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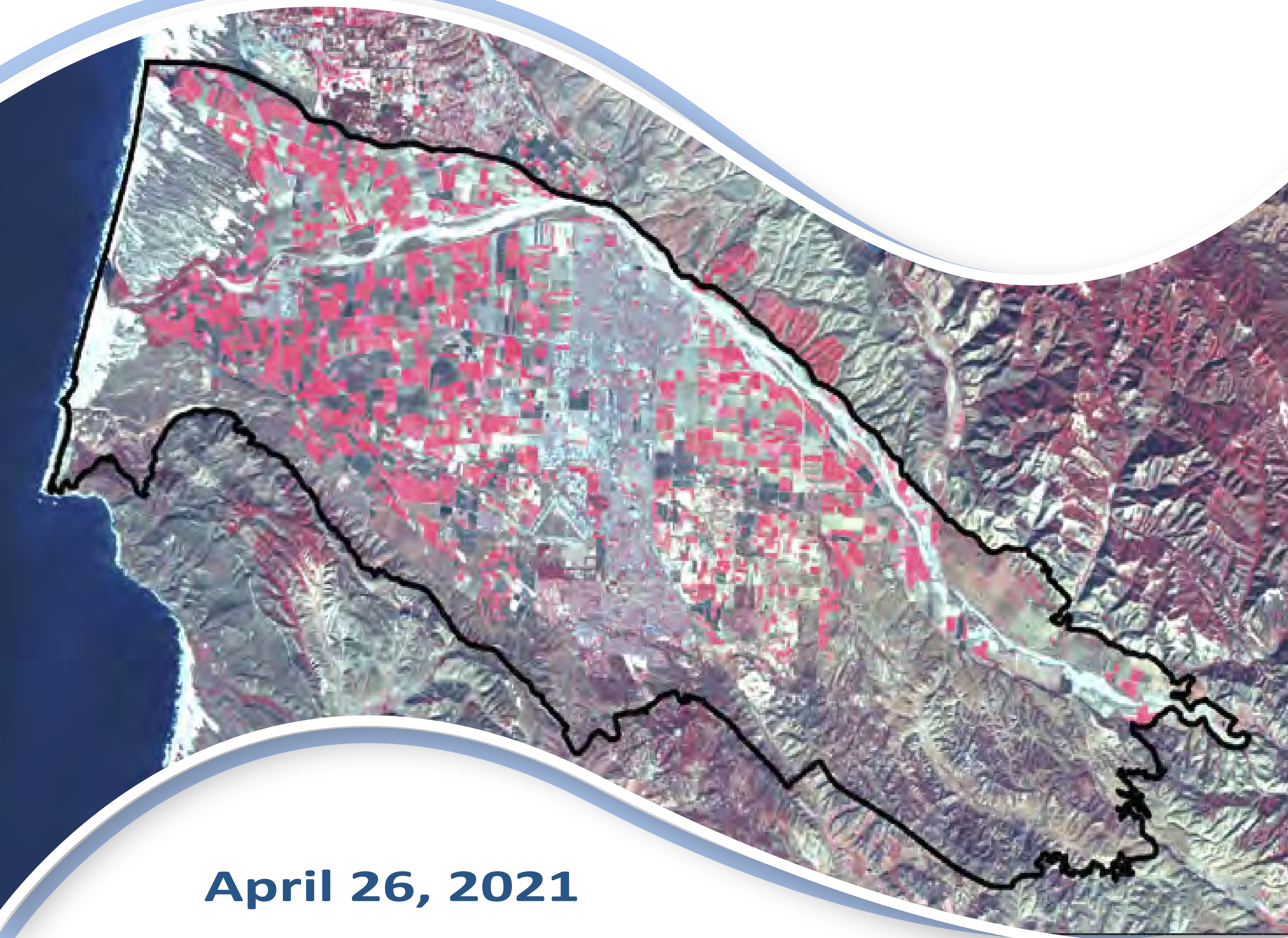

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PREAMBLE

This report provides an assessment of hydrogeologic conditions and accounting of water used in the Santa Maria Valley Management Area (SMVMA) in 2020 in accordance with provisions of the Stipulation entered in 2008 by the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara (the Court). The Stipulation specifies that the Twitchell Management Authority (TMA) administer relevant provisions of the Stipulation regarding the SMVMA; further, it specifies that the SMVMA Engineer (the Engineer) compile the results of the annual assessment and accounting into a report for submittal to the Court.

The guidelines for this report are as approved by the Court, which holds continuing jurisdiction over the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin regarding the disposition of groundwater. The report is compiled from information derived from the monitoring program for the SMVMA. Per the Stipulation, the program collects information, including groundwater level and groundwater quality data, sufficient to assess groundwater conditions. The program also collects information to account for water use in the SMVMA, including the demand, supply, and disposition.

Based on the annual assessment of hydrogeologic conditions and accounting of water used in the SMVMA, the Stipulation requires a determination be made by the Engineer as to whether a condition of severe water shortage exists in the SMVMA. The Stipulation delineates four specific criteria that, when all are met in any given year, define a condition of severe water shortage; those four criteria are:

- chronic decline in groundwater levels (over period of not less than 5 years);
- groundwater levels below lowest recorded levels;
- groundwater level decline not caused by drought; and
- material increase in groundwater use during the five-year period.

Should a condition of severe water shortage exist, the Stipulation directs the Engineer to provide findings and recommendations as part of its annual report to alleviate such a condition or the associated adverse effects.

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AF	acre-feet
AFY	acre-feet per year
AF/ac	acre-feet/acre
AW	applied water
CASGEM	California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program
CCAMP	Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program
CCRWQCB	Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
CCWA	Central Coast Water Authority
cfs	cubic feet per second
CIMIS	California Irrigation Management Information System
DU	Distribution Uniformity
DPR	Department of Pesticide Regulation
DWR	Department of Water Resources
ET	evapotranspiration
ET_{aw}	ET of applied water
ET_c	ET of the crop
ET_o	Reference ET
Fm	Formation
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPD	Gallons per day
GSWC	Golden State Water Company
K_c	crop coefficient
Laguna CSD	Laguna County Sanitation District
LSCE	Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
msl	mean sea level
Nipomo CSD	Nipomo Community Services District

NMMA	Nipomo Mesa Management Area
NMMA-TG	Nipomo Mesa Management Area-Technical Group
NO3-NO3	nitrate-as-nitrate
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
P_E	effective precipitation
PUR	Pesticide Use Report
SBCFC&WCD	Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
SBCWA	Santa Barbara County Water Agency
SCWC	Southern California Water Company
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Program
SLODPW	San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works
SMVMA	Santa Maria Valley Management Area
SMVWCD	Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
SWP	State Water Project
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TMA	Twitchell Management Authority
UCCE	University of California Cooperative Extension
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WIP	Waterline Intertie Project
WWTP	waste water treatment plant

1 INTRODUCTION

This annual report of conditions in the Santa Maria Valley Management Area, for calendar year 2020, has been prepared to meet the reporting conditions of the June 30, 2005, Stipulation entered by the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, in the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin litigation. The Stipulation divided the overall Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin into three management areas, the largest of which overlies the main Santa Maria Valley (the Santa Maria Valley Management Area, or SMVMA) and is the subject of this report. The other two management areas, the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) and the Northern Cities Management Area, are addressed in separate annual reports prepared by others.

The Stipulation, approved and implemented in 2008, specifies that monitoring shall be sufficient to determine groundwater conditions, land and water uses, sources of water supply, and the disposition of all water supplies in the Basin. Annual Reports for the SMVMA are to summarize the results of the monitoring and include an analysis of the relationship between projected water demand and supply. The Stipulation was preserved in the California Court of Appeal (Sixth Appellate District) Decision of November 21, 2012, and in the Superior Court of the State of California (County of Santa Clara) Final Judgment of April 23, 2014. Thus, the Physical Solution criteria for monitoring and managing groundwater in the basin remain.

In accordance with the Stipulation, this report on the SMVMA provides a description of the physical setting and briefly describes previous studies conducted in the groundwater basin, including the long-term monitoring program developed for the SMVMA. As reported herein, the Twitchell Management Authority (TMA) commissioned the preparation of a monitoring program for the SMVMA in 2008, and its complete implementation is expected to provide the data with which to fully assess future conditions. This report describes hydrogeologic conditions in the management area historically and through 2020, including groundwater conditions, Twitchell Reservoir operations, and hydrologic and climatic conditions. As with all previous annual reports (commencing in 2008), the water requirements and supplies for agricultural and municipal uses are accounted, as are the components of water disposition in the SMVMA. Conclusions drawn regarding water resource conditions are discussed, including any finding of severe water shortage, which is concluded to not be the case through 2020. Finally, recommendations are provided regarding the enhancement of groundwater recharge and expansion of the SMVMA monitoring program.

1.1. Physical Setting

The Santa Maria Valley Management Area (SMVMA) includes approximately 175 square miles of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin in northern Santa Barbara and southern San Luis Obispo Counties, as shown by the location maps of the basin and SMVMA (**Figures 1.1-1a** and **1.1-1b**). The SMVMA encompasses the contiguous area of the Santa Maria Valley, Sisquoc plain, and Orcutt upland, and is primarily comprised of agricultural land and areas of native vegetation, as well as the urban areas of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Orcutt, Sisquoc, and several small developments. Surrounding the SMVMA are the Casmalia and Solomon Hills to the south, the San Rafael Mountains to the southeast, the Sierra

Madre Mountains to the east and northeast, the Nipomo Mesa to the north, and the Pacific Ocean to the west. The main stream is the Santa Maria River, which generally flanks the northern part of the Santa Maria Valley; other streams include portions of the Cuyama River, Sisquoc River and tributaries, and Orcutt Creek.

1.2. Previous Studies

The first overall study of hydrogeologic conditions in the Santa Maria Valley described the general geology, as well as groundwater levels and quality, agricultural water requirements, and groundwater and surface water supplies as of 1930 (Lippincott, J.B., 1931). A subsequent comprehensive study of the geology and hydrology of the Valley also provided estimates of annual groundwater pumpage and return flows for 1929 through 1944 (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). A follow up study provided estimates of the change in groundwater storage during periods prior to 1959 (USGS, Miller, G.A., and Evenson, R.E., 1966).

Several additional studies have been conducted to describe the hydrogeology and groundwater quality of the Valley (USGS, Hughes, J.L., 1977; California CCRWQCB, 1995) and coastal portion of the basin (California DWR, 1970), as well as overall water resources of the Valley (Toups Corp., 1976; SBCWA, 1994 and 1996). Of note are numerous land use surveys (California DWR, 1959, 1968, 1977, 1985, and 1995) and investigations of crop water use (California DWR, 1933, and 1975: Univ. of California Cooperative Extension, 1994; Hanson, B., and Bendixen, W., 2004) that have been used in the estimation of agricultural water requirements in the Valley. Investigation of the Santa Maria groundwater basin provided an assessment of hydrogeologic conditions, water requirements, and water supplies through 1997 and an evaluation of basin safe yield (LSCE, 2000).

1.3. SMVMA Monitoring Program

In accordance with the Stipulation, a monitoring program was initially prepared in 2008 to provide the fundamental data for ongoing annual assessments of groundwater conditions, water requirements, water supplies, and water disposition in the SMVMA (LSCE, 2008). As a basis for designing the monitoring program, historical data on the geology and water resources of the SMVMA were compiled to define aquifer depth zones, specifically a shallow unconfined zone and a deep semi-confined to confined zone, into which a majority of monitored wells were classified based on well depth and completion information. Assessment of the spatial distribution of the wells throughout the SMVMA, as well as their vertical distribution within the aquifer system, provided the basis for designation of two well networks, one each for the shallow and deep aquifer zones. All network wells are to be monitored for groundwater levels, with a subset of those wells to be monitored for groundwater quality. Those wells with inconclusive depth and completion information were originally designated as unclassified wells; in 2009 and 2013, review of groundwater level and quality records allowed classification of some wells into the shallow or deep aquifer zones. Accordingly, the monitoring program was revised in 2009 and 2013 to reflect those minor changes to the well networks.

Commencing in 2019, the US Geological Survey (USGS) ceased groundwater level measurements in a network of approximately 55 wells across the SMVMA, at the direction of the contracting agency, the

Santa Barbara County Water Agency (SBCWA). Included in this network were about 30 wells useful for annual assessment of groundwater conditions in the SMVMA per Stipulation provisions. In early 2020, collaboration between the SMVWCD, the TMA, and LSCE resulted in the designation of a subset of 25 of the USGS wells for water level measurement by the SMVWCD. In addition, funds were secured for the semi-annual measurement of the well subset commencing in April 2020, with plans to develop longer term financing by the TMA for continued monitoring. These changes to the SMVMA Monitoring Program (monitoring agency and frequency) were successfully implemented in 2020, thus facilitating the continued comprehensive assessment of groundwater level conditions in the SMVMA.

Related to the cessation of USGS water level monitoring in 2019, groundwater quality sampling conducted by the USGS was reduced in 2019 and 2020, specifically to only about one-half the typical number of wells in the SMVMA monitoring program. As such, a limited amount of groundwater quality data was available from the USGS, augmented by data from water purveyors' wells, for the 2020 assessment described later in this report. Additional work will be needed to restore the groundwater quality monitoring program for annual assessment of groundwater conditions.

Surface water conditions are monitored, specifically Twitchell Reservoir releases, stage, and storage, and stream discharge and quality. Climatic conditions, specifically precipitation and reference evapotranspiration data, are monitored although, currently, the single California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) climate station in the SMVMA ("Santa Maria II") collects only precipitation data. The TMA is collaborating with DWR to locate and implement another CIMIS station in the SMVMA to provide both precipitation and reference evapotranspiration data. Revision of the SMVMA Monitoring Program will include the additional climate station when implemented.

In addition to the hydrologic data described above, the monitoring program specifies those data to be compiled to describe agricultural and municipal water requirements and water supplies. These include land use surveys, to serve as a basis for the estimation of agricultural irrigation requirements, and municipal groundwater pumping and imported water records, including any transfers between purveyors.

Lastly, the monitoring program for the SMVMA specifies water disposition data be compiled, including treated water discharged at waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) and any water transferred from the SMVMA to the NMMA. As part of this accounting, estimation is to be made of agricultural drainage from the SMVMA and return flows to the aquifer system. For reference, the SMVMA monitoring program is included in **Appendix A**.

In order to complete this annual assessment of groundwater conditions, water requirements, water supplies, and water disposition in the SMVMA, the following data for 2020 were acquired from the identified sources:

- groundwater level and/or quality data: the SMVWCD, the TMA, the Technical Group for the adjacent NMMA (NMMA-TG), the City of Santa Maria, the Golden State Water Company, and the City of Guadalupe; the USGS; the California Department of Public Health and the Central

Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB); and the Laguna County Sanitation District (Laguna CSD).

- Twitchell Reservoir stage, storage, and release data: the SMVWCD;
- surface water discharge and/or quality data: the USGS and CCRWQCB;
- precipitation data: the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), California DWR, and SMVWCD;
- reference evapotranspiration and evaporation data: California DWR (CIMIS) and SMVWCD, respectively;
- agricultural land use data, aerial photography, and satellite imagery: Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner's Offices; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and USGS;
- municipal groundwater pumping and imported water data: the City of Santa Maria, the City of Guadalupe, and the Golden State Water Company; and
- treated municipal waste water data: the City of Santa Maria, the City of Guadalupe, and the Laguna CSD.

1.4. Additional Monitoring and Reporting Programs

In 2014, the TMA was designated by the California DWR as the Monitoring Entity for the SMVMA under DWR's CASGEM Program. Compliance with the CASGEM Program requirements, which include at least semi-annual monitoring and reporting of groundwater levels in a subset of shallow and deep wells already within the SMVMA Monitoring Program, is fulfilled by the TMA.

Additionally, in 2016, groundwater resource planning and data reporting requirements under the California DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Program (SGMA) commenced. Since the SMVMA is part of an adjudicated basin, DWR considers it already managed by the Court and, thus, SGMA groundwater resource planning requirements do not apply. The remaining SGMA requirements for reporting water resources data such as groundwater levels, groundwater pumping, and imported water amounts, are fulfilled by LSCE in its capacity as Management Area Engineer under the Stipulation.

1.5. Report Organization

To comply with items to be reported as delineated in the Stipulation, this annual report is organized into five chapters:

- this Introduction;
- discussion of Hydrogeologic Conditions, including groundwater, Twitchell Reservoir, surface streams, and climate;
- description and quantification of Water Requirements and Water Supplies for the two overall categories of agricultural and municipal land and water use in the SMVMA;
- description and quantification of Water Disposition in the SMVMA; and

summary Conclusions and Recommendations related to findings regarding water resource conditions in the SMVMA, for this year as well as historically, and recommended actions pertaining to enhanced groundwater recharge and expansion of the SMVMA monitoring program.

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2 HYDROGEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

Current and historical hydrogeologic conditions in the SMVMA, including groundwater conditions, Twitchell Reservoir operations, and stream and climate conditions, are described in the following sections of this Chapter.

2.1. Groundwater Conditions

To provide a framework for discussion of groundwater conditions, the geology of the SMVMA, including geologic structure and the nature and extent of geologic formations comprising the aquifer system, is described in the following section. Current groundwater levels are then described in relation to historical trends in groundwater levels and flow directions in the SMVMA, as well as in context of Stipulation protocol for defining conditions of severe water shortage. Current and historical groundwater quality conditions are also discussed, including general groundwater quality characteristics as well as groundwater quality degradation, specifically due to elevated nitrate concentrations.

2.1.1. Geology and Aquifer System

The SMVMA is underlain by unconsolidated alluvial deposits that comprise the aquifer system, primarily gravel, sand, silt and clay that cumulatively range in thickness from about 200 to 2,800 feet (ft). The alluvial deposits fill a natural trough, which is composed of older folded and consolidated sedimentary and metamorphic rocks with their deepest portions beneath the Orcutt area. The consolidated rocks also flank the Valley and comprise the surrounding hills and mountains; typically, the consolidated rocks do not yield significant amounts of groundwater to wells. The geologic formations comprising the alluvial deposits and the geologic structure within the study area are illustrated in a generalized geologic map (**Figure 2.1-1a**) and two geologic cross sections (**Figures 2.1-1b and 2.1-1c**).

The alluvial deposits are composed of the Careaga Sand and Paso Robles Formation (Fm) at depth, and the Orcutt Fm, Quaternary Alluvium, and river channel, dune sand, and terrace deposits at the surface (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). The Careaga Sand, which ranges in thickness from about 650 ft to a feather edge, is identified as being the lowermost fresh water-bearing formation in the basin (DWR, 1970), resting on the above-mentioned consolidated rocks (specifically, the Tertiary-aged Foxen Mudstone, Sisquoc Fm, and Monterey Shale, and the Jurassic/Cretaceous-aged Franciscan Fm, descriptions of which may be found in USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). Overlying the Careaga Sand is the Paso Robles Fm, which comprises the greatest thickness of the alluvial deposits (from about 2,000 ft to a feather edge); the thickest portion of this formation is located beneath the Orcutt area. Both the Careaga Sand and Paso Robles Fm underlie the great majority of the SMVMA (see **Figures 2.1-1b and 2.1-1c**). The Careaga Sand is mainly composed of white to yellowish-brown, loosely consolidated, massive, fossiliferous, medium- to fine-grained sand with some silt and is reported to be predominantly of marine origin (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). The Paso Robles Fm is highly variable in color and texture, generally composed of yellow, blue, brown, grey, or white lenticular beds of boulders and coarse to fine gravel and clay, medium to fine sand and clay, gravel and sand, silt, and clay (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). This formation is reported to be primarily fluvial (stream-laid) in origin and there is no extensive areal correlation possible between the individual beds, with the exception of a coarse basal gravel of minor thickness in the Santa Maria Valley oil field, generally in the southeast part of the SMVMA.

Above the Paso Robles Fm and comprising the Orcutt Upland is the Orcutt Fm, which is typically about 160 to 200 ft thick; in the remainder of the SMVMA, the Paso Robles Fm is overlain by the Quaternary Alluvium, which comprises the majority of the Valley floor and is typically about 100 to 200 ft thick. Further north in the adjacent NMMA, the Paso Robles Fm is overlain by the Older Dune Sand, which comprises the Nipomo Mesa and ranges in thickness from approximately 400 ft to a feather edge. Along the northeast edge of the Sisquoc plain, the Paso Robles Fm is overlain by terrace deposits approximately 60 ft thick. The Orcutt Fm is composed of conformable upper and lower units ("members"), both reported to be mainly of fluvial origin that become finer toward the coast. The upper member generally consists of reddish-brown, loosely compacted, massive, medium-grained clean sand with some lenses of clay, and the lower member is primarily grey to white, loosely compacted, coarse-grained gravel and sand (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951).

The Quaternary Alluvium is also composed of upper and lower members that are reported to be mainly fluvial in origin. The composition of the upper member becomes progressively finer toward the coast, with boulders, gravel, and sand in the Sisquoc plain area; sand with gravel in the eastern/central Valley area; sand with silt from the City of Santa Maria to a point approximately halfway to Guadalupe; and clay and silt with minor lenses of sand and gravel from that area westward. The lower member is primarily coarse-grained boulders, gravel, and sand with minor lenses of clay near the coast. The Older Dune Sand is composed of loosely- to slightly compacted, massive, coarse- to fine-grained, well-rounded, cross-bedded quartz sand that is locally stained dark reddish-brown (California DWR, 1999). The terrace deposits, in general, are similar in composition to the coarse-grained parts of the Quaternary Alluvium.

The alluvial deposits comprising the aquifer system lack peat (organic) layers and include thin, discontinuous clay lenses, without thick sections of clay at greater depths. Thus, the potential for deep land subsidence to occur is limited as the deposits dewater during periods of declining groundwater levels. There are no known reports of land subsidence in the SMVMA, as noted in a recent technical report on the occurrence of subsidence through California (California DWR, 2014).

Two geologic cross sections illustrate several points about the geologic structure and variable aquifer thickness throughout the SMVMA. Longitudinal geologic cross section A-A' (see **Figure 2.1-1b**) begins in the area near the mouth of the Santa Maria River, traverses the Orcutt Upland, and terminates in the Sisquoc plain area near Round Corral, immediately southeast of the SMVMA. It shows the relative thicknesses of the various geologic formations and their general "thinning" from the central valley area toward the Sisquoc plain. This cross section also shows the Quaternary Alluvium and Orcutt Fm, essentially adjacent to each other and comprising the uppermost aquifer in the SMVMA, divided into the above-described upper and lower members.

Transverse geologic cross section B-B’ (see **Figure 2.1-1c**) begins in the Casmalia Hills, traverses the western portion of the Valley (near the City of Guadalupe) and the southern Nipomo Mesa, and terminates at Black Lake Canyon. It shows the prominent asymmetrical syncline (folding of the consolidated rocks and Paso Robles Fm) within the SMVMA and adjacent NMMA, with the deepest portion of Paso Robles Fm toward the southern edge of the SMVMA, gradually becoming thinner and shallower toward the north where it extends beneath the NMMA. This cross section also shows that both the upper and lower members of the Quaternary Alluvium extend north to the Santa Maria River, but east of this cross-section only the upper member extends beyond the River to the southern edge of the Nipomo Mesa, and neither member extends northward beneath the Mesa.

Several faults have been reported to be located in the SMVMA and adjacent portion of the NMMA. The Santa Maria and Bradley Canyon faults, located in the Valley in the area between the City of Santa Maria and Fugler Point (at the confluence of the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers to form the Santa Maria River), are concealed and they are reported to be northwest-trending, high-angle faults, that vertically offset the consolidated rocks, Careaga Sand, and Paso Robles Fm, but not the overlying Quaternary Alluvium or Orcutt Fm (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). Two additional faults, the Oceano and Santa Maria River faults, are of a similar nature in that they show vertical displacement through the Paso Robles and underlying formations (the latter fault also has a significant strike-slip component of movement), but they are primarily located in the southern Nipomo Mesa. The maximum vertical offset on the Oceano fault is reported to be in the range of 300 to 400 ft within the Careaga Sand and Paso Robles Fm; on the other faults, the vertical offset is reported to be much less, within the range of 80 to 150 ft (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951; California DWR, 1999). However, these faults do not appear to affect groundwater flow within the SMVMA, based on the review of historical groundwater level contour maps (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951; LSCE, 2000).

There is no known structural (e.g., faulting) or lithologic isolation of the alluvial deposits from the Pacific Ocean, i.e., the Quaternary Alluvium, Orcutt Fm, Careaga Sand, and Paso Robles Fm aquifers continue beneath the Ocean. Thus, there is geologic continuity that permits groundwater discharge from the SMVMA to the Ocean, and the potential exists for salt water to intrude into the coastal (landward) portions of the aquifers if hydrologic conditions within them were to change.

The aquifer system in the SMVMA is comprised of the Carega Sand, Paso Robles Fm, the Orcutt Fm, and the Quaternary Alluvium (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). The upper member of the Quaternary Alluvium is consistently finer-grained than the lower member throughout the Valley. Further, the upper member becomes finer grained toward the Ocean such that it confines groundwater in the lower member from the approximate area of the City of Santa Maria's waste water treatment plant westward (approximately eight miles inland from the coast). The result of this has been some artesian conditions in the western valley area (historically, flowing artesian wells were reported until the early 1940s in the westernmost portion of the Valley) (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951). More recently, many water supply wells belonging to local farmers in the western valley area, specifically in the Oso Flaco area, and monitoring wells located at the coast began flowing again in response to rising confined groundwater levels, such as during the winter of 1999.

Analysis of the geology, groundwater levels, and groundwater quality indicates that the aquifer system varies across the area and with depth, and this variation was the basis for the shallow and deep aquifer zone designations of the SMVMA monitoring program (LSCE, 2008). In the central and major portion of the SMVMA, there is a shallow unconfined zone comprised of the Quaternary Alluvium, Orcutt Fm, and uppermost Paso Robles Fm, and a deep semi-confined to confined zone comprised of the remaining Paso Robles Fm and Careaga Sand. In the eastern portion of the SMVMA where these formations are much thinner and comprised of coarser materials, particularly in the Sisquoc Valley, the aquifer system is essentially uniform without distinct aquifer depth zones. In the coastal area where the surficial deposits (upper members of Quaternary Alluvium and Orcutt Fm) are extremely fine-grained, the underlying formations (lower members of Quaternary Alluvium and Orcutt Fm, Paso Robles Fm, and Careaga Sand) comprise a deep confined aquifer zone.

2.1.2. Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels within the SMVMA have fluctuated greatly since the 1920's, when historical water level measurements began, with marked seasonal and long-term trends, as shown by a collection of representative groundwater level hydrographs from various areas throughout the SMVMA (**Figure 2.1-2**). The areas are designated on **Figure 2.1-2** for illustrative purposes only, and include the so-called Coastal, Oso Flaco, Central Agricultural, Municipal Wellfield, Twitchell Recharge, and Sisquoc Valley areas. The historical groundwater level hydrographs illustrate that widespread decline in groundwater levels, from historical high to historical low levels, occurred between 1945 and the late 1960's. The declines ranged from approximately 20 to 40 ft near the coast, to 70 ft near Orcutt, to as much as 100 feet further inland (in the area just east of downtown Santa Maria). Those declines were observed in both the shallow and deep aquifer zones and are interpreted today to have been the combined result of progressively increasing agricultural (and to a lesser degree, municipal) demand and long-term drier than normal climatic conditions during that period.

Since the late 1960’s, the basin has experienced a general long-term stability as groundwater levels in both aquifer zones have fluctuated between historical-low and near historical-high levels over alternating five- to 15-year periods. Groundwater levels throughout the SMVMA have shown this trend, but with different ranges of fluctuation (see **Figure 2.1-2**); and groundwater levels have repeatedly recovered to near or above previous historical-high levels, most recently in 2002. Shallow groundwater levels in the Sisquoc Valley fluctuated somewhat differently in that they did not quite fully recover to historical high levels by 2002. In the primary areas of recharge along the Santa Maria River, groundwater level fluctuations are greater in the shallow aquifer zone than the deep (see Twitchell Recharge Area and Central Agricultural Area hydrographs). Conversely, in the Municipal Wellfield and Coastal Areas, groundwater level fluctuations are greater in the deep aquifer zone. Hydrographs from wells along the coastal portion of the SMVMA show that groundwater elevations have remained above sea level, with deep (confined) groundwater levels rising enough to result in flow at the ground surface, throughout the historical period of record. The periodic groundwater level fluctuation since the late 1960's (with a long-term stability) have apparently been due to intermittent wet and dry climatic conditions, with natural recharge during wet periods complemented by supplemental recharge along the Santa Maria River from the Twitchell Reservoir project (since becoming fully operational in the late

1960's). Long-term stability in groundwater levels may be partially attributed to a general "leveling-off" of agricultural land and water use in the basin since the early to mid-1970's, as further described in Chapter 3.

Most recently, since 2002, groundwater levels in both the shallow and deep zones of the SMVMA were in a gradually declining trend that became more rapid in 2012. By the Fall of 2017, shallow groundwater levels in the Twitchell Recharge and Sisquoc Valley areas recovered substantially, with slight additional recovery in 2018 and 2019, and leveling or slight decline during 2020. In the remaining SMVMA, shallow and deep groundwater levels observed in 2016 through 2020 were essentially the same, remaining slightly above historical low levels (see **Figure 2.1-2**).

Particularly in light of prevailing land use and water requirements, the overall groundwater level decline beginning in 2002 is considered to be primarily due to the fact that Twitchell Reservoir releases, for in-stream supplemental groundwater recharge, and Sisquoc River discharge, have been well below the historical average in most years since 2000. More specifically, there were no Twitchell Reservoir releases in 11 of the last 19 years, including in 2013 through 2016. Releases resumed in the Fall of 2017 through Spring 2018 and all months of 2019, but they ceased in 2020. Further, the Sisquoc River discharge was well below average in almost all years since 2002, including in 2018 and 2020. The recent declining trend in shallow groundwater levels was slowed or reversed during years 2005-2006, 2010-2011, late 2017, and 2019. During these years, releases from Twitchell Reservoir, as well as discharge in the Sisquoc River, were near or above average following above-average rainfall periods.

As in 2015 through 2019, groundwater levels measured during 2020 in one deep well in the Twitchell Recharge Area, specifically well 10N/33W-30G1, were below the historical low water level observed in this well in 1991 (although those groundwater levels leveled in 2020) (see **Figure 2.1-2**). However, water levels in other shallow and deep wells in the SMVMA with long historical records (covering previous drought periods) remained above their respective historical low. Further, it is likely that recharge derived from the Fall 2017, Winter/Spring 2018, and 2019 Sisquoc River and Twitchell Reservoir flows has contributed to raising shallow groundwater levels in the same area (see **Figure 2.1-2**, well 10N/33W-19B1). Thus, it appears the 2020 water levels in well 30G1 remain a localized lowering of water levels.

As noted above, shallow and deep groundwater levels across the great majority of the SMVMA remained slightly above historical low levels in 2020. This includes along the coast where groundwater levels are well above sea level, indicating that the conditions conducive to sea water intrusion are absent. As such, the groundwater level conditions observed in 2020 in the SMVMA do not meet Stipulation provisions defining a condition of severe water shortage, as will be discussed in Section 5.1.

Groundwater beneath the SMVMA has historically flowed to the west-northwest from the Sisquoc area toward the Ocean, and this remained the case during 2020 as illustrated by contour maps of equal groundwater elevation for the shallow and deep aquifer zones (**Figures 2.1-3a through 2.1-3d**). A notable feature in these 2020 contour maps is the expanded areal coverage and density of wells with water level data compared to the 2019 contour maps (related to resumption of groundwater level monitoring is some wells previously conducted by USGS). As in most years of study in the basin, a notable feature in the 2020 contour maps is the widening of groundwater level contours beneath the central-south and western portions of the SMVMA that indicates a reduced (flatter) groundwater gradient in this area. This likely reflects the fact that the majority of aquifer system recharge derives from streamflow in the Sisquoc and Santa Maria Rivers, specifically in the eastern portion of the SMVMA upstream of Bonita School Crossing Road, and to a minor extent from streamflow in creeks draining the Casmalia and Solomon Hills along the southern portion of the SMVMA (LSCE, 2000). This is supported by the presence of a reduced groundwater gradient in this area since at least 1960 (USGS, Miller, G.A., and Evenson, R.E., 1966; USGS, Hughes, J.L., 1977; LSCE, 2000).

The reduced gradient likely also reflects ongoing groundwater pumping in and around the municipal wellfield near the Santa Maria Airport and Town of Orcutt where numerous deep municipal water supply wells of the City of Santa Maria and the Golden State Water Company (GSWC), and nearby agricultural wells, operate. This is supported by the observance that, in this area, the groundwater gradient in the deep aquifer zone is more reduced (flatter) than in the shallow zone. Further, groundwater elevations in the deep zone are markedly lower than those in the shallow zone in this area, with smaller differences in groundwater elevations between depth zones in other portions of the SMVMA. Importantly, while the reduced groundwater gradient near the municipal well field has had the effect of slowing the movement of groundwater through that portion of the SMVMA, it has not stopped or reversed the direction of groundwater flow.

Also notable from the contour maps is the overall seasonal difference in groundwater levels across the SMVMA between the spring and fall periods. The timing and magnitude of the groundwater level changes in 2020 reflect the spring recharge from the Sisquoc and Santa Maria Rivers (contributing to a rise in groundwater levels near the rivers) and the area-wide groundwater pumping for seasonal agricultural irrigation (contributing to a decline in levels elsewhere). Groundwater pumping for municipal supply increased slightly during summer to fall and could have contributed to groundwater level lowering in/near the Municipal Wellfield area. Importantly, during 2020, a seaward gradient for offshore groundwater flow was maintained, and coastal groundwater elevations remained well above sea level (typically near 15 ft, NAVD88), in both the shallow and deep aquifer zones. Across the coastal boundary of the SMVMA, the offshore flow of groundwater in the shallow aquifer zone appears to have been reduced by the fall compared to spring (see **Figure 2.1-3b**). The offshore flow of groundwater in the deep zone appears to have been reduced by early spring (see **Figure 2.1-3c**). Regarding groundwater flow from the SMVMA toward the southern coastal Nipomo Mesa, it may meet groundwater pumping demands in the area and/or eventually flow offshore along the coastal boundary of the NMMA.

Additional information about the seasonal fluctuation of groundwater levels in and near the SMVMA, particularly along its northern boundary with the NMMA near Oso Flaco Valley, is derived from hourly or daily groundwater level measurements made since late 2013 by transducers in two monitoring wells belonging to the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works (SLODPW) in that area. A groundwater level hydrograph for one well located in the northwestern edge of Santa Maria Valley in

Oso Flaco Valley (**Figure 2.1-4a**) illustrates how, in 2014 through 2020, the spring high level occurs in January through March. Further, a seasonal decline in water levels is observed between the spring high and fall low (September or October) each of these years, on the order of 10 to 16 ft. Groundwater elevations in 2020 were very similar to those in 2019, but there is an overall decline in groundwater levels each year such that spring high levels are one to five feet lower than the previous year.

A groundwater level hydrograph for the second well, located in the southern central edge of the Nipomo Mesa (**Figure 2.1-4b**) indicates very similar groundwater level fluctuations as observed in the Oso Flaco Valley. Spring high levels occur in January through March but are followed by a larger seasonal decline to the lowest levels in September or October, on the order of 25 ft. Groundwater elevations in 2020 were similar to those in 2019, with an overall decline in groundwater levels, and spring high levels are one to four feet lower than those observed in the previous year.

Thus, the frequent groundwater level data from the transducers has provided detailed information about the timing of spring high and fall low water levels in the SMVMA. While it is locally understood that spring high levels in the SMVMA typically occur in late February to early March, the transducer data indicate that is the case in some years while they occur earlier, in January or earlier February, in other years.

The transducer data also indicate that the period of spring high groundwater levels in the SMVMA, following the partial recovery of groundwater levels over each winter, is typically brief. It is presumed that seasonal agricultural irrigation has been commencing as early as January in some years, perhaps related to dry conditions in those years and/or changing irrigation practices, which could contribute to early declines in groundwater levels. Aquifer recharge from Sisquoc and Santa Maria River discharge also likely contributes to the timing and magnitude of groundwater level changes in this area of the SMVMA each year.

Given that a common objective of groundwater monitoring programs is to measure the spring high and fall low groundwater levels, the USGS has, until 2019, come the closest of all measuring agencies to meeting this objective (with early to mid-March and mid-October measurements). The transducer data provide the magnitude of groundwater level decline that can occur in this portion of the SMVMA between mid-March and mid-April, from five to eight feet. This in turn illustrates the magnitude of inconsistency in spring groundwater level data collected in the SMVMA by the USGS (previously, early to mid- March), the SMVWCD (early April), and the SLOPWD (mid- to late April). Alternatively, the transducer data indicate that groundwater levels decline to (and maintain) their fall low period during mid-September to mid-October, thus confirming the proper timing of fall measurements made in the SMVMA and adjacent NMMA by all these measuring agencies.

If future spring groundwater level monitoring were conducted by the SMVWCD and TMA earlier in the year (e.g., February or March), spring high conditions in most of the SMVMA would be better understood. However, the SLOPWD have indicated in the past that their data collection (from wells near Oso Flaco Valley) needs to continue in mid- to late April, due to considerations involving well owners and weather conditions. Spring data sets from February and April would be incompatible for assessment of groundwater conditions, so spring monitoring in the SMVMA is now being conducted in April to have a consistent measuring period among the SMVWCD, TMA, and SLOPWD, although missing the spring high conditions.

2.1.3. Groundwater Quality

Groundwater quality conditions in the SMVMA have fluctuated greatly since the 1930's, when historical water quality sampling began, with marked short- and long-term trends. Groundwater quality in the SMVMA historically reflects the various natural sources of recharge to the aquifer system, most notably streamflows of the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers that provide recharge along the Santa Maria River. The great majority of groundwater in the SMVMA, primarily in the eastern and central portions of the Santa Maria Valley and in the Sisquoc Valley, had historically been of a calcium magnesium sulfate type originating from the Cuyama and Sisquoc River streamflows. Further, groundwater was historically of better quality toward the Orcutt Upland, Nipomo Mesa, the City of Guadalupe, and coastal areas (Lippincott, J.B., 1931).

With development of the Valley and surrounding areas in the 1940's through 1970's, including expansion of the agricultural and urban areas and addition of the Twitchell Reservoir project, groundwater quality conditions changed within the SMVMA. The changes included improvement of the general groundwater quality in the eastern to central part of the Santa Maria Valley in and near the area of Twitchell Reservoir recharge, including the current-day municipal wellfield near the Town of Orcutt. Additionally, degradation of groundwater quality occurred further west and downgradient in the Valley, specifically with elevated general mineral and nitrate concentrations (USGS, Hughes, J.L., 1977).

Subsequently, from the 1970's through current day, general mineral concentrations in groundwater have remained essentially unchanged, including the occurrence of better-quality water in the SMVMA's eastern, central, and southern portions and poorer quality water to the west. Further, groundwater quality is generally slightly better and with less fluctuation in the deep aquifer zone compared to the shallow, as shown by a map with representative historical groundwater quality graphs from areas throughout the SMVMA (**Figure 2.1-5**). A notable feature of the map is the limited areal coverage and density of wells with water quality data due to the previously mentioned reduction of well sampling by the USGS in 2019 and 2020. Discussion of the groundwater quality in 2020 and over the historical period of record follows by constituent, specifically total dissolved solids (TDS) and nitrate (as NO_3), and by aquifer zone. Assessment of historical TDS and nitrate concentrations provides a broad understanding of groundwater quality conditions in the SMVMA, including aquifer system characteristics such as the sources of recharge and the nature of groundwater flow.

TDS values in much of the SMVMA have generally remained stable at or below the California Department of Public Health's maximum secondary standard (e.g., for taste and odor) of 1,000 milligrams per liter (mg/L). This standard is exceeded only in localized portions of the aquifer, primarily in the Coastal Area.

TDS, shallow zone, 2020: TDS concentrations were generally 600 to 1,000 mg/L in the Twitchell Recharge and Central Agricultural Areas, 700 to 1,000 mg/L in the Municipal Wellfield Area, and almost 1,100 mg/L in the Coastal Area. TDS concentrations in the Sisquoc Valley have been about 600 mg/L, but no data are available since 2016.

TDS, deep zone, 2020: TDS values in the deep zone of the Twitchell Recharge and Municipal Wellfield areas are typically lower than in the shallow zone. No TDS values were available from deep wells in the Central Agricultural Area. TDS values in the deep zone of the north Coastal Area (wells 11N/36W-35J were higher than in the shallow zone, between 700 and 1,500 mg/L. No TDS data are available for the Sisquoc Valley Area since 2016.

Nitrate concentrations in much of the SMVMA, in contrast to TDS, remain elevated, in fact above the primary drinking water standard (health based) of 45 mg/L nitrate-NO_3. Exceedance of the nitrate standard occurs more in the shallow than deep zone.

Nitrate, shallow zone, 2020: Nitrate concentrations generally ranged from less than 0.2 mg/L to 51 mg/L in the Twitchell Recharge Area, 44 to 62 mg/L in the Municipal Wellfield Area, 14 to 71 mg/L in the Central Agricultural Area, and less than 0.2 mg/L in the Coastal Area. No data are available for the Sisquoc Valley Area since 2016.

Nitrate, deep zone, 2020: Nitrate concentrations in most of the SMVMA remained markedly lower than in the shallow zone, generally less than 0.2 mg/L in the Twitchell Recharge Area and from 5 to 44 mg/L in the Municipal Wellfield Area. No nitrate values were available from deep wells in the Central Agricultural Area. Nitrate concentrations were 2 to 3 mg/L in the south Coastal Area and 2 to 105 mg/L in the north Coastal Area. No nitrate data are available for the Sisquoc Valley Area since 2016.

Focus is provided herein on **historical** groundwater quality conditions along the **coast** where ongoing assessment of potential conditions of sea water intrusion is of particular importance. During an investigation conducted in the late 1960's, for which two coastal monitoring well sets were constructed, localized areas of degraded shallow groundwater were identified but concluded at the time to be due to environmental factors other than sea water intrusion (California DWR, 1970). Review of the coastal monitoring well data record commencing in the mid-1970s, specifically TDS values, provides an indication of whether sea water intrusion has occurred in the coastal SMVMA. Review of coastal nitrate concentrations provides a measure of the extent and magnitude of water quality degradation from land use activities further inland. Historical water quality graphs for these wells are provided in Appendix B.

Coastal TDS, shallow zone, historical: TDS concentrations gradually increased between 1980 and 1990, from 750 to 900 mg/L, before stabilizing in a range between 900 and 1,400 mg/L.

Coastal TDS, deep zone, historical: TDS concentrations in the deepest portions of the coastal aquifer have remained stable between 750 and 800 mg/L. In fact, TDS values in all deep wells of the southern well set (10N/36W-02Q) have been stable, typically less than 700 mg/L. However, an increasing trend since 1985 is observed in deep wells (100 to 500 ft deep) of the northern well set (11N/36W-35J), from approximately 1,000 to 1,350 mg/L, with some wells reaching 1,500 mg/L.

Coastal Nitrate, shallow zone, historical: Nitrate concentrations have been non-detect (<0.18 or 0.2 mg/L) since monitoring commenced.

Coastal Nitrate, deep zone, historical: Nitrate concentrations in the deepest portions of the coastal aquifer have been at or near non-detect since monitoring began. In fact, this is the case in all deep wells of the southern well set (10N/36W-02Q). However, an increasing trend since 1985 is observed in deep wells (200 to 500 ft deep) of the northern well set (11N/36W-35J), from approximately 10 to 50mg/L, with one well reaching 100 mg/L.

This discussion of groundwater quality conditions covers the most important and most common inorganic constituents in groundwater in the SMVMA: salts and nutrients. The large majority of recharge to the aquifer system in the SMVMA derives from streams that have naturally occurring but elevated concentrations of salt. The largest contribution of man-made chemical constituents to the aquifer system in the SMVMA derives from fertilizer applications, specifically nitrogen (nitrate), to agricultural lands.

In assessing groundwater quality conditions of the SMVMA, TDS analysis is the most useful measure of salt content in the groundwater in that it sums all dissolved salts, the combined anion and cation components of which are generally conservative in their migration through the aquifer system. As a result, the analysis of TDS in the groundwater is very useful in identifying the areas and mechanisms of aquifer recharge to the SMVMA, from both natural and man-made sources. Analysis of nitrogen is a requirement of public water purveyors due to the known impacts to human health from consuming nitrogen. As a result, the analysis of nitrogen in the groundwater is protective of human health and useful in identifying the sources of nitrogen contamination in the SMVMA.

2.2. Twitchell Reservoir Operations

In order to describe Twitchell Reservoir operations, monthly records of reservoir stage, storage, and releases were compiled, and recorded observations of reservoir conditions were noted. The historical stage, storage, and releases through 2020 are described in relation to observed climatic conditions in the SMVMA.

2.2.1. Reservoir Stage and Storage

Historical stage and storage in Twitchell Reservoir, for which reliable records begin in 1967, indicate a typical seasonal rise with winter and spring rain, followed by decline through subsequent spring and summer releases. Reservoir stage has risen to as high as about 640 ft mean sea level (msl), corresponding to storage of nearly 190,000 acre-feet (AF), on several occasions during the winter and spring months of years during which rainfall amounts were substantially higher than average. Historical rises in stage have been rapid, occasionally over one or two months, with subsequent declines gradually spread over the subsequent year or multiple years. During those years when releases have essentially emptied the reservoir for purposeful supplemental groundwater recharge through the Santa Maria River channel, the dam operator recorded the associated minimum reservoir stage, which has risen over time from about 480 ft msl in 1968, to 525 ft msl since 1986. This rise reflects the long-term filling of former dead pool storage (about 40,000 AF below the reservoir outlet for release from conservation storage) with sediment that has naturally occurred with operation of the project (SMVWCD, 1968-2020). This filling has been accelerated by sediment-laden surface and stream runoff deriving from watershed areas that have recently experienced large fires. These seasonal fluctuations and long-term rise in minimum stage, shown in relation to the reservoir conservation, flood control, and surcharge pools, are illustrated in a graph of historical reservoir stage and storage (**Figure 2.2-1a**).

It is noteworthy that the sedimentation of the former dead pool storage below the conservation outlet in Twitchell Reservoir has not impeded the conservation of runoff for subsequent release for downstream groundwater recharge. Except for a few individual years over the life of the reservoir, accumulated storage in any year has been less than the designated active conservation pool of 109,000 AF. In the infrequent wet years when greater storage could be conserved, e.g. 1969, 1978, 1983, 1995, and 1998, the SMVWCD has been permitted to temporarily utilize some of the dedicated flood control pool (89,000 AF) to conserve those additional inflows and then release them soon thereafter for downstream recharge. Total storage has never exceeded the combined conservation pool and flood control pool storage volume (198,000 AF) and has never invaded the uppermost surcharge pool (159,000 AF above the conservation and flood control pools) in the overall reservoir. Of note is that a sediment removal project is currently being implemented at Twitchell reservoir as part of the SMVWCD ongoing operations and maintenance work.

Reservoir storage has historically risen to between 150,000 and nearly 190,000 AF during the winter and spring months of years during which rainfall was substantially higher than average, with storage commonly below 50,000 AF during most other years. As can be seen on **Figure 2.2-1a**, reservoir storage has repeatedly dropped to essentially zero during periods of below-average rainfall, including those associated with drought conditions in 1976-77, 1987-90, and 2012-16 and 2018. In fact, reservoir storage has been essentially zero during most the overall drier climatic period that began in 2002.

In both 2005 and 2006, when rainfall was above average, about 50,000 AF of storage were accrued, all of which was released for downstream groundwater recharge. In late 2010 into early 2011, again in response to above-average rainfall, storage accrued by April 2011 to almost 93,000 AF (and the stage to 615 ft msl) with releases commencing in February 2011 and continuing through March 2012. From then until 2017, only minor amounts of water were conserved that subsequently evaporated and/or were lost to seepage such that no releases were possible. Importantly, with above-average rainfall occurring in early 2017 and 2019, reservoir storage increased to 74,800 and 50,700 AF, respectively, before all water in storage was depleted by project releases. With below average rainfall in 2020, reservoir storage reached about 5,000 AF by April before being depleted by evaporation and seepage.

2.2.2. Reservoir Releases

Twitchell Reservoir annual releases for in-stream groundwater recharge since 1967 have ranged from zero during low rainfall years and drought periods to a maximum of 243,660 AF in 1998, as illustrated in a bar chart of annual reservoir releases (**Figure 2.2-1b**). In general, and most notably in the Twitchell Recharge Area, groundwater levels have tended to track Twitchell releases since the beginning of reservoir operations (see **Figure 2.1-2 and 2.2-1b**). The long-term average annual release amount (for the period 1967 through present) is 46,230 acre-feet per year (AFY), with below-average releases during roughly two-thirds of those years. The five-year period from 1995 through 1999 is notable for continual releases in amounts well above the annual average, reflecting a wetter climatic period from 1993 through 1998. Also notable are multiple year periods when releases dropped to zero, specifically from 1987 through 1990 and from 2002 through 2004, reflecting the drier climatic conditions during those periods of time. While releases in 2005 and 2006 amounted to about 106,000 and 80,000 AF, respectively, drier climatic conditions persisted with no releases for in-stream groundwater recharge in 2009 or 2010. The release of nearly 99,100 AF of water from Twitchell Reservoir was conducted from February 2011 through March 2012, with the latter marking the beginning of a severe drought with no releases through 2016. In 2017, releases began in August and continued through the remainder of 2017 and into April 2018. Total releases were estimated as 52,640 AF in 2017 and 12,140 AF in 2018 (based on recorded reservoir storage and climatic data for 2017-18). In 2019, releases totaled 46,190 AF; however, in 2020, no releases were made.

Importantly, the magnitude of the effect on reservoir releases of the most recent dry climatic period commencing in 2002 can be seen in a comparison of the calculated average reservoir releases for the following selected periods of time:

Period of record 1967 – 2020 (46,230 AFY);

Pre-dry period 1967 – 2001 (59,300 AFY); and

Most recent dry period 2002 – 2020 (22,150 AFY).

The average amount of water released during the most recent dry period (2002 – 2020) is less than one-half the average for the overall period of record (1967 – 2020) and essentially only one-third the average for the pre-dry period (1967 – 2001).

2.3. Streams

The surface water hydrology of the SMVMA is characterized in this section, specifically the current conditions in relation to historical trends in stream discharge and quality.

