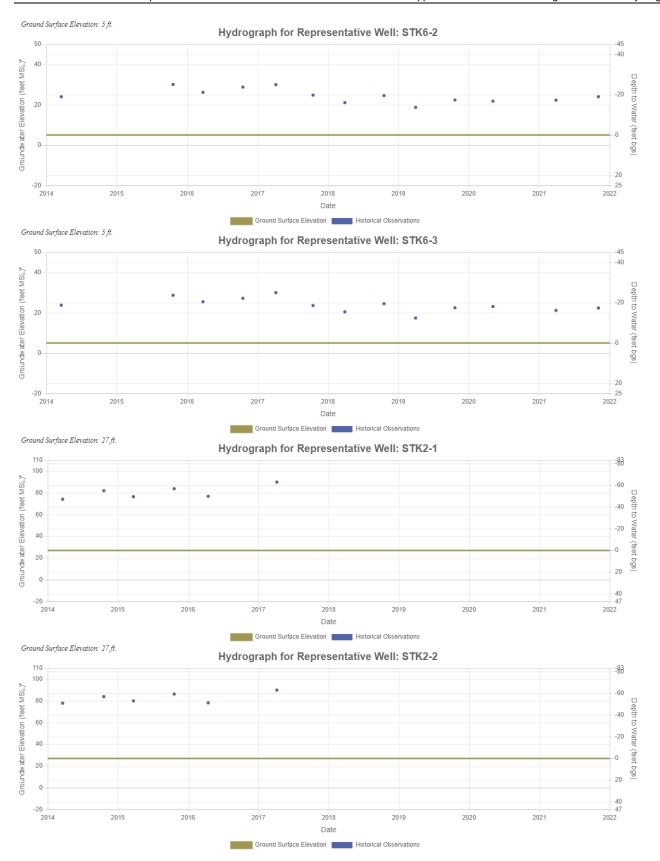


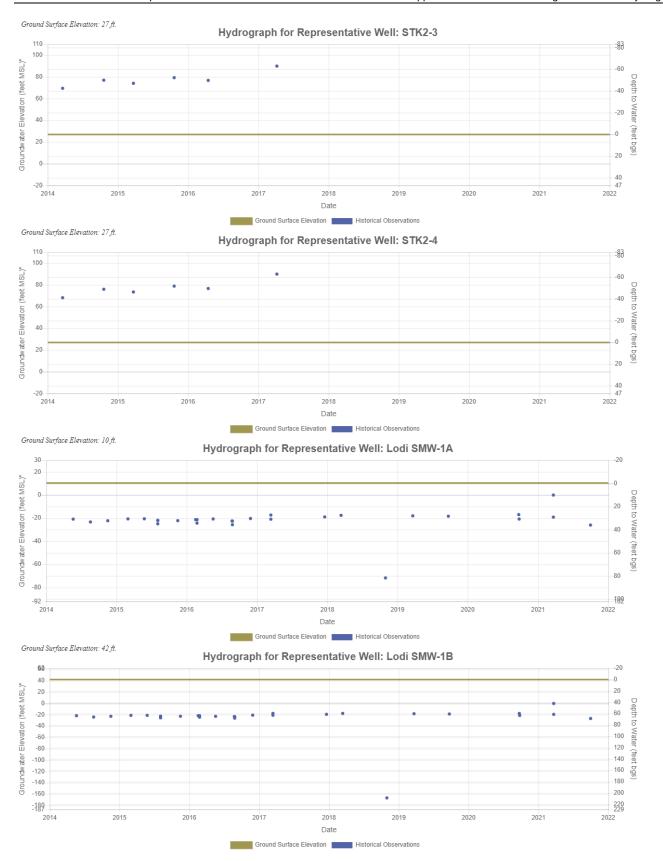


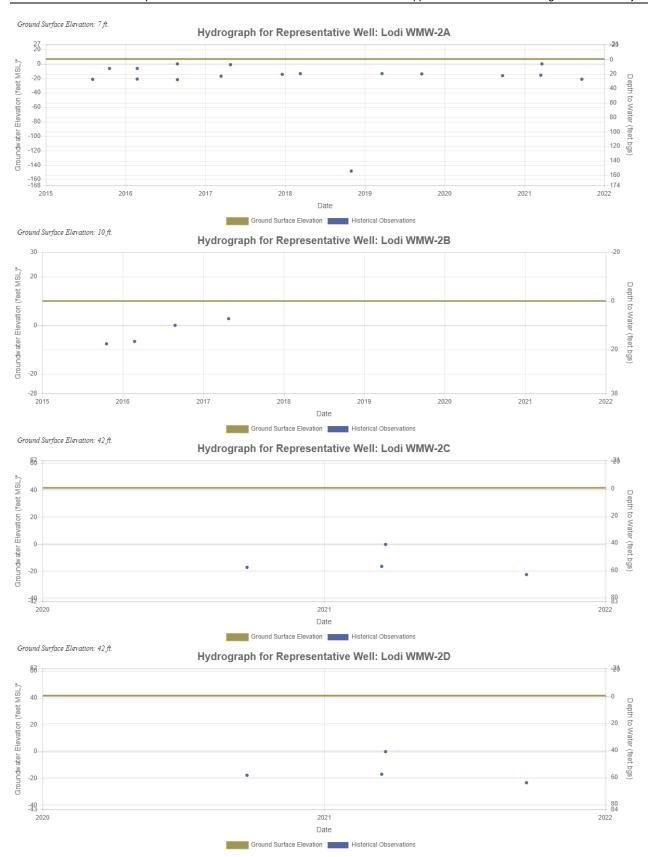


