



## AGENDA

**December 11, 2025, at 3:00 pm**

Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall

401 South Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023

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### Board of Directors

Richard Hajas, Casitas Municipal Water District

Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District

Michael Weaver, Mutual Water Companies

Bob Daddi, Community Facilities District

Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai

### Zoom Teleconferencing for Public Call in Participation:

1. Zoom Dial in Information: 1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 827 5712 7464, Password: 218792.

### For Public Viewing

2. Zoom Meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82757127464?pwd=Rm5JenhNUDNvRVovaEUwMzdScnFRdz09>

3. [www.OBGMA.com](http://www.OBGMA.com)

4. City of Ojai YouTube Channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3DhCB5Z1DynNC7n8gcNeDQ/live> (2 Minute delay of transmission)

5. In Ojai, CA: Spectrum Channel 10.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public may provide public comments under Item 6 or on each agenda item presented herein. Please wait until the Board Chair asks if any members of the public wish to comment. This will provide for orderly participation during the meeting.

Members of the public may also submit written public comments in advance via e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Public comment e-mails should be sent to [OBGMA@aol.com](mailto:OBGMA@aol.com) "Attention Board of Directors".

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Mutual Water Companies
- Ojai Water Conservation District
- City of Ojai

- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area

#### **4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

#### **5. BASIN STATUS REPORTS**

- Current Status of Basin: Input, Output, and Storage

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

The Board will receive comments from the public at this time. Other than for emergency items, no action can be taken during this period. Matters raised at this time may be briefly discussed by the Board and will generally be referred to staff and/or placed on a subsequent agenda.

#### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Financial Reports for October and November 2025**
- b. Minutes of October 30, 2025, meeting**

#### **8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Administer the Oath of Office to Community Facilities District Alternate, Carla Ferrante di Ruffano**
- b. Well Verification – 1123 Mercer Avenue**
  - Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin;
  - Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any sustainability goal for the Basin as covered by the Plan; and
  - Adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 Authorizing Well Verification for a Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency on APN 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090, 1123 Mercer Avenue
- c. Well Verification – 1218 Foothill Drive**
  - Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 Authorizing Well Verification for a Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency on APN 010-0-015-025, 1218 Foothill Road
- d. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Cost Sharing Agreement for the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition**

- e. **Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement between OBGMA and Casitas Municipal Water District for Three Groundwater Wells**

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. **Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update**
- b. **Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update**

## **10.ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meetings of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month. The meeting agenda will be posted at Ojai City Hall and the OBGMA website 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency is scheduled for January 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers at Ojai City Hall and by Zoom Teleconferencing. Please contact OBGMA by email at [obgma@aol.com](mailto:obgma@aol.com) or by calling 805.640.1207 with any questions.



## OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

### 2024/2025 Water Year

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024		(1-2025)		(\$25/acre foot)		
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	457.50	\$11,741.37				
Dom/Land	62.76	\$2,124.70				
Mutual	11.00	\$275.00				
CMWD	427.80	\$10,695.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>959.06</b>	<b>\$24,836.07</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>	<b>\$605.00</b>	<b>\$94,865.55</b>	<b>\$130,706.62</b>

Jan/Feb/Mar 2025		(2-2025)		(\$25/acre foot)		
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	321.19	\$4,503.80				
Dom/Land	76.87	\$2,223.50				
Mutual	13.87	\$346.63				
CMWD	303.30	\$7,582.50				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>715.23</b>	<b>\$14,656.43</b>	<b>\$10,075.00</b>	<b>\$570.00</b>	<b>\$51,977.57</b>	<b>\$77,279.00</b>

April/May/June 2025		(3-2025)		(\$25/acre foot)		
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	435.54	\$11,459.19				
Dom/Land	132.87	\$3,694.16				
Mutual	27.50	\$687.39				
CMWD	419.60	\$10,490.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1015.51</b>	<b>\$26,330.74</b>	<b>\$9,490.00</b>	<b>\$530.00</b>	<b>\$98,617.31</b>	<b>\$134,968.05</b>

Jul/Aug/Sept 2025		(4-2025)		(\$25/acre foot)		
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	648.45	\$16,441.19				
Dom/Land	30.42	\$1,033.14				
Mutual	18.52	\$462.96				
CMWD	526.60	\$13,165.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1223.99</b>	<b>\$31,102.29</b>	<b>\$8,190.00</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>	<b>\$122,065.87</b>	<b>\$161,818.16</b>

#### Total for water YTD 10/1/24- 9/30/25

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fe	Recordation Fe	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
3913.79	\$ 96,925.53	\$38,155.00	\$2,165.00	\$367,526.30	\$504,771.83

**OBGMA**  
Budget Actuals FYTD 25/26

	Oct-25	YTD	Annual Budget
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>			
Checking	227,919.84		
Savings	205,098.57		
	<b>433,018.41</b>		
<b>Income</b>			
Returned Check Charges		-	
Well Permit Fees		-	
GSP Extraction Fees	121,900.08	121,900.08	350,000.00
Well Head Fee	9,230.00	9,230.00	50,000.00
Late Fees	25.40	25.40	1,000.00
Recordation Fee	565.00	565.00	3,000.00
Extraction Charges	36,327.12	36,327.12	120,000.00
Savings Acct Interest		-	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>168,047.60</b>	<b>168,047.60</b>	<b>524,050.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>168,047.60</b>	<b>168,047.60</b>	
<b>Expense</b>			
Equipment Purchased		-	
Advertising		-	
Outside Services	3,736.25	3,736.25	26,540.00
Dues & Subscriptions		-	
GSP Implementation		-	250,000.00
Printing and Reproduction		-	
Liability Insurance		-	4,500.00
Postage and Delivery		-	
Bank Service Charges		-	
Workers Comp Ins	(75.00)	(75.00)	500.00
Office/Administrative Expenses	480.98	480.98	7,500.00
Payroll Expenses	3,608.26	3,608.26	50,000.00
Professional Fees	8,181.00	8,181.00	160,000.00
Website Expense		-	
Rent	931.00	931.00	15,000.00
Travel		-	3,000.00
Telecommunications		-	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>16,862.49</b>	<b>16,862.49</b>	<b>517,040.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>151,185.11</b>	<b>151,185.11</b>	<b>7,010.00</b>
<b>Grant Activity</b>			
WCB Grant Income		-	
WCB (WS) Expenses		-	
GSP Expenses		-	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>151,185.11</b>	<b>151,185.11</b>	
<b>Other Adjustments</b>			
Permit Deposit Paid/Deducted	5,000.00		
Transfer to Savings			
Transfer From Savings			
Customer Well Deposit			
Payroll Tax Liab Paymts	1,185.39		
Payroll Liab on hold	966.48		
Customer Overpayments	101.25		
Key Card Deposit			
Refund- Work Comp Ins			
Customer Credits Applied			
Customer Refunds	66.25		
State Comp Fund Dividend			
Rent Reimbursement			
Returned Check	13.50		
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>			
Checking	383,907.54		
Savings	205,098.57		
	<b>589,006.11</b>		

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# OBGMA Reconciliation Summary

Bank of the Sierra-Checking, Period Ending 10/31/2025

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	<u>Oct 31, 25</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	238,866.68
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 19 items	-18,899.06
Deposits and Credits - 18 items	173,676.34
<b>Total Cleared Transactions</b>	<u>154,777.28</u>
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<b><u>393,643.96</u></b>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 10 items	-9,736.42
<b>Total Uncleared Transactions</b>	<u>-9,736.42</u>
<b>Register Balance as of 10/31/2025</b>	<b><u>383,907.54</u></b>
<b>New Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	-131.00
<b>Total New Transactions</b>	<u>-131.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>383,776.54</u></b>

**OBGMA**  
**Disbursements**  
As of October 31, 2025

Date	Num	Name	Description	Amount
			<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	
10/02/2025	ACH	Condor Self Storage	Rent	-131.00
10/06/2025	ACH	Streamline	Professional Fees	-1,740.00
10/13/2025	ACH	JStreet Technology Inc	Outside Services	-3,736.25
10/25/2025	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-20.99
10/06/2025	ACH	USPS	Postage and Delivery	-10.48
10/09/2025	ACH	Streamline	Website Expense	-400.00
10/16/2025	ACH	Spectrum	Office Expense	-141.23
10/21/2025	ACH	Raz, Shlomo M.D.	Returned Check	-13.50
10/06/2025	E-pay	Employment Development Department	Payroll Liabilities	-56.49
10/06/2025	E-pay	IRS	Payroll Liabilities	-1,044.90
10/06/2025	E-pay	IRS	Payroll Liabilities	-84.00
10/31/2025	3725	Ransom, Tara R.	Payroll-Void	0.00
10/31/2025	3726	VanDerMeer, Cece A	Payroll-Void	0.00
10/27/2025	3727	Downer, Arthur G01	Customer Refund	-66.25
10/31/2025	3728	417 Bryant Circle LLC	Rent	-800.00
10/31/2025	3729	Casitas Municipal Water District	Professional Fees	-1,915.28
10/31/2025	3730	Hollister & Brace, Attorneys at Law	Professional Fees	-1,950.00
10/31/2025	3731	Kear Groundwater	Professional Fees	-2,016.00
10/31/2025	3732	Michelle Gaston	Professional Fees	-600.00
10/29/2025	3733	USPS	Postage and Delivery	-268.00
10/29/2025	3734	Ransom, Tara R.	Payroll	-1,313.39
10/29/2025	3735	VanDerMeer, Cece A	Payroll	-1,380.88
				-17,688.64
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# OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

## 2024/2025 Water Year

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	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	457.50	\$11,741.37				
Dom/Land	64.02	\$2,147.20				
Mutual	11.00	\$275.00				
CMWD	427.80	\$10,695.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>960.32</b>	<b>\$24,858.57</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>	<b>\$605.00</b>	<b>\$94,865.55</b>	<b>\$130,729.12</b>

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Mutual	13.87	\$346.63				
CMWD	303.30	\$7,582.50				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>715.33</b>	<b>\$14,693.93</b>	<b>\$10,270.00</b>	<b>\$580.00</b>	<b>\$51,977.57</b>	<b>\$77,521.50</b>

April/May/June 2025		(3-2025)		(\$25/acre foot)		
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	435.54	\$11,484.19				
Dom/Land	133.43	\$3,708.16				
Mutual	27.50	\$687.39				
CMWD	419.60	\$10,490.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1016.07</b>	<b>\$26,369.74</b>	<b>\$9,750.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$98,688.31</b>	<b>\$135,358.05</b>

Jul/Aug/Sept 2025		(4-2025)		(\$25/acre foot)		
	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	696.25	\$17,730.04				
Dom/Land	43.78	\$1,379.64				
Mutual	36.35	\$908.71				
CMWD	526.60	\$13,165.00				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1302.98</b>	<b>\$33,183.39</b>	<b>\$9,295.00</b>	<b>\$530.00</b>	<b>\$129,980.77</b>	<b>\$172,989.16</b>

**Total for water YTD 10/1/24- 9/30/25**

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fe	Recordation Fe	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
3994.70	\$ 99,105.63	\$39,715.00	\$2,265.00	\$375,512.20	\$516,597.83

**OBGMA**  
Budget Actuals FYTD 25/26

	Oct-25	Nov-25	YTD	Annual Budget
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>				
Checking	227,919.84	383,907.54		
Savings	205,098.57	205,098.57		
	<b>433,018.41</b>	<b>589,006.11</b>		
<b>Income</b>				
Returned Check Charges				
Well Permit Fees				
GSP Extraction Fees	121,900.08	10,407.06	<b>132,307.14</b>	<b>350,000.00</b>
Well Head Fee	9,230.00	2,462.69	<b>11,692.69</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
Late Fees	25.40	537.50	<b>562.90</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
Recordation Fee	565.00	134.44	<b>699.44</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
Extraction Charges	36,327.12	3,014.48	<b>39,341.60</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>
Savings Acct. Interest				<b>50.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>168,047.60</b>	<b>16,556.17</b>	<b>184,603.77</b>	<b>524,050.00</b>
<b>Total Income Expense</b>	<b>168,047.60</b>	<b>16,556.17</b>	<b>184,603.77</b>	
Equipment Purchased				
Advertising				
Outside Services	3,736.25	1,470.00	<b>5,206.25</b>	<b>26,540.00</b>
Dues & Subscriptions				
GSP Implementation		6,182.50	<b>6,182.50</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>
Printing and Reproduction				
Liability Insurance				<b>4,500.00</b>
Postage and Delivery				
Bank Service Charges				
Workers Comp Ins	(75.00)		<b>(75.00)</b>	<b>500.00</b>
Office/Administrative Expenses	480.98	234.63	<b>715.61</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>
Payroll Expenses	3,608.26	3,993.98	<b>7,602.24</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
Professional Fees	8,181.00	8,975.25	<b>17,156.25</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>
Website Expense				
Rent	931.00	931.00	<b>1,862.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
Travel				<b>3,000.00</b>
Telecommunications				
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>16,862.49</b>	<b>21,787.36</b>	<b>38,649.85</b>	<b>517,040.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>151,185.11</b>	<b>(5,231.19)</b>	<b>145,953.92</b>	<b>7,010.00</b>
<b>Grant Activity</b>				
WCB Grant Income				
WCB (WS) Expenses				
GSP Expenses				
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>151,185.11</b>	<b>(5,231.19)</b>	<b>145,953.92</b>	
<b>Other Adjustments</b>				
Permit Deposit Paid/Deducted				
Transfer to Savings	5,000.00			
Transfer From Savings				
Customer Well Deposit				
Payroll Tax Liab Paymts	1,185.39			
Payroll Liab on hold	966.48	1,016.17		
Customer Overpayments	101.25	217.25		
Key Card Deposit				
Refund- Work Comp Ins				
Customer Credits Applied				
Customer Refunds	66.25			
State Comp Fund Dividend				
Rent Reimbursement				
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>(13.50)</b>		
Checking	383,907.54	379,923.27		
Savings	205,098.57	205,098.57		
	<b>589,006.11</b>	<b>585,021.84</b>		

# OBGMA Reconciliation Summary

Bank of the Sierra-Checking, Period Ending 11/30/2025

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	<u>Nov 30, 25</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	393,643.96
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 14 items	-10,775.16
Deposits and Credits - 4 items	15,347.92
<b>Total Cleared Transactions</b>	<u>4,572.76</u>
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<u><u>398,216.72</u></u>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 9 items	-19,755.95
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	1,462.50
<b>Total Uncleared Transactions</b>	<u>-18,293.45</u>
<b>Register Balance as of 11/30/2025</b>	<u><u>379,923.27</u></u>
<b>New Transactions</b>	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	-131.00
<b>Total New Transactions</b>	<u>-131.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>379,792.27</u></u>

**OBGMA**  
**Disbursements**  
As of November 30, 2025

Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount
11/02/2025	ACH	Condor Self Storage	Rent	-131.00
11/10/2025	ACH	JStreet Technology Inc	Outside Services	-1,470.00
11/25/2025	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-20.99
11/07/2025	ACH	Raz, Shlomo M.D.	Accounts Receivable	-23.50
11/09/2025	ACH	Spectrum	Accounts Payable	-141.23
11/24/2025	ACH	Staples	Office Supplies	-59.52
11/26/2025	3736	417 Bryant Circle LLC	Accounts Payable	-800.00
11/26/2025	3737	Casitas Municipal Water District	Accounts Payable	-1,982.89
11/26/2025	3738	Dudek	Accounts Payable	-9,540.00
11/26/2025	3739	Hollister & Brace, Attorneys at Law	Accounts Payable	-2,112.50
11/26/2025	3740	Kear Groundwater	Accounts Payable	-1,535.25
11/26/2025	3741	Ransom, Tara R.	-SPLIT-	-1,352.54
11/26/2025	3742	VanDerMeer, Cece A	-SPLIT-	-1,625.27
				-20,794.69
				<b><u>-20,794.69</u></b>

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 30, 2025

The Regular Meeting of October 30, 2025, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

**Attendees were:** Board Members: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Bob Daddi, Andrew Whitman and Mike Weaver. General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Peter Candy, Attorney and Jordan Kear, Consultant (via Zoom).

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. VanDerMeer called the roll.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Hajas.

**3. Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch reported there was a meeting on October 2, 2025. Finch stated there are two empty seats on the Board of Ojai Water Conservation District.

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: None

Community Facilities District Report: None

**4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Aranda reported the alternate director for Bob Daddi resigned. Carla Ferrante di Ruffano is in attendance and requested to be the alternate for the Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area. Ferrante di Ruffano will be sworn in at the next board meeting. Aranda reported the database will be available on the cloud in November. Aranda stated the OBGMA website is ADA compliant. Aranda reported an application for a new well is being reviewed.