2.3.1. Discharge

The main streams entering the SMVMA are the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers; these rivers join on the Santa Maria Valley floor near Garey and become the Santa Maria River, which drains the Valley from that point westward (see **Figures 1.1-1a** and **1.1-1b and Appendix A, Figure 3**). The headwaters of the Sisquoc River include a portion of the San Rafael Mountains and Solomon Hills, and the River's main tributaries within the SMVMA are Foxen, La Brea, and Tepusquet Creeks. Streamflow in the Sisquoc River and its tributary creeks have remained uncontrolled through the present. The Cuyama River drains a portion of the Sierra Madre Mountains, including the Cuyama Valley, and streamflow into the Santa Maria River has been controlled since construction of Twitchell Dam between 1957 and 1959. The Santa Maria River receives minor streamflows from two small tributaries, Suey and Nipomo Creeks, along its course toward the City of Guadalupe and the Pacific Ocean. In the southern SMVMA, Orcutt Creek drains a part of the Solomon Hills (Solomon Canyon) and the Orcutt area, at which point a portion of the Creek discharge is diverted by pipeline to the A Street retention basin north of the Santa Maria Airport (Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, SBCFC&WCD, 1985; personal communication, T. Gibbons, SMVWCD, January 25, 2017). Orcutt Creek continues to flow westward, receiving intermittent flow from small drainages from the south, before being joined by Green Canyon Channel near Guadalupe, to flow toward the mouth of the Santa Maria River.

Stream discharge in the Cuyama River below the dam, recorded during the initial period of Twitchell project operations between 1959 and 1983, averaged 37,350 AFY. As discussed above, Twitchell Reservoir releases have averaged 46,230 AFY from 1967 through 2020. The historical variation in reservoir releases and Cuyama River streamflow is shown in a bar chart of annual surface water discharge for the River (**Figure 2.3-1a**). Cuyama River stream discharge (based on both the Cuyama River gauge and Twitchell Dam releases), which comprises the largest source of SMVMA groundwater recharge, has ranged over the historical period of record from no streamflow during several drought years, including as recently as 2010 and 2013 through 2016, to a high of almost 250,000 AF during 1998. Releases in 2019 were average at about 46,190 AF, with no releases in 2020.

Stream discharge in the Sisquoc River, recorded at gauges at the southeast end of the Sisquoc plain ("near Sisquoc") and further downstream at the opening to the Santa Maria Valley ("near Garey"), average 33,530 (absent data from years 1999-2007) and 35,560 AFY, respectively, over the historical period of record.[1] The Sisquoc River total discharge was well below average in 2020, 12,150 AF ("near Sisquoc") and 7,480 AF ("near Garey").

The Sisquoc River downstream gauge ("near Garey") provides a measure of the stream discharge entering the Santa Maria Valley from the Sisquoc plain. The gauge reflects inflow from the headwaters of the Sisquoc River and its tributaries, as well as gains from and losses to the shallow aquifer in the Sisquoc plain. The historical variation in Sisquoc River streamflow is shown in a bar chart of annual surface water discharge for the River at both gauges (**Figure 2.3-1b**). Sisquoc River stream discharge to the Santa Maria Valley ("near Garey" gauge), which comprises a large source of SMVMA groundwater recharge, has ranged over the historical period of record from no streamflow during several drought years to over 300,000 AF during 1998; again, the 2020 annual discharge (provisional/approved) into the Santa Maria Valley was well below average at 7,480 AF.

Of note is that the upstream Sisquoc River gauge ("near Sisquoc") was non-operational, and thus no data are available, from 1999 through 2007. Further, discharge amounts in the tributaries Foxen, La

[1] These values of mean annual discharge include provisional (October-December 2020) discharge data.

Brea, and Tepusquet Creeks have not been recorded since the early 1970's (early 1980's for the latter creek), when gauge operations were discontinued. As a result, the net amount of groundwater recharge in the Sisquoc plain from the Sisquoc River currently cannot be quantified. Reestablishment and monitoring of these currently inactive gauges (Foxen, La Brea, and Tepusquet Creeks) in some manner would provide for better understanding of the magnitude and distribution of recharge from the Sisquoc River in the Sisquoc Valley.

Streamflow in the Santa Maria River has been recorded at two gauges during varying periods of time (“at Suey Crossing” and “at Guadalupe,” see **Appendix A, Figure 3**). At the Suey Crossing gauge, 2020 discharge was less than 1,000 AF, substantially less than the 33,640 AF of discharge recorded for 2019. Comparison of this amount to the combined Sisquoc River discharge and Twitchell releases indicates that substantial recharge occurs along the portion of the Santa Maria River upstream from Suey Crossing. The available historical Santa Maria River (at Suey Crossing) streamflow data are shown in a bar chart of annual surface water discharge for the River (**Figure 2.3-1c**).

At the Guadalupe gauge, which was operational between 1941 and 1987, stream discharge ranged from no streamflow during numerous years to almost 185,000 AF during 1941; and it averaged 26,800 AFY prior to the commencement of Twitchell project operations compared to 17,600 AFY during the period of Twitchell project operations. The historical variation in Santa Maria River (at Guadalupe) streamflow is shown in a bar chart of annual surface water discharge for the River (**Figure 2.3-1d**). The reduction in streamflow at Guadalupe is attributed to Twitchell project operations, which are intended to maximize recharge along the more permeable portion of the River streambed by managing reservoir releases to maintain a “wetline” (downstream extent of streamflow) only as far as the Bonita School Road Crossing.

Supplemental recharge to the Santa Maria Valley from Twitchell project operations has been estimated to be about 32,000 AFY based on comparison of pre- and post-project net losses in streamflow between Garey and Guadalupe (LSCE, 2000). The estimation does not account for changes in climatic conditions between the pre-project (overall dry) and post-project (overall wet) periods or losses/gains along the Santa Maria River due to other processes, which could result in changes in the amount of water available for recharge over time. As a result of discontinued stream discharge measurements at Guadalupe since 1987, combined with the lack of gauged data for Suey and Nipomo Creeks, the net amount of groundwater recharge in the Santa Maria Valley from the Santa Maria River currently cannot be updated. Reestablishment and monitoring of these currently inactive gauges (Suey Creek, Nipomo Creek, and Santa Maria River at Guadalupe) in some manner would provide for better understanding of the magnitude and distribution of streamflow and recharge from the Santa Maria River.

Stream discharge in Orcutt Creek, recorded at Black Road Crossing from 1983 through the present (absent data from years 1992 through 1994), averages about 1,510 AFY, ranging from essentially no streamflow during several years to just over 10,000 AF in 1995; in 2020, stream discharge was half of the average, about 750 AF. The historical variation in streamflow is shown in a bar chart of annual surface water discharge for the creek (**Figure 2.3-1e**). While it can be expected that much of the streamflow recorded at the Black Road gauge ultimately provides groundwater recharge to the SMVMA, it is not known how much Creek discharge is diverted upstream of the gauge to the A Street retention basin. Further, it is not known how much groundwater recharge or discharge occurs along the length of Orcutt Creek, particularly upstream from the gauge to the point where Orcutt Creek enters the SMVMA.

2.3.2. Surface Water Quality

The majority of recharge to the SMVMA has historically derived from streamflow in the Santa Maria River originating from the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers. Thus, groundwater quality in much of the SMVMA has historically reflected the water quality of streamflow in the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers. Water quality in the rivers depends on the proportion and quality of the rainfall runoff and groundwater inflow contributing to streamflow in their respective watersheds above the Santa Maria Valley. The Cuyama River watershed includes the Cuyama Valley, which is reported to be underlain by geologic formations containing large amounts of gypsum; the Sisquoc River watershed is primarily steep terrain underlain by consolidated rocks (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951).

The quality of the streamflow in both the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers has historically been of a calcium magnesium sulfate type, although the Sisquoc River contains less sulfate and more bicarbonate than the Cuyama River. The Cuyama River quality has improved at two points in time during the historical period, specifically the mid-1940's and the late 1960's (USGS, Hughes, J.L., 1977). The improvement observed in the mid-1940's is thought to be due to agricultural development of the Cuyama Valley that was supported by increased groundwater pumping in that Valley for irrigation. The increased pumping lowered groundwater levels in the Cuyama Valley, in turn reducing groundwater inflow to the Cuyama River, thereby reducing the contribution of dissolved salts (sulfate in particular) to the River.

The improvement observed in the late 1960's is thought to be due to implementation of Twitchell Reservoir project operations, which facilitated conservation of Cuyama River runoff and augmented recharge to the Santa Maria Valley groundwater basin. Specifically, the higher streamflow events in the Cuyama River that previously discharged to the ocean are of a better quality due to dilution by greater rainfall runoff. Releases from Twitchell Dam therefore contain lower concentrations of dissolved salts than the Cuyama River streamflows from the period preceding the project. The improvement in Cuyama River water quality from both of these developments may be seen in **Table 2.3-1**, which summarizes those earlier water quality results from the USGS (Hughes, J.L., 1977); more recent monitoring results from the USGS (1976 – 2020), the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP, CCRWQCB) (2000 – 2020), and the TMA (2017) are also shown.

Since operation of the Twitchell project began in the 1960s, Cuyama River water quality has remained fairly constant. Reported TDS values range from about 650 to 1,200 mg/L; sulfate and chloride concentrations range from 190 to 760 mg/L and from 25 to 85 mg/L, respectively. Nitrate-NO_3 concentrations have remained low, ranging from <1 to 20 mg/L.

Water quality in the Sisquoc River has remained relatively unchanged since 1906, with general mineral constituent concentrations typically below those observed in the Cuyama River. Since the Twitchell project began, reported Sisquoc River TDS values have ranged from about 450 to 1,000 mg/L; sulfate and chloride concentrations have ranged from 270 to 380 mg/L, and from 13 to 16 mg/L, respectively. Nitrate-NO_3 concentrations have remained very low, ranging from <1 to 3.2 mg/L. Sisquoc River historical water quality is shown in a graph (**Figure 2.3-2a**) which, in particular, illustrates TDS values maintaining a long-term stability with slight seasonal variation, presumably due to varying stream discharge. Overall, the historical water quality data for the Sisquoc River and tributary streams indicate the quality of streamflows entering the Sisquoc plain are slightly improved by tributary inflows (Hughes, J.L., 1977).

As might be expected, water quality in the Santa Maria River northeast of Santa Maria (Bull Canyon/Suey Crossing) reflects the combined quality of streamflows in the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers. Reported TDS values have ranged from about 510 to 1,000 mg/L; sulfate concentrations have ranged from 180 to 540 mg/L; chloride values are about 25 mg/L; and nitrate-NO_3 concentrations have remained low, ranging from <1 to 2.7 mg/L. In contrast, water quality is degraded in streams in the western portion of the Santa Maria Valley, including the lower Santa Maria River and Oso Flaco Creek near Guadalupe. Reported TDS values have ranged from about 130 to 2,300 mg/L; sulfate concentrations have ranged from 440 to 1,000 mg/L (no chloride data are available), and nitrate-NO_3 concentrations have reached 450 mg/L. Water draining from Green Canyon, a canal coursing from the central valley floor toward Guadalupe to join the Orcutt Creek channel and ultimately the Santa Maria River, is of a similar quality.

Water quality is also degraded in streams in the southern portion of the SMVMA, including Bradley Canyon and Orcutt Creek, both of which drain the Solomon Hills. Bradley Canyon becomes the Bradley Channel as it travels northward draining about 5,700 acres of irrigated farmland in the eastern Santa Maria Valley. The drainage water has TDS values fluctuating between 180 and 1,300 mg/L and elevated nitrate-NO_3 concentrations reported as high as 150 mg/L (no sulfate or chloride data are available) (CCRWQCB, CCAMP, 2019). Orcutt Creek (at Black Road crossing) historical water quality, shown in a graph (**Figure 2.3-2b**), has TDS values typically fluctuating between 500 and 2,500 mg/L, with values that exceeded 3,600 mg/L in 2005 and 2006. During the last decade, nitrate concentrations typically exceeded the health-based standard of 45 mg/L, in fact exceeding 125 mg/L in 2007 through 2009 before declining to a range between 40 and 70 mg/L since 2011. The nitrate-NO_3 concentration in 2015 reached 135 mg/L, then declined substantially through 2019, before reaching the highest observed, 155 mg/L, in 2020.

2.4. Climate

The climatic data reported for the SMVMA are characterized in this section, specifically the current conditions in relation to historical trends in precipitation and evapotranspiration data.

2.4.1. Precipitation

At least three precipitation gauges have historically been located in the SMVMA, at Guadalupe, Santa Maria (currently at the Airport and previously downtown), and Garey (see **Appendix A, Figure 3**). Additional gauges include two operated by the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department at Sisquoc Ranch and Orcutt. The average annual rainfall measured at the Santa Maria Airport gauge, the most centrally located of the three gauges, is 12.65 inches. Historically, the majority of rainfall occurs during the months of November through April. In calendar year 2020, the total rainfall was below average at 8.3 inches, with the greatest monthly amounts in March, April, and December, as shown in **Table 2.4-1**.

Long-term rainfall characteristics for the SMVMA are reflected by the cumulative departure curve of historical annual precipitation (**Figure 2.4-1**), which indicates that the SMVMA has generally experienced periods of wetter than normal conditions alternating with periods of drier than normal to drought conditions. Wet conditions prevailed from the 1930's through 1944, followed by drier conditions from 1945 through the late 1960's. Subsequently, there have been shorter periods of alternating wet and dry conditions, including the most recent cycle of a wet period in the early-1990's to 1998, followed by the overall dry period from 2002 through 2020. Conditions have shown short-term variation with rainfall totals above the long-term average in 2010 and 2011 but well below the average since 2012.

The pattern of fluctuations in climatic conditions closely corresponds to the long-term fluctuations in groundwater levels described in Section 2.1.2 above, including the substantial decline observed between 1945 and the late 1960's and the subsequent repeating cycle of decline and recovery between historical-low and historical-high groundwater levels. Most recently, groundwater levels rose substantially in much of the SMVMA through 2011 in response to large amounts of rainfall in late 2010 and early 2011 (and the associated recharge from prolonged Twitchell Reservoir releases and high Sisquoc River discharge). However, the overall decline in groundwater levels observed since 2002 and particularly since 2012 was primarily attributed to the continued below average rainfall, Twitchell releases, and Sisquoc River discharge through 2016. The rainfall in 2017 was slightly above average, and the corresponding higher Sisquoc River streamflows and Twitchell releases contributed to substantial recovery of groundwater levels in 2017 into early 2018. The above average rainfall in 2019 likely contributed to slight additional recovery of groundwater levels through 2019. The below average rainfall observed in 2020 may have contributed to stable to slightly lower groundwater levels in 2020.

2.4.2. Evapotranspiration

Three CIMIS climate stations were initially operated within the SMVMA for varying periods of time, specifically at Santa Maria, Betteravia, and Guadalupe between 1983 and 1997 (see **Appendix A, Figure 3**). Subsequently, CIMIS stations began operating near Sisquoc and on the southern Nipomo Mesa, the latter located just outside of the SMVMA, with climate data available for full calendar years beginning in 2001 and 2007, respectively. Most recently, a CIMIS climate station located on the floor of the Santa Maria Valley ("Santa Maria II" near the Santa Maria airport, see **Appendix A, Figure 3**) was reestablished in April 2011. A full calendar year of data from Santa Maria II was available for the first time in 2012. These six stations have recorded daily precipitation amounts, and all but Santa Maria II have recorded reference evapotranspiration (ETo), through present day. The latter station ceased recording the data in 2016 needed to estimate ETo, and the TMA is in the process of developing a replacement station on the Valley floor to provide precipitation and ETo data. For reasons not reported, the precipitation amounts at the Sisquoc gauge were zero in 2020. Historically, annual ETo values ranged between 42 and 53 inches and averaged about 48 inches, as shown in a bar chart of the historical ETo values for the SMVMA (**Figure 2.4-2**).

Daily climate data for 2020 from the Santa Maria II, Nipomo, and Sisquoc stations are listed in **Table 2.4-2**, specifically daily, monthly, and annual ETo and precipitation amounts. Annual ETo values ranged from 43.26 inches (Nipomo) to 54.86inches (Sisquoc). Evapotranspiration was highest during the months of June through August. The 2020 ETo values for the Santa Maria II station were estimated from the 2020 data from the Sisquoc and Nipomo CIMIS stations. Annual precipitation records appear to be poor for the Sisquoc and Nipomo CIMIS stations; none was recorded at the Sisquoc station and only about 4 inches were recorded at the Nipomo station, compared to the 8.3 inches reported at the Santa Maria Airport gauge. The possible reason for the poor quality of these CIMIS station precipitation records is being pursued with California DWR. As will be discussed in the following chapter, the 2020 estimated ETo values for the Santa Maria II station and the 2020 precipitation data from the airport gauge were utilized to estimate agricultural water requirements for the SMVMA in 2020.

3 WATER REQUIREMENTS AND WATER SUPPLIES

Current water requirements and water supplies in the SMVMA, including discussion of agricultural land use and crop water duties, which were the basis for estimation of agricultural water requirements and groundwater supply in 2020, are described in the following sections of this Chapter. Municipal water requirements and the components of water supply to meet those requirements, including groundwater and imported water from the State Water Project (SWP), are also described in the following sections.

3.1. Agricultural Water Requirements and Supplies

All agricultural water requirements in the SMVMA are supplied by local groundwater pumping, essentially all of which is neither directly metered nor otherwise indirectly measured. Consequently, agricultural water requirements, which represent by far the largest part of overall water requirements in the SMVMA, need to be indirectly estimated. Historically, and for this annual report, agricultural water requirements are estimated by quantifying land use (crop types and acreages), computing applied water requirements for each crop type, and summing total water requirements for the aggregate of various crops throughout the SMVMA. Reflected in this annual report are previously reported estimates of historical agricultural land use and water requirements through 1995 (LSCE, 2000), from 1998 through 2019 (LSCE, 2009 - 2020), as well as the current estimate for 2020 made as part of the overall preparation of this annual report.

3.1.1. Land Use

An assessment was made of crop acreages in 2020 from the review of Pesticide Use Report (PUR) databases, including mapped agricultural parcels permitted for pesticide application, maintained by the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner's Offices. The mapped parcels were identified by the respective Counties under the following crop types: 1) Rotational Vegetable, 2) Strawberry, 3) Wine Grape, 4) Pasture, 5) Grain, 6) Nursery, and 7) Orchard (Citrus and Deciduous). The acreage also accounted for hoop house crops (primarily the caneberries of raspberry and blackberry), hydroponic crops (primarily tomatoes), and cannabis (marijuana and hemp, specified as "Field" crop). Review of the PUR records indicated that "Rotational Vegetable" primarily consisted of lettuce, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, and spinach crops. Verification of agricultural cropland distribution in the SMVMA was conducted through review of 2020 satellite images, as well as 2020 color high-resolution (1 meter) aerial photographs available on a biennial basis (USDA National Agricultural Imagery Program, 2020) and a field spot check in spring 2021. An inventory of the images and photographs is also provided in **Appendix C** of this report. The distribution of irrigated acreage for 2020, by crop type identified by the Counties as well as by crop category utilized by the California DWR in its periodic land use studies, is listed in **Table 3.1-1a**. The crop parcel locations in 2020 are shown in a map of agricultural land use throughout the SMVMA (**Figure 3.1-1a**) and the distribution of historical irrigated acreage, including DWR land use study years and LSCE assessment years through 2020, is listed in **Table 3.1-1b** (USGS, Worts, G.F., 1951; California DWR, 1959, 1968, 1977, 1985, and 1995; LSCE, 2000 and 2009 - 2020).

In 2020, about 52,160 acres in the Santa Maria Valley were irrigated cropland, with the great majority (87 percent) in truck crops, from Rotational Vegetables (30,100 acres) and Strawberries (13,430 acres) to Hoop house crops (1,720 acres) and Hydroponic crops (170 acres). Vineyard comprised the next largest category (4,420 acres), with Pasture, Field, Nursery, Grain, and Orchard in descending order of acreage (from 420 to 70 acres). Fallow cropland was estimated to be approximately 1,080 acres. Cropland occupies large portions of the Santa Maria Valley floor, Orcutt Upland, Oso Flaco area, and Sisquoc plain and terraces.

The total irrigated acreage of about 52,160 acres in 2020 is within and near the upper end of the reported historical range of roughly 34,000 acres in 1945 to 53,000 acres in 1995 (see **Table 3.1-1b**). The 2020 cropland locations maintain the historical trend of agricultural expansion onto portions of the Orcutt Upland, Sisquoc Valley, and, most recently, Graciosa Canyon, as urban land use expands into former cropland near the central portions of the Santa Maria Valley and Orcutt Upland. Further, the crop type distribution continues the historical trend of increased truck crop acreage, including hoop house grown crops, and decline in pasture (including alfalfa), field, and orchard acreages, as illustrated by the bar chart of historical crop type distribution from DWR land use study years and for 2020 (**Figure 3.1-1b**). In order to provide consistency with the historical land use data, the crop acreages reported here are "land" acreages, i.e., the land area used for growing crops regardless of whether it is used for single or multiple cropping throughout any given year. Multiple cropping of land, and associated annual water requirements, is accommodated in the calculation of applied crop water requirements below.

3.1.2. Applied Crop Water Requirements

Applied crop water requirements were developed for the crop categories described above, and the approach used in their development depended on information available for each individual category. In the case of Rotational Vegetables (primarily lettuce, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, and bush berries), Strawberries, and Pasture, values for their evapotranspiration of applied water (ETaw) were developed using a CIMIS-based approach where reference evapotranspiration data (ETo) were coupled with crop coefficients (Kc) to first estimate the evapotranspirative water requirements of the crops (ETc). Those requirements were then factored to consider any effective precipitation in 2020 that would have reduced the need for applied water to meet the respective evapotranspirative water requirements, which in turn provided the ETaw values for those three categories.

For the remaining crop categories (except hoop house, hydroponic, and cannabis), for which information was insufficient to utilize a CIMIS-based approach, reported values of ETaw were used (California DWR, 1975). Specifically, these were values measured and developed for different rainfall zones in the central California coastal valleys, and a review of the reported values indicated that they accommodated multiple cropping. The values in turn had previously been used to develop a relationship between ETaw values and the annual rainfall amounts within the Santa Maria Valley groundwater basin by crop type (LSCE, 2000). With a rainfall total of 8.3 inches in 2020 in the Valley, the previously developed ETaw values corresponding to that amount of precipitation were used for this assessment. For hoop house berries, an applied crop water duty was derived from local information on California central coast irrigation practices for hoop house berries, and from a publication on caneberry research conducted in California's central coast area (Bolda, et. al., October 2012). For hydroponic tomatoes, an applied crop water duty has been estimated from hydroponic crop research articles and notes (Selina, et. al., April 2002; Resh, 2005; and Jones, 2012). For cannabis crops, a reported applied crop water duty was utilized (Nelson, R.A., 2000).

For the three crop categories utilizing the CIMIS-based approach, the estimated 2020 ETo for Santa Maria II CIMIS station were used in conjunction with Kc values from the following sources to develop ETc values. The Rotational Vegetable value was based on reported values for lettuce derived from an agricultural reference for estimating ETc for vegetable crops (Univ. of California Cooperative Extension, 1994); the Strawberry values were derived from a paper reporting the results of a study on drip irrigation of strawberries in the Santa Maria Valley (Hanson, B., and Bendixen, W., 2004); and the Pasture values were directly based on the estimated ETo values for the reference surface (grass) at the Santa Maria II station. The resulting ETc values for the three crop categories are shown in **Table 3.1-1c**.

Effective precipitation (P_E) during 2020 was then subtracted from the ETc values to estimate crop ETaw values. The P_E amounts that contributed to meeting the ETc of the crops, and thus reduced applied water requirements, were based on review of the precipitation data for 2020, during which rain primarily occurred in March, April, and December. In 2020, precipitation met all or a portion of the ETc of the crops during January, March, and April. It was assumed for the hoop house, hydroponic, and cannabis crops that no component of precipitation was effective. The calculated 2020 ETaw values for Rotational Vegetables, Strawberries, and Pasture, as well as the developed values for the remaining crop categories are shown in **Table 3.1-1c**.

Values of ETaw were then used to estimate applied crop water requirements (AW) by considering estimated irrigation system distribution uniformity (DU) values for each crop. For Strawberries grown in the Santa Maria Valley, DU values have been reported to range from 80 and 94 percent (Hanson, B., and Bendixen, W., 2004), and an intermediate DU value of 85 percent was selected for this assessment. For the remaining crops, DU values have not been specifically reported for the Santa Maria Valley; for this assessment, values of 80 percent (Rotational Vegetables, Truck, Grain, and Pasture), 85 percent (Citrus), and 95 percent (Vineyard, Nursery, and hoop house) were utilized. For the hydroponic tomato crops, all of which are grown in a controlled environment greenhouse, the DU value was assumed to be 100 percent. The resulting AW values for each of the crop categories are shown in **Table 3.1-1c**; they range in value as follows:

Highest water rate: 4.3 acre-feet per acre (AF/ac) for pasture

Intermediate rates: 2.5 to 3.1 AF/ac for field (cannabis) and deciduous/avocado, 2.5 AF/ac for rotational vegetables, and 2.0 AF/ac for hoop house berries, hydroponic tomatoes, and nursery plants.

Lowest rates: 1.4 AF/ac for strawberries, 1.3 AF/ac for vineyard, and 0.6 AF/ac for grain.

The AW values calculated for crops grown in the SMVMA are similar to those previously reported for crops grown in the NMMA (NMMA TG, 2009 through 2020). Between the two adjacent management areas, crops in common are Rotational Vegetables, Strawberries, Pasture, Citrus, Nursery, and Deciduous.

3.1.3. Total Agricultural Water Requirements

The AW values for each SMVMA crop category were coupled with their respective crop acreages to produce estimates of the individual crop and total agricultural water requirements, as shown in **Table 3.1-1c**. The resultant estimated total water requirement was 107,745 AF, with Rotational Vegetables comprising by far the greatest component, 75,774 AF, primarily because about 58 percent of the total acreage was dedicated to those crops. Strawberries comprised the next largest crop acreage and had an associated water requirement of 19,395 AF. Vineyard, hoop house berries, and pasture water requirements ranged from 5,589 AF down to 1,803 AF. All remaining crop types had water requirements at or below 500 AF.

In the context of historical estimates of total agricultural water requirements, the estimated 2020 agricultural water use is in the range of applied water requirements over the last four decades, as illustrated in a graph of historical irrigated acreage and agricultural groundwater pumping (the sole source of irrigation water in the Valley and, thus, equal to total agricultural water requirements) (**Figure 3.1-1c**). For reference, agricultural water requirements were previously estimated to be around 80,000 AFY during the 1940's and 1950's, gradually increasing to over 100,000 AFY by the 1970's; since then, agricultural water requirements have fluctuated from year to year, as a function of weather variability, but water requirements have generally remained within a broad but fairly constant range (LSCE, 2000, 2009 - 2020). Since the 1970's, maximum and minimum agricultural water requirements, respectively, were about 132,000 AF in 1997 and about 77,000 AF in 1998, with estimated agricultural water requirements in 2020 somewhat higher than those in 2019 and at about the middle of the historical range.

3.1.4. Agricultural Groundwater Pumping

As noted above, the sole source of water for agricultural irrigation in the SMVMA is groundwater, so groundwater pumping for agricultural irrigation in 2020 is estimated to be the same as the total estimated agricultural water requirement, 107,745 AF. This amount is midway within the historical range of estimated groundwater pumping for agricultural irrigation in the Valley over the last four decades. Proportions of groundwater pumping from the shallow and deep aquifer zones of the SMVMA are not known.

3.2. Municipal Water Requirements and Supplies

Prior to the late 1990’s, all municipal water requirements in the SMVMA were met by local groundwater pumping. Since the beginning of State Water Project (SWP) availability in 1997, deliveries of SWP water have replaced some of the local groundwater pumping for municipal supply. Beginning in 2015 and expanding since then, water (for municipal supply) was transferred from the SMVMA to the NMMA, discussed further in Section 4.4, by way of the recently constructed waterline intertie project. Municipal pumping, imported (SWP) water deliveries to the SMVMA, and intra-basin water transfers from the SMVMA to the NMMA are all metered; consequently, the following summaries of municipal water requirement and supplies derive from those measured data.

3.2.1. Municipal Groundwater Pumping

Municipal purveyors in the SMVMA include the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe and the Golden State Water Company (GSWC, formerly Southern California Water Company, or SCWC). The latter provides water to suburban areas in the southern portion of the SMVMA, specifically the towns of Orcutt and Sisquoc and the Lake Marie and Tanglewood developments. With the exception of a small amount of pumping in Guadalupe and Sisquoc, municipal pumping is from numerous water supply wells in individual wellfields located between the Santa Maria Airport and the town of Orcutt. The municipal water supply wells are completed in the shallow and/or deep aquifer zones with, in general, newer wells having been constructed to produce from deeper portions of the aquifer system with better water quality. The monthly and annual groundwater pumping amounts for 2020 are tabulated by individual well, by purveyor, and for each water system in **Table 3.2-1a**.

In 2020, a total of 15,160 AF of groundwater was pumped for municipal water supply in the SMVMA, which is an increase from the prior year (9,550 AF) but within the range of groundwater pumping reported between the late 1970's and 2019. All purveyors pumped more groundwater in 2020 than in 2019. The City of Santa Maria pumped the greatest amount, about 7,490 AF. The GSWC pumped about 6,790 AF and the City of Guadalupe pumped about 880 AF.

Since the initial deliveries of supplemental imported SWP water commenced in 1997, groundwater pumped for municipal supply has declined substantially, as shown in a graph of historical municipal groundwater pumping for the SMVMA (**Figure 3.2-1a**). The City of Santa Maria has greatly reduced pumping since the importation of SWP water began, from 12,800 AF in 1996 to an annual average of about 3,420 AF for subsequent years. In those years when pumping exceeds this annual average, it is typically due to limited SWP water availability. Such was the case recently in 2013 through 2015 when SWP water availability ranged from only 5 to 35 percent. The GSWC has also reduced groundwater pumping since the importation of SWP water began, from 9,960 AF in 1996 to an annual average of about 7,940 AF for subsequent years. Additionally, the City of Guadalupe has reduced groundwater pumping since the importation of SWP water began, from 725 AF in 1996 to an annual average of 670 AF for subsequent years. In 2020, pumping by Santa Maria and Guadalupe was more than their respective average annual amounts.

3.2.2. Imported Water

The three municipal purveyors in the SMVMA have entitlements to imported water from the SWP through the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA). Each purveyor's total entitlement is comprised of their basic entitlement plus a "drought buffer" equal to 10 percent of their basic entitlement. By purveyor, their respective total entitlements are as follows: City of Santa Maria, 17,820 AF (16,200 AF basic entitlement plus 1,620 AF drought buffer); GSWC (SCWC), 550 AF (500 AF plus 50 AF drought buffer); and City of Guadalupe, 605 AF (550 AF basic plus 55 AF drought buffer). The drought buffer is intended to provide a way to stabilize annual fluctuations in SWP water deliveries to the purveyors due to annual fluctuations in SWP water availability, in essence firming up the overall reliability of the purveyors' SWP entitlements. As such, during years when SWP water availability exceeds purveyor demand, unused entitlement allocations could be stored either directly into a groundwater basin or in an in-lieu manner (i.e., exchange with other SWP Contractors). Conversely, during years when SWP water availability is less than purveyor demand, stored entitlement water or returned exchange water is meant to be available to augment SWP deliveries (personal communication, S. Springer, City of Santa Maria, April 26, 2016).

The total entitlements listed in Exhibit F to the Stipulation are as follows: Santa Maria, 17,800 AF; GSWC (SCWC), 550 AF; and Guadalupe, 610 AF. The amounts listed for Santa Maria and Guadalupe appear to be the actual entitlements described above but "rounded off." Such as the Stipulation also specifies certain minimum importation of SWP water, as a function of its availability in any given year and also as a function of individual purveyor entitlement, the following assessment of imported water use in 2020 is related to those total entitlements.

In 2020, total deliveries of SWP water to the SMVMA were 5,810 AF, less than those of the previous year (10,350 AF). The large majority of those deliveries, 5,615 AF, were to the City of Santa Maria. A portion of the Santa Maria deliveries, about 115 AF, was transferred to GSWC. GSWC also took delivery of 11 AF of its own entitlement, for a total of about 125 AF, and the City of Guadalupe took delivery of 190 AF of its entitlement. The monthly and total annual deliveries of SWP water to the SMVMA in 2020 are summarized in **Table 3.2-1b**.

Historically, municipal deliveries commenced in 1997 with approximately 4,500 AF going to the City of Santa Maria. The following year, the City's delivery more than doubled to nearly 10,700 AF and GSWC took about 80 AF (the City of Guadalupe delivery records prior to 2004 are unavailable). Over the entire period since SWP water deliveries to the SMVMA began, the average total annual amount delivered is 10,120 AFY, and the average SWP water availability is 62 percent. California's highly variable climatic conditions can be seen from review of the historical SWP water deliveries (and percent SWP water availabilities) for the SMVMA: delivery amounts have ranged from 13,780 AF in 2006 (SWP availability of 100 percent) to 1,770 AF in 2014 (SWP availability of 5 percent). The effect of the recent extended dry period can also be seen: the average annual SWP availability during the period 2008 through 2020 is only 47 percent, compared to the average for the preceding years, 81 percent, as can be seen in a graph of historical SWP water deliveries to the SMVMA (**Figure 3.2-1b**).

As mentioned above, the Stipulation designates minimum amounts of SWP water to be imported and used in the SMVMA in any year as a function of individual entitlement and SWP availability. Santa Maria is to import and use not less than 10,000 AFY of available SWP water, or the full amount of available SWP water when it is less than 10,000 AF. GSWC is to import and use all its available SWP water. Guadalupe is to import and use a minimum of 75 percent of its available SWP water. In 2020, overall SWP water availability was only 20 percent of entitlements. So, for municipal purveyors in the SMVMA, that availability converts to the following individual availability of SWP water: Santa Maria, 3,560 AF; GSWC, 110 AF; and Guadalupe, 120 AF (75 percent of which, or 90 AF, as a minimum was to be imported). Actual imports of SWP water by all three municipal purveyors, including the transfers from Santa Maria to GSWC (within the SMVMA) and to the NMMA (intra-basin), were as follows: Santa Maria, 5,615 AF; GSWC, 125 AF (including 115 AF from Santa Maria); and Guadalupe, 190 AF (see **Table 3.2-1b**). Comparison of these figures indicates all three purveyors imported more than their respective minimum amounts specified in the Stipulation. The following summarizes SWP availability and purveyor imports in 2020:

- 5,810 AF total was imported by the three purveyors
- 5,370 AF of the total imported was utilized in the SMVMA

3.2.3. Total Municipal Water Requirements

Total municipal water requirements in 2020 were about 20,980 including the approximate 1,030 AF of water transferred by Santa Maria to the NMMA; the total water utilized within the SMVMA was then 19,950 AF. The 2020 total water requirements are slightly more than in 2019 and are on par with the requirements as far back in time as the mid- to late 1980's. The 2020 total reflects an overall stability in municipal water use since 1989, prior to which a steep increasing trend was observed (particularly 1970 – 1989). The overall history of municipal water use in the SMVMA is detailed in Table 3.2-1c and illustrated in a graph of annual municipal requirements (**Figure 3.2-1c**).

3.3. Total Water Requirements and Supplies

The total water requirement (combined agricultural and municipal) in 2020 for the SMVMA, including the water provided by intra-basin transfer from the SMVMA to the NMMA, was approximately 128,720 AF, as seen in **Table 3.3-1a**.

In 2020, the total demand was met almost entirely by groundwater pumping, about 122.910 AF, which is more than the total groundwater pumping for the previous year (about 109,935 AF). The balance of the total demand was roughly 5,810 AF met by delivery of imported water from the SWP. This amount is less than the total imported water to the SMVMA for the previous year (10,350 AF) and the long-term average delivery from 1997 through 2020 (10,120 AFY).

Groundwater pumping in 2020 met 100 percent of the agricultural water requirement (107,745 AF), 72 percent of the municipal water requirements (15,160 of 20,980 AF), and about 95 percent of the total water requirements for the SMVMA, including the NMMA transfer (122,905 of 128,720 AF).

Historical total water requirements in the SMVMA have increased from about 80,000 AF in 1950 to about 150,000 AF by 1990, and have fluctuated in a broad but relatively constant range between about 100,000 and 150,000 AFY, as shown in a graph of historical total water requirements (**Figure 3.3-1**). Total water requirements in 2020 remained within that range.

Historical water supplies in the SMVMA were solely derived from groundwater pumping until 1997, when the City of Santa Maria commenced importation of SWP water. While groundwater has always met 100 percent of agricultural water requirements, since 1997 groundwater has met a wide range of municipal water requirements, from 35 to 92 percent. Further, groundwater has comprised a consistently large portion of the total water requirements in the SMVMA (from 87 to 99 percent), as shown in **Table 3.3-1b**.

Over the period since SWP water deliveries began in the SMVMA, the average total annual amount delivered is 10,120 AFY, and the average SWP water availability is 62 percent. In contrast, during the recent extended dry period, the average annual SWP delivery amount from 2008 through 2020 is 8,690 AFY with an average SWP availability of only 47 percent. Historical SWP water deliveries (and percent SWP water availabilities) range from 13,780 AF in 2006 (SWP availability of 100 percent) to 1,770 AF in 2014 (SWP availability of 5 percent).

4 WATER DISPOSITION

The Stipulation directs that there be an annual accounting of the disposition of water supplies in the SMVMA. The primary uses of water in the SMVMA are for agricultural irrigation and for domestic and related municipal uses, as detailed in Chapter 3, where most of the water is consumptively used. The balance of water supply primarily **deep-percolates**, or is disposed, back to the groundwater basin via the following pathways: 1) deep percolation of applied irrigation that exceeds agricultural crop water requirements, 2) deep percolation of landscape or other non-agricultural irrigation, 3) purposeful infiltration of treated municipal waste water, and 4) in the Sisquoc Valley, deep percolation of a very minor amount of water treated in septic systems.

Other disposition of water in the SMVMA includes purposeful **consumptive use** of treated municipal waste water via spray irrigation for disposal (evapotranspiration); additional losses derive from treatment sludge disposal and brine injection from reverse osmosis treatment. In some years, treated water is consumed in off-site industrial or commercial uses. Lastly, in the Sisquoc Valley, very minor amounts of water are lost during septic system treatment. Additional disposition of water is agricultural drainage in localized areas, specifically those of low soil and aquifer permeability and shallow groundwater levels, and water transfer from the SMVMA to the NMMA per provisions of the Stipulation.

4.1. Agricultural Return Flows

The largest component of overall return flows in the SMVMA originates as applied water for agricultural irrigation. Except for local areas near the Santa Maria River toward the western end of the SMVMA, where subsurface drainage removes shallow groundwater beneath irrigated lands, applied irrigation in excess of crop water requirements is considered to deep percolate beyond crop rooting depths and result in return flows to groundwater. The estimation of agricultural water requirements and associated groundwater pumping, as described in Section 3.1, is based on crop areas, respective crop water requirements, and estimated performance of various irrigation systems. Most crops in the SMVMA are considered to consumptively use 80 to 85 percent of the water applied to them, resulting in the balance of 20 to 15 percent, respectively, exceeding crop consumption and deep percolating (as return flow) to the underlying aquifer system. This includes cannabis, considered as a field crop, recently introduced to the SMVMA. Exceptions to the preceding ranges are wine grapes and hoop house berries, where 95% of applied water is estimated to be consumptively used (resulting in a return flow of 5% of applied water). Lastly, for hydroponic tomatoes, 100% of applied water is estimated to be consumptively used.

For the full range of crop categories in the SMVMA, return flow rates in 2020 are estimated to range from 0.10 AF/ac or less for vineyard and hoop house berries, to 0.4 to 0.5 AF/ac for the predominant rotational vegetables and orchard, to a maximum of about 0.86 AF/ac for pasture. The respective estimated agricultural return flow rates are detailed in **Table 4.1-1**. When combined with their respective individual crop acreages, it is estimated that, in 2020, about 19,100 AF of the 107,745 AF of applied agricultural irrigation became return flows to the SMVMA aquifer system.

4.2. Municipal Return Flows

Municipal return flows primarily derive from the discharge of treated waste water generated at three municipal waste water treatment plants in the SMVMA (with a very minor amount derived from septic systems in the Sisquoc Valley). Additional return flows derive from the application of landscape irrigation within the service areas of the three main water purveyors of the SMVMA. The estimation of these municipal return flows is described below.

The three municipal waste water treatment plants in the SMVMA are as follows: the City of Santa Maria plant located west of the City; the Laguna CSD plant west of the Santa Maria Airport; and the City of Guadalupe plant west of Guadalupe (see **Appendix A, Figure 2a**). At the City of Santa Maria WWTP, influent volumes are metered and recorded, and all treated water is discharged to percolation ponds near Green Canyon adjacent to the plant facilities. At the Laguna CSD WWTP, influent volumes are metered and recorded. The large majority of treated water is discharged to permanent spray fields north and west of the plant facilities and to Santa Maria airport lands for irrigation (with winter discharges to storage ponds). In 2020, a minor amount of effluent was provided for industrial use, specifically for dust control and soil compaction in the SMVMA. At the City of Guadalupe WWTP, influent volumes are recorded, and all treated water is discharged to permanent spray fields north of the plant facilities, across the Santa Maria River (with discharge to a storage pond north of the facility).

The monthly total influent data from 2020 are shown by facility and method of disposal in **Table 4.2-1**. For the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe plants, effluent volumes are estimated to be 90 percent of the metered influent, with the remainder assumed to be lost (consumed) during treatment. For the Laguna CSD, effluent volumes are calculated as the balance of the recorded influent minus sludge and brine volumes. In 2020, a total estimated 9,910 AF of treated municipal waste water were discharged in the SMVMA. About 74 percent (7,380 AF) of that total was discharged to the percolation ponds of the City of Santa Maria WWTP. Approximately 19 percent (1,860 AF) of the total treated water was discharged by Laguna CSD to spray irrigation of the WWTP permanent pasture and Santa Maria airport lands, and by the City of Guadalupe to spray irrigation. The balance of seven percent (about 670 AF) of the total treated water remained in storage or went to commercial use.

The Stipulation has provisions for each of the municipal water purveyors in the SMVMA to have rights to recover return flows (by pumping “commingled groundwater”) that derive from their respective importations of water from the SWP. Those rights are to specific fractions of SWP water use in the preceding year; they are limited in time to recovery in the following year, and thus do not carry over or otherwise accumulate in the basin (in terms of water rights). The Stipulation designates their respective fractions as 65 percent for Santa Maria and 45 percent each for GSWC (formerly Southern California Water Company) and for Guadalupe. The Stipulation is silent as to the basis for the respective fractions; logically, however, they would have some basis in the fate of imported SWP water, i.e. what fraction ends up being “disposed” as a “return flow” to the groundwater basin.

Since the SMVMA water supply is a commingled combination of groundwater and SWP water, the "return flow" fraction attributable to SWP water would be the same as that for the commingled supply. An accounting of waste stream volumes from the different sources as influent to the three WWTPs and the calculated return flows generated from the WWTP discharge for years 1997 through 2020 are provided in **Table 4.2-2**. Return flows derived from landscape irrigation within the SMVMA urban areas (water applied beyond the consumptive use of landscape plantings) are also included in **Table 4.2-2**. The supporting calculations of return flows from WWTP discharge (for 1997 forward) and landscape irrigation (from 2008 forward) are provided in **Appendices D and E**, respectively. It was assumed that landscape and treated wastewater spray field irrigation return flows were 20% of applied water, and that return flows for treated wastewater in ponds was 100% of pond discharge.

While the volume of influent is recorded at each of the three WWTPs, the amount of water toward landscape irrigation is necessarily estimated. The monthly base indoor water usage is assumed to approximately equal the reported water supply for the winter months, with water use in excess of that base amount for all other months calculated as landscape irrigation. The balance of water supplies (i.e., not conveyed to WWTPs or utilized for landscape irrigation) is assumed to have been consumptively used or lost during conveyance in water service areas. The results of these calculations provide an indication of the fate of water used by the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe and by the GSWC. Specifically, the fate and approximate average percentage of each purveyor's respective water supplies are as follows (See **Appendix E**, 2008 forward):

- WWTP total influent/water supply: Santa Maria, 68%; GSWC, 33%; Guadalupe, 75%
- Landscape irrigation/water supply: Santa Maria, 29%; GSWC, 44%; Guadalupe, 18%
- Residential consumption and conveyance loss/water supply: Santa Maria, 3%; GSWC, 23%; Guadalupe, 7%

Interpretation of the Santa Maria municipal water supply and waste water processes, as well as the estimated return flows from WWTPs and landscape irrigation, indicates the average fraction of return flows to water supply for the period from 1997 through present is 66 percent (Table 4.2-2). Thus, the 65 percent "return flow" fraction specified in the Stipulation for Santa Maria is representative of the amount of Santa Maria water supply providing return flow to the SMVMA. This is primarily the case because the great majority of waste water generated in Santa Maria is conveyed to the City's WWTP (with some small amount conveyed to the Laguna CSD WWTP) where effluent discharge is to percolation ponds for purposeful infiltration (and generation of return flows) to the groundwater basin (see **Table 4.2-2**).

Interpretation of the GSWC/Laguna CSD and Guadalupe water supplies and waste water processes, as well as the estimated return flows from WWTPs and landscape irrigation, indicates their average fractions of return flows to water supplies for 1997 through the present are 18 and 16 percent, respectively. Thus, it appears the 45 percent "return flow" fraction specified in the Stipulation for GSWC and Guadalupe exceeds the actual amounts of their respective water supplies providing return flow to the SMVMA. The estimated return flows for GSWC and Guadalupe can be expected to be lower than Santa Maria because the great majority of their waste water is conveyed to treatment plants where effluent discharge is primarily to permanent spray fields for evapotranspiration, with only minor generation of return flows to the groundwater basin.

4.3. Agricultural Drainage

In areas of low soil and aquifer permeability and shallow groundwater levels, such as the Oso Flaco Valley, agricultural irrigation water in excess of crop water requirements percolates past the crop root zone to provide return flows to the aquifer or to be intercepted by area drains before reaching the aquifer. Further, the return flows to the aquifer increase water in storage in the aquifer and raise shallow groundwater levels; in certain cases, this rise in groundwater levels can be sufficiently high for area drains to capture and drain groundwater from the aquifer.

While no known recent measurements exist for agricultural drainage in the SMVMA, a local study provides information about the timing and amounts of drainage in several portions of Oso Flaco Creek during 2010, 2011, and early 2012 (Althouse and Meade, Inc., October 2012). From this information, specifically the reported monthly mean discharge (in cubic feet per second (cfs)) at a portion of the Creek immediately upstream from Oso Flaco Lake, an estimate was made of the total annual agricultural drainage in 2010 and 2011. Discharge at this point was considered to represent the total drainage of the area, including the agricultural drainage and the surface water runoff associated with rain events. The discharge measured during the dry months of each year, specifically May through October, was considered to be comprised solely of agricultural drainage with no contribution of surface water runoff from rain. During 2010, the monthly mean discharge rates for May through October were similar and averaged 6.5833 cfs, and during 2011, the monthly mean discharge rates for May through October were also similar and averaged 5.8750 cfs. These rates were assumed to represent the agricultural drainage that occurred during all months of each year and were utilized to estimate annual agricultural drainage, approximately 4,800 AF in 2010 and 4,300 AF in 2011, or an average of about 4,500 AFY.

In the SMVMA 2014 annual report (LSCE, April 2015), in order to estimate agricultural drainage in the area during 2014, consideration was made of the depth to groundwater and the period of seasonal agricultural irrigation during 2010, 2011, and 2014. While area groundwater levels were slightly lower in 2014 than in 2010/2011 (and thus would be expected to contribute less groundwater to drainage ditches and Oso Flaco Creek), it appears that the irrigation season began earlier and was longer in 2014 than in 2010/2011 (and thus would be expected to contribute more intercepted water to drainage ditches and the Creek). Each of these factors was assumed to offset each other and, for that reason, the average discharge of 4,500 AFY was used as an estimate of the agricultural drainage in 2014.

Recent Oso Flaco area groundwater depths and agricultural irrigation are similar to those in 2014; as such, the average discharge of 4,500 AFY was used as an estimate of the agricultural drainage in 2020.

4.4. Intra-Basin Water Transfer

The Stipulation includes provisions specific to the NMMA for implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Santa Maria and the Nipomo CSD to provide for the sale of a minimum of 2,500 AF of “supplemental water” per year to the City to Nipomo CSD. That sale for delivery of water constitutes an intra-basin water transfer within the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin from the SMVMA to the NMMA.

In support of the sale, an agreement was approved between the City and Nipomo CSD that serves as a successor to the MOU (Wholesale Water Supply Agreement or "Agreement") and facilities were completed with the capacity to convey 500 to 1,000 AFY of water from the SMVMA to the NMMA ("Phase I" Waterline Intertie Project or WIP). The Agreement and WIP accommodate future project expansion such that water deliveries are planned as follows: 645 AF in year one; 800 AFY in years 2 through 5; 1,000 AFY in years 6 through 10, and 2,500 AFY in years 11 through the term of the agreement (2085). A provision in the Agreement specifies that the Nipomo CSD may request delivery of an additional 3,200 AFY in excess of these quantities (potential total delivery of 5,700 AFY).

The intra-basin transfer of water from the SMVMA to the NMMA commenced in July 2015, with the delivery of about 50 AF of water in each month from July through December. Thus, in the latter half of 2015, a total of 314 AF of water was transferred. Delivery of an additional 337 AF of water was completed in the first half of 2016, thus delivering a total of about 650 AF of water in year one of the Agreement (directly on par with the Agreement amounts). Water transfers to the NMMA in 2016 (calendar year) totaled 770 AF. Transfers in calendar years 2017 through 2020 have increased to about 1,000 AF in 2020.

The water transfers beginning in 2015 have reduced the amount of groundwater pumping of the NCSD, one goal of the Stipulation provision regarding such transfer. With the City's importation of SWP water (and continued water conservation efforts), the water transfer to the NMMA in 2020 was conducted without increasing the City's groundwater pumping from the SMVMA beyond late 1970s levels. As such, benefits to the basin from SWP water importation included reduced groundwater pumping for municipal supply and an improved water quality supply.

Further, the City's water demand for the SMVMA (excluding the additional demand to meet intra-basin transfers) is currently projected to increase from about 12,200 AF in 2015 to about 14,500 AF in 2030, and then to about 16,200 AF by 2040 (City of Santa Maria, April 2016). Importantly, this projection of water demand is lower than previous projections due to the fact recent conservation efforts of the City and its customers have resulted in substantially lower per capita water use. Specifically, per capita water use has decreased from over 200 gallons per day (GPD) before 1990 to less than 110 GPD in 2015. This was apparent in the City's 2015 water demand, which was about 10 percent lower than the previous year and essentially in the range of the mid- to late 1980's. The City's water demand since then has remained within that lower range, and water conservation (not the acquisition of additional SWP entitlement) has met and even exceeded the City's additional demand specific to intra-basin water transfer.

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5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions drawn from assessment of the hydrogeologic conditions and the water requirements, supplies, and disposition in the SMVMA in 2020 are discussed in the following section, which is in turn followed by recommendations regarding enhanced groundwater recharge and expansion of the SMVMA monitoring program.

