

---

# Annual Report Covering Water Year 2025

# **Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin**

---

**MARCH 2026**

*Prepared for:*



**OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

417 Bryant Circle, Suite 112

Ojai, California 93023

*Plan Manager: Julia Aranda, PE*

*Prepared by:*

**DUDEK**

687 S. Coast Highway 101, Suite 110

Encinitas, California 92024

*Contact: Devin Pritchard-Peterson, PG*



---

# Signature Page

This water year 2025 annual report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan was prepared under the direction of a Professional Geologist licensed in the State of California consistent with professional standards of practice.



Devin Pritchard-Peterson, PG No. 10133

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

# Table of Contents

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>PAGE NO.</b>
Signature Page.....	i
Acronyms and Abbreviations.....	v
Executive Summary .....	vii
1 Introduction .....	1
2 Hydrogeologic Setting .....	3
2.1 Precipitation.....	3
2.2 Temperature .....	7
2.3 Evapotranspiration .....	11
2.4 Surface Water and Drainage Features.....	11
2.5 Stream Flow Measurements.....	12
2.6 Principal Aquifer and Aquitards .....	13
3 Groundwater Monitoring.....	24
3.1 Monitoring Network.....	24
3.2 Frequency of Monitoring.....	27
4 Groundwater Conditions.....	28
4.1 Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps .....	28
4.2 Groundwater Elevation Hydrographs.....	28
4.3 Representative Monitoring Points .....	34
5 Water Use .....	38
5.1 Groundwater Extraction .....	38
5.2 Surface Water Use.....	39
5.3 Total Water Use .....	39
6 Change in Groundwater Storage.....	42
7 GSP Implementation Progress .....	54
8 References .....	56

---

## TABLES

1	Weather Stations in the Vicinity of the OVGB.....	3
2	Reference Evapotranspiration Totals for Station 198.....	11
3	Stream Gauges in the Vicinity of the OVGB.....	13
4	Current Groundwater Monitoring Network.....	25
5	Representative Monitoring Points Groundwater Elevations and Minimum Thresholds.....	35
6	Reported Groundwater Extractions.....	38
7	Estimated Lake Casitas Water Consumption in OVGB.....	39
8	Annual and Cumulative Change in Storage in the OVGB.....	42

## FIGURES

1	Plan Area and Contributing Watershed.....	x
2	Weather Stations and Average Annual Precipitation.....	5
3	Water Year Precipitation.....	9
4	San Antonio Creek Stream Discharge at Confluence with Ventura River.....	16
5	San Antonio Creek Stream Discharge at Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin Outflow.....	18
6	A - A' Geologic Cross-Section.....	20
7	Groundwater Monitoring Network.....	22
8	Groundwater Elevation Contours October 2024.....	30
9	Groundwater Elevation Contours March 2025.....	32
10	Representative Monitoring Points.....	36
11	Groundwater Extractions.....	40
12	Linear Regression Model Developed using Well 04N22W05L008S and the OBGM.....	44
13	Validation of Linear Regression Model Developed using Well 04N22W05L008S and the OBGM.....	46
14	Groundwater Extractions and Annual Change in Storage in the OVGB.....	48
15	Groundwater Extractions and Cumulative Change in Storage in the OVGB.....	50
16	Water Year 2025 Annual Change in Storage.....	52

## APPENDICES

A	Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Well Hydrographs
---	---

# Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition
AF	acre-feet
bgs	below ground surface
Board	Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors
CASGEM	California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring
cfs	cubic feet per second
CIMIS	California Irrigation Management Information System
CMWD	Casitas Municipal Water District
County	County of Ventura
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
DDMWs	depth-discrete monitoring wells
ET <sub>o</sub>	reference evapotranspiration
GPM	gallons per minute
MSL	mean sea level
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OBGM	Ojai Basin Groundwater Model
OBGMA	Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
OVGB	Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
RMP	Representative Monitoring Point
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SACSGRP	San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds Rehabilitation Project
SWN	State Well Number
VCWPD	Ventura County Watershed Protection District

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

# Executive Summary

This annual report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (OVGB; DWR Basin No. 4-002) was prepared for submittal to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) per Article 7, Section 356.2—Annual Reports, of the California Code of Regulations.<sup>1</sup> The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the OVGB (Figure 1) on January 6, 2022, and DWR approved the GSP on October 26, 2023. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 regulations require an annual report be submitted to the DWR by April 1 of each year following the adoption of the GSP. This annual report provides an update on the groundwater conditions in the OVGB for water year 2025 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025). Key findings of this annual report are:

## Groundwater Conditions

- In water year 2025, the OVGB received approximately 9.74 inches of precipitation, which is approximately 47% of the long-term historical average annual precipitation rate.
- In response to the drier-than-average conditions, seasonal high groundwater elevations decreased at all representative monitoring points (RMPs) by approximately 13 to 57 feet over water year 2025.
- Groundwater in storage was estimated to have decreased over water year 2025 by approximately -5,495 acre-feet (AF). Since spring 2014, groundwater in storage in the OVGB has increased approximately 12,622 AF.
- Groundwater elevations at all RMPs remained above established minimum thresholds in water year 2025.

## Total Water Use

- Groundwater extraction totaled approximately 4,138 AF in water year 2025, with the agriculture sector accounting for approximately 48% of total extractions and the municipal/industrial sector accounting for approximately 43% of total extractions. Of the total municipal/industrial extractions, the majority was for Ojai Water System, owned and operated by Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD).
- Surface water use (Lake Casitas water provided by CMWD) totaled approximately 1,709 AF in water year 2025.
- Total water use was approximately 5,846 AF in water year 2025.

## Projects and Management Actions

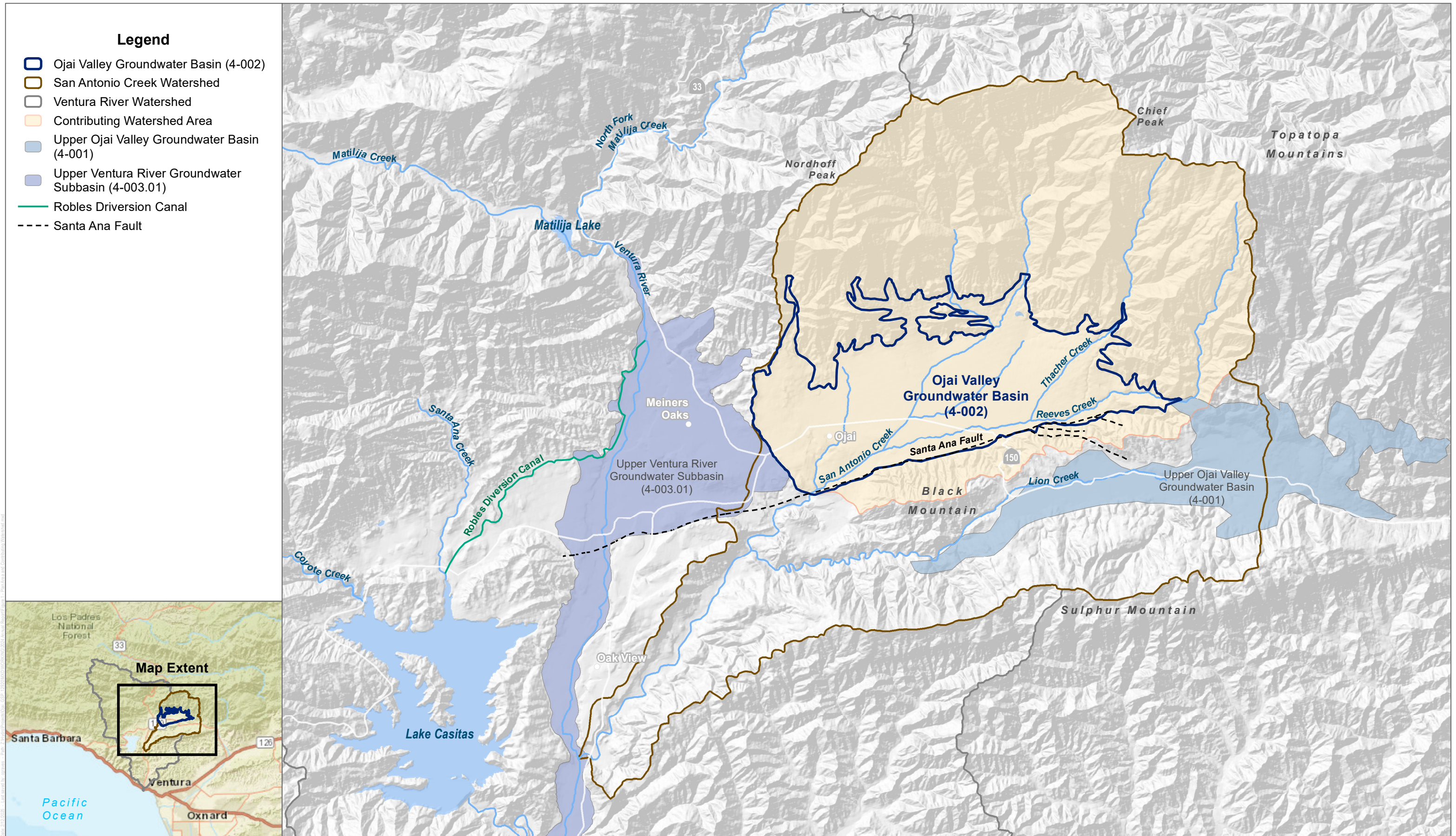
- The OBGMA completed the following projects in water year 2025: (1) prepared a sampling and analysis plan and quality assurance project plan for data collection and monitoring of applicable sustainability indicators, (2) identified preferred locations for three new shallow monitoring wells along San Antonio Creek to fill data gaps related to interconnected surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystem, (3) Identified owners of non-reporting/unmetered wells and set a compliance deadline to improve the accuracy

---

<sup>1</sup> Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1.5, Subchapter 2 of the California Code of Regulations, which is commonly referred to as the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Regulations (GSP Regulations).

and completeness of extraction reporting, and (4) created a new data management system for storing and visualizing hydrologic data.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: ESRI; DWR; USGS

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

# 1 Introduction

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA), acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (OVGB; DWR Basin No. 4-002), developed a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in compliance with the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code Section 10720–10737.8, et al.) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) GSP Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 350 et seq.). The OBGMA submitted the Draft Final GSP to the DWR on January 31, 2022. The Draft Final GSP for the OVGB was approved by DWR on October 26, 2023. Information regarding the GSP, including the stakeholder process, is available from the OBGMA website:

<http://obgma.com/>

SGMA regulations require an annual report be submitted to DWR by April 1 following GSP adoption. The OBGMA submitted the first annual report to DWR on April 1, 2022, which documented groundwater conditions in the basin over the 2020 and 2021 water years. This is the fifth annual report for the OVGB since GSP adoption and documents groundwater conditions for the 2025 water year (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025).

For the purposes of this annual report, the plan area is defined as the OVGB (Figure 1), which has a surface area of approximately 5,913.4 acres, or 9.2 square miles, and underlies the City of Ojai in the western part of Ventura County (County). The OVGB's boundaries are formed by Tertiary age consolidated rocks associated with the Topa Topa Mountains of California's Transverse Ranges to the north and east, the Upper Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 4-001) to the east, the Santa Ana Fault and Black Mountain to the south, and the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-003.01) to the west (Figure 1) (DWR 2004).<sup>2</sup> The eastern and western boundaries of the OVGB correspond to recognized bedrock highs that limit groundwater exchange flow between the OVGB and adjacent basins. The potential flow of groundwater between the OVGB and Upper Ventura River Subbasin is considered likely to be very small due to the low hydraulic conductivity of the geologic materials (bedrock) that form the boundary between the two groundwater basins (DWR 2004; Kear 2005).

This report is organized to provide all of the required components of an annual report as per Article 7, Section 356.2—Annual Reports, including groundwater elevation, groundwater extraction, and surface water supply data, and an evaluation of change in groundwater in storage. A discussion of the monitoring network and implementation progress is also provided.

---

<sup>2</sup> Geologic period from 66 million to 2.6 million years ago. The geologic timescale classifies this time period as the Cenozoic Era that includes the Paleogene and Neogene Periods.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

## 2 Basin Setting

The following subsections describe climate conditions, including precipitation, temperature, evapotranspiration, surface water and drainage features, and principal aquifer and aquitard characteristics in the OVGB.

### 2.1 Precipitation

The climate of the OVGB is Mediterranean, with warm, dry summers and cool, wet, winters. Precipitation is highly variable in the OVGB—seasonally, and from year to year. Precipitation typically occurs in just a few significant storms each year, which can come any time between October and April, with over 90% of the precipitation occurring between November and April (WCVC 2019). The Parameter-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM) 30-year (1991–2020) digital elevation model precipitation data shows that the average annual precipitation in the OVGB ranges from about 22 inches per year in the southwestern part of the OVGB to nearly 26 inches per year in the northernmost parts of the OVGB along the southern flank of the Topa Topa Mountains (Figure 2).

Precipitation in the OVGB is monitored by four weather stations, three of which are maintained by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) and one by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Five additional VCWPD precipitation stations and one California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) reference evapotranspiration (ETo) station located outside of the OVGB, but in the vicinity, provide additional climate data (Table 1 and Figure 2).

**Table 1. Weather Stations in the Vicinity of the OVGB**

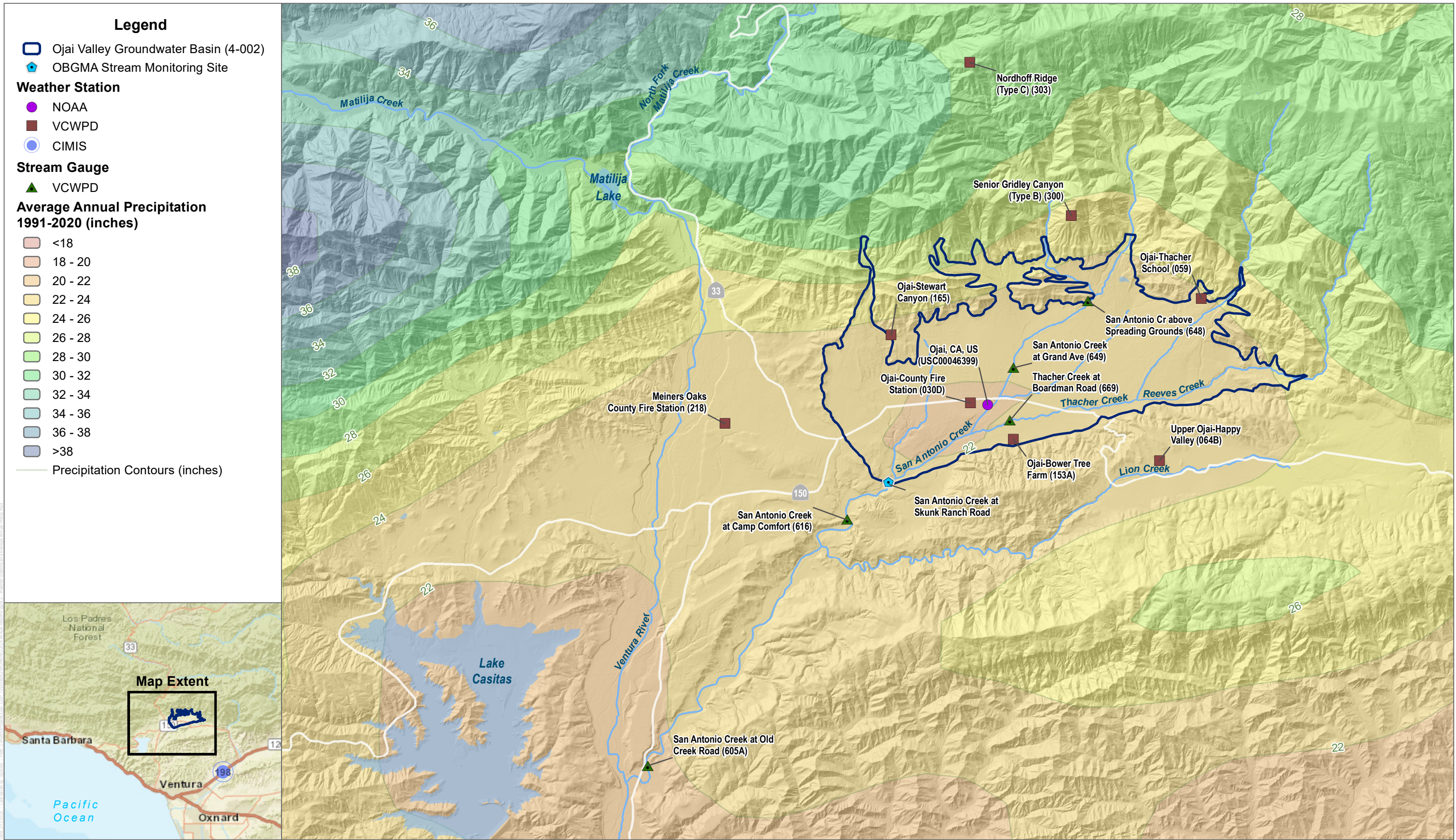
Station Name (Station No.)	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation (feet MSL)	Period of Record
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>				
Ojai, California, US (USC00046399)	34.4477	-119.2275	745	5/1/1905 – Present
<b>Ventura County Watershed Protection District</b>				
Ojai-County Fire Station (030D)	34.44806	-119.2313	760	10/1/1980 – Present
Ojai-Thacher School (059)	34.46664	-119.1804	1,440	10/1/1915 – Present
Upper Ojai-Happy Valley (064B)	34.43722	-119.1899	1,320	10/1/1970 – Present
Ojai-Bower Tree Farm (153A)	34.44139	-119.2219	780	10/1/1977 – Present
Ojai-Stewart Canyon (165)	34.46053	-119.2486	970	10/1/1956 – Present
Meiners Oaks-County Fire Station (218)	34.44461	-119.2852	730	10/1/1964 – Present
Senior Gridley Canyon - Type B (300)	34.48192	-119.2088	2,514	10/1/1992 – Present
Nordhoff Ridge - Type C (303)	34.50989	-119.2308	4,112	10/1/1997 – Present
<b>California Irrigation Management Information System</b>				
Santa Paula (198) <sup>a</sup>	34.324639	-119.10488	218	3/30/2005 -06/29/2023

**Source:** NOAA 2026; CIMIS 2025; VCWPD 2026.

**Notes:** MSL = mean sea level.

<sup>a</sup> Station 198 has been discontinued due to a land use change.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: ESRI; DWR; USGS; NOAA; VCWPD; PRISM

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

The weather station with the longest and most complete data record is the NOAA Ojai, California, US (USC00046399) station (herein abbreviated as the “Ojai station”) located near the center of the OVGB at an elevation of 745 feet mean sea level (MSL). The period of record for the Ojai station extends from May 1, 1905, to the present. Total water year precipitation at the Ojai station for water years with a complete data record ranges from a low of 5.46 inches, measured in 2021, to a high of 48.58 inches, measured in 1998.<sup>3</sup> The average precipitation over the period from water year 1906 to 2025 was 20.69 inches (Figure 3) (NOAA 2025). Since water year 1906, 47 of the years were dry, 57 were average, and 16 were wet.<sup>4</sup> Wet years highly influence the long-term average precipitation.

Measurements collected at the Ojai station indicate the OVGB received approximately 9.74 inches of precipitation in the 2025 water year. This is approximately 47% of the 1906–2025 historical average annual precipitation rate.

## 2.2 Temperature

Temperatures within the OVGB fluctuate on a seasonal basis from warm summers to cool winters. August and September are typically the hottest months in the OVGB. Based on the Ojai station, the average annual temperature in the OVGB over the period from May 1, 1905, to September 30, 2025, was 61 °F, ranging from an average low of 45 °F in the winter to an average high of 78 °F in the summer. The historical all-time minimum and maximum temperature recorded at the Ojai station are 13 °F and 119 °F, respectively (NOAA 2026).

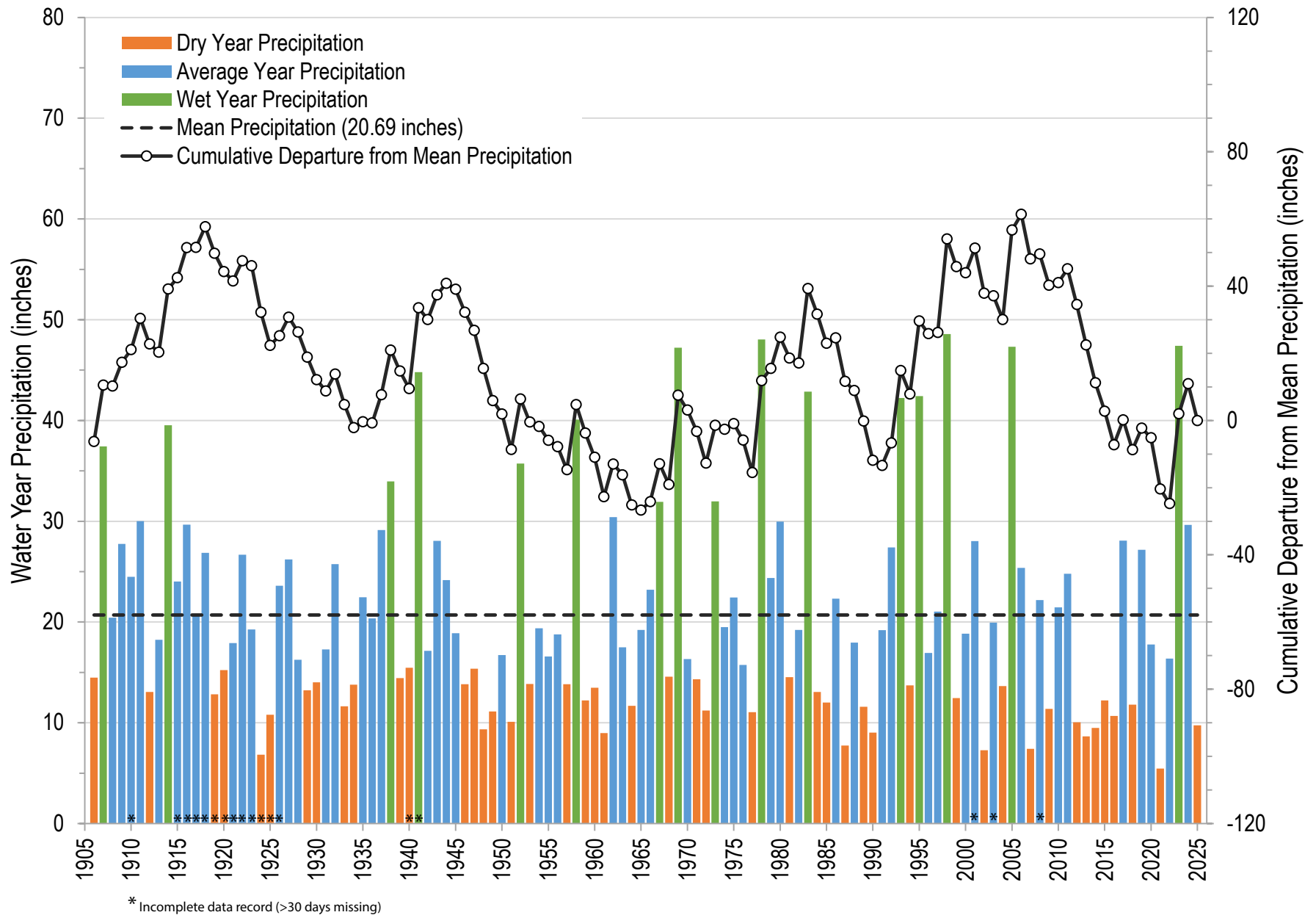
---

<sup>3</sup> Of the 120 water years with precipitation data, 102 years have a complete data record, which is defined for purposes of this report as having no more than 30 days missing in any given water year.

