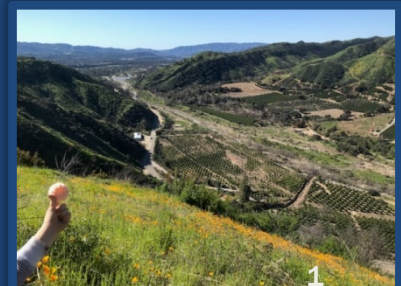


***UPPER VENTURA RIVER  
GROUNDWATER AGENCY  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY  
PLAN  
WORKSHOP NO. 4B***



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# WORKSHOP CAVEAT

- Some slides are recycled from prior workshops - minor differences between slide content and draft GSP may exist.

# WORKSHOP COMPONENTS

- **SGMA Overview and Draft GSP Summary**
- **Questions and Stakeholder Feedback**

# **SGMA OVERVIEW**

## **WHY IS A GSP BEING PREPARED?**

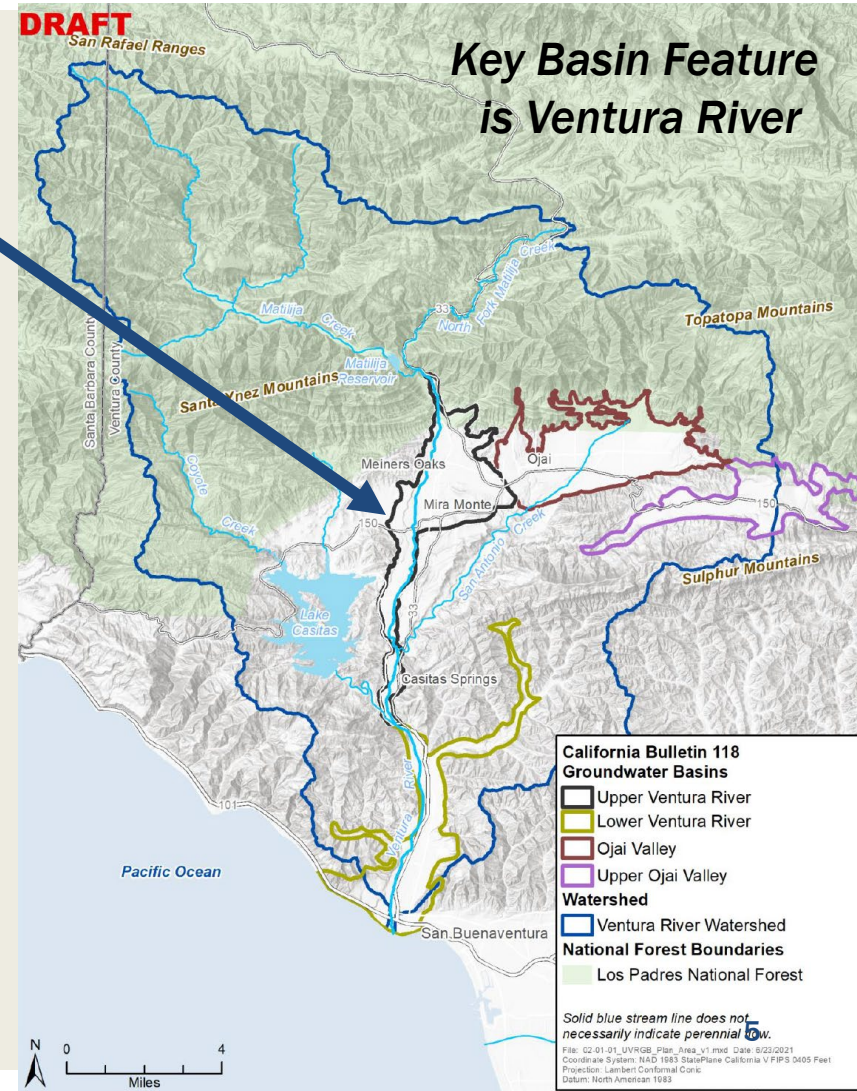
- **SGMA became effective January 2015**
- **High or Medium Priority Basins required to adopted a GSP by January 2022**
- **Upper Ventura River Basin is a Medium priority Basin**
- **Absent a GSP, the State of CA would perform interim management, which would, at minimum, increase costs**



# BASIN LOCATION

UVRB is located in the central portion of the Ventura River Watershed along the Ventura River.

UVRGA consists of five public agencies (CMWD, VRWD, MOWD, City of Ventura and County of Ventura) plus agricultural and environmental representatives.