5.1. Conclusions

5.1.1. Hydrogeologic Conditions

Assessment of hydrogeologic conditions in 2020 showed that groundwater levels were similar to or slightly lower than those in 2019, with one localized low in the Twitchell Recharge Area, and the water levels and general mineral quality in the shallow and deep aquifer zones remain within historical ranges for the SMVMA. As has historically been the case for several decades, the prevailing gradients for groundwater flow in both zones was reduced (flattened) in the vicinity of local pumping near the Santa Maria Airport, but groundwater flow continued through the area toward the coast where groundwater levels remained above sea level. In the last few years during the fall period, including in 2020, a portion of the offshore groundwater flow in the shallow and deep aquifer zones appears to flow to the northwest beneath the southern coastal Nipomo Mesa, with eventual capture by pumping wells and/or off-shore flow from the Mesa.

Nitrate concentrations remain elevated in the shallow aquifer zone of the SMVMA, with the exception of the Coastal Area where nitrate levels remain at or below detection limits, including in 2020. Nitrate concentrations remain stable near or below detection limits in the deep aquifer zone of the SMVMA. The exceptions to this are portions of the Municipal Wellfield and the north Coastal Area (100 to 500 feet deep) where gradual increases in nitrate levels in some deep wells have continued through 2020.

Operation of Twitchell Reservoir has, overall, continued to provide conservation of runoff for subsequent release for groundwater recharge in the SMVMA, despite sedimentation that has now filled the former dead pool storage below the conservation pool of the Reservoir. With precipitation well below average from 2012 through 2016, Twitchell Reservoir storage and releases were essentially nil and discharge in the Sisquoc River was well below average during that recent period. More recently, the rainfall amounts and Sisquoc River discharge in 2017 and 2019 were above average but below average in 2020.There were no Twitchell releases in 2020.

General mineral and nitrate concentrations remain elevated in streams in the western and southern portion of the SMVMA, including the Santa Maria River, Oso Flaco Creek, and Green Canyon near Guadalupe, as well as Orcutt Creek and Bradley Canyon on the Orcutt Upland. In comparison, the Cuyama, Sisquoc, and Santa Maria Rivers in or flowing into the eastern portion of the SMVMA have only slightly elevated salt levels and very low levels of nitrate. In the case of all the main streams, the reported constituent concentrations in 2020 were within their respective historical ranges, except for an elevated nitrate-NO_3 value (155 mg/L) in Orcutt Creek.

5.1.2. Water Requirements, Supplies, and Disposition

Total water requirements for the SMVMA in 2020 were more than the previous year (128,720 and 120,285 AF, respectively). The water requirements for agricultural irrigation in 2020 compared to the previous year were 107,745 and 100,390 AF, respectively. Municipal water requirements in 2020 and 2019 were 20,980 and 19,900 AF, respectively. Regarding total water supplies in 2020 compared to the previous year, imported SWP water deliveries were decreased (5,810 and 10,350 AF, respectively) as was the SWP availability (20 and 75 percent, respectively), while total groundwater pumping increased (122,910 and 109,940 AF, respectively). Regarding the disposition of the total water used in 2020 compared to the previous year, the consumptive use of water and return flows were stable. Water transfer to the NMMA in 2020 was slightly more than in the previous year (1,025 and 960 AF, respectively), with the generated return flows benefiting the basin as a whole. Water requirements, supplies, and disposition in the SMVMA during 2020 are summarized in **Table 5.1-1**.

Regarding agricultural land and water use in 2020, the total irrigated acreage and crop distribution were very similar to the previous year with plantings devoted primarily to truck crops. The associated applied water requirement was less than in the previous year but consistent with the generally constant trend in agricultural land and water use in the SMVMA over the last 20 years. Specifically, total irrigated cropland has been stable between 48,000 and 53,000 acres, with increased truck crop acreage and a decline in pasture, field, and citrus acreages. The associated applied water requirements have also been stable, although in the broad range of 80,000 to 120,000 AFY that is largely driven by year-to-year weather conditions. In 2020, the sole source of water supply for agricultural irrigation continued to be groundwater and, thus, agricultural groundwater pumping equaled the agricultural water requirement. Disposition of the agricultural irrigation was to evapotranspiration by crops (84,145 AF), return flow to the groundwater basin (19,100 AF), and drainage captured in the Oso Flaco Valley area, specifically in drainage ditches and Oso Flaco Creek (4,500 AF).

Regarding municipal water requirements and supplies in 2020, the total water requirement was higher than in the previous year but consistent with the long-term trend for the SMVMA. Specifically, municipal water demand over the last 30 years has been fairly stable within a broad range of 19,000 to almost 26,000 AFY. The total municipal water requirement in 2020 was met by a blend of groundwater and SWP water (72 and 28 percent, respectively). The 2020 groundwater pumping was greater than the previous year but on par with groundwater pumping reported for as long ago as the late 1970's. The 2020 SWP water delivery and the long-term average delivery over the period 1997 – 2020 was lower than the previous year. SWP water availability was lower than in the previous year (20 and 75 percent, respectively) and the long-term average availability declined slightly from 64 to 62 percent (over 1997 – 2020). Importantly, in 2020, SWP water deliveries to the SMVMA water purveyors were essentially on par with minimum annual amounts specified in the Stipulation.

Disposition of municipal water supply in 2020 was very similar to the last 10 to 15 years. A large portion of the total municipal water supply, 9,050 AF, was utilized in municipal service areas, either consumptively used or generating return flow from landscape irrigation (in the Sisquoc water service area, consumptive use and return flows also derive from septic systems). Most of the remaining municipal supply, about 10,905 AF, became influent to WWTPs, and the treated water was consumptively used or generated return flows from surface spreading in infiltration basins and spray irrigation. The remainder of municipal supply, 1,025 AF, was transferred from the SMVMA to the NMMA to augment Nipomo CSD water supply per Stipulation provisions.

5.1.3. Stipulation

The November 21, 2012, California Court of Appeal decision preserved the Stipulation provisions for each of the municipal purveyors in the SMVMA awarding rights to return flows derived from purveyors' respective importations of SWP water. At that time, appellants did not challenge the respective return flow percentages and, accordingly, the decision does not address their accuracy. However, current technical analysis, as described in this and previous annual reports, indicates the existing systems for waste water treatment and disposal are such that only the City of Santa Maria discharges in a manner that supports the 65 percent return flow fraction specified in the Stipulation for the City. Waste water treatment and disposal of waters supplied by GSWC and the City of Guadalupe are estimated to be roughly one-half the 45 percent return flow fraction specified in the Stipulation for them.

Finally, the Stipulation delineates four specific criteria that, when all are met in any given year, define a condition of severe water shortage in the SMVMA; those four criteria are:

- chronic decline in groundwater levels (over period of not less than 5 years);
- groundwater levels below lowest recorded levels;
- groundwater level decline not caused by drought; and
- material increase in groundwater use during the five-year period.

While groundwater levels in the SMVMA gradually declined overall since about 2002, they remain in 2020 above the lowest recorded levels in the great majority of the SMVMA. Drier conditions prevailed through the period from 2002 through 2016, notably resulting in no releases from Twitchell Reservoir in 2002 through 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2013 through 2016, with only limited releases in most intervening years. Also of note during this dry period were the greatly reduced streamflows in the Sisquoc River. Thus, the gradual decline in groundwater levels through 2016 was most likely attributable to drought conditions. Rainfall, Sisquoc River discharge, and Twitchell releases were near or above average in 2017 and 2019, and groundwater levels remained the same or rose during this recent period with continued Twitchell releases in late 2017, early to mid-2018, and all of 2019. With below average rainfall in 2020, Sisquoc River discharge was well below average and no releases were made from Twitchell Reservoir. Importantly, the total groundwater demand in 2020, at 122,910 AF, was comparable to use during the last 15 years, which has ranged between 90,000 and 135,000 AFY. In summary, conditions in the SMVMA do not satisfy all the criteria delineated in the Stipulation for defining a severe water shortage; as a result, it is concluded that there is no finding of severe water shortage conditions in the SMVMA in 2020.

5.2. Recommendations

Recommendations related to the hydrogeologic conditions and water supply in the SMVMA include the enhancement of groundwater recharge and expansion of the SMVMA monitoring program, as discussed herein.

Enhancement of Groundwater Recharge

The amount of groundwater pumped for municipal water supply in the SMVMA in 2020 was as low as in the late 1970s. This reduction in groundwater pumping is certainly due to SWP water importation but also very likely due to recent conservation efforts. While it is unknown to what extent water conservation in the agricultural industry has reduced groundwater pumping over time, the continued conservation of water on the part of both municipal and agricultural interests would clearly benefit the maintenance of SMVMA groundwater levels.

Projects to augment groundwater recharge could alleviate, to a certain extent, groundwater level declines in the SMVMA in the short and long term. Furthermore, with the existing groundwater and surface water quality degradation in the SMVMA, the implementation or expansion of certain water resource management approaches could reduce the contribution of salts, nutrients, and other constituents of concern to groundwater and surface water. Thus, it is recommended that activities that enhance groundwater recharge, including its quality, be developed further. Toward this goal are the following examples:

- Agricultural landowners and operators have implemented water quality monitoring and management programs (under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) that reduce agricultural runoff, constituent loading to surface waters, and salt loading to groundwater in the SMVMA;
- The Laguna CSD typically provides a small amount of treated water for industrial or commercial uses, effectively recycling water that, in turn, reduces groundwater pumping by that amount; and
- The SMVWCD, in collaboration with the TMA, has completed studies and plans to conduct a stream infiltration enhancement project along portions of the Santa Maria River. Completion of the project would facilitate increased stream recharge to the aquifer and improved groundwater quality.

Expansion of the SMVMA Monitoring Program

The current collaborative plan (SMVWCD and TMA) to maintain groundwater level measurements is crucial for continued groundwater conditions assessment. It is recommended that:

- The USGS well subset be evaluated for improvement after the April measurements, such as to replace or add wells as needed; and
- A USGS well subset for groundwater quality sampling be developed and implemented as early as summer/fall 2021, including to address areal and vertical well coverage for water quality sampling.

Since the adoption of the SMVMA Monitoring Program, its implementation has proceeded in phases, and it is recommended that efforts in areas besides groundwater continue. Priorities for existing monitoring needs, include:

- Implementation of stream discharge gauging, in order of priority: 1) Cuyama River (below Twitchell), 2) Sisquoc River tributaries (Foxen, La Brea, and Tepusquet Creeks), and 3) Santa Maria River tributaries (Nipomo and Suey Creeks); and
- Installation of or development of access to at least: 1) one shallow well east of Orcutt and 2) one deep well northwest of the City of Santa Maria, for inclusion in the monitoring program well networks.

In 2020, work was also completed, and progress made, to expand monitoring in the SMVMA:

- Completed:

  Maintenance of the two new (replacement) pressure transducers in the two previously described SLOPWD shallow monitoring wells at the SMVMA: NMMA boundary, with collection in spring 2021 of the daily water level data.

- Work in progress:

  Installation of a CIMIS station on the Santa Maria Valley floor at the City of Santa Maria Well 10 site (to replace Santa Maria II station).

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Tables

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Table 2.3-1
Selected General Mineral Constituent Concentrations
Santa Maria Valley Streams

Streams	Units	1906 - 1945		1946 - 1966		1967 - 1975		1976 - 1999		2000 - 2020	
		Concentration Range	Data Source	Concentration Range	Data Source	Concentration Range	Data Source	Concentration Range	Data Source	Concentration Range	Data Source
Cuyama River bl Twitchell Res											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	1,100 - 2,900	(1)	800 - 1,500	(1)	500 - 1,350	(1)	N/A	---	650 - 1,200	(3)
Sulfate	mg/l	700 - 1,700	(1)	450 - 700	(1)	190 - 550	(1)	N/A	---	700 - 760	(3)
Chloride	mg/l	90 - 140	(1)	50 - 100	(1)	25 - 85	(1)	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	2.7 - 5.9	(1)	1.8 - 13.5	(1)	3.6 - 19.8	(1)	N/A	---	0.13 - 2.5	(3)
Sisquoc R nr Garey, nr Sisquoc											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	400 - 750	(1)	N/A	---	550 - 700	(1)	450 - 800	(2)	500 - 1,050	(2,3)
Sulfate	mg/l	150 - 340	(1)	N/A	---	270 - 340	(1)	N/A	---	380	(3)
Chloride	mg/l	9 - 16	(1)	N/A	---	13 - 16	(1)	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	<1	(1)	N/A	---	<1 - 3.2	(1)	<2	(2)	<0.2 - 2.0	(2,3)
Santa Maria R (Bull Canyon)											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	510 - 1,000	(3,4)
Sulfate	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	180 - 540	(3,4)
Chloride	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	24 - 26	(4)
Santa Maria R (Guadalupe)											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	1,500	(1)	N/A	---	450	(1)	N/A	---	130 - 2,300	(3)
Sulfate	mg/l	680	(1)	N/A	---	100	(1)	N/A	---	500 - 1,000	(3)
Chloride	mg/l	86	(1)	N/A	---	62	(1)	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	29	(1)	N/A	---	ND - 430	(3)
Oso Flaco Ck (Guadalupe)											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	300 - 1,900	(3)
Sulfate	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	440 - 950	(3)
Chloride	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	ND - 450	(3)
Orcutt Ck nr Orcutt											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	125 - 2,900	(2)	200 - 3,800	(2,3)
Sulfate	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	180 - 440	(3)
Chloride	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	ND - 45	(2)	ND-155	(2,3)
Bradley Channel											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	180 - 1,300	(3)
Sulfate	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	430	(3)
Chloride	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	1.4 - 150	(3)
Green Canyon											
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	1,500	(2)	220 - 2,400	(3)
Sulfate	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---
Chloride	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---
Nitrate-NO3	mg/l	N/A	---	N/A	---	N/A	---	60 - 80	(2)	50 - 670	(3)

Time periods shown based on the period of record for the earliest historical water quality data for the Cuyama and Sisquoc Rivers (USGS, Hughes, J.L., 1977).

Data Sources are as follows: (1) Hughes, 1977; (2) USGS NWIS; (3) CCRWQCB CCAMP; (4) TMA, 2017

N/A Data not available

Table 2.4-1
Precipitation Data, 2020, Santa Maria Airport
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(all values in inches)

Day	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.00	0.08	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.00
7	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00
8	0.00	0.00	T	0.01	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
9	0.09	0.00	0.04	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
14	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
15	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	0.52	0.00	1.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	0.00	0.00	0.11	T	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
18	0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
19	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	0.02	0.00	0.01	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	0.00	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	T
25	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	T
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39
28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06
29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	0.00		0.00	0.00	T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00		0.01
Total	**0.63**	**0.00**	**3.81**	**1.79**	**0.14**	**0.08**	**0.00**	**0.05**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.25**	**1.52**

T = Trace amount

Total Precipitation (in) **8.27**

Table 2.4-2

Reference Evapotranspiration and Precipitation Data, 2020

Santa Maria Valley Management Area CIMIS Stations

	Reference Evapotranspiration (in inches)																	
	January			February			March			April			May			June		
Day	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo
1	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.2	0.18	0.15	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.15
2	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.2	0.20	0.19	0.2	0.19	0.17
3	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.2	0.18	0.16	0.2	0.20	0.19	0.25	0.23	0.21
4	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.21	0.18
5	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.1	0.06	0.02	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.01	0.03	0.04
6	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.21
7	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.24	0.22
8	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.1	0.07	0.04	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.27	0.25	0.23
9	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.1	0.07	0.04	0.21	0.18	0.15	0.28	0.25	0.21
10	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.12	0.05	0.29	0.26	0.23
11	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.2	0.18	0.16	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.27	0.24	0.20
12	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.1	0.09	0.07	0.2	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.16
13	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.04	0.12	0.08	0.04	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.24	0.23	0.21
14	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.25	0.23	0.21
15	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.1	0.08	0.06	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.24	0.23	0.21	0.25	0.23	0.20
16	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.06	0.02	0.19	0.16	0.13	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.23	0.22	0.21
17	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.24	0.23	0.21
18	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.23	0.20	0.17
19	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.2	0.15	0.10
20	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.09
21	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.24	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.15
22	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.16	0.13	0.09	0.23	0.22	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.14	0.09
23	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.21	0.19	0.17
24	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.17	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.26	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.2	0.18	0.15
25	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.11
26	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.22	0.18	0.14
27	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.25	0.23	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.16
28	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.23	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.19	0.14	0.09	0.08	0.07
29	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.12		0.06	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.18	0.15	0.11	0.23	0.22	0.21
30	0.08	0.08	0.07				0.18	0.17	0.15	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.23	0.18	0.13
31	0.11	0.11	0.10				0.19	0.18	0.17				0.11	0.11	0.11			
Total	**2.34**	**2.24**	**2.13**	**3.41**	**3.04**	**2.85**	**4.01**	**3.48**	**2.95**	**5.39**	**4.91**	**4.42**	**6.76**	**6.24**	**5.72**	**6.56**	**5.78**	**4.99**

	Reference Evapotranspiration (in inches)																	
	July			August			September			October			November			December		
Day	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo
1	0.18	0.15	0.11	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.15	0.11	0.06	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09
2	0.2	0.18	0.15	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.19	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07
3	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.25	0.23	0.20	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07
4	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.2	0.18	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07
5	0.26	0.24	0.22	0.2	0.20	0.19	0.2	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.07
6	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.17	0.14	0.11	0.2	0.18	0.16	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
7	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.19	0.16	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.14	0.14	0.14
8	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.10	0.05	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10
9	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.18	0.14	0.1	0.07	0.03	0.1	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.07
10	0.25	0.23	0.20	0.2	0.17	0.13	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.1	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.06
11	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05
12	0.25	0.23	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05
13	0.22	0.18	0.14	0.17	0.13	0.08	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.04
14	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.06
15	0.21	0.19	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.1	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.07
16	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.07
17	0.22	0.18	0.14	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.12	0.09	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05
18	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.12	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.07
19	0.2	0.17	0.14	0.2	0.17	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.1	0.09	0.07
20	0.2	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.17	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.07	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.1	0.09	0.08
21	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.05	0.1	0.09	0.07	0.12	0.10	0.08
22	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
23	0.17	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.17	0.15	0.12	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
24	0.21	0.17	0.13	0.21	0.19	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.05
25	0.21	0.18	0.14	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.07
26	0.22	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.05
27	0.21	0.18	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06
28	0.2	0.17	0.13	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.03
29	0.2	0.17	0.13	0.18	0.15	0.11	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.1	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
30	0.2	0.18	0.15	0.18	0.14	0.10	0.18	0.15	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
31	0.2	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.14	0.11				0.13	0.12	0.10				0.08	0.08	0.07
Total	**6.64**	**5.85**	**5.06**	**6.03**	**5.28**	**4.53**	**4.59**	**3.88**	**3.17**	**3.95**	**3.47**	**2.99**	**2.72**	**2.55**	**2.37**	**2.46**	**2.27**	**2.08**

Total Evapotranspiration (in) SMVMA CIMIS Stations	**Sisquoc**	**54.86**
	Santa Maria II [1]	**48.97**
	Nipomo	**43.26**

1) "Santa Maria II" gauge does not measure components of ETo, so values are estimated from the average of Sisquoc and Nipomo ETo

Table 2.4-2 (cont.)

Reference Evapotranspiration and Precipitation Data, 2020

Santa Maria Valley Management Area CIMIS Stations

	Precipitation (in inches)																	
	January			February			March			April			May			June		
Day	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo
1	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
2	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.04
4	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02
5	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.04
6	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.03
8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
9	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.02
11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03
12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03
14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03
16	0.00	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.02
17	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.01
18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.03
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
20	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.02
24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03
29	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
30	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.01			
Total	**0.00**	**0.72**	**0.06**	**0.00**	**0.03**	**0.03**	**0.00**	**4.31**	**0.74**	**0.00**	**1.77**	**0.10**	**0.00**	**0.11**	**0.89**	**0.00**	**0.01**	**0.52**

	Precipitation (in inches)																	
	July			August			September			October			November			December		
Day	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo	Sisquoc	Santa Maria II	Nipomo
1	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
3	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
4	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
6	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
10	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
11	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01
13	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04
14	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01
15	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02
18	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
19	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.36
28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.94	0.28
29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.01	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.38**	**0.00**	**0.01**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.04**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.42**	**0.39**	**0.00**	**1.55**	**0.83**

NA = Data not available	**Total Precipitation (in)**	**Sisquoc[2]**	**0.00**
	SMVMA CIMIS Stations	**Santa Maria II**	**8.97**
		Nipomo	**3.94**

2) "Sisquoc" daily values shown as zero, with DWR note stating: "Precip Sensor not functioning in 2020"

Table 3.1-1a
Distribution of Irrigated Acreage, 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

Crop Category	Acreages Individual	Acreages Total
Truck Crops		
Rotational Vegetables[1]	30,109	
Strawberries	13,430	
Hoop house[2]	1,719	
Hydroponic[3]	176	45,434
Vineyard		
Wine Grapes	4,425	4,425
Pasture		
Pasture, Alfalfa	419	419
Grain		
Barley, Oat, "Grain"	410	410
Nursery		
Nursery, Outdoor Container and Transplants	204	204
Field		
Marijuana, Hemp	119	119
Orchard		
Deciduous	28	
Citrus, Avocado	44	72
Fallow		
Fallow	1,078	1,078
Total		**52,161**

1) Rotational Vegetables include lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, spinach, cut flower, pea, squash, bean, tomatillo, and others; bush berry acreage is included due to similar crop water requirement

2) Hoop house includes primarily cane berry (raspberry and blackberry) and minor strawberry acreages

3) Hydroponic includes primarily tomatoes with minor cucumber, peppers, and other vegetables (Windset Farms facility)

Table 3.1-1b
Historical Distribution of Irrigated Acreage
Land Use Study Years (DWR and LSCE)
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

	Year																								
Crop Categories	**1945**	**1959**	**1968**	**1977**	**1985**	**1995**	**1998**	**2001**	**2004**	**2005**	**2006**	**2007**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Rotational Vegetables	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	37,264	38,329	37,645	38,097	36,189	37,015	35,132	33,737	33,850	34,243	34,920	32,891	32,325	33,362	32,497	30,138	30,515	30,073	30,109
Strawberries	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,516	2,731	5,968	5,958	7,553	7,388	9,139	10,375	10,010	9,938	9,323	11,464	11,912	10,810	11,791	13,755	13,050	13,744	13,430
Hoop house	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	905	1,249	1,276	1,302	1,804	1,531	1,325	1,719
Hydroponic	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	135	135	135	135	171	176	176	176
Total Truck	20,000	15,640	15,770	23,000	31,000	39,665	40,780	41,060	43,613	44,055	43,742	44,403	44,271	44,112	43,860	44,181	44,243	45,395	45,621	45,583	45,725	45,868	45,272	45,318	45,434
Vineyard	0	0	95	4,200	5,100	6,148	5,180	5,241	4,311	4,219	4,400	4,492	4,968	4,765	4,675	4,561	4,573	4,788	4,992	4,919	4,918	5,023	4,685	4,140	4,425
Alfalfa	2,200	2,820	5,660	1,500	1,400	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pasture	1,000	2,830	3,330	4,600	3,200	1,295	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Pasture	3,200	5,650	8,990	6,100	4,600	1,295	629	911	457	516	447	322	368	441	321	320	362	446	457	465	350	470	432	444	419
Field	5,000	8,710	11,390	11,500	5,100	734	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	284	119
Grain	1,200	40	80	100	640	789	546	947	760	877	837	420	382	580	993	1,028	588	158	280	165	77	149	214	160	410
Nursery	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	215	235	238	219	222	243	239	215	229	201	227	212	215	199	206	212	199	204
Deciduous	50	70	20	50	50	66	-----	-----	-----	15	13	13	13	13	10	10	10	10	13	13	13	15	24	24	28
Citrus	0	0	110	200	550	1,561	-----	-----	-----	18	18	23	23	23	24	24	20	20	26	26	26	26	48	48	44
Total Orchard	50	70	130	250	600	1,627	108	21	24	33	31	36	36	36	34	34	30	30	39	39	39	41	72	72	72
Fallow	4,400	5,430	5,220	4,900	4,200	2,973	790	1,211	932	507	408	900	1,136	1,244	557	528	711	519	637	909	1,063	778	1,171	1,560	1,078
Total Acreage	**33,850**	**35,540**	**41,675**	**50,050**	**51,240**	**53,231**	**48,236**	**49,606**	**50,332**	**50,445**	**50,084**	**50,795**	**51,404**	**51,417**	**50,655**	**50,881**	**50,708**	**51,563**	**52,238**	**52,295**	**52,371**	**52,535**	**52,062**	**52,177**	**52,161**

Table 3.1-1c
Applied Crop Water Requirements and Total Agricultural Water Requirements, 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

Crop Category	Evapotranspiration of Crop ETc (in)	Effective Precipitation P_E (in)	Evapotranspiration of Applied Water ETaw (in)	Evapotranspiration of Applied Water ETaw (af/ac)	Distribution Uniformity DU (%)	Applied Water AW (af/ac)	Crop Acreage	Estimated Water Requirements (af)
Rotational Vegetables[1]	26.06	1.90	24.16	2.01	80	2.52	30,109	75,774
Strawberries[1]	18.87	4.14	14.73	1.23	85	1.44	13,430	19,395
Hoop house[2]	---	---	---	---	95	2.0	1,719	3,438
Hydroponic[2]	---	---	---	---	---	2.0	176	352
Vineyard[3]	---	---	14.4	1.2	95	1.3	4,425	5,589
Pasture[1]	48.97	7.67	41.30	3.44	80	4.30	419	1,803
Grain[3]	---	---	6.0	0.5	80	0.6	410	256
Nursery[4]	---	---	---	---	---	2.0	204	408
Field[2]	---	---	---	---	---	2.5	119	298
Deciduous[3]	---	---	30.0	2.5	85	2.9	28	82
Avocado[3]	---	---	31.2	2.6	85	3.1	44	135
Fallow	---	---	2.4	0.2	---	0.2	1,078	216
Total							**52,161**	**107,745**

1) CIMIS-based applied crop water duties

2) Research-based applied crop water duty

3) Reported ETaw-based applied crop water duties

4) NMMA applied crop water duty; DU assumed as 80%

Table 3.2-1a
Municipal Groundwater Pumpage in 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(in acre-feet)

City of Santa Maria

Well	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
6S	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
9S	0.0	2.5	0.4	0.0	5.5	45.1	50.9	58.0	43.2	44.2	122.0	111.8	484
10S	115.9	89.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.0	4.8	252
11S	48.3	6.1	11.4	19.7	98.8	115.2	101.1	160.6	121.5	136.6	154.9	140.5	1,115
12S	130.6	160.4	143.0	153.6	203.8	196.0	208.1	206.6	186.4	150.7	195.1	152.4	2,087
13S	146.0	149.4	125.6	128.2	171.8	184.9	186.8	200.2	192.5	181.9	186.4	149.1	2,003
14S	0.1	0.1	59.9	114.1	164.8	178.0	168.1	188.2	172.6	173.7	176.4	156.3	1,552
Well Total	440.8	408.5	343.4	415.6	644.8	719.2	715.0	813.7	716.3	687.0	872.8	714.8	7,492
WIP Transfers to NCSD[1]	45.6	32.1	31.5	34.9	44.6	46.3	49.5	63.7	60.1	57.2	61.5	54.4	582
Purveyor Total	**395.2**	**376.3**	**311.9**	**380.7**	**600.2**	**672.9**	**665.5**	**750.0**	**656.2**	**629.8**	**811.2**	**660.4**	**6,910**

Golden State Water Company

Orcutt System

Well	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Crescent #1	9.6	66.5	32.1	46.1	82.9	88.7	86.7	83.7	79.5	82.5	50.3	45.8	755
Kenneth #1	10.0	76.0	32.9	45.4	129.9	106.1	128.6	125.8	117.8	119.9	105.0	22.8	1,020
Mira Flores #1	1.1	16.6	15.4	14.6	25.2	25.2	26.0	24.4	18.8	22.6	21.1	10.5	221
Mira Flores #2	7.7	13.5	6.2	2.1	37.9	18.0	0.0	14.6	38.3	53.6	23.8	14.0	230
Mira Flores #4	0.5	2.0	1.5	12.4	15.5	45.2	46.6	32.6	3.1	7.2	3.3	0.5	170
Mira Flores #5	50.3	44.8	38.9	42.0	52.5	0.0	0.0	22.7	71.5	0.0	0.0	85.2	408
Mira Flores #6	2.9	1.7	15.1	23.4	37.3	67.4	83.8	68.6	39.2	79.0	49.9	40.9	509
Mira Flores #7	46.7	62.9	42.0	44.0	43.4	96.7	103.7	83.9	31.1	47.1	65.9	67.6	735
Oak	38.1	17.6	24.0	30.8	73.1	67.8	70.0	79.8	70.5	64.7	51.8	40.6	629
Orcutt	39.3	25.2	35.3	21.8	14.4	20.5	21.1	18.4	17.5	17.7	28.5	36.8	297
Woodmere #1	0.8	19.5	26.4	33.8	115.0	109.7	114.6	114.7	109.2	113.3	106.6	113.7	977
Woodmere #2	118.2	86.7	86.7	77.0	3.2	5.5	5.7	0.1	0.4	8.0	8.3	18.1	418
System Total	325.3	432.9	356.5	393.4	630.4	650.9	686.7	669.2	596.7	615.5	514.4	496.4	6,368

Lake Marie System

Well	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Lake Marie #4	9.0	12.6	9.6	9.4	20.0	22.0	26.2	22.5	3.4	25.1	18.9	16.6	195
Vineyard #5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Vineyard #6	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.7	4.6	21.8	0.8	0.9	0.5	34
System Total	9.3	13.5	10.0	10.4	20.6	23.1	26.9	27.0	25.2	25.8	19.8	17.1	229

Tanglewood System

Well	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Tanglewood #1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Pinewood #3	10.4	11.6	11.5	12.1	15.7	16.5	17.2	17.7	15.3	14.7	13.2	12.3	168
System Total	10.4	11.6	11.5	12.1	15.7	16.5	17.2	17.7	15.3	14.7	13.2	12.3	168

Sisquoc System

Well	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Foxen Cyn #4	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.4	10
Foxen Cyn #5	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.2	13
System Total	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.7	23
Purveyor Total	**346.4**	**459.6**	**379.9**	**417.7**	**669.2**	**692.9**	**733.2**	**716.3**	**639.2**	**657.9**	**548.9**	**527.5**	**6,789**

City of Guadalupe

Well	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Obispo	1.2	21.4	21.6	16.8	55.8	45.1	50.8	47.9	50.2	60.4	43.7	38.4	453
Pasadera	0.0	11.0	23.9	39.6	24.6	31.2	27.7	34.9	37.6	39.1	38.6	47.9	356
Tognazzini	21.0	30.9	14.1	4.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74
Purveyor Total	**22.1**	**63.4**	**59.7**	**61.2**	**83.2**	**76.3**	**78.4**	**82.8**	**87.8**	**99.5**	**82.2**	**86.3**	**883**

Nipomo Community Services District

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
WIP Transfers from Santa Maria[1]	45.6	32.1	31.5	34.9	44.6	46.3	49.5	63.7	60.1	57.2	61.5	54.4	582
Purveyor Total	**45.6**	**32.1**	**31.5**	**34.9**	**44.6**	**46.3**	**49.5**	**63.7**	**60.1**	**57.2**	**61.5**	**54.4**	**582**

Total Municipal Pumpage	**15,163**

[1]Water transfers from Santa Maria to NCSD by Waterline Intertie Project (WIP) conducted monthly; 582 af of of groundwater part of a total of 1,025 af of water transferred (57% groundwater and 43% SWP water)

Table 3.2-1b
Municipal State Water Project Deliveries in 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(in acre-feet)

City of Santa Maria

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
SWP Deliveries	309.6	503.5	497.5	479.9	565.7	540.8	618.5	603.4	561.0	567.8	111.2	256.4	5,615
Transfers to GSWC[1]	0.1	4.9	0.2	0.7	7.6	16.0	16.0	25.3	27.3	13.1	0.3	1.9	114
WIP Transfers to NCSD[2]	32.0	39.6	45.6	40.3	39.2	34.8	42.8	47.2	47.1	47.3	7.8	19.5	443
Purveyor Total	**277.4**	**459.0**	**451.7**	**438.9**	**518.9**	**489.9**	**559.7**	**530.8**	**486.7**	**507.4**	**103.0**	**235.0**	**5,058**

Golden State Water Company

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Orcutt System													
Transfers from Santa Maria[1]	0.1	4.9	0.2	0.7	7.6	16.0	16.0	25.3	27.3	13.1	0.3	1.9	114
System Total	0.1	4.9	0.2	0.7	7.6	16.0	16.0	25.3	27.3	13.1	0.3	1.9	114
Tanglewood System													
SWP Deliveries	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	11
System Total	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	11
Purveyor Total	**0.9**	**5.6**	**1.2**	**1.6**	**8.6**	**16.8**	**17.2**	**26.3**	**28.4**	**14.0**	**1.1**	**2.7**	**124**

City of Guadalupe

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
SWP Deliveries	57.2	16.5	16.7	15.5	15.7	19.3	19.6	19.7	5.3	0.8	0.2	0.9	187
Purveyor Total	**57.2**	**16.5**	**16.7**	**15.5**	**15.7**	**19.3**	**19.6**	**19.7**	**5.3**	**0.8**	**0.2**	**0.9**	**187**

Nipomo Community Services District

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
WIP Transfers from Santa Maria[2]	32.0	39.6	45.6	40.3	39.2	34.8	42.8	47.2	47.1	47.3	7.8	19.5	443
Purveyor Total	**32.0**	**39.6**	**45.6**	**40.3**	**39.2**	**34.8**	**42.8**	**47.2**	**47.1**	**47.3**	**7.8**	**19.5**	**443**
Total Municipal Deliveries													**5,813**

[1]Reported by GSWC

[2]Water transfers from Santa Maria to NCSD by Waterline Intertie Project (WIP) conducted monthly; 443 af of SWP water part of a total of 1,025 af water transferred (43% SWP water and 57% groundwater)

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Table 3.2-1c
Historical Municipal Water Requirements and Supplies
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

Year	Groundwater Pumping (afy): City of Santa Maria: City of Santa Maria	Groundwater Pumping (afy): City of Santa Maria: WIP Transfers to NCSD	Groundwater Pumping (afy): City of Santa Maria: Net Total	Groundwater Pumping (afy): GSWC	Groundwater Pumping (afy): City of Guadalupe	Groundwater Pumping (afy): NCSD: WIP Transfers from Santa Maria	Groundwater Pumping (afy): Total Groundwater pumped from SMVMA	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): City of Santa Maria: Deliveries to City of Santa Maria	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): City of Santa Maria: Transfers to GSWC	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): City of Santa Maria: WIP Transfers to NCSD	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): City of Santa Maria: Net Total	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): Golden State Water Company: Deliveries to GSWC	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): Golden State Water Company: Transfers from Santa Maria	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): Golden State Water Company: Net Total	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): City of Guadalupe	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): NCSD: WIP Transfers from Santa Maria	State Water Project Deliveries (afy): Total SWP Water Delivered to SMVMA	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): Water Use In SMVMA: City of Santa Maria	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): Water Use In SMVMA: Golden State Water Company	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): Water Use In SMVMA: City of Guadalupe	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): Water Use In SMVMA: Groundwater Supply	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): Water Use In SMVMA: SWP Supply	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): Water Use In SMVMA: Total Supply	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): WIP Transfers to NCSD: Groundwater Supply	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): WIP Transfers to NCSD: SWP Supply	Total Municipal Water Supplies (afy): WIP Transfers to NCSD: Total Supply
1950	1,866	-----	1,866	550	533	-----	**2,949**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	1,866	550	533	**2,949**	**0**	**2,949**	0	0	**0**
1951	1,847	-----	1,847	640	540	-----	**3,027**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	1,847	640	540	**3,027**	**0**	**3,027**	0	0	**0**
1952	2,298	-----	2,298	730	548	-----	**3,576**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,298	730	548	**3,576**	**0**	**3,576**	0	0	**0**
1953	2,732	-----	2,732	820	556	-----	**4,108**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,732	820	556	**4,108**	**0**	**4,108**	0	0	**0**
1954	2,610	-----	2,610	910	563	-----	**4,083**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,610	910	563	**4,083**	**0**	**4,083**	0	0	**0**
1955	2,688	-----	2,688	1,000	566	-----	**4,254**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,688	1,000	566	**4,254**	**0**	**4,254**	0	0	**0**
1956	2,866	-----	2,866	1,040	574	-----	**4,480**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,866	1,040	574	**4,480**	**0**	**4,480**	0	0	**0**
1957	2,845	-----	2,845	1,080	582	-----	**4,507**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,845	1,080	582	**4,507**	**0**	**4,507**	0	0	**0**
1958	2,930	-----	2,930	1,120	590	-----	**4,640**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	2,930	1,120	590	**4,640**	**0**	**4,640**	0	0	**0**
1959	3,676	-----	3,676	1,160	598	-----	**5,434**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	3,676	1,160	598	**5,434**	**0**	**5,434**	0	0	**0**
1960	3,749	-----	3,749	1,500	600	-----	**5,849**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	3,749	1,500	600	**5,849**	**0**	**5,849**	0	0	**0**
1961	4,618	-----	4,618	1,544	608	-----	**6,771**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	4,618	1,544	608	**6,771**	**0**	**6,771**	0	0	**0**
1962	5,083	-----	5,083	1,588	617	-----	**7,288**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	5,083	1,588	617	**7,288**	**0**	**7,288**	0	0	**0**
1963	5,245	-----	5,245	1,633	626	-----	**7,503**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	5,245	1,633	626	**7,503**	**0**	**7,503**	0	0	**0**
1964	6,267	-----	6,267	1,677	634	-----	**8,578**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,267	1,677	634	**8,578**	**0**	**8,578**	0	0	**0**
1965	6,282	-----	6,282	1,725	633	-----	**8,640**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,282	1,725	633	**8,640**	**0**	**8,640**	0	0	**0**
1966	6,476	-----	6,476	1,810	642	-----	**8,927**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,476	1,810	642	**8,927**	**0**	**8,927**	0	0	**0**
1967	5,993	-----	5,993	1,894	651	-----	**8,538**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	5,993	1,894	651	**8,538**	**0**	**8,538**	0	0	**0**
1968	6,580	-----	6,580	1,979	660	-----	**9,219**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,580	1,979	660	**9,219**	**0**	**9,219**	0	0	**0**
1969	6,538	-----	6,538	2,064	669	-----	**9,271**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,538	2,064	669	**9,271**	**0**	**9,271**	0	0	**0**
1970	7,047	-----	7,047	2,150	666	-----	**9,863**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	7,047	2,150	666	**9,863**	**0**	**9,863**	0	0	**0**
1971	7,000	-----	7,000	2,415	675	-----	**10,090**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	7,000	2,415	675	**10,090**	**0**	**10,090**	0	0	**0**
1972	6,000	-----	6,000	2,460	685	-----	**9,145**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,000	2,460	685	**9,145**	**0**	**9,145**	0	0	**0**
1973	6,700	-----	6,700	2,565	694	-----	**9,959**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	6,700	2,565	694	**9,959**	**0**	**9,959**	0	0	**0**
1974	7,200	-----	7,200	2,770	704	-----	**10,674**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	7,200	2,770	704	**10,674**	**0**	**10,674**	0	0	**0**
1975	7,700	-----	7,700	3,500	714	-----	**11,914**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	7,700	3,500	714	**11,914**	**0**	**11,914**	0	0	**0**
1976	8,033	-----	8,033	4,367	845	-----	**13,245**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	8,033	4,367	845	**13,245**	**0**	**13,245**	0	0	**0**
1977	7,509	-----	7,509	4,868	781	-----	**13,158**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	7,509	4,868	781	**13,158**	**0**	**13,158**	0	0	**0**
1978	7,446	-----	7,446	4,743	722	-----	**12,911**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	7,446	4,743	722	**12,911**	**0**	**12,911**	0	0	**0**
1979	8,142	-----	8,142	5,274	666	-----	**14,082**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	8,142	5,274	666	**14,082**	**0**	**14,082**	0	0	**0**
1980	8,754	-----	8,754	5,820	762	-----	**15,336**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	8,754	5,820	762	**15,336**	**0**	**15,336**	0	0	**0**
1981	8,621	-----	8,621	6,366	738	-----	**15,725**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	8,621	6,366	738	**15,725**	**0**	**15,725**	0	0	**0**
1982	8,313	-----	8,313	5,765	648	-----	**14,726**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	8,313	5,765	648	**14,726**	**0**	**14,726**	0	0	**0**
1983	8,903	-----	8,903	5,714	733	-----	**15,350**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	8,903	5,714	733	**15,350**	**0**	**15,350**	0	0	**0**
1984	10,299	-----	10,299	7,079	961	-----	**18,339**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	10,299	7,079	961	**18,339**	**0**	**18,339**	0	0	**0**
1985	10,605	-----	10,605	7,276	908	-----	**18,789**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	10,605	7,276	908	**18,789**	**0**	**18,789**	0	0	**0**
1986	11,033	-----	11,033	7,625	798	-----	**19,456**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	11,033	7,625	798	**19,456**	**0**	**19,456**	0	0	**0**
1987	11,191	-----	11,191	7,916	757	-----	**19,864**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	11,191	7,916	757	**19,864**	**0**	**19,864**	0	0	**0**
1988	11,849	-----	11,849	8,678	823	-----	**21,350**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	11,849	8,678	823	**21,350**	**0**	**21,350**	0	0	**0**
1989	12,464	-----	12,464	8,860	828	-----	**22,152**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	12,464	8,860	828	**22,152**	**0**	**22,152**	0	0	**0**
1990	12,052	-----	12,052	8,691	724	-----	**21,467**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	12,052	8,691	724	**21,467**	**0**	**21,467**	0	0	**0**
1991	11,170	-----	11,170	8,210	908	-----	**20,288**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	11,170	8,210	908	**20,288**	**0**	**20,288**	0	0	**0**
1992	12,116	-----	12,116	8,381	798	-----	**21,295**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	12,116	8,381	798	**21,295**	**0**	**21,295**	0	0	**0**
1993	11,984	-----	11,984	8,174	757	-----	**20,915**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	11,984	8,174	757	**20,915**	**0**	**20,915**	0	0	**0**
1994	12,129	-----	12,129	8,571	823	-----	**21,523**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	12,129	8,571	823	**21,523**	**0**	**21,523**	0	0	**0**
1995	12,267	-----	12,267	8,447	828	-----	**21,542**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	12,267	8,447	828	**21,542**	**0**	**21,542**	0	0	**0**
1996	12,780	-----	12,780	9,960	724	-----	**23,464**	-----	-----	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	0	**0**	12,780	9,960	724	**23,464**	**0**	**23,464**	0	0	**0**
1997	8,016	-----	8,016	9,441	603	-----	**18,060**	4,506	0	-----	4,506	0	0	0	175	0	**4,681**	12,522	9,441	778	**18,060**	**4,681**	**22,741**	0	0	**0**
1998	411	-----	411	7,922	545	-----	**8,878**	10,674	0	-----	10,674	79	0	79	233	0	**10,986**	11,085	8,001	778	**8,878**	**10,986**	**19,865**	0	0	**0**
1999	454	-----	454	9,044	545	-----	**10,043**	11,405	0	-----	11,405	219	0	219	233	0	**11,857**	11,859	9,263	778	**10,043**	**11,857**	**21,900**	0	0	**0**
2000	548	-----	548	9,131	545	-----	**10,224**	12,174	42	-----	12,132	226	42	268	233	0	**12,633**	12,679	9,399	778	**10,224**	**12,633**	**22,856**	0	0	**0**
2001	2,699	-----	2,699	8,772	545	-----	**12,016**	9,914	20	-----	9,894	217	20	237	233	0	**10,364**	12,594	9,009	778	**12,016**	**10,364**	**22,380**	0	0	**0**
2002	468	-----	468	9,211	545	-----	**10,224**	12,879	35	-----	12,844	220	35	255	233	0	**13,332**	13,312	9,466	778	**10,224**	**13,332**	**23,556**	0	0	**0**
2003	1,178	-----	1,178	8,866	545	-----	**10,589**	12,325	4	-----	12,321	201	4	205	233	0	**12,759**	13,499	9,071	778	**10,589**	**12,759**	**23,349**	0	0	**0**
2004	1,223	-----	1,223	9,159	487	-----	**10,869**	12,427	0	-----	12,427	197	0	197	345	0	**12,969**	13,650	9,356	832	**10,869**	**12,969**	**23,838**	0	0	**0**
2005	897	-----	897	8,626	452	-----	**9,975**	12,960	43	-----	12,917	177	43	220	362	0	**13,499**	13,814	8,846	814	**9,975**	**13,499**	**23,474**	0	0	**0**
2006	543	-----	543	8,511	412	-----	**9,466**	13,128	61	-----	13,067	182	61	243	471	0	**13,781**	13,610	8,754	883	**9,466**	**13,781**	**23,247**	0	0	**0**
2007	2,550	-----	2,550	9,393	580	-----	**12,523**	12,352	120	-----	12,232	197	120	317	483	0	**13,032**	14,782	9,710	1,063	**12,523**	**13,032**	**25,555**	0	0	**0**
2008	6,631	-----	6,631	9,083	636	-----	**16,350**	7,652	48	-----	7,604	180	48	228	361	0	**8,193**	14,235	9,311	997	**16,350**	**8,193**	**24,543**	0	0	**0**
2009	6,615	-----	6,615	8,463	879	-----	**15,957**	7,641	84	-----	7,557	182	84	266	38	0	**7,861**	14,172	8,729	917	**15,957**	**7,861**	**23,818**	0	0	**0**
2010	3,087	-----	3,087	7,487	880	-----	**11,454**	10,279	72	-----	10,207	176	72	248	0	0	**10,455**	13,294	7,735	880	**11,454**	**10,455**	**21,909**	0	0	**0**
2011	1,170	-----	1,170	7,375	713	-----	**9,258**	11,785	290	-----	11,495	179	290	469	172	0	**12,136**	12,665	7,844	885	**9,258**	**12,136**	**21,394**	0	0	**0**
2012	1,775	-----	1,775	7,966	521	-----	**10,262**	11,407	144	-----	11,263	185	144	330	404	0	**11,996**	13,038	8,296	924	**10,262**	**11,996**	**22,258**	0	0	**0**
2013	5,215	-----	5,215	8,333	672	-----	**14,220**	8,591	87	-----	8,504	156	87	243	284	0	**9,031**	13,719	8,576	956	**14,220**	**9,031**	**23,251**	0	0	**0**
2014	11,586	-----	11,586	7,681	1,115	-----	**20,382**	1,747	11	-----	1,735	11	11	22	8	0	**1,766**	13,321	7,703	1,123	**20,382**	**1,766**	**22,148**	0	0	**0**
2015	9,080	214	8,866	5,993	1,101	214	**16,174**	3,435	16	100	3,319	13	16	29	0	100	**3,448**	12,185	6,022	1,101	**15,960**	**3,348**	**19,308**	214	100	**314**
2016	1,924	132	1,792	5,773	853	132	**8,550**	10,204	42	636	9,526	13	42	55	265	636	**10,482**	11,318	5,828	1,118	**8,418**	**9,846**	**18,264**	132	636	**768**
2017	1,667	129	1,538	5,815	497	129	**7,979**	10,907	236	828	9,843	12	236	248	606	828	**11,524**	11,381	6,063	1,103	**7,850**	**10,696**	**18,546**	129	828	**957**
2018	3,632	279	3,353	5,922	868	279	**10,422**	9,541	522	692	8,328	12	522	533	321	692	**9,875**	11,681	6,455	1,189	**10,143**	**9,182**	**19,325**	279	692	**971**
2019	3,110	237	2,873	5,869	567	237	**9,546**	9,855	369	723	8,763	15	369	384	478	723	**10,348**	11,636	6,253	1,045	**9,309**	**9,625**	**18,934**	237	723	**960**
2020	7,492	582	6,910	6,789	883	582	**15,163**	5,615	114	443	5,058	11	114	124	187	443	**5,813**	11,969	6,913	1,070	**14,582**	**5,370**	**19,952**	582	443	**1,025**

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Table 3.3-1a
Total Water Requirements and Supplies 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(acre-feet)

Water Use Category	Water Requirements	Water Supplies						
		Groundwater	Groundwater transfer[1]	Net Groundwater	SWP imported	SWP transfer[2]	SWP transfer[3]	Net SWP
Agricultural								
Total	**107,745**	**107,745**	**--**	**107,745**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**--**
Municipal								
City of Santa Maria	11,969	7,492	-582	6,910	5,615	-114	-443	5,058
Golden State Water Company	6,913	6,789	--	6,789	11	114	--	125
City of Guadalupe	1,070	883	--	883	187	--	--	187
Total SMVMA	19,952	15,164	-582	14,582	5,813	0	-443	5,370
Transfer to NMMA	1,025	--	582	582	--	--	443	443
Total	**20,977**	--	--	**15,164**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**5,813**
SMVMA Total	**127,697**			**122,327**				**5,370**
SMVMA Total including transfer to NMMA	**128,722**			**122,909**				**5,813**

[1]Transfer of Groundwater from SMVMA to NMMA, by Santa Maria to Nipomo Community Services District
[2]Transfer within SMVMA, from Santa Maria to Golden State Water Company
[3]Transfer of SWP Water from SMVMA to NMMA, by Santa Maria to Nipomo Community Services District

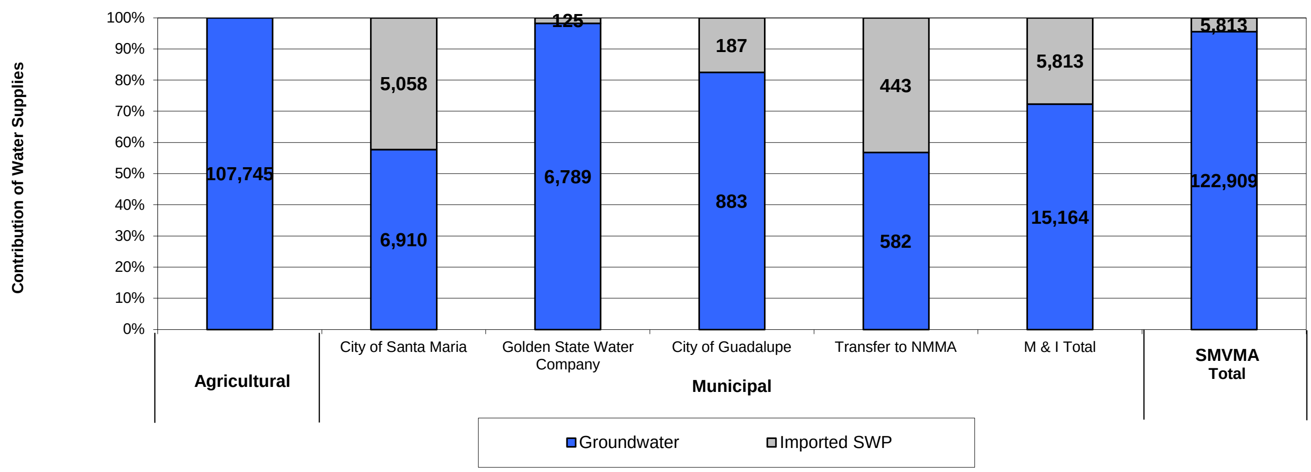

Table 3.3-1b
Recent Historical Total Water Supplies
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(Acre-feet)