<sup>4</sup> Water years were classified as dry if precipitation was less than 75% of the average precipitation, average if precipitation was between 75% and 150% of the average precipitation, and wet if precipitation was greater than 150% of the average precipitation.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

# Ojai, CA, US (USC00046399)



SOURCE: NOAA



FIGURE 3

Water Year Precipitation

Annual Report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

## 2.3 Evapotranspiration

Reference evapotranspiration in the OVGB was calculated from the data collected at CIMIS Station 198 (located approximately 10 miles south-southeast of the southern basin boundary in Santa Paula, California) on a daily basis from April 2005 to June 2023 (Table 1). Station 198 has since been discontinued due to a land use change. The average ETo measured at CIMIS Station 198 between 2005 and 2022 is 53.07 inches per year (Table 2). In contrast, the average annual precipitation in the OVGB, based on the Ojai station (Figure 3), is 20.69 inches per year. The ETo values calculated from the CIMIS data reflect the amount of water theoretically transpired by grass or alfalfa if supplied by irrigation, but do not represent the actual transpiration from any specific crop or native vegetation. To calculate the evapotranspiration rate for a specific crop or native vegetation, the ETo is multiplied by a crop coefficient to adjust the water consumption for each crop relative to the water consumption for alfalfa.

**Table 2. Reference Evapotranspiration Totals for Station 198**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
2005	—	—	—	3.03	8.56	8.63	7.32	5.66	4.74	3.53	3.07	2.32	—
2006	3.15	3.43	3.13	3.53	4.59	5.49	5.58	5.67	4.56	3.74	3.01	3.01	48.89
2007	2.74	2.74	4.21	4.13	5.06	5.80	6.00	5.50	4.51	4.40	2.55	2.60	50.24
2008	2.52	2.69	4.94	5.69	5.47	6.56	6.20	5.76	4.87	4.73	3.17	2.13	54.73
2009	3.81	2.60	4.27	4.8	5.57	5.18	6.71	5.62	4.97	4.04	3.21	2.17	52.95
2010	2.45	2.34	4.71	4.86	6.39	5.85	5.80	6.20	4.88	2.98	3.01	1.78	51.25
2011	3.40	3.12	3.95	4.93	6.14	5.16	6.06	5.55	4.11	3.70	2.96	2.65	51.73
2012	3.33	3.53	3.99	4.76	6.19	5.88	6.03	6.31	4.92	3.79	2.38	1.72	52.83
2013	3.20	3.16	4.03	4.92	6.26	5.88	5.87	5.99	5.03	4.26	2.93	3.10	54.63
2014	3.39	2.74	4.48	5.57	6.72	6.12	6.24	5.73	4.88	4.11	3.04	1.52	54.54
2015	2.09	2.48	4.08	4.92	5.08	5.29	5.90	6.38	5.35	4.11	3.47	2.71	51.86
2016	2.16	4.19	4.19	5.59	5.29	6.00	6.90	6.08	5.11	3.57	2.72	2.40	54.2
2017	1.88	1.69	4.71	5.80	5.87	6.07	6.65	5.86	4.68	4.83	2.59	3.52	54.15
2018	2.87	3.12	3.52	5.31	4.92	6.11	6.87	6.58	4.70	4.12	3.39	2.48	53.99
2019	2.25	2.12	4.18	5.16	5.36	4.53	6.52	6.44	5.17	5.25	2.94	2.52	52.44
2020	2.50	3.61	3.26	4.52	6.61	5.77	6.80	6.19	4.66	4.08	2.89	3.16	54.05
2021	3.06	3.47	4.53	5.27	5.71	6.53	6.56	6.00	4.62	4.16	3.06	1.53	54.50
2022	3.24	3.69	4.59	5.34	5.87	6.33	6.38	6.26	5.12	3.47	3.26	1.73	55.28
2023 <sup>a</sup>	2.03	2.79	3.17	4.59	3.83	3.93	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Average	2.78	2.97	4.11	4.88	5.76	5.85	6.36	5.99	4.83	4.05	2.98	2.39	53.07

Source: CIMIS 2025.

Note: All values are in inches; — = not available.

<sup>a</sup> Station 198 has been discontinued due to a land use change.

## 2.4 Surface Water and Drainage Features

The OVGB is within the San Antonio Creek watershed which is one of the largest sub-watersheds of the Ventura River watershed. The San Antonio Creek watershed is approximately 32,743.1 acres, or 51.2 square miles and completely encompasses the OVGB (Figure 1). The portion of the San Antonio Creek watershed contributing recharge to the OVGB

is approximately 20,340.8 acres, or 31.8 square miles. The San Antonio Creek watershed is characterized by tectonically active mountains dominated by chaparral and exposed bedrock with narrow ephemeral and intermittent streams. There are no major surface water reservoirs within the San Antonio Creek watershed. San Antonio Creek is the largest stream in the San Antonio Creek watershed and is fed by four primary tributary streams including McNell Creek, Thacher Creek, Reeves Creek, and Lion Creek, the last-mentioned being located outside of the OVGB. A number of small named and unnamed ephemeral drainages also contribute flow to San Antonio Creek. Recharge to the OVGB occurs through percolation of surface waters through alluvial channels, infiltration of precipitation that falls directly on the valley floor, subsurface flow, and septic and irrigation return flow (DWR 2004).

## 2.5 Stream Flow Measurements

Streamflow records are available for four stream gaging stations on San Antonio Creek, in addition to one gaging station on Thacher Creek (Table 3 and Figure 2). The stream gauge with the longest and most complete data record is the San Antonio Creek at Old Creek (605A) station located at the outlet of San Antonio Creek near the confluence with the Ventura River.<sup>5</sup> The period of record for station 605A extends from October 1, 1949 to present.<sup>6</sup> Peak flow at the outlet of San Antonio Creek typically occurs between December and April of any given water year and baseflow generally falls to 0 cubic feet per second (cfs) between June and October. There are some exceptions, particularly in 1969, 1978, 1983, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2005, 2023, 2024, and 2025 when flow continued through the summer months. The highest gauged flow was 10,405 cfs in January 1969. The water year with the lowest recorded stream discharge was 1951, where reportedly no flow occurred, and the water year with the highest recorded stream discharge was 1969 at 78,403 acre-feet (AF). The average water year stream discharge for the period of record is 11,386 AF (Figure 4). Wet years highly influence the long-term average stream discharge.

In water year 2025, the highest daily average flow measured at gauge 605A was approximately 100 cfs. A total of approximately 2,203 AF of flow was measured at gauge 605A in water year 2025.

The OBGMA has measured streamflow of San Antonio Creek at the outflow of the OVGB since July 2019. Stream discharge measurements consist of manual readings collected on a monthly frequency at Skunk Ranch Road (Figure 2). Between July 2019 and September 2025, stream discharges measured at the OVGB outflow averaged approximately 6.6 cfs. During this period, stream discharge during the summer ranged from approximately 0.01 to 14 cfs and during the winter ranged from approximately 1 to 55 cfs (Figure 5).

In water year 2025, stream discharge at the OVGB outflow averaged approximately 3.4 cfs and ranged from a low of approximately 1.3 cfs in September 2025 to a high of approximately 5 cfs in March 2025 (Figure 5). Stream discharge at the OVGB outflow in water year 2025 was slightly lower than the average of 6.6 cfs.

---

<sup>5</sup> The San Antonio Creek at Old Creek (605A) station was installed just upstream of the inactive San Antonio Creek at Hwy 33 (605) station. Together these stations provide daily stream discharge at the outlet of San Antonio Creek for the period from October 1, 1949 to present.

<sup>6</sup> The data for gauge 605A from October 1, 2016 to present is preliminary and subject to revision.

**Table 3. Stream Gauges in the Vicinity of the OVGB**

Station Name (Station No.)	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation (feet MSL)	Period of Record
<b>Ventura County Watershed Protection District</b>				
San Antonio Creek at Camp Comfort (616)	34.42703	-119.2585	577	10/1/2018 – Present
San Antonio Cr above Spreading Grounds (648)	34.46636	-119.2053	–	10/1/2013 – 10/1/2014
San Antonio Creek at Grand Ave (649)	34.45436	-119.2218	–	10/1/2013 – 10/1/2016
Thacher Creek at Boardman Road (669) <sup>ab</sup>	34.44481	-119.2227	–	10/1/2002 – 10/1/2008
San Antonio Creek at Old Creek Road (605A) <sup>c</sup>	34.38256	-119.3027	–	10/1/1949 – Present
<b>Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency</b>				
San Antonio Creek at Skunk Ranch Road <sup>d</sup>	34.43373	-119.249434	–	7/29/2019 - Present

**Source:** VCWPD 2026.

**Notes:** MSL = mean sea level; – = data are not available.

- <sup>a</sup> Site listed as active on the VCWPD Hydrologic Data Server but period of record does not extend to present.
- <sup>b</sup> Peak event only site.
- <sup>c</sup> Site located near inactive San Antonio Creek at Hwy 33 (605) station. The period of record for station 605 extends from October 1, 1949 to September 30, 2014.
- <sup>d</sup> The OBGMA measurements at San Antonio Creek at Skunk Ranch Road include manual stream flow measurements and automated data logger readings.

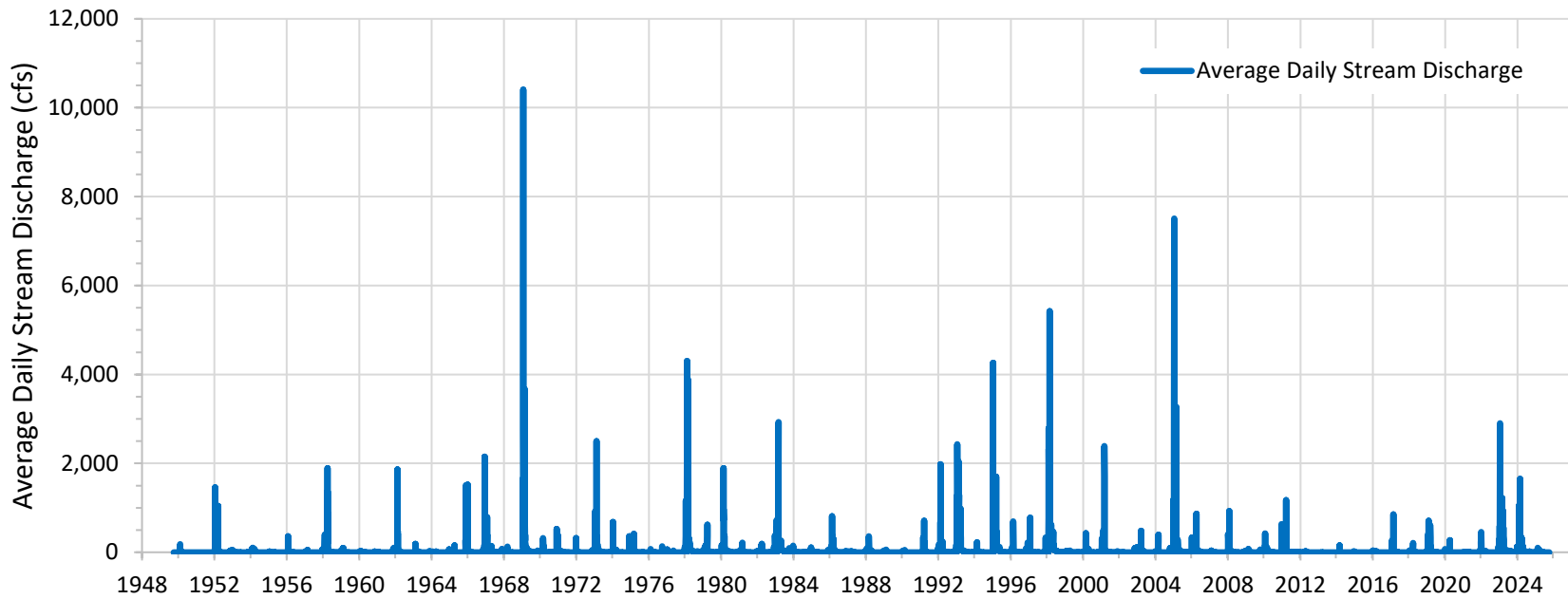
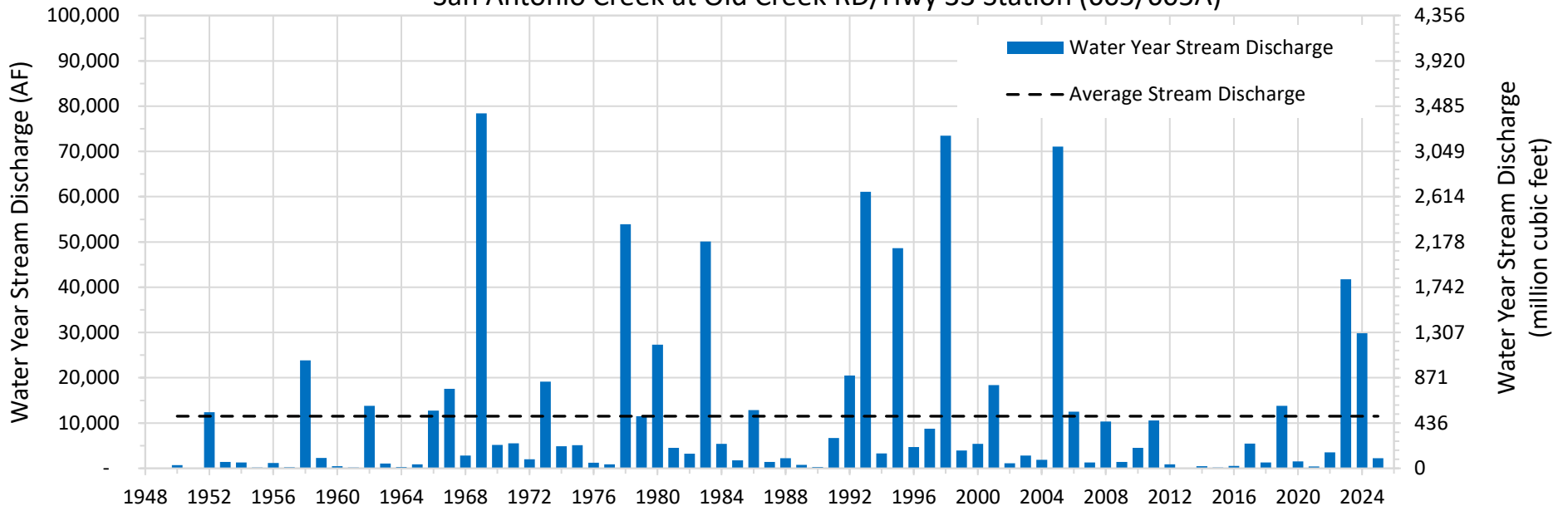
## 2.6 Principal Aquifer and Aquitards

Water-bearing units of the OVGB include alluvial deposits and fractures and interstices of underlying Tertiary rocks. The alluvium is composed of units of sand, gravel, and clay up to 50 to 100 feet thick that pinch out toward the lateral edges of the OVGB (Figure 6) (Kear 2005; DBS&A 2011, 2020). The alluvial deposits are the most productive units in the OVGB, with well yields ranging from 100 to 600 gallons per minute (GPM) (DWR 2004). The weathered Tertiary rocks are typically consolidated and yield minor amounts of poor-quality water, with well yields typically between 2 to 5 GPM, but reaching a maximum of about 50 GPM (DWR 2004). The contact of the alluvial unconsolidated deposits of Pleistocene to Holocene age with the Tertiary rocks define the base of the OVGB. The primary storage units for groundwater are approximately four discrete sand and gravel units on the order of up to 100 feet thick each, which are sourced near the alluvial fan heads in the northeast side of the Ojai Valley (Kear 2005; OBGMA 2018). The individual coarse-grained sand and gravel aquifer units comprising the primary production aquifer are thickest in the northern and eastern areas of the OVGB and thinnest in the southern and western areas of the OVGB where fine grained lacustrine and floodplain deposits of up to approximately 100 feet thick predominate as confining layers creating a multi-layered aquifer system (DBS&A 2011; Kear 2005; OBGMA 2018). The uppermost confining clay unit, which generally extends from approximately 30 to 130 feet below ground surface (bgs), is the thickest and most extensive aquitard and separates the primary production aquifer from a shallow perched aquifer (Kear 2005, 2021; OBGMA 2018). The shallow perched aquifer generally extends from approximately 15 to 30 feet bgs and is present in the southwestern portion of the OVGB (Figures 6 and 7) (Kear 2005, 2021). Groundwater within the primary production aquifer is predominantly under unconfined conditions near the alluvial fan heads and semi-confined to mostly confined in the central,

southern, and western portions of the OVGB (Kear 2005, 2021). The alluvial deposits are deepest in the central and southern areas of the OVGB (Kear 2005; DBS&A 2011, 2020). The maximum total thickness of the alluvial deposits is approximately 900 feet (DBS&A 2011, 2020).

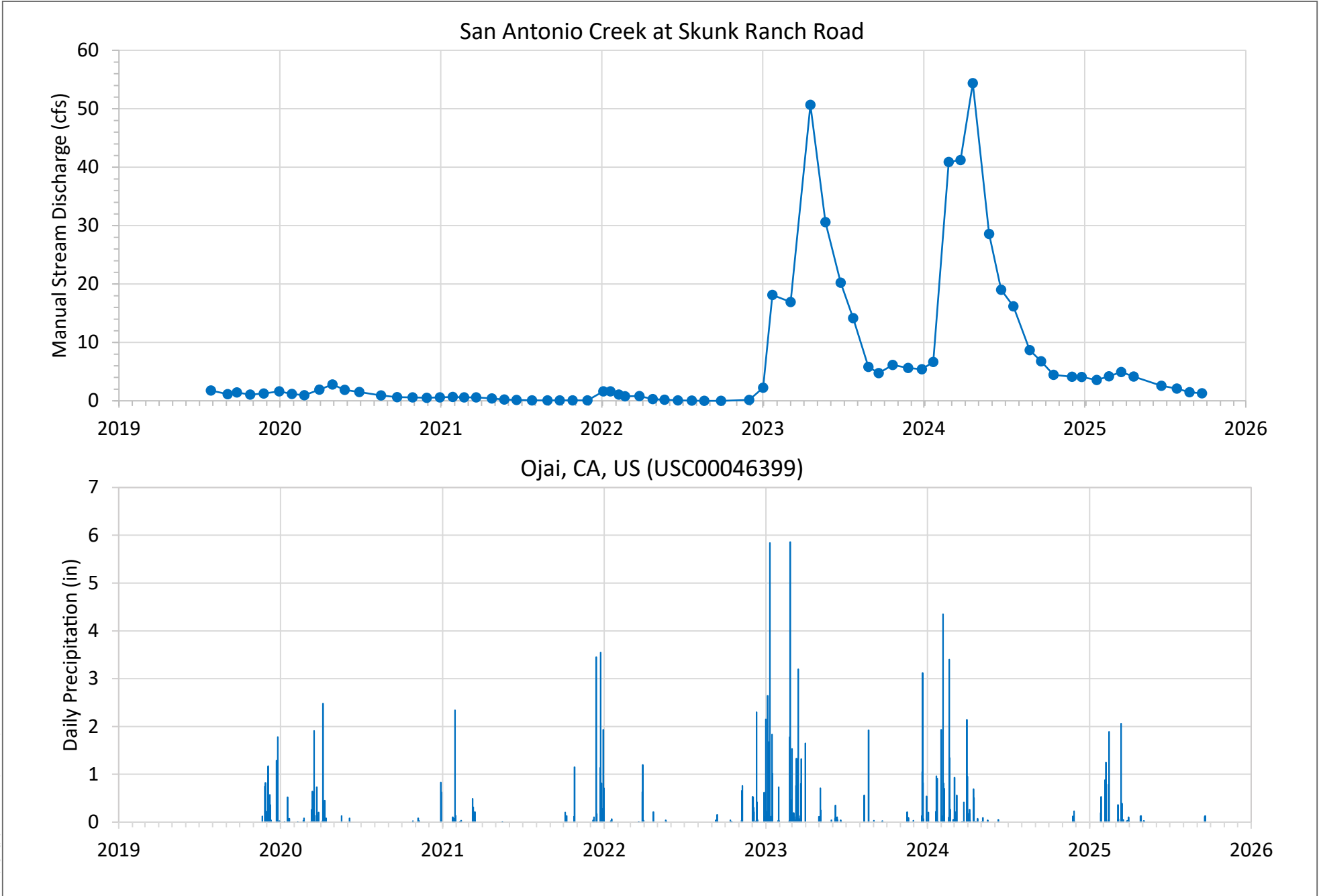
INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

### San Antonio Creek at Old Creek RD/Hwy 33 Station (605/605A)



SOURCE: VCWPD

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

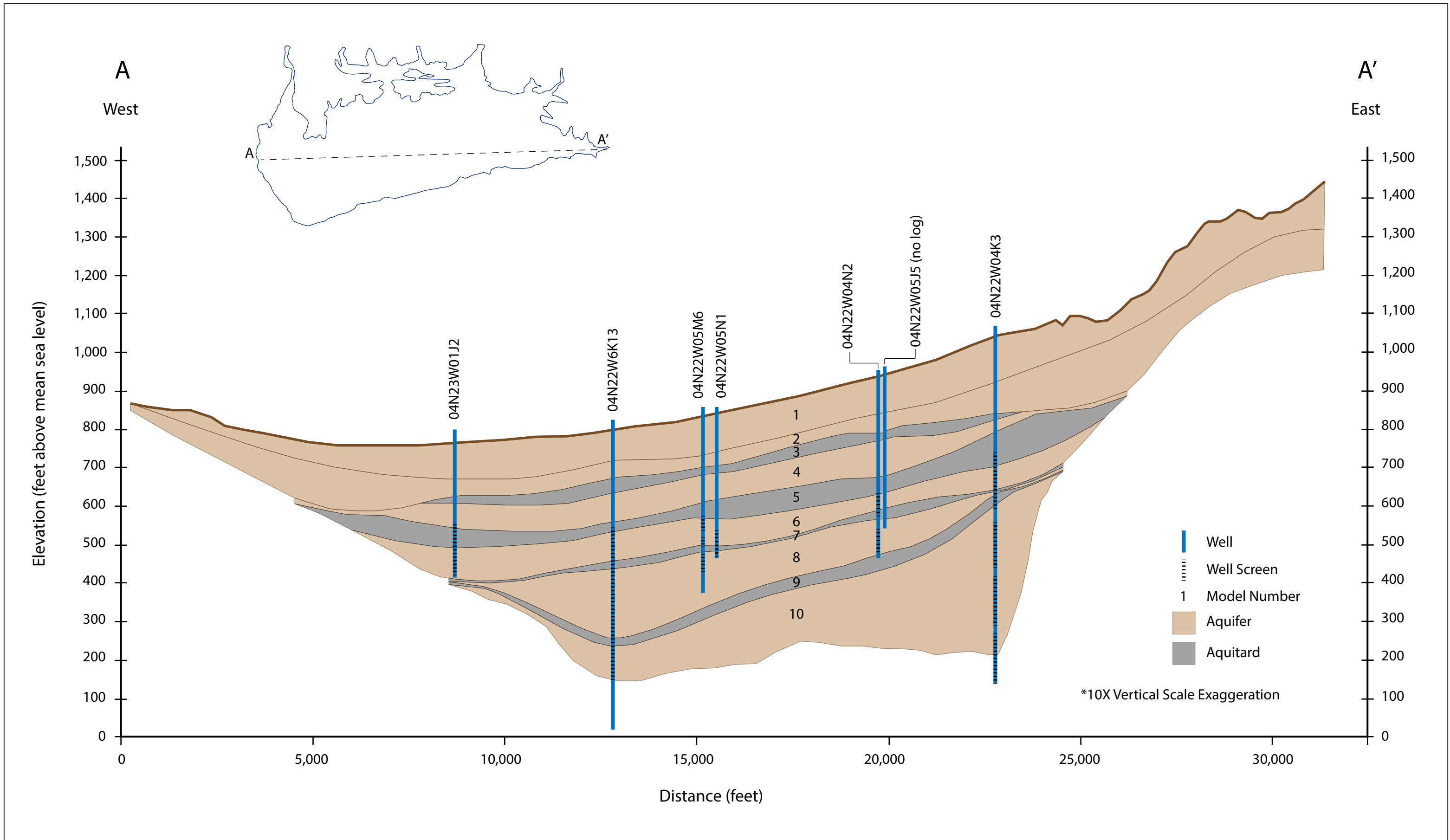


SOURCE: OBGMA; NOAA



**FIGURE 5**  
 San Antonio Creek Stream Discharge at Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin Outflow  
 Annual Report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