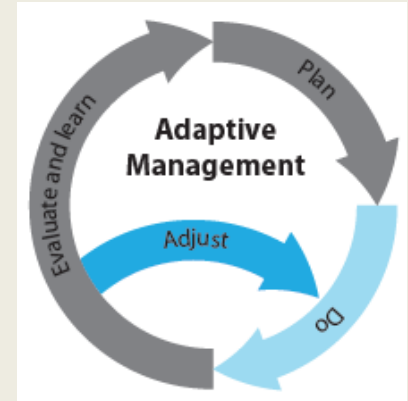
# SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

- *Sustainably manage the groundwater resources of the Upper Ventura River Basin for the benefit of current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater, including the environment, and the welfare of the general public who rely directly or indirectly on groundwater...ensure the long-term reliability of the Upper Ventura River Basin groundwater resources by avoiding SGMA undesirable results no later than 20 years from Plan adoption through implementation of a data-driven and performance-based adaptive management framework.*

# FUNDAMENTAL GUIDELINES

## ■ Adaptive Management

- Annual reporting
- GSP assessed every 5 yrs.
- GSP updated as needed



- GSP does not determine water rights
- Focus is avoiding undesirable results (significant and unreasonable effects)
- Not required to restore or enhance basin conditions

# KEY GSP FINDINGS

## ■ Sustainability Criteria

- Seawater intrusion – no risk
- Land Subsidence – very limited risk
- Chronic Groundwater Level Decline – not observed
- Groundwater Storage Reduction – not observed
- Groundwater Quality Degradation – pumping not anticipated to impact groundwater quality
- Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water – measures needed to avoid potential undesirable results

# KEY GSP FINDINGS

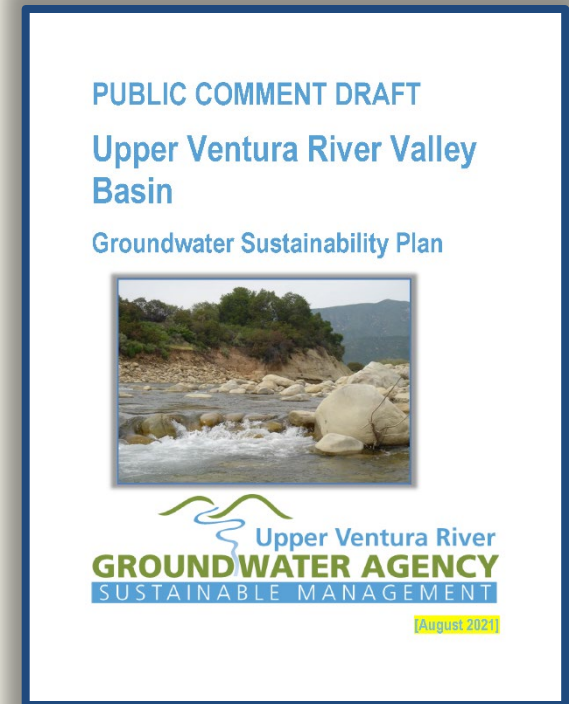
## ■ GSP Implementation Actions

- Plan does not contemplate pumping allocations or pumping reductions
- Address data gaps
  - 1 stream gage & 5 groundwater monitoring wells
  - Biological monitoring in confluence and Foster Park Areas
- Actions are needed to address depletions of interconnected surface water
  - Direct depletion – City of Ventura will implement “Foster Park Protocols”
  - Indirect depletion – project or management action(s) will be developed over next decade

# GSP CONTENTS

GSP Contents are per GSP Emergency Regulations:

- Executive Summary
- 1. Introduction to Plan Contents
- 2. Administrative Information
- 3. Basin Setting
- 4. Sustainable Management Criteria
- 5. Monitoring Networks
- 6. Projects and Management Actions
- 7. GSP Implementation



\*\*\* Preliminary Draft GSP Available On UVRGA Website\*\*\*<sub>10</sub>

# GSP LAYOUT

“Regulation Box”  
Describes the GSP  
Emergency Regulation  
that is addressed by  
the GSP section.

GSP content that  
addresses the  
GSP Emergency  
Regulation.



## 1.0 Introduction to Plan Contents [Article 5 §354]

**§354 Introduction to Plan Contents.** This Article describes the required contents of Plans submitted to the Department for evaluation, including administrative information, a description of the basin setting, sustainable management criteria, description of the monitoring network, and projects and management actions.

In 2014, the State of California enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This law requires groundwater basins in California that are designated as medium or high priority be managed sustainably. Satisfying the requirements of SGMA generally requires five basic activities:

1. Form one or multiple Groundwater Sustainability Agency(s) (GSAs) to fully cover the basin;
2. Develop one or more Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s) (GSPs) that fully cover the basin;
3. Implement the GSP to achieve sustainable groundwater management;
4. Annual reporting to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR); and
5. Prepare and submit a written assessment of the GSP at least every five-years to DWR and amend the GSP as necessary.

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (UVRGA) was formed in 2016 to satisfy the requirement for a GSA to fully cover the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin (Department of Water Resources Basin 4-3.01; UVRGB or Basin), located in western Ventura County (Appendix A). UVRGA was designated as the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Basin by the State on July 20, 2017. UVRGA developed this document to fulfill the GSP requirement for the Basin. This GSP provides administrative information, describes the Basin setting, develops quantitative sustainable management criteria that considers the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, identifies projects and management actions and monitoring networks that will ensure the Basin is demonstrably managed in a sustainable manner no later than the 20-year sustainability timeframe (2042) and for the duration of the entire 50-year planning and implementation horizon (2072).