**5. BASIN STATUS REPORT:**

Jordan Kear had a presentation "Bouncing Along". Kear reported the Key Well was 139.56' below ground level and there was 59,600 acre-feet in the basin.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:**  
None

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Whitman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Weaver seconded. The Consent Items were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Whitman, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **Consider moving November 27, 2025, meeting to December 11, 2025:**

b. **Consider cancelling December 25, 2025, meeting.**

Daddi motioned to move the November 27, 2025, meeting to December 11, 2025, and cancelling the December 25, 2025. Whitman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Whitman, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

a. **Cash Flow for Sustainable Groundwater Management Compliance:**

Aranda presented the Cash Flow Related to Sustainable Groundwater Act Compliance for FY 2026/27. Aranda reported the projected cash flow analysis demonstrated funds will be available for the First Periodic Evaluation (FPE) due January 31, 2027 to DWR.

b. **Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update:**

Aranda presented a Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition. The Board discussed the scope of work. Candy stated he would review the MOU.

c. **Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update:**

The Committee did not meet.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 11, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Julia Aranda, PE, General Manager  
**Subject:** Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency on APN 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090

December 11, 2025

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### **Recommendation**

- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin;
- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any sustainability goal for the Basin as covered by the Plan; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 Authorizing Written Verification of a Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency of Assessor's Parcel No. APN 028-0-010-12/028-0-010-090, 1123 Mercer Avenue

### **Background and Discussion**

The attached Well Application for 1123 Mercer Avenue was submitted September 29, 2025, for a new well with anticipated demand of 10 acre-feet per year (AFY). The property is composed of two Assessor Parcel Nos 028-0-010-120 (8.86 acres) and 028-0-010-090 (1.55 acres), upon which are citrus groves.

The applicant provided the deposit for OBGMA to engage Dudek, OBGMA's GSP consultant, to evaluate the proposed well's consistency with the approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Dudek's memorandum dated November 13, 2025, is attached herein. Based on their analysis, the proposed well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results in the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin.

Resolution No. 2025-05 is attached for adoption; the draft verification letter is also attached for information.

### **Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact related to well verification as the applicant paid for staff time, attorney review, and the evaluations by Dudek and Kear Groundwater.

Attachments:

- Well Verification Application
- Dudek memorandum, Assessment of GSP Consistency – Proposed Replacement Well Located at 1123 Mercer Avenue, dated November 13, 2025
- Resolution No. 2025-05
- Draft Verification Letter with Conditions



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**WATER WELL REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION REQUEST**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA or Agency) requires all groundwater extraction facilities within its jurisdictional boundaries to be registered with the Agency. No extraction facility may be operated or otherwise utilized so as to extract groundwater within the boundaries of the Agency unless the facility is registered with the Agency, equipped with a water meter, and all extractions are reported to the Agency as required by OBGMA Ordinance No. 8. Written verification from the Agency is required prior to issuance of a well permit by the Ventura County Public Works Agency. The written verification must find that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any of the sustainability goals the Agency has established for the Basin pursuant to the GSP.

**ALL WELLS MUST HAVE A METER INSTALLED PER OBGMA ORDINANCE NO. 8**

**A. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION**

NAME: MARGARET VANDERFIN  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1133 MERCER AVE. OJAI 93023  
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 028-0-010-130/028-0-010-090 (COMBINED LEGAL PARCEL)  
PHONE NO.: (805) 448-7673  
EMAIL: MMVANDERFIN@VERIZON.NET

**B. OPERATOR INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. TYPE OF WELL**

NEW  
 REPLACEMENT  
 ALTERATION OF EXISTING WELL

EXISTING WELL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXISTING WELL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. TYPE OF USE**

AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION

CROP TYPE	EXISTING OR NEW?	ACREAGE	TYPE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM
<u>LITRUS</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>1.55 + 8.86 = 10.41</u>	<u>DRIP / FANJET</u>

DOMESTIC NO. OF HOUSING UNITS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MUNICIPAL  
 INDUSTRIAL TYPE OF INDUSTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MONITORING





November 13, 2025

Julia Aranda  
Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency  
417 Bryant Circle, Suite 112  
Ojai, California 93023

**Subject: Assessment of GSP Consistency – Proposed New Well Located at 1123 Mercer Avenue**

Dear Ms. Aranda:

On October 14, 2025, Dudek received a request from the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) to support the agency's evaluation of a proposed well's consistency with the sustainability program outlined in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (OVGB). Dudek received notice-to-proceed on this evaluation on October 15, 2025. This letter provides Dudek's evaluation of the proposed well in a manner consistent with the OBGMA's *Updated Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification Requests*.

The application provided to Dudek by OBGMA indicates that the new well would be located at 1123 Mercer Avenue and is anticipated to pump approximately 10 acre-feet per year (AFY) from the OVGB for agricultural use. For this evaluation, OBGMA provided Dudek with two well permit forms: the Ventura County Well Permit Application and the OBGMA's Water Well Registration and Verification Request form. These forms indicate that the proposed new well would consist of an 8-inch diameter PVC casing installed to a total depth of 200 feet below ground surface and perforated from 100 feet to 200 feet.

To assess the consistency of the proposed well with the GSP, Dudek evaluated the proposed well against the set of four evaluation criteria established in the OBGMA's *Updated Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification*

## 1 Well Permit Review Approach

On September 26, 2024, the OBGMA established an *Updated Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification Requests*. In this, the OBGMA developed a set of criteria for evaluating the impacts of a proposed new or modified well that is consistent with the Sustainability Goal of the OVGB. The GSP adopted by the OBGMA on January 6, 2022, outlines the Sustainability Goal for the basin,

*The OBGMA's sustainability goal is to preserve the quantity and quality of groundwater in the Ojai Basin in order to protect and maintain the long-term water supply for the common benefit of the water users in the Basin. (p. 3-3, OVGB GSP)*

The data presented in the GSP indicates that conditions in the basin have historically been, and are currently, sustainable (p. 3-3; OVGB GSP). To maintain sustainability in the OVGB, the GSP states that conditions in the basin will be (p. 3-3, OVGB GSP),

*Considered sustainable so long as the following sustainability goal components continue to be met:*

- *Long-term, aggregate groundwater use is less than or equal to the OVGB's estimated sustainable yield, as defined by SGMA;*
- *Groundwater levels are maintained at elevations necessary to avoid undesirable results. Lowering of groundwater levels potentially leading to significant and unreasonable depletions of available water supply for beneficial use could occur if groundwater levels fall below minimum thresholds set at representative monitoring points (RMPs);*
- *Groundwater quality, as measured in municipal and domestic water wells, generally exhibits a stable and/or improving trend for identified contaminants of concern (COCs): total dissolved solids (TDS), sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, iron, and manganese; and*
- *Groundwater quality is suitable for existing beneficial uses.*

Based on the sustainability goal components outlined in the GSP, the four criteria developed by OBGMA to evaluate the consistency of the proposed new well with the Sustainability Goal for the OVGB are:

1. Will the projected drawdown cause groundwater level minimum threshold exceedances at the nearest representative monitoring points?
2. Is the projected production likely to cause long-term exceedance of the sustainable yield of the OVGB?
3. Is the project likely to cause exceedance of the minimum thresholds for groundwater quality at the nearest representative monitoring points?
4. Will the projected drawdown impact ongoing or future projects aimed at maintaining sustainability or addressing critical data gaps in the OVGB?

While impacts to ongoing or future projects are not explicitly identified as a sustainability goal component in the GSP, significant data gaps were identified in the GSP that limit understanding of the hydrogeologic conceptual model and characterization of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the OVGB. The GSP identifies projects that support additional data collection and field investigations to reduce these data gaps. As such, criteria 4 was added to the evaluation to ensure that these projects are not significantly impacted by a proposed well or well modification.

## 2 Technical Review of Proposed Well Located at 1123 Mercer Avenue

### 2.1 Evaluation Criteria No. 1 - Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold Exceedance

When water is extracted from a well, groundwater levels around the well decline creating a cone of depression. The cone of depression is deepest at the well and extends radially to a distance away from the well where water-level decline (or drawdown) is effectively zero. Groundwater extraction from the proposed well located at 1123 Mercer Avenue would result in localized groundwater level drawdown in the OVGB.

As defined in the GSP, conditions in the OVGB are considered sustainable if groundwater levels at the representative monitoring points (RMPs) in the OVGB remain above their established minimum threshold groundwater elevations. To evaluate whether the proposed new well may induce conditions that cause minimum threshold exceedances at the RMPs, Dudek quantified the anticipated groundwater elevation drawdown at each RMP associated with operation of the proposed new well. The drawdown associated with operation of the proposed new well was quantified using the Cooper-Jacob approximation of the Theis non-equilibrium flow equation (Cooper and Jacob 1946):

$$s = \frac{2.3Q}{4\pi T} \log_{10} \frac{2.25Tt}{r^2S}$$

Where:

- s = predicted drawdown (ft)
- Q = average pumping rate (ft<sup>3</sup>/d)
- T = Transmissivity (ft<sup>2</sup>/d)
- t = time since pumping started (days)
- R = distance from pumping well (ft)
- S = coefficient of storage (dimensionless)

The Cooper-Jacob provides a close approximation to the Theis equation when the dimensionless time (u) is sufficiently small (i.e., u < 0.05) (Driscoll 1986), where:

$$u = \frac{r^2S}{4Tt}$$

Where:

- u = time (dimensionless)
- r = distance from pumping well (ft)
- S = coefficient of storage (dimensionless)
- T = transmissivity (ft<sup>2</sup>/d)
- t = time since pumping started

The dimensionless time parameter,  $u$ , that represents drawdown associated with operation of the proposed new well after 1-year of steady-state operation ranged from 0.0001 to 0.0075, from nearest to farthest RMP.

Table 1 provides estimated groundwater level decline at RMPs after one year of pumping 10 AFY from the proposed new well. Aquifer transmissivity and storativity values used in the calculations were obtained from the Ojai Basin Groundwater Model (OBGM) and represent weighted average values for the model layers of the grid cell where the proposed well is to be located. Saturated aquifer thickness was calculated by subtracting the bottom elevation of the lowermost model layer of the grid cell where the proposed well is to be located from the most recent groundwater elevation recorded at the groundwater level monitoring well closest in land surface elevation and distance to the proposed new well. The transmissivity value used in the calculations was 693 square feet per day and the storativity value used was 0.00003.

**Table 1. Estimated Drawdown at Representative Monitoring Points**

Representative Monitoring Point SWN	Distance from Proposed New Well (feet / miles)	Drawdown after One Year of Pumping (feet)	Most Recent Groundwater Elevation (feet MSL) <sup>1</sup>	Groundwater Elevation Minimum Threshold (feet MSL)
04N22W04Q001S	15,198 / 2.88	0.59	961.03	915.90
05N22W32P003S	7,862 / 1.49	0.77	787.45	771.60
04N22W05L003S	7,763 / 1.47	0.78	764.81	576.30
04N22W06K003S	4,077 / 0.77	0.95	785.60	556.50
04N23W01J003S	2,323 / 0.44	1.11	724.10	567.50
04N22W06E06S	1,626 / 0.31	1.20	774.22	NA
NA "South Central DDMW"	5,719 / 1.08	0.86	718.83	NA
04N22W05L008S	8,405 / 1.59	0.75	779.32	576.28

**Note:** SWN = state well identification number; MSL = mean sea level; NA = not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Groundwater elevations measured spring 2025, with the exception of 04N22W06K003S measured fall 2023 and 05N22W32P003S measured fall 2024. These two wells were not measured in spring 2025 because the wells were not accessible.

As shown in Table 1, groundwater elevations currently range from approximately 16-feet to 230-feet above the established minimum threshold groundwater elevations. Estimates of pumping-induced drawdown at these RMPs range from approximately 0.59 to 1.20 feet (Table 1). These levels of drawdown are not expected to cause exceedance of the minimum thresholds under current conditions.

The minimum thresholds established in the GSP were set using the historical low groundwater levels to avoid groundwater elevation declines that would:

“lower the rate of production of existing groundwater wells below that necessary to meet the minimum required to support the overlying beneficial uses, where alternative means of obtaining sufficient groundwater resources or local surface water resources from Lake Casitas are not technically or financially feasible for the well owner to absorb, either independently or with assistance from the OBGMA, or other available assistance/grant program(s)” (pg. 3-7 of OVGB GSP).

Under drought conditions, operation of the proposed well may result in groundwater elevations at RMPs that occur 0.59 to 1.20 feet below the historical lows. However, considering the rapid groundwater elevation recovery experienced in the OVGB during normal and wet water years, the additional 0.59 to 1.20 feet of drawdown is not anticipated to cause significant and unreasonable impacts to overlying beneficial users by limiting groundwater accessibility. Based on this, the proposed new well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results associated with chronic lowering of groundwater levels or reduction of groundwater in storage.

## 2.2 Evaluation Criteria No. 2 – Sustainable Yield Exceedance

The estimated sustainable yield of the OVGB is between 4,100 and 5,000 AFY (p. 3-2, OBGMA 2022). Groundwater extractions since 2019 have averaged approximately 4,240 AFY (OBGMA 2025), which is less than or equal to the estimated sustainable yield of the OVGB. The additional 10 AFY of groundwater extractions from this well is not likely to cause an exceedance of the upper bound of the sustainable yield estimate.

## 2.3 Evaluation Criteria No. 3 – Degradation of Water Quality

The primary potential constituents of concern (COCs) in the OVGB include total dissolved solids, sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, iron, and manganese. Figures 1 through 7 show maximum concentrations of these constituents in wells sampled in the OVGB from 2010 to 2020. As shown in the figures, the concentrations of COCs are generally below State and Federal primary and secondary maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for drinking water, although there is high variation between individual wells sampled. Where concentrations of COCs exceed MCLs, the exceedances are largely due to naturally occurring elevated concentrations and not degradation of water quality due to groundwater extraction.

The proposed new well is to be located in the northwestern portion of the OVGB. There are limited groundwater quality measurements in the vicinity of the proposed well. Wells located near the proposed new well that have been sampled for water quality indicate that TDS, iron, and manganese are the three COCs that may be present at concentrations above the secondary MCL (Figures 1, 6, and 7).

As noted in the GSP, undesirable results associated with chronic lowering of groundwater levels may be closely linked to undesirable results associated with degradation of water quality because groundwater levels below historical lows may increasingly limit the efficacy of existing mitigation strategies (e.g., blending of groundwater with other water sources). Because the proposed operation of the new well is not anticipated to cause groundwater level minimum threshold exceedances, the proposed new well is similarly not anticipated to cause minimum threshold exceedances associated with the degradation of water quality. Additionally, the projected drawdown associated with operation of the proposed new well is not anticipated to significantly alter existing groundwater elevation gradients and flow directions, which would potentially lead to the migration of low-quality groundwater.

## 2.4 Evaluation Criteria No. 4 – Impacts to Ongoing and Future Projects

The GSP includes projects and management actions (PMAs) that will be implemented to maintain sustainability in the OVGB. Of the PMAs outlined in the GSP, the following have been implemented or are currently being implemented:

- Conduct Groundwater Level, Groundwater Quality, and Streamflow Monitoring
- Conduct Groundwater Extraction Monitoring
- Prepare Sampling and Analysis Plan and Quality Assurance Plan
- Develop Data Management System
- Implement Public Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Complete Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Reports and 5-Year Updates
- Explore Grant Funding Opportunities

The proposed new well is consistent with the PMAs listed above and is anticipated to be consistent with the other PMAs outlined in the GSP.

### 3 Conclusion

The above provides a technical assessment of the groundwater extraction well planned for construction at 1123 Mercer Avenue. The assessment quantifies the potential impacts that operation of the proposed well may have on the sustainable management program and sustainability goal components outlined in the GSP for the OVGB. Dudek has identified four screening criteria to assess consistency with the GSP and sustainability goal for the OVGB (see Section 1). Based on the analysis completed and described above, Dudek has made the following evaluation:

<p>Will the projected drawdown cause groundwater level minimum threshold exceedances at the nearest representative monitoring points?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Note:</p>	<p>Groundwater levels are currently 16 to 230 feet higher than minimum threshold groundwater elevations; estimated drawdown from pumping the proposed well of 0.59 to 1.20 feet at RMPs is not anticipated to cause minimum threshold exceedances</p> <hr/>
<p>Is the projected production rate likely to cause long-term groundwater usage to exceed the estimated sustainable yield?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Note:</p>	<p>Pumping is currently less than or equal to the estimated sustainable yield; operation of the proposed well is not anticipated to result in an exceedance of the sustainable yield of the OVGB</p> <hr/>
<p>Is the project likely to cause exceedance of the minimum thresholds for groundwater quality at the nearest representative monitoring points?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Note:</p>	<p>Proposed well is not anticipated to significantly alter groundwater elevation gradients or flow directions</p> <hr/>
<p>Will the projected drawdown impact ongoing or future projects aimed at addressing critical data gaps in the OVGB?</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Note:</p>	<p>No ongoing or future projects are anticipated to be impacted by operation of the proposed well</p> <hr/>

This analysis is being provided to the OBGMA to assist in their final determination of the proposed well's consistency with the GSP. Based on the criteria evaluated above, operation of the proposed new well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results in the OVGB.