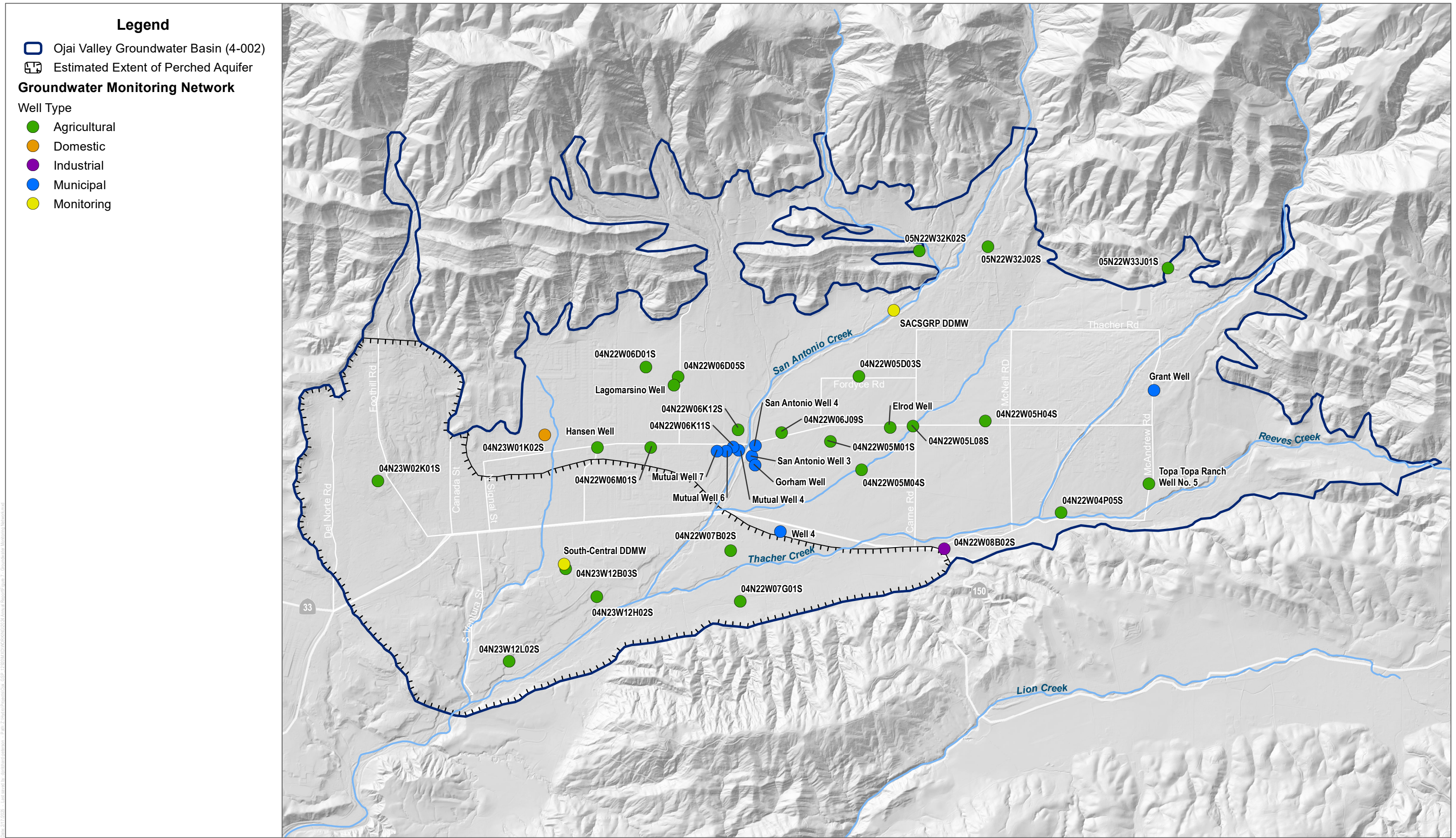


SOURCE: Adopted from DBS&A

FIGURE 6

A - A' Geologic Cross-Section  
Annual Report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: ESRI; DWR; USGS; VCWPD; OBGMA



FIGURE 7

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

# 3 Groundwater Monitoring

The following subsections describe the OVGB groundwater monitoring network and frequency of monitoring.

## 3.1 Monitoring Network

The VCWPD and OBGMA are the two primary entities who monitor groundwater levels in the OVGB. The VCWPD previously acted as the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring umbrella monitoring entity for Ventura County and continues to routinely monitor groundwater levels in 18 wells (the number of wells monitored by VCWPD is based on accessibility) in the OVGB. In addition, OBGMA monitors groundwater levels in seven wells, several of which have automated data loggers for continuous measurement of groundwater levels. The wells monitored by OBGMA include five privately-owned production wells and two depth-discrete monitoring wells (DDMWs). The two depth-discrete monitoring wells include the San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds Rehabilitation Project (SACSGRP) DDMW located in the northern part of the OVGB and the South-Central DDMW located in the southern part of the OVGB in an easement granted to the OBGMA by the City of Ojai (Figure 7). Each depth-discrete monitoring well consists of four casings with various completion depths that are used to evaluate groundwater elevation trends by aquifer zone. Wells that are routinely monitored for groundwater levels are shown in Figure 7 and Table 4. Available data from these 23 wells are uploaded to the SGMA Portal Monitoring Network Module by the OBGMA.

**Table 4. Current Groundwater Monitoring Network**

Well Name	SWN	CASGEM ID	Well Use	Representative Monitoring Point	Monitoring Entity	Groundwater Monitoring Networks		
						Elevation	Quality	Production
South Central DDMW	—	—	Monitoring	Yes <sup>a</sup>	OBGMA	Yes	Yes	No
SACSGRP DDMW	05N22W32P002S-006S	—	Monitoring	Yes	OBGMA	Yes	Yes	No
Elrod Well	04N22W05L003S	—	Agricultural	Yes	OBGMA	Yes	No	Yes
Lagomarsino Well	04N22W06E006S	—	Agricultural	Yes <sup>b</sup>	OBGMA, VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hansen Well	04N23W01J003S	—	Agricultural	Yes	OBGMA, VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
Topa Topa Ranch Well No. 5	04N22W04Q001S	2813	Agricultural	Yes	OBGMA, VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W05L008S	2816	Agricultural	Yes	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
Mutual Well 4	04N22W06K003S	—	Municipal	Yes	OBGMA, SWRCB, VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mutual Well 5	04N22W06K011S	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB	No	Yes	Yes
Mutual Well 6	04N22W06K015S	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB	No	Yes	Yes
Mutual Well 7	—	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB	No	Yes	Yes
Gorham Well	04N22W06K013S	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB	No	Yes	Yes
Well 4	04N22W07A005S	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB	No	Yes	Yes
Grant Well	—	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB	No	Yes	Yes
San Antonio Well 3	04N22W06K010S	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB, VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
San Antonio Well 4	04N22W06K014S	—	Municipal	No	SWRCB, VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	05N22W32K002S	—	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	04N23W12B003S	—	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W06J009S	—	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W05M004S	—	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W04P005S	—	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	05N22W33J001S	—	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	No	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W06D001S	2818	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes

**Table 4. Current Groundwater Monitoring Network**

Well Name	SWN	CASGEM ID	Well Use	Representative Monitoring Point	Monitoring Entity	Groundwater Monitoring Networks		
						Elevation	Quality	Production
—	04N23W01K002S	2837	Domestic	No	VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W07G001S	2826	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N22W08B002S	26333	Industrial	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N22W05H004S	39777	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W05M001S	2817	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N22W07B002S	2824	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N22W05D003S	2814	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W06M001S	2822	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N23W02K001S	46068	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	05N22W32J002S	38094	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N23W12L002S	26381	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N22W06K012S	26330	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes
—	04N23W12H002S	26380	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	Yes	Yes
—	04N22W06D005S	46108	Agricultural	No	VCWPD	Yes	No	Yes

**Notes:** — = not available or not applicable; SWN = state well number; CASGEM = California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program; OBGMA = Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency; VCWPD = Ventura County Watershed Protection District; SWRCB = State Water Resources Control Board.

- <sup>a</sup> The South Central DDMW well was constructed in 2021. Because this well is new and monitoring began in June 2021, minimum thresholds and measurable objectives will be established when sufficient data are available.
- <sup>b</sup> The pressure transducer and data logger in Lagomarsino Well had the cable cut by a contractor in January 2019. A new pressure transducer and data logger was installed in March 2023. Minimum thresholds and measurable objectives will be established when sufficient data are available.

## 3.2 Frequency of Monitoring

VCWPD monitors groundwater levels on a quarterly basis and compiles this data with groundwater level measurements taken by other agencies. Similarly, OBGMA monitors groundwater levels a minimum of two times per year in the spring and fall.

---

## 4 Groundwater Conditions

The following subsections provide a description of the OVGB groundwater elevation contour maps and hydrographs developed using groundwater level data collected at monitoring wells in water year 2025.

### 4.1 Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps

Groundwater elevation data for wells in the monitoring network were compiled and reviewed for accuracy and completeness to ensure data are representative of static groundwater conditions. Groundwater level measurements for extraction wells were not taken while actively pumping to ensure the contours generated are generally representative of static conditions (i.e., not influenced by active pumping of a water well). Groundwater elevation data representative of the seasonal high and seasonal low groundwater conditions were then selected for contouring. In the OVGB, the seasonal high typically occurs between March and June and the seasonal low typically occurs between September and December, although the seasonal high/low varies from year to year and by well (Appendix A). As described in Section 3.2, groundwater levels are measured on a quarterly basis, typically in the months of March, June, October, and December. For purposes of generating groundwater elevation contour maps to illustrate the seasonal low and seasonal high groundwater conditions in the primary production aquifer for the 2025 water year, October 2024 groundwater level measurements were used to show the seasonal low and March 2025 groundwater level measurements were used to show the seasonal high (Figures 8 and 9). October 2024 represents the start of the 2025 water year and March 2025 represents the mid-point of the water year. Historically, and in water year 2025, groundwater elevations were highest in the northern and eastern portions of the OVGB, adjacent to the Topa Topa Mountains, and lowest in the southwestern part of the OVGB in the vicinity of San Antonio Creek.

In October 2024, the predominant direction of groundwater flow was towards the southwest and the hydraulic gradient was approximately 0.025 feet/feet, as measured between wells 05N22W32J002S, 04N23W01K002S, and 04N22W07G001S. Groundwater elevations ranged from a high of approximately 1,064 feet MSL in the northeastern part of the OVGB to a low of approximately 692 feet MSL in the southwestern part of the OVGB (Figure 8). In March 2025, the predominant direction of groundwater flow was towards the southwest and the hydraulic gradient was approximately 0.027 feet/feet, as measured between wells 05N22W32J002S, 04N23W01K002S, and 04N22W07G001S. Groundwater elevations ranged from a high of approximately 1,084 feet MSL in the northeastern part of the OVGB to a low of approximately 694 feet MSL in the southwestern part of the OVGB (Figure 9).

### 4.2 Groundwater Elevation Hydrographs

Groundwater elevation hydrographs were produced for each well in the groundwater elevation monitoring network. Available data for each well were plotted through 2025 (Appendix A).

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

**Legend**

Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (4-002)

Contour Wells (groundwater elevation in parentheses in feet MSL)

**Groundwater Elevation Contours (feet MSL)**

Major (100-foot interval)

Minor (20-foot interval)

**Groundwater Elevation (feet MSL)**

Value

High : 1063.95

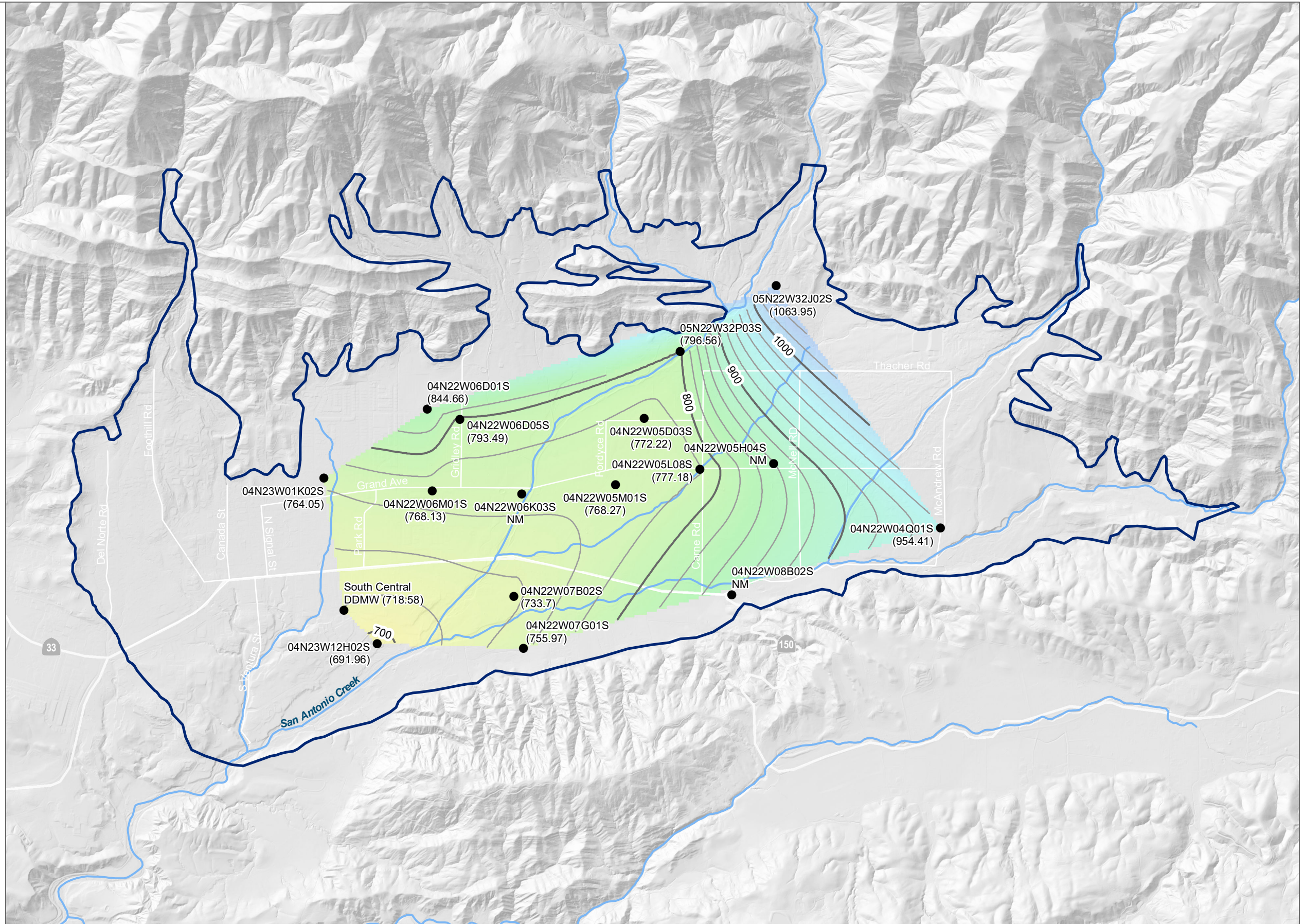
Low : 691.96

**Notes:**

NM indicates that no groundwater elevation measurement was collected in October 2024.

Wells 4N22W04Q01S, 04N22W05D03S, 04N22W05L08S, and 04N22W05M01S were not measured in October 2024. December 2024 groundwater elevations are displayed for these wells.

The groundwater elevations for 05N22W32P03S and South Central DDMW are based on pressure transducer readings.



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: DWR; USGS; VCWPD; OBGMA

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

**Legend**

Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (4-002)

Contour Wells (groundwater elevation in parentheses in feet MSL)

**Groundwater Elevation Contours (feet MSL)**

Major (100-foot interval)

Minor (20-foot interval)

**Groundwater Elevation (feet MSL)**

Value

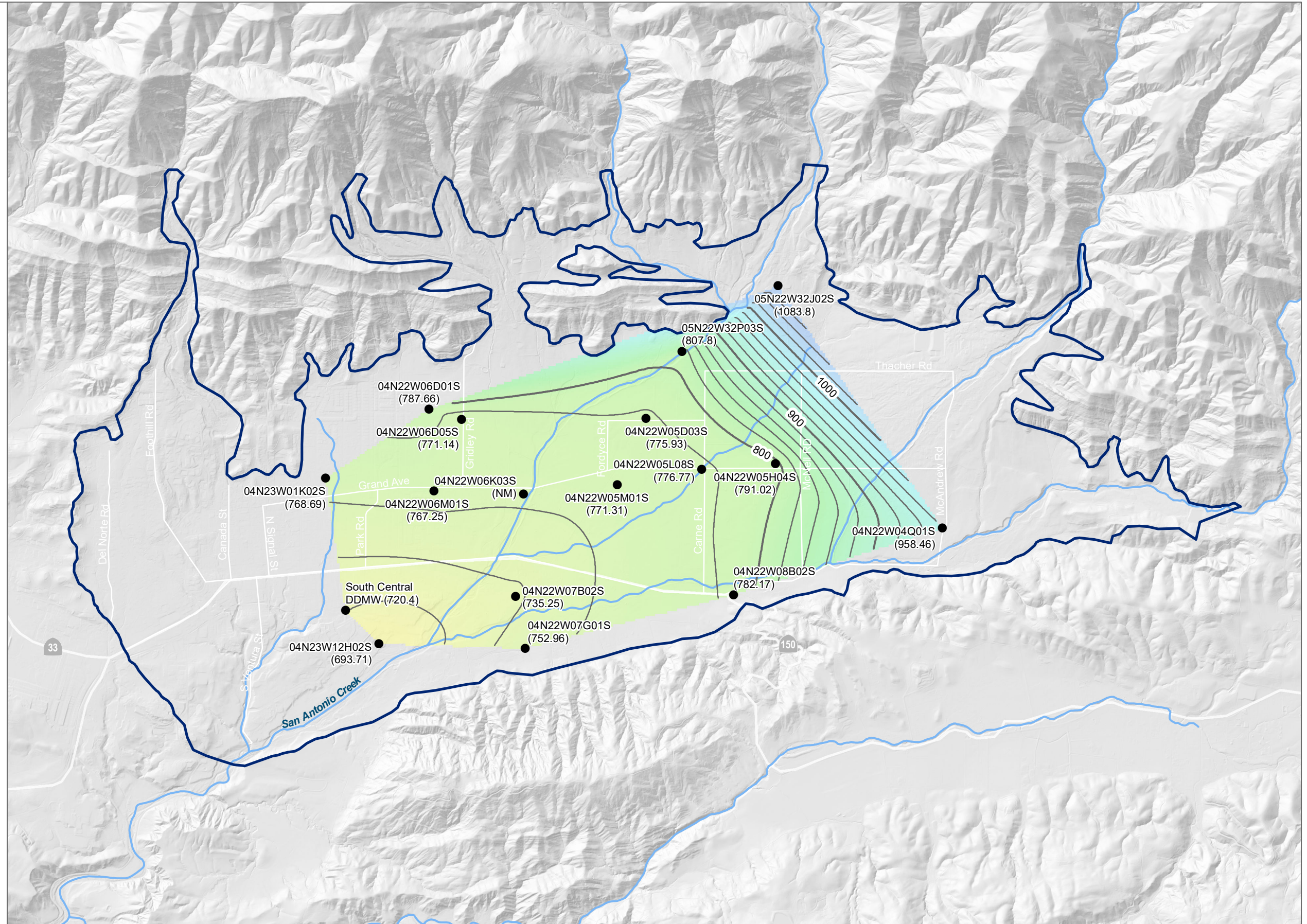
High : 1083.80

Low : 693.71

**Notes:**

NM indicates that no groundwater elevation measurement was collected in March 2025.

The groundwater elevations for 05N22W32P03S and South Central DDMW are based on pressure transducer readings.



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: DWR; USGS; VCWPD; OBGMA

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

## 4.3 Representative Monitoring Points

The key indicator well in the OVGB has historically been well 04N22W05L008S located near the center of the basin. Six additional wells were identified in the GSP as representative monitoring points (RMPs) where groundwater level minimum thresholds were established (with the exception of one of the RMPs, Lagomarsino Well).<sup>7</sup> The six RMPs include Elrod Well, Topa Topa Ranch Well No. 5, Lagomarsino Well, Hansen Well, Mutual Well 4, and SACSGRP DDMW.<sup>8</sup> The recently installed South Central DDMW is also included as an RMP, although a minimum threshold for groundwater levels is not yet established for the well. Similarly, a minimum threshold for groundwater levels is not yet established at Lagomarsino Well. The minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for these two wells will be established when sufficient data are available. The location of each RMP is shown in Figure 10. The minimum threshold established at each RMP, as well as the groundwater elevation measured in fall 2024 (i.e., seasonal low) and spring 2025 (i.e., seasonal high), is included in Table 5.

Groundwater elevation changes between fall 2023 and 2024 varied geographically across the OVGB (Table 5). Groundwater elevations decreased at all RMPs between fall 2023 and 2024 and were largest near the center of the OVGB. Groundwater elevation changes ranged from approximately -3 feet at South Central DDMW to -44 feet at 04N22W05L008S. Changes could not be calculated for Mutual Well 4 due to lack of measurements in fall 2024.

Groundwater elevations also decreased between spring 2024 and 2025 and ranged from approximately -13 feet at South Central DDMW to -57 feet Lagomarsino Well. Changes could not be calculated for Hansen Well or Mutual Well 4 due to a lack of measurements in spring 2025.

The observed declines in groundwater elevations between water years 2024 and 2025 are reflective of climate conditions during the 2025 water year where precipitation received in the OVGB was approximately 47% of the long-term average. As shown in Table 5, although groundwater elevations decreased between water years 2024 and 2025, groundwater elevations at RMPs remained approximately 16 feet to 201 feet above established minimum thresholds in water year 2025.

The groundwater elevation data shown in Table 5 for Elrod Well, Lagomarsino Well, Hansen Well, SACSGRP DDMW, and South Central DDMW relies in part on provisional pressure transducer data that is subject to revision. The OBGMA continues to evaluate opportunities to improve the groundwater monitoring program to remain consistent with best management practices (DWR 2016). As described in Section 7 of this annual report, the OBGMA prepared a sampling and analysis plan and quality assurance plan for data collection and monitoring of sustainability indicators.

---

<sup>7</sup> A minimum threshold has not yet been established at Lagomarsino Well due to a lack of a long-term groundwater elevation measurement record. A minimum threshold and measurable objective will be established when sufficient data are available.