Year	*Total Groundwater*	*Total Imported SWP Water*	Total Water Supply
1990	148,254	0	**148,254**
1991	138,963	0	**138,963**
1992	132,461	0	**132,461**
1993	121,124	0	**121,124**
1994	140,956	0	**140,956**
1995	108,640	0	**108,640**
1996	140,691	0	**140,691**
1997	150,451	4,681	**155,132**
1998	85,778	10,986	**96,765**
1999	117,013	11,857	**128,870**
2000	111,306	12,633	**123,938**
2001	130,532	10,364	**140,896**
2002	131,557	13,332	**144,889**
2003	110,099	12,759	**122,859**
2004	128,799	12,969	**141,768**
2005	110,469	13,499	**123,968**
2006	90,130	13,781	**103,911**
2007	125,318	13,032	**138,350**
2008	134,962	8,193	**143,155**
2009	114,042	7,861	**121,903**
2010	98,668	10,455	**109,123**
2011	105,645	12,136	**117,781**
2012	112,779	11,996	**124,775**
2013	130,192	9,031	**139,223**
2014	133,062	1,766	**134,828**
2015	131,923	3,448	**135,371**
2016	111,921	10,482	**122,403**
2017	111,127	11,525	**122,652**
2018	120,081	9,875	**129,956**
2019	109,937	10,348	**120,285**
2020	122,908	5,813	**128,721**

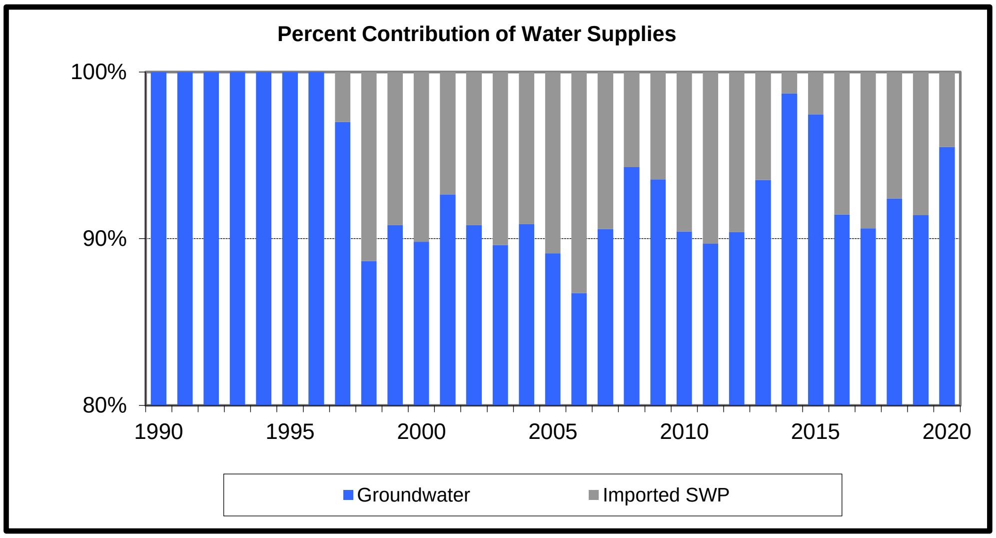

Table 4.1-1
Applied Crop Water Requirements, Total Agricultural Water Requirements and Return Flows, 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

Crop Category	Evapotranspiration of Crop ETc (in)	Effective Precipitation P_E (in)	Evapotranspiration of Applied Water ETaw (in)	Evapotranspiration of Applied Water ETaw (af/ac)	Distribution Uniformity DU (%)	Applied Water AW (af/ac)	Crop Acreage (2017)	Estimated Water Requirements (af)	Applied Water above ETaw AW-ETaw (ft)	Agricultural Return Flow (af)
Rotational Vegetables[1]	26.06	1.90	24.16	2.01	80	2.52	30,109	75,774	0.50	15,155
Strawberries[1]	18.87	4.14	14.73	1.23	85	1.44	13,430	19,395	0.22	2,909
Hoop house[2]	---	---	---	---	95	2.0	1,719	3,438	0.10	172
Hydroponic[2]	---	---	---	---	---	2.0	176	352	0.00	0
Vineyard[3]	---	---	14.4	1.2	95	1.3	4,425	5,589	0.06	279
Pasture[1]	48.97	7.67	41.30	3.44	80	4.30	419	1,803	0.86	361
Grain[3]	---	---	6.0	0.5	80	0.6	410	256	0.13	51
Nursery[4]	---	---	---	---	---	2.0	204	408	0.40	82
Field[2]	---	---	---	---	---	2.5	119	298	0.50	60
Deciduous[3]	---	---	30.0	2.5	85	2.9	28	82	0.44	12
Avocado[3]	---	---	31.2	2.6	85	3.1	44	135	0.46	20
Fallow	---	---	2.4	0.2	---	0.2	1,078	216	0.00	0
Total							**52,161**	**107,745**		**19,101**

1) CIMIS-based applied crop water duties

2) Research-based applied crop water duty

3) Reported ETaw-based applied crop water duties

4) NMMA applied crop water duty; DU assumed as 80%

Table 4.2-1
Treated Municipal Waste Water Discharge in 2020
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(all amounts in acre-feet)

Month	City of Santa Maria[1]		Laguna Sanitation District WWTP[2]					City of Guadalupe[3]		Total Municipal Waste Water Discharge					
	Metered Influent	Estimated Effluent	Metered Influent	Estimated Effluent				Metered Influent	Estimated Effluent	Influent	Effluent				
	Total	Total	Total	irrigation[4]	industrial use[5]	reservoir[6]	Total	Total	Total	Total	pond	irrig	indust use	reservoir	Total
January	624	562	164	8.7	6.5	141	156	80	72	868	562	80	6.53	141	790
February	623	561	152	27.2	6.6	112	146	71	64	846	561	91	6.60	112	770
March	703	633	171	18.8	5.8	139	164	73	66	948	633	85	5.83	139	863
April	637	573	170	108.6	5.3	49	162	70	63	876	573	171	5.33	49	798
May	669	602	168	88.3	1.0	72	162	77	69	914	602	157	0.98	72	833
June	698	628	163	108.7	0.0	48	156	70	63	932	628	172	0.00	48	848
July	713	641	169	113.8	0.7	48	162	75	68	957	641	182	0.69	48	872
August	747	672	59	127.2	0.5	-76	52	80	72	886	672	200	0.49	-76	797
September	724	652	146	148.7	2.3	-10	141	70	63	941	652	212	2.29	-10	856
October	737	663	152	164.6	1.6	-22	144	73	66	962	663	231	1.63	-22	873
November	676	608	150	101.9	2.1	38	142	66	59	891	608	161	2.07	38	809
December	652	587	155	52.1	0.2	96	148	75	68	883	587	120	0.24	96	803
Annual Totals	**8,204**	**7,383**	**1,821**	1,069	33	635	**1,736**	**881**	**793**	**10,905**	7,383	1,861	33	635	**9,912**

1) Total effluent estimated as 90% of metered influent (assumed loss of 10% during treatment); all effluent discharged to ponds

2) Total effluent estimated as approx. 95.5% of metered influent, the balance from influent minus sludge and brine treatment losses; effluent to storage reservoir and discharged to spray field irrigation, dust contro

3) Total effluent estimated as 90% of metered influent; all effluent discharged to spray field irrigation

4) Includes spray irrigation on Laguna Sanitation District fields and Santa Maria airport lands

5) For industrial use, primarily dust control in SMVMA

6) Cumulative reservoir storage allows monthly irrigation and dust control uses to exceed monthly discharge to reservoir.

Table 4.2-2
Estimated Recent Historical Return Flows from WWTPs and Landscape Irrigation
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(all units in afy unless otherwise noted)

Year	Total Water Use				Effluent Available for Return Flows					Estimated Landscape Irrigation			Return Flows													
					Santa Maria		GSWC		Guadalupe				Santa Maria					Golden State Water Company					Guadalupe			
	SM	GSWC	GSWC[1]	Guad	from SM WWTP	from LSD WWTP	from SM WWTP	from LSD WWTP	from Guad WWTP	Santa Maria[2]	GSWC[3]	Guadalupe[4]	from SM WWTP[5]	from LSD WWTP[6]	from landscape irrigation[7]	Total	% of Water Use	from SM WWTP[5]	from LSD WWTP[6]	from landscape irrigation[7]	Total	% of Water Use	from Guad WWTP[6]	from landscape irrigation[7]	Total	% of Water Use
1997	12,522	9,441	9,387	778	7,279	83	296	2,269	420	4,383	4,626	163	7,279	17	877	8,172	65	296	454	925	1,675	17.8	84	33	117	15
1998	11,085	8,001	7,960	778	6,434	82	302	1,874	420	3,880	3,921	163	6,434	16	776	7,226	65	302	375	784	1,461	18.4	84	33	117	15
1999	11,859	9,263	9,193	778	6,899	82	298	2,215	420	4,151	4,539	163	6,899	16	830	7,745	65	298	443	908	1,649	17.9	84	33	117	15
2000	12,679	9,399	9,342	778	7,223	83	309	2,459	420	4,438	4,606	163	7,223	17	888	8,127	64	309	492	921	1,722	18.4	84	33	117	15
2001	12,594	9,009	8,950	778	7,538	83	323	2,500	420	4,408	4,414	163	7,538	17	882	8,436	67	323	500	883	1,706	19.1	84	33	117	15
2002	13,312	9,466	9,409	778	7,661	83	320	2,287	420	4,659	4,638	163	7,661	17	932	8,610	65	320	457	928	1,705	18.1	84	33	117	15
2003	13,499	9,071	9,023	778	7,766	83	431	2,281	420	4,725	4,445	163	7,766	17	945	8,728	65	431	456	889	1,776	19.7	84	33	117	15
2004	13,650	9,356	9,302	832	8,201	83	399	2,240	449	4,778	4,585	175	8,201	17	956	9,173	67	399	448	917	1,764	19.0	90	35	125	15
2005	13,814	8,846	8,802	814	8,374	82	317	1,990	439	4,835	4,334	171	8,374	16	967	9,358	68	317	398	867	1,582	18.0	88	34	122	15
2006	13,610	8,754	8,700	883	8,251	81	288	1,724	477	4,764	4,289	185	8,251	16	953	9,220	68	288	345	858	1,491	17.1	95	37	132	15
2007	14,782	9,710	9,652	1,063	8,074	81	368	1,854	574	5,174	4,758	223	8,074	16	1,035	9,125	62	368	371	952	1,690	17.5	115	45	159	15
2008	14,235	9,311	9,255	997	8,123	81	444	1,963	570	4,952	4,282	211	8,123	16	990	9,130	64	444	393	856	1,693	18.3	114	42	156	16
2009	14,172	8,729	8,668	917	8,057	81	467	1,932	598	4,612	4,228	216	8,057	16	922	8,996	63	467	386	846	1,699	19.6	120	43	163	18
2010	13,294	7,735	7,681	880	7,360	83	489	1,964	598	4,176	4,052	201	7,360	17	835	8,211	62	489	393	810	1,692	22.0	120	40	160	18
2011	12,665	7,844	7,794	885	7,598	81	506	1,933	589	3,377	3,005	118	7,598	16	675	8,290	65	506	387	601	1,494	19.2	118	24	141	16
2012	13,038	8,296	8,241	924	8,028	84	490	1,861	613	3,616	3,710	180	8,028	17	723	8,768	67	490	372	742	1,604	19.5	123	36	159	17
2013	13,719	8,576	8,526	956	8,094	84	376	1,819	614	4,164	3,598	235	8,094	17	833	8,943	65	376	364	720	1,460	17.1	123	47	170	18
2014	13,321	7,703	7,651	1,123	7,850	84	250	1,849	712	4,372	3,493	317	7,850	17	874	8,741	66	250	370	699	1,319	17.2	142	63	206	18
2015	12,185	6,022	5,988	1,101	7,956	84	246	1,460	736	2,865	1,692	145	7,956	17	573	8,546	70	246	292	338	876	14.6	147	29	176	16
2016	11,318	5,828	5,795	1,118	7,886	86	239	1,484	757	2,210	2,499	145	7,886	17	442	8,345	74	239	297	500	1,035	17.9	151	29	180	16
2017	11,381	6,063	6,024	1,103	7,540	85	227	1,502	759	2,613	3,316	194	7,540	17	523	8,080	71	227	300	663	1,190	19.8	152	39	191	17
2018	11,681	6,455	6,398	1,189	7,207	66	250	1,168	813	2,828	2,279	165	7,207	13	566	7,785	67	250	234	456	940	14.7	163	33	196	16
2019	11,636	6,253	6,212	1,045	6,644	62	200	1,118	819	3,738	3,282	101	6,644	12	748	7,404	64	200	224	656	1,080	17.4	164	20	184	18
2020	11,969	6,913	6,890	1,070	7,152	59	231	1,010	793	3,897	2,746	154	7,152	12	779	7,943	66	231	202	549	982	14.3	159	31	189	18
															avg %		66			avg %		18		avg %		16

Estimated

SM City of Santa Maria
GSWC Golden State Water Company
Guad City of Guadalupe
LSD Laguna Sanitation District

1) Excludes Sisquoc System water use (for effluent return flow calculations).
2) Range of SM total water supply used for landscape irrigation estimated from monthly water use data since 2008 (App E) = 20 - 35%
3) Range of GSWC total water supply used for landscape irrigation estimated from monthly water use data since 2008 (App E) = 28 - 55%
4) Range of Guad total water supply used for landscape irrigation estimated from monthly water use data since 2008 (app E) = 10 - 28%
5) All effluent from Santa Maria WWTP percolation ponds assumed as return flows.
6) 20 percent of effluent from Laguna San and Guadalupe WWTP spray irrigation assumed as return flows.
7) 20 percent of landscape irrigation assumed as return flows.

Table 5.1-1
Summary of 2020 Total Water Requirements, Water Supplies, and Disposition
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(in acre-feet)

Water Requirements			Water Supplies		
Agricultural	Municipal	Total	Groundwater	Imported SWP Water	Total
107,745	20,977	128,722	122,909	5,813	128,722

Water Disposition

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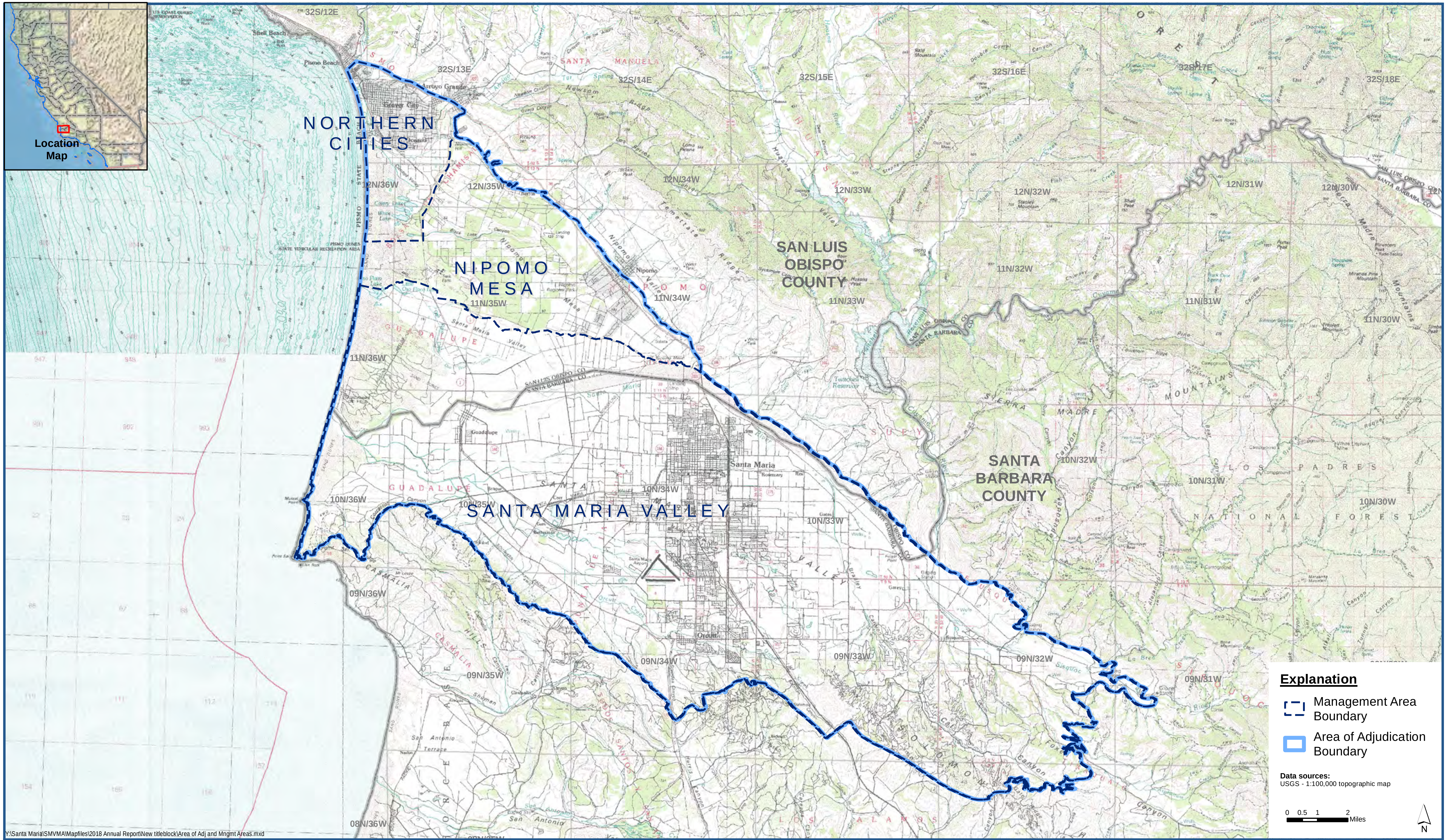

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Santa Maria Area of Adjudication and Management Areas
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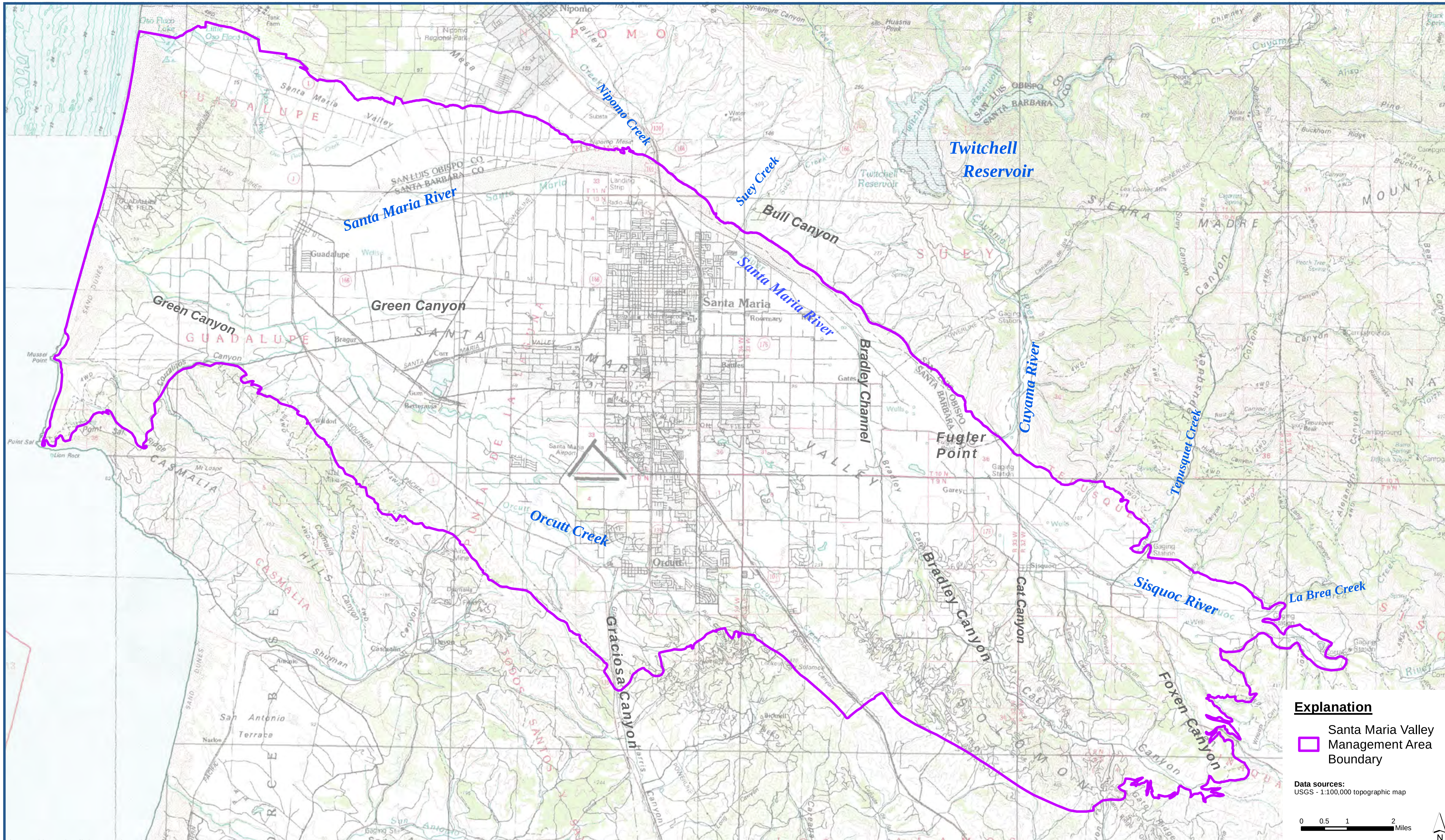

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Geomorphic Features and Boundary
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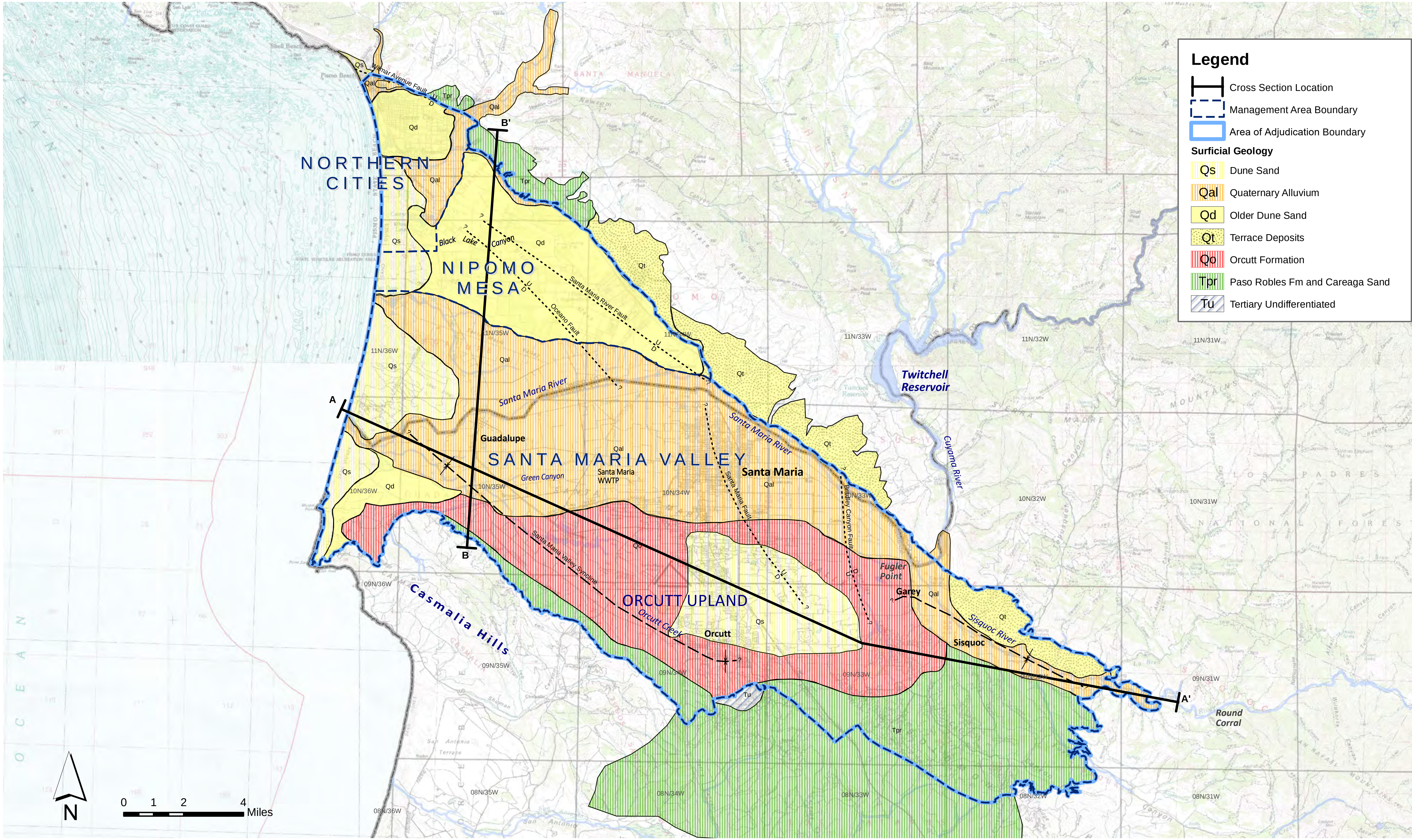

Generalized Geologic Map with Cross Section Locations
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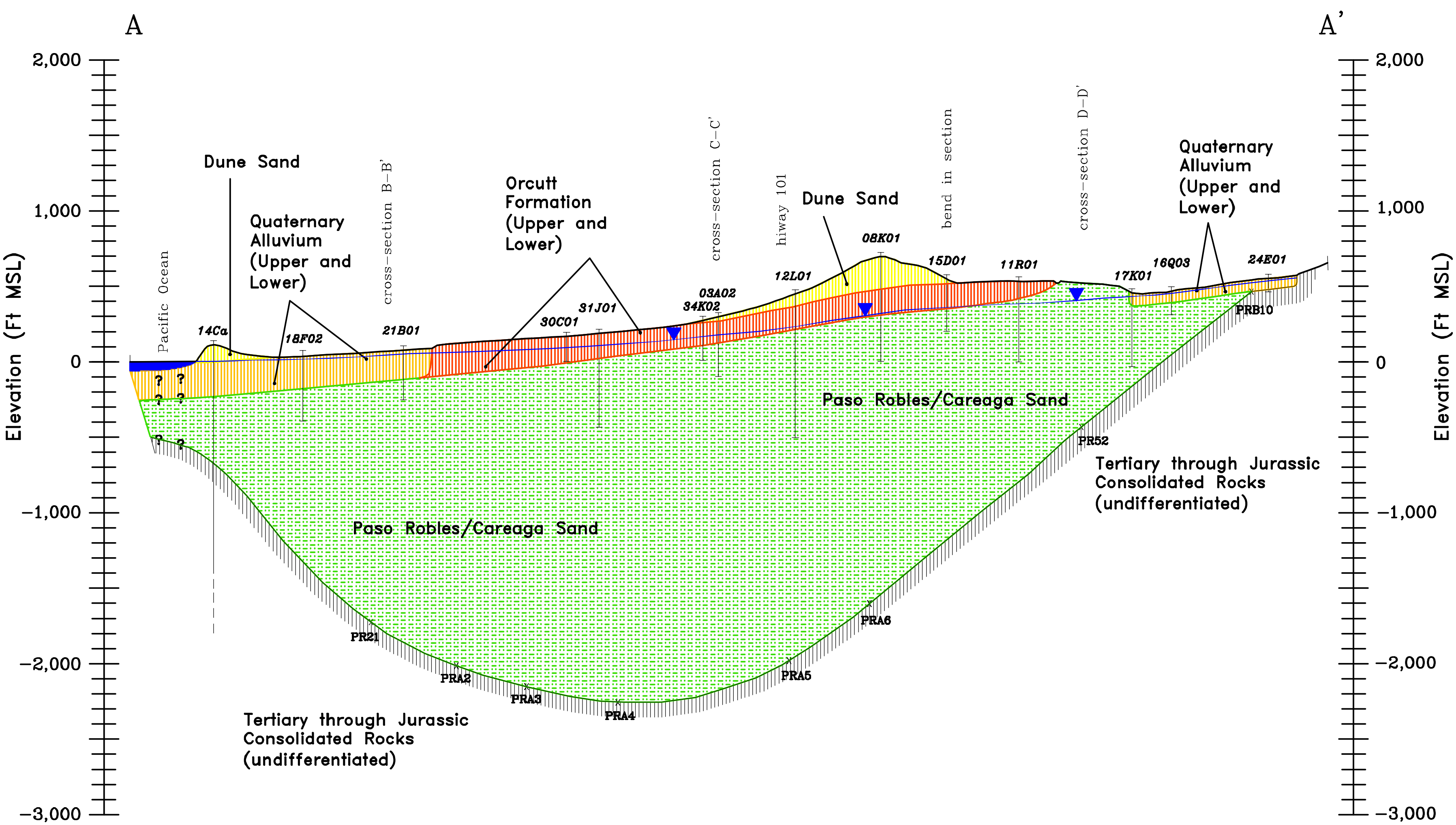

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Longitudinal Geologic Cross Section A-A'
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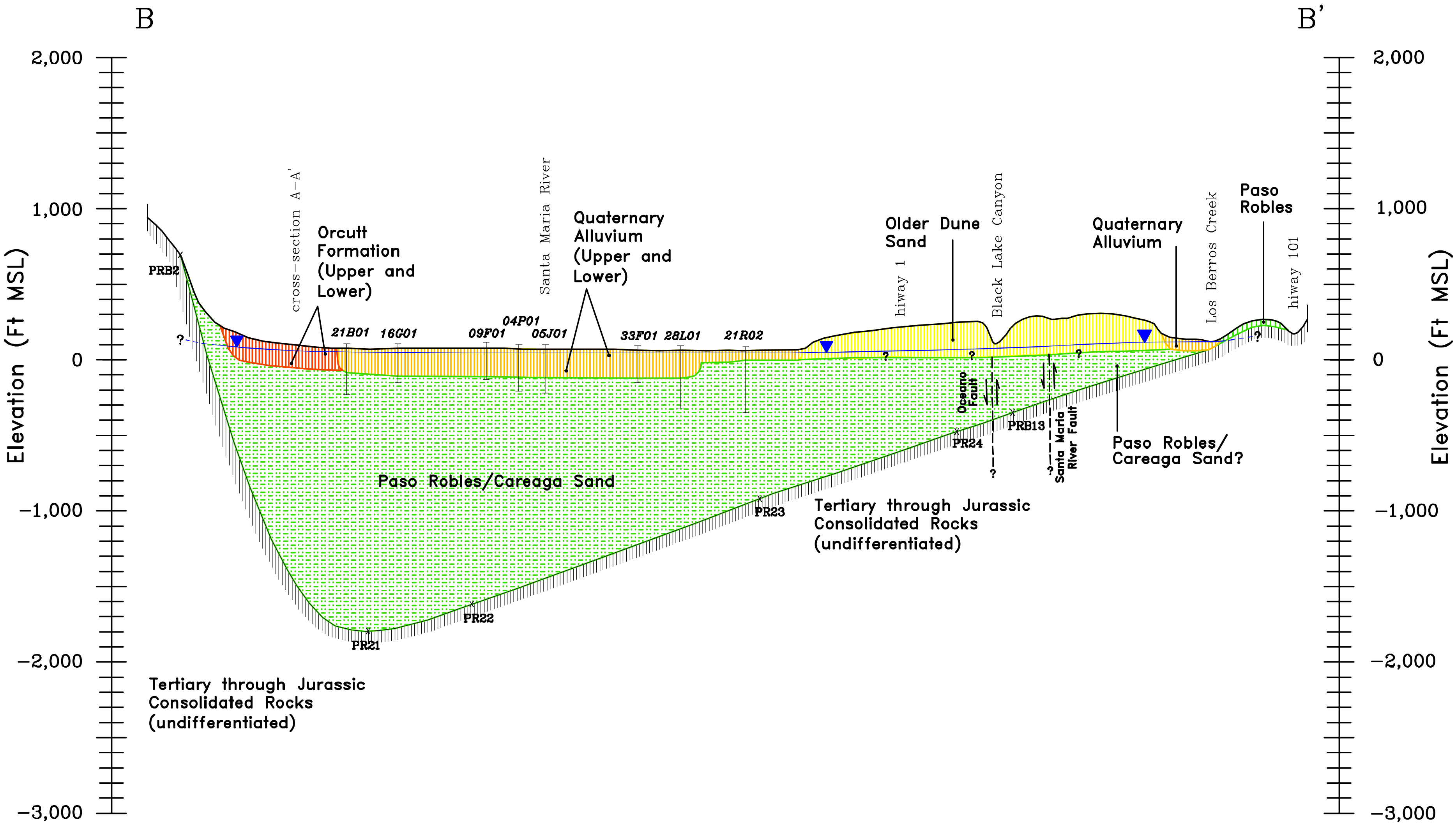

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Transverse Geologic Cross Section B-B'
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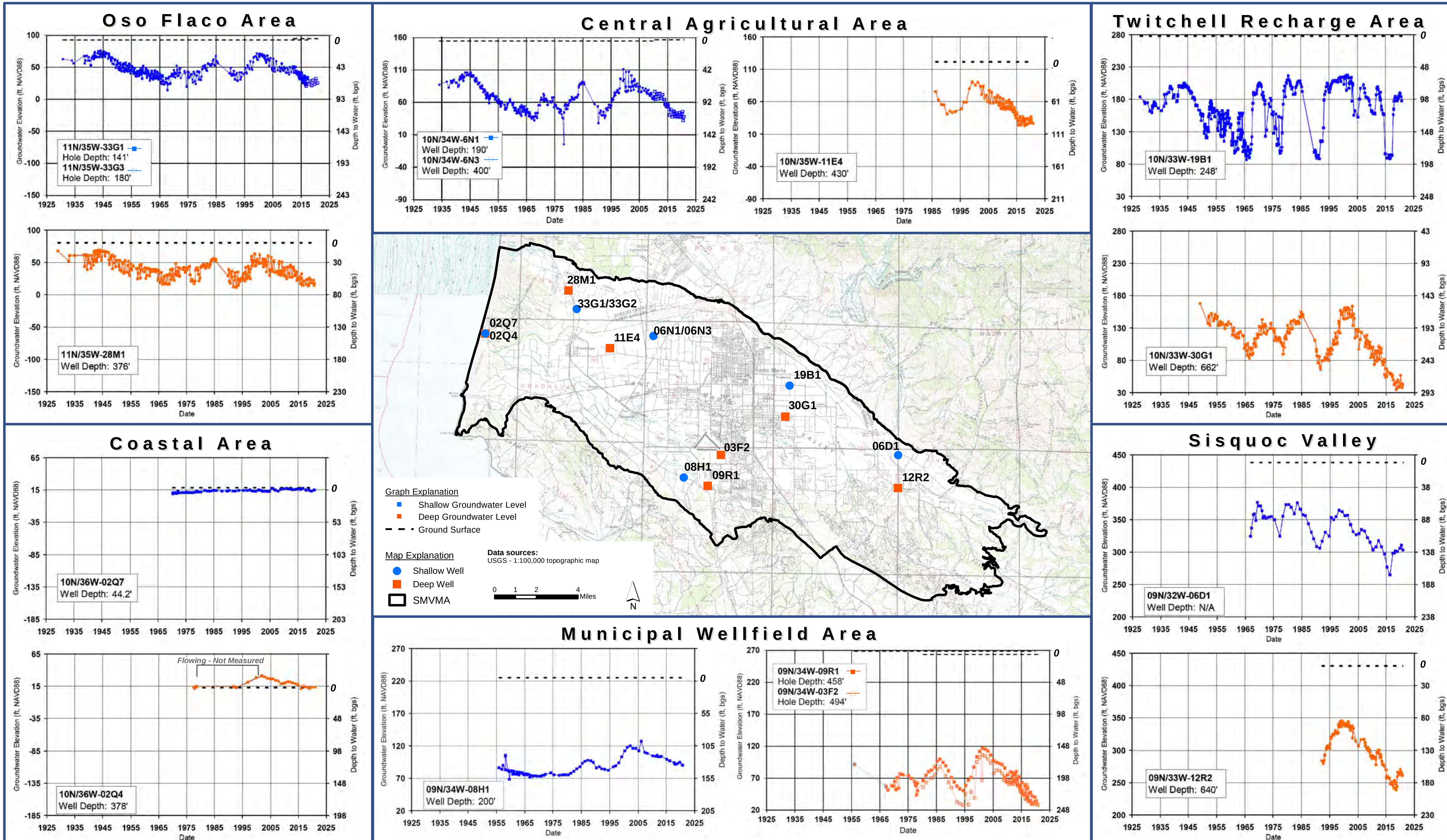

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Historical Groundwater Levels
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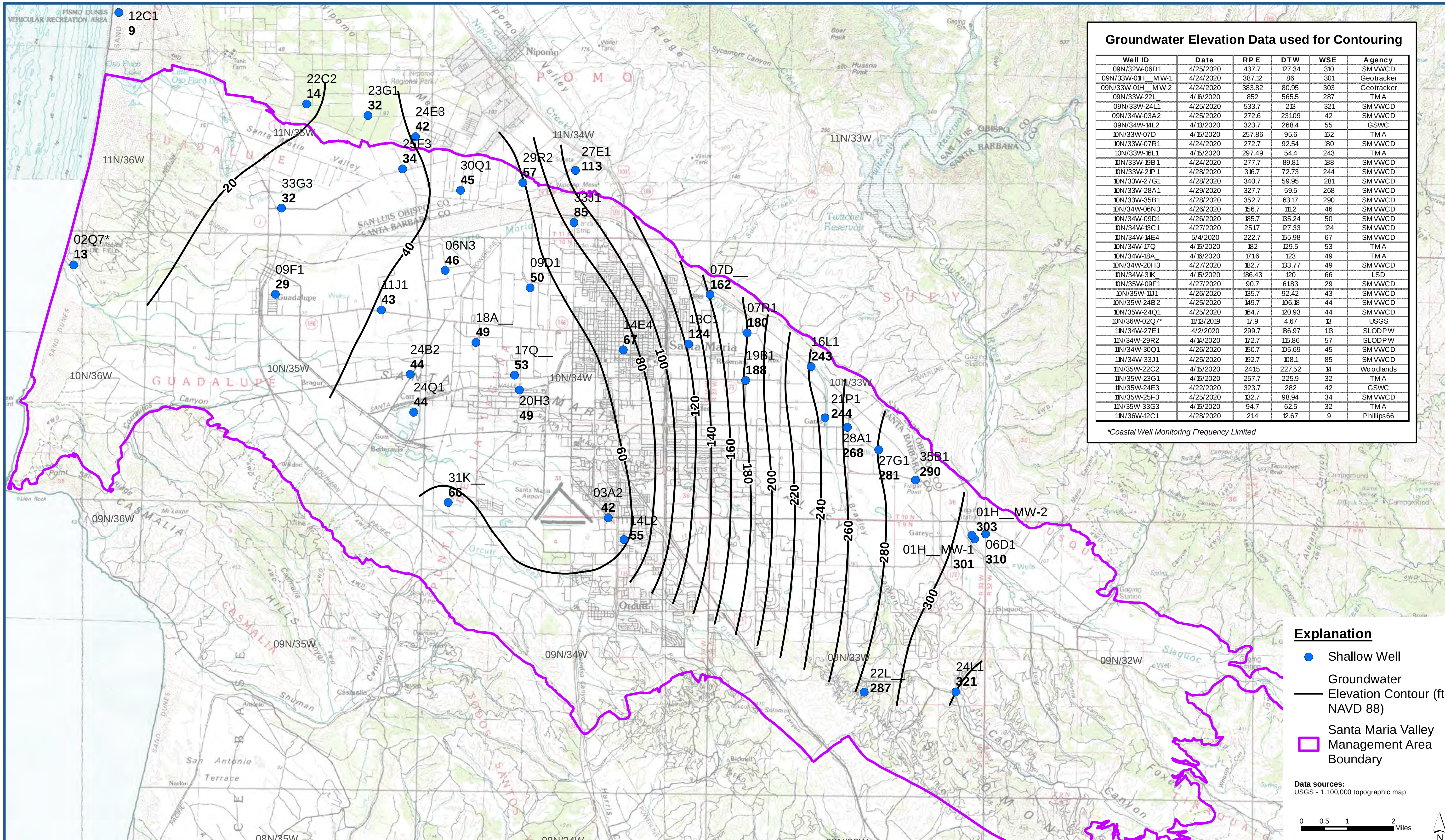

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10N/33W-27G1	4/28/2020	340.7	59.95	281	SMVWCD
10N/33W-28A1	4/29/2020	327.7	59.5	268	SMVWCD
10N/33W-35B1	4/28/2020	352.7	63.17	290	SMVWCD
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10N/34W-09D1	4/26/2020	185.7	135.24	50	SMVWCD
10N/34W-13C1	4/27/2020	251.7	127.33	124	SMVWCD
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11N/35W-24E3	4/22/2020	323.7	282	42	GSWC
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11N/36W-12C1	4/28/2020	214	12.67	9	Phillips66

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Contours of Equal Groundwater Elevation, Shallow Zone, Spring (April 2 - May 4) 2020
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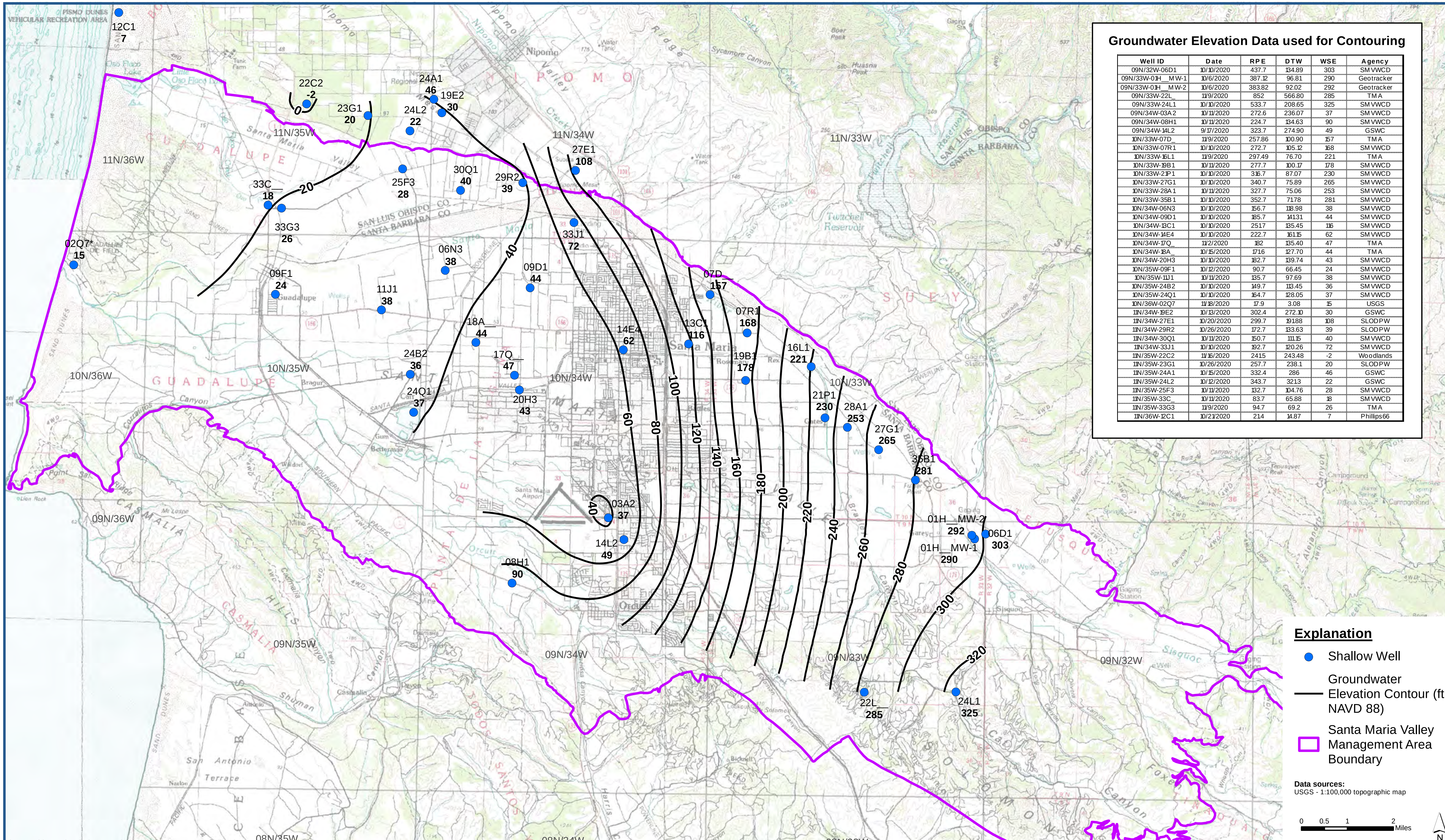
Figure 2.1-3a



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09N/34W-03A2	10/11/2020	272.6	236.07	37	SMVWCD
09N/34W-08H1	10/11/2020	224.7	134.63	90	SMVWCD
09N/34W-14L2	9/17/2020	323.7	274.90	49	GSWC
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10N/33W-16L1	11/9/2020	297.49	76.70	221	TMA
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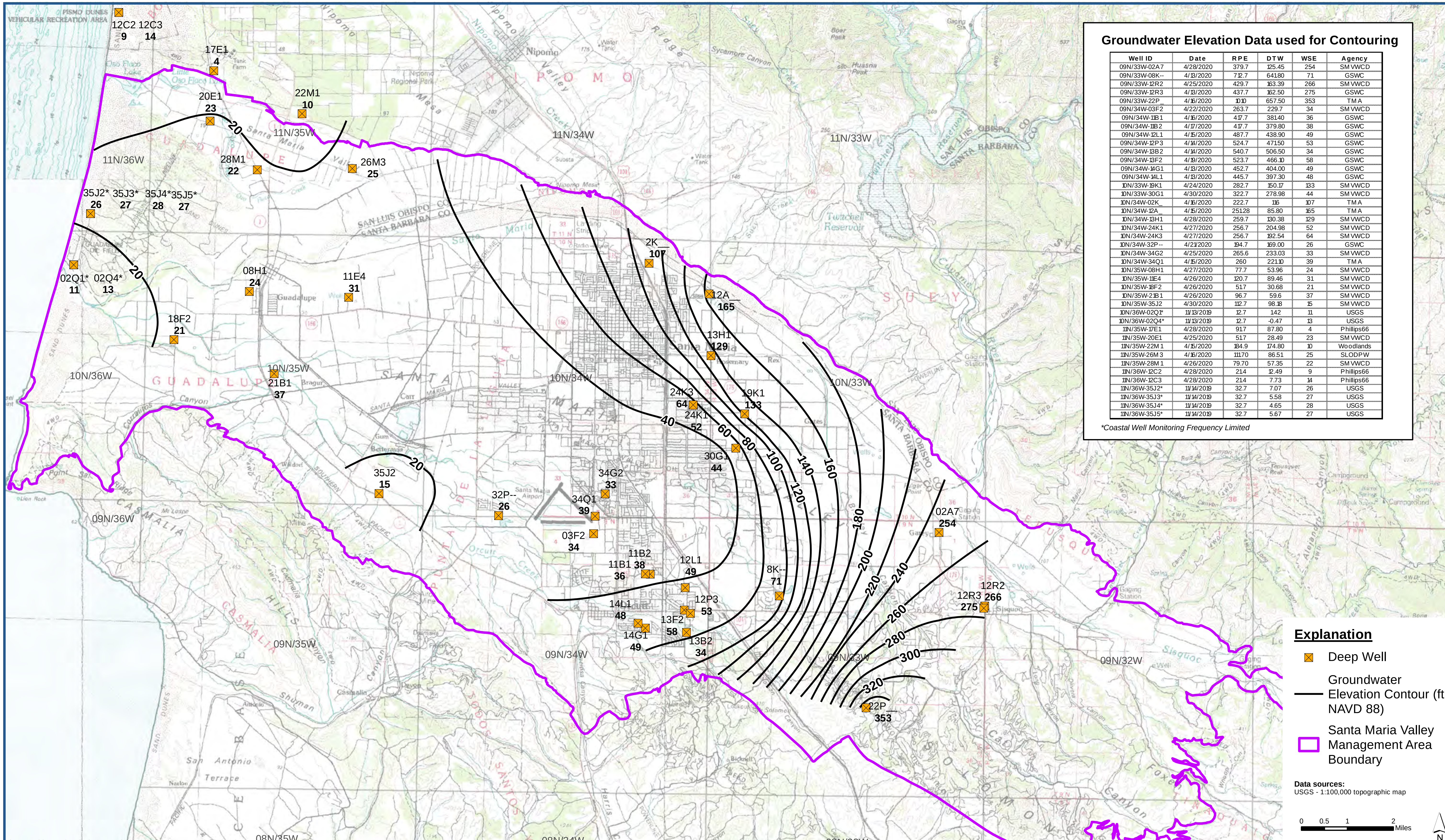