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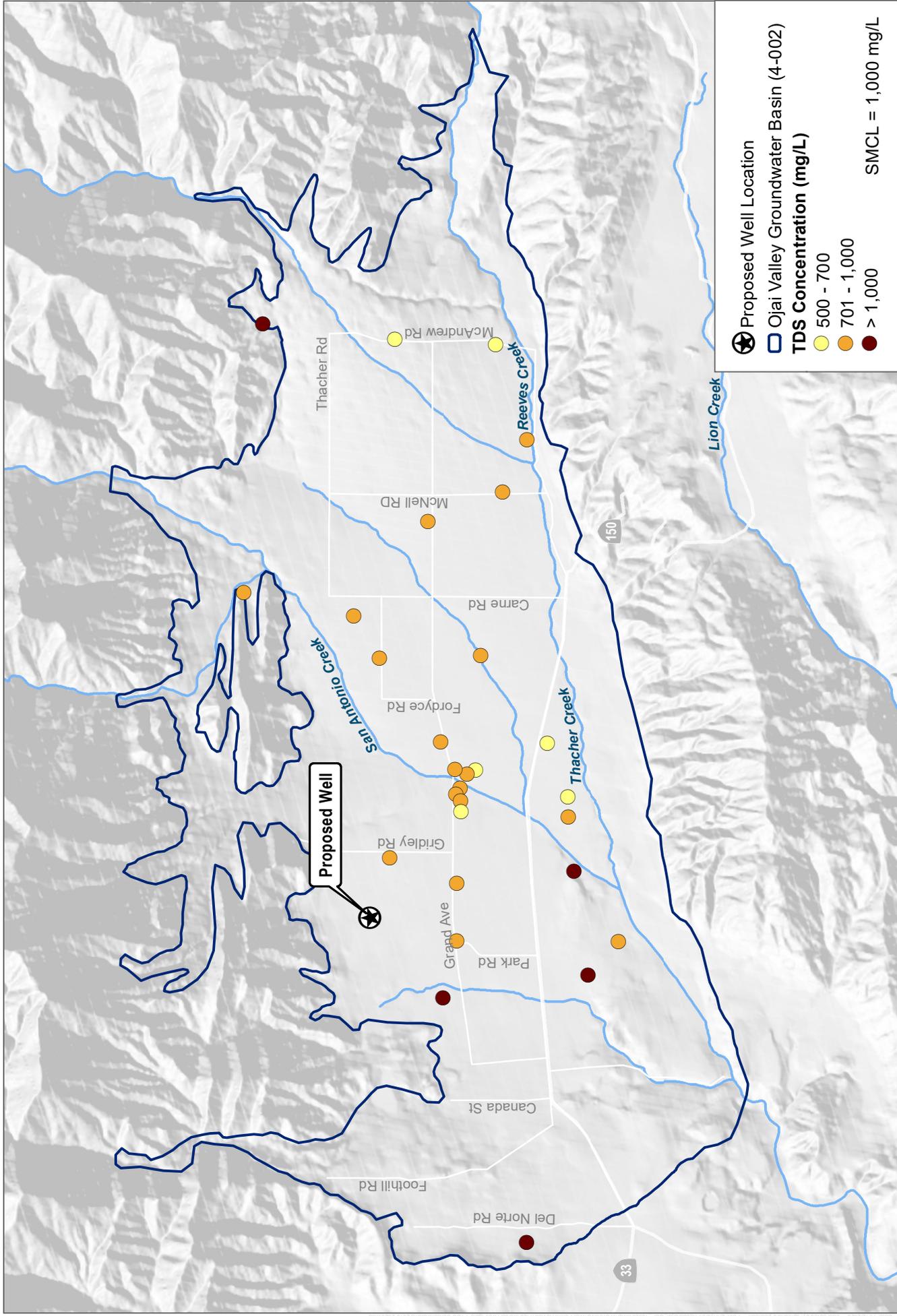
Sincerely,



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**Devin Pritchard-Peterson, PG**  
Senior Hydrogeologist

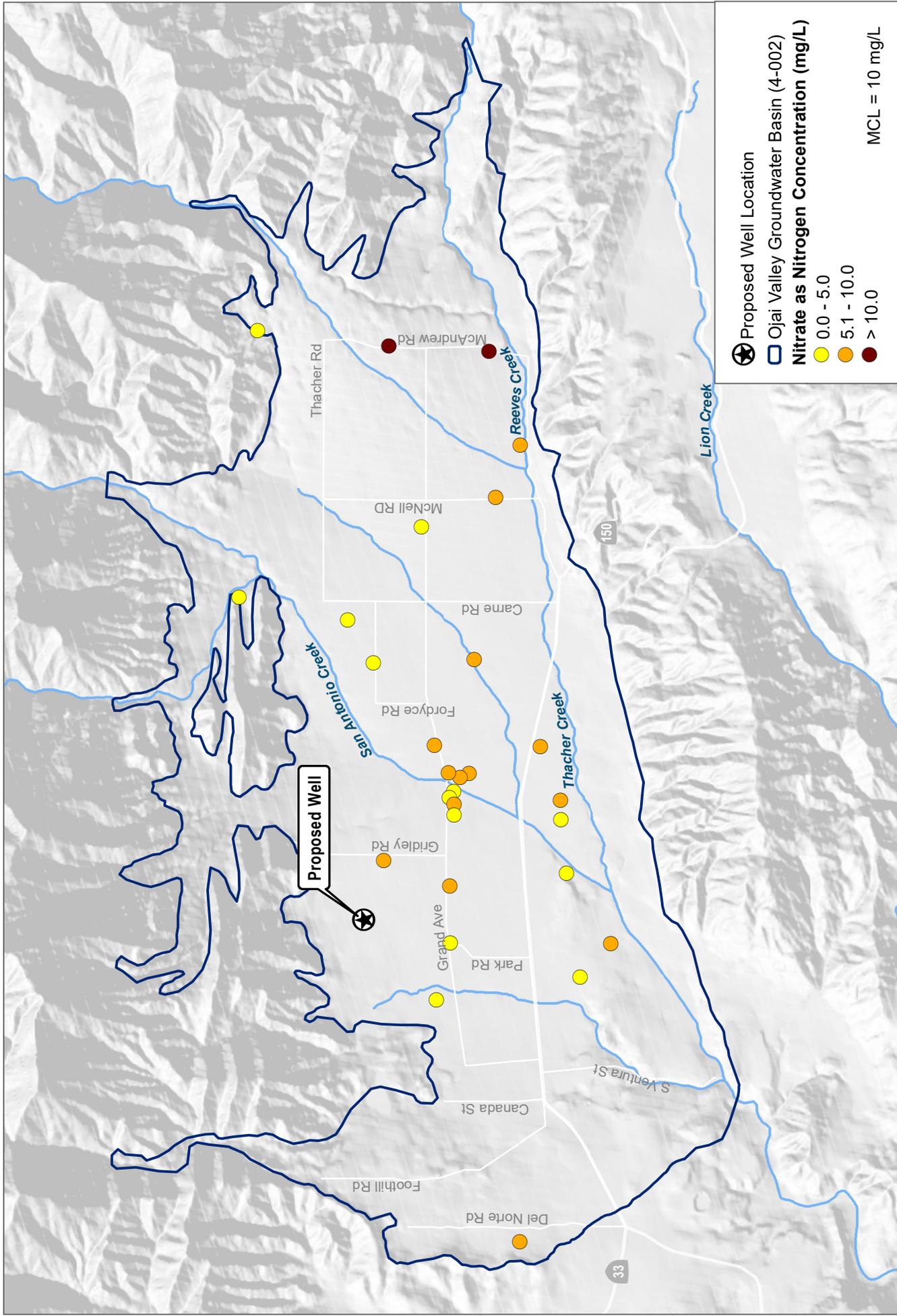
*Attachments: Figures 1-7*



SOURCE: VCWPD, SWRCB



**FIGURE 1**  
 Maximum Total Dissolved Solids Concentrations 2010-2020  
 1123 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review