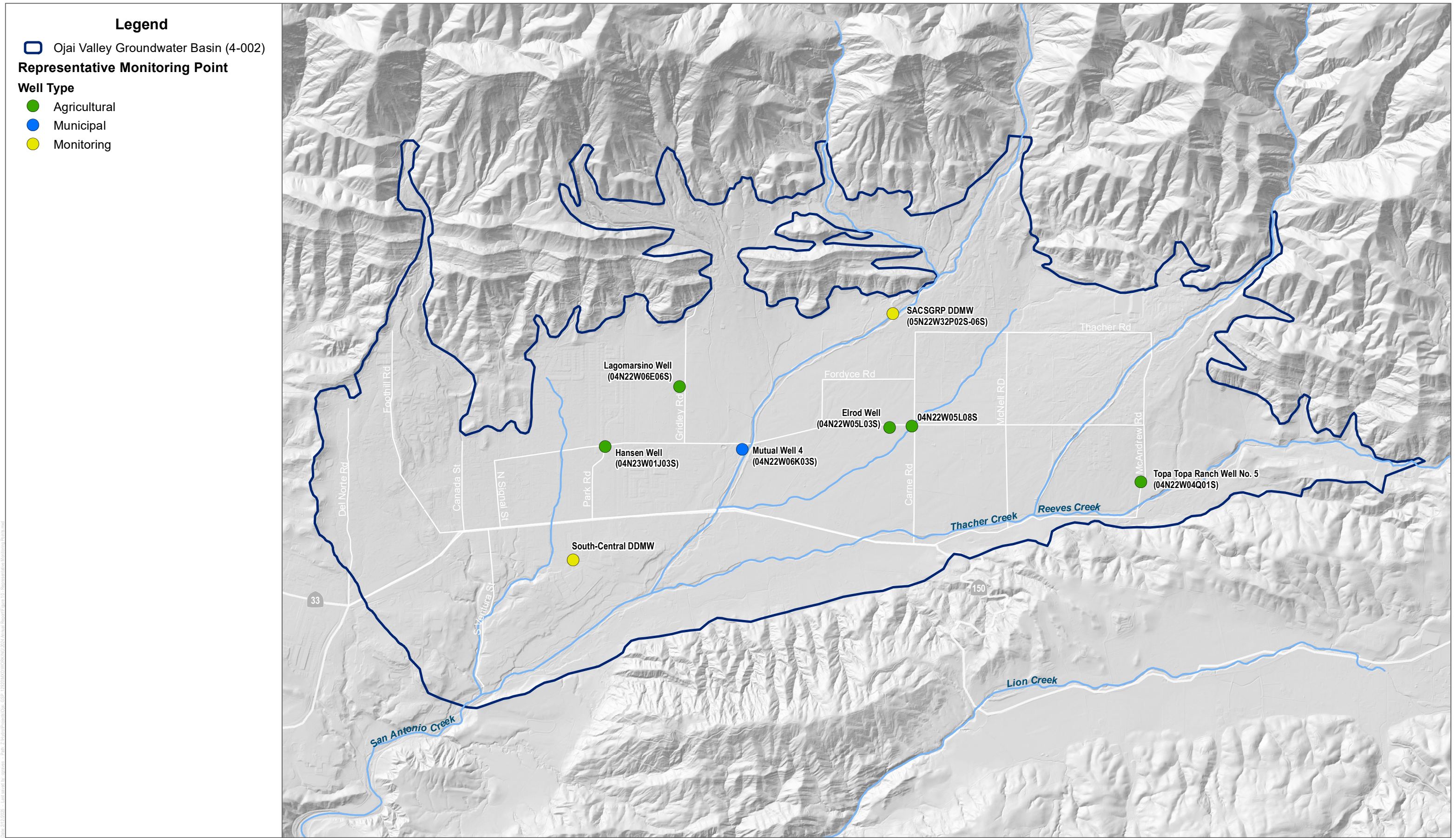
<sup>8</sup> Groundwater levels in Elrod Well and Well 04N22W05L008S are closely correlated. Due to reported access issues at well 04N22W05L008S, Elrod Well was selected as a RMP. The minimum threshold established at the Elrod Well is based on the historical groundwater level record of well 04N22W05L008S. Both wells are monitored on a regular basis.

**Table 5. Representative Monitoring Points Groundwater Elevations and Minimum Thresholds**

Well Name	SWN	Well Use	Fall Groundwater Conditions		Spring Groundwater Conditions		Minimum Threshold (feet MSL)	Current Operational flexibility (feet) <sup>b</sup>
			December 2024 (feet MSL)	Change from 2023 (feet) <sup>a</sup>	March 2025 (feet MSL)	Change from 2024 (feet) <sup>a</sup>		
Elrod Well	04N22W05L003S	Agricultural	776.28	-15.57	778.76	-56.28	576.3	+199.98
—	04N22W05L008S	Agricultural	777.18	-43.71	776.77	-49.42	576.3	+200.88
Topa Topa Ranch Well No. 5	04N22W04Q001S	Agricultural	954.41	-9.99	958.46	-31.64	915.9	+38.51
Lagomarsino Well <sup>c</sup>	04N22W06E006S	Agricultural	784.42	-31.94	790.37	-56.63	TBD <sup>d</sup>	—
Hansen Well	04N23W01J003S	Agricultural	745.26	-7.1	NM	—	567.5	+177.76
Mutual Well 4	04N22W06K003S	Municipal	NM	—	NM	—	556.5	—
SACSGRP DDMW	05N22W32P003S	Monitoring	787.45	-14.31	807.8	-22.49	771.6	+15.85
South Central DDMW	—	Monitoring	717.68	-2.69	720.4	-12.54	TBD <sup>e</sup>	—

**Notes:** SWN = state well number; bgs = below ground surface; MSL = mean sea level; — = not available; TBD = to be determined; NM = not measured.

- <sup>a</sup> Represents change in groundwater elevation measured at each key well between September 2023 and December 2024 and March 2024 and March 2025. Negative (-) values denote single year decline in groundwater elevation. Positive (+) values denote single year increase in groundwater elevation.
- <sup>b</sup> Current Operational Flexibility is defined as the difference between the seasonal low groundwater elevation (i.e., fall 2024) and the minimum threshold groundwater elevation. Positive (+) values denote that current groundwater elevations are higher than the minimum threshold.
- <sup>c</sup> The pressure transducer data for Lagomarsino Well has been corrected using manual depth to water measurements. Previously reported groundwater elevations were based on unconstrained transducer data.
- <sup>d</sup> The pressure transducer and data logger in Lagomarsino Well had the cable cut by a contractor in January 2019 and monitoring was recovered in March 2023. A minimum threshold and measurable objective will be established when sufficient data are available.
- <sup>e</sup> The South Central DDMW well was constructed in 2021. Because this well is new and monitoring began in June 2021, a minimum threshold and measurable objective will be established when sufficient data are available.



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: ESRI; DWR; USGS; VCWPD; OBGMA

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

# 5 Water Use

The following subsections describe water use in the OVGB including groundwater extraction, imported surface water, and total water use.

## 5.1 Groundwater Extraction

The OBGMA is mandated by its enabling act (Senate Bill No. 534) to monitor groundwater extractions from all active wells within the OVGB. The OBGMA requires well operators to accurately measure and report extractions as precisely as possible, regardless of volume extracted, using flow meters and a standardized Groundwater Extraction Form in January, April, July, and October of each year. The number of active wells varies from year to year due to construction and destruction of wells, well owners not pumping due to changes in agricultural use, or well owners obtaining water from other sources. Currently, there are approximately 160 active wells in the OVGB.

Groundwater extraction categories can be split into four primary sectors: 1) agricultural use; 2) domestic use; 3) municipal/industrial use; and 4) Ojai Water System (Casitas Municipal Water District). In water year 2025, the total volume of groundwater extracted from the OVGB was approximately 4,138 AF, of which approximately 1,972 AF (48%) was for agriculture, 385 AF (9%) was for domestic, and 1,781 AF (43%) was for municipal/industrial (Table 6). Of the total municipal/industrial extractions, approximately 1,677 AF was for Ojai Water System (Table 6). The 2025 water year total extraction of approximately 4,138 AF is approximately equal to the lower bound estimate of the sustainable yield of the OVGB which is estimated to range from approximately 4,100 AFY to 5,000 AFY (OBGMA 2022), and similar to the reported total groundwater extraction in the previous water year. Figure 11 illustrates the general location and volume of groundwater extractions.

Groundwater extraction reporting for water year 2025 is preliminary and there may be additional reporting from pumpers after submittal of this report. Additionally, it should be noted that the groundwater extractions reported in Table 6 include approximately 15 wells that are located within the OBGMA boundary but outside of the OVGB boundary. These wells are, however, estimated to only account for 1% or less of total extractions and so have historically been included in basin groundwater extraction summaries.

The OBGMA continues to improve the groundwater extraction metering program. As described in Section 7 of this annual report, over the past year the OBGMA reviewed well records and sent meter registration forms to identified owners of non-reporting/unmetered wells. Additionally, the OBGMA created a video tutorial to assist well owners in completing their Quarterly Extraction Statements.

**Table 6. Reported Groundwater Extractions**

Water Year	Groundwater Extraction by Groundwater User Type (AF)				
	Agriculture	Domestic	Municipal / Industrial	Ojai Water System	Total
2020 <sup>a</sup>	2,571	418	111	1,340	<b>4,439</b>
2021 <sup>a</sup>	2,845	384	119	1,236	<b>4,584</b>
2022 <sup>a</sup>	2,678	355	85	1,283	<b>4,401</b>
2023 <sup>a</sup>	2,137	286	61	1,371	<b>3,855</b>
2024 <sup>a</sup>	2,235	348	100	1,499	<b>4,182</b>
2025	1,972	385	104	1,677	<b>4,138</b>

**Source:** OBGMA 2025.

**Note:** AF = acre-feet.

<sup>a</sup> Groundwater extraction volumes for water years 2020–2024 have been updated since the last annual report based on additional extraction reporting received over the past year.

## 5.2 Surface Water Use

There is currently no local surface water diverted for use in the OVGB. Water from Lake Casitas is imported to the OVGB by Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) and used to meet agricultural and domestic demands (OBGMA 2018). Water from Lake Casitas is also blended with poorer quality groundwater by some water purveyors in the OVGB to improve water quality (OBGMA 2018). Lake Casitas has a total capacity of approximately 238,000 AF.

In water year 2025, approximately 1,709 AF of Lake Casitas water was consumed in the OVGB (Table 7). Imported Lake Casitas water is used by customers located within and outside of the Ojai Water system (Figure 11).

**Table 7. Estimated Lake Casitas Water Consumption in OVGB**

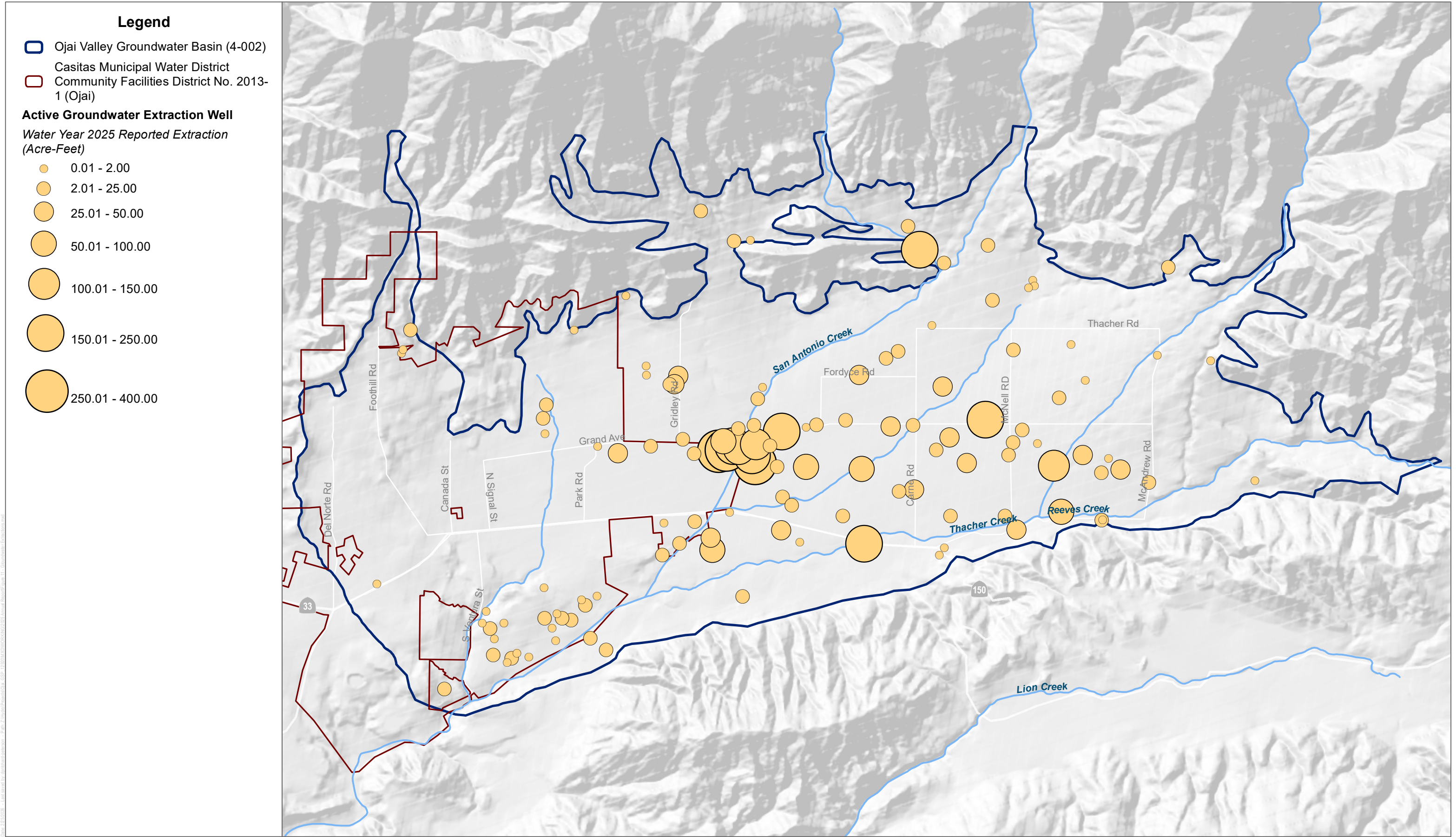
Water Year	Lake Casitas Water Use in OVGB (AF)
2020	2,220
2021	3,183
2022	2,578
2023	1,093
2024	1,175
2025	1,709

**Source:** CMWD 2025.

**Notes:** AF = acre-feet.

## 5.3 Total Water Use

Total water use in the OVGB is equivalent to the sum of groundwater extractions and surface water supplied by CMWD from Lake Casitas. The total water use in water year 2025 was approximately 5,847 AF.



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: ESRI; DWR; USGS; VCWPD; OBGMA

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

# 6 Change in Groundwater Storage

The water year 2025 change in groundwater in storage in the OVGB was calculated using a linear regression model to correlate spring (i.e., March) groundwater elevations measured at well 04N22W05L008S (Figure 12) to simulated cumulative change in groundwater storage extracted from the Ojai Basin Groundwater Model (OBGM) (DBS&A 2020). This linear regression model provides an estimate of the cumulative change in storage since the spring of 1971. While this method does not capture the spatial variability in groundwater storage change that results from local hydrologic, hydrogeologic, and operational conditions, the strong correlation between the OBGM cumulative change in storage and spring groundwater elevations measured at well 04N22W05L008S ( $R^2 = 0.88$ ; Figures 12 and 13) indicates this simple correlation provides a reasonable estimate of net change in groundwater storage across the entirety of the OVGB. Annual and cumulative change in storage for water year 2025 is summarized in Table 8 and presented in Figures 14 and 15. Results from the linear regression model indicate groundwater in storage decreased by approximately -5,495 AF in water year 2025 (Table 8 and Figure 14). For reference, the total groundwater storage capacity of the OVGB has been estimated to be between 70,000 AF and 85,000 AF (OBGMA 2022). This decrease is attributable to the climate conditions in the 2025 water year in which precipitation in the OVGB was approximately 47% of the long-term average. The decrease in storage in water year 2025 reflects the strong correlation between climate and groundwater conditions in the OVGB. Since spring 2014 (the year SGMA was signed into law), groundwater in storage in the OVGB has increased approximately 12,622 AF (Table 8 and Figure 15). Annual change in storage for water year 2025 is shown in map view in Figure 16.

**Table 8. Annual and Cumulative Change in Storage in the OVGB**

Water Year	Water Year Type	Spring Groundwater Elevation (ft MSL)	Change in Spring Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Estimated Annual Change in Storage (AF)	Cumulative Change in Storage Since Spring 2014 (AF)
2020	Average	749.19	17.20	1,912	9,555
2021	Dry	695.69	-53.50	-5,948	3,607
2022	Average	704.09	8.40	934	4,541
2023	Wet	770.89	66.80	7,427	11,968
2024	Average	826.19	55.30	6,148	18,116
2025	Dry	776.77	-49.42	-5,495	12,622

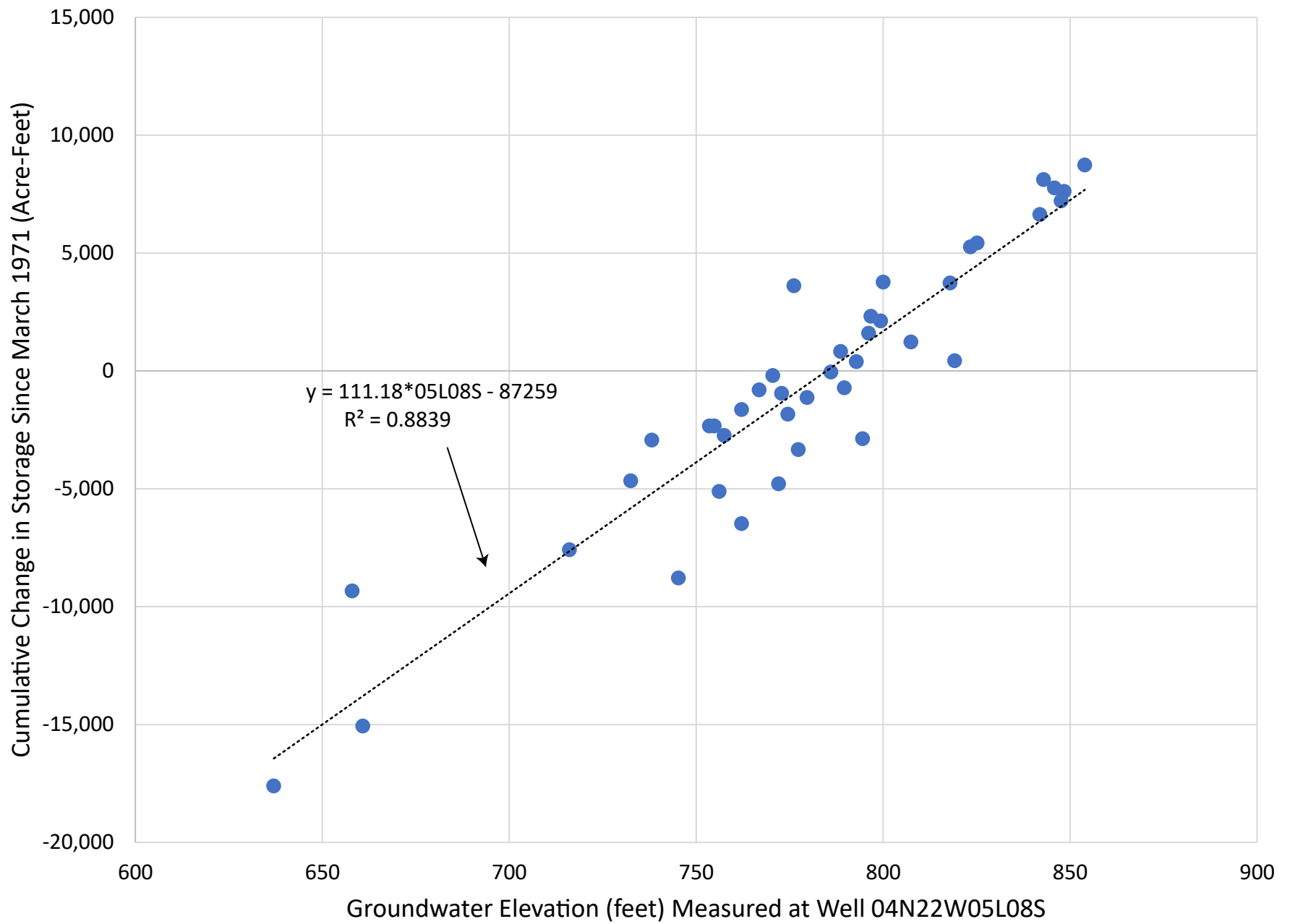
**Notes:** MSL = mean sea level; ft = feet; AF = acre-feet.

<sup>a</sup> Spring groundwater elevation measured at well 04N22W05L008S.