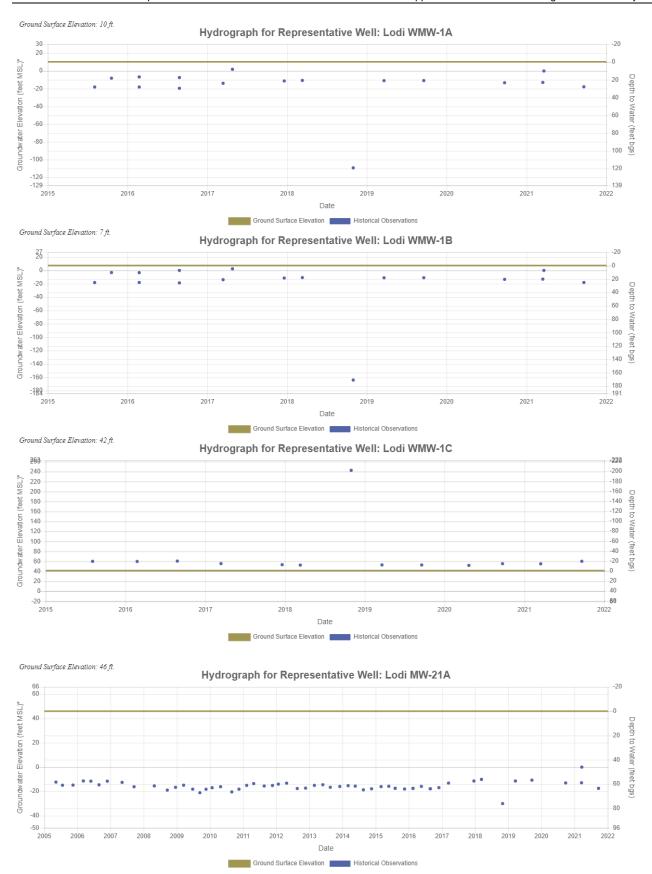


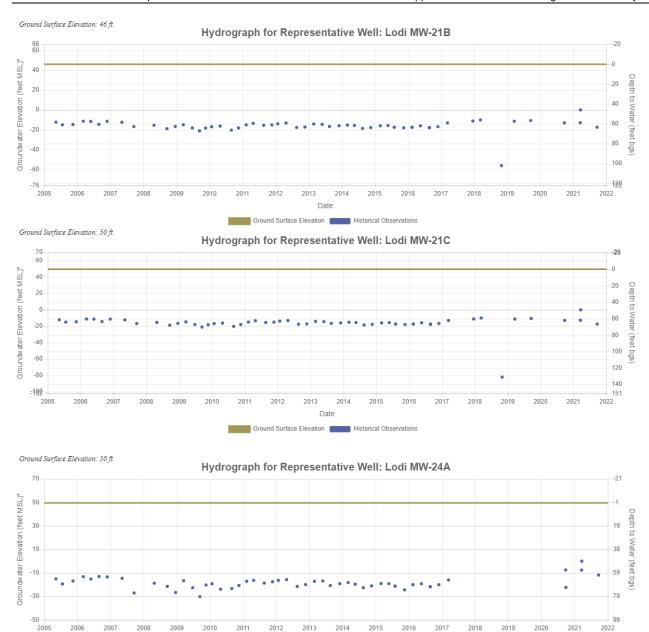












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