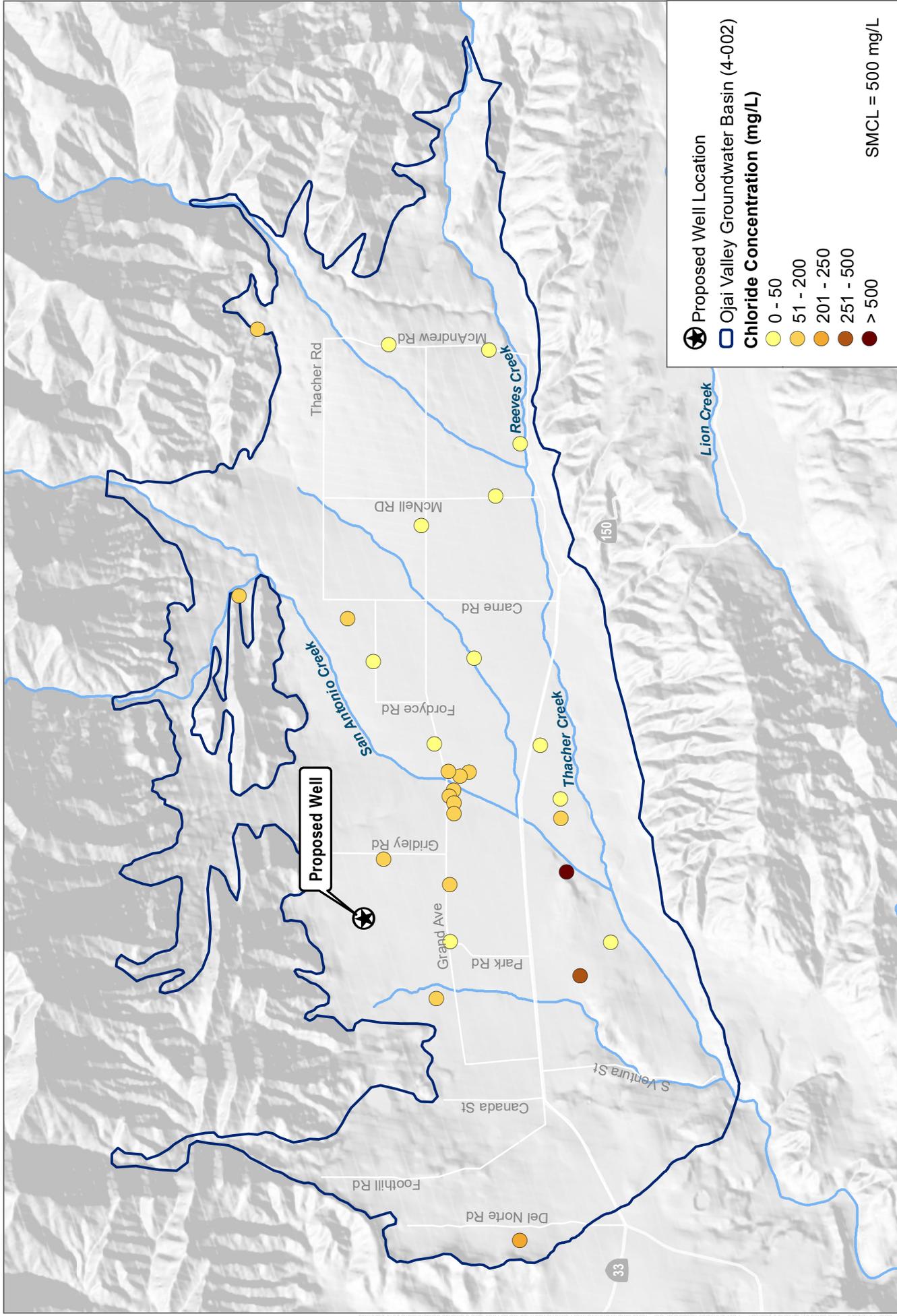


SOURCE: VCWPD, SWRCB



**FIGURE 2**

**Maximum Nitrate as Nitrogen Concentrations 2010-2020**

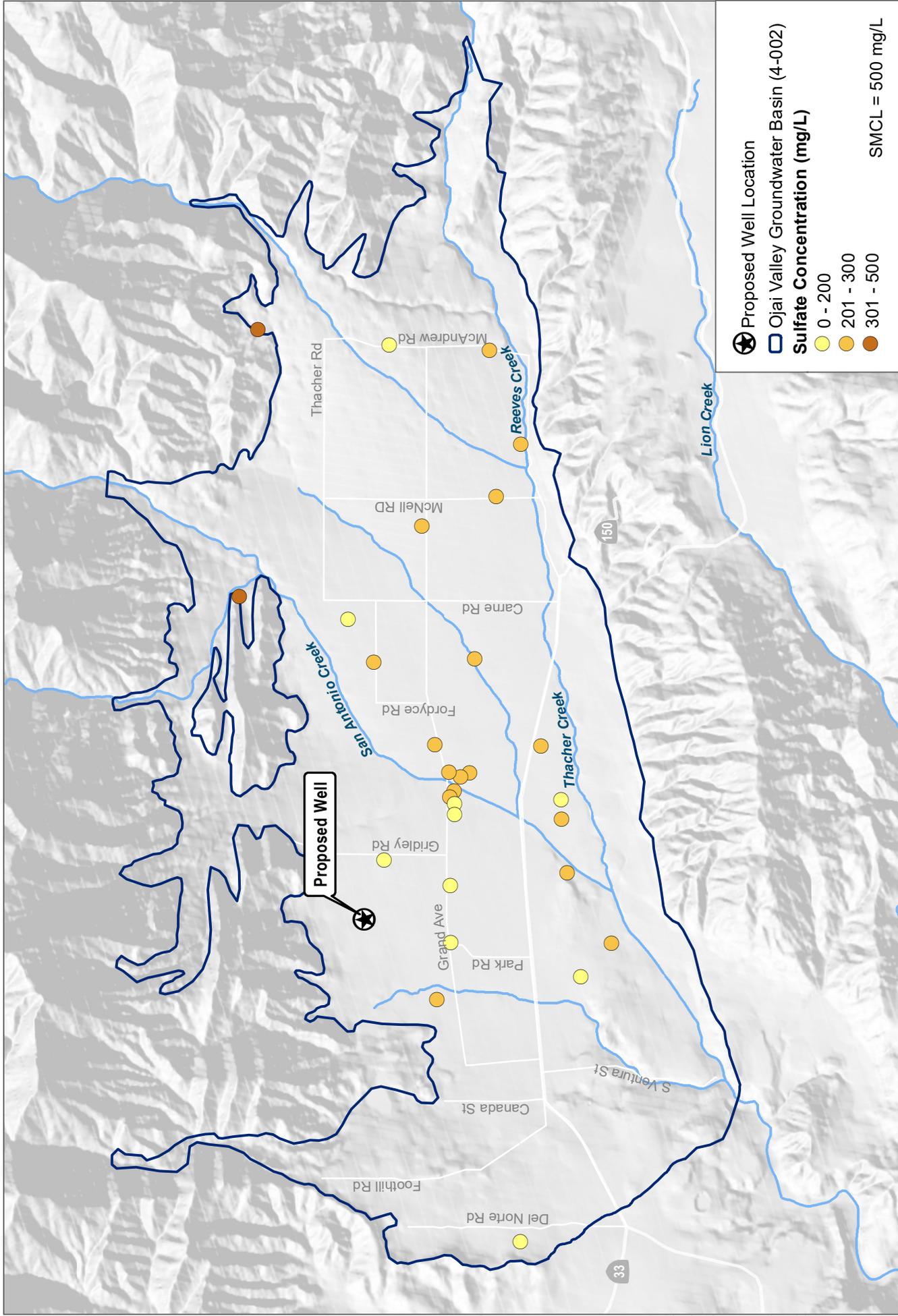


SOURCE: VCWPD, SWRCB



**FIGURE 3**

**Maximum Chloride Concentrations 2010-2020**



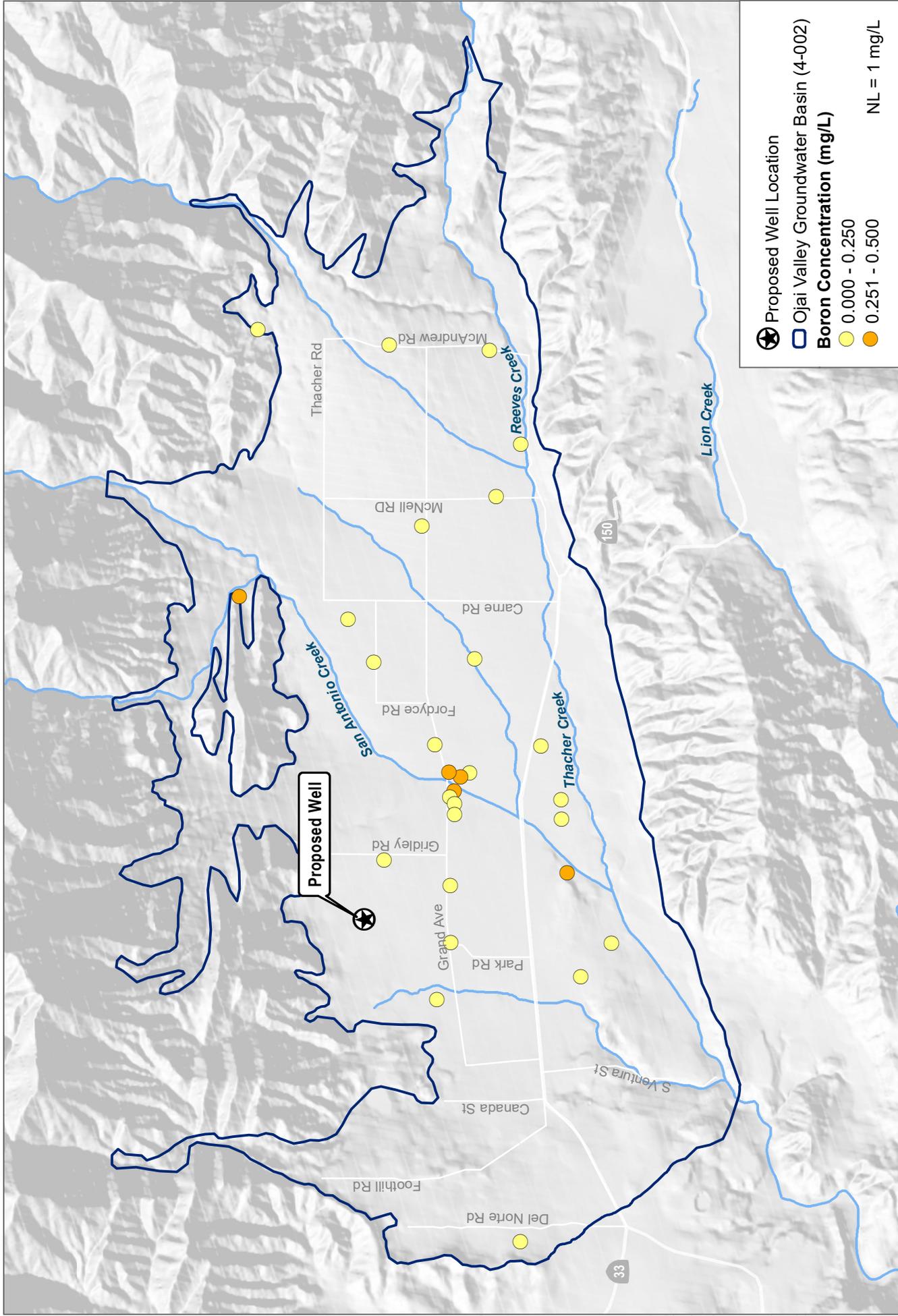
SOURCE: VCWPD, SWRCB



**FIGURE 4**

**Maximum Sulfate Concentrations 2010-2020**

1123 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review



SOURCE: VCWPD, SWRCB



**FIGURE 5**

**Maximum Boron Concentrations 2010-2020**

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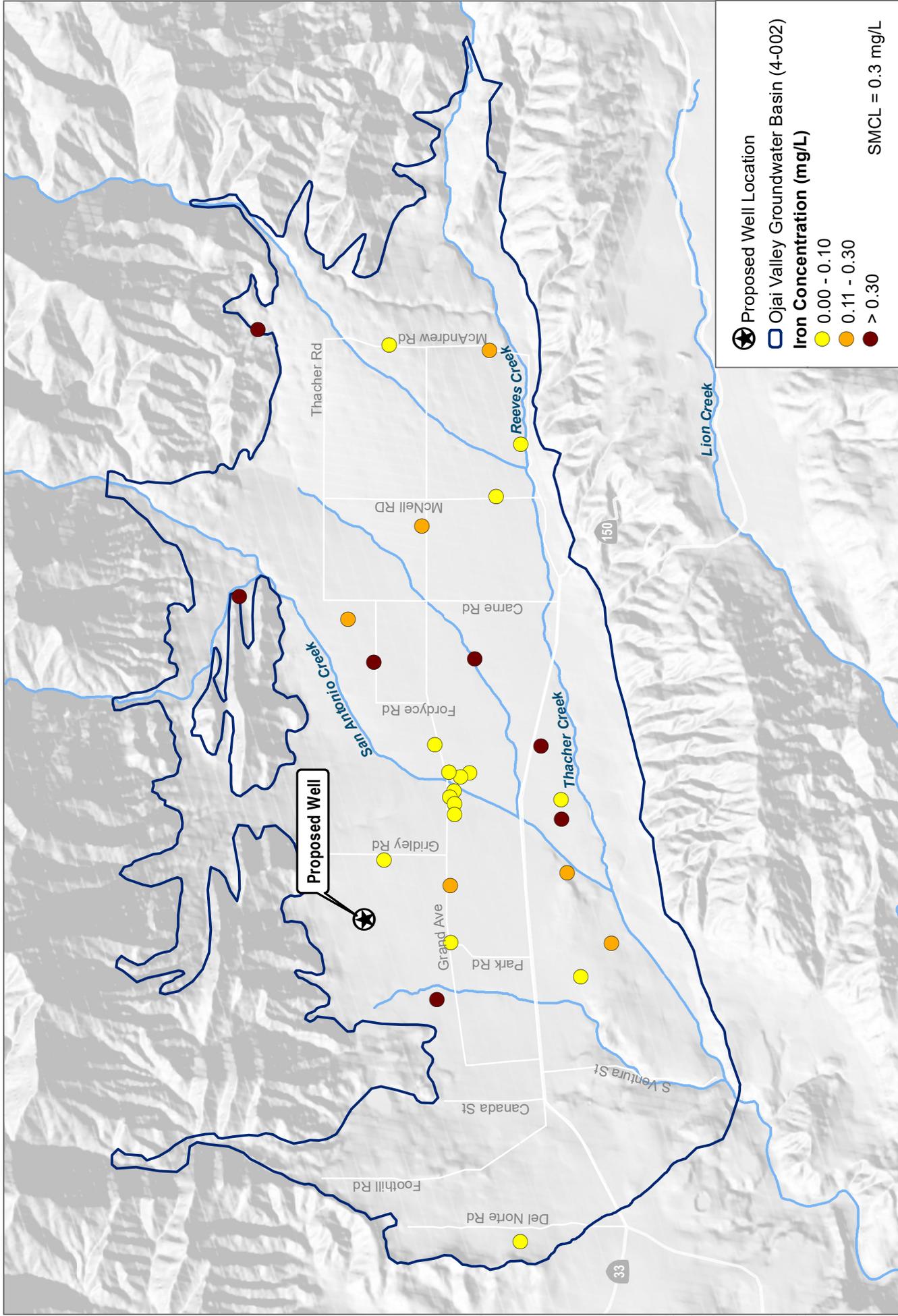
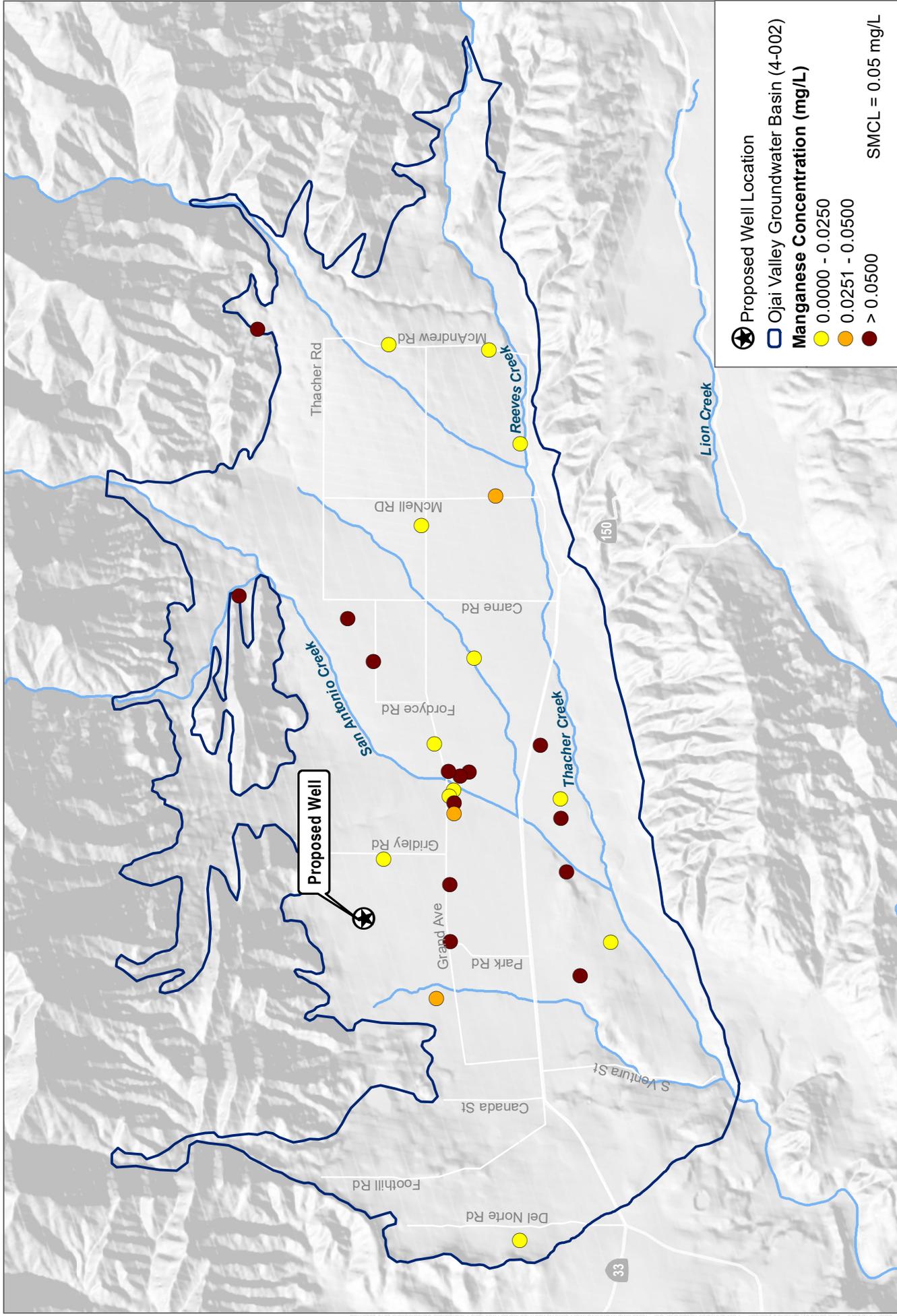


FIGURE 6

Maximum Iron Concentrations 2010-2020



SOURCE: VCWPD, SWRCB



FIGURE 7

Maximum Manganese Concentrations 2010-2020



## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING WRITTEN VERIFICATION FOR A PROPOSED WELL LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGENCY ON ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090**

WHEREAS, by its enabling legislation, the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) is responsible for managing the groundwater resource within its jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, the OBGMA jurisdictional boundaries contain the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as some, but not all, of the larger watershed area containing the Ojai Basin.

WHEREAS, the Ojai Basin is subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (California Water Code § 10720 et. seq.) and has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code § 10723(c)(1), OBGMA is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Basin and has adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Basin.

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 8, the OBGMA requires all water wells constructed within the OBGMA boundary to be registered with the Agency, to have a meter installed, and for all groundwater extractions to be reported to the Agency.

WHEREAS, in compliance with its statutory obligation to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the Ojai Basin, OBGMA must determine, prior to issuing written verification for a permit to construct a new well or for replacement of an existing well, that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the OBGMA Board of Directors finds as follows in consideration of the Well Verification Application of Margaret Vanderfin (APN 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090) dated September 29, 2025:

1. A well verification analysis was completed by Dudek dated November 13, 2025, and substantial evidence supports the finding that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.
2. The proposed well must be constructed and operated pursuant to the standards of Ventura County Ordinance 4468, Section 4814, which incorporates California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-81; the draft supplemental, Bulletin 74-90; Ventura County Water Well Standards Bulletin No. 74-9 and compliance with all other County permitting requirements.
3. The proposed well must meet OBGMA's requirements for new wells including metering, registration, monitoring, reporting, and any other special conditions of approval.

4. The following OBGMA permit conditions are also made a part of this water well authorization to proceed:
- a. OBGMA representative(s) shall be provided an opportunity to confirm the drilling location prior to drilling.
  - b. OBGMA representative(s) must be present during groundbreaking and drilling of the upper 50 feet and be allowed to collect samples and log cuttings.
  - c. A geophysical log must be conducted in the borehole and a copy provided to OBGMA representative(s).
  - d. The upper 100 feet of the annular space of the well, or a field-agreed depth based on conditions encountered in the borehole, shall be sealed to effectively comply with Ordinance No. 12.
  - e. The well owner shall comply with all applicable OBGMA Ordinances and Resolutions requiring metering of the well, extraction reporting, and fee payment to OBGMA now in effect or as may hereafter be adopted.
  - f. Well contractor to provide OBGMA with the completion Report and State Well Number within 30 days of well completion.
  - g. The well owner shall provide OBGMA a deposit of \$1,500 in advance of commencing drilling or other work related to construction of the well to cover OBGMA's cost ensuring compliance with the foregoing conditions.

**WHEREFORE**, the Application of Margaret Vanderfin (APN 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090) for a Well Verification dated September 29, 2025, is hereby **APPROVED** by the Board of Directors of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency on December 11, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Hajas, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cece Van Der Meer, Secretary

Vote:

Richard Hajas, Casitas Municipal Water District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Michael Weaver, Mutual Water Companies	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Bob Daddi, Community Facilities District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]



## Member Agencies

Ojai Water Conservation District    Ojai Basin Mutual Water Companies:  
Casitas Municipal Water District    Senior Canyon MWC  
City of Ojai    Siete Robles MWC  
Community Facilities District    Hermitage MWC

December 11, 2025

Margaret Vanderfin  
1123 Mercer Avenue  
Ojai CA 93023

**Subject:        Well Application for APN 028-0-010-120/028-0-010-090, 1123 Mercer Avenue Ojai CA**

Dear Property Owner:

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) is responsible for managing the groundwater resource within its jurisdictional boundaries. The OBGMA jurisdictional boundaries contain the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as some, but not all, of the larger watershed area containing the Ojai Basin.

The Ojai Basin is subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (California Water Code § 10720 et. seq.) and has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin. Pursuant to California Water Code § 10723(c)(1), OBGMA is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Basin and has adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Basin.

In compliance with its statutory obligation to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the Ojai Basin, OBGMA must determine, prior to issuing written verification for a permit to construct a new well or for replacement of an existing well, that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.

You have applied to OBGMA for written verification regarding construction of a new well located on APN 024-0-141-025. With regard to your application, OBGMA finds as follows:

<u>OBGMA Verification of Water Well Application.</u>	
<u>Your application is:</u>	
<b>Approved:</b>	<b>X</b> based on:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<del>1. Water use is intended for domestic use and extraction will be under 2 acre feet each water year (October 1 through September 30 of each year)</del>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. A verification analysis has been completed and the water well is not inconsistent with OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the GSP. This verification is approved by the OBGMA Board of Directors and this is your authorization to proceed with application to the County of Ventura, subject to the General and Standard permit conditions contained herein.

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**Any approval shall be valid for one year from the date of this verification unless changes in law make this approval invalid.**

**Not Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_ based on:

1. Needing the following additional information or clarification on your water well application (see attached):
2. A verification analysis has been completed and the water well is not consistent with OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and may decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the GSP.

The following general conditions are to be followed for the proposed water well:

1. The proposed well must be constructed and operated pursuant to the standards of Ventura County Ordinance 4468, Section 4814, which incorporates California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-81; the draft supplemental, Bulletin 74-90; Ventura County Water Well Standards Bulletin No. 74-9 and compliance with all other County permitting requirements.
2. The proposed well must meet OBGMA's requirements for new wells including registration, monitoring, reporting, and any other special conditions of approval.
3. If the proposed well is located in an area overlying the Southwestern Uppermost Saturated Zone (SWUSZ) of the Ojai Basin as determined by OBGMA, Ordinance No. 12 requires the well be equipped with a seal of adequate depth to preclude communication between the well's production zones and the SWUSZ. If the well is within the SWUSZ, the following conditions apply:
  - a. OBGMA representative(s) shall be provided an opportunity to confirm the drilling location prior to drilling.
  - b. OBGMA representative(s) must be present during groundbreaking and drilling of the upper 50 feet and be allowed to collect samples and log cuttings.
  - c. A geophysical log must be conducted in the borehole and a copy provided to OBGMA representative(s).
  - d. **The upper 100 feet of the annular space of the well, or a field-agreed depth based on conditions encountered in the borehole, shall be sealed to effectively comply with Ordinance No. 12.**
4. The following standard OBGMA permit conditions are also made a part of this water well authorization to proceed:
  - a. The well owner shall comply with all applicable OBGMA Ordinances and Resolutions requiring metering of the well, extraction reporting, and fee payment to OBGMA now in effect or as may hereafter be adopted
  - b. Well contractor to provide OBGMA with the completion Report and State Well Number within 30 days of well completion
  - c. The well owner shall provide OBGMA a deposit of \$1,500 in advance of commencing drilling or other work related to construction of the well to cover OBGMA's cost ensuring compliance with the foregoing conditions.