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10N/33W-19K1	4/24/2020	282.7	150.17	133	SMVWCD
10N/33W-30G1	4/30/2020	322.7	278.98	44	SMVWCD
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Contours of Equal Groundwater Elevation, Deep Zone, Spring (April 13 - April 30) 2020
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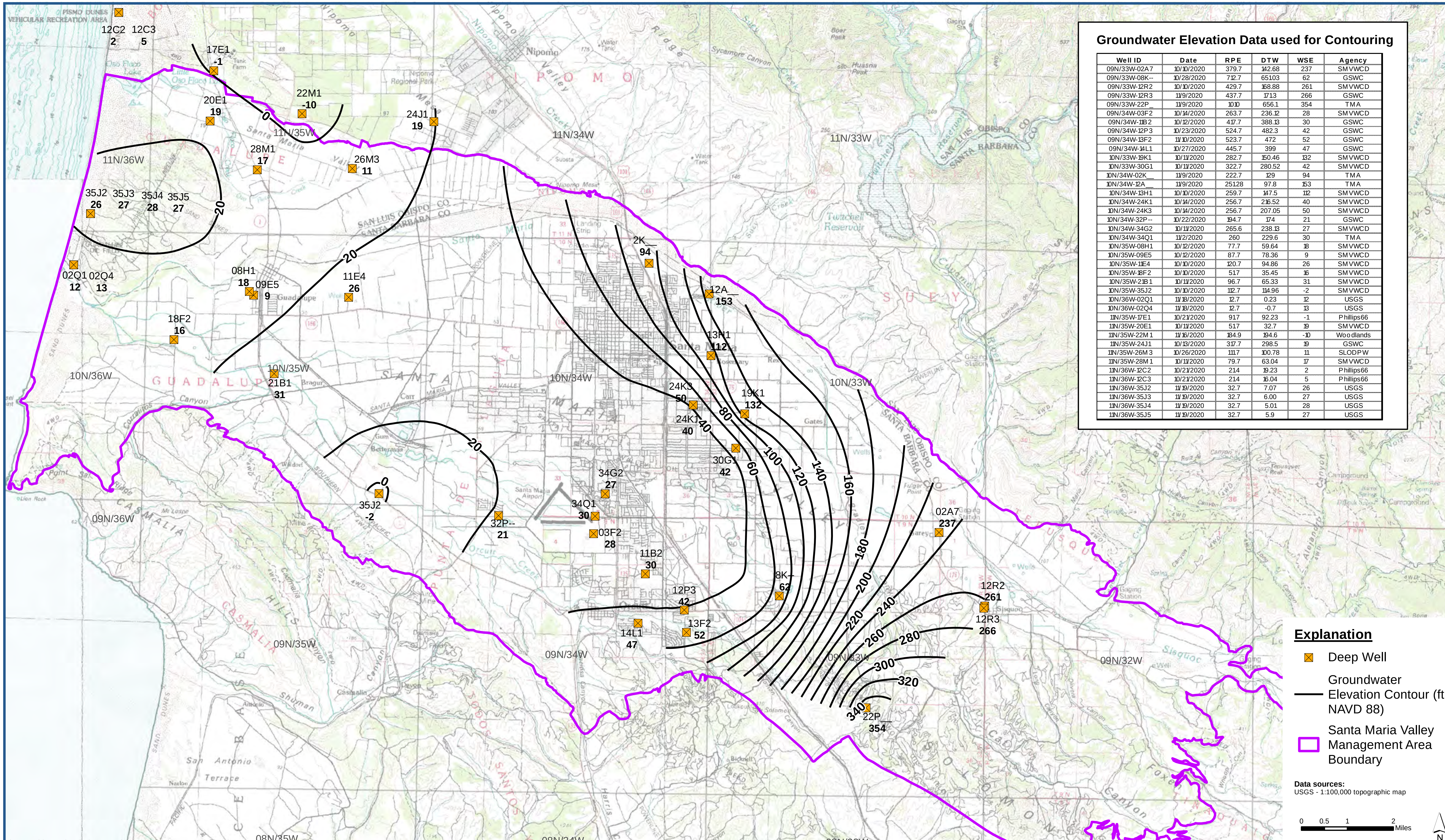

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09N/34W-11B2	10/12/2020	417.7	388.13	30	GSWC
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10N/34W-24K1	10/14/2020	256.7	216.52	40	SMVWCD
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10N/35W-35J2	10/10/2020	112.7	114.96	-2	SMVWCD
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11N/36W-35J4	11/19/2020	32.7	5.01	28	USGS
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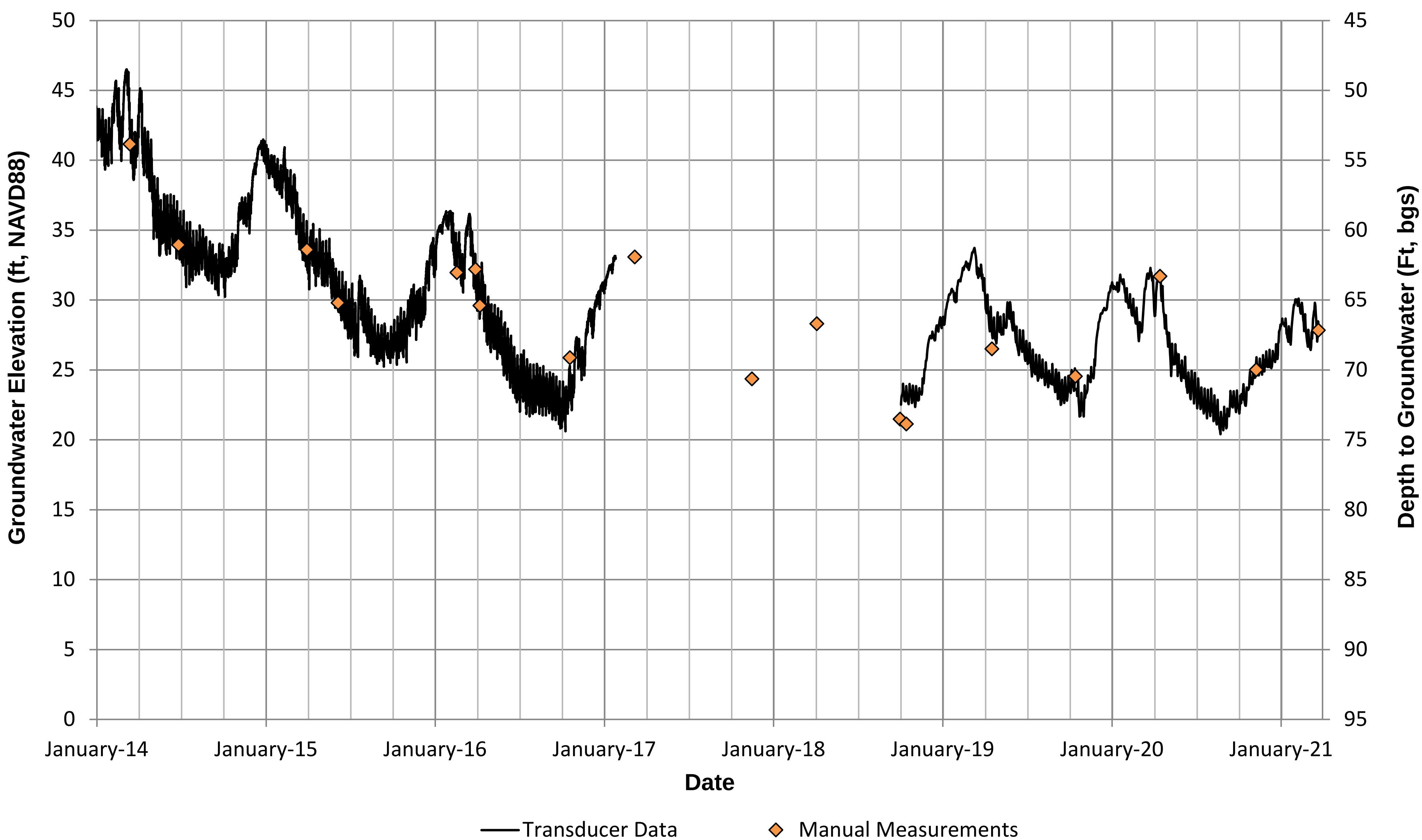

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Seasonal Groundwater Level Fluctuations, Northern Santa Maria Valley
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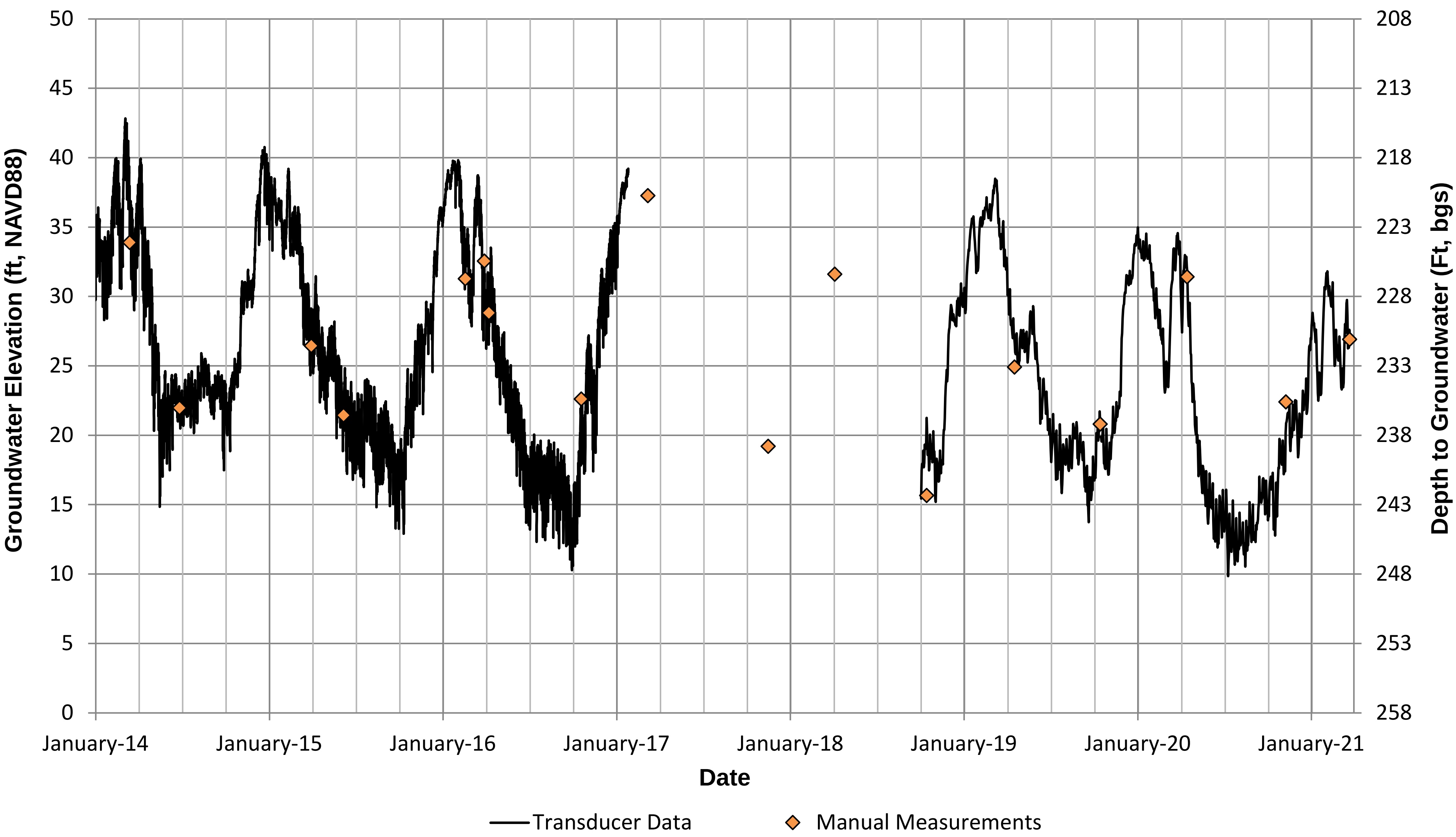

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Seasonal Groundwater Level Fluctuations, Southern Nipomo Mesa
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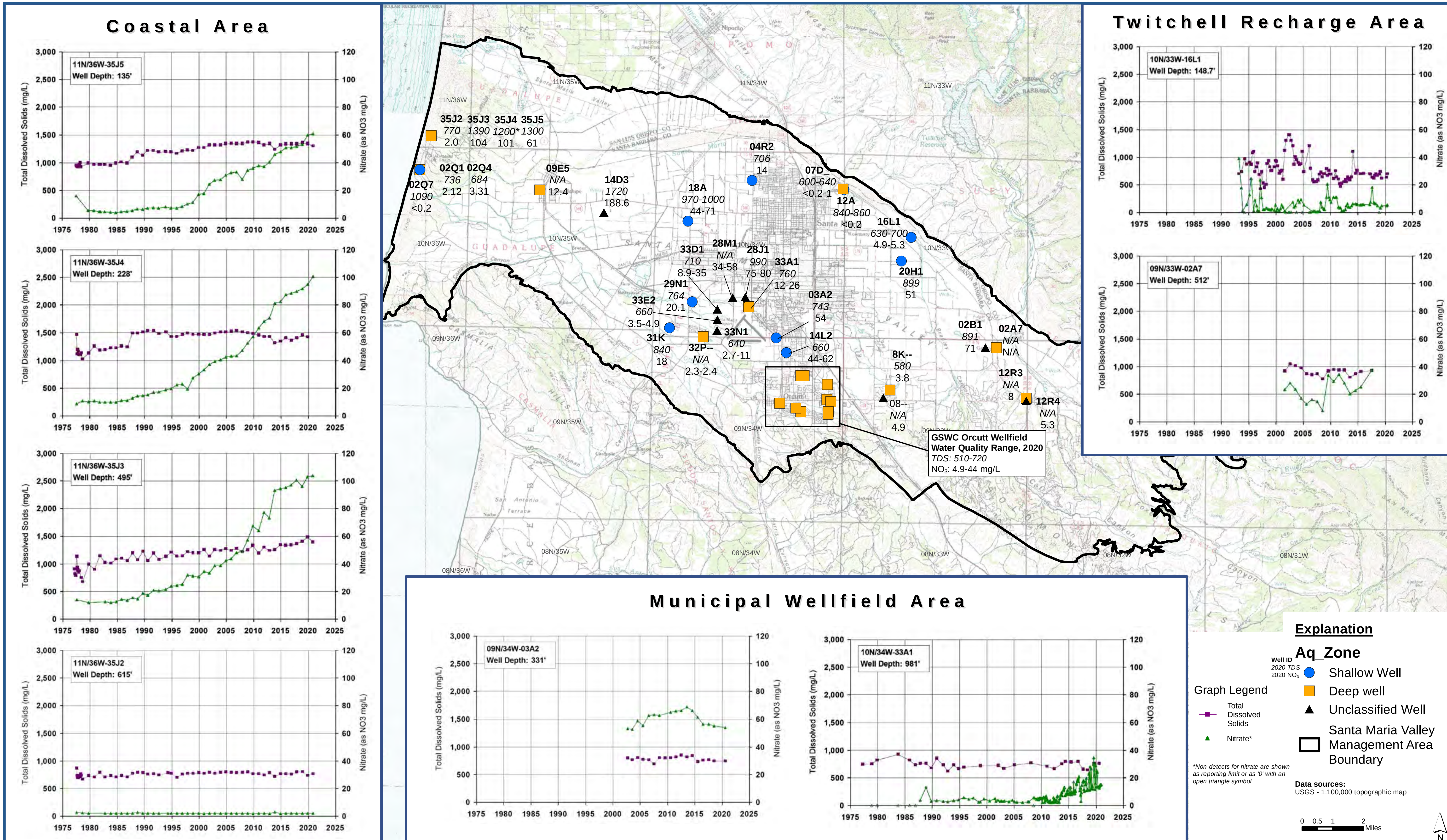
Figure 2.1-4b



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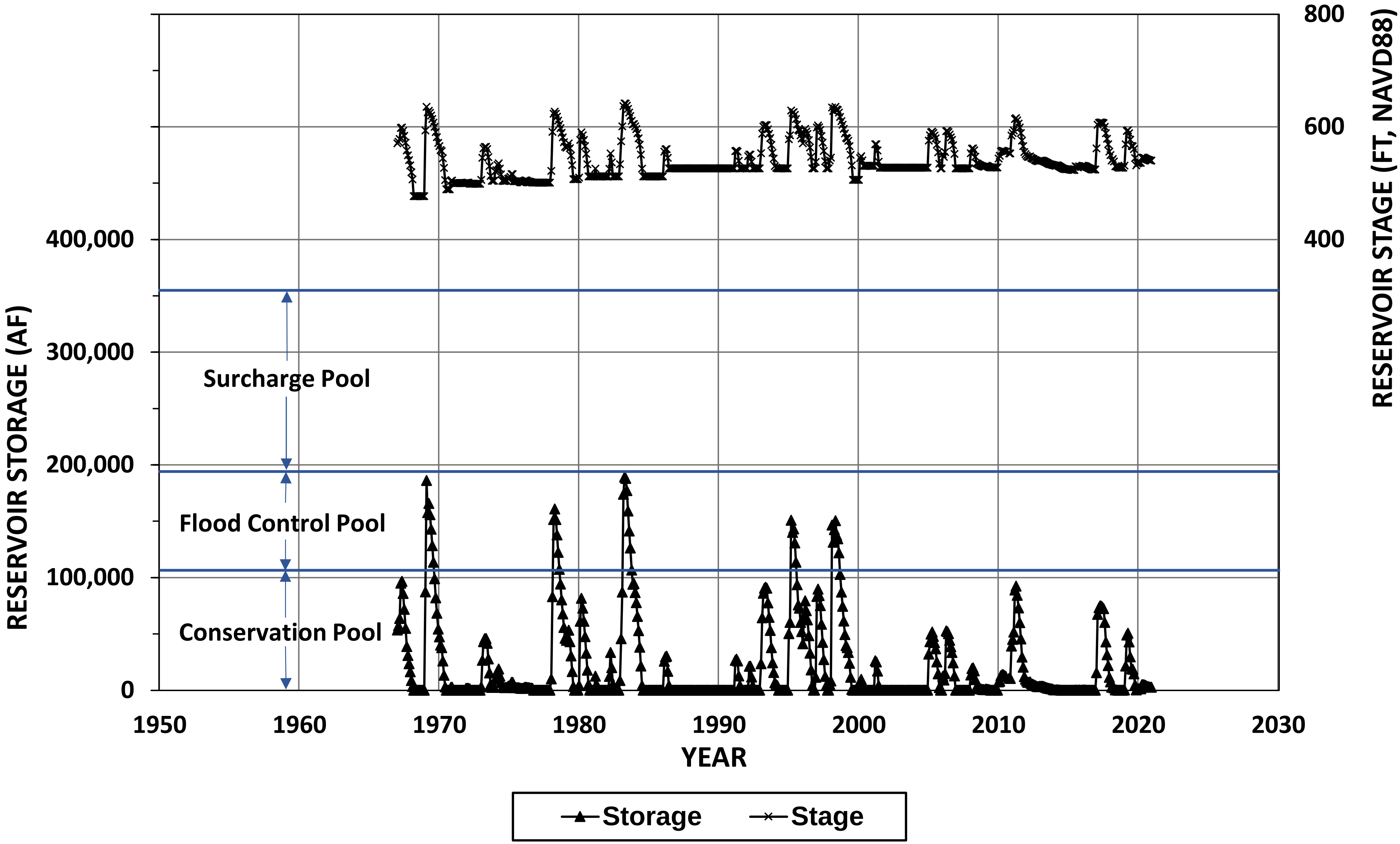

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Historical Stage and Storage, Twitchell Reservoir
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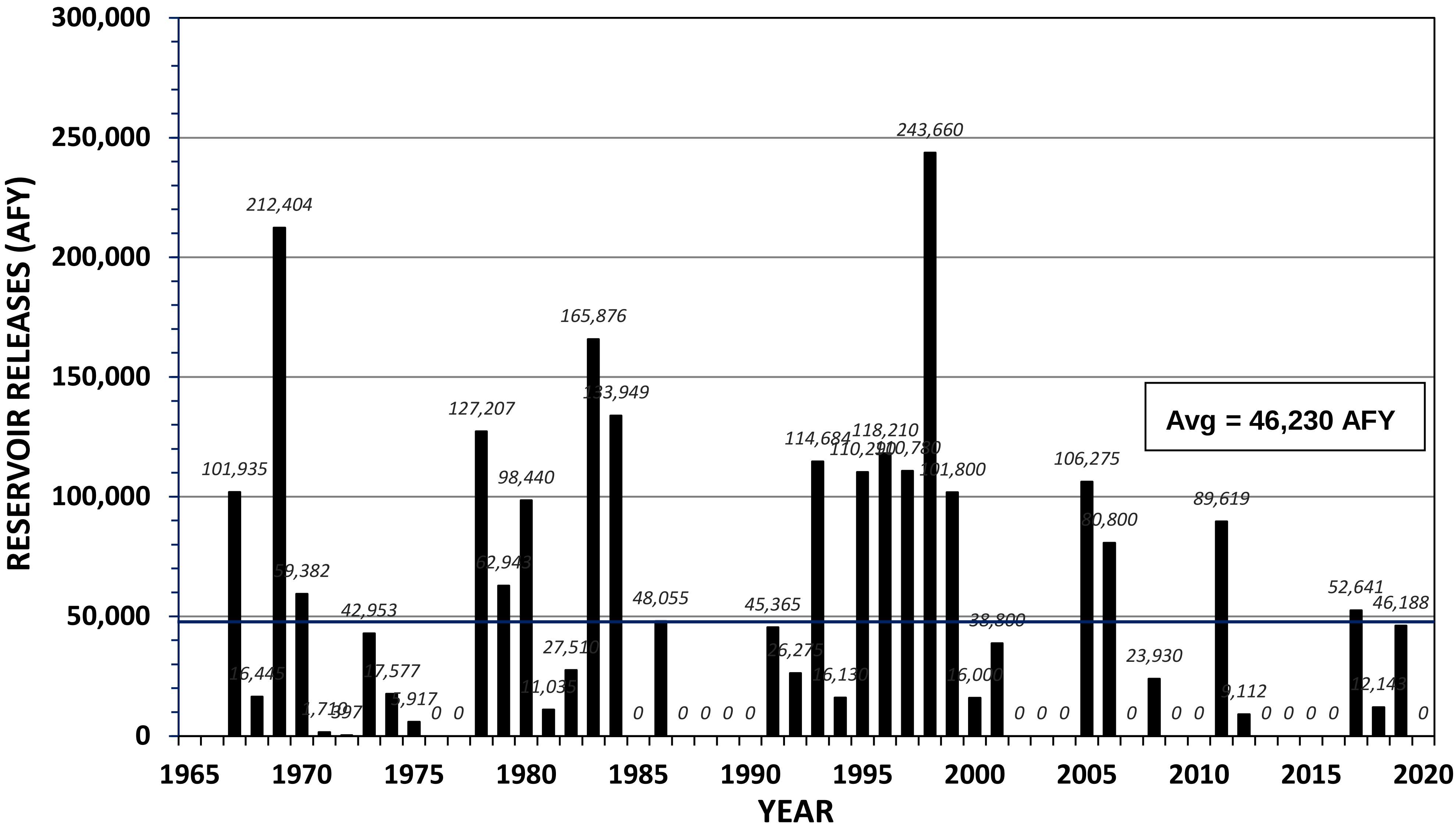

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Historical Releases, Twitchell Reservoir
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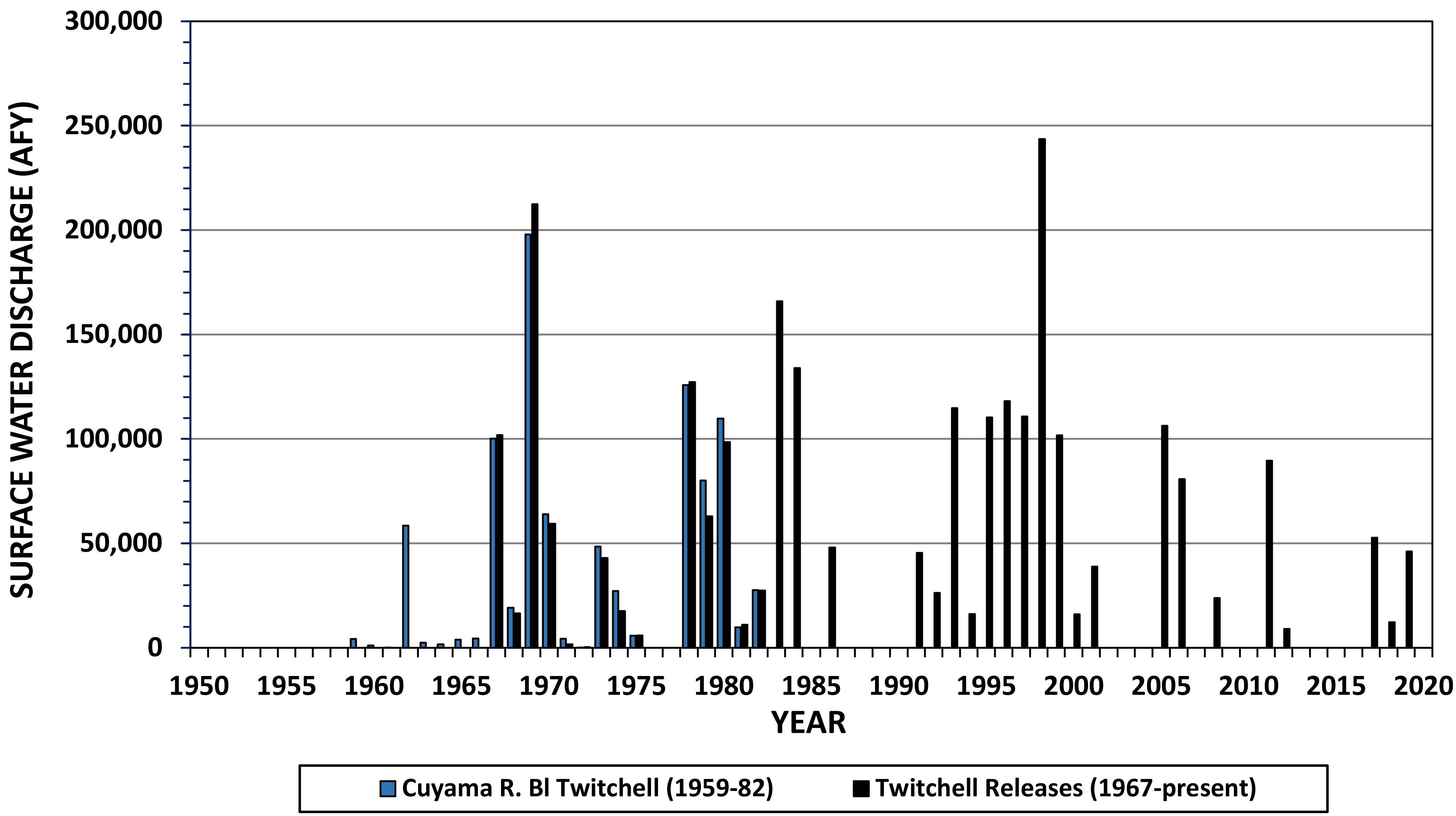

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Historical Discharge, Cuyama River and Twitchell Reservoir Releases
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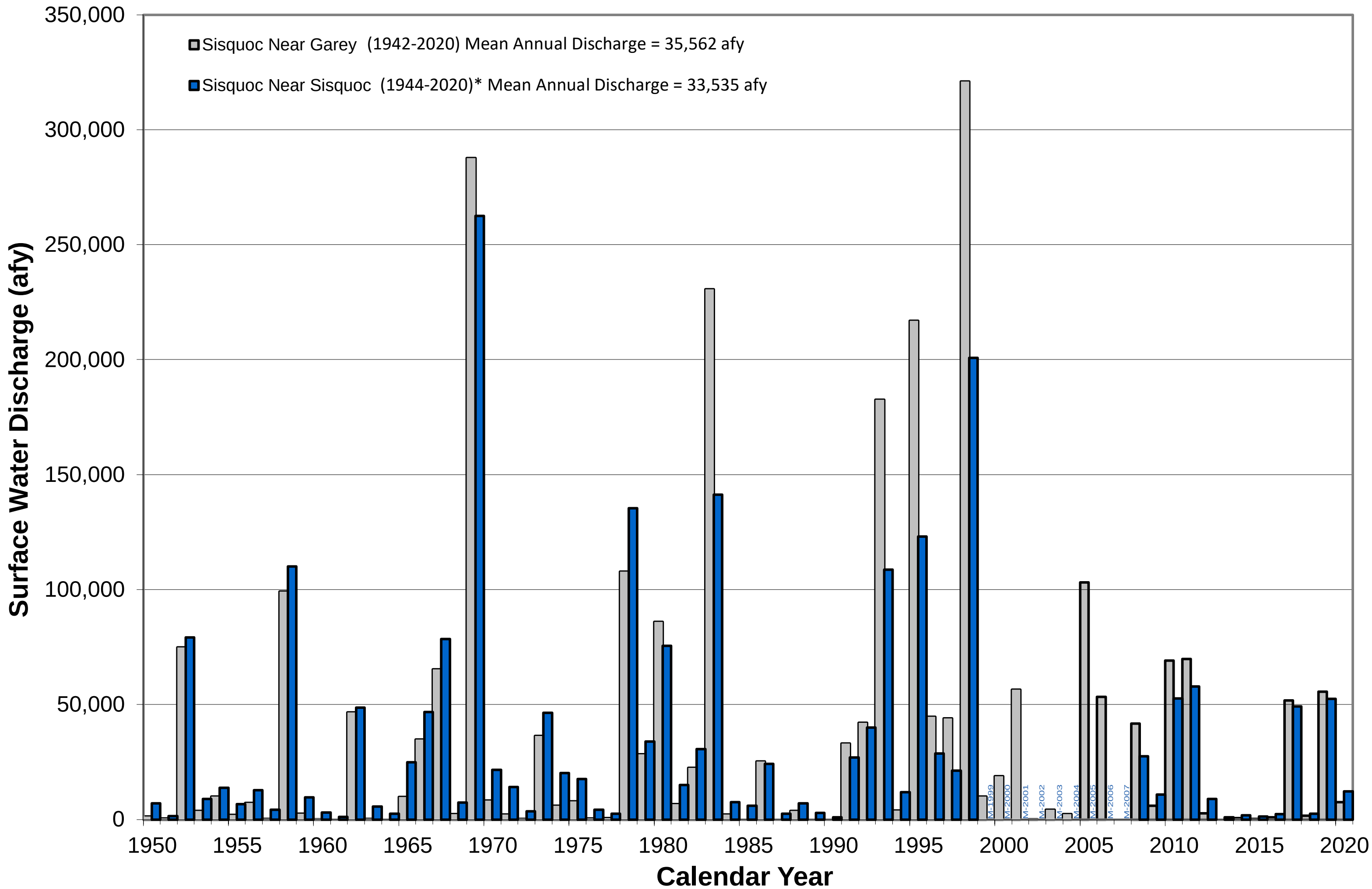

Note:
The annual total discharge is comprised of average daily flow data for the respective 'Near Sisquoc' and 'Near Garey' Gauges. The 'Near Garey' dataset has been approved by the USGS through September 2020 and is provisional from October 2020 through December 2020. The 'Near Siquoc' dataset has been approved by the USGS through September 2020 and is not reported from October 2020 through December 2020 due to discharge rate of less than 200 cfs.

**Discharge data are unavailable for the 'Near Sisquoc' Gauge from 1999-2007; missing years are labeled with a 'M - yyyy' notation.*

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Historical Stream Discharge, Sisquoc River
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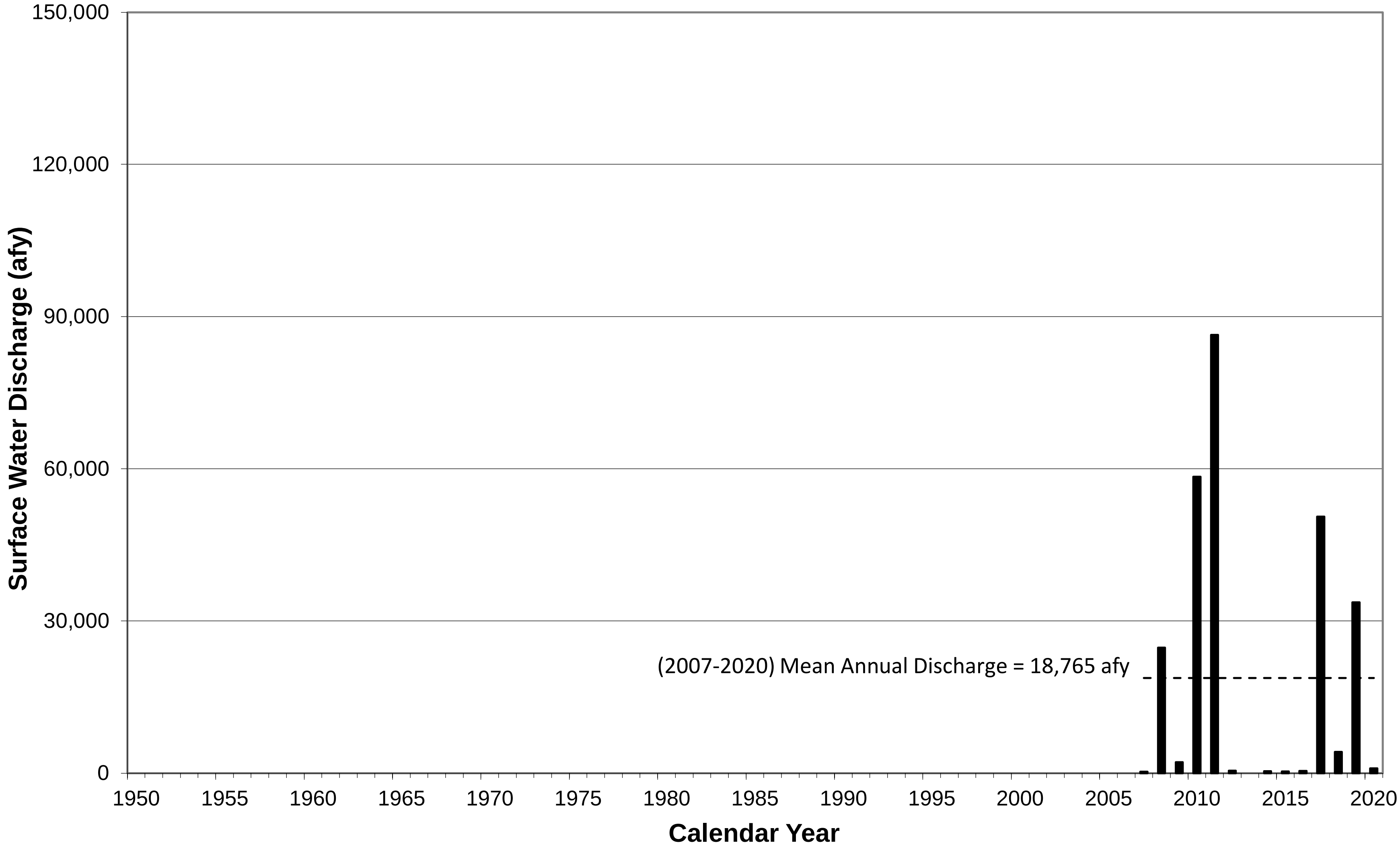

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Historical Stream Discharge, Santa Maria River at Suey Crossing
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Figure 2.3-1c

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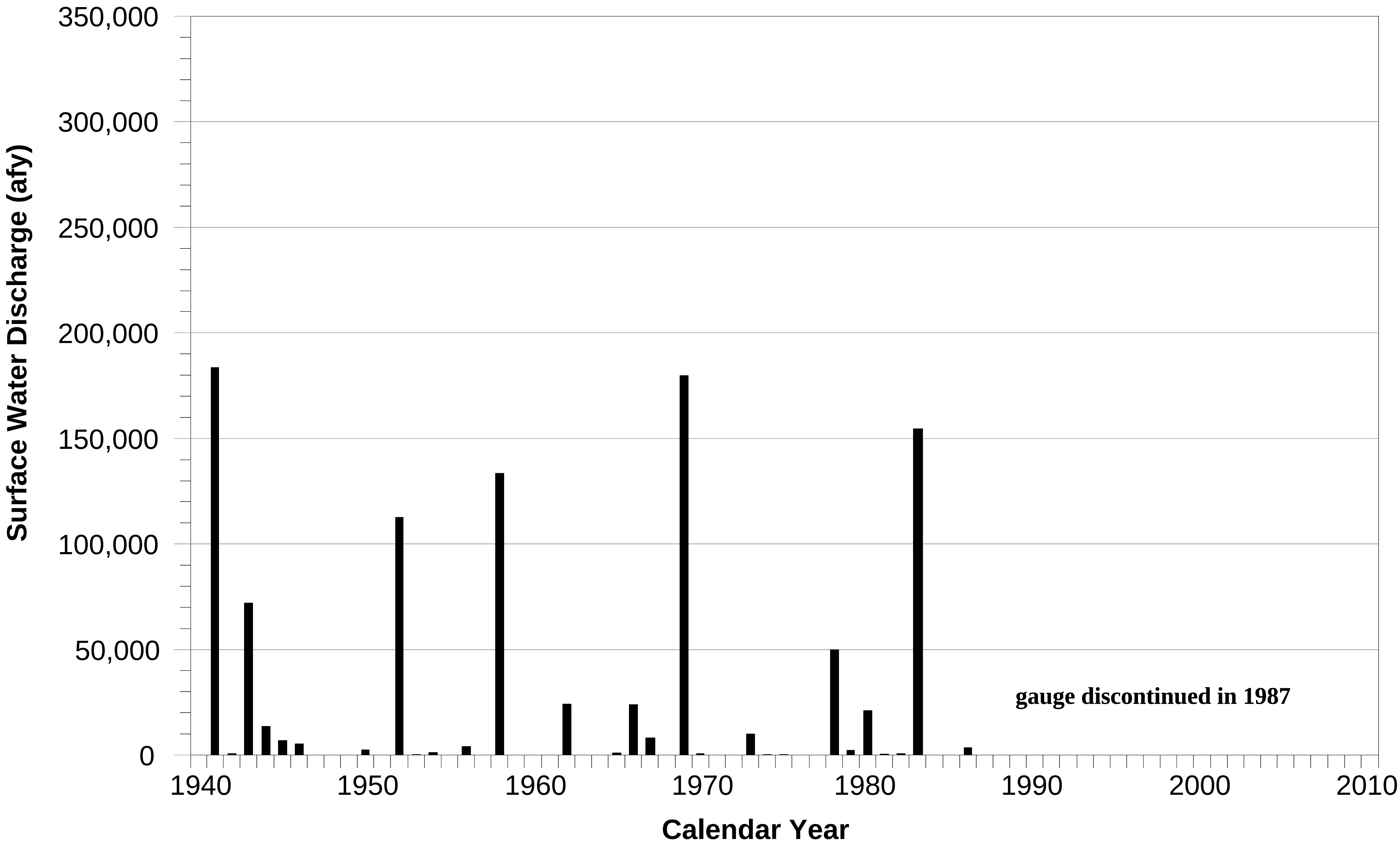

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Historical Stream Discharge, Santa Maria River at Guadalupe
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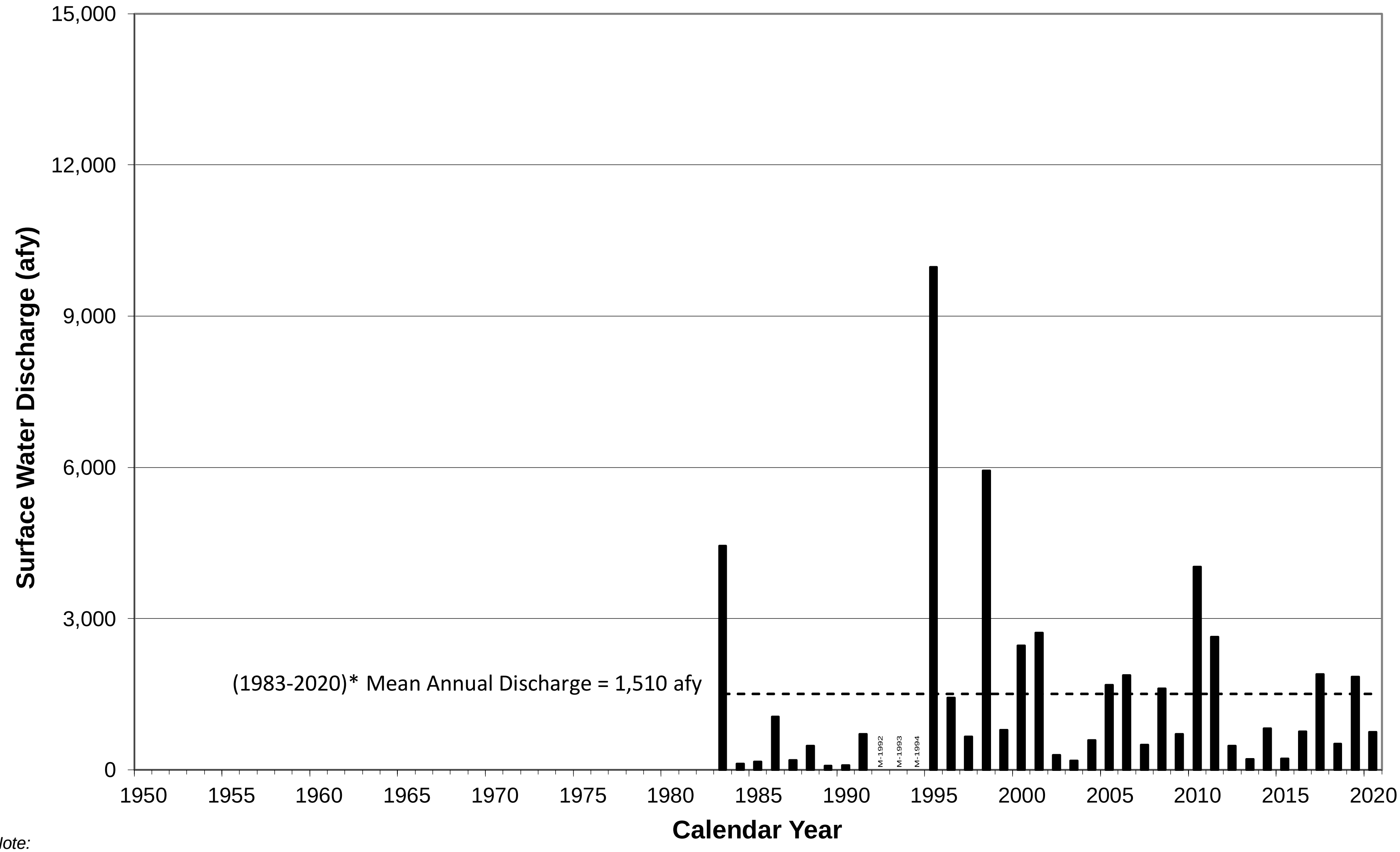

Note:
The annual total discharge is comprised of average daily flow data; these daily data have been approved by the USGS through October 2020 and are provisional November through December 2020. Due to bridge construction near the guage location, the guage equipment was removed in May 2014 until construction was completed in January 2015. Over that period, 30 manual measurements of instantaneous discharge were made by the USGS at almost weekly intervals. Discharge on days without measurements was estimated using precipitation and the nearest manually measured values. These measured and estimated values are utilized as average daily flow rates in the calculation of total discharge over the missing period of record .
**Discharge data are unavailable for the 'Orcutt Creek' Gauge from 1992-1994; missing years are labeled with a 'M - yyyy' notation and are not included in the long-term mean calculation.*

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Historical Stream Discharge, Orcutt Creek
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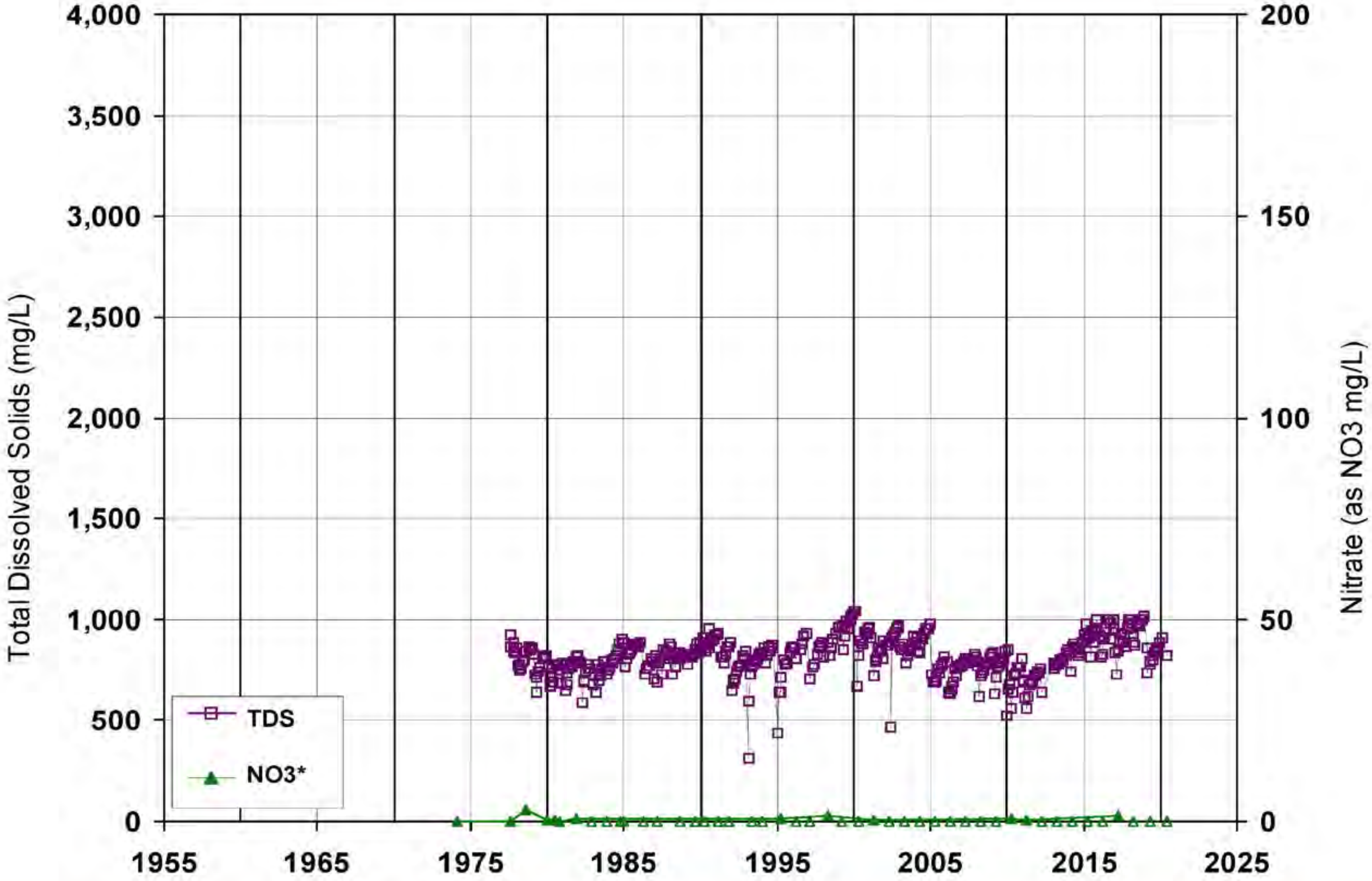

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Historical Surface Water Quality, Sisquoc River Near Sisquoc
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

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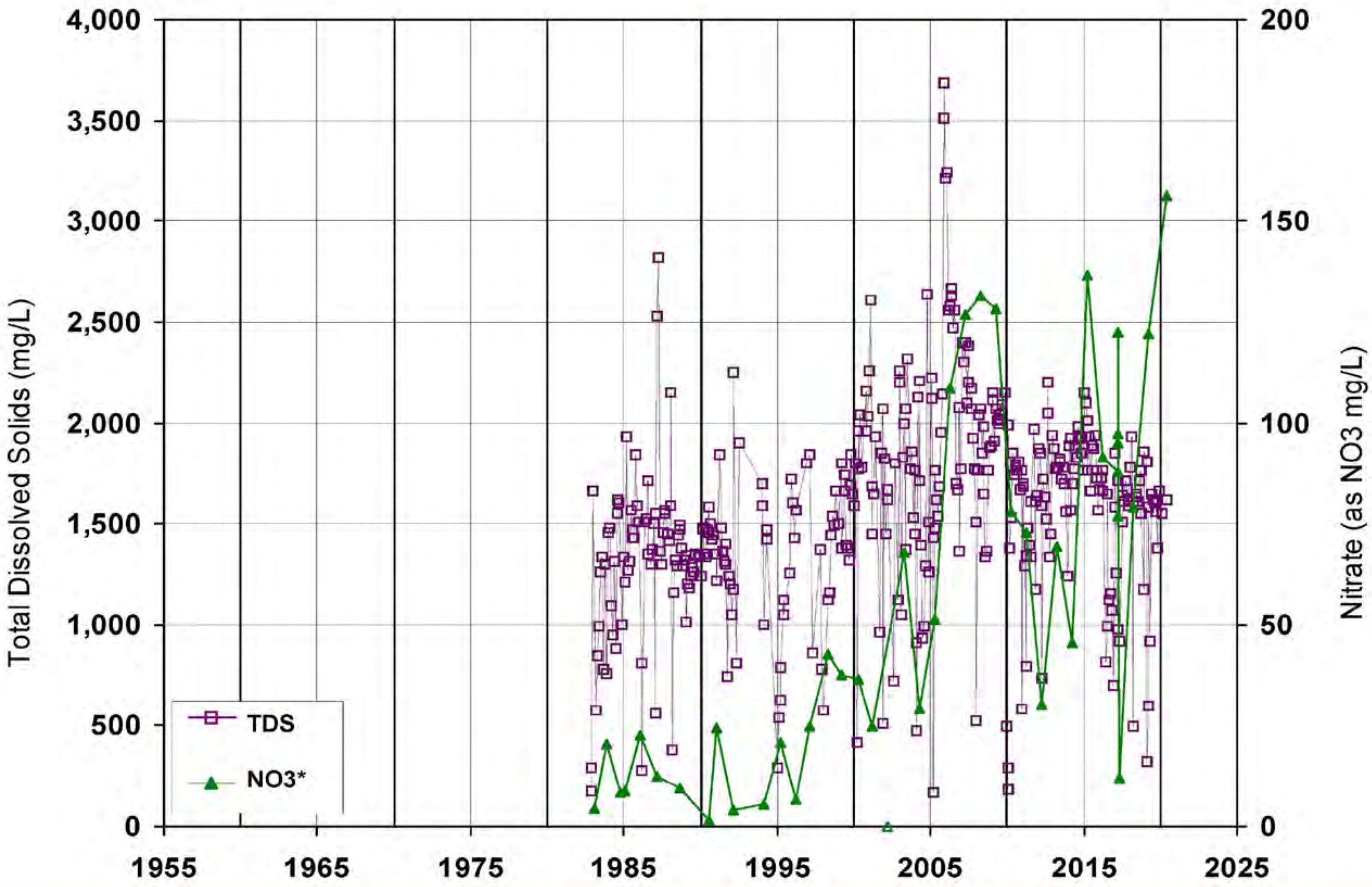