<sup>b</sup> Annual change in storage calculated from spring to spring. For example, water year 2025 storage change represents storage change between March 2024 and March 2025.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

P:\4071 Hydrogeology\Ojai\_GSP\_2020\2018 Report\Annual Report

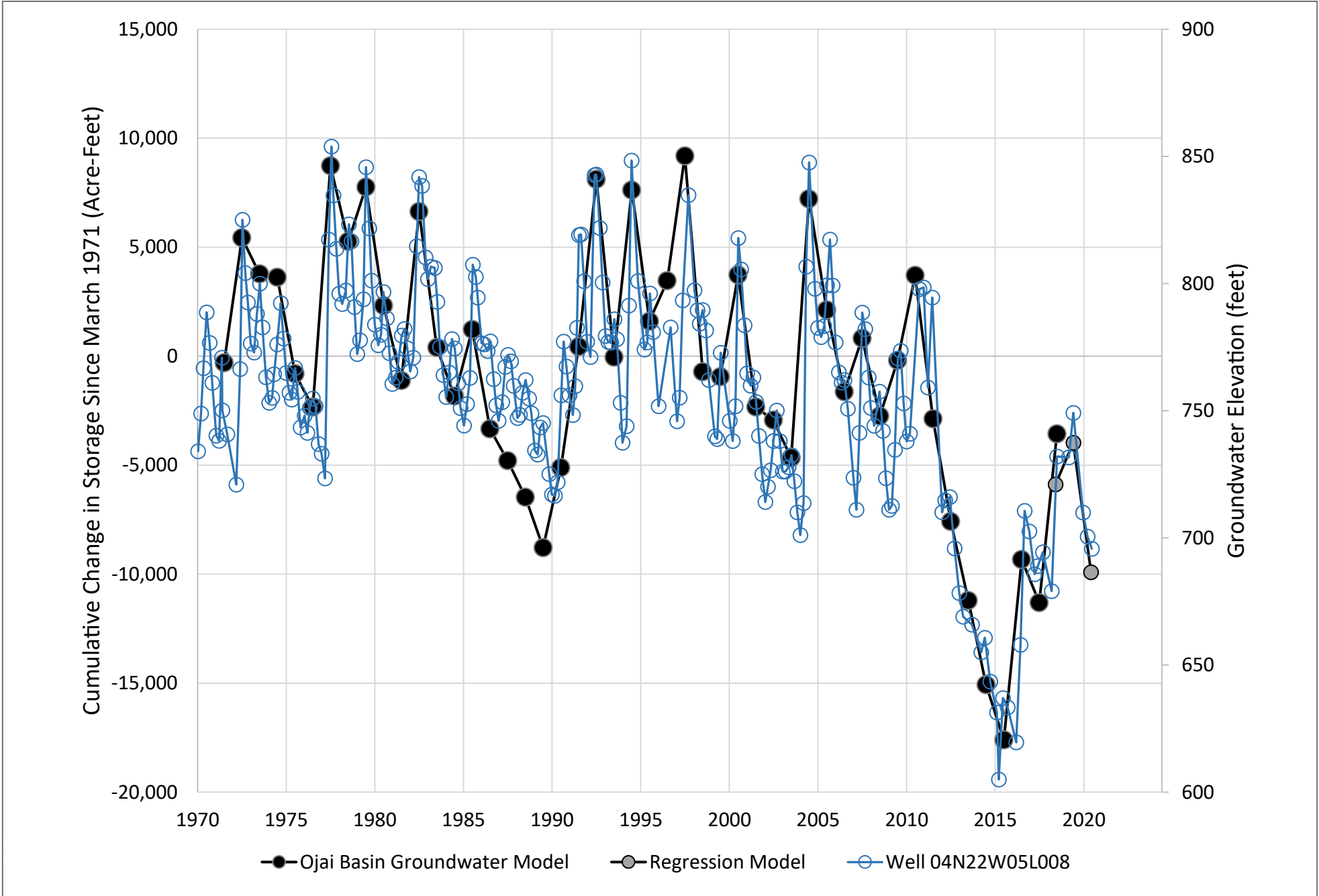


SOURCE: DBS&A 2020



**FIGURE 12**  
Linear Regression Model Developed using Well 04N22W05L008S and the OBGM

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

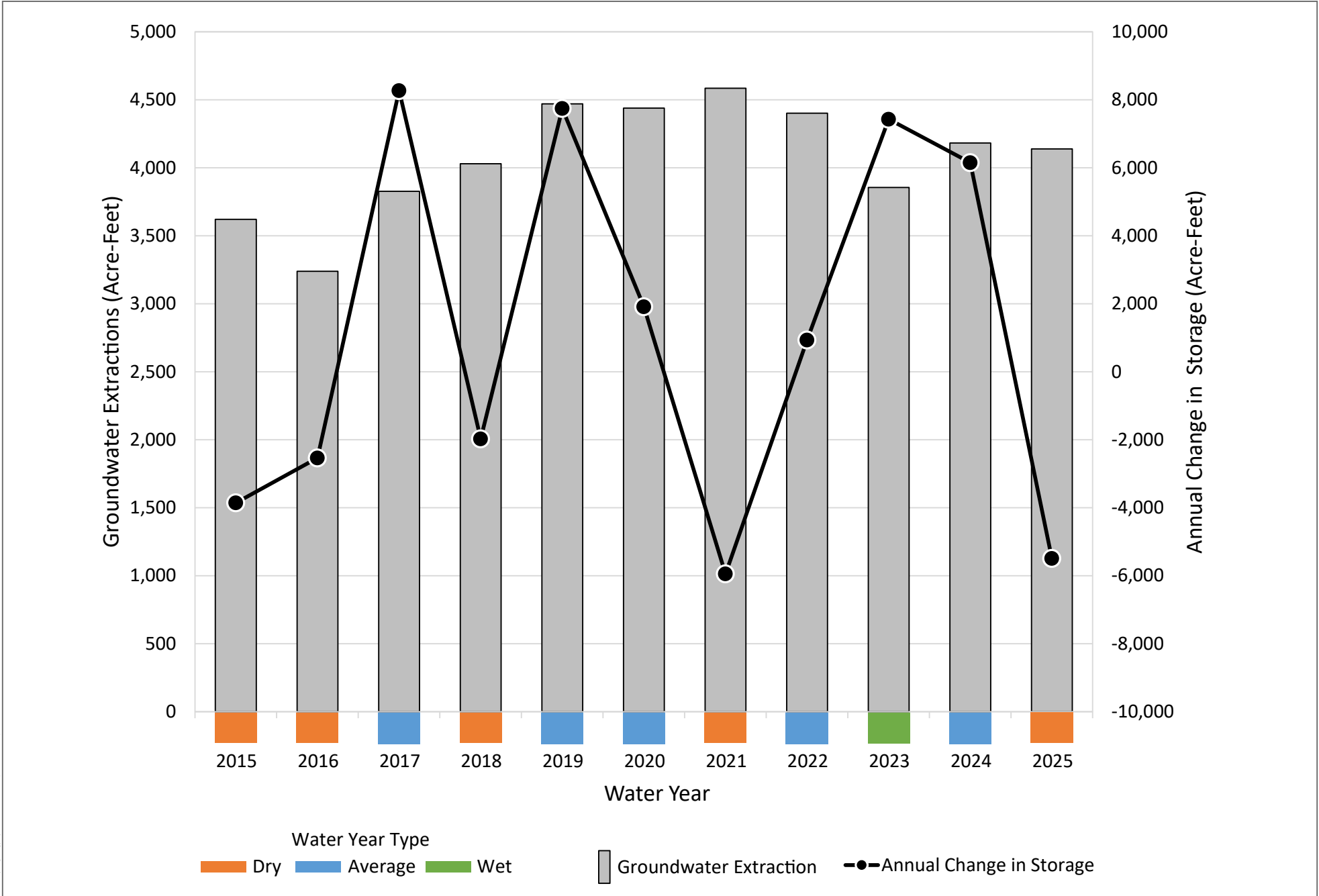


SOURCE: DBS&A 2020



**FIGURE 13**  
Validation of Linear Regression Model Developed using Well 04N22W05L008S and the OJGM

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK



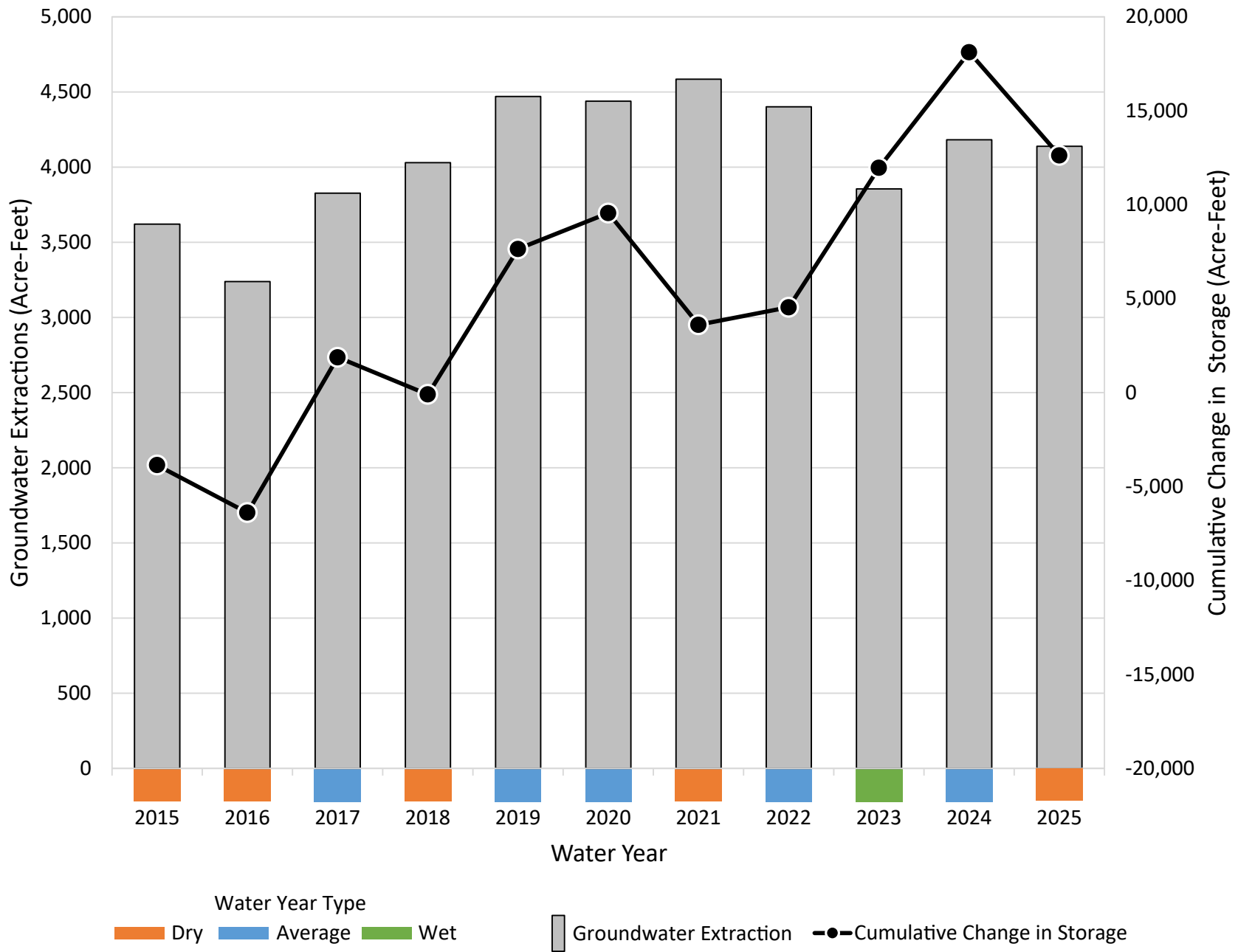
SOURCE: DBS&A 2020

FIGURE 14

Groundwater Extractions and Annual Change in Storage in the OVGB

Annual Report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin

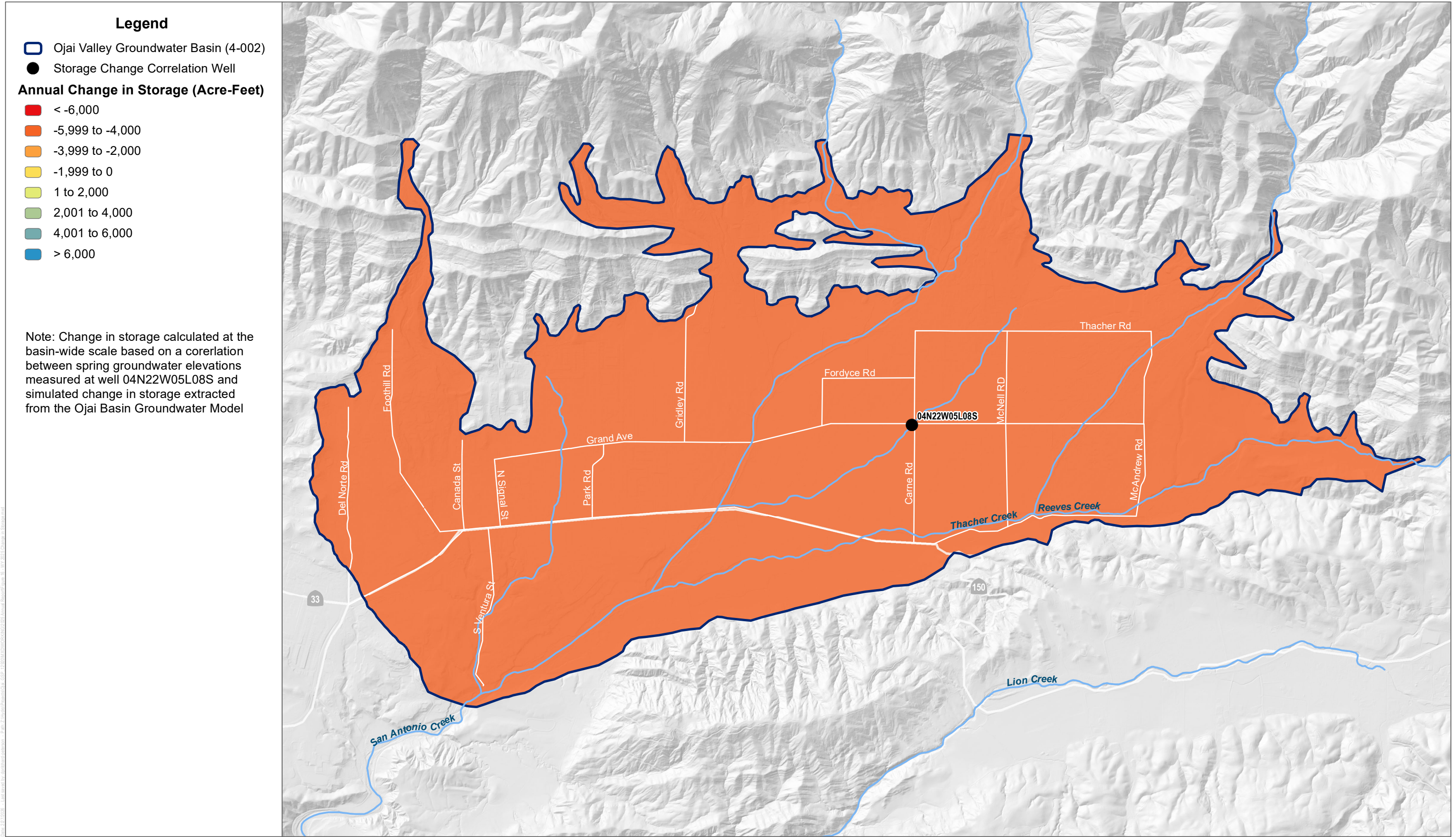
INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK



SOURCE: DBS&A 2020

**FIGURE 15**  
 Groundwater Extractions and Cumulative Change in Storage in the OVGB  
 Annual Report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK



DATUM: NAD 1983 DATA SOURCE: DWR; USGS; VCWPD; OBGMA



**FIGURE 16**  
 Water Year 2025 Annual Change in Storage  
 Annual Report for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

# 7 GSP Implementation Progress

The GSP for the OVGB was submitted to DWR on January 31, 2022, and approved by DWR on October 26, 2023. DWR staff evaluated the GSP and determined that it conforms with the specified statutory requirements, complies with the GSP Regulations, is likely to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin within 20 years of the implementation of the plan, and will not adversely affect the ability of an adjacent basin to implement its GSP or impede achievement of sustainability goals in an adjacent basin. With the approval, DWR also provided recommended corrective actions that DWR believes will enhance the GSP and facilitate future evaluation by DWR. DWR recommends the OBGMA address the corrective actions by the first periodic evaluation of the GSP, which is due to DWR by January 31, 2027. The recommended corrective actions generally include the following:

- Update the hydrogeologic conceptual model section of the GSP to better describe the basin's geologic conditions,
- Update the groundwater conditions section of the GSP to more fully describe the basin's groundwater conditions and dynamics,
- Update the sustainable management criteria for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels,
- Update the sustainable management criteria for degraded water quality, and
- Incorporate DWR's forthcoming guidance related to depletions of interconnected surface water in order to establish specific sustainable management criteria.

Over the past year, the OBGMA has continued to make significant progress towards GSP implementation and sustainable management of the basin. Work completed in water year 2025 included:

- Prepared a sampling and analysis plan and quality assurance project plan for data collection and monitoring of applicable sustainability indicators.
- Identified preferred locations for three proposed new shallow monitoring wells along the lower San Antonio Creek stream channel and initiated a workplan including securing permits for well installation. The wells will help fill data gaps related to interconnected surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystems.
- Reviewed well records and sent meter registration forms to identified owners of non-reporting/unmetered wells requesting information including well use, status, photos of meters, and other pertinent information. The OBGMA set a compliance deadline and delinquent well owners were assessed a penalty. Additionally, the OBGMA created a video tutorial to assist well owners in completing their Quarterly Extraction Statements, including how to read their meters. These efforts were taken to improve the accuracy and completeness of groundwater extraction reporting in the OVGB.
- Created a new data management system to store and visualize all hydrologic data collected in the basin and began transferring data to the new system to test its functionality.
- Started preparing the first GSP periodic evaluation.

In addition, the OBGMA continued to implement the following ongoing projects and management actions:

- Monthly monitoring of surface and groundwater conditions in the basin.
- Quarterly extraction metering.
- Public outreach and engagement.

INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

## 8 References

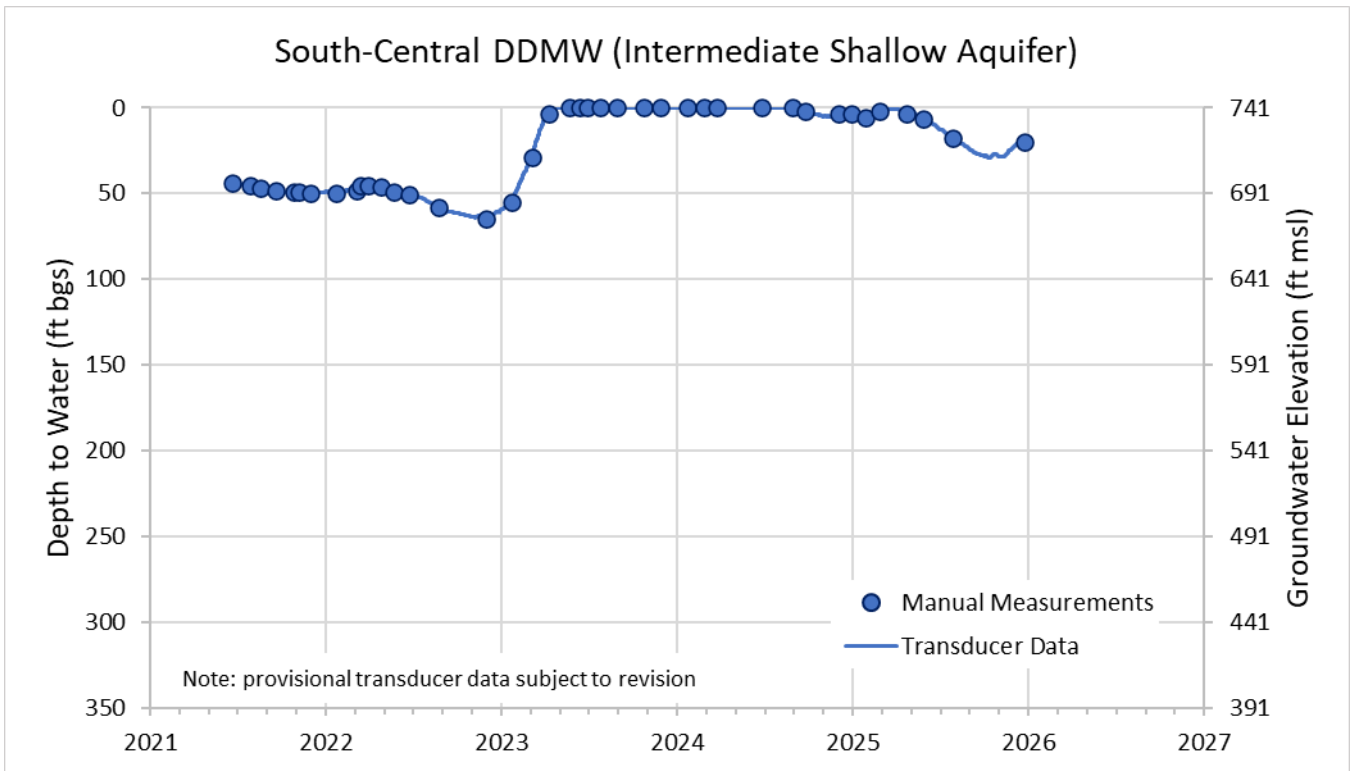
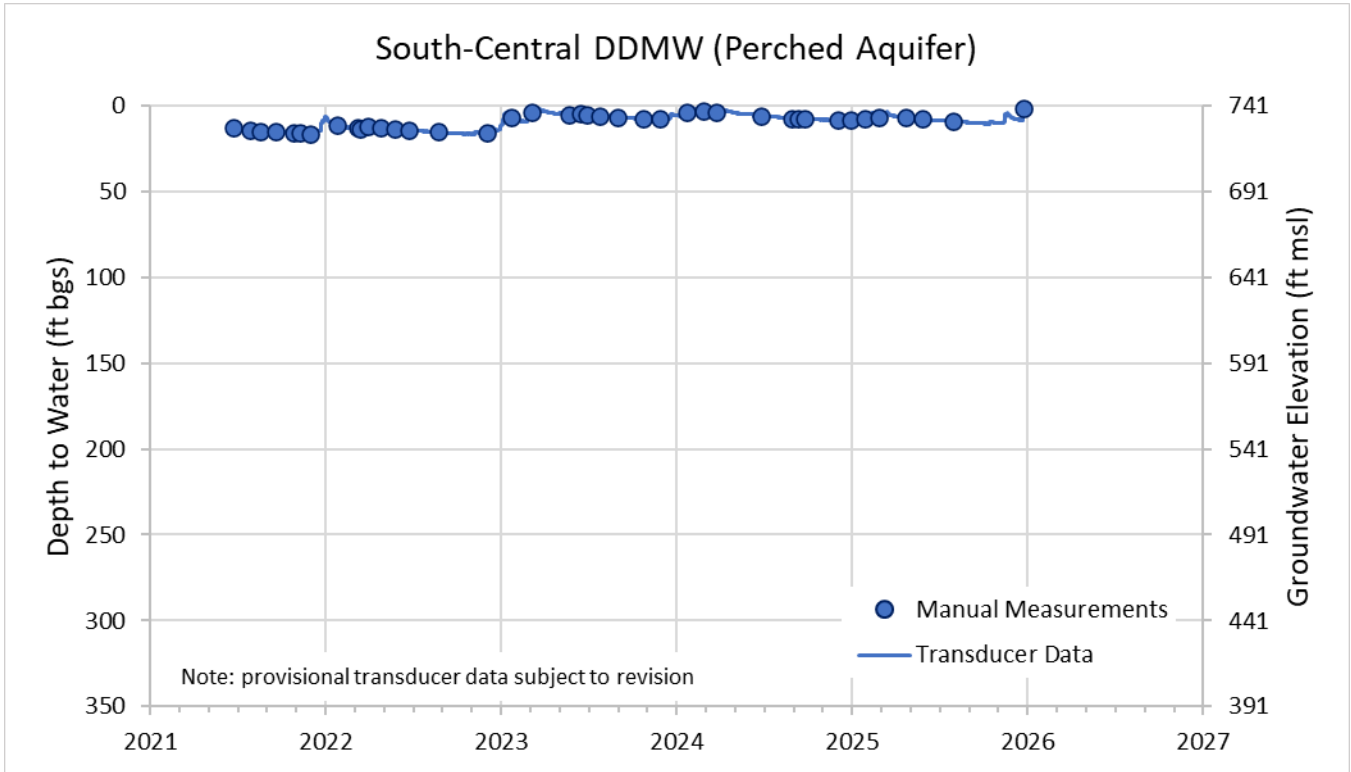
- CIMIS (California Irrigation Management Information System). 2025. Daily Evapotranspiration Data for CIMIS Station 198 - 2005 through 2022. Accessed February 7, 2025. <http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov/cimis/cimiSatEtoZones.jsp>
- CMWD (Casitas Municipal Water District). 2025. Spreadsheet of reported surface water use data in the Ojai Valley Basin. Email communication between Kelley Dyer (Assistant General Manager at CMWD) and Devin Pritchard-Peterson (Hydrogeologist at Dudek). December 12, 2025.
- Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A). 2011. Groundwater Model Development Ojai Basin Ventura County, California. Prepared for Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Ojai, California. November 15, 2011.
- DBS&A. 2020. Geologic Analysis, Ventura River Watershed. March 2020.
- DWR (Department of Water Resources). 2004. California's Groundwater, Bulletin 118, Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin.
- DWR. 2016. Best Management Practices for the Sustainable Management of Groundwater: Monitoring Protocols, Standards, and Sites. December 2016.
- Kear J. 2005. Hydrogeology of the Ojai Groundwater Basin: Storativity and Confinement, Ventura County, California (Unpublished Master's Thesis). California State University, Northridge. Northridge, California. December 2005.
- NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). 2026. NCEI GIS Mapping Daily Summaries. Accessed January 2026. <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/maps/daily-summaries/>
- OBGMA (Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency). 2018. Groundwater Management Plan – 2018 Update Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin. August 30, 2018.
- OBGMA. 2022. Draft Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin. January 2022. Prepared by Dudek.
- OBGMA. 2025. Spreadsheet of reported groundwater extraction data of wells in Ojai Valley Basin. Email communication between Julia Aranda (General Manager at OBGMA) and Devin Pritchard-Peterson (Hydrogeologist at Dudek). December 8, 2025.
- VCWPD (Ventura County Watershed Protection District). 2026. Watershed Protection District Hydrologic Data Server- Station 605A. Accessed February 9, 2026. [https://www.vcwatershed.net/hydrodata/get-station/?siteid=605A#stream\\_day](https://www.vcwatershed.net/hydrodata/get-station/?siteid=605A#stream_day)
- WCVC (Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County). 2019. WCVC Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Final Draft. Adopted in 2014, amended in 2019. Prepared by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County. <http://wcvc.ventura.org/IRWMP/2019IRWMP.htm>