The following forms are attached for your information and use:

- Water Well Registration and Verification Request
- Well Registration Form
- Sample Quarterly Extraction Statement
- First Notice of Groundwater Extraction

Please contact us at [obgmagm@gmail.com](mailto:obgmagm@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Julia Aranda, PE  
General Manager

c: County of Ventura

Attachments: Water Well Registration and Verification Request  
Well Registration Form  
Sample Quarterly Extraction Statement  
First Notice of Groundwater Extraction



# Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Julia Aranda, PE, General Manager  
**Subject:** Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency on APN 010-0-015-025, 1218 Foothill Road

December 11, 2025

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### **Recommendation**

- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin;
- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any sustainability goal for the Basin as covered by the Plan; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 Authorizing Written Verification of a Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency of Assessor's Parcel No. APN 010-0-015-025, 1218 Foothill Road

### **Background and Discussion**

The attached Well Application for 1218 Foothill Road was submitted December 5, 2025, for a new well with anticipated demand of 8 acre-feet per year (AFY). The property is a 5.25-acre parcel, 4 acres of which are citrus groves.

The applicant provided a Feasibility Study prepared by Kear Groundwater dated November 20, 2025 (attached). The proposed well will be between 800 and 1,200 feet below ground surface in the Sespe Formation, which is bedrock.

Resolution No. 2025-06 is attached for adoption; the draft verification letter is also attached for information.

### **Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact related to well verification.

Attachments:

- Well Verification Application
- Kear Groundwater Feasibility study dated November 20, 2025

- Resolution No. 2025-06
- Draft Verification Letter with Conditions



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**WATER WELL REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION REQUEST**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA or Agency) requires all groundwater extraction facilities within its jurisdictional boundaries to be registered with the Agency. No extraction facility may be operated or otherwise utilized so as to extract groundwater within the boundaries of the Agency unless the facility is registered with the Agency, equipped with a water meter, and all extractions are reported to the Agency as required by OBGMA Ordinance No. 8. Written verification from the Agency is required prior to issuance of a well permit by the Ventura County Public Works Agency. The written verification must find that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any of the sustainability goals the Agency has established for the Basin pursuant to the GSP.

**ALL WELLS MUST HAVE A METER INSTALLED PER OBGMA ORDINANCE NO. 8**

**A. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION**

NAME: Maison Pixies, LLC  
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1218 Foothill Road, Ojai, CA 93023  
 ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 010-0-150-250  
 PHONE NO.: (530)219-2122  
 EMAIL: scott@biggart.com

**B. OPERATOR INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. TYPE OF WELL**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEW	
<input type="checkbox"/>	REPLACEMENT	EXISTING WELL NO.: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERATION OF EXISTING WELL	EXISTING WELL NO.: _____

**D. TYPE OF USE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION			
		<u>EXISTING</u>		
	<u>CROP TYPE</u>	<u>OR NEW?</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>TYPE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM</u>
	<u>Citrus</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>High Efficiency Drip</u>
	_____	_____	_____	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MUNICIPAL			
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDUSTRIAL	TYPE OF INDUSTRY: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	MONITORING			



**E. PROPOSED EXTRACTION**

ACRE-FEET PER YEAR: 8

**F. EXISTING WATER SUPPLY**

<input type="checkbox"/>	NO OTHER SUPPLY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXISTING WELL	WELL NO.: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIER	WATER AGENCY: <u>Casitas</u>

**G. WELL DRILLER**

NAME: Hansen Well-Do Service

ADDRESS: 403 Bryant Street

PHONE NO.: (805)207-1869

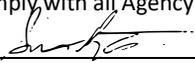
EMAIL: brandon@welldo.com

**H. MAP REQUIREMENTS**

Attach a map accurately plotted and show the location of the proposed well. If a replacement well, show location of existing well and distance to proposed well. Provide dimensions of area to be irrigated, indicating crop type for each area, as applicable. For domestic, municipal, or industrial, show the water distribution system and location of structures to be served. Include a north arrow, the Assessor's Parcel Number, and the nearest streets. No permit applications will be accepted without an adequate map.

**I. APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

By signing in the space below, the Applicant declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that (1) the information provided with this form is true and correct, and (2) the Applicant/Owner/Operator of the proposed extraction facility agrees to comply with all Agency rules and regulations governing extraction facilities located within the boundaries of the Agency.

	<u>05 December 2025</u>
Applicant	Date

**A WELL COMPLETION REPORT MUST BE PROVIDED TO OBGMA WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION**

All Applications must be accompanied by:

**Bedrock only well**

- Copy of VCPWA Well Permit Application
- Acknowledgement Form
- Indemnification Agreement
- Deposit/Reimbursement Agreement
- \$5,000 Deposit



TO: Scott Biggart  
Maison Pixie, LLC

KG25-0809

FROM: Kear Groundwater  
P.O. Box 2601  
Santa Barbara, CA 93120-2601

DATE: November 20, 2025

SUBJECT: *Hydrogeologic Overview & Groundwater Supply Development Recommendations  
Maison Pixie, LLC, 1218 Foothill Road, APN 010-0-150-250,  
Ojai, Ventura County, California*

Dear Scott,

This memorandum provides a summary of Kear Groundwater's (KG) hydrogeologic evaluation and recommendations for groundwater resource supply development at the Maison Pixie, LLC property (Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 010-0-150-250) east of Foothill Road and just north of the Ojai city limits in Ventura County, California (Figure 1 for aerial location map). Our involvement with the project, conducted at your request, was to perform a review of available hydrogeologic information, evaluate potential future drilling locations, and conceptualize preliminary well designs for the property.

Although located over the northern fringes of the basin and future groundwater extraction would occur exclusively from its underlying fractured bedrock aquifers, the entirety of the subject parcel remains within the delineated Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin and thus is within the jurisdiction of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) including the GSA. OBGMA well verification will be required to secure the standard new well permit from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD).



The new well should be located in the northern property area, at least 50 ft laterally south of the red-line creek in Stewart Canyon. Two potential locations are presented on our figures as equal options that may be selected based on logistics such as access and future development plans. The well should be sealed through the relatively thin basin alluvium, so as to target fractures within the underlying overturned-north-dipping Sespe Formation to the total recommended depth of between 800 feet below ground surface (bgs) up to 1200 ft bgs. When equipped with a 6-inch-diameter SDR-17 PVC casing, a pump, and power, a new well at this location and to this depth appears capable of producing on the order of tens of gallons per minute (gpm).

Groundwater in the Ojai Basin primarily occurs in unconfined aquifers within Holocene- and Pleistocene-aged alluvium. The basin's vertical extent, or bottom, is considered to be the contact between alluvium and the various Tertiary-aged bedrock formations (e.g., Dudek, 2022). The recommended new bedrock well herein would produce exclusively “percolating groundwater” contained within fractured bedrock aquifers at depth, with the overlying unconsolidated alluvium that forms the principal basin aquifer material potentially isolated from groundwater extraction by pumping. As a result, pumping the new bedrock well would not significantly adversely impact the surface or subterranean supply of alluvial groundwater in the basin.

A summary of our efforts, findings, conclusions, and more detailed recommendations follows.



## Hydrogeologic Overview

The 5.25-acre Maison Pixie parcel is situated in the northern portion of the intramontane Ojai Valley, and is bisected by the south-flowing drainages of Stewart Canyon. A flood control right-of-way exists on the southeast portion of the parcel associated with Stewart Canyon Debris Basin. The parcel entirely overlies the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (“Ojai Basin,” Number 4-2, Department of Water Resources, Bulletin 118) and is within jurisdiction of the OBGMA. The Ojai Basin is locally bounded by the consolidated rocks of the Nordhoff Ridge-Chief Peak-Topatopa Mountains in the north and by the Santa Ana Fault/Black Mountain in the south.

A total of about 150 existing groundwater wells extract an average of about 5000 acre-feet per year from the main basin, of which about half is for agriculture (OBGMA, 2019). Local groundwater aquifers in the Ojai Basin are largely comprised of the unconsolidated alluvium (where sufficiently saturated); however, freshwater-bearing horizons can be found within the variously-oriented secondary fractures of the sedimentary bedrock formations that underlie the basin. The contact between the alluvial deposits and the older bedrock formations defines the base of the Ojai Basin (e.g., Dudek, 2022).

One existing water well is reportedly present on the property, as shown on the geotechnical information provided by the previous owners. Little information is readily available, Ventura County Groundwater Section has no record of the well or destruction thereof (J. Dorrington, personal communication 20 November 2025), and the well is shown as “to be abandoned” on the geotechnical map (Gold Coast Geoservices, 2023). Via county water well ordinance, a well must be pumped for 8 hours per year to remain active. Wells that are not used with this frequency are considered non-compliant abandoned and may result in a lien on a property if not destroyed. In this case, the ostensibly existing well should be evaluated to determine its viability, including a downhole video survey and potential rehabilitation or reactivation. If determined to not be viable, then the well should be properly destroyed. The nature and depth of the well, including its viability, should be understood as this well may be an asset to the parcel.



The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014 is a three-bill package (AB 1739, SB 1168, and SB 1319) that sets the framework for statewide long-term sustainable groundwater management by local authorities. SGMA requires the formation of new groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) tasked with assessing the conditions in their local basins and adopting locally-based sustainable management plans. The OBGMA serves as the exclusive GSA for the Ojai Basin. SGMA provides local GSAs with tools and authority to (1) require registration of groundwater wells, (2) measure and manage extractions (including limiting the amount of water pumped by individual well owners), (3) require reports and assess fees, and (4) request revisions of basin boundaries, including establishing new sub-basins. SGMA is implemented by the DWR and the SWRCB, with technical support from the USGS.

As part of its California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program, the DWR ranked the 6840-acre Ojai Basin as a high-priority basin under the final 2018 prioritization. GSAs have until the year 2040 to achieve groundwater sustainability, or the use of the resource without causing one of six undesirable results (also known as sustainability indicators): chronic groundwater level declines, groundwater storage reduction, seawater intrusion, water quality degradation, land subsidence, and depletions of interconnected surface water.

Medium- or high-priority ranked basins such as Ojai require written verification from the local GSA that future extraction by the planned new well is not inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program and does not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal. The OBGMA's sustainability goal is to "preserve the quantity and quality of groundwater in the Ojai Basin in order to protect and maintain the long-term water supply for the common benefit of the water users in the Basin."

Operation of the planned new bedrock well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results in the Ojai Basin or to the OBGMA's sustainability goals, nor is the planned new well likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells or cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure. Importantly, the new well should be sealed through the alluvium of the southwest uppermost saturated zone in keeping with OBGMA Ordinance 12 and rendering the well a "bedrock only" well. As a bedrock only well, the well



should be exempt from encumbering GSA and GSP-related fees, and a lower tier of OBGMA extraction fees should apply.

### *Stratigraphy and Hydrogeology*

The Ojai Basin is filled with Quaternary-aged alluvium of largely fluvial origin, with sediment derived from the weathering and erosion of the surrounding mountains. These deposits consist of older, Pleistocene-aged dissected sediment (Qoa, Qog) and recent, Holocene-aged sediment (Qa, Qg, Qf). Active sedimentation occurs as stream channel deposits of sand and gravel, such as along San Antonio, McNell, and Thacher Creeks, alluvial fan deposits of gravel, and floodplain alluvium of clay, silt, sand, and gravel. Groundwater in the alluvial sediments may be unconfined or confined, depending on water levels and the presence of clay-rich confining units. The basin is generally deepest in the center and southern areas where sediments have built up against the boundary defined by the Santa Ana Fault, reaching a maximum of about 650 ft (DBS&A, 2018).

The Quaternary-aged unconsolidated sediments unconformably overlie older, Tertiary-aged consolidated sedimentary rocks along valley floors and stream channels (Figure 2). Late Eocene to Miocene sedimentary rocks of dominantly marine deposition are exposed to ground surface in the mountainous regions that surround the Ojai Valley. From oldest to youngest, these units include the Juncal Formation (Tj), Matilija Sandstone (Tma), Cozy Dell Shale (Tcd), Coldwater Sandstone (Tcw), Sespe Formation (Tsp), Vaqueros Sandstone (Tvq) Rincon Shale (Tr), and Monterey Shale (Tm). Figure 2 presents the geologic map.

Older sedimentary rocks can yield productive quantities of groundwater to wells, especially where only partially cemented, unconsolidated, or highly fractured, which increases porosity and permeability. The Coldwater Sandstone, consisting of green-gray to tan sandstone with minor interbedded siltstone, tends to yield the highest quantities of water to wells of the locally accessible formations, with additional production available from the coarser-grained strata of the non-marine Sespe Formation. Local sedimentary bedrock formations are overturned/north-tilted, resulting in the younger/stratigraphically higher Sespe Formation expected to be present for several hundred to thousands of feet below the thin veneer of alluvium at the subject parcel.

The recommended new well location is situated about 50 ft south of the red-line creek, about 300



to 400 feet southwest of the local alluvial limits of the Ojai Basin, and 2000 feet south of the mapped contact between the Sespe and Coldwater that is exposed in the mountain front to the north with an average north-overtured dip of 60 degrees from horizontal. The Coldwater Sandstone is considered too deep to warrant exploration at the subject property.

In general, low to moderate production rates are common for bedrock wells, specific capacity (gpm produced divided by drawdown) rates are typically low, and the geochemical environment can be highly variable and affected by pumping practices. A well-planned operation and maintenance program can greatly improve the viability of wells in these hydrogeologic settings.

Per the publicly-available Well Completion Reports, several local wells extract groundwater from the Sespe formation, with depths to water on the order of 100 to 200 feet below grade and water production rates between 10 and 20 gpm. While some wells have been drilled, or hand-dug, to target the shallow alluvium only, the water therein is typically seasonal and prohibited by OBGMA Ordinance 12 from extraction due to its known connectivity with groundwater dependent ecosystems and associated sensitive habitat.

### *Groundwater Recharge and Quality*

In the Ventura River Watershed, no significant water is imported for human uses, including for agricultural, irrigation, or municipal supplies. Virtually all water derives from the hydrologic cycle as precipitation within the mountainous area surrounding the basins or precipitation direction on valley floors. The vast majority of precipitation occurs in the winter months, with upwards of 21 inches of average annual rainfall in the Ojai Basin valley floor but upwards of 34 inches on annual average in the peaks of the local watershed that is tributary to the basin and its surrounding bedrock formations.

The majority of recharge to local groundwater aquifers is from infiltration of precipitation on valley floors and percolation of surface waters through alluvial channels. The basins respond quickly to rainfall or the lack of rainfall (drought), resulting in large drops in water level during dry periods and recovery to at or above normal levels during wet periods. Some additional recharge is provided by excess irrigation flow (with a little more than half typically sourced from Lake



Casitas) and by the diffuse movement of groundwater through surrounding units in the mountain block.

Local groundwater flow, unless inhibited by barriers such as faults, moves away from the foothills and toward basin centers, with significant flow components along preferential pathways of fractures and tilted bedding planes. Groundwater discharge, where not pumped by wells, is likely towards shallow alluvial deposits or the surface flow of tributaries to the Ventura River, including San Antonio Creek (and its tributary Stewart Canyon Creek). Surface water, when present, flows generally south-southwestward before joining Ventura River and discharging into the Pacific Ocean.

Local groundwater quality may require some degree of treatment or amendment prior to irrigation use. Bedrock aquifers tend to contain less nitrate but higher total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations, including specific ions such as boron, chloride, and manganese, than shallow alluvial aquifers. KG records from a nearby bedrock well that extracts groundwater from the Sespe Formation demonstrate a sodium-sulfate water character with a TDS concentration of around 500 mg/L.

### *Structural Geology*

The Maison Pixie parcel is within the Transverse Ranges geomorphic province. Rocks in this region have been folded into a series of predominantly east-west-trending anticlines and synclines associated with thrust and reverse faults. In general, the faulting and seismicity of southern California are dominated by a north-south compression regime associated with the “Big Bend” of the San Andreas Fault Zone.

Regional crustal shortening due to this compression is largely taken up locally by faults and associated folds in the vicinity of the subject parcel. Major local faults include the Santa Ana Fault to the south, along which Black Mountain is uplifted, and the San Cayetano Fault to the north of the parcel, along which the Topatopa Mountains are largely uplifted. There are numerous fault strands generally associated with both fault systems, mapped both by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Ventura County Resource Management Agency (RMA), which may impact local groundwater flow. As a result of this north-south compression, sedimentary bedrock strata



have been tilted significantly from the original horizontal positions, to a point where most local strata are vertical to fully overturned (herein north-dipping).