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Historical Surface Water Quality, Orcutt Creek
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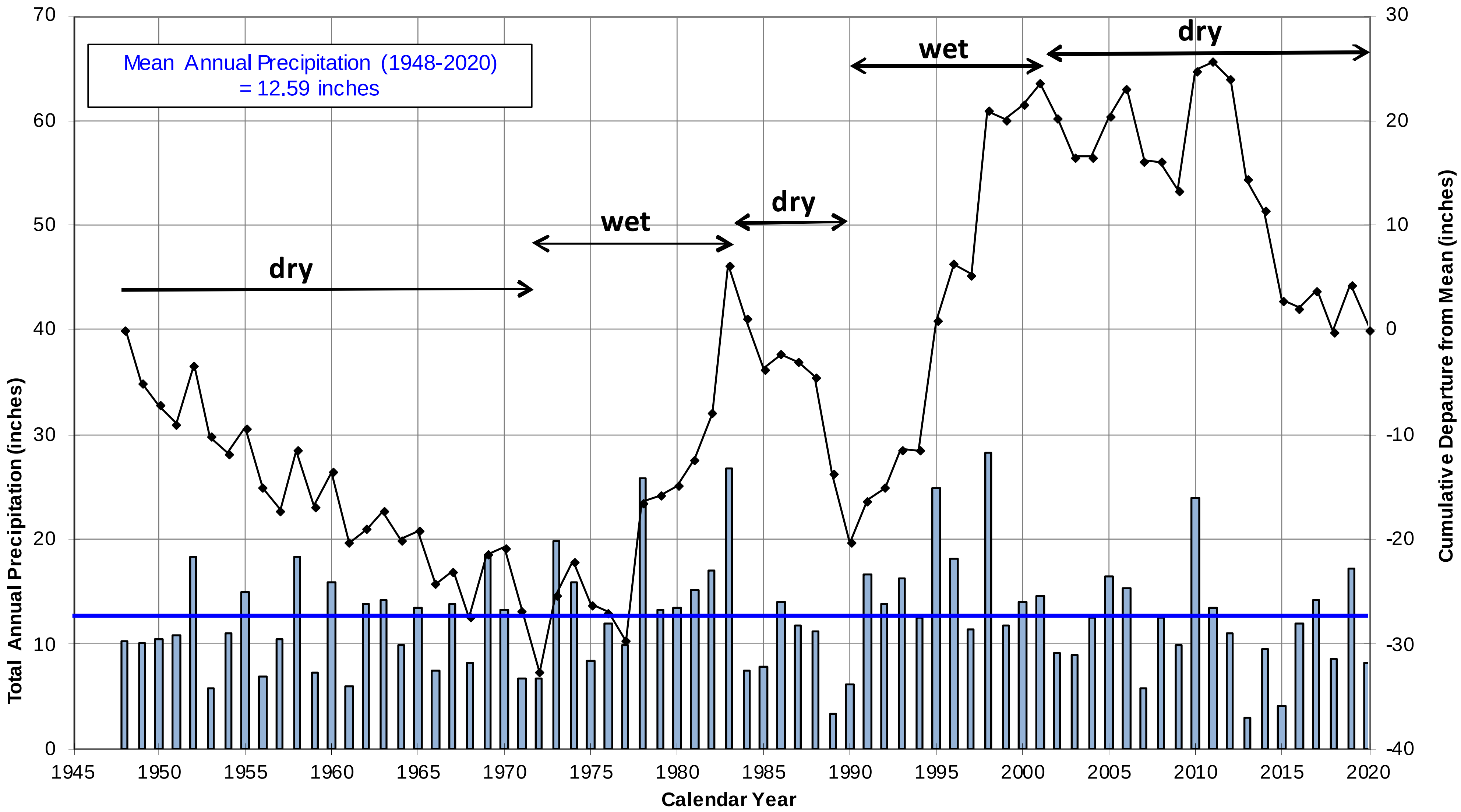

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Historical Precipitation and Departure from Mean, Santa Maria Airport
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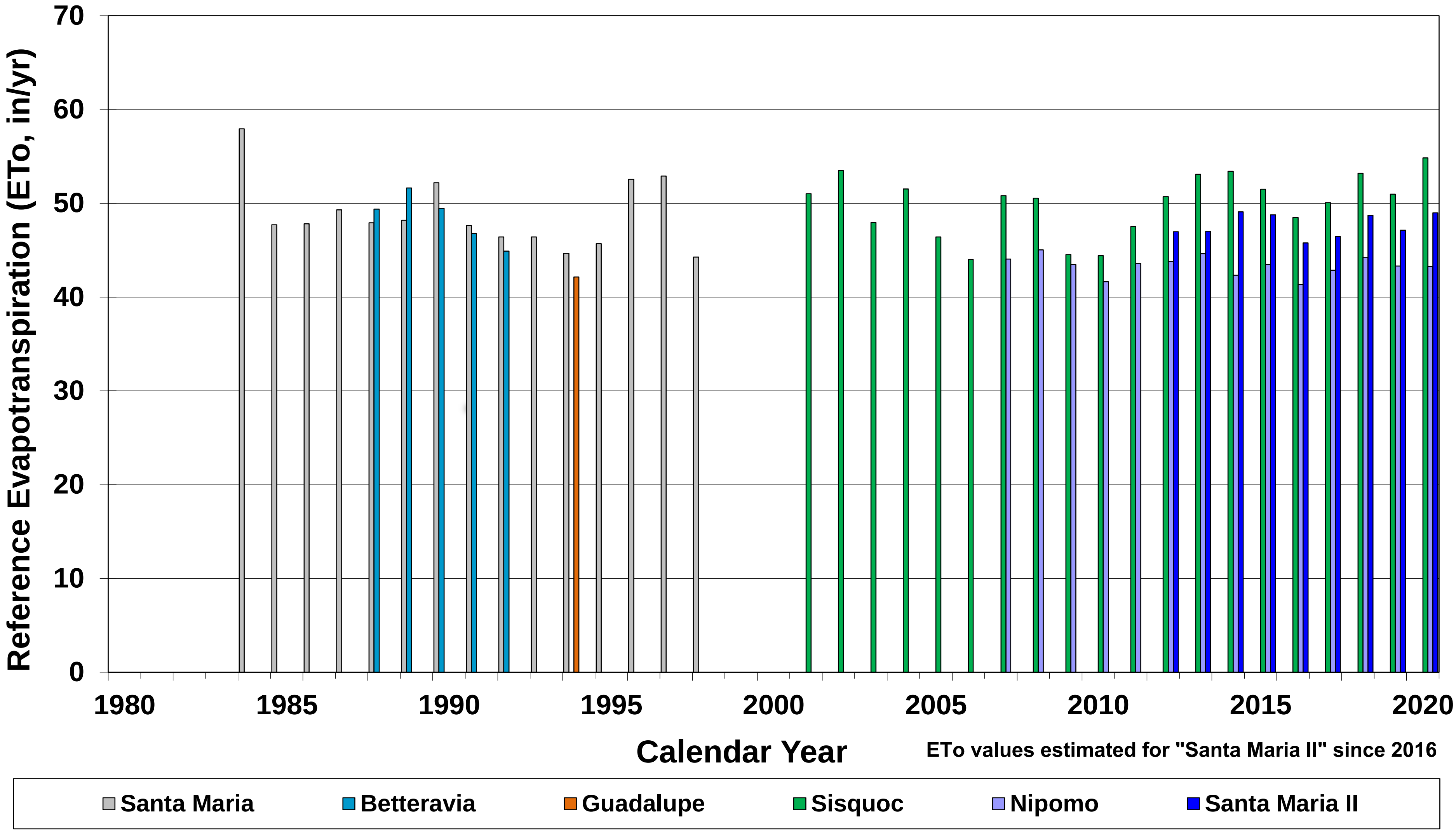

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Historical Reference Evapotranspiration, CIMIS Stations
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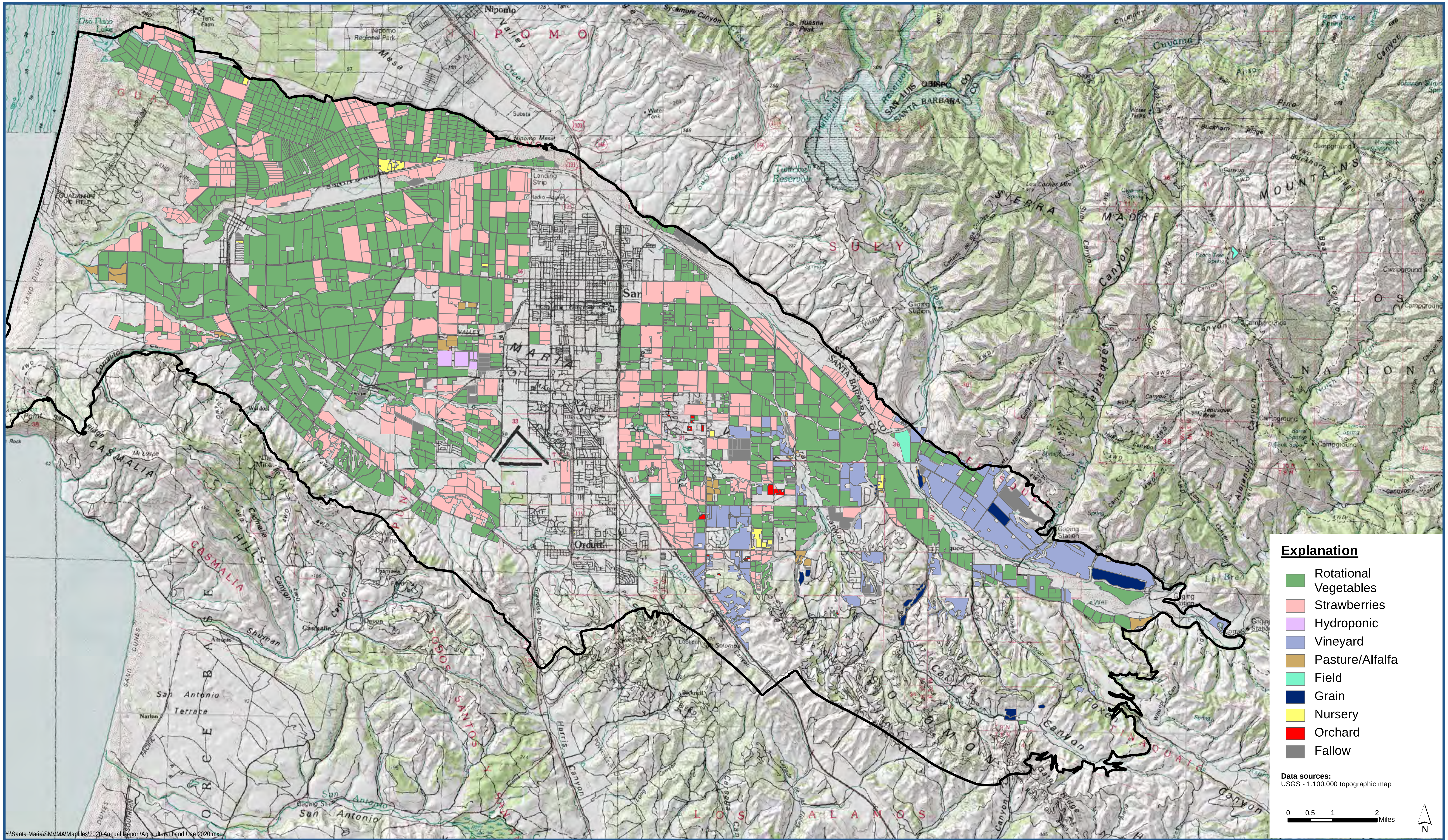

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Agricultural Land Use, 2020
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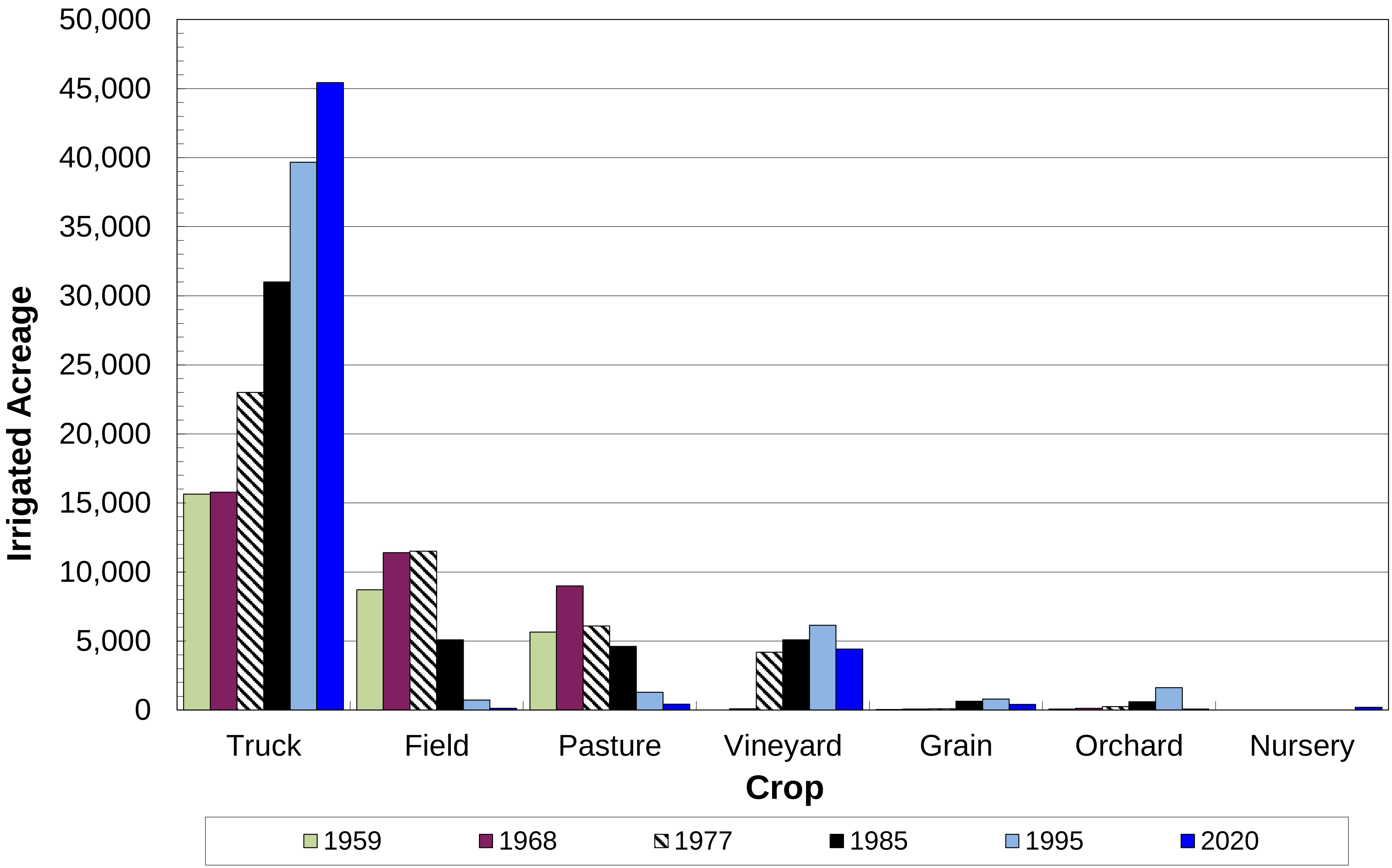

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Historical Distribution of Irrigated Acreage by Crop Category
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

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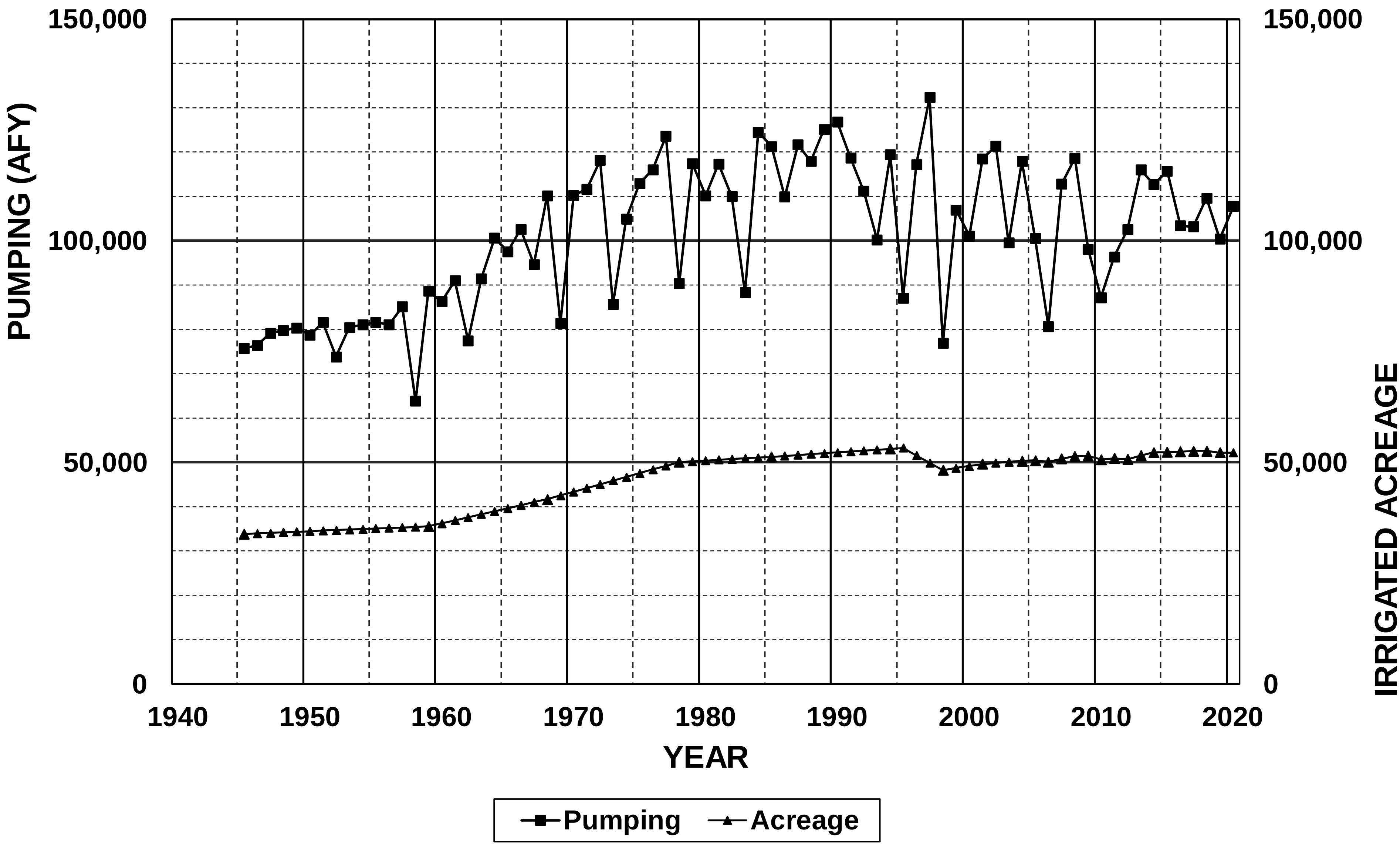

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Historical Agricultural Acreage and Groundwater Pumping
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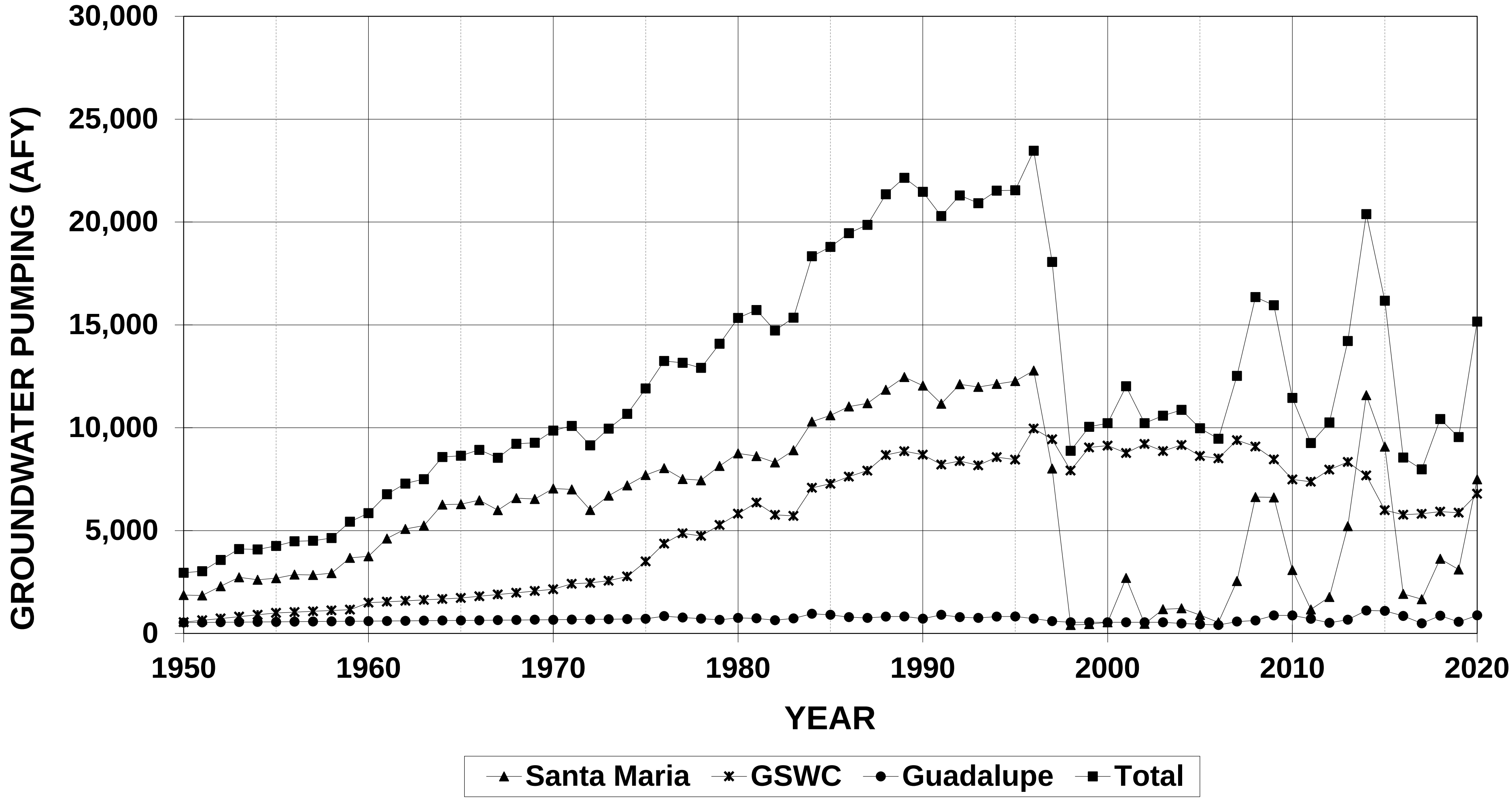

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Historical Municipal Groundwater Pumping
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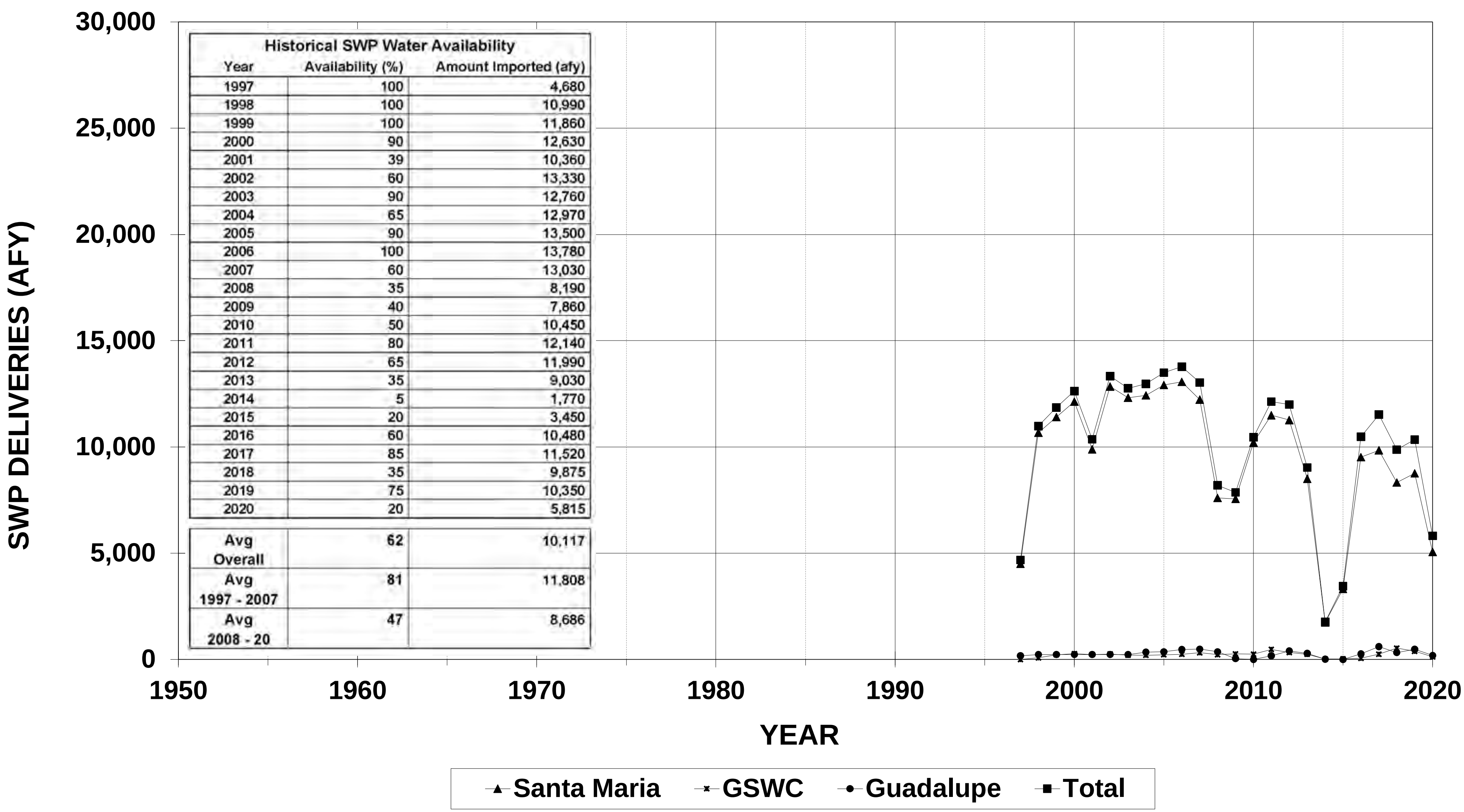

Historical SWP Water Availability

Year	Availability (%)	Amount Imported (afy)
1997	100	4,680
1998	100	10,990
1999	100	11,860
2000	90	12,630
2001	39	10,360
2002	60	13,330
2003	90	12,760
2004	65	12,970
2005	90	13,500
2006	100	13,780
2007	60	13,030
2008	35	8,190
2009	40	7,860
2010	50	10,450
2011	80	12,140
2012	65	11,990
2013	35	9,030
2014	5	1,770
2015	20	3,450
2016	60	10,480
2017	85	11,520
2018	35	9,875
2019	75	10,350
2020	20	5,815
Avg Overall	62	10,117
Avg 1997 - 2007	81	11,808
Avg 2008 - 20	47	8,686

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Historical State Water Project Deliveries
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

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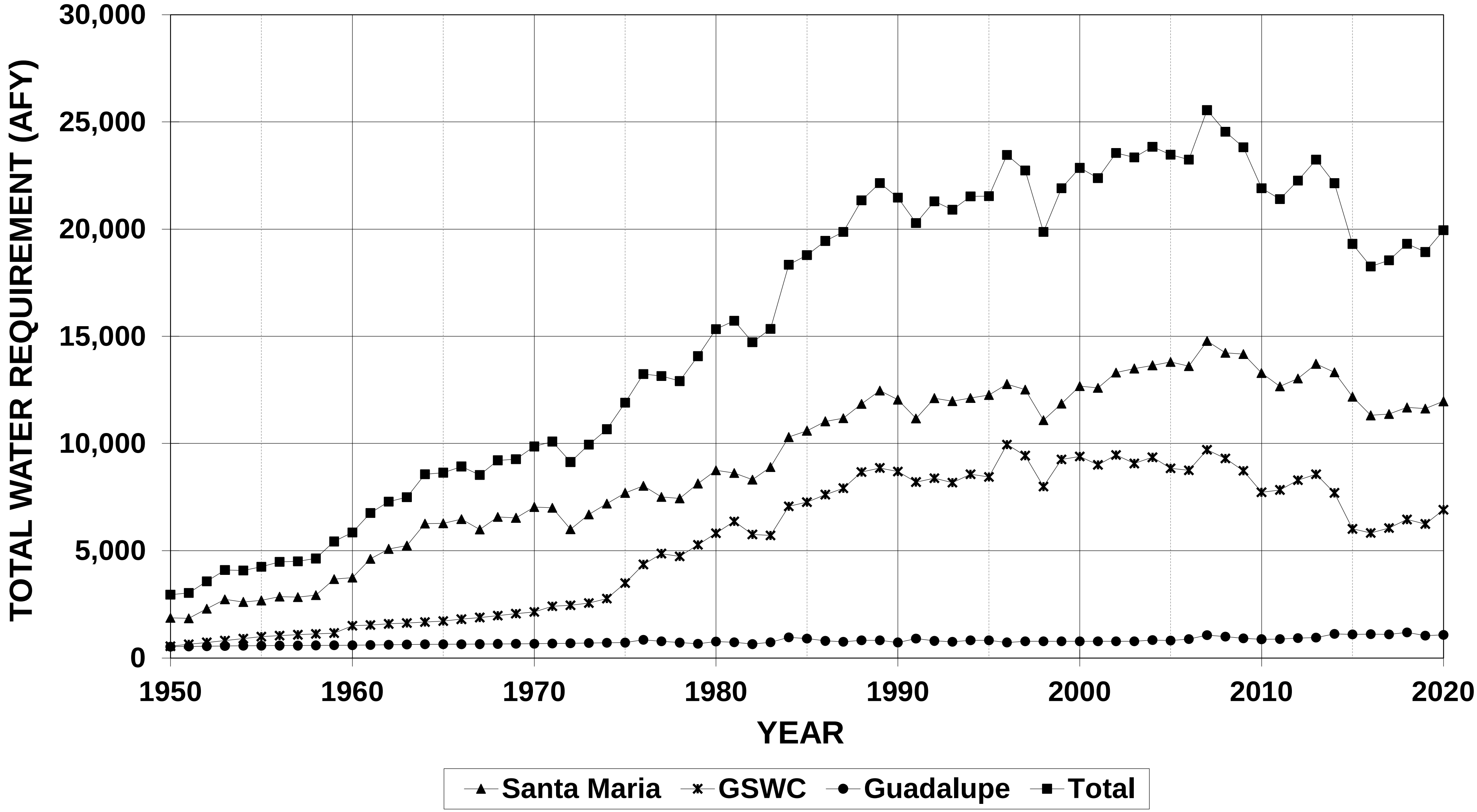

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Historical Municipal Water Requirements
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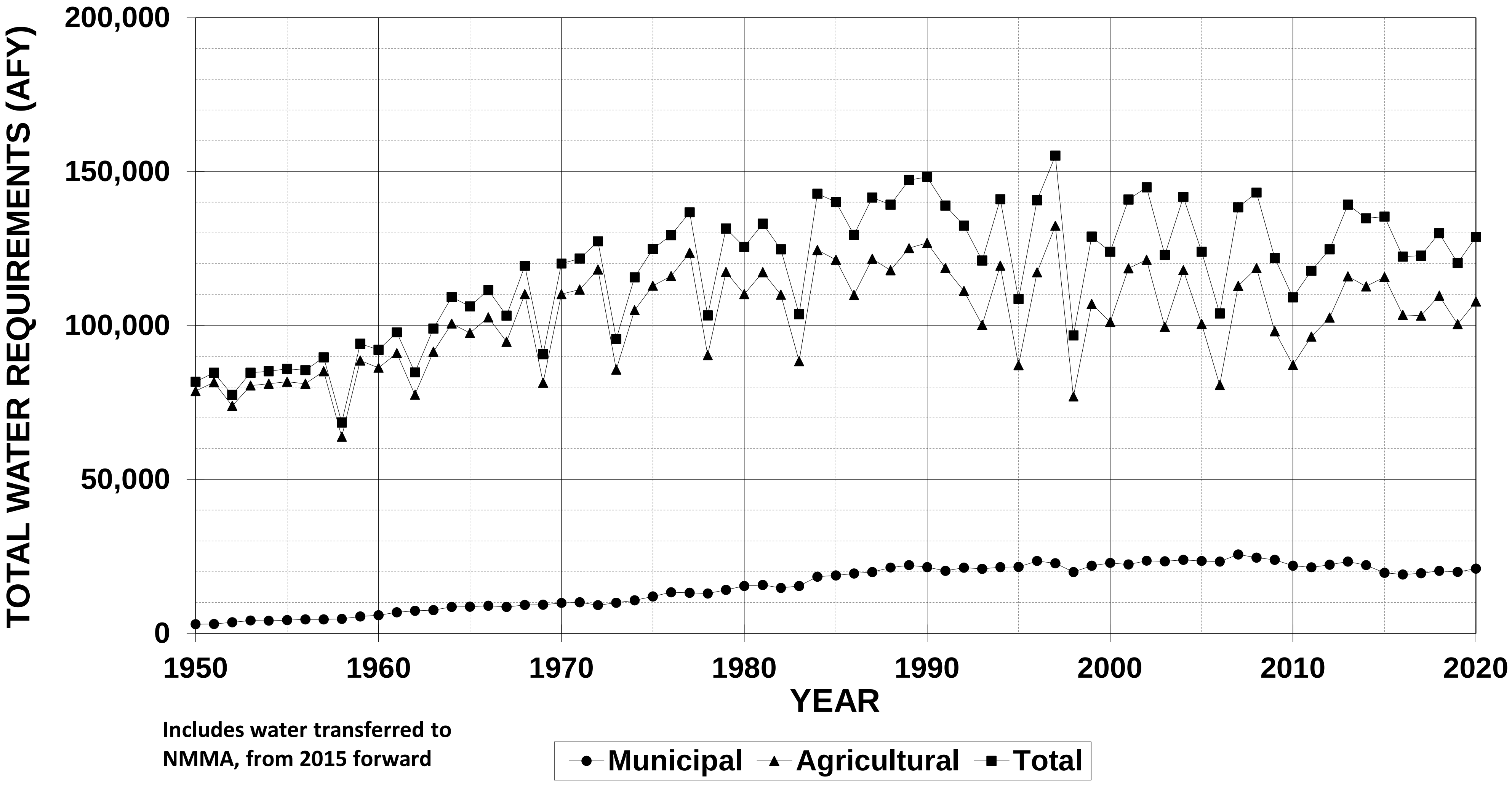

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Historical Total Water Requirements
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Appendix A

SMVMA Monitoring Program

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Monitoring Program for the Santa Maria Valley Management Area

prepared for

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I. INTRODUCTION

The terms and conditions of a Stipulation in the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin Litigation passed down by the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, on June 30, 2005, are intended to "impose a physical solution establishing a legal and practical means for ensuring the Basin's long-term sustainability." Under the Stipulation, the groundwater, imported and developed water, and storage space of the Basin are to be managed in three management areas, including one for the Santa Maria Valley (SMVMA) (Figure 1). The management area is approximately 175 square miles in size encompassing the Santa Maria and Sisquoc Valleys, extending north to the Nipomo Mesa, east to the cliffs above the Santa Maria River and terraces along the Sisquoc River, south to the Casmalia and Solomon Hills, and west to the coast.

According to the Stipulation, a monitoring program is to be established for each of the three management areas to collect and analyze data regarding water supply and demand such that the following objectives are met:

1) assessment of groundwater conditions, both levels and quality;
2) determination of land use, water requirements, and water supply; and
3) accounting of amounts and methods of disposition of water utilized.

This monitoring program has been prepared to meet these objectives in the SMVMA. Also in accordance with the Stipulation, it is expected that the monitoring results will be utilized for preparation of annual reports on the SMVMA, including an assessment of whether conditions of severe water shortage are present. The monitoring program for the SMVMA, with minor revisions from October 2008, is described by individual element in the following section.

Among other components, the monitoring program includes networks of historically monitored wells, stream gauges, and climatic stations. These monitoring points were selected based on publicly available information about their locations, characteristics, and historical data records with the intent of continuing those records as much as possible. It is recognized that, as implementation of the program proceeds, the inclusion of some network wells may be determined to be impractical or impossible due to problems of access or abandonment. Further, the reestablishment of inactive (or installation of new) wells, stream gauges and climatic stations will depend on interagency coordination, permitting procedures, and budgetary constraints. Thus, it is anticipated that the overall monitoring program will be incrementally implemented as practicalities like those mentioned above dictate. Similarly, it is expected that, with time, the program will undergo modification in response to various factors (e.g. replacing network wells abandoned in the future, revising well classifications by aquifer depth zone), while maintaining the overall goal of facilitating interpretation and reporting on water requirements, water supplies, and the state of groundwater conditions in the SMVMA.

II. MONITORING PROGRAM

As a basis for designing the monitoring program, all pertinent historical data on the geology and water resources of the SMVMA were updated and compiled into a Geographic Information System (GIS). The data include the following:

- well location, reference point elevation (RPE), depth, and construction information;
- surface water gauge locations and characteristics;
- precipitation gauge and climate station locations and characteristics;
- groundwater levels and quality;
- Twitchell Reservoir releases, stream discharge and quality;
- precipitation and reference evapotranspiration (ETo) records;
- topographic, cultural, soils, and land use maps;
- geologic map and geologic structure contours;
- water purveyor wellfield areas;
- wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) locations.

The GIS was first utilized to define aquifer depth zones for groundwater monitoring purposes. In the central and major portion of the SMVMA, there is a shallow zone comprised of the Quaternary Alluvium, Orcutt formation, and uppermost Paso Robles formation and a deep zone comprised of the remaining Paso Robles formation and Careaga Sand. In the eastern portion of the SMVMA where these formations are much thinner and comprised of coarser materials, particularly in the Sisquoc Valley, the aquifer system is essentially uniform without distinct aquifer depth zones. In the coastal area where the surficial deposits (upper members of Quaternary Alluvium and Orcutt formation) are extremely fine-grained, the underlying formations (lower members of Quaternary Alluvium and Orcutt formation, Paso Robles formation, and Careaga Sand) comprise a confined aquifer.

The GIS was then used to classify a majority of wells into the shallow or deep aquifer zones based on well depth and completion information, although a number of wells could not be classified because this information is either unavailable or indicates completion across both the shallow and deep zones. An evaluation was made of the distribution of wells across the SMVMA completed in each depth zone. Wells actively or historically monitored for water levels and quality by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and its cooperating local agencies[1] (Agencies) were identified, and an evaluation was made of the adequacy of coverage of the SMVMA to meet the objective in the Stipulation of assessing groundwater conditions.

It was determined that the wells actively monitored by the Agencies for groundwater levels provide extensive but somewhat incomplete coverage of the SMVMA, with areas

[1] Cooperating local agencies include Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County, and the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District (SMVWCD).

left unmonitored in both aquifer zones. Based on this assessment, the groundwater monitoring program for the SMVMA was designed to first incorporate all of the actively monitored wells (denoted herein as “active wells”). Thus, those wells will continue to be monitored for water levels by the Agencies with the resulting data used toward assessing groundwater conditions in the SMVMA.

Secondly, in order to fill the gaps in coverage around the active wells, the groundwater monitoring program includes a number of additional wells historically monitored by the Agencies that are no longer monitored (denoted herein as “inactive wells”, but intended to be actively monitored as part of this program). Thus, water level monitoring in these wells will need to be restarted in collaboration with the Agencies. This will provide the additional benefit of bringing forward the historical water level records of the inactive wells, some of which begin in the 1920s.

Regarding the active and inactive wells, those that could not be classified by aquifer depth zone (noted as “unclassified wells”) are nonetheless included in the monitoring program because they contribute to completing well coverage of the SMVMA. The main revision to the October 2008 monitoring program is classification of previously unclassified wells based on additional well information, water level, and water quality data collected since the monitoring program was implemented.

Third, the groundwater monitoring program includes new monitoring wells to be installed in both the shallow and deep aquifer zones in an area north of downtown Santa Maria to fill a gap in coverage by existing wells. Arrangements will need to be made for the well installations, and monitoring will need to be implemented in collaboration with the Agencies.

This groundwater monitoring program designates a subset of wells for the purpose of monitoring groundwater quality, with well selection based on evaluation of well depths, completion information, and historical water level and quality data. It was determined that, of those wells actively monitored for groundwater levels, very few are actively monitored for groundwater quality. The subset of groundwater quality wells under this monitoring program incorporates the few active water quality wells, which will continue to be monitored by the Agencies. In addition, the subset includes wells historically (but no longer) monitored for water quality and wells historically monitored for water levels (but never for water quality) by the Agencies. Thus, water quality monitoring in these wells will need to be restarted or implemented in collaboration with the Agencies. Lastly, in order to fill a gap in coverage by existing wells, the new monitoring well to be installed in the deep aquifer zone north of downtown Santa Maria is included in the subset of groundwater quality wells.

Thus, the groundwater monitoring program designates two well networks, one each for the shallow and deep aquifer zones, primarily comprised of wells that are actively monitored. The networks include additional wells that are currently inactive (monitoring to be restarted) and some new wells (installation and monitoring to be implemented). All network wells are to be monitored for groundwater levels, with a subset of those wells to be monitored for groundwater quality, as described in detail in the subsection below.

Another use of the GIS was for the evaluation of actively and historically monitored surface water and climatic gauges by their location and period of record, specifically for Twitchell Reservoir releases, stream discharge, precipitation, and reference evapotranspiration (ETo) data, in order to assess adequacy of coverage in the SMVMA to meet monitoring objectives in the Stipulation. In this case, it was determined that the actively monitored gauges provide a substantial but incomplete accounting of surface water resources in the SMVMA, with several streams no longer monitored and the Valley floor without any climatic gauges. The SMVMA monitoring program was designed to incorporate the active gauges and reestablish inactive gauges to provide a comprehensive record of surface water and climatic data. A revision to the October 2008 monitoring program is the addition of a surface water sampling point on Green Canyon drainage, currently monitored for flow and quality.

A description of the groundwater, surface water, and climatic monitoring included in the SMVMA monitoring program is provided in the following subsection. Three monitoring program elements designate the data collection to be conducted across the area including 1) hydrologic data with which groundwater conditions, surface water conditions, and agricultural water requirements may be assessed, 2) water requirements and supply data for agricultural irrigation and municipal use; and 3) water disposition data for agricultural and municipal land uses.

2.1 Hydrologic Data

Hydrologic data include groundwater levels and quality from two well networks, one each for the shallow and deep aquifer zones. Also to be collected are data on Twitchell Reservoir releases and stream stage, discharge, and quality, from a designated set of surface water monitoring locations. The data also include precipitation and ETo data, which will be used to estimate agricultural water use in the SMVMA.

2.1.1 Groundwater Levels and Quality

Well Networks

Evaluation of historical groundwater level and quality data from the SMVMA indicates that groundwater conditions differ across the area and with depth; accordingly and as described above, the groundwater monitoring program designates both shallow and deep well networks. The monitoring networks include along the coast three sets of existing grouped monitoring wells that are completed at varying depths for the purpose of detecting conditions of saltwater intrusion. However, the networks lack coverage inland in an area north of downtown Santa Maria adjacent to the Santa Maria River, necessitating the installation of at least one shallow and one deep well.

The monitoring networks are primarily comprised of wells actively monitored by the USGS and cooperating agencies (Agencies). The networks include additional wells that are currently inactive (monitoring to be restarted) and some new wells (installation and monitoring to be implemented). The shallow well network consists of 68 wells for groundwater level monitoring with a subset of 37 wells for water quality monitoring (Table 1a and Figure 2a), including one new well to be installed north of Santa Maria and monitored for shallow groundwater levels. The deep well network consists of 52 wells for water level monitoring with a subset of 38 water quality wells (Table 1b and Figure 2b), including one new well to be monitored for groundwater levels and quality in the deep zone. In addition, 29 unclassified wells are included for groundwater level monitoring with a subset of 4 water quality wells (Table 1c); they are shown on both the shallow and deep well network maps (see Figures 2a/2b) to illustrate the areal distribution of network wells across the SMVMA.

To augment the monitoring program results, data from water supply well monitoring conducted by the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe and by the Golden State Water Company to meet California Dept. of Health Services requirements will be compiled. Likewise, data from sanitation facility well monitoring conducted under their respective permit conditions will augment the monitoring program results. Finally, data collected from wells in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) monitoring program (not part of the SMVMA well networks) will be compiled in order to assess groundwater conditions in the area along the northern boundary of the SMVMA.

Overall, the groundwater monitoring networks for the SMVMA include:

- 149 wells for water levels (68 shallow, 52 deep, 29 unclassified), of which:

- 91 of the 149 wells are active (42 shallow, 28 deep, 21 unclassified) and will continue to be monitored for water levels by the Agencies,
- 56 wells are inactive (25 shallow, 23 deep, 8 unclassified) and will need to have water level monitoring restarted in collaboration with the Agencies,
- 2 wells are new (1 shallow and 1 deep) and will need to have arrangements made for their installation and water level monitoring implemented in collaboration with the Agencies, and

- 79 of the 149 wells are also for water quality (37 shallow, 38 deep, 4 unclassified), of which:
- 14 wells are active (4 shallow, 9 deep, 1 unclassified), and will continue to be monitored for water quality by the Agencies,
- 34 wells are inactive (17 shallow, 14 deep, 3 unclassified), and will need to have water quality monitoring restarted in collaboration with the Agencies,
- 30 wells not monitored (16 shallow, 14 deep), and will need to have water quality monitoring implemented in collaboration with the Agencies,
- 1 well is new (deep) and will need to have water quality monitoring implemented in collaboration with the Agencies.

The areal coverage of wells for groundwater levels and quality is comparable to previous groundwater resources investigations periodically conducted by the USGS. The groundwater monitoring networks are comprehensive and conservative in that they provide areal coverage of the SMVMA in two depth zones, including focused monitoring for potential saltwater intrusion along the coast. Upon implementation of the groundwater monitoring program and analysis of the initial groundwater level and quality results, an assessment will be made of whether the well network requires modification, e.g., more or less wells, while ensuring the monitoring objectives of the Stipulation are met.

Monitoring Specifications

Under the monitoring program, groundwater level measurements in each network well will be made from an established wellhead reference point to an accuracy of 0.01 foot. Groundwater quality monitoring will include general mineral constituents to facilitate description of the general groundwater chemistry throughout the SMVMA. In addition, specific inorganic constituents are included to assess effects of historical and current land uses and groundwater quality relative to potential saltwater intrusion along the coast. The initial monitoring constituents for both the shallow and deep well networks are:

General Minerals *(including Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Electrical Conductivity (EC), pH, sodium (Na), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), potassium (K), chloride (Cl), sulfate (SO4), and bicarbonate (HCO3)*
Nitrate as Nitrate *(NO3-NO3)*
Bromide *(Br)*

All sample collection, preservation, and transport will be according to accepted EPA protocol. Sample analyses are to be conducted by laboratories certified by the State of California utilizing standard EPA methodologies. Analyses for NO3-NO3 and Br are to achieve minimum reporting limits of 0.10 mg/l.

The great majority of existing wells in the SMVMA have reported reference point elevations (RPEs) that appear to have been derived from USGS 7-1/2’ topographic quadrangles, with variable levels of accuracy. Therefore, a wellhead survey will need to be conducted establishing the RPE for each network well to an accuracy of less than one foot, preferably to 0.01 foot, in order to allow accurate assessment of groundwater conditions throughout the SMVMA. The wellhead survey would most easily be completed using survey-grade global positioning system (GPS) equipment. Upon evaluation of the initial monitoring results, an assessment will be made regarding the need to verify RPEs or modify the set of water quality constituents and/or reporting limits.

Monitoring Frequency

Historical groundwater level data from the SMVMA indicate that water levels typically peak between January and April and decline to the seasonal low between July and October. Accordingly, the initial frequency of groundwater level monitoring is semiannually during the spring and fall, as has typically been the practice of the USGS and some cooperating agencies.

Review of historical groundwater quality data indicates that some quality constituents, such as sulfate, nitrate, and associated TDS and EC values, can change substantially over two to three years. As a result, the initial frequency of groundwater quality sampling is every two years, and preferably during the summer to allow any necessary followup sampling. Coastal monitoring wells will be sampled twice annually, during spring and fall, to evaluate seasonal water quality changes with the seasonal fluctuation in Valley groundwater levels.

The annual groundwater level and quality monitoring results from purveyors and sanitation facility wells will be compiled with the results from the SMVMA monitoring program, at which time an assessment will be made regarding the need for additional monitoring of selected purveyor/facility wells. Regarding the SMVMA well network, following evaluation of the initial groundwater level and quality results, an assessment will be made whether monitoring frequencies need to be modified.

Data Sources, Agency Coordination, and Plan Implementation

Implementation of the groundwater monitoring program will necessitate completing several tasks augmenting the groundwater monitoring currently conducted by the Agencies. It is recommended that program implementation proceed through the following tasks in order:

1) Coordination with the Agencies (primarily the USGS) and landowners to assess site conditions at each designated program well, including field determinations of well and wellhead conditions and access (as needed), with the objective of establishing final well networks (shallow and deep) for the ongoing measurement of water levels and collection of water quality samples;

2) Installation of monitoring wells in those areas lacking coverage by the established networks;

3) Coordination with the Agencies and landowners to make arrangements for conducting groundwater level and quality monitoring, per the monitoring program, on an ongoing basis; and

4) Completion of a wellhead survey to record the reference point elevation and ground surface elevation at each network well.

On an annual basis, the designated groundwater monitoring activities for the SMVMA will need to be coordinated with the USGS and cooperating agencies to confirm their continued monitoring of network wells. During each year, groundwater level and quality data from the Agencies will be compiled with the SMVMA dataset, and an assessment will be made of the remaining data needs to fulfill the groundwater monitoring program. The annual agency coordination, planning of monitoring activities, data collection, and data compilation will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.1.2 Surface Water Storage, Discharge, Stage, and Quality

Monitoring Locations

Twitchell Reservoir stage, storage, and surface water releases are recorded on a daily basis. Also, four stream gauges in the SMVMA currently provide average daily discharge data, specifically two on the Sisquoc River ("near Sisquoc" and "near Garey"), one on the Santa Maria River ("at Suey Crossing near Santa Maria"), and one on Orcutt Creek ("near Orcutt"). Together, the reservoir release data and current stream gauge measurements account for the primary components of streamflow into the Santa Maria Valley (Figure 3).

Additional data are needed for the main streams associated with the Santa Maria Valley for the purpose of assessing surface water resources and stream/aquifer interactions in the SMVMA. The main component of streamflow into the Santa Maria Valley is not measured, specifically from the Cuyama River (inactive gauge), and streamflow from the Santa Maria Valley cannot be accounted because the gauge located on the Santa Maria River at Guadalupe is inactive. Further, for all streams in the SMVMA, stage measurements are not reported and water quality monitoring is limited to the Sisquoc River ("near Sisquoc") and Orcutt Creek ("near Orcutt"). A sampling point on Green Canyon provides information on the flow and quality of drainage in the western Valley.