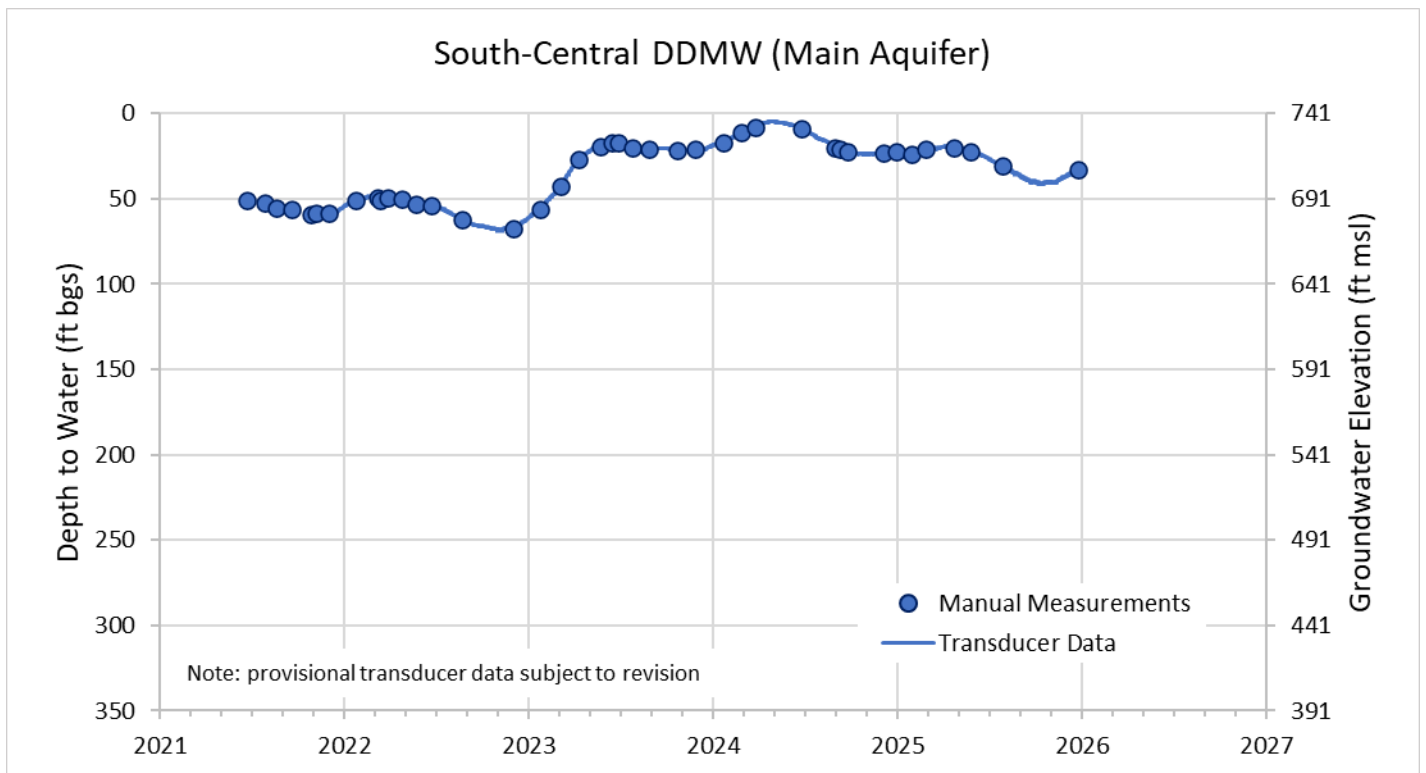
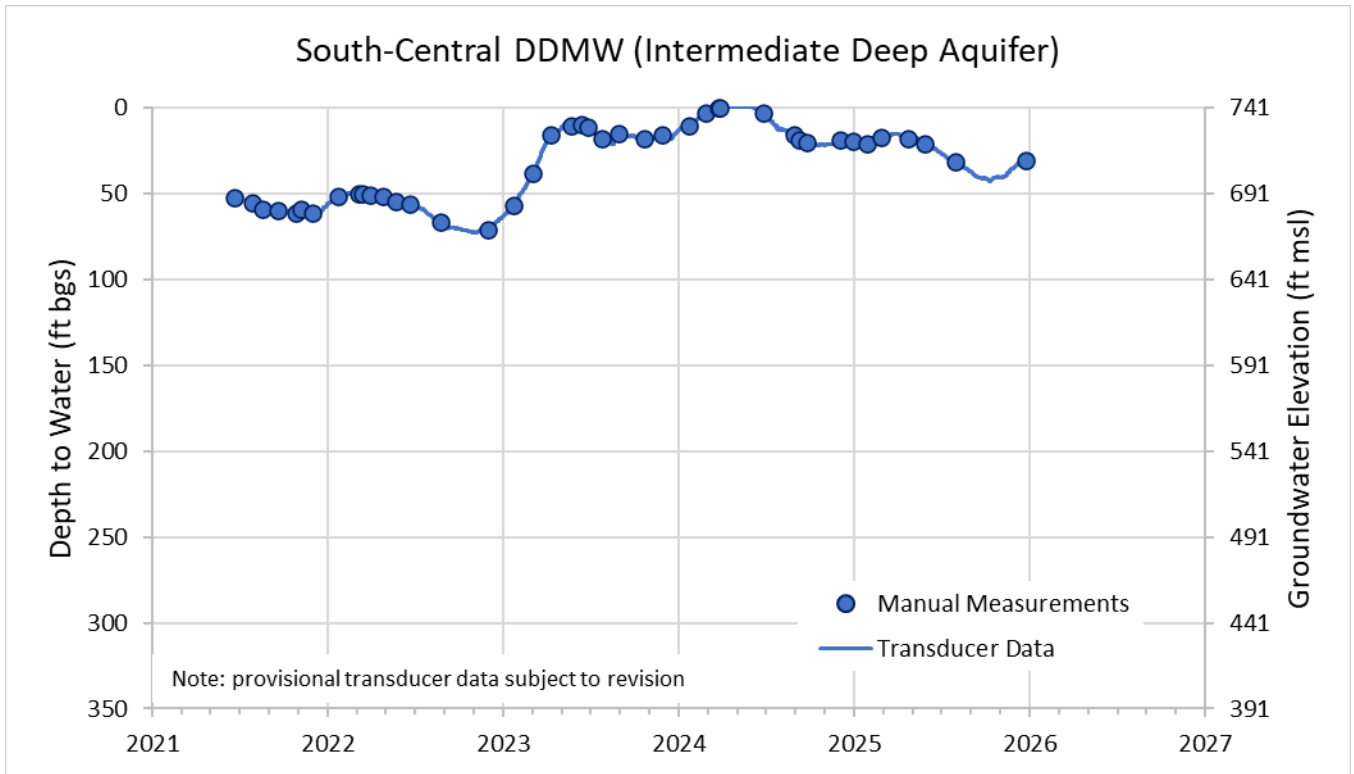
INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

---

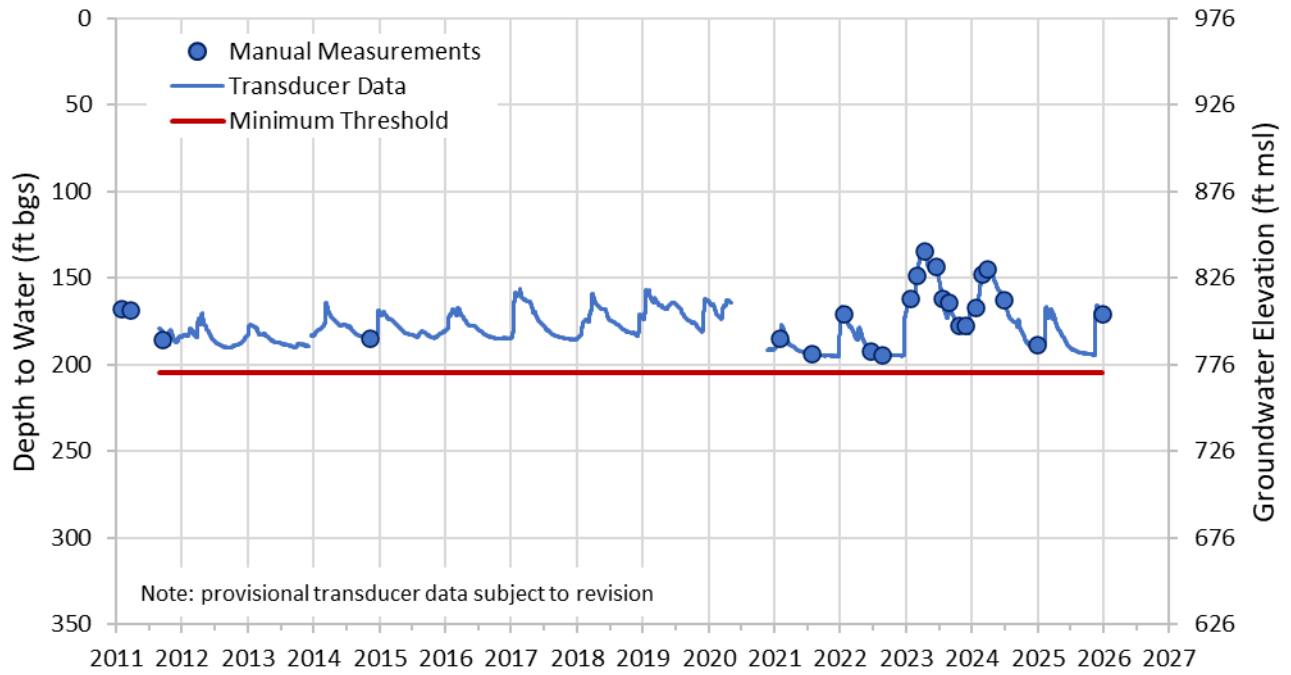
# Appendix A

## Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Well Hydrographs

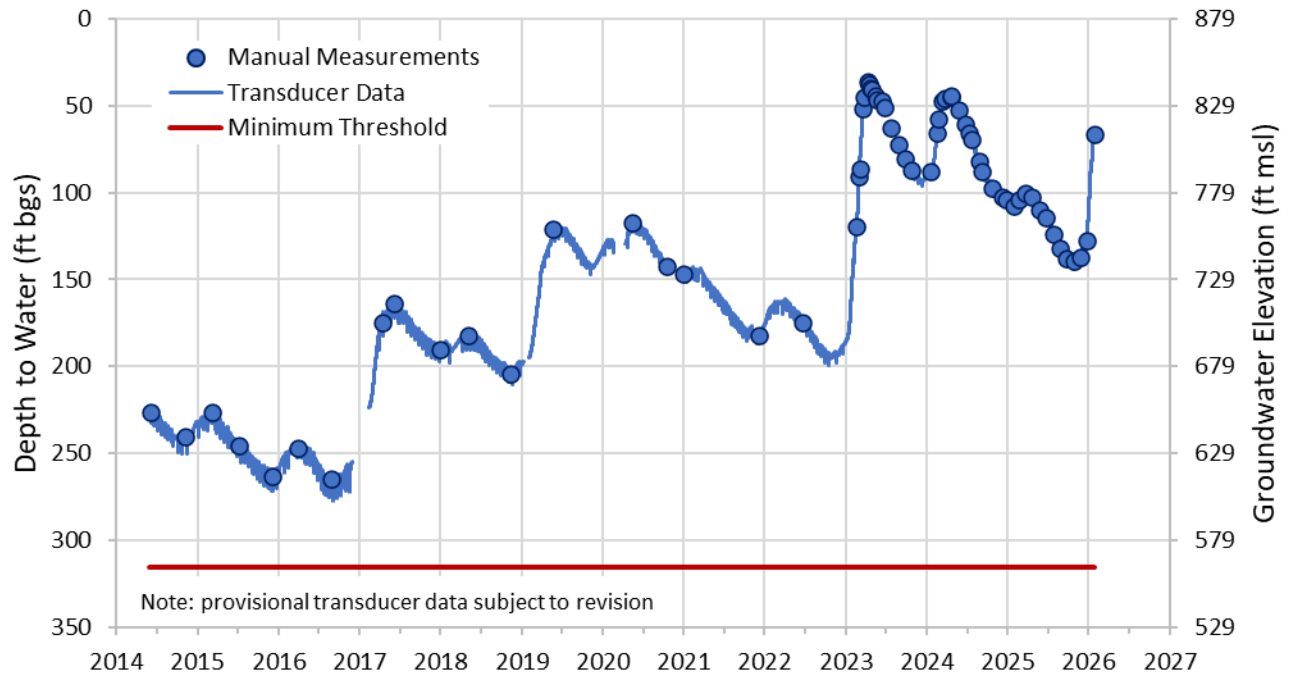


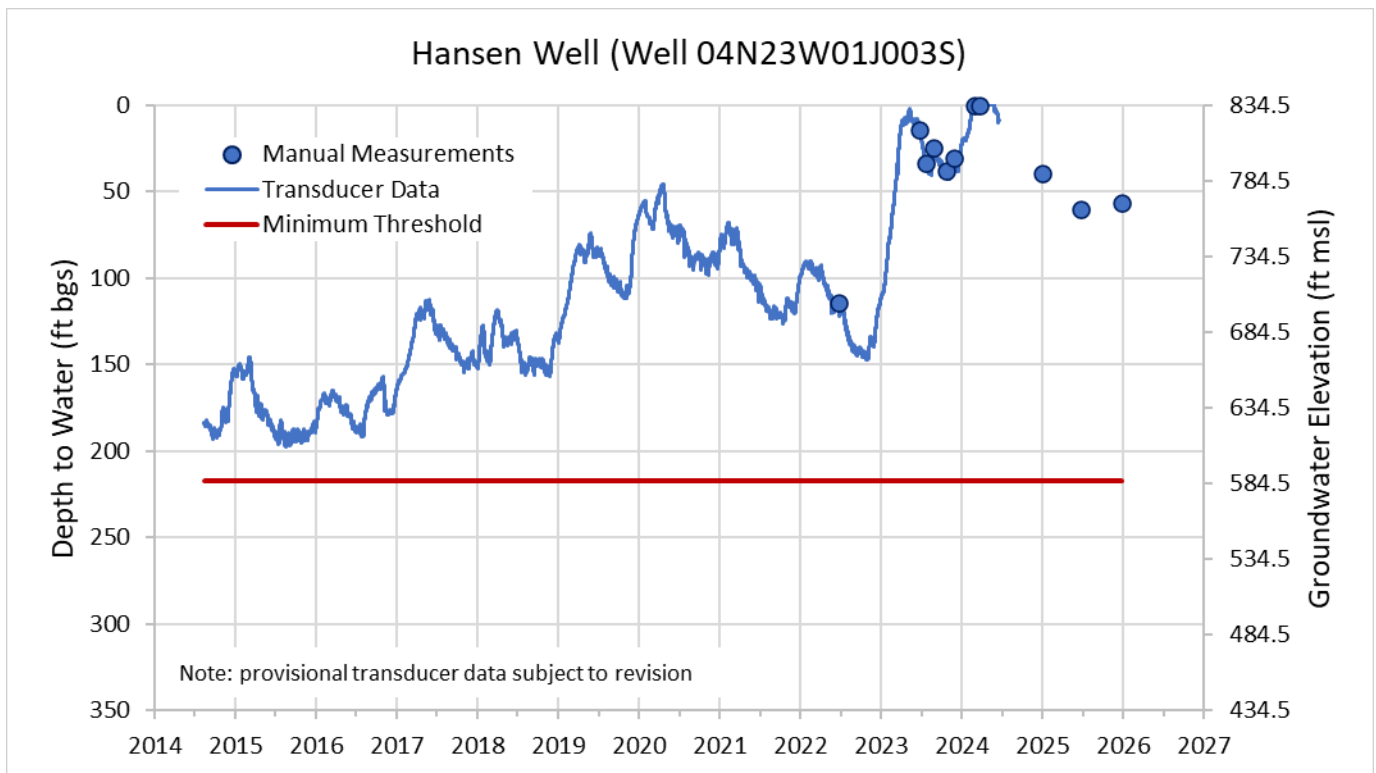
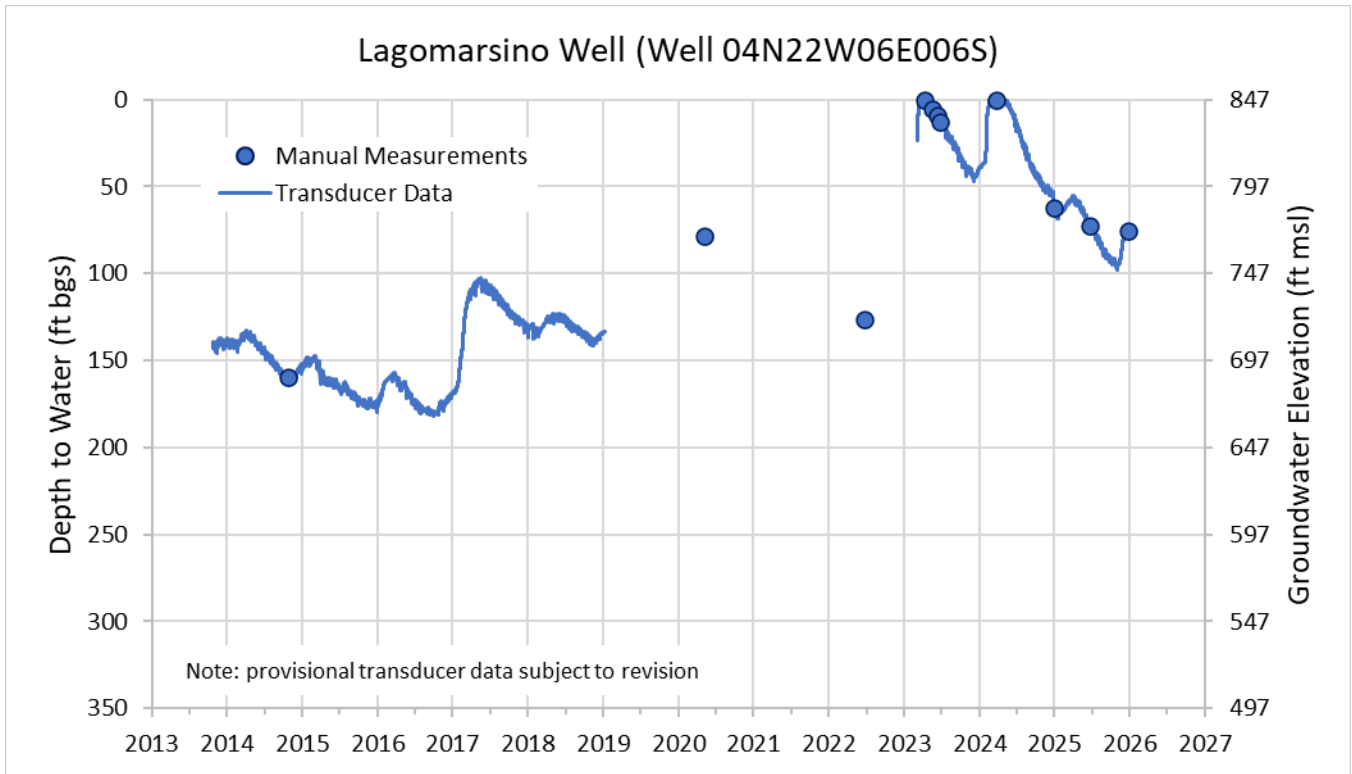