## **PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Our recommended approach for groundwater development begins with an evaluation of the reportedly existing well. A site visit, depth to water and total depth check, possible cleanout and video survey will help indicate direction for any viable steps, including rehabilitation, test pumping, equipping, and registration with the county and OBGMA.

For a new well, our recommended approach includes permitting through Ventura County after verification by the OBGMA (application and materials available at <https://www.obgma.com/new-water-well-requests>). Permissibility of the new well construction to the total recommended depth should be ensured prior to action. Subsurface utilities should be adequately located as part of standard utility clearance operations.

Based on our hydrogeologic evaluation, the best approach for groundwater development at the Maison Pixie subject parcel involve drilling a new exploratory borehole near the northern portion of the property, at either of the two locations shown on Figures 1 and 2. These locations are nearly hydrogeologically identical and are recommended to ensure the deepest stratigraphic section of Sespe Formation which tends to be coarser-grained and more prone to open fractures, as opposed to the clayey facies found further to the south. The total recommended exploration depth is between 800 ft (minimum) to 1200 ft (maximum). The maximum depth is the typical capacity of most top-head driven direct-rotary drilling rigs. The cement sanitary seal in the annulus between the casing and borehole walls must extend to at least 50 ft bgs; a deeper seal (around 100 ft bgs) would entirely seal out the Ojai Basin alluvium and restrict groundwater extraction exclusively to the sedimentary bedrock of the sandstone. A slim bore to determine the thickness of alluvium will guide the selection and depth of a cement-sealed, 12-inch-diameter conductor casing that should completely penetrate the alluvium, allowing exploration exclusively into the underlying bedrock.

The exploratory borehole should be advanced via air-foam rotary methods, with conversion to mud if required for stability. Under either method, empirical airlifted waters should be corroborated by



geophysical logging, including electric logging, deviation, and sonic/variable density logging. For air-rotary, either straight compressed air, native water and bore cuttings, and possibly the addition of surfactants (foam) is used rather than bentonite mud for drilling, though conversion to mud rotary is possible if conditions dictate. If the boreholes remain sufficiently open as expected, indications of the depth to first water, as well as early airlifting rates and water quality, may be possible with the air-rotary methods.

For both methods, geophysical logs would inform well design, intending to prevent casing or screening the well in poor quality zones. Should the exploration bore indicate viable conditions for well completion and a design agreed upon, the same drilling rig would then ream the pilot exploration borehole out to a larger diameter, as needed, to accommodate the well casing and permanent annular material.

The final well completion would be designed, if advisable, after geologist's review of the drilling data, geologic information, and any down-hole geophysical surveys completed in the pilot borehole. The borehole would be reamed out to 10 inches (minimum) diameter in order to accommodate the nominal 6-inch-diameter SDR-17 PVC casing. The casing would be assembled and constructed with perforated intervals at designed depths. Following casing installation, gravel pack would be emplaced in the annular space and a seal emplaced above the gravel pack and, if necessary, adjacent to any poor quality zones. Mechanical development and test pumping, collection and analysis of water quality samples, and equipping the well with appropriate infrastructure would follow.

Qualified hydrogeologic personnel should be present during key periods of drilling to assist in the decision processes toward well completion. After initial testing, a permanent pump, power and infrastructure would be designed and installed at the well. We look forward to our continued involvement with the Maison Pixie parcel; our subsequent tasks may include: permitting support and field support during the drilling, construction, development, and testing at the new well. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.



Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Kear'.

Jordan Kear  
Principal Hydrogeologist  
Professional Geologist No. 6960  
California Certified Hydrogeologist No. 749

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Becker'.

Timothy Becker  
Professional Geologist No. 9589

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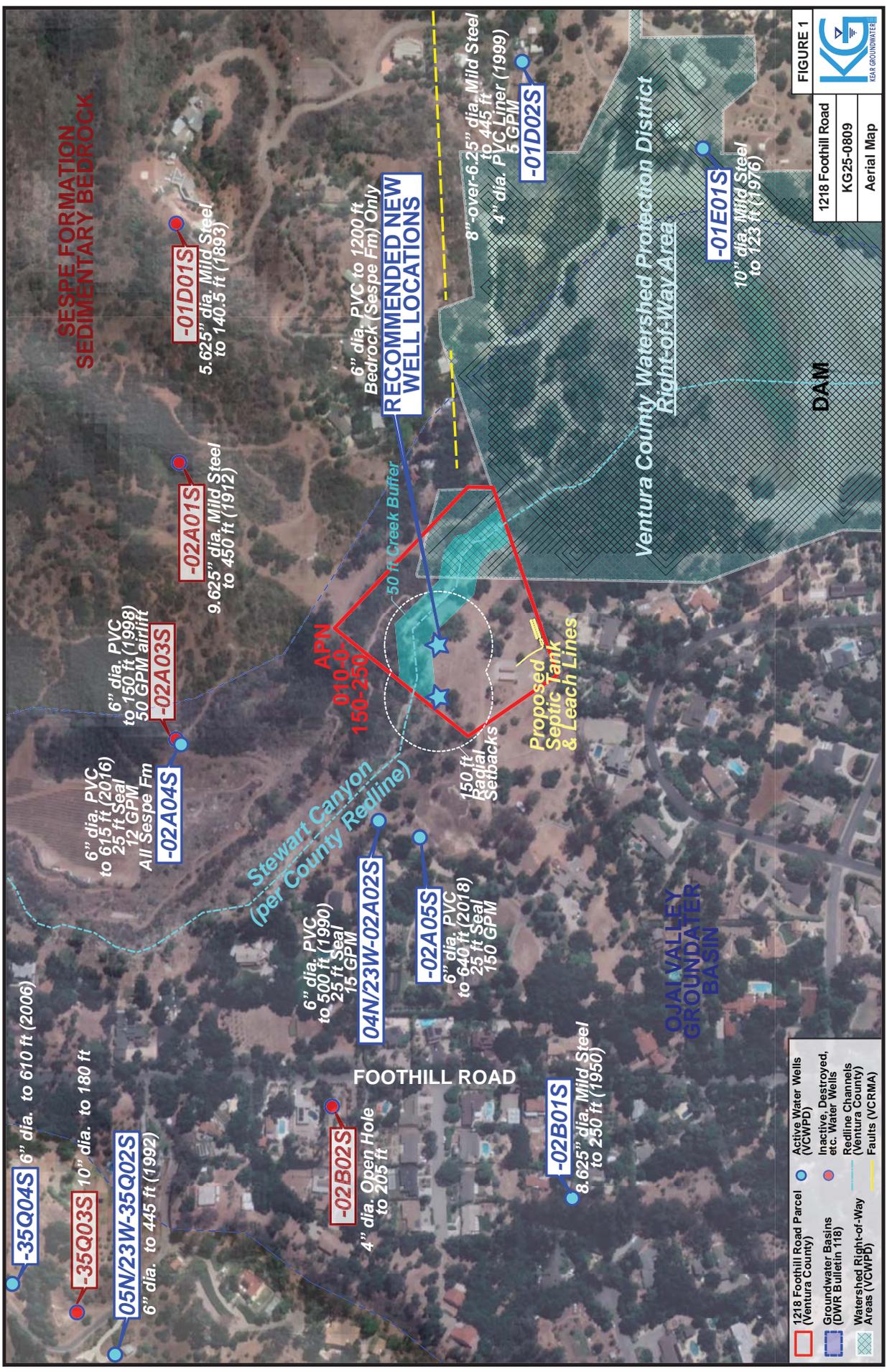
## Statement of Limitations

The services described in this report were performed in a manner consistent with our agreement with the client and in accordance with generally accepted professional consulting principles and practices. Opinions and recommendations contained in this report apply to conditions existing at certain locations when services were performed and are intended only for the specific purposes, locations, time frames, and project parameters indicated. We cannot be responsible for the impact of any changes in standards, practices, or regulations after performance of services.

Hydrogeologic analyses for this report relied solely on available background data obtained from the property owner, Ventura County, the OBGMA, the State of California, and/or published geologic reports. No independent subsurface exploration or geophysical surveying was conducted by our firm for this study. No guarantee of water quantity or quality from an attempted well, nor sustained production from an existing well, can be offered. Because the efforts to implement recommendations contained herein rely on the skill of outside contractors, our liability is limited to the dollar value of our professional efforts. Professional hydrogeologic review of pilot hole data is imperative to implementing the recommendations of this report.

Any discussions of fault activity herein are offered as they relate to groundwater resource development only. This report does not substitute a geotechnical analysis to support earthwork or construction. Any use of this report by a third party is expressly prohibited without a written, specific authorization from the client. Such authorization will require a signed waiver and release agreement.

**SESPE FORMATION  
SEDIMENTARY BEDROCK**



**-35Q04S** 6" dia. to 610 ft (2006)

**-35Q03S** 10" dia. to 180 ft

**05N/23W-35Q02S**  
6" dia. to 445 ft (1992)

**-02A04S**  
6" dia. PVC to 615 ft (2016)  
25 ft Seal  
12 GPM  
All Sespe Fm

**-02A03S**  
6" dia. PVC to 150 ft (1998)  
50 GPM airlift

**-02A01S**  
9.625" dia. Mild Steel to 450 ft (1912)

**-01D01S**  
5.625" dia. Mild Steel to 140.5 ft (1893)

**04N/23W-02A02S**  
6" dia. PVC to 500 ft (1990)  
25 ft Seal  
15 GPM

**-02A05S**  
6" dia. PVC to 640 ft (2018)  
25 ft Seal  
150 GPM

**-02B02S**  
4" dia. Open Hole to 205 ft

**-02B01S**  
8.625" dia. Mild Steel to 250 ft (1950)

**RECOMMENDED NEW WELL LOCATIONS**  
6" dia. PVC to 1200 ft Bedrock (Sespe Fm) Only

**-01D02S**  
8"-over-6.25" dia. Mild Steel to 445 ft  
4" dia. PVC Liner (1999)  
5 GPM

**-01E01S**  
10" dia. Mild Steel to 123 ft (1976)

**Stewart Canyon (per County Redline)**

**APN 010-0-150-250**

**150 ft Radial Setbacks**

**Proposed Septic Tank & Leach Lines**

**Ventura County Watershed Protection District Right-of-Way Area**

**OJAI VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**FOOTHILL ROAD**

<b>FIGURE 1</b>
1218 Foothill Road
KG25-0809
Aerial Map

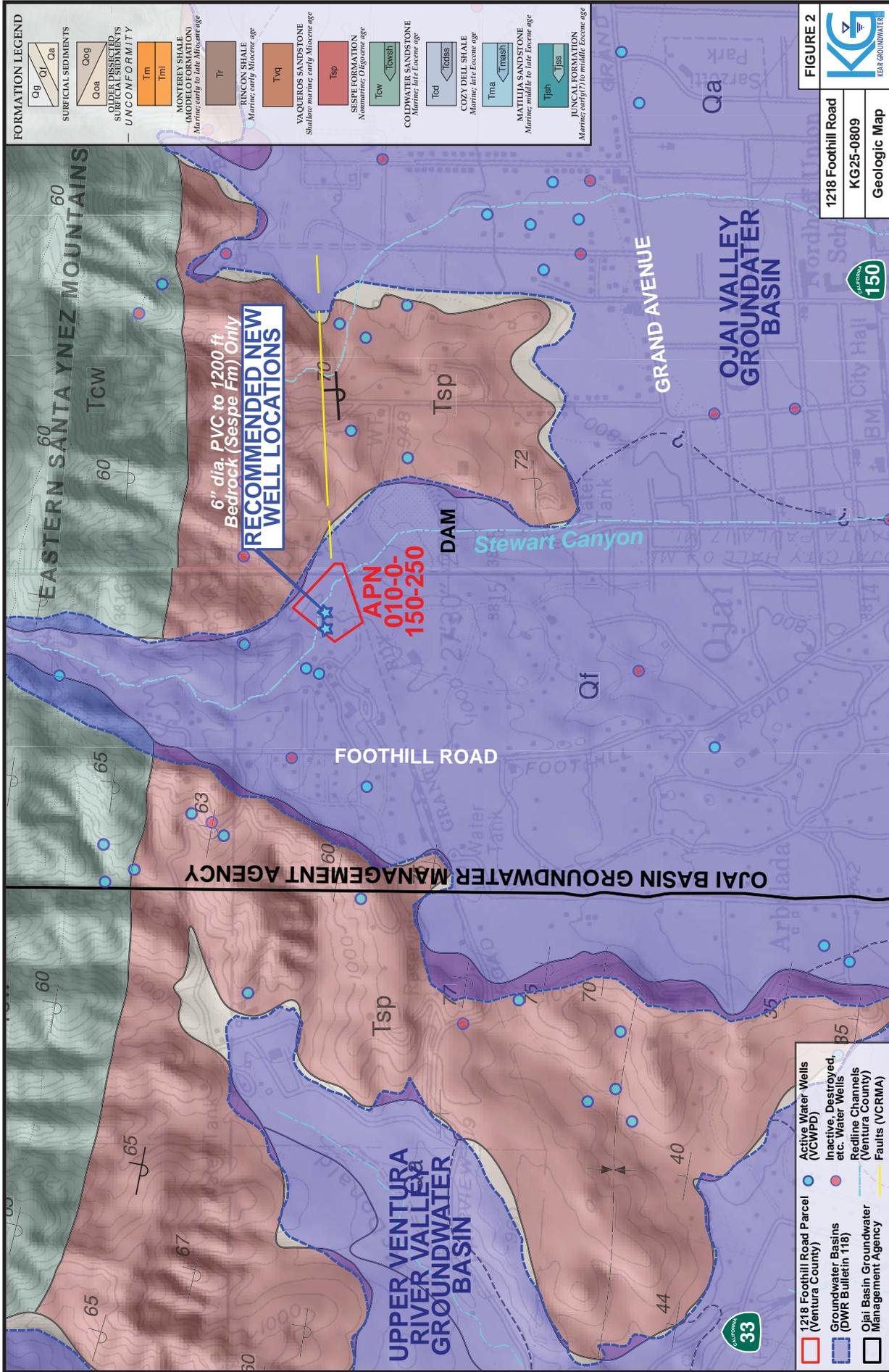


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Aerial Image: Google Earth (24-Jun-2022)  
Shaded Relief: Modified from USGS NED





**FORMATION LEGEND**

	SURFICIAL SEDIMENTS
	OLDER DISSICATED SURFICIAL SEDIMENTS UNCONFORMITY
	MONTEREY SHALE (MODELO FORMATION) Marine: early to late Miocene age
	RINCON SHALE Marine: early Miocene age
	VAQUEROS SANDSTONE Shallow marine: early Miocene age
	SESPE FORMATION Nonmarine: Oligocene age
	COLDWATER SANDSTONE Marine: late Eocene age
	MATILAJA SANDSTONE Marine: middle to late Eocene age
	JUNCA FORMATION Marine: early to middle Eocene age

**FIGURE 2**

1218 Foothill Road  
 KG25-0809  
 Geologic Map



Geologic Basemap: Dibblee 1987  
 Shaded Relief: Modified from USGS NED

	1218 Foothill Road Parcel (Ventura County)
	Active Water Wells (VCWPD)
	Inactive, Destroyed, etc. Water Wells (DWR Bulletin 118)
	Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
	Groundwater Basins (Ventura County)
	Redline Channels (Ventura County)
	Faults (VCRMA)





## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

### A RESOLUTION OF THE OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING WRITTEN VERIFICATION FOR A PROPOSED WELL LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGENCY ON ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 010-0-015-025

WHEREAS, by its enabling legislation, the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) is responsible for managing the groundwater resource within its jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, the OBGMA jurisdictional boundaries contain the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as some, but not all, of the larger watershed area containing the Ojai Basin.

WHEREAS, the Ojai Basin is subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (California Water Code § 10720 et. seq.) and has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code § 10723(c)(1), OBGMA is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Basin and has adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Basin.

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 8, the OBGMA requires all water wells constructed within the OBGMA boundary to be registered with the Agency, to have a meter installed, and for all groundwater extractions to be reported to the Agency.

WHEREAS, in compliance with its statutory obligation to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the Ojai Basin, OBGMA must determine, prior to issuing written verification for a permit to construct a new well or for replacement of an existing well, that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the OBGMA Board of Directors finds as follows in consideration of the Well Verification Application of (APN 010-0-015-025) dated December 5, 2025:

1. A hydrogeologic evaluation was completed by Kear Groundwater dated November 20, 2025, and substantial evidence supports the finding that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.
2. The proposed well must be constructed and operated pursuant to the standards of Ventura County Ordinance 4468, Section 4814, which incorporates California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-81; the draft supplemental, Bulletin 74-90; Ventura County Water Well Standards Bulletin No. 74-9 and compliance with all other County permitting requirements.
3. The proposed well must meet OBGMA's requirements for new wells including metering, registration, monitoring, reporting, and any other special conditions of approval.