Following submittal of an initial notification on December 20, 2017, UVRGA developed this GSP to comply with SGMA's statutory and regulatory requirements. As such, the GSP uses the terminology set forth in these requirements (see e.g., Water Code Section 10721 and 23 CCR Section 351) which is oftentimes different from the terminology utilized in other contexts (e.g., past reports or studies, past analyses, judicial rules, or findings). The definitions from the relevant statutes and regulations are provided in the section titled “Definitions of Key SGMA Terms.”

The GSP includes all of the required elements of the GSP Emergency Regulation (see Appendix B), organized into eight sections plus tables, figures, and appendices. Each section contains a blue text box at the beginning stating the exact CCR Article text relevant to the section's content. The GSP sections are organized as follows:

- **Section 1 - Introduction to Plan Contents** provides an overview of SGMA and the plan contents.
- **Section 2 - Administrative Information** provides information about the GSA, a description of the Plan area, and a summary of information relating to notification and communication by the Agency with other agencies and interested parties.



# SECTION 1

## INTRO TO PLAN CONTENTS

- SGMA Background
- Overview of GSP Contents





# SECTION 2

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFO

- Information about the GSA
- Description of the Plan area
  - Jurisdictional areas
  - Water resources programs that impact groundwater management
  - Land use plans
- Public Notice and Communication



# SECTION 3

## BASIN SETTING

### Sect. 3.1: Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model ("HCM")

- **Description of the groundwater basin**

### Sect. 3.2: Groundwater Conditions

- **Description of historical conditions in the Basin**

### Sect. 3.3: Water Budgets

- **Description of water inflows and outflows**

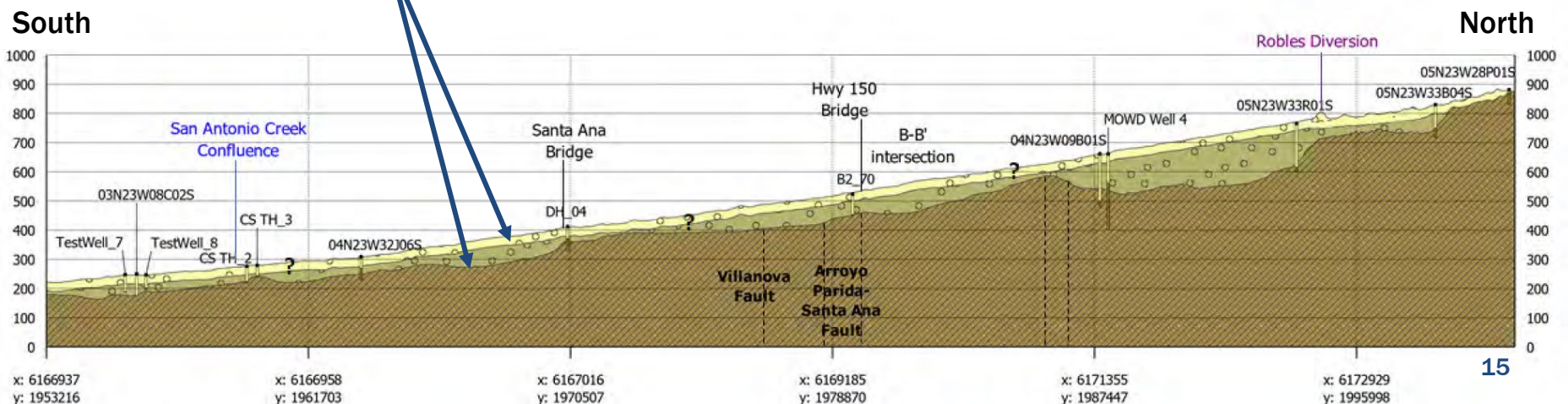
# SECTION 3.1 HCM KEY INFO: AQUIFERS

## ■ One “principal” aquifer:

### ■ Alluvium

- Thin (typically 30 - ~180 feet thick)
- Highly permeable

## ■ Bedrock units provide minor quantities of water to wells and will not be managed by UVRGA at this time



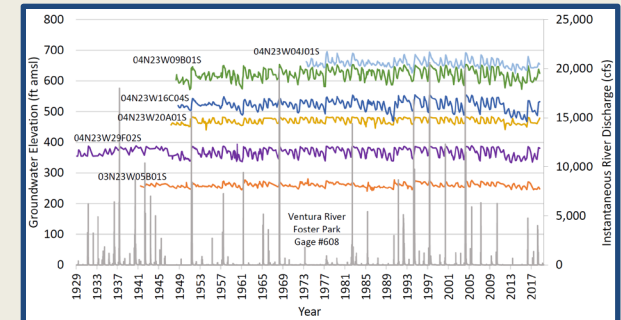
# SECTION 3.2

## GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

- Groundwater Levels
- Change in Groundwater Storage\*
- Seawater Intrusion\*\*
- Groundwater Quality Impacts
- Land Subsidence\*\*
- Interconnected Surface Water Systems
- Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems

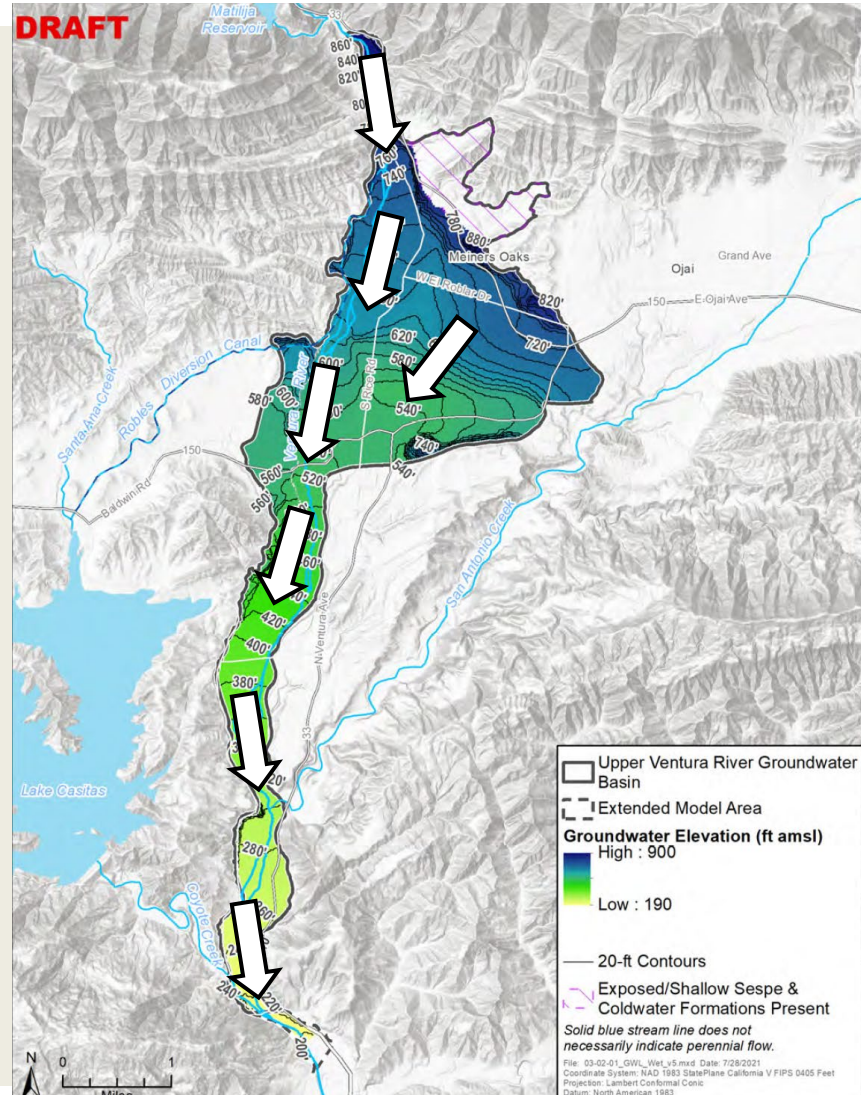
\* Addressed in water budget discussion

\*\* Not applicable to UVRB



# SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: GROUNDWATER LEVELS

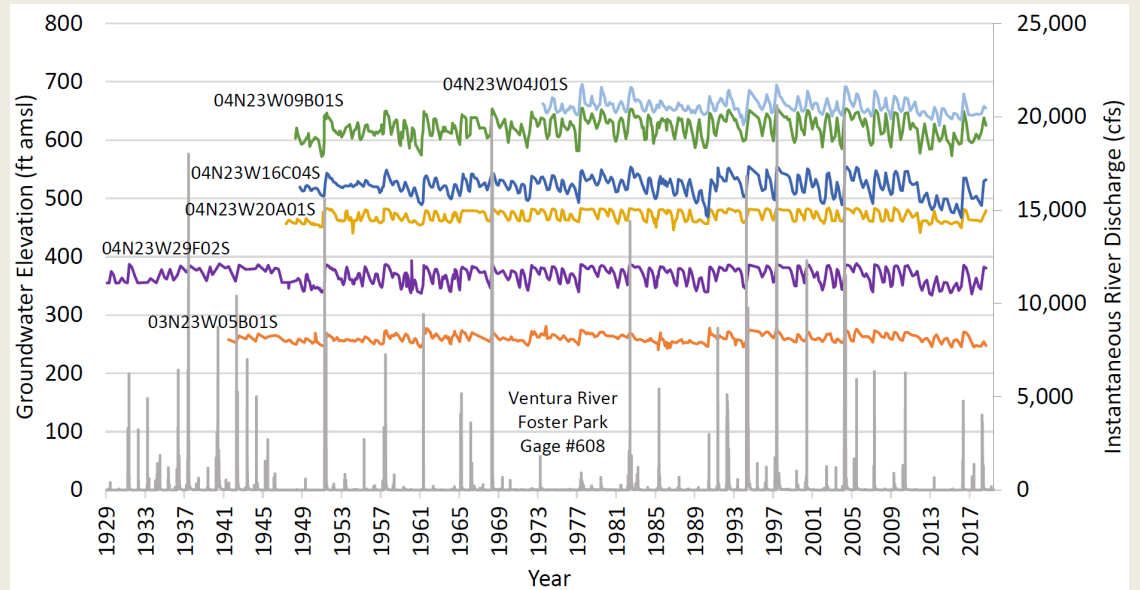
- *Groundwater flows down the valley, generally parallel to the Ventura River.*
- *Groundwater flows many times faster than in most groundwater basins.*





# SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: GROUNDWATER LEVELS

- Groundwater levels rise and fall in response to Ventura River flows. Basin drains between storm events.
- Chronic lowering of groundwater levels & long-term reduction of groundwater storage have not been observed.