### SACSGRP DDMW Well (Well 05N22W32P003S)

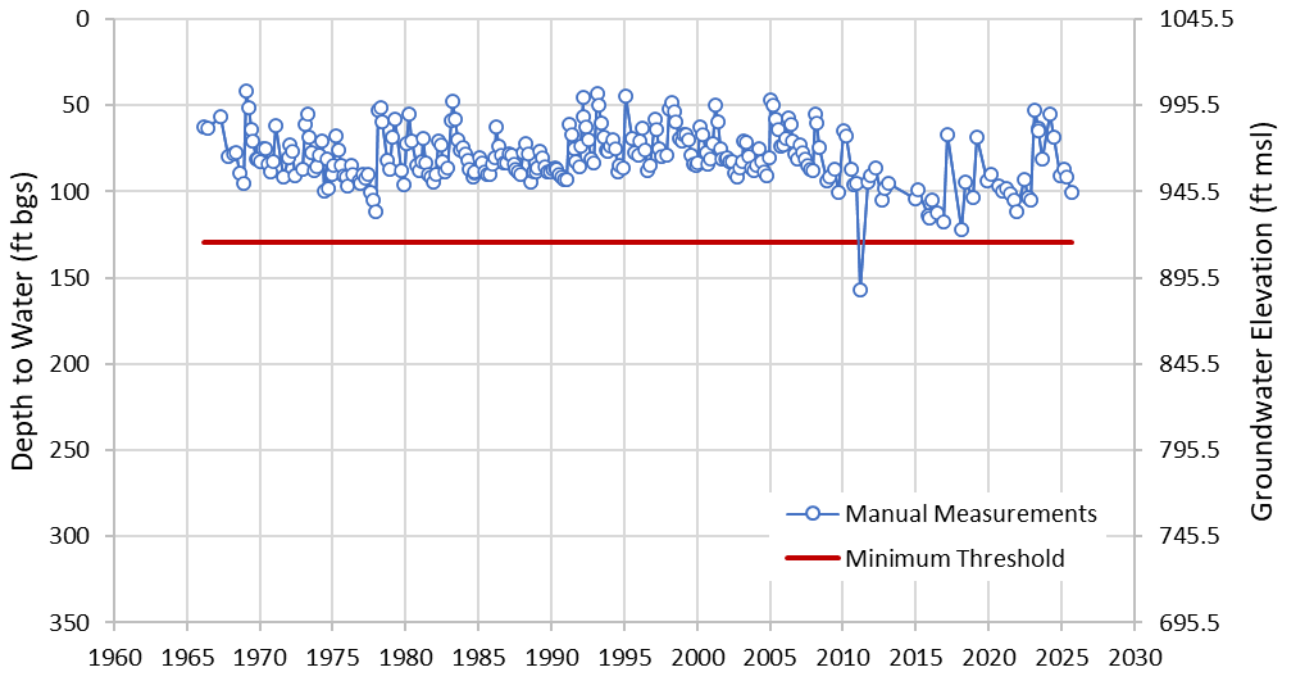


### Elrod Well (Well 04N22W05L003S)

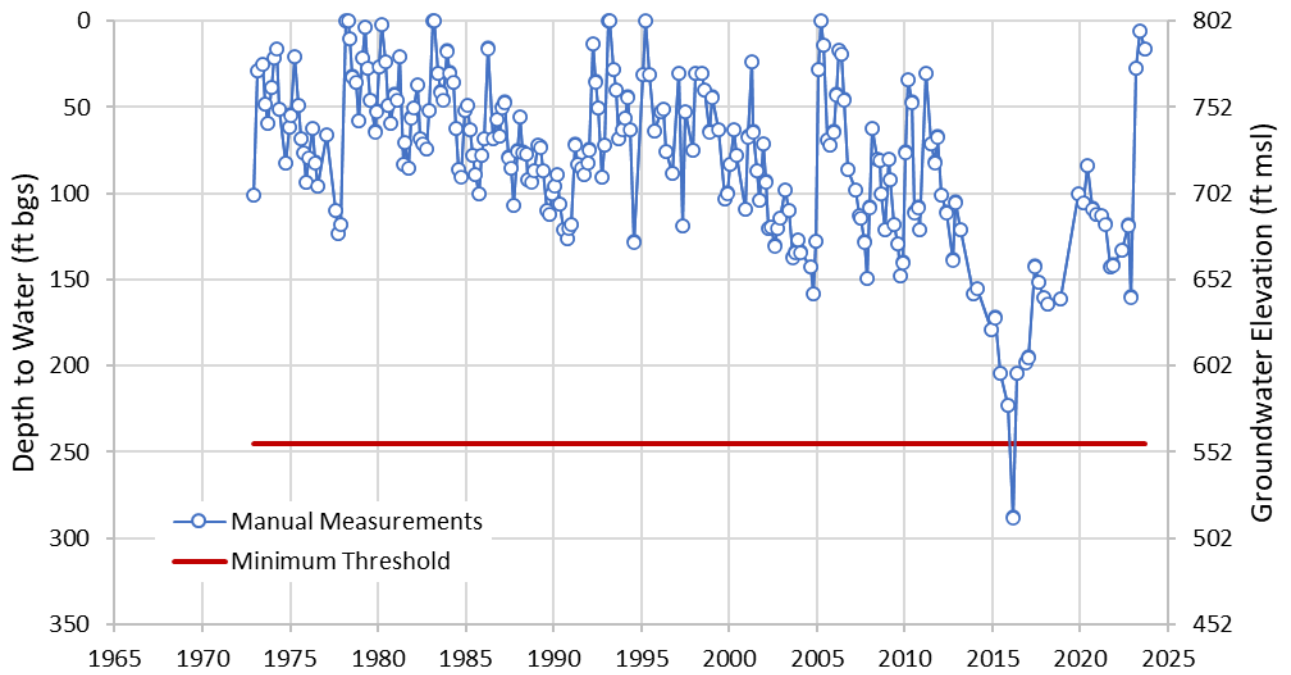




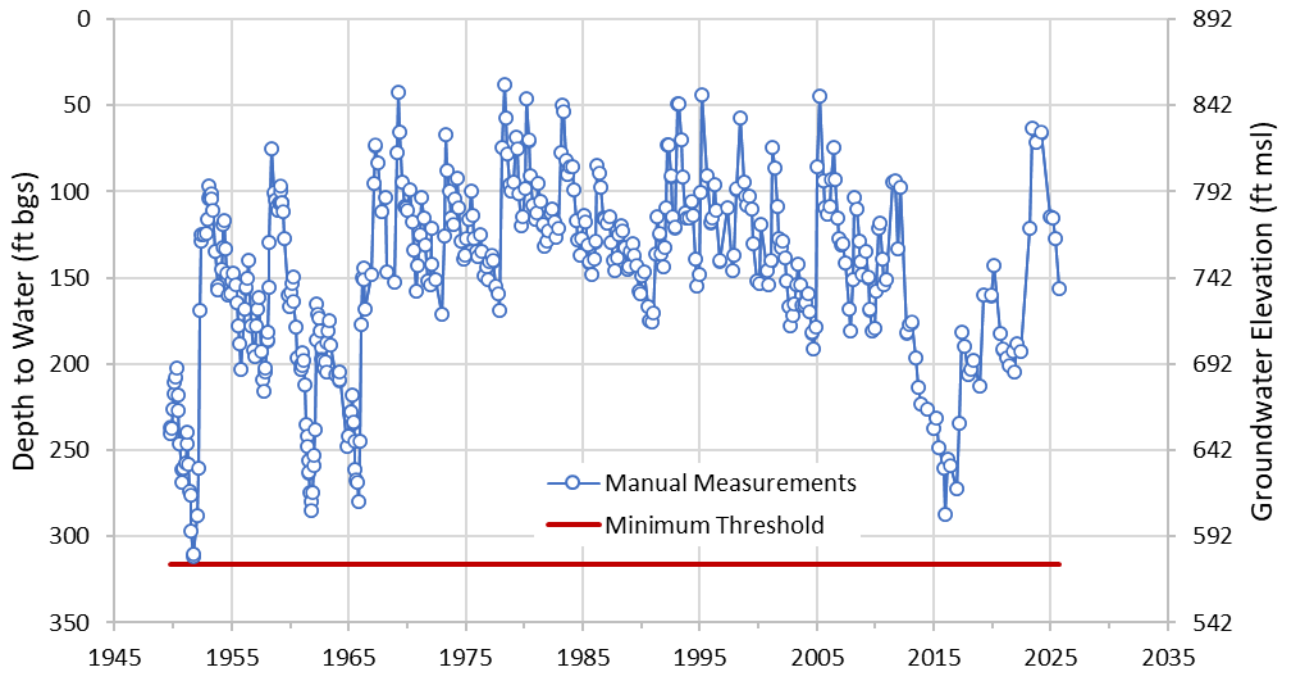
Topa Topa Ranch Well No. 5 (Well 04N22W04Q001S)



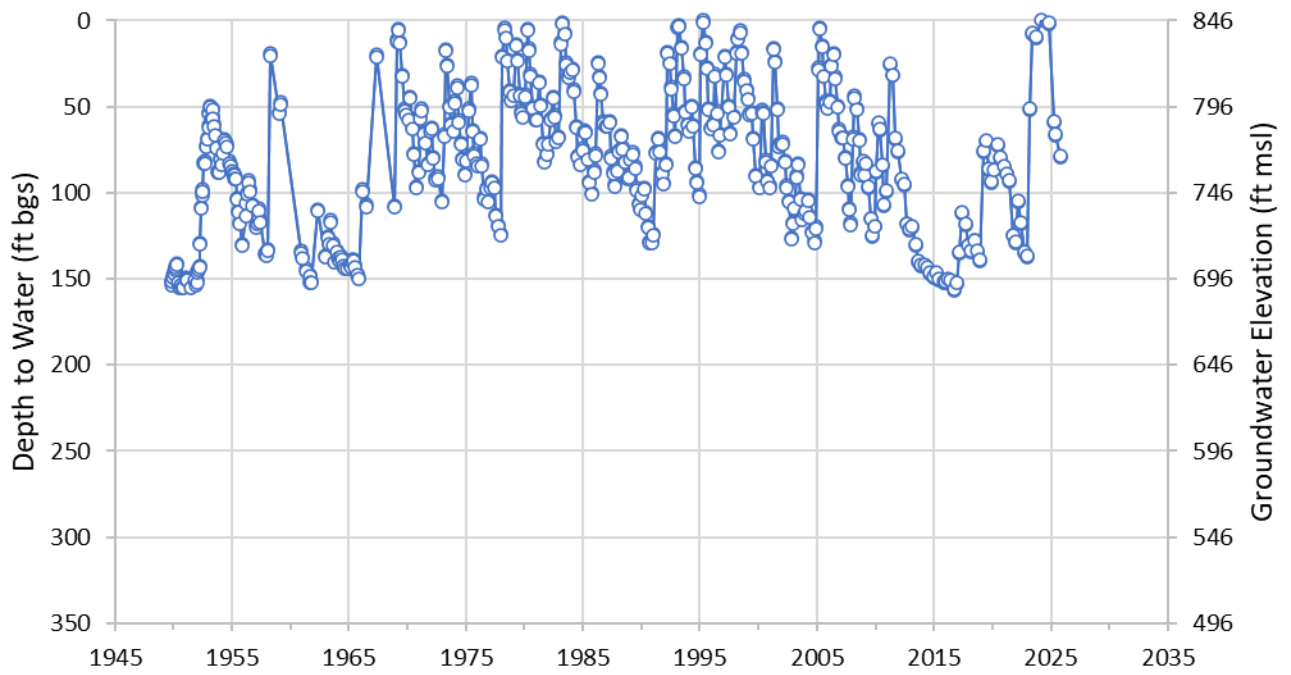
Mutual Well 4 (Well 04N22W06K003S)

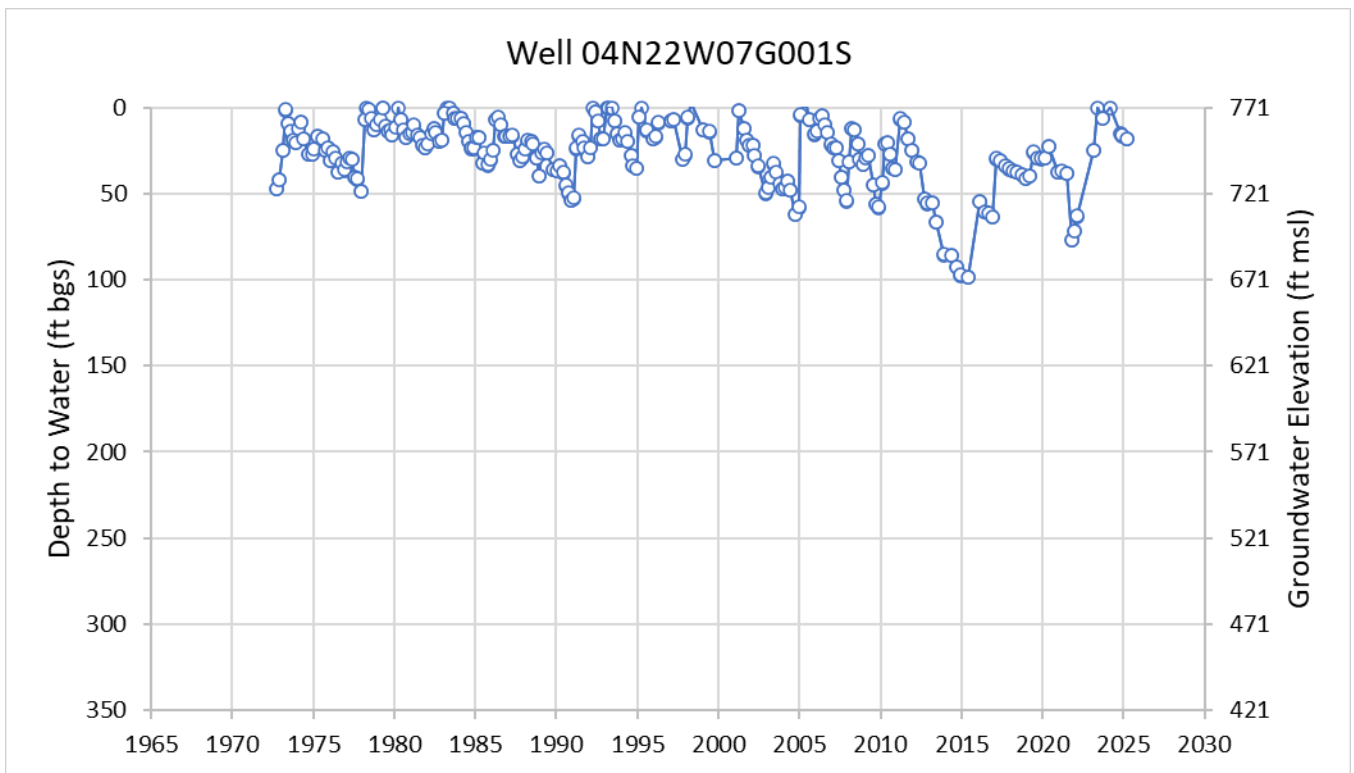
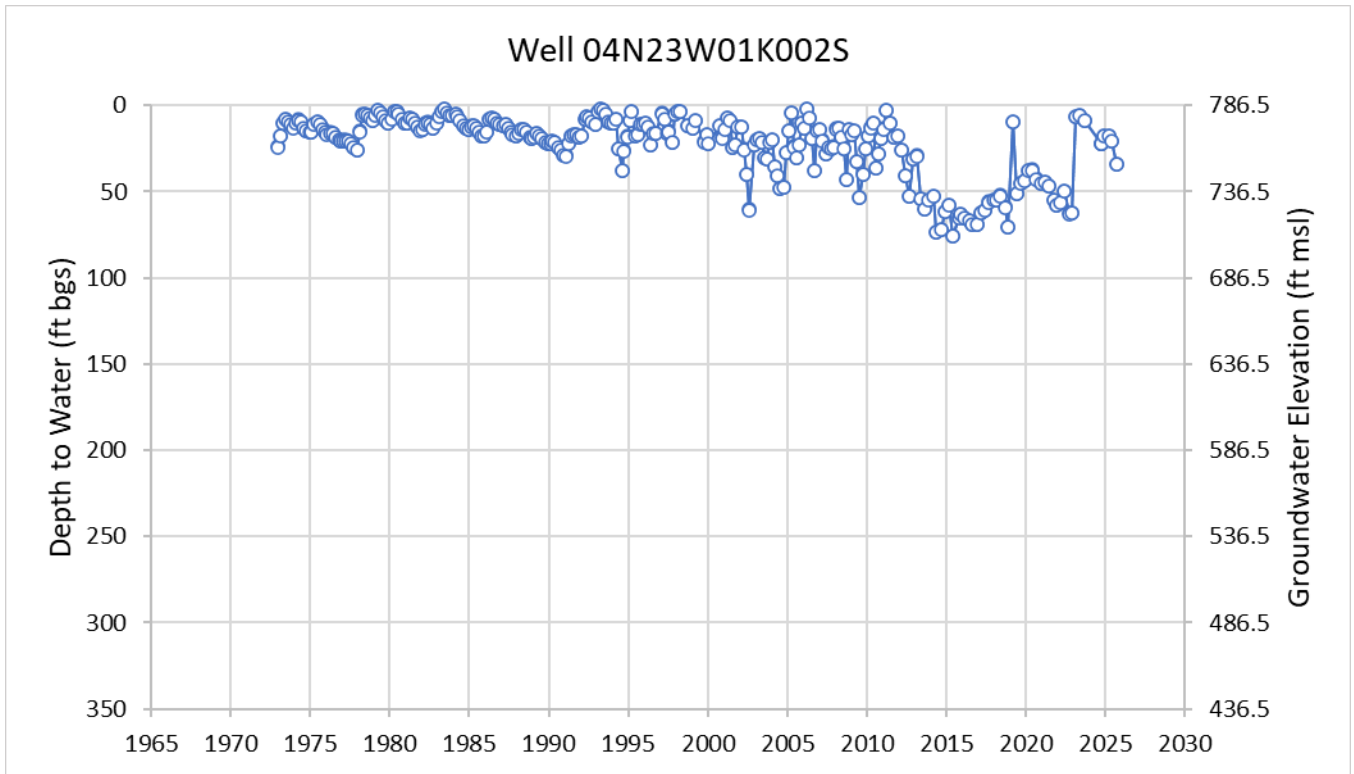