4. The following OBGMA permit conditions are also made a part of this water well authorization to proceed:
- a. OBGMA representative(s) shall be provided an opportunity to confirm the drilling location prior to drilling.
  - b. OBGMA representative(s) must be present during groundbreaking and drilling of the upper 50 feet and be allowed to collect samples and log cuttings.
  - c. A geophysical log must be conducted in the borehole and a copy provided to OBGMA representative(s).
  - d. The upper 100 feet of the annular space of the well, or a field-agreed depth based on conditions encountered in the borehole, shall be sealed to effectively comply with Ordinance No. 12, if applicable.
  - e. The well owner shall comply with all applicable OBGMA Ordinances and Resolutions requiring metering of the well, extraction reporting, and fee payment to OBGMA now in effect or as may hereafter be adopted.
  - f. Well contractor to provide OBGMA with the completion Report and State Well Number within 30 days of well completion.
  - g. The well owner shall provide OBGMA a deposit of \$1,500 in advance of commencing drilling or other work related to construction of the well to cover OBGMA's cost ensuring compliance with the foregoing conditions.

**WHEREFORE**, the Application of Scott Biggart (APN 010-0-150-250) for a Well Verification dated December 5, 2025, is hereby **APPROVED** by the Board of Directors of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency on December 11, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Hajas, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cece Van Der Meer, Secretary

Vote:

Richard Hajas, Casitas Municipal Water District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Michael Weaver, Mutual Water Companies	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Bob Daddi, Community Facilities District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]



## Member Agencies

Ojai Water Conservation District    Ojai Basin Mutual Water Companies:  
Casitas Municipal Water District    Senior Canyon MWC  
City of Ojai    Siete Robles MWC  
Community Facilities District    Hermitage MWC

December 11, 2025

Scott Biggart  
Maison Pixie, LLC  
1218 Foothill Road  
Ojai CA 93023

**Subject:        Well Application for APN 010-0-150-250, 1218 Foothill Road Ojai CA**

Dear Property Owner:

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) is responsible for managing the groundwater resource within its jurisdictional boundaries. The OBGMA jurisdictional boundaries contain the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as some, but not all, of the larger watershed area containing the Ojai Basin.

The Ojai Basin is subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (California Water Code § 10720 et. seq.) and has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin. Pursuant to California Water Code § 10723(c)(1), OBGMA is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Basin and has adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Basin.

In compliance with its statutory obligation to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the Ojai Basin, OBGMA must determine, prior to issuing written verification for a permit to construct a new well or for replacement of an existing well, that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.

You have applied to OBGMA for written verification regarding construction of a new well located on APN 024-0-141-025. With regard to your application, OBGMA finds as follows:

<u>OBGMA Verification of Water Well Application.</u>	
<u>Your application is:</u>	
<b>Approved:</b>	<u>  X  </u> based on:
	1. <del>Water use is intended for domestic use and extraction will be under 2 acre-feet each water year (October 1 through September 30 of each year)</del>
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. A verification analysis has been completed and the water well is not inconsistent with OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the GSP. This verification is approved by the OBGMA Board of Directors and this is your authorization to proceed with application to the County of Ventura, subject to the General and Standard permit conditions contained herein.

Office Address:  
Mailing Address:

417 Bryant Circle Drive, Suite 112, Ojai CA 93023  
P.O. Box 1779, Ojai CA 93024  
[www.obgma.com](http://www.obgma.com)

805.640.1207  
[obgma@aol.com](mailto:obgma@aol.com)

**Any approval shall be valid for one year from the date of this verification unless changes in law make this approval invalid.**

**Not Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_ based on:

1. Needing the following additional information or clarification on your water well application (see attached):
2. A verification analysis has been completed and the water well is not consistent with OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and may decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the GSP.

The following general conditions are to be followed for the proposed water well:

1. The proposed well must be constructed and operated pursuant to the standards of Ventura County Ordinance 4468, Section 4814, which incorporates California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-81; the draft supplemental, Bulletin 74-90; Ventura County Water Well Standards Bulletin No. 74-9 and compliance with all other County permitting requirements.
2. The proposed well must meet OBGMA's requirements for new wells including registration, monitoring, reporting, and any other special conditions of approval.
3. If the proposed well is located in an area overlying the Southwestern Uppermost Saturated Zone (SWUSZ) of the Ojai Basin as determined by OBGMA, Ordinance No. 12 requires the well be equipped with a seal of adequate depth to preclude communication between the well's production zones and the SWUSZ. If the well is within the SWUSZ, the following conditions apply:
  - a. OBGMA representative(s) shall be provided an opportunity to confirm the drilling location prior to drilling.
  - b. OBGMA representative(s) must be present during groundbreaking and drilling of the upper 50 feet and be allowed to collect samples and log cuttings.
  - c. A geophysical log must be conducted in the borehole and a copy provided to OBGMA representative(s).
  - d. The upper 100 feet of the annular space of the well, or a field-agreed depth based on conditions encountered in the borehole, shall be sealed to effectively comply with Ordinance No. 12.
4. The following standard OBGMA permit conditions are also made a part of this water well authorization to proceed:
  - a. The well owner shall comply with all applicable OBGMA Ordinances and Resolutions requiring metering of the well, extraction reporting, and fee payment to OBGMA now in effect or as may hereafter be adopted
  - b. Well contractor to provide OBGMA with the completion Report and State Well Number within 30 days of well completion
  - c. The well owner shall provide OBGMA a deposit of \$1,500 in advance of commencing drilling or other work related to construction of the well to cover OBGMA's cost ensuring compliance with the foregoing conditions.

The following forms are attached for your information and use:

- Water Well Registration and Verification Request
- Well Registration Form
- Sample Quarterly Extraction Statement
- First Notice of Groundwater Extraction

Please contact us at [obgmagn@gmail.com](mailto:obgmagn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Julia Aranda, PE  
General Manager

c: County of Ventura

Attachments: Water Well Registration and Verification Request  
Well Registration Form  
Sample Quarterly Extraction Statement  
First Notice of Groundwater Extraction

# Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Julia Aranda, PE, General Manager  
**Subject:** Participation in Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition

December 11, 2025

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### Recommendation

- Authorize the General Manager to execute the Cost Sharing Agreement for the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency Coalition

### Background

A Draft Cost Sharing Agreement for the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Coalition was presented to the Board at their meeting of October 30, 2025. OBGMA legal counsel has reviewed the Revised Small GSA Cost Sharing Agreement (attached) and does not have any concerns regarding the Agreement.

Since 2022, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) has provided staffing and advocacy support to the Coalition through its Community and Government Affairs Manager, Ann DuBay (who is now retired and works as a consultant for Sonoma Water to assist the Coalition), and its contract lobbyist, Pacific Policy Group (Mark Fenstermaker). In 2024, Sonoma Water notified the Coalition that it would end this support on December 31, 2025.

The Coalition meets monthly for one hour and receives a legislative update and discusses relevant issues, such as fee studies, monitoring questions, compliance reports and technical issues. In addition, the Coalition meets with key members of the Legislature and legislative staff to discuss funding needs and has established regular meetings with DWR to identify duplicative or unnecessary compliance tasks.

In Spring 2025, the Coalition held its first legislative day to specifically discuss with Legislators and staff a request for \$3.5 million in Proposition 4 (climate bond) funds to help pay for five-year GSP evaluations. The Coalition's request was included in the budget trailer bill, SB 105, and was signed by the Governor on September 17, 2025. The Coalition has begun discussions with DWR about how the funds will be allocated.

### Financial Impact

If all 15 GSAs receive approval from their Boards to participate, the one-year cost for each GSA would be \$4,000. However, to be conservative, if only 10 GSAs would participate for an annual per-GSA cost of \$6,000.

Based on this conservative assumption, the GSA would be invoiced on January 1, 2026, for its share of the \$30,000 six-month cost of Coalition advocacy and management, an amount no greater than \$3,000

(note that this amount is likely to drop if additional GSAs participate). Thereafter, the GSA would be invoiced on July 1 for the full new fiscal year. The GSA can terminate its participation by giving notice to the Coalition by July 1 (the start of the new fiscal year) without penalty. If the GSA decides to leave the Coalition during the fiscal year, it will forfeit its payment.

PPG proposes a one-year contract from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for advocacy and Coalition management services (see attached scope of work) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000, with the actual amount based on the number of GSAs that sign the Cost-Sharing Agreement.

Attachments: Cost Sharing Agreement  
Letter of Agreement for Advocacy and Administrative Services

## COST SHARING AGREEMENT

This Cost Sharing Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into by and between the undersigned Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“**GSAs**”), individually referred to as a “**Party**” and collectively referred to as the “**Parties**,” subject to the following understanding:

### RECITALS

1. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“**SGMA**”), codified at California Water Code section 10720 et seq., became effective on January 1, 2015.
2. SGMA requires GSAs for medium and high priority groundwater basins (as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (“**DWR**”) to achieve groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“**GSPs**”) or approved alternative plans.
3. Many GSAs managing basins or sub-basins with an average annual groundwater extraction of less than 10,000 acre-feet per year (“**Small GSAs**”) face disproportionate administrative and compliance costs relative to their size and groundwater usage.
4. The Parties, through their respective staff members and representatives (“**Party Representatives**”), desire to cooperatively fund and manage shared interests and efforts that benefit Small GSAs under SGMA, while retaining their independent local authority. Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions herein set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

### AGREEMENT

#### 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the cost-sharing and administrative framework for the Party Representatives to coordinate advocacy efforts regarding SGMA implementation challenges unique to Small GSAs.

#### 2. COST SHARING.

- a) **Equal Shares.** Each Party shall contribute an equal share to the total cost of retaining (i) an Advocacy Administrator; and (b) an Advocate. Each Party shall contribute an equal portion of the total cost, with payments made in accordance with subsection 2(b) of this Agreement, below.
- b) **Annual Budget and Payment Thereof.** The Parties’ cost-sharing obligations shall be based on and limited by an annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, as follows:
  - i) On or before March 1 of each year, the Administrator shall prepare and distribute a draft budget for review by the Party Representatives

- ii) On or before April 1 of each year, the Administrator shall prepare and distribute a revised budget for final review and approval by at least three-fourths of the Parties on or before May 1.
  - iii) On or before July 1 of each year, the Administrator shall invoice each Party their respective share of the approved final budget. Payment shall be due within 60 days of receipt such invoice.
  - iv) For the last six months of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Parties costs for advocacy and management will total \$30,000. The Administrator shall issue invoices for January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 on or before by January 1, 2026 and payments shall be due within 60 days of receipt of such invoice.
- c) **Deferment of Payment.** Any Party with a fiscal year other than July 1 to June 30 may defer payment to October 1, provided however that the Party provide written notice of such fact to the Administrator on or before July 1.
- d) **Nonpayment.** Failure to submit payment within 60 days after receipt of an invoice from the Administrator shall constitute a default of this Agreement and result in that Party's removal and termination of this Agreement with respect to the defaulting party. In addition, the remaining Parties hereby reserve the right to pursue recovery of any unpaid obligations from the delinquent Party.

### **3. RETENTION OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.**

- a) **The Administrator.** The Party Representatives may appoint by majority vote (with one Party Representative voting on behalf of its GSA), an Administrator as an independent contractor to act as the custodian of the funds and maintain accurate accounting records, in accordance with subsection 3(c) of this Agreement and in an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in the annual budget. The Administrator may be a Party, a private individual, or an entity. The initial Administrator of the Coalition shall be Ann DuBay.
- b) **The Advocate.** The Party Representatives may appoint by majority vote (with one Party Representative voting on behalf of its GSA) an Advocate as an independent contractor to represent the Parties' interests before the State Legislature, State agencies, and other stakeholders as determined by the Parties, in accordance with subsection 3(c) of this Agreement and in an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in the annual budget. The Advocate may be a private individual or an entity.
- c) **Contract for Services.** The Scope of Work for the Administrator and Advocate shall be approved by a majority of the Parties' General Managers or contracting officers (collectively, the "**Contracting Officers**"). The Contracting Officers are authorized to designate one or more Contracting Officers to execute an engagement letter or agreement for the services of the Administrator and Advocate.

- d) **Representation.** The Administrator and the Advocate will consider their client to be all of the parties funding and participating in this Agreement, and will take direction from a majority vote of the Party Representatives (with one Party Representative voting on behalf of its GSA).
- e) **Oversight.** The Party Representatives may meet in person or virtually as needed to review work product, costs, or other matters related to or associated with the Administrator and/or Advocate. These meetings may be held virtually or in person, as determined by the Party Representatives.

#### **4. ADMISSION, WITHDRAWAL, AND TERMINATION**

- a) **Admission.** Any Small GSA may become party to this Agreement upon written consent by majority vote of the Party Representatives (with one Party Representative voting on behalf of its GSA) and execution of an amendment to this Agreement by the additional party.
- b) **Withdrawal.** Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement upon 30 days' advance written notice to the Administrator. Upon receipt of such notice, the Administrator shall immediately provide notice to all other Parties of the anticipated withdraw. Withdrawal shall not affect, alleviate, or otherwise terminate any financial obligations of the withdrawing Party's incurred or otherwise existing prior to the date of notice of withdrawal nor shall withdraw entitle the withdrawing Party to a refund for any portion of any contributed portion of the budget.
- c) **Termination.** This Agreement shall remain in effect so long as at least five Parties remain party to this Agreement.

#### **5. INDEMNIFICATION.**

Each Party shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Parties, their officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims liabilities, and expenses ("**Claims**") arising out of or in connection with this Agreement except to the extent any such Claims arise out of that Party's negligent acts or omissions in connection with this Agreement.

#### **6. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.**

Each Party is an independent public agency collaborating voluntarily on a common issue. Nothing in this Agreement shall create a joint venture, partnership, or agency relationship among the Parties.

#### **7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION; CHOICE OF LAW.**

Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall first be addressed through good-faith negotiations. If unresolved within 30 days, the dispute shall proceed to mediation, and if necessary, binding arbitration under California Code of Civil Procedure Part III, Title 9. Venue for all proceedings shall be Sacramento County, California. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

#### **8. AMENDMENTS.**

Except for admission of new Small GSAs a member to this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended upon written consent of all Parties.

**9. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM.**

This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect so long as at least five Parties remain party to this Agreement.

**10. EXTENSIONS OF TIME.**

Whenever the last day of any period described herein falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the period shall be automatically extended to 11:59 p.m. of the next business day, Pacific Time. The time in which any act provided under this Agreement is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last day, unless the last day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, and then it is also excluded.

**11. NOTICES.**

Any notice authorized or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing and sent via electronic mail to the email address provided beneath the Party’s signature, below, and shall be deemed to have been given when the e-mail is sent. Any notice sent to the Administrator shall be made in writing and sent via electronic mail to anndubay@sonic.net or any successor Administrator as appointed by the Party Representatives. Any Party or the Administrator may change their e-mail address for purpose of receiving notice by providing such information in accordance with the process set forth herein.

**12. COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including by electronic or digital signature, each of which shall be deemed an original and together constitute one instrument.

**13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement, including the Recitals which are a material part of the Agreement and are incorporated herein, constitute the full and complete understanding among the Parties concerning the subject matter herein and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements or memoranda of understanding relating to said subject matter.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

**CARPINTERIA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTECITO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOUND GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETALUMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SALINAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, MONTEREY SUBBASIN**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SALINAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, LANGLEY AREA SUBBASIN**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAN GORGONIO PASS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SANTA CRUZ MID-COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SANTA MARGARITA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SISKIYOU GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPADRA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SONOMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**UKIAH VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Letter of Agreement for Advocacy and Administrative Services

Between Pacific Policy Group (with Ann DuBay as Subcontractor) and the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Coalition

Date: 01/01/2026

## Introduction

This Letter of Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Pacific Policy Group (“PPG”), with Ann DuBay serving as a subcontractor, and the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Coalition (“Coalition”). The purpose of this Agreement is to formalize the provision of advocacy and administrative services by PPG to support the Coalition’s mission of promoting sustainable groundwater management across member agencies.

## Background

The Coalition is comprised of groundwater sustainability agencies committed to advancing groundwater sustainability objectives in accordance with state regulations. In pursuit of these goals, the Coalition seeks professional advocacy and administrative support to enhance its effectiveness in policy engagement, stakeholder outreach, and operational management.

## Scope of Work

PPG, with support from Ann DuBay, shall provide two primary categories of service to the Coalition: advocacy and management. Each category encompasses specific activities and deliverables designed to meet the Coalition’s strategic objectives.

## Advocacy Services

Activities:

- **Legislative Monitoring:** Track and analyze relevant state legislation, regulatory changes, and policy developments affecting groundwater sustainability.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Represent the Coalition at public hearings, meetings, and forums with policymakers, regulatory bodies, and community groups.