Accordingly, the surface water monitoring program specifies that reservoir stage, storage, and releases from the Twitchell Project continue to be recorded on a daily basis. The program also designates a set of stream gauges on the Sisquoc, Cuyama, and Santa Maria Rivers and Orcutt Creek for the determination of average daily stage and discharge (see Figure 3). Gauge locations will serve as water quality sampling points. Additional water quality sampling points (without gauge) are the current Green Canyon point and a new one to be located on Oso Flaco Creek.

The main surface water monitoring locations for the SMVMA include:

- Twitchell Project, which will continue to be monitored for reservoir stage, storage, and releases (with water quality monitoring to be implemented) by the SMVWCD;

- 6 stream gauges, of which:
    2 gauges will continue to be monitored for stream discharge and quality by the USGS:

“Sisquoc River near Sisquoc”
“Orcutt Creek near Orcutt”

2 gauges will continue to be monitored for stream discharge by the USGS (with water quality monitoring to be implemented in collaboration with the USGS):

“Sisquoc River near Garey”
“Santa Maria River at Suey Crossing near Santa Maria”

2 gauges for which stream discharge and water quality monitoring will need to be reestablished in collaboration with the USGS:

“Cuyama River below Twitchell”
“Santa Maria River at Guadalupe”; and

- Green Canyon, for which flow and quality monitoring will continue, and Oso Flaco Creek, for which water quality monitoring will need to be implemented in collaboration with the USGS.

The inactive gauges on the Cuyama River (“below Twitchell) and Santa Maria River (“at Guadalupe”) need to be reestablished, and rating curves relating stage measurements to discharge need to be redeveloped. If possible, it would be preferable to establish an alternate location for the Cuyama River gauge closer to its confluence with the Sisquoc River. At the present time, streamflow entering the Santa Maria Valley from the Cuyama River can be estimated from Twitchell Project release data (streamflow losses occur on the Cuyama River between Twitchell Dam and its confluence with the Sisquoc River). Streamflow data from the former Cuyama River gauge facilitated better estimation of streamflow entering the Valley but did not preclude estimation errors.

Operation of the Santa Maria River gauge at Suey Crossing, located in the primary recharge area of the River, will need evaluation. Currently, stream discharge data are reported only sporadically; it appears that stage data have been collected but not yet converted to discharge pending development by the USGS of appropriate rating curves. However, data collection may be being compromised by technical problems with the gauge, in which case timely resolution of the problems or consideration of an alternate gauge location in this reach of the River would be necessary.

It should be noted that, in order to provide for the most complete assessment of surface water resources of the SMVMA, data would also be needed for its tributary streams. Streamflows into the Sisquoc Valley from La Brea Ck, Tepusquet Ck, and Foxen Canyon cannot be accounted because their respective gauges are inactive. Also, streamflows into the Santa Maria Valley from Nipomo and Suey Creeks have not been monitored (see Figure 3). Thus, stream gauges for the determination of average daily stage and discharge would need to be reestablished for La Brea, Tepusquet, and Foxen Canyon Creeks and installed on Nipomo and Suey Creeks in collaboration with the USGS.

To augment the surface water monitoring program results, water quality data from stream studies periodically conducted by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and from sanitation facility monitoring will be compiled.

Monitoring Specifications

For the Twitchell Project, reservoir stage will need to be related to storage volume. For all stream gauges, stage measurements will need to be reported relative to some known elevation datum. Under the monitoring program, initial surface water quality analyses to be performed are for the same general mineral and specific inorganic constituents as for groundwater. Reservoir and stream sample collection will be according to accepted protocol; sample preservation, transport, analyses, and reporting limits will be according to groundwater quality monitoring specifications.

Monitoring Frequency

For the Twitchell Project, daily releases and reservoir stage are to be recorded. For all streams, gauge operations will provide average daily stream stage and discharge data. Water quality monitoring will be conducted on a semi-annual basis during the period of maximum winter/spring runoff and minimum summer flows to evaluate changes in surface water quality with fluctuations in stream discharge.

Data Sources, Agency Coordination, and Plan Implementation

Implementation of the surface water monitoring program will necessitate completing several tasks augmenting the stream monitoring currently conducted by the USGS. It is recommended that program implementation proceed through the following tasks in order:

1) Coordination with the USGS to assess site suitability for stream gauges on the Cuyama River (“below Twitchell”) and Santa Maria River (“at Guadalupe”), with the objective of establishing the locations and specifications for gauge installation to conduct ongoing measurement of stream stage, discharge, and quality;

2) Coordination with the USGS to install stream gauges and develop rating curves for the Cuyama River (“below Twitchell”) and Santa Maria River (“at Guadalupe”) locations;

3) Coordination with the Agencies to make arrangements for conducting surface water monitoring, per the monitoring program, on an ongoing basis on the designated streams (USGS) and Twitchell Reservoir (SMVWCD);

4) Coordination with the USGS to assess site suitability for stream gauges on the tributaries La Brea, Tepusquet, Foxen Canyon, Suey, and Nipomo Creeks, with the objective of establishing the locations and specifications for gauge installation to conduct ongoing measurement of stream stage, discharge, and quality;

5) Coordination with the USGS to install stream gauges and develop rating curves for the La Brea, Tepusquet, Foxen Canyon, Suey, and Nipomo Creeks locations; and

6) Coordination with the Agencies to make arrangements for conducting surface water monitoring, per the monitoring program, on an ongoing basis on the designated streams and tributaries (USGS) and Twitchell Reservoir (SMVWCD).

On an annual basis, the designated surface water monitoring activities for the SMVMA will need to be coordinated with the USGS to confirm their continued operation of each monitoring program gauge. During each year, Twitchell Project data from the SMVWCD will be compiled with stream stage, discharge, and water quality data from the USGS. Annual agency coordination, planning of monitoring activities, data collection, and data compilation will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.1.3 Precipitation and Reference Evapotranspiration (ETo)

Monitoring Locations

There currently are three active NCDC[2] precipitation gauges in the SMVMA providing long-term daily precipitation data through the present, specifically at Guadalupe, the Santa Maria airport (formerly downtown), and Garey. In addition, daily precipitation is recorded at four locations around the SMVMA, at the Twitchell Dam (by the SMVWCD) and three active CIMIS[3] climate stations on the Santa Maria Valley floor, near Sisquoc, and on the southern Nipomo Mesa. Daily ETo data are also currently recorded by these three CIMIS climate stations (see Figure 3).

Accordingly, the monitoring program designates the set of four active precipitation gauges (NCDC and Twitchell) and three active CIMIS climate stations for the determination of daily precipitation and ETo (see Figure 3).

The climatic monitoring stations include:

- Four precipitation gauges, which will continue to be monitored by current operators:
  Twitchell Dam (SMVWCD)
  Guadalupe (NCDC)
  Santa Maria Airport (NCDC)
  Garey (NCDC)

- Three climate stations for precipitation and ETo, which will continue to be monitored by California DWR:
  'Santa Maria II'
  'Sisquoc'
  'Nipomo'

[2] NCDC: National Climatic Data Center, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
[3] CIMIS: California Irrigation Management Information System, administered by California Department of Water Resources (California DWR).

Monitoring Specifications and Frequency

Precipitation gauges will continue to collect total daily precipitation data, and climate stations will report daily ETo values. Operation of the climate stations will be according to CIMIS standards to collect all data utilized in the calculation of ETo values (e.g., air temperature, relative humidity, air speed).

Data Sources, Agency Coordination, and Plan Implementation

On an annual basis, the designated climatic monitoring activities for the SMVMA will need to be coordinated with the NCDC, California DWR, and SMVWCD to confirm their continued operation of each gauge/station. The annual coordination with these agencies and data compilation will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.2 Water Requirements and Supply Data

These data include agricultural land use derived from land use surveys as input to the estimation of applied agricultural water requirements and, thus, groundwater pumping (sole supply) in the SMVMA. Data also include municipal and private purveyor records of water supplies, which include groundwater and imported water that in total equal the municipal water requirements in the SMVMA.

2.2.1 Agricultural Land Use and Water Requirements

Under the monitoring program, land use surveys of the SMVMA will be conducted on an annual basis from analysis and field verification of aerial photography. In the event that aerial photographs of the SMVMA are unavailable from existing agricultural service companies, arrangements for the aerial photography work will need to be made.

Survey results will be utilized to determine crop distribution and acreages, which in turn will be used in conjunction with standard crop coefficient values, ETo and precipitation data, and Valley-specific irrigation efficiency values to estimate annual applied agricultural water requirements. With groundwater serving as the sole source of water supply for agricultural irrigation in the SMVMA, the estimated applied agricultural water requirements will be considered equal to the agricultural groundwater pumping in the SMVMA.

Aerial photography arrangements and analysis, field verification, determination of crop distribution and acreages, and estimation of agricultural water requirements will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.2.2 Municipal Water Requirements

As part of the monitoring program, records will be compiled of groundwater pumping and imported water deliveries from the State Water Project, Central Coast Authority (SWP), to municipal and private water purveyors, including the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe, and the Golden State Water Company. All data will be recorded by subsystem on a monthly basis; groundwater pumping will be by individual water supply well; and all water transfers within the SMVMA between purveyors are to be noted. Also included are data on the number of service connections, any estimates of water usage on a per capita or per connection basis, and historical and current projections of water demand.

During the first year, purveyors will also provide current service area boundaries and all available water supply well location, depth, and completion information. With groundwater pumping and imported water deliveries as the two sources of water supply for municipal water use in the SMVMA, their total will be considered equal to the municipal water requirements in the SMVMA.

During each year, water supply data from the purveyors will be compiled into the SMVMA dataset. Annual coordination with purveyors will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.2.3 Groundwater Pumping

The estimated groundwater pumping for agricultural irrigation will be summed with the reported pumping for municipal use in order to calculate total annual groundwater pumping in the SMVMA.

2.2.4 Imported Water

Imported water data will be obtained to summarize SWP deliveries to municipal and private water purveyors, specifically the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe and the Golden State Water Company. Those data will be summed to calculate total annual imported water supplies in the SMVMA.

2.3 Water Disposition Data

In order to provide an accounting of amounts and methods of disposition of water utilized in the SMVMA, several data are to be reported. These include treated water volumes processed and disposed at wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs); records of any water exported from the SMVMA; and estimates of agricultural drainage disposed outside the SMVMA. "Disposition" of applied irrigation not consumptively used by crops, e.g., return flows to the aquifer system, will also be accounted.

2.3.1 Treated Water Discharge

Under the monitoring program, records of influent and treated effluent volumes will be compiled for WWTPs, including the Cities of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, and Laguna Sanitation District. All data will initially be recorded on a monthly basis to assess seasonal variation in the disposition of water (e.g., percentage of water utilized that becomes WWTP influent; losses during treatment). Effluent volumes will be recorded by disposal method and location, including any reuse of recycled water.

These data will be utilized to provide an accounting of municipal water disposed in the SMVMA. During each year, water disposal data from the WWTPs will be compiled into the SMVMA dataset. Annual coordination with the WWTPs will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.3.2 Exported Water

As part of the monitoring program, records will be compiled of any groundwater or imported (SWP) water that is exported from the SMVMA. All data will be recorded by subsystem on a monthly basis and the receiving entities are to be noted. During each year, the data acquisition and compilation into the SMVMA dataset will be jointly conducted by LSCE and the TMA.

2.3.3 Agricultural Drainage and Return Flows

Under the monitoring program, estimation will be made of water drained from agricultural fields (e.g., by tile drains) for disposal outside of the SMVMA. Finally, while not formally "monitored," the disposition of applied irrigation will include estimates of the fate of that fraction of water not consumptively used by crops, primarily as return flow to the aquifer system.

III. SUMMARY

The monitoring program for the SMVMA includes the collection of hydrologic data, including: groundwater levels and quality; surface water storage, stream stage, discharge, and quality; and precipitation and ETo. The program provides designated shallow and deep well networks (Tables 1a/b/c and Figures 2a/b) and a surface water and climatic monitoring network (Figure 3) for collection of these data. Also specified are water requirements and supply data to be compiled for agricultural irrigation and municipal use, the disposal data for municipal water use, data on water exported from the SMVMA, and estimates of agricultural drainage and return flows.

The monitoring program components and frequencies are summarized as follows:

- groundwater levels: 149 wells (68 shallow, 52 deep, 29 unclassified), of which:
  91 wells are actively monitored (with monitoring to continue),
  56 wells are inactive (with monitoring to be reactivated), and
  2 wells are new (with monitoring to be implemented);
  semiannual frequency.

- groundwater quality: subset of 79 wells (37 shallow, 38 deep, 4 unclassified); of which:
  14 wells are actively monitored (with monitoring to continue),
  34 wells are inactive (with monitoring to be reactivated),
  30 wells are unmonitored and
  1 well is new (with monitoring to be implemented;
  analyzed for General Minerals (incl. NO3-NO3) and Bromide;
  biennial frequency.

- Twitchell Reservoir: stage, storage, and releases, which are actively monitored (with monitoring to continue), and
  quality, which is unmonitored (with monitoring to be implemented);
  stage, storage, and releases monitored daily;
  quality analyzed for General Minerals (incl. NO3-NO3) and Bromide on a biennial frequency.

- streams: 6 designated gauges for discharge, stage, and quality, of which:
  2 gauges are actively monitored for discharge and quality (to be continued),
  2 gauges are actively monitored for discharge (to be continued) but not monitored for water quality (to be implemented), and
  2 gauges are inactive (discharge and water quality monitoring to be reestablished);
  discharge and stage monitored daily;
  quality analyzed for General Minerals (incl. NO3-NO3) and Bromide on a biennial frequency.

- stream tributaries: 5 potential gauges for daily discharge and stage, that are inactive and would need to be reestablished.

- precipitation: 4 active gauges (to be continued);
  daily frequency.

- ETo: 3 active stations (to be continued);
  daily frequency.

- land use; annually.

- municipal water requirements, supplies (groundwater pumping and SWP imported water), disposal, and exportation; monthly.

- agricultural drainage and return flow; annually.

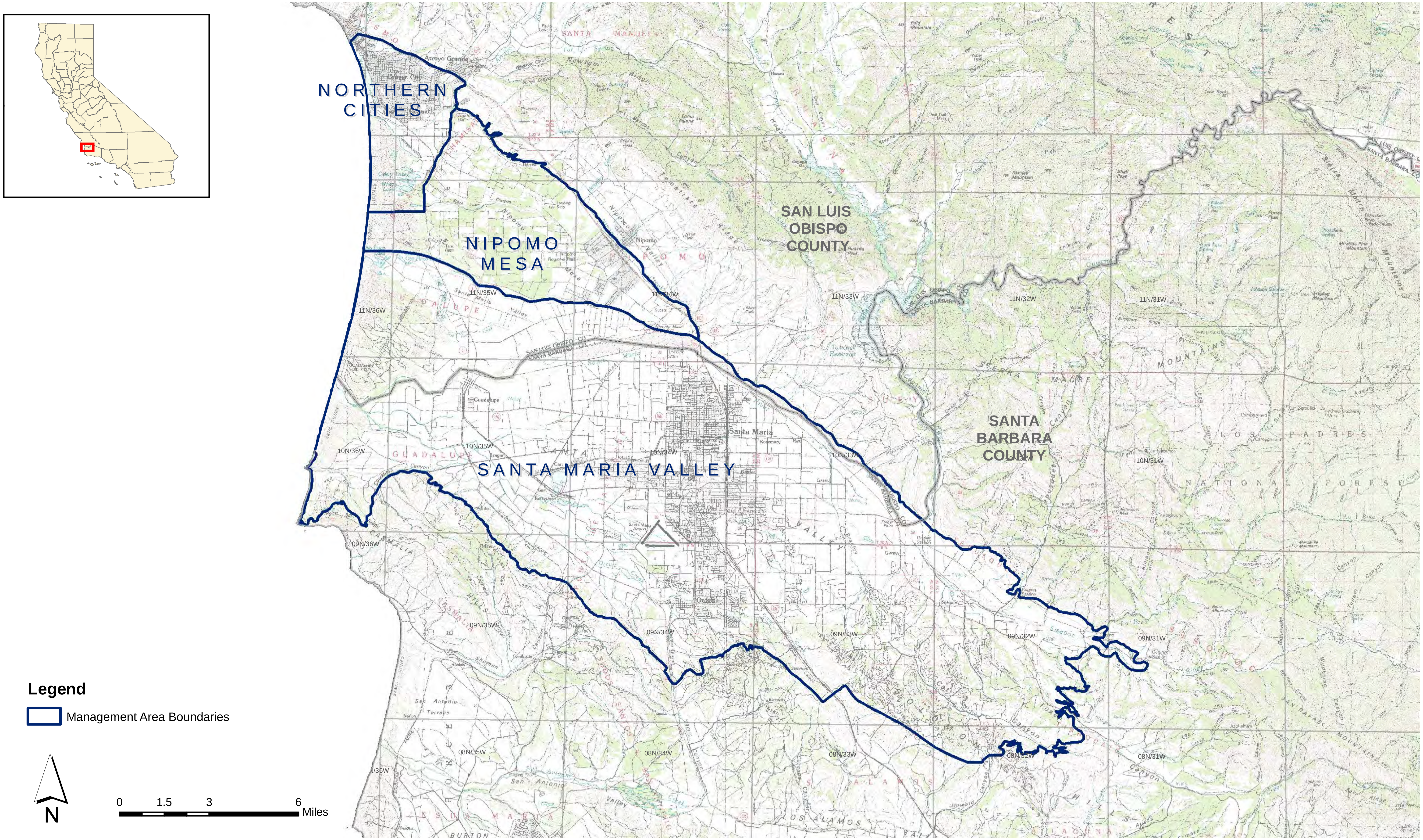

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Figure 1
Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin and Management Areas

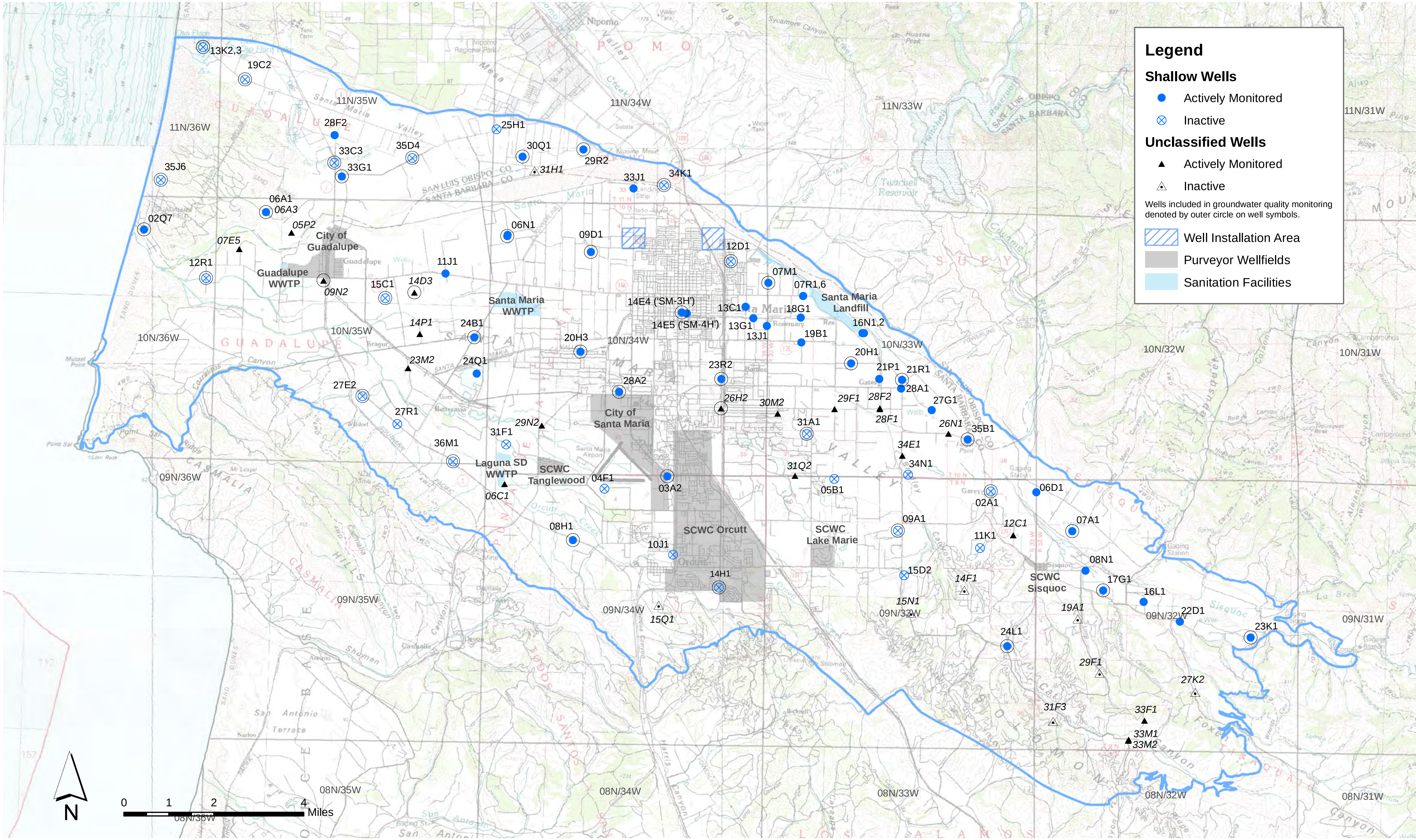

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Figure 2a
Well Network for Monitoring Shallow Groundwater
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

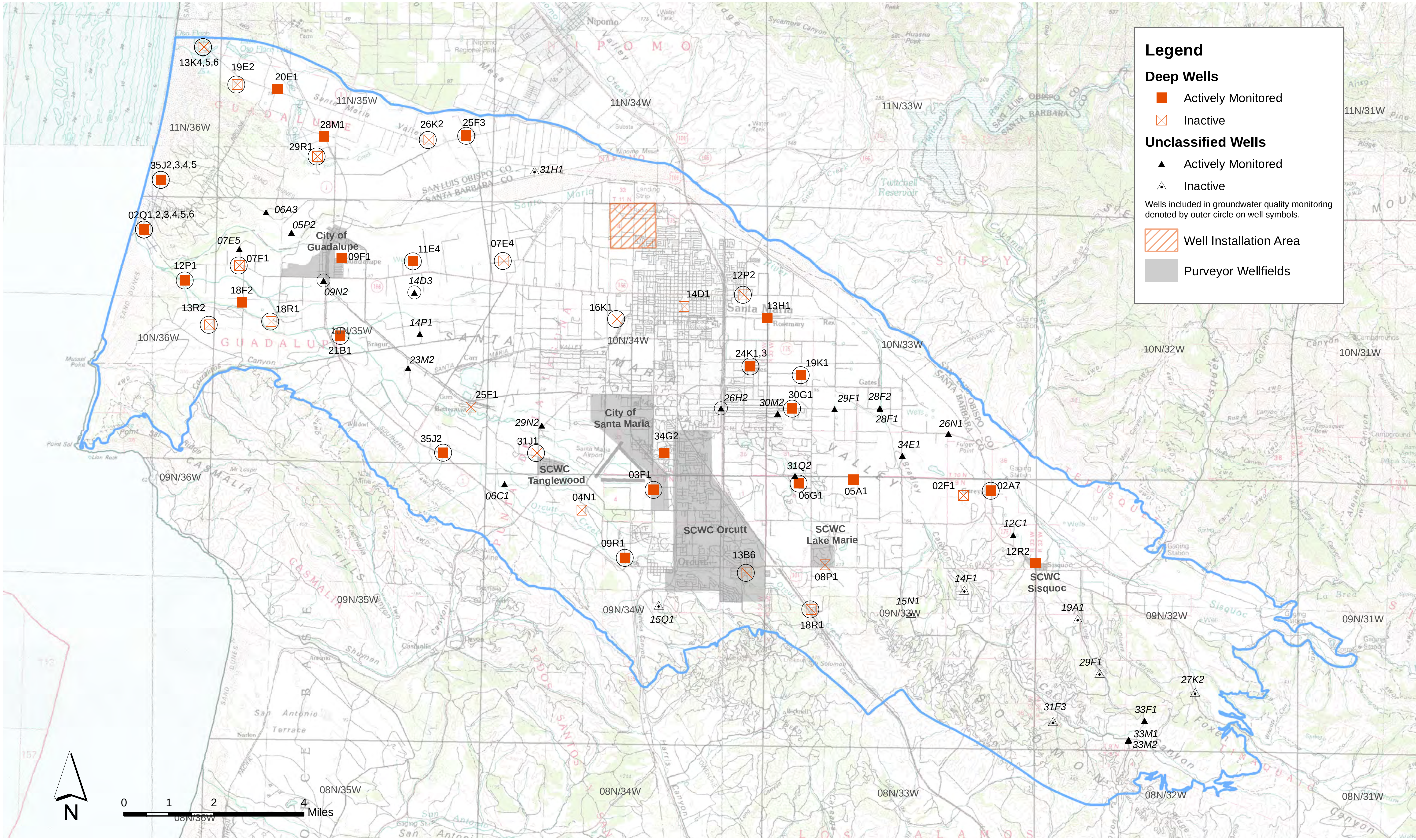

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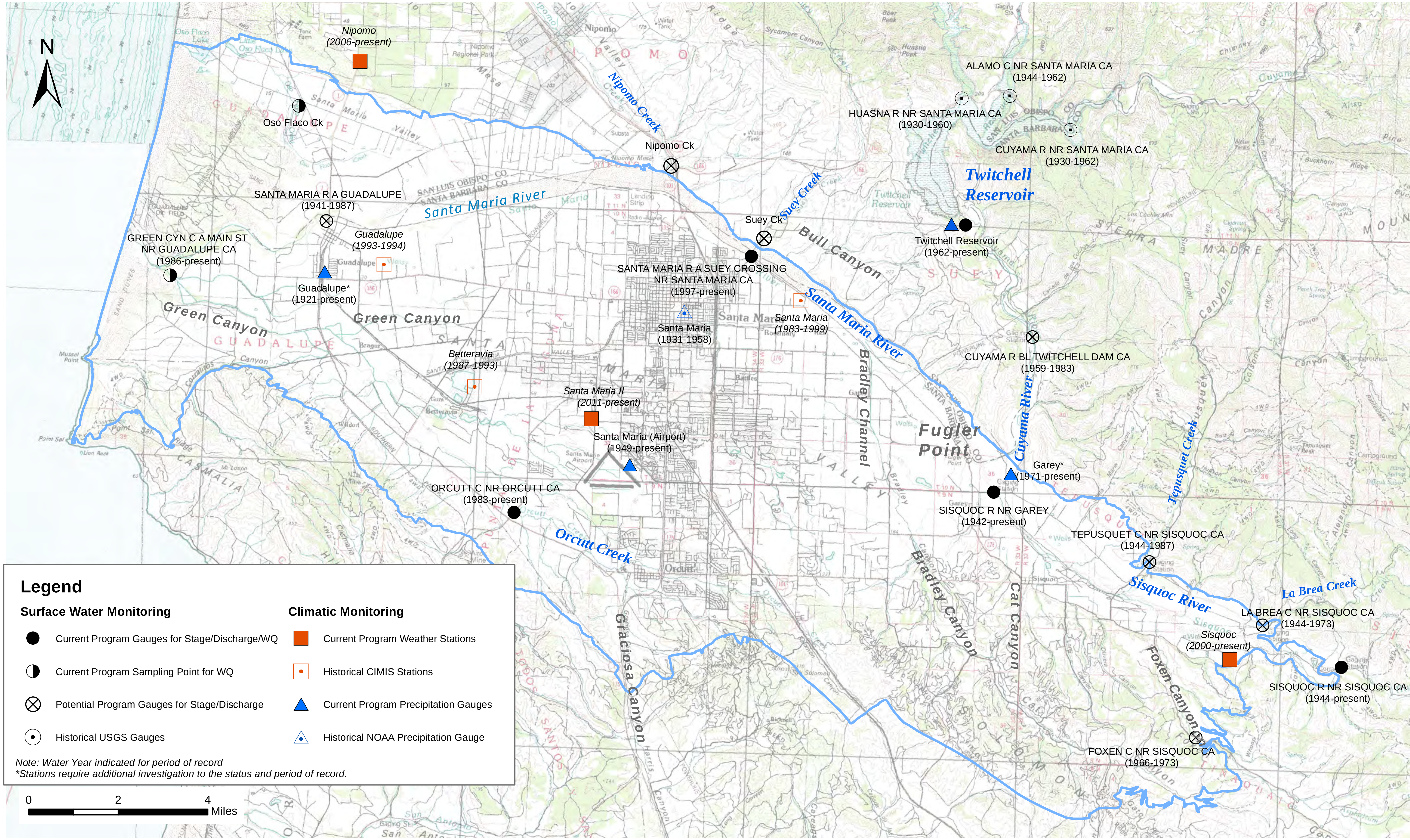
Figure 2b
Well Network for Monitoring Deep Groundwater
Santa Maria Valley Management Area



Legend

Surface Water Monitoring

- Current Program Gauges for Stage/Discharge/WQ
- Current Program Sampling Point for WQ
- Potential Program Gauges for Stage/Discharge
- Historical USGS Gauges

Climatic Monitoring

- Current Program Weather Stations
- Historical CIMIS Stations
- Current Program Precipitation Gauges
- Historical NOAA Precipitation Gauge

Note: Water Year indicated for period of record
**Stations require additional investigation to the status and period of record.*

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Figure 3
Surface Water and Climatic Monitoring Network
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

Table 1a
Well Network for Monitoring Shallow Groundwater
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(corresponds to Figure 2a)

Township/ Range	State Well Number	Well Map ID	Monitoring Agency	Actively Monitored for Water Levels	Actively Monitored for Water Quality	To Be Sampled for Water Quality
SHALLOW WELLS						
9N/32W	009N032W06D001S	06D1	USGS	A/S		
	009N032W07A001S	07A1	USGS	A/S		B
	009N032W08N001S	08N1	USGS	A/S		
	009N032W16L001S	16L1	USGS	A/S		
	009N032W17G001S	17G1	USGS	A/S		B
	009N032W22D001S	22D1	USGS	A/S		
	009N032W23K001S	23K1	USGS	A/S		B
9N/33W	009N033W02A001S	02A1	TBD			B
	009N033W05B001S	05B1	TBD			
	009N033W09A001S	09A1	TBD			B
	009N033W11K001S	11K1	TBD			
	009N033W15D002S	15D2	TBD			
	009N033W24L001S	24L1	USGS	A/S		B
9N/34W	009N034W03A002S	03A2	USGS	A/S	A	B
	009N034W04F001S	04F1	TBD			
	009N034W08H001S	08H1	USGS	A/S		B
	009N034W10J001S	10J1	TBD			
	009N034W14H001S	14H1	TBD			B
10N/33W	010N033W07M001S	07M1	USGS	A/S		B
	010N033W07R001S	07R1	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W07R006S	07R6	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W16N001S	16N1	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W16N002S	16N2	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W18G001S	18G1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N033W19B001S	19B1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N033W20H001S	20H1	USGS	A/S	A	B
	010N033W21P001S	21P1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N033W21R001S	21R1	USGS	A/S		B
	010N033W27G001S	27G1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N033W28A001S	28A1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N033W31A001S	31A1	TBD			B
	010N033W34N001S	34N1	TBD			
	010N033W35B001S	35B1	USGS	A/S		B
10N/34W	010N034W06N001S	06N1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N034W09D001S	09D1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N034W12D001S	12D1	TBD			B
	010N034W13C001S	13C1	USGS	A/S		
	010N034W13G001S	13G1	USGS	A/S		
	010N034W13J001S	13J1	USGS	A/S		
	010N034W14E004S	14E4	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S	A	B
	010N034W14E005S	14E5	USGS	A/S		
	010N034W20H003S	20H3	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N034W23R002S	23R2	USGS	A/S		B
	010N034W28A002S	28A2	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N034W31F001S	31F1	TBD			
10N/35W	010N035W06A001S	06A1	USGS	A/S		B
	010N035W11J001S	11J1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N035W15C001S	15C1	TBD			B
	010N035W24B001S	24B1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N035W24Q001S	24Q1	USGS	A/S		
	010N035W27E002S	27E2	TBD			B
	010N035W27R001S	27R1	TBD			
	010N035W36M001S	36M1	TBD			B

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Table 1a (continued)
Well Network for Monitoring Shallow Groundwater
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(corresponds to Figure 2a)

Township/ Range	State Well Number	Well Map ID	Monitoring Agency	Actively Monitored for Water Levels	Actively Monitored for Water Quality	To Be Sampled for Water Quality
SHALLOW WELLS						
10N/36W	010N036W02Q007S	02Q7	USGS	A/S	A	B
	010N036W12R001S	12R1	TBD			B
11N/34W	011N034W29R002S	29R2	SLODPW & USGS	A/S		B
	011N034W30Q001S	30Q1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	011N034W33J001S	33J1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	011N034W34K001S	34K1	TBD			B
11N/35W	011N035W19C002S	19C2	TBD			B
	011N035W25H001S	25H1	TBD			
	011N035W28F002S	28F2	SLODPW & USGS	A/S		
	011N035W33C003S	33C3	TBD			B
	011N035W33G001S	33G1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	011N035W35D004S	35D4	TBD			B
11N/36W	011N036W13K002S	13K2	TBD			B
	011N036W13K003S	13K3	TBD			B
	011N036W35J006S	35J6	TBD			B

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Notes on Network Modification
09N/32W-6D1 previously unclassified; now included as shallow well (depth unknown; water levels similar to those from shallow wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from deep wells with known depths)
09N/33W-12R2 removed; classified as deep well
10N/33W-18G1 previously unclassified; now included as shallow well (depth = 422'; water levels similar to those from shallow wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from deep wells with known depths)
10N/35W-11J1 previously unclassified; now included as shallow well (depth=215'; water levels similar to those from shallow wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from deep wells with known depths)
11N/34W-33J1 previously not included in monitoring network; now included as shallow well (depth = 149'; water level data recently made available by the USGS)
11N/35W-28F2 previously not included in monitoring network; now included as shallow well (depth = 48'; water level data recently made available by NMMA)
11N/36W-35J5 removed; classified as deep well
11N/35W-33G1 previously unclassified; now included as shallow well

Table 1b
Well Network for Monitoring Deep Groundwater
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(corresponds to Figure 2b)

Township/ Range	State Well Number	Well Map ID	Monitoring Agency	Actively Monitored for Water Levels	Actively Monitored for Water Quality	To Be Sampled for Water Quality
DEEP WELLS						
9N/33W	009N033W02A007S	02A7	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S	A	B
	009N033W02F001S	02F1	TBD			
	009N033W05A001S	05A1	USGS	A/S		
	009N033W06G001S	06G1	USGS	A/S		B
	009N033W08P001S	08P1	TBD			
	009N033W12R002S	12R2	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	009N033W18R001S	18R1	TBD			B
9N/34W	009N034W03F001S	03F1	USGS	A/S		B
	009N034W04N001S	04N1	TBD			
	009N034W09R001S	09R1	USGS	A/S		B
	009N034W13B006S	13B6	TBD			B
10N/33W	010N033W19K001S	19K1	USGS	A/S		B
	010N033W30G001S	30G1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S	A	B
10N/34W	010N034W07E004S	07E4	TBD			B
	010N034W12P002S	12P2	TBD			B
	010N034W13H001S	13H1	USGS	A/S		
	010N034W14D001S	14D1	TBD			
	010N034W16K001S	16K1	TBD			B
	010N034W24K001S	24K1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	010N034W24K003S	24K3	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N034W31J001S	31J1	TBD			B
	010N034W34G002S	34G2	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
10N/35W	010N035W07F001S	07F1	TBD			B
	010N035W09F001S	09F1	USGS	A/S		
	010N035W11E004S	11E4	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N035W18F002S	18F2	USGS	A/S		
	010N035W18R001S	18R1	TBD			B
	010N035W21B001S	21B1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
	010N035W25F001S	25F1	TBD			
	010N035W35J002S	35J2	USGS	A/S		B
10N/36W	010N036W02Q001S	02Q1	USGS	A/S	A	B
	010N036W02Q002S	02Q2	TBD			B
	010N036W02Q003S	02Q3	USGS	A/S	A	B
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	010N036W02Q006S	02Q6	TBD			B
	010N036W12P001S	12P1	USGS	A/S		B
	010N036W13R002S	13R2	TBD			B
11N/35W	011N035W19E002S	19E2	TBD			B
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	011N035W25F003S	25F3	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		B
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	011N035W28M001S	28M1	SMVWCD & USGS	Qtr & S		
	011N035W29R001S	29R1	TBD			B
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	011N036W13K005S	13K5	TBD			B
	011N036W13K006S	13K6	TBD			B
	011N036W35J002S	35J2	USGS	A/S	A	B
	011N036W35J003S	35J3	USGS	A/S	A	B
	011N036W35J004S	35J4	USGS	A/S	A	B
	011N036W35J005S	35J5	USGS	A/S	A	B

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Notes on Network Modification
09N/33W-2A7 previously not included in monitoring network; now included as deep well (depth = 512'; water level data recently made available by the USGS)
09N/33W-12R2 previously thought to be shallow well; now classified as deep well (depth = 640'; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
10N/35W-9F1 previously unclassified; now included as deep well (depth = 240'; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
10N/35W-18F2 previously unclassified; now included as deep well (depth = 251'; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
10N/35W-21B1 previously unclassified; now included as deep well (depth = 300'; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
11N/35W-20E1 previously unclassified; now included as deep well (depth = 444'; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
11N/35W-25F3 previously unclassified; now included as deep well (depth unknown; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
11N/35W-28M1 previously unclassified; now included as deep well (depth = 376'; water levels similar to those from deep wells with known depths and dissimilar to those from shallow wells with known depths)
11N/36W-35J5 previously thought to be shallow well; now classified as deep well (depth = 135'; water levels and quality similar to other deep coastal network wells)

Table 1c
Unclassified Wells for Groundwater Monitoring
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(shown on Figures 2a and 2b)

Township/ Range	State Well Number	Well Map ID	Monitoring Agency	Actively Monitored for Water Levels	Actively Monitored for Water Quality	To Be Sampled for Water Quality
UNCLASSIFIED WELLS						
9N/32W	009N032W19A001S	19A1	TBD			
	009N032W27K002S	27K2	TBD			
	009N032W29F001S	29F1	TBD			
	009N032W31F003S	31F3	TBD			
	009N032W33F001S	33F1	USGS	A/S		
	009N032W33M001S	33M1	USGS	A/S		
	009N032W33M002S	33M2	USGS	A/S		
9N/33W	009N033W12C001S	12C1	USGS	A/S		
	009N033W14F001S	14F1	TBD			
	009N033W15N001S	15N1	TBD			
9N/34W	009N034W06C001S	06C1	USGS	A/S		
	009N034W15Q001S	15Q1	TBD			
10N/33W	010N033W26N001S	26N1	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W28F001S	28F1	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W28F002S	28F2	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W29F001S	29F1	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W30M002S	30M2	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W31Q002S	31Q2	USGS	A/S		
	010N033W34E001S	34E1	USGS	A/S		
10N/34W	010N034W26H002S	26H2	USGS	A/S		B
	010N034W29N002S	29N2	USGS	A/S		
10N/35W	010N035W05P002S	05P2	USGS	A/S		
	010N035W06A003S	06A3	USGS	A/S		
	010N035W07E005S	07E5	USGS	A/S		
	010N035W09N002S	09N2	USGS	A/S		B
	010N035W14P001S	14P1 (D3)[1]	USGS	A/S	(A)	(A)
	010N035W23M002S	23M2	USGS	A/S		
11N/34W	011N034W31H001S	31H1	TBD			

[1] 14P1 actively monitored for levels but not quality. 14D3 actively monitored for quality but not levels.

Frequency Abbreviation: A/S - Annual/Semiannual; Qtr & S - Quarter & Semiannual; A - Annual; B - Biennial

Agency Abbreviation: SMVWCD - Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District; USGS - United States Geological Survey; TBD - To Be Determined

Notes on Network Modification
09N/32W-6D1 removed; classified as shallow well
10N/33W-18G1 removed; classified as shallow well
10N/35W-9F1 removed; classified as deep well
10N/35W-11J1 removed; classified as shallow well
10N/35W-18F2 removed; classified as deep well
10N/35W-21B1 removed; classified as deep well
11N/35W-20E1 removed; classified as deep well
11N/35W-25F3 removed; classified as deep well
11N/35W-28M1 removed; classified as deep well
11N/35W-33G1 removed; classified as shallow well

Appendix B

Historical Groundwater Quality
Coastal Monitoring Wells

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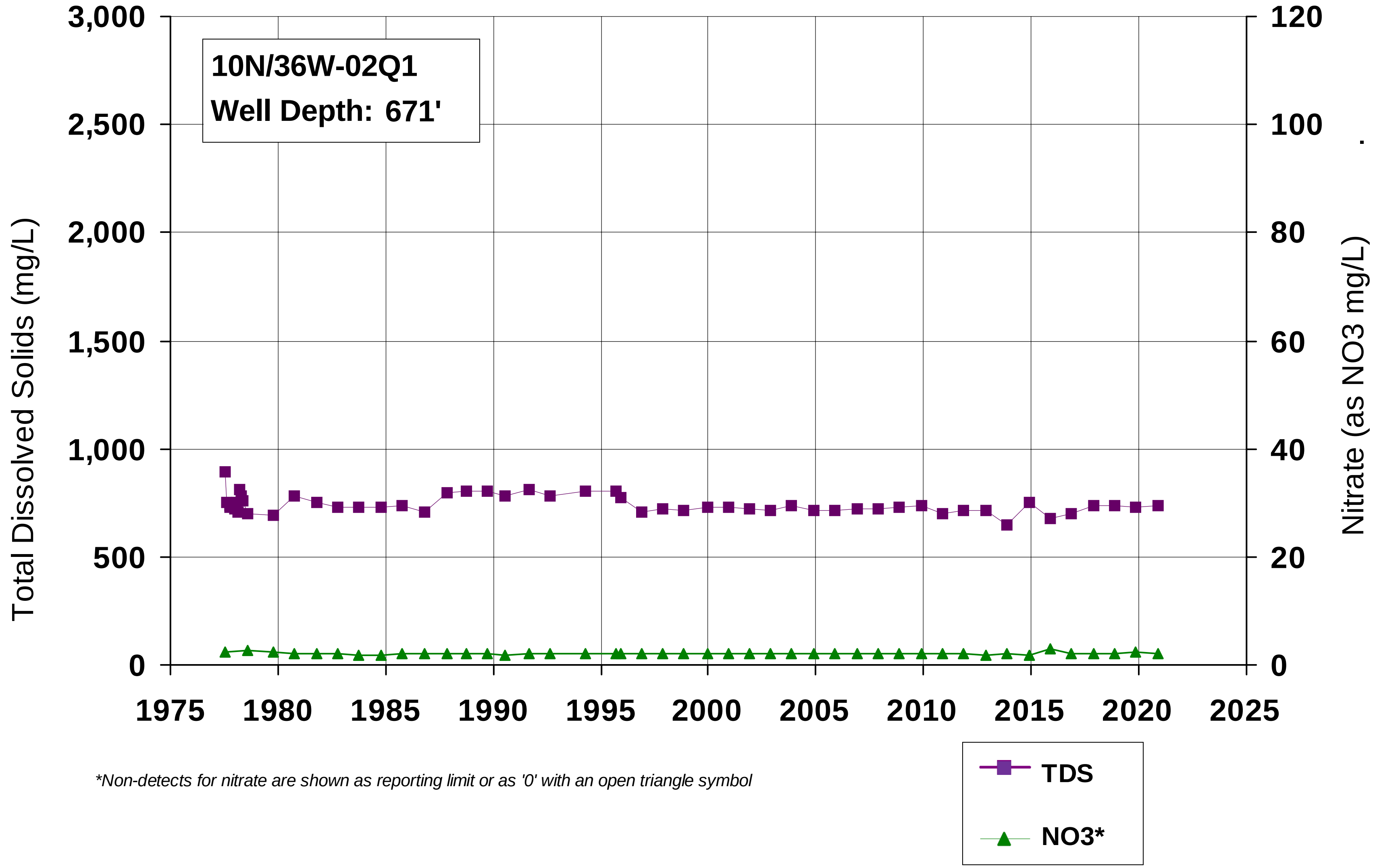

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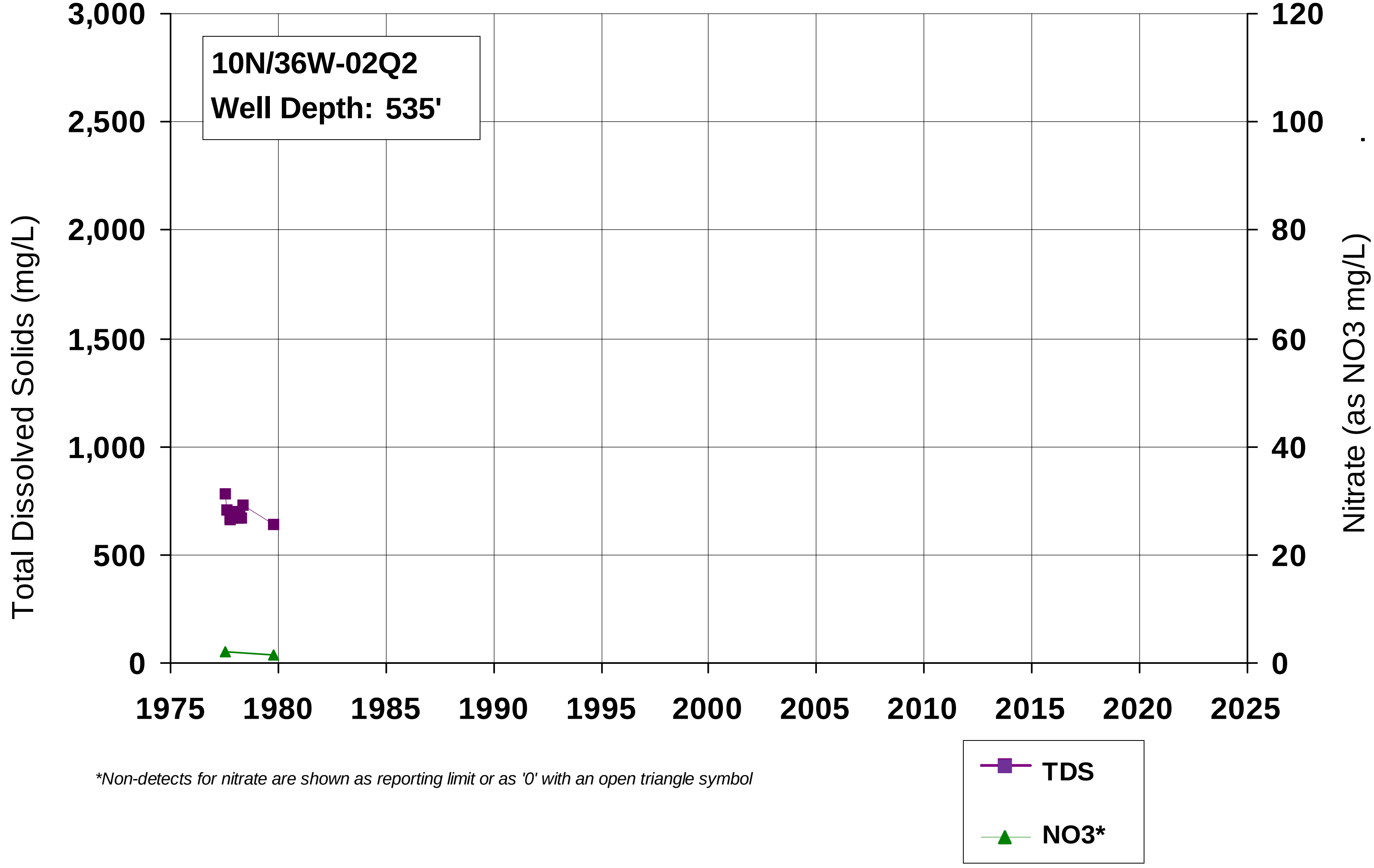

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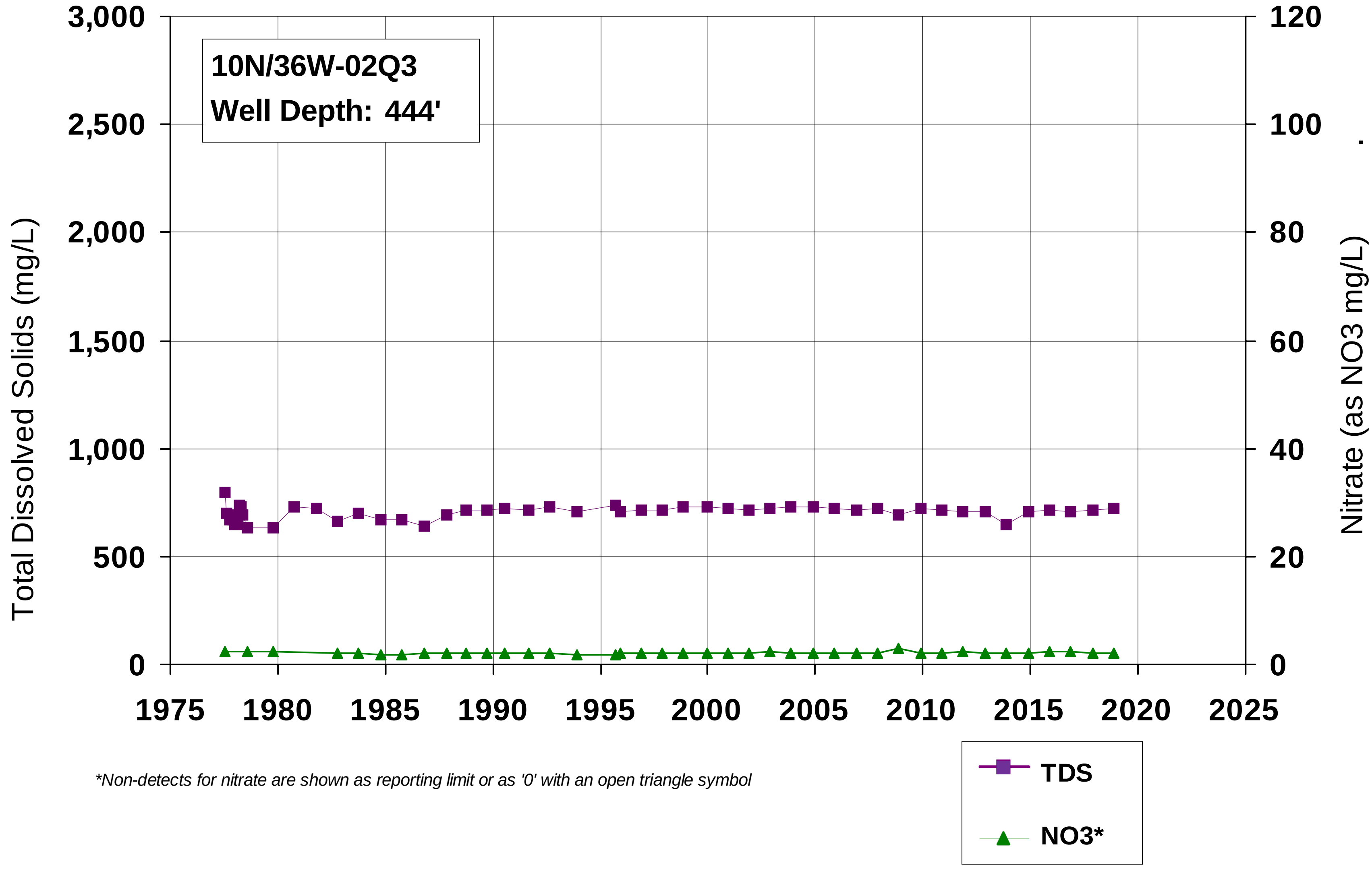