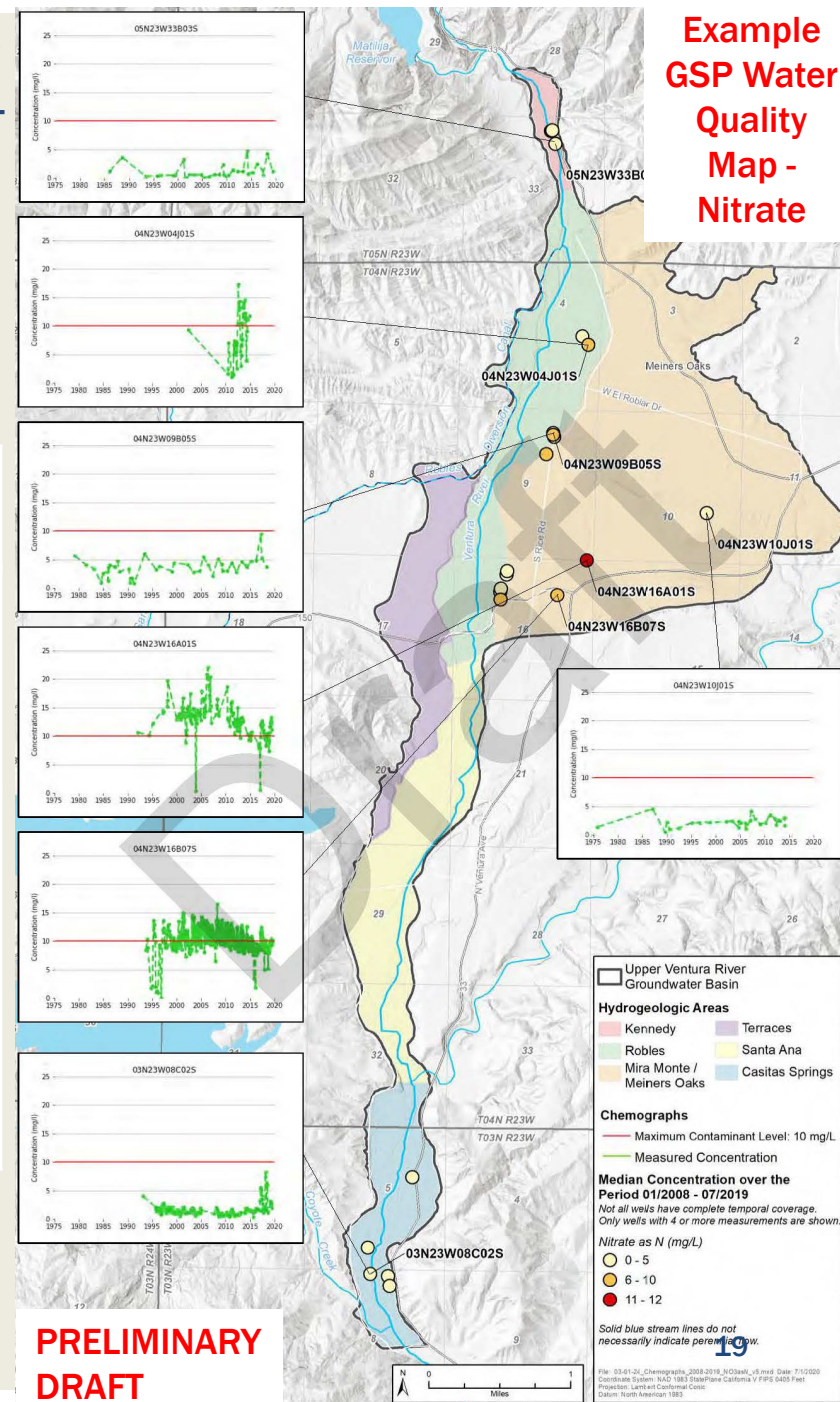


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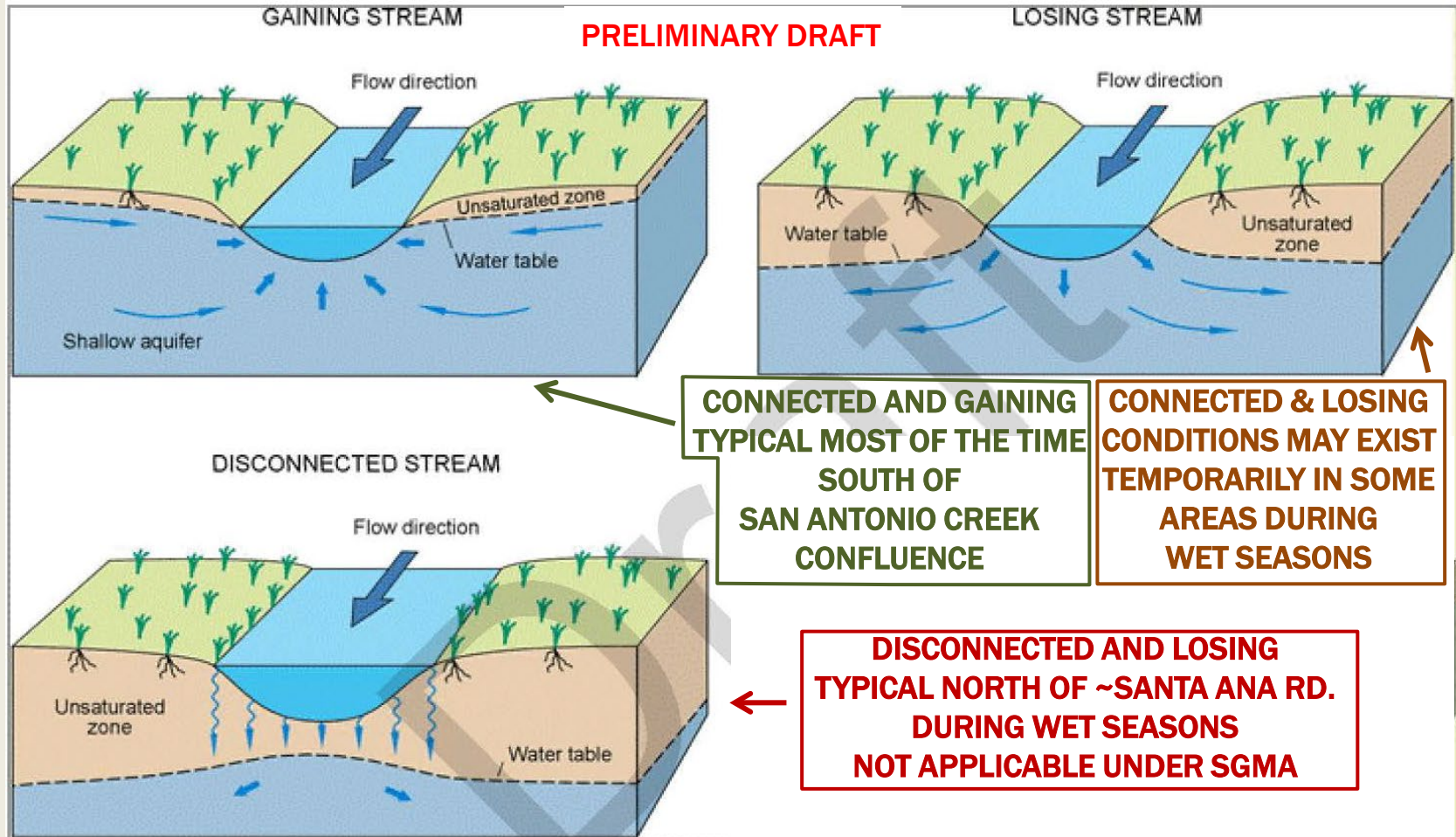
# GROUNDWATER QUALITY

- No contamination plumes
- Water Quality Indicators:

Constituent	WQO (mg/l)	Status
Nitrate-N	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mostly below objective</li> <li>• Highest in east of VR in Mira Monte and Meiners Oaks</li> </ul>
TDS	800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally below objectives</li> <li>• Some exceptions</li> <li>• Fluctuations related to surface water flow, not pumping.</li> </ul>
Sulfate	300	
Chloride	100	
Boron	0.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP will not actively manage these constituents</li> </ul>



# SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: GROUNDWATER - SURFACE WATER INTERACTION



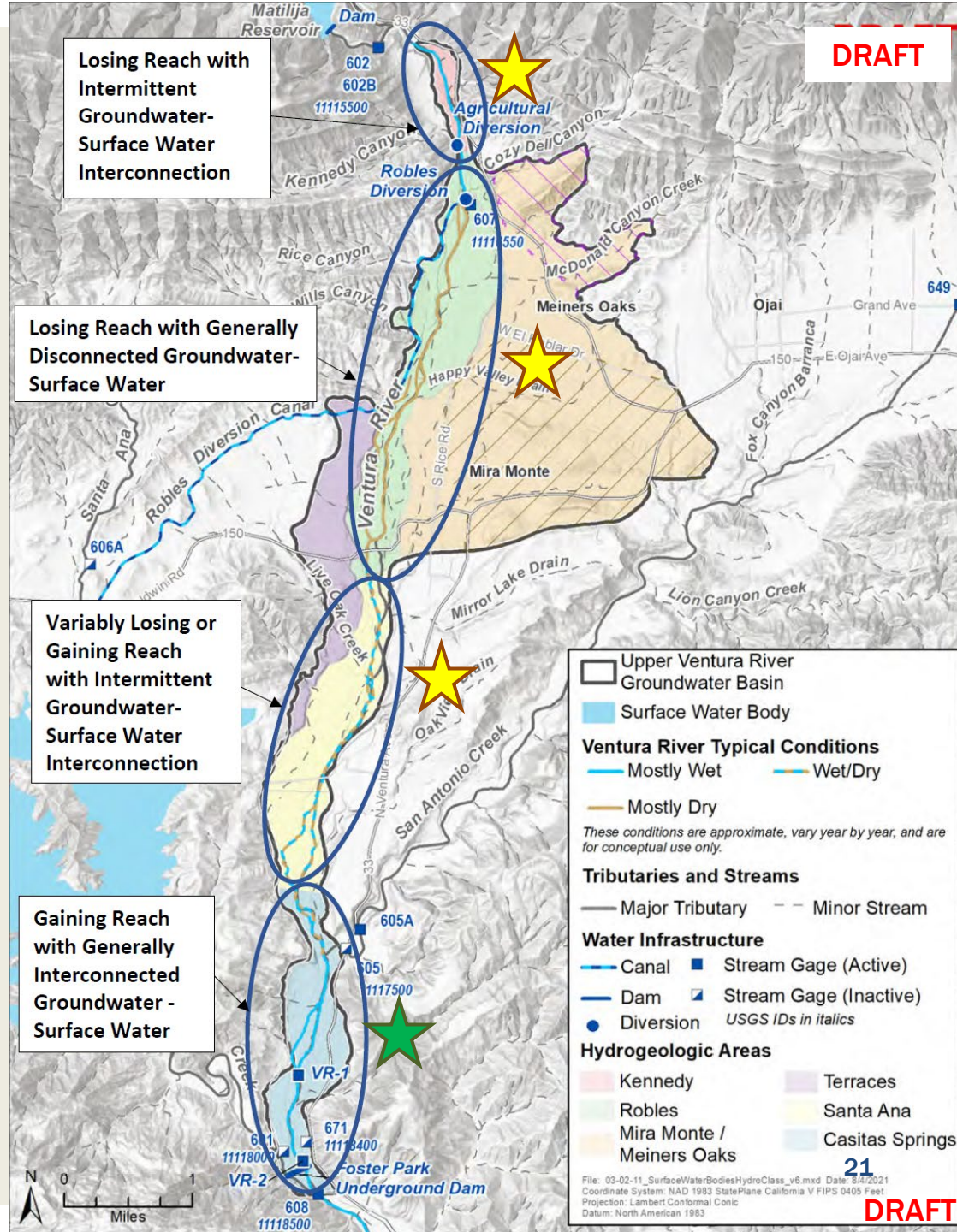


# GROUNDWATER SURFACE WATER INTERACTION

- 4 areas along Ventura River with different types of GW-SW interaction

★ Consistently interconnected

★ Interconnection is transient and spatially variable





## SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: HISTORICAL SURFACE WATER DEPLETION

- SGMA requires quantification of historical depletion of interconnected surface water “ISW”.
- Under SMGA “depletion” means the direct or indirect reduction of stream flow resulting from groundwater extraction.
  - Other processes that reduce surface water flow are not considered under SGMA



# SURFACE WATER DEPLETION MECHANISMS

1. Direct Depletion: Wells very close to the river capture flow directly from the river
2. Indirect Depletion: Wells further removed from the river:
  - a. Capture groundwater flow that would otherwise have discharged to the surface water system in the future.
  - b. Lower the water table causing more streamflow to percolate during storm events

*GSP must address both types of depletion*

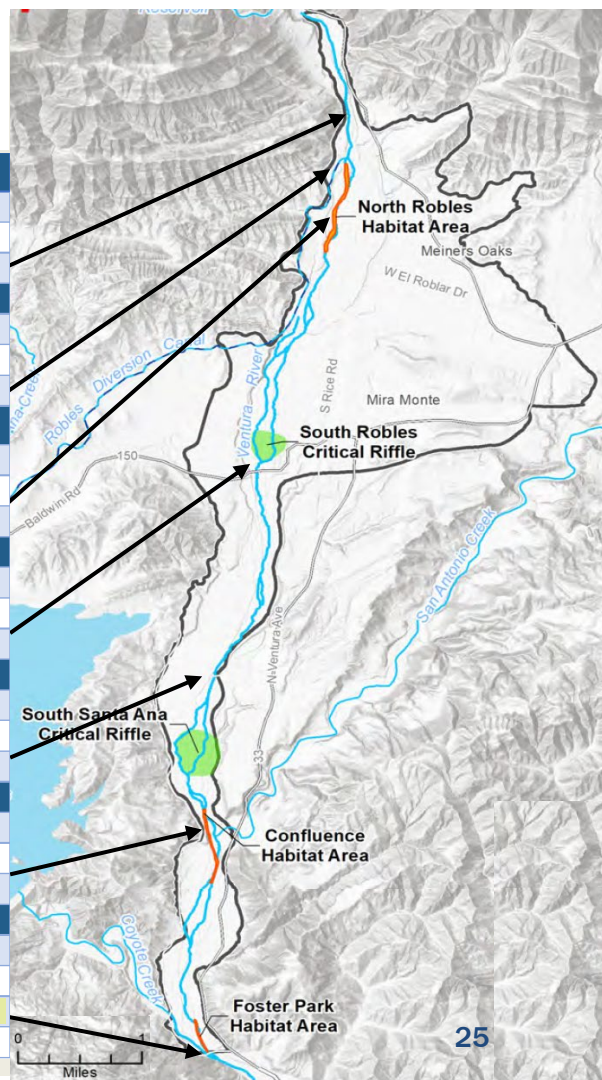


# SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: HISTORICAL SURFACE WATER DEPLETION

*Numerical modeling was performed to estimate historical rates of surface water depletion.*