- Policy Development: Draft policy positions, briefing materials, and advocacy correspondence to support the Coalition's interests.
- Communications: Prepare fact sheets, press releases, and public statements to articulate the Coalition's perspectives and priorities.
- Reporting: Provide regular written updates summarizing advocacy activities, legislative developments, and recommended actions.

Deliverables:

- Periodic legislative tracking reports
- Policy briefs and position statements as needed
- Summary notes from stakeholder meetings
- Correspondence and public-facing materials
- Quarterly summary of advocacy outcomes and next steps

## Management Services

Activities:

- Meeting Coordination: Schedule, organize, and facilitate Coalition meetings, including preparation of agendas and minutes.
- Administrative Support: Manage Coalition records, correspondence, and documentation in accordance with best practices.
- Budget Tracking: Monitor the budget, track expenditures, and provide financial updates to Coalition member representatives.
- Membership Liaison: Serve as primary contact for Coalition members, assisting with inquiries and coordinating collaborative activities.
- Project Management: Oversee timelines, deliverables, and compliance with grant or regulatory requirements as applicable.

Deliverables:

- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Monthly administrative status reports
- Quarterly financial summaries
- Maintained records and documentation of Coalition activities
- Annual review of project progress and compliance

## Roles and Responsibilities

## Pacific Policy Group and Ann DuBay

- Provide all advocacy and management services as outlined above in a timely and professional manner.
- Maintain open communication with the Coalition, responding promptly to requests and ensuring transparency in all activities.
- Adhere to ethical standards and confidentiality requirements regarding Coalition information.

## Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Coalition

- Designate a primary point of contact to coordinate with PPG and Ann DuBay.
- Provide necessary background information, access, and support to enable effective service delivery.
- Review and approve deliverables, offering feedback and guidance as needed.
- Ensure timely payment for services rendered and compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

## Relationship of Parties

This Agreement is for the services of the PPG as an independent contractor. It is not an employment relationship. PPG is not an employee of the Coalition and is solely responsible for all taxes, insurance, and other obligations related to their services. PPG is free to determine the method, details, and means by which the services are performed.

## Terms and Conditions

- **Payment:** Total annual compensation of \$60,000 to be divided equally amongst the groundwater sustainability agencies that are members of the Coalition . Invoices shall be issued in January 2026 (for the last six months of fiscal year 2025-2026) and July 2026 (for Fiscal Year 2026-2027) and payment is due within 30 days after receipt.
- **Duration:** This Agreement is effective as of January 1, 2026, and shall continue for a period of twelve (12) months, unless terminated or amended in writing by mutual consent.
- **Amendments:** Any modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
- **Termination:** Either party may terminate this Agreement with thirty (30) days' written notice, subject to settlement of outstanding obligations.

## Signatures

This Agreement is executed by the undersigned authorized representatives of Pacific Policy Group and the Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Coalition as of the date written above.

<b>Pacific Policy Group</b>	<b>Small Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Coalition</b>
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<b>Mark Fenstermaker, Principal</b>	<b>Piret Harmon, Coalition Representative</b>

# Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Julia Aranda, PE, General Manager  
**Subject:** Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency and Casitas Municipal Water District Agreement for Monitoring Wells

December 11, 2025

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### **Recommendation**

- Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement between Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency and Casitas Municipal Water District for Three Groundwater Monitoring Wells

### **Background and Discussion**

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) has requested permission from Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas or District) to install three groundwater wells at Casitas facilities: two wells at the Ojai Wellfield (APN 0280-111-120) and one well at the Ojai Valley Pump Plant (APN 024-0-071-075). The request and draft Agreement are attached.

OBGMA is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (OVGB). OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was reviewed and approved by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). In DWR's approval letter, they provided a Recommended Corrective Actions (RCA), including one to "fill data gaps, identify interconnected surface water systems within the basin, and provide an estimate of the quantity and timing of depletions of those systems." OBGMA seeks to install shallow (approximately 40 feet deep) monitoring wells in areas near San Antonio Creek for the purpose of complying with this RCA.

OBGMA identified the Ojai Wellfield and Ojai Valley Pump Plant as ideal locations for three monitoring wells. (A fourth well is proposed within the City of Ojai's right-of-way along Creek Road). The attached City of Ojai Application for Well Permit includes an exhibit showing the proposed well locations.

OBGMA intends to monitor these wells approximately monthly for the foreseeable future. Monitoring will be performed by Kear Groundwater, who would install a lock on the existing gates for access.

Casitas' Board will consider the Agreement at their meeting of December 10, 2025.

**Attachments:**

- Request from OBGMA dated December 2, 2025
- Draft Agreement between Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency and Casitas Municipal Water District for Three Groundwater Monitoring Wells
- City of Ojai Application for Well Permit



## Member Agencies

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Ojai Water Conservation District      Ojai Basin Mutual Water Companies:  
Casitas Municipal Water District      - Senior Canyon MWC  
City of Ojai      - Siete Robles MWC  
Community Facilities District      - Hermitage MWC

December 2, 2025

Mike Flood, General Manager  
Casitas Municipal Water District  
1055 Ventura Avenue  
Oak View CA 93022

Subject:      **Agreement for the Installation and Monitoring of Three Groundwater Monitoring Wells Located on Assessor Parcel Nos. 028-0-111-120 (two wells) and 024-0-071-075 (one well)**

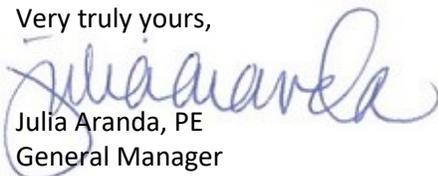
Dear Mr. Flood:

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA), through its staff and consultants and as part of its ongoing efforts to ensure the continued integrity and sustainability of the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), conducts regular groundwater monitoring activities using a network of monitoring wells located in the Ojai Basin. OBGMA desires to expand its groundwater monitoring well network and has identified three proposed new well site locations on two separate parcels overlying the Ojai Basin owned by the Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas or District) – APNs 028-0-111-120 (two wells) and 024-0-071-075 (one well).

The sites were selected for monitoring as they are at key locations within the groundwater basin. Your cooperation with this project would be greatly appreciated. The enclosed Agreement, if executed, would grant OBGMA and its staff and consultants permission to enter District property solely for the purpose of installing the monitoring wells and subsequently conducting regular groundwater monitoring activities. Exhibit "A" of the Agreement identifies the proposed well site locations. OBGMA will coordinate the installation of the monitoring wells with Casitas staff so as not to interfere with District operations and maintenance activities, and to avoid existing infrastructure. OBGMA is also willing to share its monitoring results, upon request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the project, please call me at 805.667.7322.

Very truly yours,



Julia Aranda, PE  
General Manager

Office Address:      417 Bryant Circle Drive, Suite 112, Ojai CA 93023  
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[www.obgma.com](http://www.obgma.com)

805.640.1207  
[obgma@aol.com](mailto:obgma@aol.com)

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MONITORING OF THREE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS LOCATED ON DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY**

**Assessor's Parcel Nos. 028-0-111-120 (two wells) and 024-0-071-075 (one well)**

Permission is hereby granted to the OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY, hereinafter referred to as OBGMA, its agents, consultants, and/or employees to enter upon and have access to the real property owned by the Casitas Municipal Water District, which is depicted on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

It is understood and intended that no interest in land is being conveyed, or easements created, and it is only intended by this Agreement to grant a revocable and non-assignable permission or authority to enter upon the real property of the undersigned for the below stated purposes and uses.

By executing this Agreement, OBGMA agrees to indemnify and save the Casitas Municipal Water District harmless from any and all liability or claim which may result from OBGMA's entry and operation on the Casitas Municipal Water District's real property pursuant to this agreement.

Said Permission is granted for all the purposes and uses described below.

As part of its ongoing efforts to ensure the continued integrity and sustainability of the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), OBGMA intends to expand its groundwater monitoring well network. OBGMA will install three groundwater monitoring wells via hand auguring and take periodic groundwater level measurements and groundwater quality samples from the groundwater monitoring well sites shown on Exhibit "A". Ingress and egress to the well site will be through the existing access gates. OBGMA will coordinate the installation of the monitoring wells with Casitas staff so as not to interfere with District operations and maintenance activities, and to avoid existing infrastructure. It is expected there will be monthly monitoring events involving said wells and continue indefinitely.

Casitas Municipal Water District

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



# City of Ojai APPLICATION FOR WELL PERMIT

Department of Public Works  
408 S. Signal St, Ojai, CA 93023  
(805) 646-5581 x200  
PWpermits@ojai.ca.gov

\*OBGMA to ensure access agreements  
with respective property owners  
(Casitas MWD & City of Ojai)

	Property Owner*	Driller	Registered Inspector
Name	OBGMA	ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc.	Tim Becker, P.G., C.Hg.
Address	417 Bryant Circle, Suite 112, Ojai, CA 93023	1180 E Burnett Street Signal Hill, CA 90755	Kear Groundwater P.O. Box 2601 Santa Barbara, CA 93120
Telephone	(805) 640-1207	(562) 981-8575	(978) 857-2184
License No.		C57-422904	PG-9589, CHG-1109
Lic. Exp. Date		30-Sept-2026	31-Mar-2027
APN(s)	Encroachment Right-of-Way		

Type of Work	Use	Proposed Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Water Supply Well</u> <input type="checkbox"/> New (No. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement Well SWN of well to be replaced  <input type="checkbox"/> Backup or Standby Well SWN of well to be backed up  <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction (No. _____) SWN _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Repair/Modify (No. _____) SWN _____  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Monitoring Wells</u> <b>4 X</b> New (No. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction (No. _____)  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Engineering Test Hole</u> (No. _____)  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Cathodic Protection Well</u> <input type="checkbox"/> New (No. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction (No. _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Cathodic <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal  Estimated anticipated annual pumping in acre feet per year <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;">0</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Equipment</b></div> <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary <input type="checkbox"/> Hollow Stem <input type="checkbox"/> Geoprobe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;">Sonic</div>	<div style="text-align: right;"><b>Well Depth</b> <u>40 ft</u></div> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Bore Diameter</b> <u>6"</u></div> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Casing</b></div> <input type="checkbox"/> Steel      Diameter (in.) <u>2</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PVC      Wall Gauge (in.) <u>0.154</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Perforations</b></div> From <u>10 ft</u> to <u>40 ft</u> ft From _____ to _____ ft From _____ to _____ ft  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Water Level Measuring Port</b></div> <input type="checkbox"/> Sounding Tube <input type="checkbox"/> Steel      Diameter (in.) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PVC      Diameter (in.) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tap hole with plug <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Estimated Start Date</b> <u>Dec-2025</u></div>

\*NOTE: In October 2014, the City of Ojai passed a well moratorium to slow the extraction of groundwater. If proposed water supply well is within the City of Ojai boundaries, your permit application must be approved by the City Council and accompanied by documentation explaining the reason for a variance request. If the proposed water supply well is under the jurisdiction of the OBGMA, your permit application must be accompanied by the proper agency permit/approval.

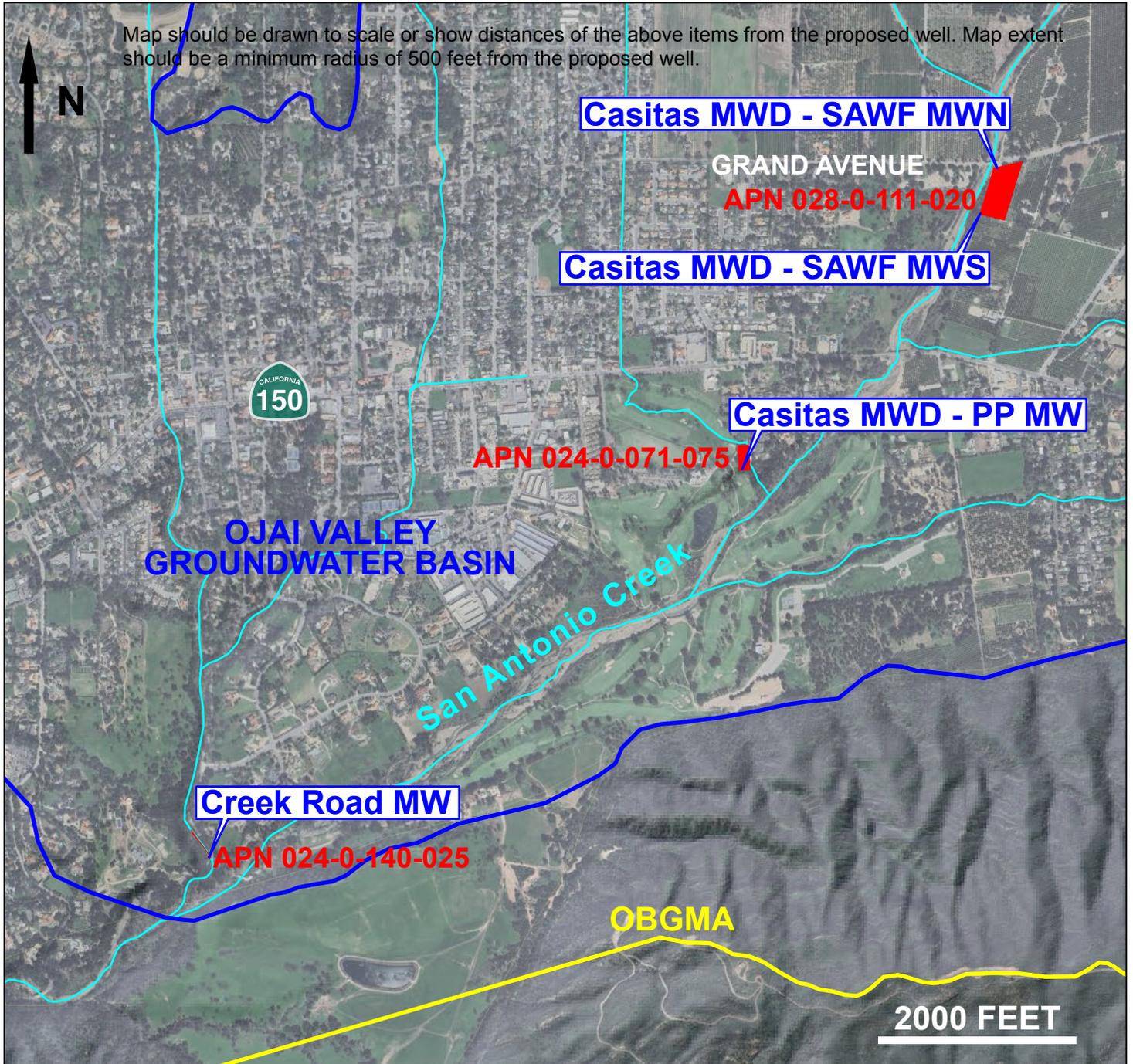
I hereby agree to comply with all provisions of Ojai Municipal Code section 7-3.204, and all applicable State of California and local regulations pertaining to well construction, repair, modification and destruction. I agree to comply with all conditions of the issued permit to submit required post-work documents and reports. I understand that any modification of the issued permit requires approval by the City of Ojai Council and that the information contained herein becomes a part of the permit when issued.

Property Owner Signature		Date	11/12/2025
Driller Signature		Date	11/10/2025
Registered Inspector Signature (Applies to monitoring wells and borehole work)		Date	10-Nov-2025

City of Ojai  
**APPLICATION FOR WELL PERMIT**

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**Well Location Map / Site Plan:** INDICATE THE EXACT LOCATION OF WELL AND ANY ASSOCIATED TANKS AND LINES WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: Property lines, all intermittent or perennial, natural or artificial water bodies or water courses drainage pattern, roads, existing wells, sewage disposal systems or works carrying or containing sewage, access roads, livestock and animal keeping areas, composting or mulching operations areas, and solid waste disposal sites. Setbacks from potential sources of contamination shall comply with the California Department of Water Resources *California Well Standards Bulletin 74-90* available at the following website address:  
[http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/well\\_info\\_and\\_other/california\\_well\\_standards/well\\_standards\\_content.html](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/well_info_and_other/california_well_standards/well_standards_content.html)





# CITY OF OJAI

401 SOUTH VENTURA STREET  
P.O. BOX 1570/OJAI, CALIF. 93023

PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## WELL PERMIT APPLICATION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SUMMARY

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the City of Ojai must determine if your project requires an exemption, a Negative **NOTE: CLASS 6 CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION** report. This question **(14 CCR § 15306: "Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result** in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.")

Your complete and accurate preparation of this questionnaire will assist the City in expeditiously processing your application. After the City has completed its environmental determination, you will be notified.

### NO SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Project Location \_\_\_\_\_

2. Provide photographs of site.

3. Legal Description/Assessor's Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Applicant (Person to Contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

5. Adjacent Zoning N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

6. Existing Land Use on Project Site \_\_\_\_\_

7. Adjacent Land Use N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

8. Proposed Use on Project Site \_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe any unique or special characteristics of site - soils, topo, trees, historic value, etc.

10. Does the site include more than one parcel? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. Site size \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.

12. Will the project require a subdivision map? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_