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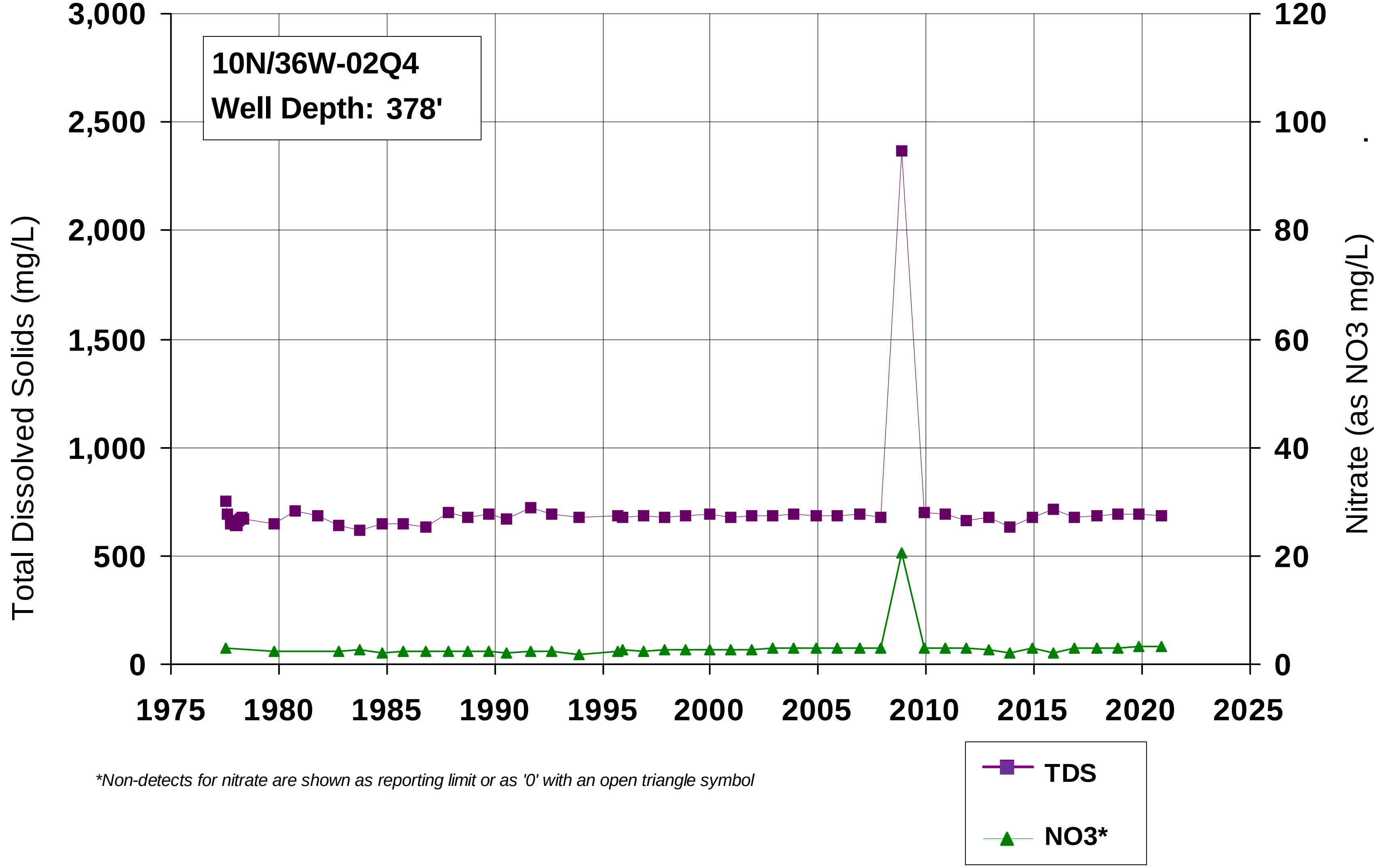

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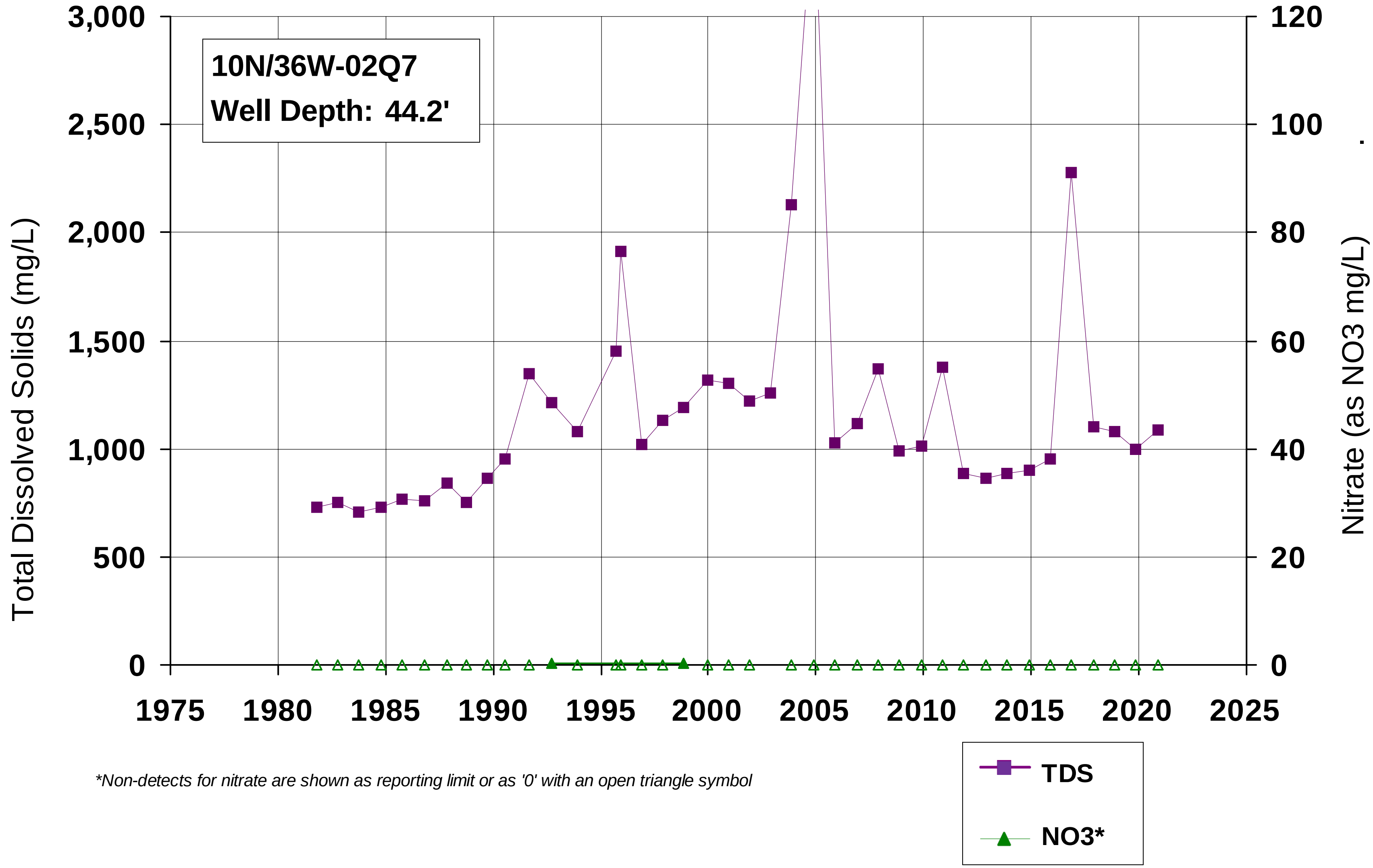
10N/36W-02Q7
Well Depth: 44.2'
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)
Nitrate (as NO3 mg/L)
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
1975
1980
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
2015
2020
2025
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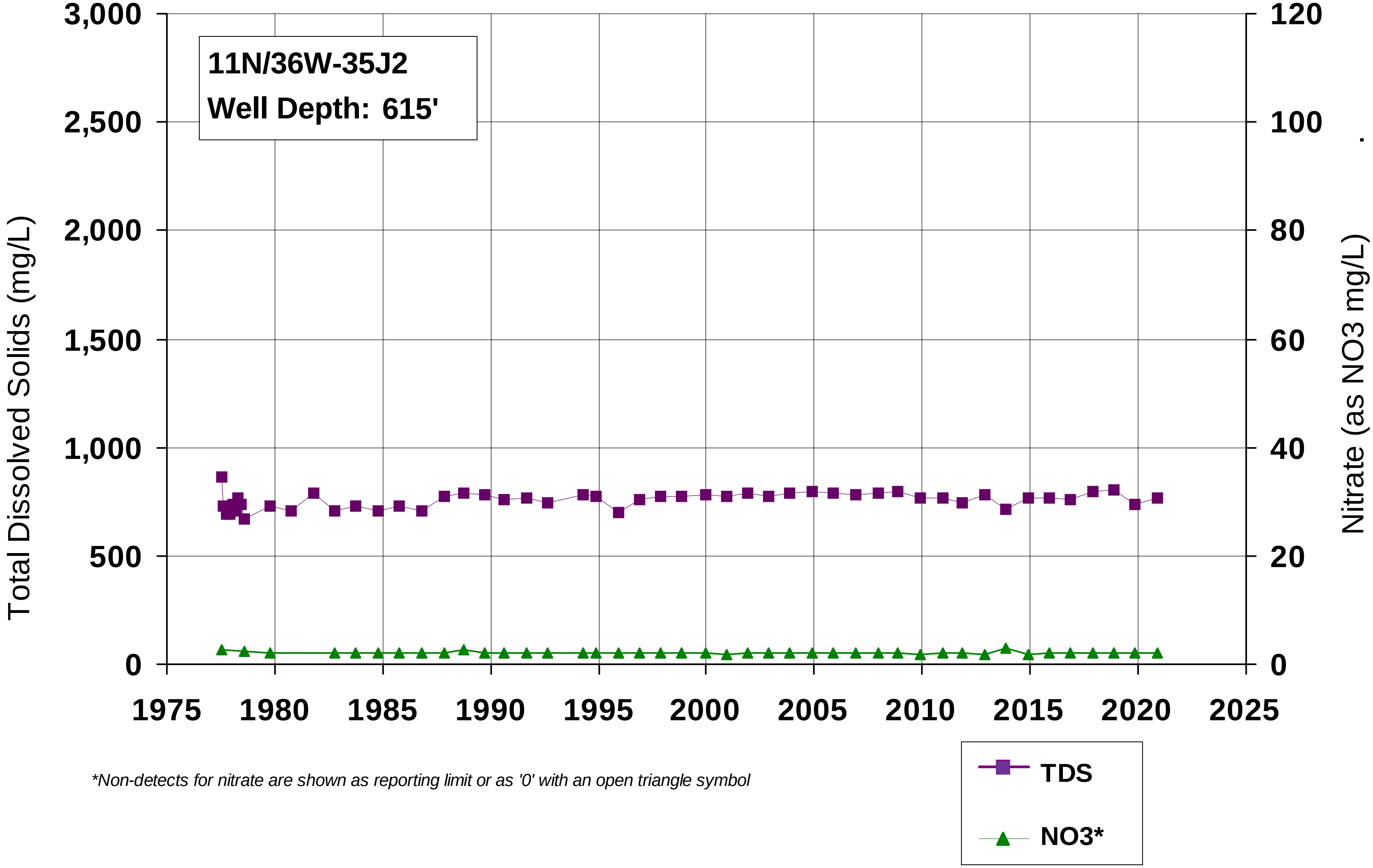
TDS
NO3*



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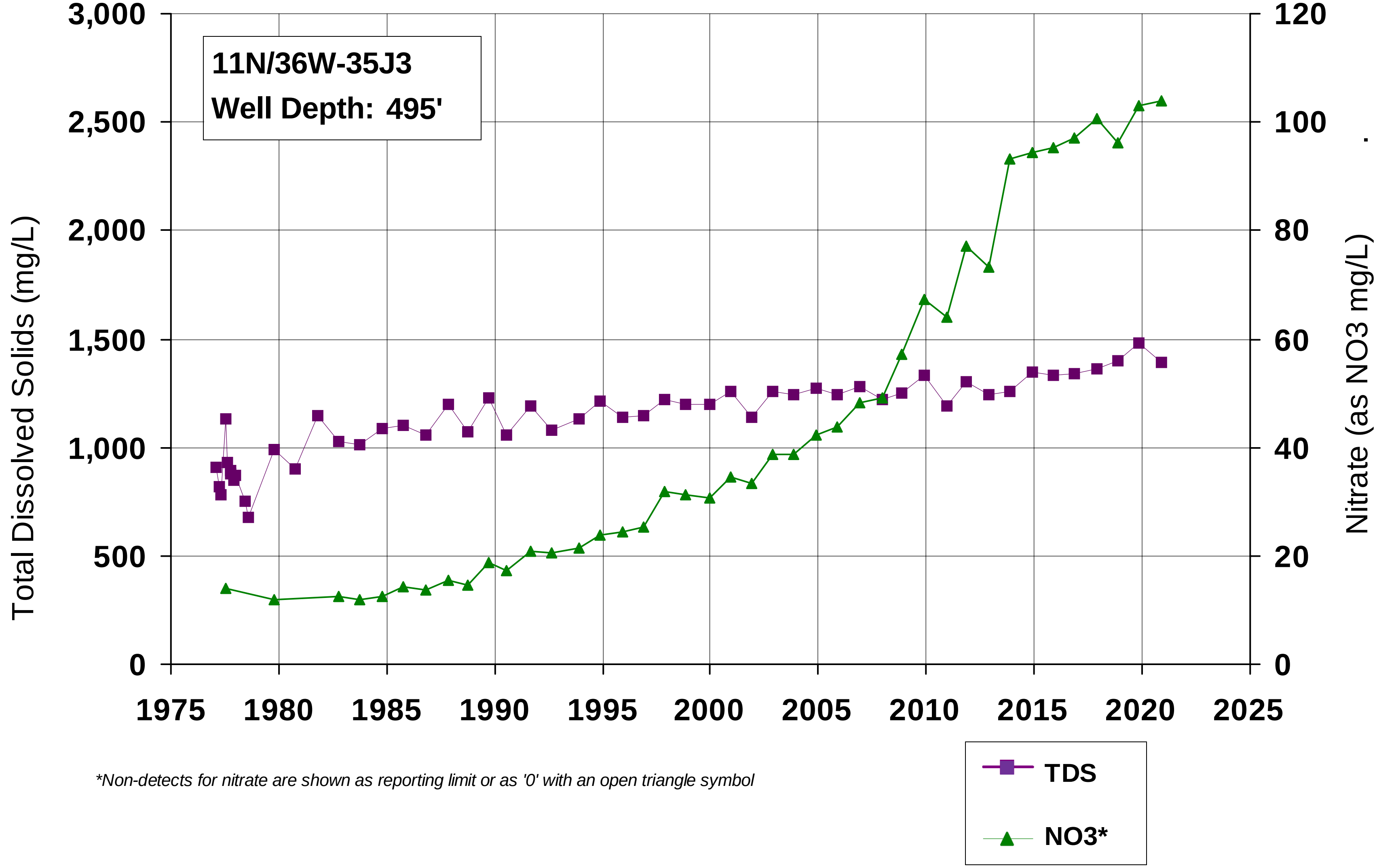

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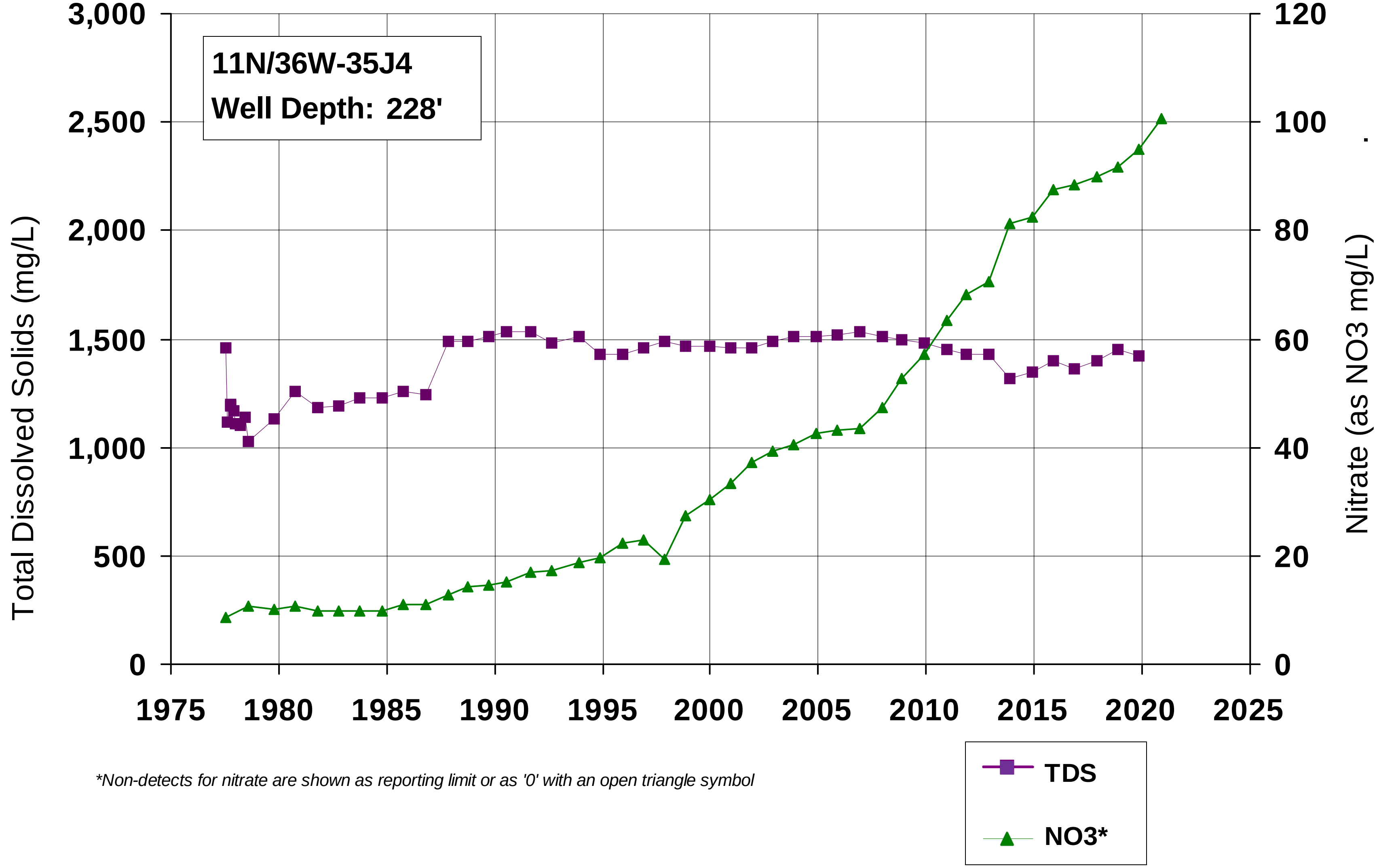

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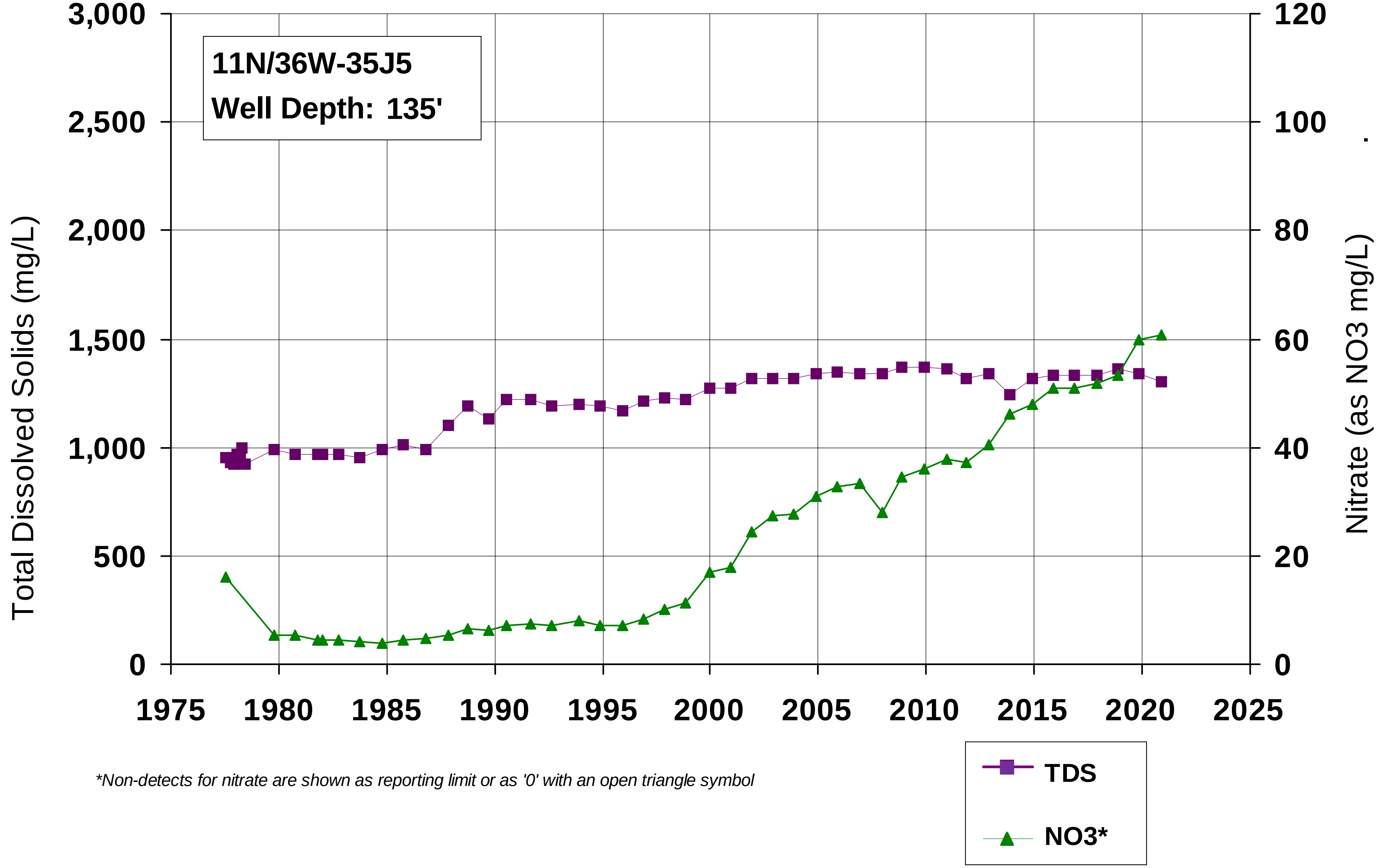
11N/36W-35J5
Well Depth: 135'
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)
Nitrate (as NO3 mg/L)
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
1975
1980
1985
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
2015
2020
2025
*Non-detects for nitrate are shown as reporting limit or as '0' with an open triangle symbol
TDS
NO3*

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Appendix C

2020 Land Use Interpretation Data and Image Inventory

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Appendix C
2020 Land Use Interpretation
Data and Image Inventory
Santa Maria Valley Management Area

Year	Dataset	Data Type and Resolution	Coverage Area	Date	Source
	NDVI	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m	PR 42/36	February 1, 2020	USGS
	NDVI	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m	PR 42/36	March 4, 2020	USGS
	NDVI/CIR Composite PS	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m+15m	PR 42/36	May 7, 2020	USGS
	NDVI	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m	PR 42/36	June 8, 2020	USGS
2020	NDVI/CIR Composite PS	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m+15m	PR 42/36	July 10, 2020	USGS
	NDVI	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m	PR 43/36	August 2, 2020	USGS
	NDVI	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m	PR 43/36	September 19, 2020	USGS
	NDVI/CIR Composite PS	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m+15m	PR 42/36	October 14, 2020	USGS
	NDVI	L8 Multi-band Raster 30m	PR 42/36	December 1, 2020	USGS
	NAIP Digital Ortho Mosaic	Color aerial photo 1m	SLO and SB Cty	July/Sept 2018	USDA/FSA/APFO
	NAIP/USDA Image Server	Color aerial photo 1m	SLO and SB Cty	May/June 2020	USDA/FSA/APFO
	SB Cty Pesticide Crop Report	Crop Polygon shp	SB Cty	2020	SB Cty Ag Co
	SLO Cty Pesticide Permitted Crop	Crop Polygon shp	SLO Cty	2020	SLO Cty Ag Co

CIR - Color Infrared; L8 - Landsat 8; NAIP - National Ag Imagery Program; NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index; PR - Path/Row; PS - Pan-sharpened; SB Cty - Santa Barbara County; SB Cty Ag Co - Santa Barbara Agricultural Commission; shp - Shapefile; SLO Cty - San Luis Obispo County; SLO Cty Ag Co - San Luis Obispo County Agriculture Commission; USDA/FSA/APFO - United States Department of Agriculture/Farm Service Agency/Aerial Photography Field Office

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Appendix D

Historical Return Flows
Waste Water Treatment Plants

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Appendix D
Estimated Historical Return Flows from Waste Water Treatment Plants
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(all units in AFY unless otherwise noted)

	Total Water Use				Total WWTP Influent			Total WWTP Influent sources, by Purveyor Service Area										Total WWTP Effluent					
								from Santa Maria				from Golden State Water Company				Guadalupe		SM	LSD				Guad
Year	SM[1]	GSWC	GSWC[1]	Guad	SM	LSD	Guad	Influent to SM WWTP	Influent to LSD WWTP[2]	Total Influent to SM and LSD WWTPs	% Water Use[3]	Influent to LSD WWTP	Influent to SM WWTP	Total Influent to SM and LSD WWTPs	% Water Use[4]	Influent to Guad WWTP	% Water Use[5]	Total	Irrigation	Ind/Comm Use[6]	Reservoir[7]	Total	Total
1997	12,522	9,441	9,387	778	8,436	2,723	467	8,107	95	8,202	65.5	2,628	329	2,957	31.5	467	60	7,592	2,451	0		2,451	420
1998	11,085	8,001	7,960	778	7,501	2,267	467	7,166	95	7,261	65.5	2,172	336	2,507	31.5	467	60	6,751	2,040	0		2,040	420
1999	11,859	9,263	9,193	778	7,996	2,660	467	7,665	95	7,760	65.4	2,565	331	2,896	31.5	467	60	7,196	2,394	0		2,394	420
2000	12,679	9,399	9,342	778	8,369	2,825	467	8,025	95	8,120	64.0	2,730	344	3,073	32.9	467	60	7,532	2,542	0		2,542	420
2001	12,594	9,009	8,950	778	8,734	2,870	467	8,375	95	8,470	67.3	2,775	359	3,133	35.0	467	60	7,860	2,583	0		2,583	420
2002	13,312	9,466	9,409	778	8,868	2,632	467	8,512	95	8,607	64.7	2,537	355	2,893	30.7	467	60	7,981	2,369	0		2,369	420
2003	13,499	9,071	9,023	778	9,108	2,626	467	8,629	95	8,724	64.6	2,531	479	3,010	33.4	467	60	8,197	2,363	0		2,363	420
2004	13,650	9,356	9,302	832	9,555	2,580	499	9,112	95	9,207	67.4	2,485	443	2,929	31.5	499	60	8,600	2,322	0		2,322	449
2005	13,814	8,846	8,802	814	9,657	2,302	488	9,305	95	9,400	68.0	2,207	352	2,559	29.1	488	60	8,691	2,072	0		2,072	440
2006	13,610	8,754	8,700	883	9,487	2,006	530	9,168	95	9,263	68.1	1,911	320	2,231	25.6	530	60	8,539	1,802	4		1,806	477
2007	14,782	9,710	9,652	1,063	9,380	2,150	638	8,971	95	9,066	61.3	2,055	409	2,463	25.5	638	60	8,442	1,919	16		1,935	574
2008	14,235	9,311	9,255	997	9,520	2,271	633	9,026	95	9,121	64.1	2,176	494	2,670	28.8	633	63	8,568	2,032	12		2,044	570
2009	14,172	8,729	8,668	917	9,471	2,237	664	8,952	95	9,047	63.8	2,142	519	2,661	30.7	664	72	8,524	1,985	28		2,013	598
2010	13,294	7,735	7,681	880	8,721	2,336	664	8,177	95	8,272	62.2	2,241	544	2,785	36.3	664	75	7,849	2,047	55		2,102	598
2011	12,665	7,844	7,794	885	9,005	2,361	654	8,442	95	8,537	67.4	2,266	563	2,828	36.3	654	74	8,104	2,014	40		2,125	589
2012	13,038	8,296	8,241	924	9,465	2,311	681	8,920	100	9,020	69.2	2,211	545	2,755	33.4	681	74	8,519	1,945	49		2,080	613
2013	13,719	8,576	8,526	956	9,411	2,267	682	8,993	100	9,093	66.3	2,167	418	2,585	30.3	682	71	8,470	1,903	58		2,040	614
2014	13,321	7,703	7,651	1,123	9,000	2,295	791	8,722	100	8,822	66.2	2,195	278	2,473	32.3	791	70	8,100	1,934	72		2,065	712
2015	12,185	6,022	5,988	1,101	9,113	1,842	818	8,840	100	8,940	73.4	1,742	273	2,015	33.7	818	74	8,202	1,544	34		1,658	736
2016	11,318	5,828	5,795	1,118	9,027	1,835	842	8,762	100	8,862	78.3	1,735	265	2,000	34.5	842	75	8,124	1,569	0		1,651	757
2017	11,381	6,063	6,024	1,103	8,630	1,857	843	8,378	100	8,478	74.5	1,757	252	2,009	33.4	843	76	7,767	1,587	0		1,672	759
2018	11,681	6,455	6,398	1,189	8,285	1,871	903	8,007	100	8,107	69.4	1,771	278	2,049	32.0	903	76	7,457	1,234	1	554	1,789	813
2019	11,636	6,253	6,212	1,045	7,604	1,908	910	7,382	100	7,482	64.3	1,808	222	2,030	32.7	910	87	6,844	1,180	42	603	1,825	819
2020	11,969	6,913	6,890	1,070	8,204	1,821	881	7,947	100	8,047	67.2	1,721	257	1,978	28.7	881	82	7,383	1,069	33	635	1,736	793

	Effluent Available for Return Flows					Return Flows[9]										
	Santa Maria		Golden State Water Company		Guadalupe	Santa Maria				Golden State Water Company				Guadalupe		Total
Year	Effluent from SM WWTP	Effluent from LSD WWTP	Effluent from SM WWTP	Effluent from LSD WWTP[8]	Effluent from Guad WWTP	from SM WWTP	from LSD WWTP	Total	% Water Use	from SM WWTP	from LSD WWTP[10]	Total	% Water Use	from Guadalupe WWTP	% Water Use	
1997	7,296	86	296	2,365	420	7,296	17	7,313	58	296	473	769	8.2	84	11	8,166
1998	6,449	86	302	1,955	420	6,449	17	6,466	58	302	391	693	8.7	84	11	7,243
1999	6,899	86	298	2,308	420	6,899	17	6,916	58	298	462	759	8.3	84	11	7,759
2000	7,223	86	309	2,457	420	7,223	17	7,240	57	309	491	801	8.6	84	11	8,125
2001	7,538	86	323	2,497	420	7,538	17	7,555	60	323	499	822	9.2	84	11	8,461
2002	7,661	86	320	2,284	420	7,661	17	7,678	58	320	457	777	8.3	84	11	8,539
2003	7,766	86	431	2,278	420	7,766	17	7,783	58	431	456	887	9.8	84	11	8,754
2004	8,201	86	399	2,237	449	8,201	17	8,218	60	399	447	846	9.1	90	11	9,154
2005	8,374	86	317	1,987	440	8,374	17	8,391	61	317	397	714	8.1	88	11	9,193
2006	8,251	85	288	1,717	477	8,251	17	8,268	61	288	343	631	7.3	95	11	8,994
2007	8,074	85	368	1,834	574	8,074	17	8,091	55	368	367	734	7.6	115	11	8,940
2008	8,123	85	444	1,947	570	8,123	17	8,140	57	444	389	834	9.0	114	11	9,088
2009	8,057	84	467	1,900	598	8,057	17	8,074	57	467	380	847	9.8	120	13	9,040
2010	7,360	83	489	1,964	598	7,360	17	7,376	55	489	393	882	11.5	120	14	8,378
2011	7,598	81	506	1,933	589	7,598	16	7,614	60	506	387	893	11.5	118	13	8,625
2012	8,028	84	490	1,861	613	8,028	17	8,045	62	490	372	862	10.5	123	13	9,030
2013	8,094	84	376	1,819	614	8,094	17	8,110	59	376	364	740	8.7	123	13	8,973
2014	7,850	84	250	1,849	712	7,850	17	7,867	59	250	370	620	8.1	142	13	8,629
2015	7,956	84	246	1,460	736	7,956	17	7,973	65	246	292	538	9.0	147	13	8,658
2016	7,886	86	239	1,484	757	7,886	17	7,903	70	239	297	535	9.2	151	14	8,590
2017	7,540	85	227	1,502	759	7,540	17	7,557	66	227	300	527	8.8	152	14	8,236
2018	7,207	66	250	1,168	813	7,207	13	7,220	62	250	234	484	7.6	163	14	7,866
2019	6,644	62	200	1,118	819	6,644	12	6,656	57	200	224	423	6.8	164	16	7,243
2020	7,152	59	231	1,010	793	7,152	12	7,164	60	231	202	433	6.3	159	15	7,755

Estimated

SM City of Santa Maria
GSWC Golden State Water Company
Guad City of Guadalupe
LSD Laguna Sanitation District

Santa Maria Avg Percentage, Influent/Water Use = 67.0 %
GSWC Avg Percentage, Influent/Water Use = 31.7 %
Guadalupe Avg Percentage, Influent/Water Use = 68.0 %

1) For Santa Maria, water transfers to NMMA began in 2015, but are excluded for SMVMA return flow calculations; for GSWC, all years, excludes Sisquoc system water use (typically 40 - 70 afy) for SMVMA effluent return flow calculations.
2) For 1997 - 2011, influent amount of 95 afy from Santa Maria to LSD WWTP estimated (LSD staff, April 2009); for subsequent years, reported influent amount of 100 afy (LSD staff, April 2012 and April 2016).
3) For 1997 - 1998, percentage of SM total water use as total influent to WWTPs estimated as 65.5% (SM staff, April 2009).
4) For 1997 - 1999, percentage of GSWC water use (excluding Sisquoc System) as total influent to WWTPs estimated as 31.5%.
5) For 1997 - 2007, percentage of Guadalupe total water use as influent to WWTP estimated as 60% (Guad staff, April 2009).
6) Includes industrial and commercial use and dust control; no return flows generated.
7) Reservoir for storage only, no return flows generated.
8) For 1997 - 2011, effluent volumes available for generating return flows from GSWC-derived wastewater at LSD WWTP adjusted (from previous annual reports) to reflect zero return flows from brine injection and industrial use.
9) Return flows calculated as percentages of water discharged: Ponds, 100%; Spray irrigation, 20%
10) GSWC return flow amounts from LSD WWTP, total return flow amounts, and % water use reflect effluent volume adjustments described in footnotes 4 and 8.

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Appendix E

Historical Disposition
Municipal Water Supply

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Appendix E
Disposition of Municipal Water Supply, Annually from 2008
Estimated Percentages of Municipal Water Supply
Santa Maria Valley Management Area
(all units in acre-feet unless otherwise noted)

Santa Maria*

Water Supply	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Winter Month Low % of Annual Total	Customer Consumption % Water Used in Service Area
2008	775	774	1,105	1,197	1,314	1,473	1,521	1,502	1,361	1,335	1,017	859	14,235	5.4%	3.2
2009	971	732	959	1,229	1,395	1,362	1,528	1,496	1,324	1,174	1,095	908	14,172	5.2%	
2010	1,108	899	910	959	1,228	1,353	1,428	1,379	1,331	1,062	877	760	13,294	5.7%	16.8
2011	819	778	774	992	1,249	1,207	1,377	1,344	1,217	1,141	900	868	12,665	6.1%	18.2
2012	922	867	925	867	1,210	1,349	1,370	1,403	1,239	1,192	961	733	13,038	5.6%	
2013	761	757	982	1,114	1,307	1,366	1,437	1,381	1,329	1,265	1,045	974	13,719	5.5%	
2014	1,013	746	898	1,040	1,382	1,372	1,421	1,317	1,228	1,263	888	753	13,321	5.6%	2.8
2015	893	814	1,088	1,130	1,099	1,104	1,119	1,157	1,111	1,055	839	777	12,185	6.4%	11.7
2016	662	709	776	950	1,066	1,120	1,213	1,170	1,127	1,020	805	700	11,318	5.8%	
2017	625	557	743	860	1,013	1,120	1,163	1,179	1,141	1,102	913	964	11,381	4.9%	
2018	778	796	745	873	1,108	1,149	1,217	1,207	1,097	1,040	933	738	11,681	6.3%	11.7
2019	684	615	735	967	973	1,135	1,251	1,234	1,200	1,189	971	683	11,635	5.3%	10.0
2020	673	835	764	820	1,119	1,163	1,225	1,281	1,143	1,137	914	895	11,969	5.6%	0.6
Avg	822	760	877	1,000	1,189	1,252	1,329	1,312	1,219	1,152	935	816	12,662	5.7% Avg	9.4 Avg
Min Monthly	557														
Max Monthly	1,528														

Landscape Irrig	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2008	2	0	332	423	540	699	747	729	588	561	244	86	4,952
2009	239	0	228	497	663	631	796	764	592	442	363	176	5,392
2010	348	139	150	199	468	593	668	619	571	302	118	0	4,176
2011	45	4	0	218	475	433	603	570	443	367	126	94	3,377
2012	190	134	193	135	478	617	638	670	507	460	228	0	4,247
2013	5	0	225	357	551	609	681	625	572	509	288	218	4,639
2014	267	0	152	294	636	626	675	572	483	518	142	7	4,372
2015	116	37	311	353	322	327	342	380	335	279	63	0	2,865
2016	0	47	115	288	404	459	551	509	465	358	143	38	3,377
2017	68	0	186	303	456	563	606	622	584	545	356	407	4,697
2018	41	58	7	135	370	411	479	469	359	302	195	0	2,828
2019	69	0	120	352	358	520	636	619	585	574	356	68	4,256
2020	0	163	91	147	446	490	553	608	470	465	242	223	3,897

Santa Maria Annual Summation of Water Disposition*

Year	Water supply	Influent to WWTPs	Influent % of WS	Water Used in Service Area	Applied Landscape Irrig	Irrig % of WS	Septic Flow to Systems	Septic % of WS	Customer Consumption	Consump % of WS	Irrigation Consumption	Irrigation Return Flows	Septic Consumption	Septic Return Flows
2008	14,235	9,121	64	5,114	4,952	35	NA	NA	162	1	3,961	990	NA	NA
2009	14,172	9,047	64	5,125	4,612	33	NA	NA	512	4	3,690	922	NA	NA
2010	13,294	8,272	62	5,022	4,176	31	NA	NA	846	6	3,340	835	NA	NA
2011	12,665	8,537	67	4,128	3,377	27	NA	NA	750	6	2,702	675	NA	NA
2012	13,038	9,020	69	4,018	3,616	28	NA	NA	402	3	2,893	723	NA	NA
2013	13,719	9,093	66	4,626	4,164	30	NA	NA	463	3	3,331	833	NA	NA
2014	13,321	8,822	66	4,499	4,372	33	NA	NA	127	1	3,498	874	NA	NA
2015	12,185	8,940	73	3,245	2,865	24	NA	NA	380	3	2,292	573	NA	NA
2016	11,318	8,862	78	2,456	2,210	20	NA	NA	246	2	1,768	442	NA	NA
2017	11,381	8,478	74	2,903	2,613	23	NA	NA	290	3	2,090	523	NA	NA
2018	11,681	8,107	69	3,573	2,828	24	NA	NA	746	6	2,262	566	NA	NA
2019	11,635	7,482	64	4,154	3,738	32	NA	NA	415	4	2,991	748	NA	NA
2020	11,969	8,047	67	3,922	3,897	33	NA	NA	25	0	3,118	779	NA	NA
		avg	68.2		avg	28.6	NA	NA	avg	3.3				

*Excludes water transferred by WIP to NMMA, from 2015 forward

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Water Supply	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Winter Month Low % of Annual Total	Customer Consumption % Water Used in Service Area
2008	434	414	672	803	951	1,021	1,072	1,037	919	852	634	445	9,255	4.5%	35.0
2009	548	370	539	749	889	882	987	959	901	710	686	448	8,668	4.3%	29.6
2010	410	302	502	544	787	915	931	933	874	621	480	383	7,682	3.9%	17.3
2011	445	412	399	616	814	773	907	878	807	712	498	533	7,793	5.1%	39.5
2012	557	503	543	517	803	890	919	928	837	786	581	378	8,241	4.6%	32.4
2013	411	433	593	734	874	882	935	886	836	768	611	564	8,526	4.8%	39.4
2014	629	424	497	574	819	809	833	788	720	715	497	347	7,652	4.5%	32.5
2015	458	419	562	561	570	553	553	532	536	525	392	361	6,022	6.0%	57.5
2016	277	326	344	463	574	637	673	640	609	543	423	318	5,828	4.8%	34.4
2017	272	229	343	462	591	645	684	646	538	614	520	518	6,063	3.8%	17.9
2018	403	441	348	478	619	659	706	706	644	581	518	352	6,455	5.4%	47.8
2019	314	248	321	540	547	643	694	708	677	666	565	329	6,253	4.0%	22.0
2020	347	465	381	419	678	710	750	743	668	672	550	530	6,913	5.0%	44.2
Avg	430	377	472	587	736	776	825	803	741	674	534	415	7,370	4.7% Avg	34.6 Avg
Min Monthly	229														
Max Monthly	1,072														

Landscape Irrig	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2008	20	0	257	389	536	607	658	623	505	438	219	30	4,282
2009	178	0	169	379	519	512	617	589	531	340	316	78	4,228
2010	108	0	200	242	485	613	628	631	571	318	177	80	4,052
2011	46	13	0	217	415	374	508	479	408	313	99	134	3,005
2012	179	126	165	140	426	512	542	550	459	409	203	0	3,710
2013	0	22	182	324	463	471	524	475	425	357	200	153	3,598
2014	282	78	151	227	472	463	486	441	374	368	151	0	3,493
2015	97	58	202	200	209	193	192	171	175	164	32	0	1,692
2016	0	48	67	185	297	359	396	363	331	266	146	41	2,499
2017	43	0	114	233	362	416	455	417	309	385	291	289	3,316
2018	55	93	0	130	271	311	358	358	296	233	170	4	2,279
2019	66	0	74	293	299	396	447	461	429	419	318	82	3,282
2020	0	118	34	72	331	362	403	395	320	325	203	183	2,746

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2008	9,255	2,670	28.8	6,585	4,282	46	---	---	2,303	24.9	3,426	856	---	---
2009	8,668	2,661	30.7	6,008	4,228	49	---	---	1,779	20.5	3,383	846	---	---
2010	7,682	2,785	36.3	4,897	4,052	53	---	---	845	11.0	3,242	810	---	---
2011	7,793	2,828	36.3	4,965	3,005	39	---	---	1,960	25.2	2,404	601	---	---
2012	8,241	2,755	33.4	5,486	3,710	45	---	---	1,776	21.5	2,968	742	---	---
2013	8,526	2,585	30.3	5,941	3,598	42	---	---	2,343	27.5	2,878	720	---	---
2014	7,652	2,473	32.3	5,179	3,493	46	---	---	1,686	22.0	2,795	699	---	---
2015	6,022	2,015	33.7	4,007	1,692	28	11	0.2	2,303	38.2	1,354	338	2	9
2016	5,828	2,000	34.5	3,828	2,499	43	11	0.2	1,318	22.6	1,999	500	2	9
2017	6,063	2,009	33.4	4,054	3,316	55	13	0.2	725	12.0	2,653	663	3	10
2018	6,455	2,049	32.0	4,406	2,279	35	19	0.3	2,108	32.6	1,823	456	4	15
2019	6,253	2,030	32.7	4,224	3,282	52	14	0.2	927	14.8	2,626	656	3	11
2020	6,913	1,978	28.7	4,935	2,746	40	8	0.1	2,182	31.6	2,196	549	2	6
		avg	32.5		avg	44.0	avg	0.2	avg	23.4				

**Includes Sisquoc area water supply, from 2015 forward

Guadalupe

Water Supply	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Winter Month Low % of Annual Total	Customer Consumption % Water Used in Service Area
2008	76	30	80	90	96	100	98	96	94	92	77	70	997	3.0%	42.2
2009	69	58	65	81	83	83	87	88	82	78	72	70	917	6.4%	14.6
2010	67	57	68	67	80	85	85	85	85	75	64	63	880	6.4%	7.0
2011	65	59	64	71	78	78	85	86	81	80	68	72	886	7.3%	49.1
2012	75	68	74	71	88	88	88	87	78	77	67	62	924	6.7%	25.8
2013	63	60	74	77	88	87	91	93	82	86	77	78	956	6.3%	14.0
2014	81	67	77	95	117	105	108	104	99	102	87	80	1,123	6.0%	4.5
2015	87	80	92	95	98	94	96	96	101	95	85	83	1,101	7.2%	48.7
2016	81	82	91	96	102	103	102	100	97	95	85	84	1,119	7.3%	47.7
2017	76	66	82	85	95	103	103	105	100	102	95	92	1,102	6.0%	
2018	87	85	99	93	109	107	108	110	102	100	96	93	1,189	7.2%	42.4
2019	83	66	74	79	87	94	100	106	88	92	93	83	1,045	6.3%	25.0
2020	79	80	76	77	99	96	98	103	93	100	82	87	1,070	7.1%	18.4
Avg	76	65	78	83	93	94	96	96	91	89	80	77	1,020	6.4% Avg	28.3 Avg
Min Monthly	30														
Max Monthly	117														

Landscape Irrig	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2008	7	0	11	21	27	31	29	28	25	23	8	1	211
2009	11	0	7	22	25	25	29	30	24	20	13	11	216
2010	10	0	11	11	24	28	28	28	28	19	8	6	201
2011	0	0	0	6	14	13	20	22	16	15	4	8	118
2012	13	6	12	9	26	26	26	25	16	15	5	0	180
2013	3	0	14	17	28	27	31	33	22	26	17	18	235
2014	14	0	10	28	49	38	41	37	32	35	20	13	317
2015	7	0	13	15	18	15	17	16	21	15	5	3	145
2016	0	1	10	15	21	22	21	18	16	13	4	3	145
2017	10	0	16	19	29	37	37	39	34	36	29	25	309
2018	1	0	14	8	24	22	23	25	17	15	10	7	165
2019	17	0	8	13	21	28	34	40	22	26	26	17	252
2020	3	4	0	0	23	19	22	26	17	24	6	11	154

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2008	997	633	63	364	211	21	NA	NA	154	15	168	42	NA	NA
2009	917	664	72	253	216	24	NA	NA	37	4	173	43	NA	NA
2010	880	664	75	216	201	23	NA	NA	15	2	161	40	NA	NA
2011	886	654	74	231	118	13	NA	NA	113	13	94	24	NA	NA
2012	924	681	74	243	180	20	NA	NA	63	7	144	36	NA	NA
2013	956	682	71	274	235	25	NA	NA	38	4	188	47	NA	NA
2014	1,123	791	70	332	317	28	NA	NA	15	1	254	63	NA	NA
2015	1,101	818	74	283	145	13	NA	NA	138	12	116	29	NA	NA
2016	1,119	842	75	277	145	13	NA	NA	132	12	116	29	NA	NA
2017	1,102	843	77	259	194	18	NA	NA	65	6	155	39	NA	NA
2018	1,189	903	76	286	165	14	NA	NA	121	10	132	33	NA	NA
2019	1,045	910	87	135	101	10	NA	NA	34	3	81	20	NA	NA
2020	1,070	881	82	189	154	14	NA	NA	35	3	124	31	NA	NA
		avg	74.8		avg	18.1	NA	NA	avg	7.2				

Denotes Lowest Water Use Month (blue shading)
Denotes Adjusted Landscape Irrigation (green shading)

Notes:
Return flows calculated as percentages of landscape irrigation applied (20%) and septic system discharge (80%):
For 2008, Guadalupe, typical avg % Feb/Jan and avg % Feb/March were utilized to estimate Feb 2008 (69), which was used in place of the recorded 30.

Annual Summation of Total Water Disposition for the SMVMA

Year	Total Water Supply	Total Influent to WWTPs	Total Water Used in Service Area	Total Applied Landscape Irrig	Total Septic Flow to Systems	Total Customer Consumption	Total Irrigation Consumption	Total Irrigation Return Flows	Total Septic Consumption	Total Septic Return Flows
2008	24,487	12,424	12,063	9,444	---	2,619	7,556	1,889	---	---
2009	23,756	12,372	11,385	9,056	---	2,329	7,245	1,811	---	---
2010	21,856	11,721	10,135	8,429	---	1,706	6,743	1,686	---	---
2011	21,344	12,020	9,324	6,500	---	2,824	5,200	1,300	---	---
2012	22,204	12,457	9,747	7,507	---	2,240	6,005	1,501	---	---
2013	23,201	12,360	10,841	7,997	---	2,844	6,398	1,599	---	---
2014	22,095	12,086	10,010	8,182	---	1,827	6,546	1,636	---	---
2015	19,308	11,773	7,535	4,702	11	2,821	3,762	940	2	9
2016	18,264	11,703	6,561	4,854	11	1,696	3,883	971	2	9
2017	18,546	11,330	7,216	6,123	13	1,080	4,898	1,225	3	10
2018	19,325	11,059	8,266	5,272	19	2,975	4,218	1,054	4	15
2019	18,933	10,421	8,512	7,122	14	1,376	5,698	1,424	3	11
2020	19,952	10,905	9,046	6,797	8	2,241	5,438	1,359	2	6