Well 04N22W05L008S

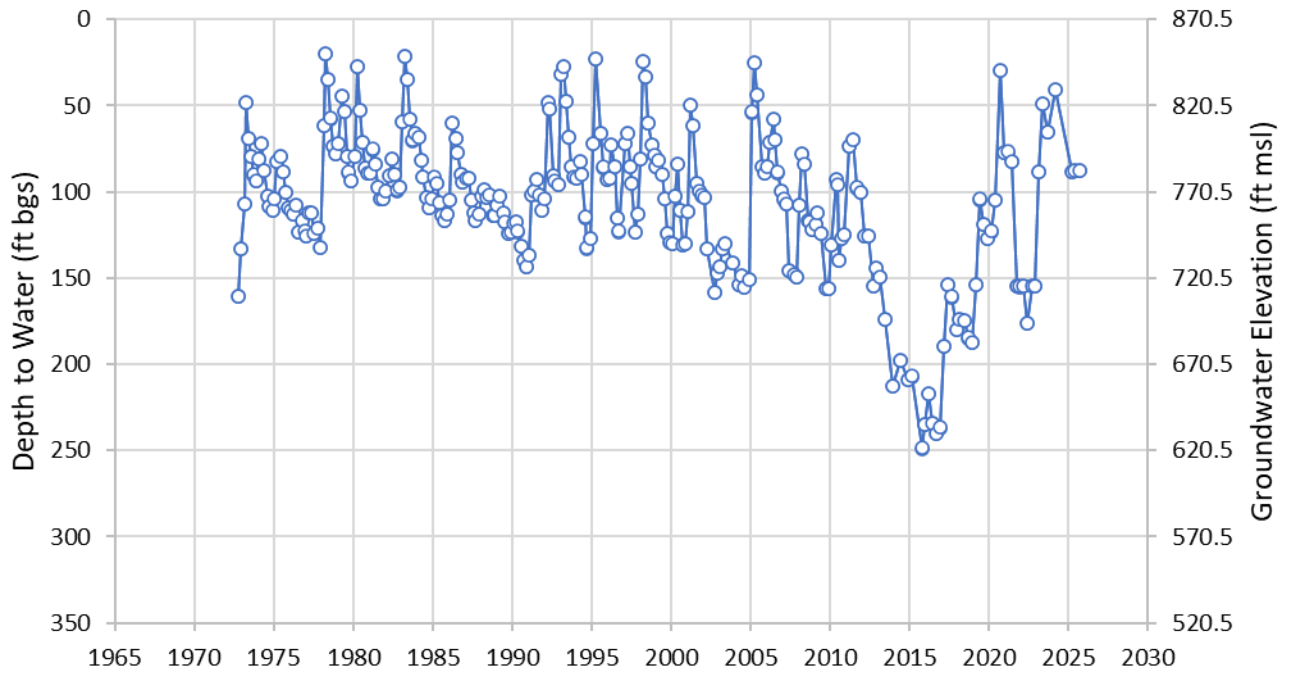


Well 04N22W06D001S

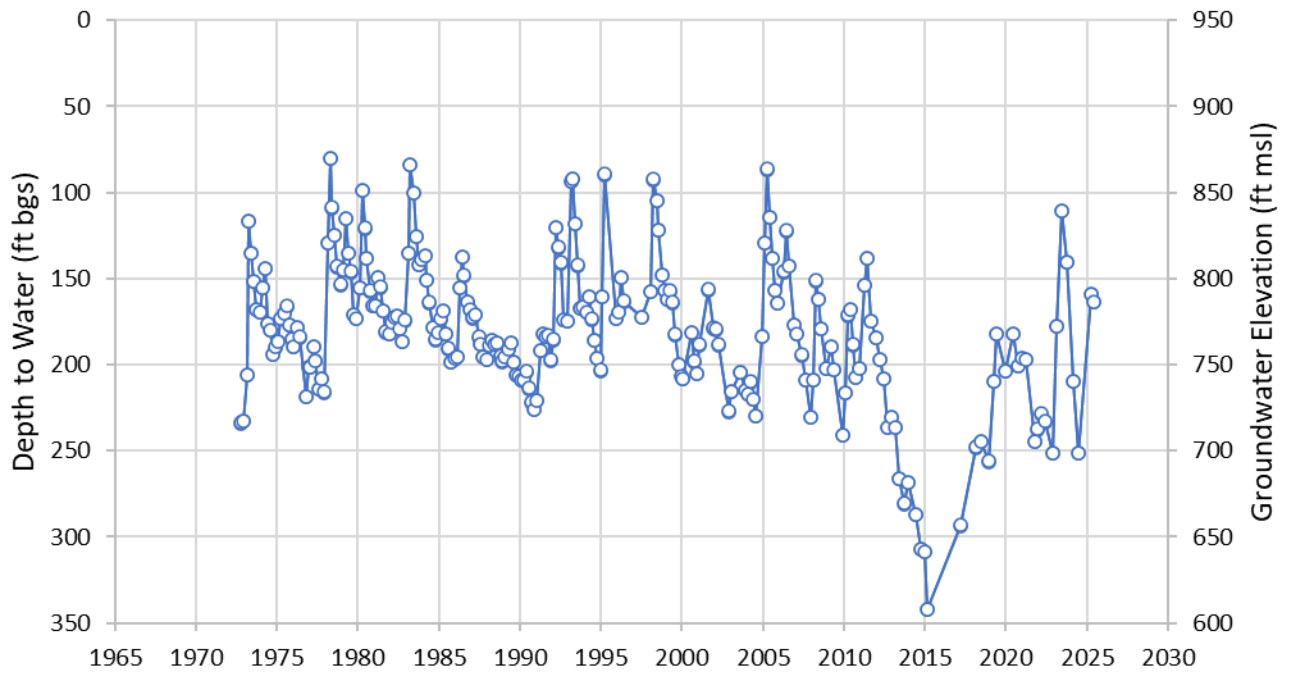




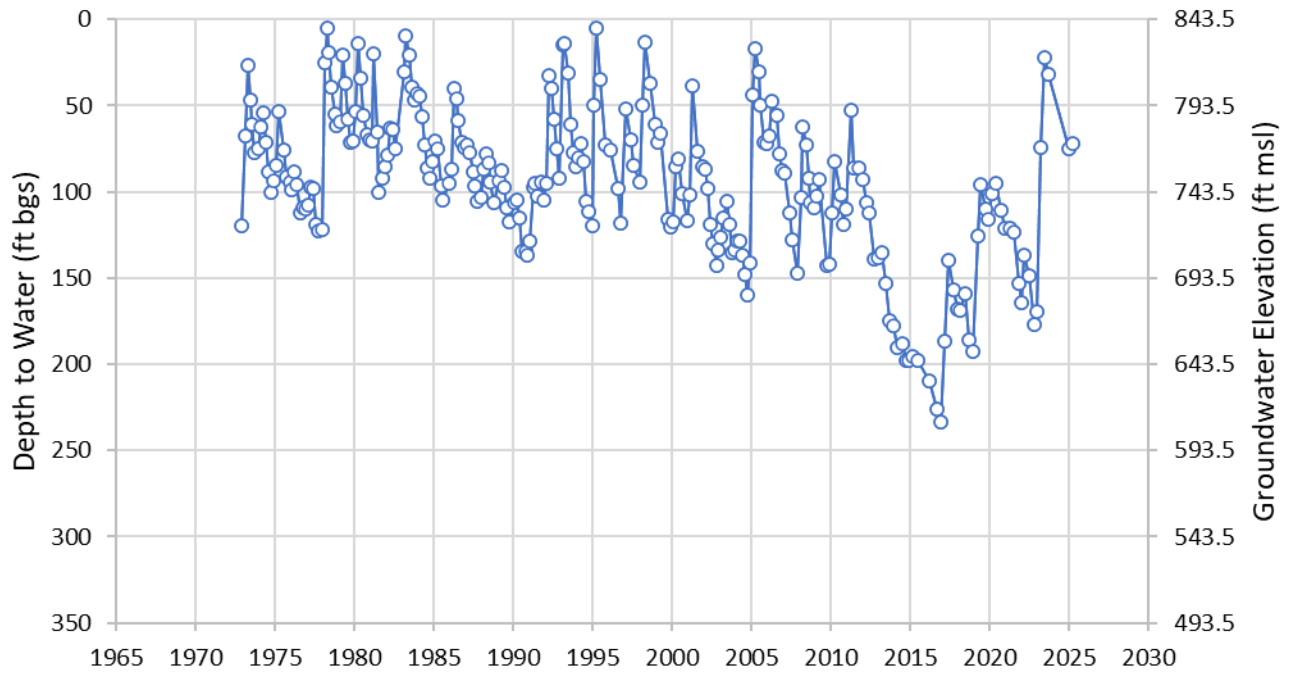
Well 04N22W08B002S



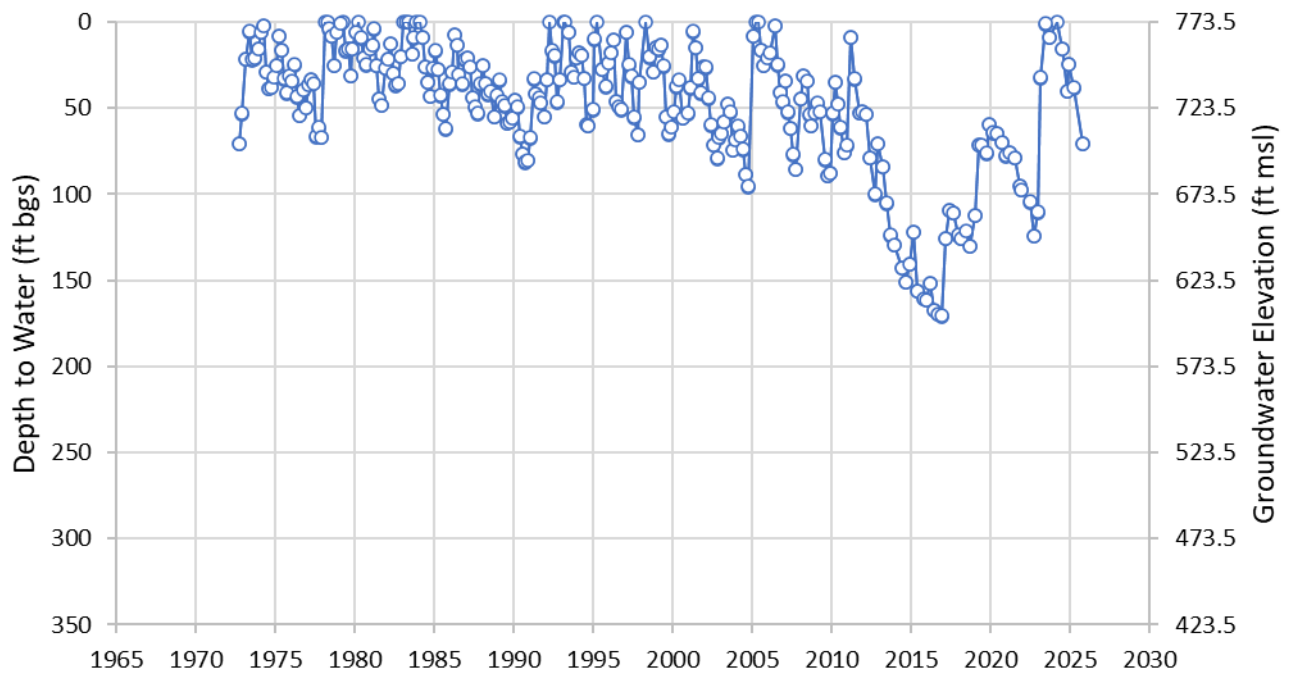
Well 04N22W05H004S

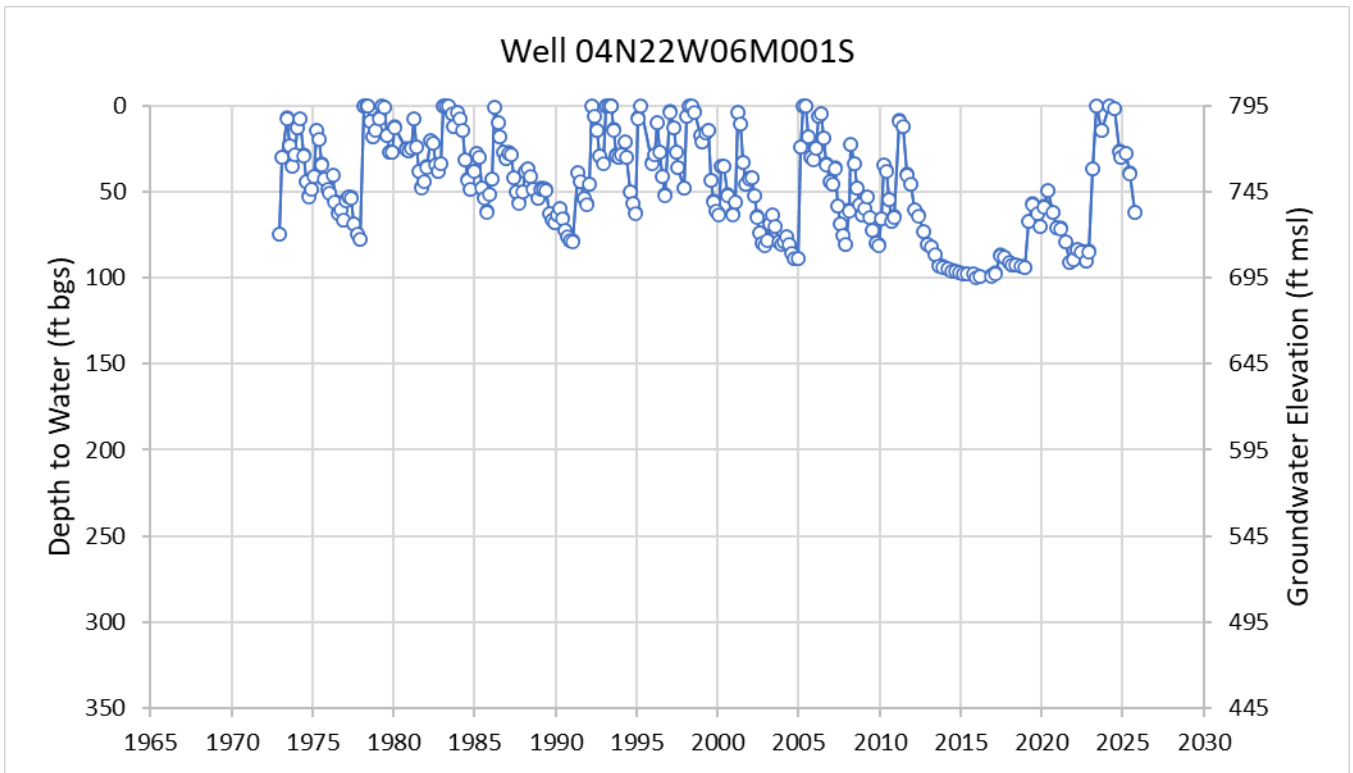
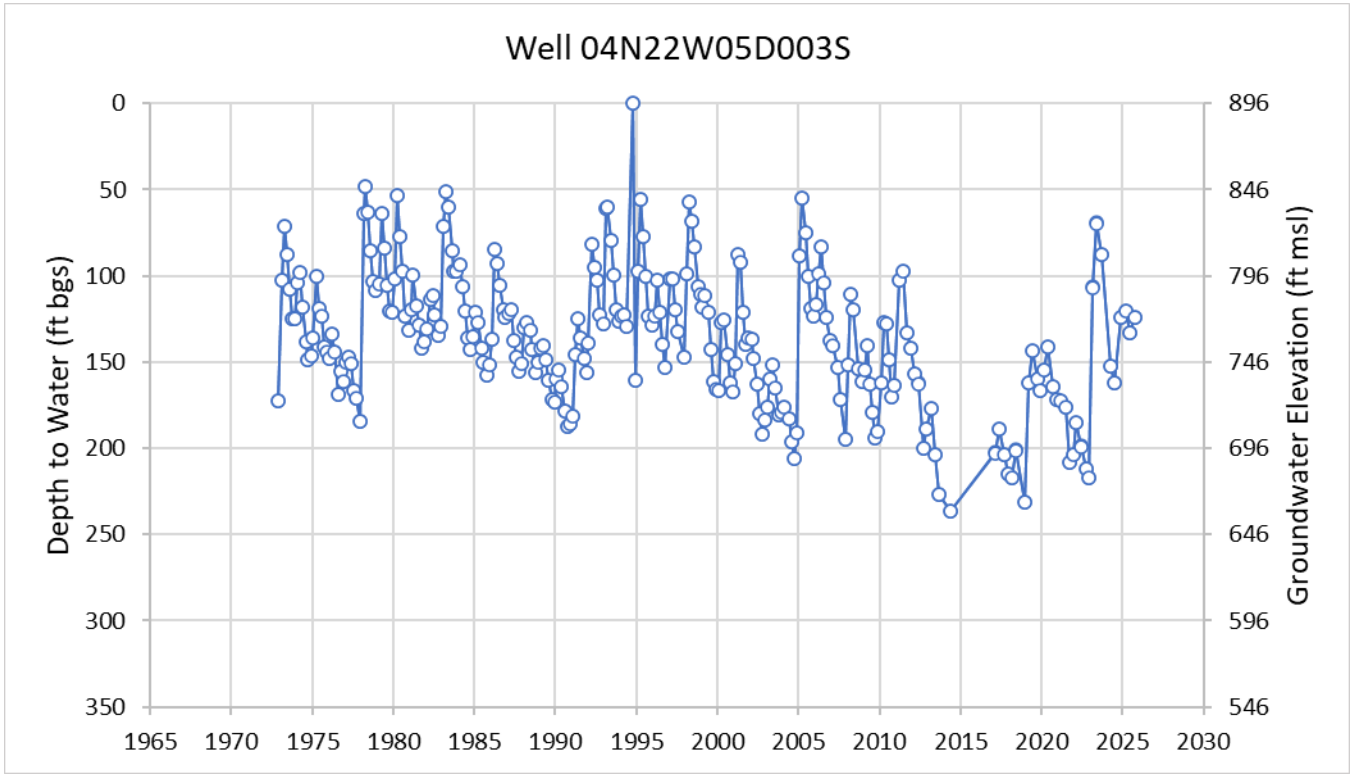


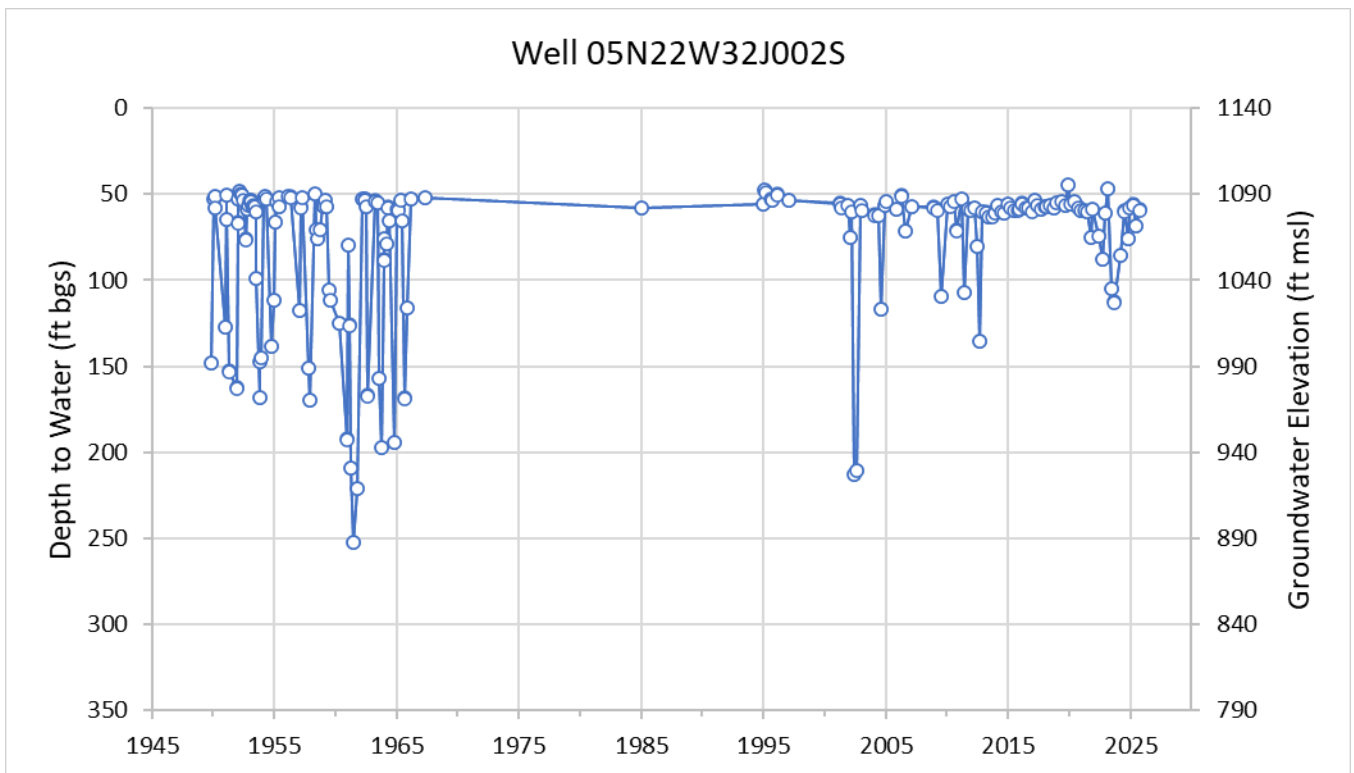
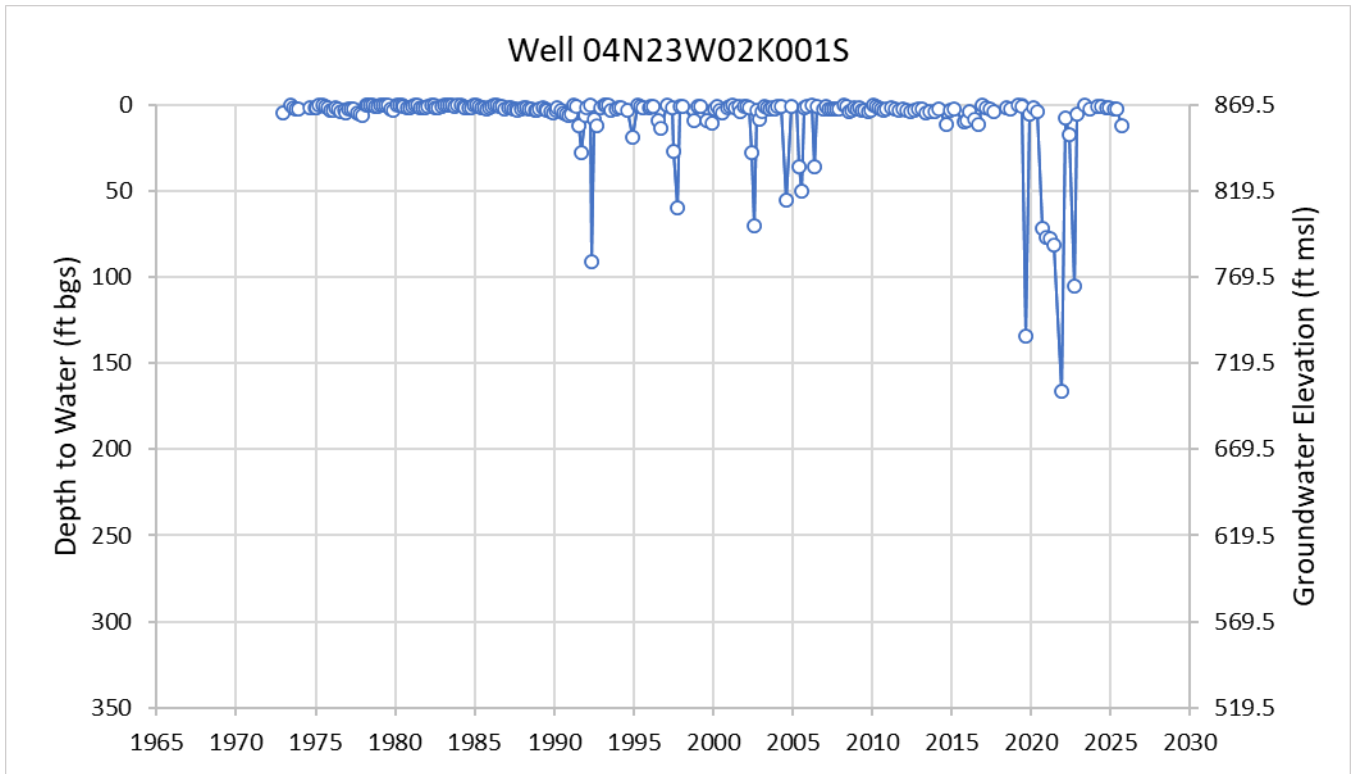
Well 04N22W05M001S



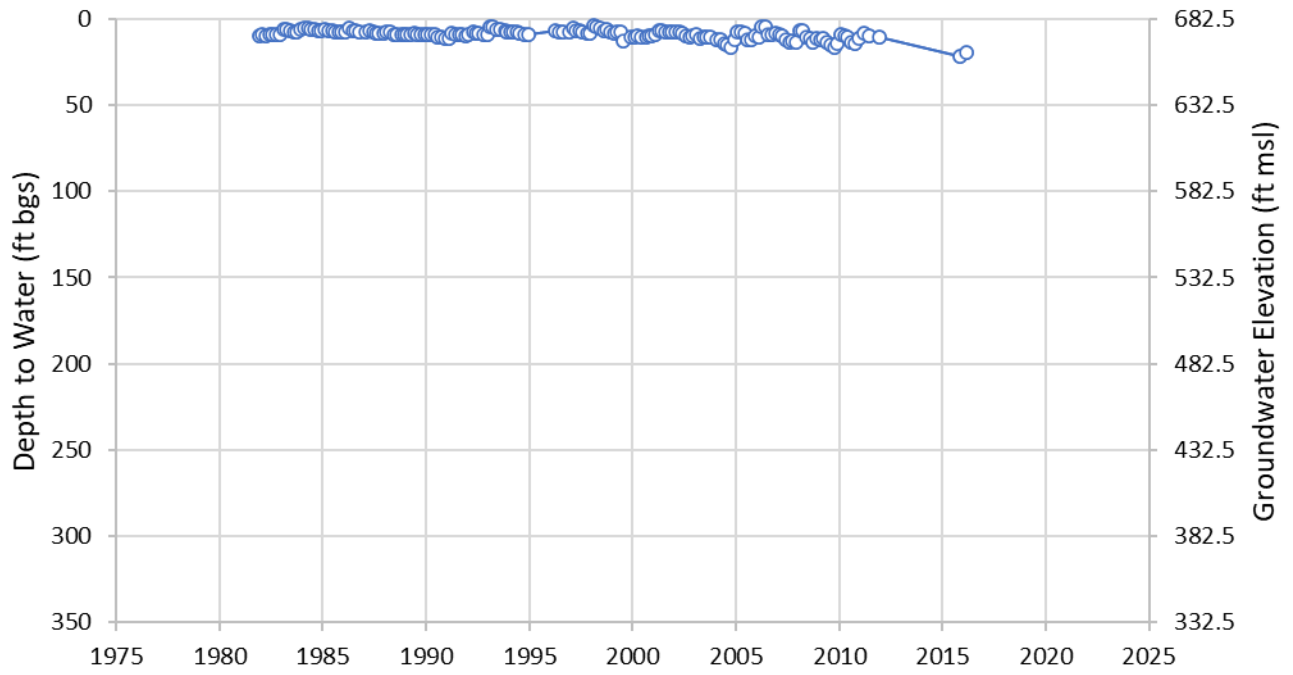
Well 04N22W07B002S



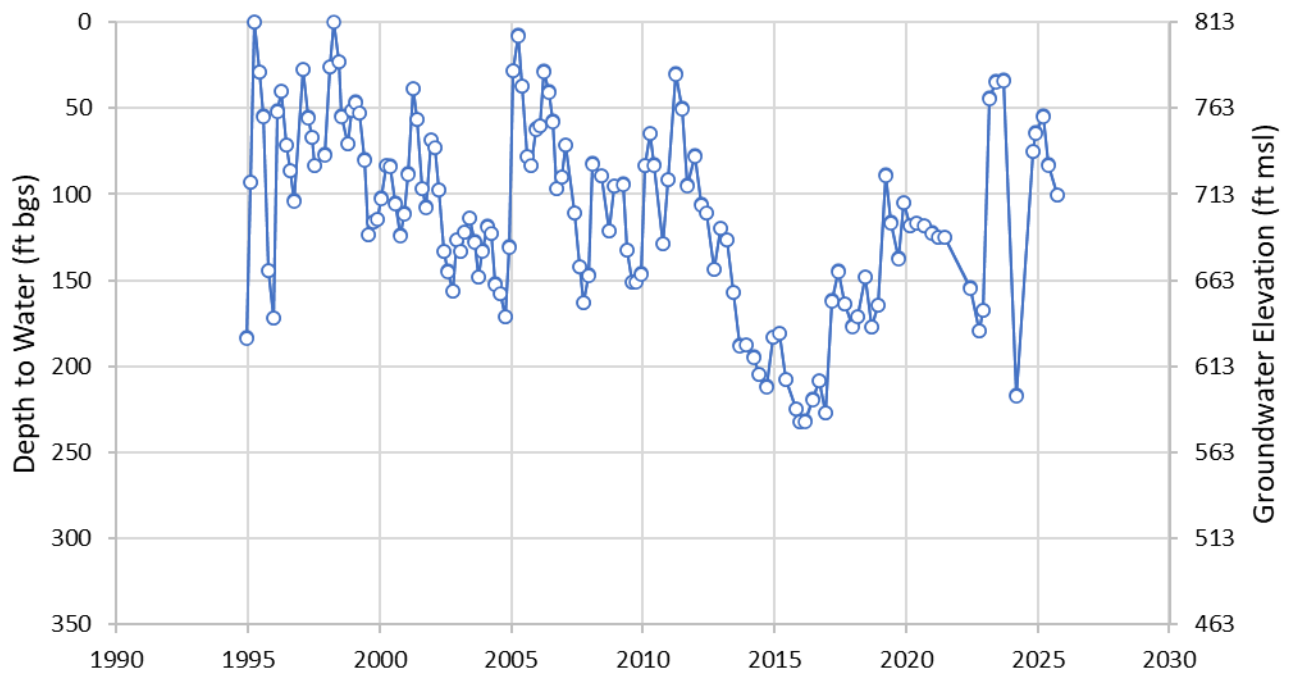




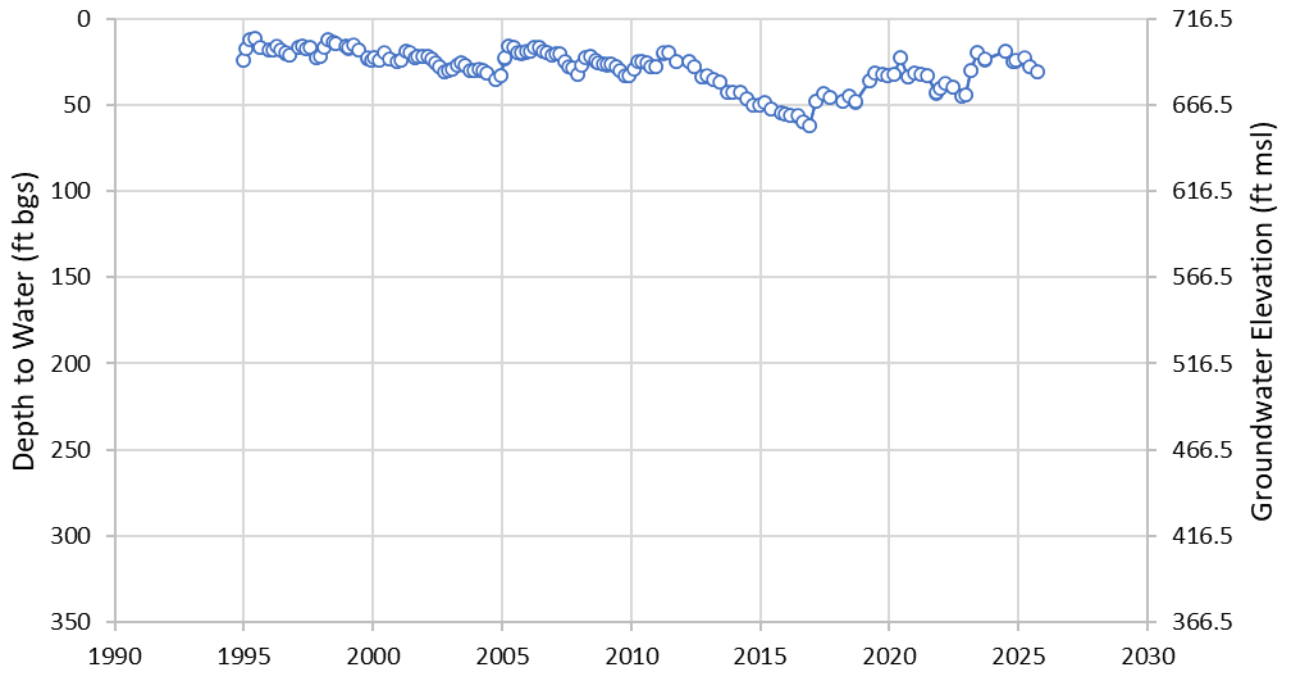
Well 04N23W12L002S



Well 04N22W06K012S



Well 04N23W12H002S



Well 04N22W06D005S