South Kennedy (Boundary of Kennedy & Robles Area)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	32.1	39.6	42.4	18.6	10.8	4.1	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.9	5.8
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	33.0	39.9	43.0	19.0	11.3	4.8	2.4	0.8	0.3	0.5	1.7	6.3
Median Depletion	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Robles Diversion (Gage 607)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	23.2	34.3	30.0	14.6	7.8	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.2
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	23.4	34.8	30.4	14.7	8.3	2.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	3.6
Median Depletion	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
North Robles (near Happy Valley Drain)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	3.9	15.4	17.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	3.9	15.8	18.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Median Depletion	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Robles (150 Bridge)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	4.7	14.1	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	5.3	14.3	14.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median Depletion	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Santa Ana Bridge	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	7.3	17.6	16.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	7.4	17.7	16.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median Depletion	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
San Antonio Confluence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	7.1	28.7	27.3	10.5	6.1	3.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	10.7	31.2	29.3	13.6	9.2	6.7	4.7	2.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.2
Median Depletion	1.5	2.2	1.8	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4
Foster Park (Gage 608)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow (Historical)	10.7	28.2	25.8	10.9	6.9	4.7	4.5	4.1	2.7	3.5	4.2	4.3
Median Flow (Historical No Pumping)	15.8	36.1	33.1	17.5	14.3	12.6	11.3	10.2	9.8	9.8	9.7	8.9
Median Depletion	5.1	5.1	6.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.6

All values are cubic feet per second (cfs).



## SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS (GDES)

- SGMA Definition: “*Ecological communities or species that depend on groundwater emerging from aquifers or on groundwater occurring near the ground surface.*”
  - Riparian plant communities and species that rely on plant communities
    - *Applicable Sustainability Indicator: GW Levels/Storage*
  - Aquatic communities where surface water is interconnected with groundwater
    - *Applicable Sustainability Indicator: Depletion of ISW*

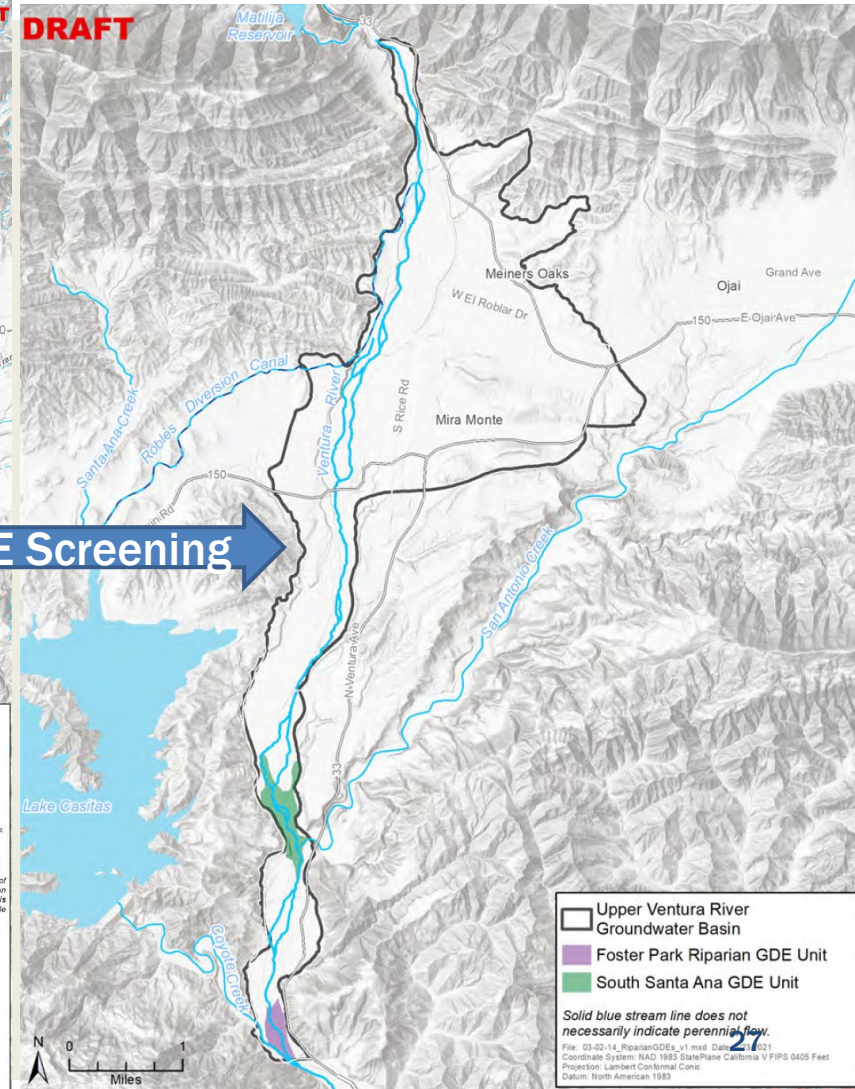
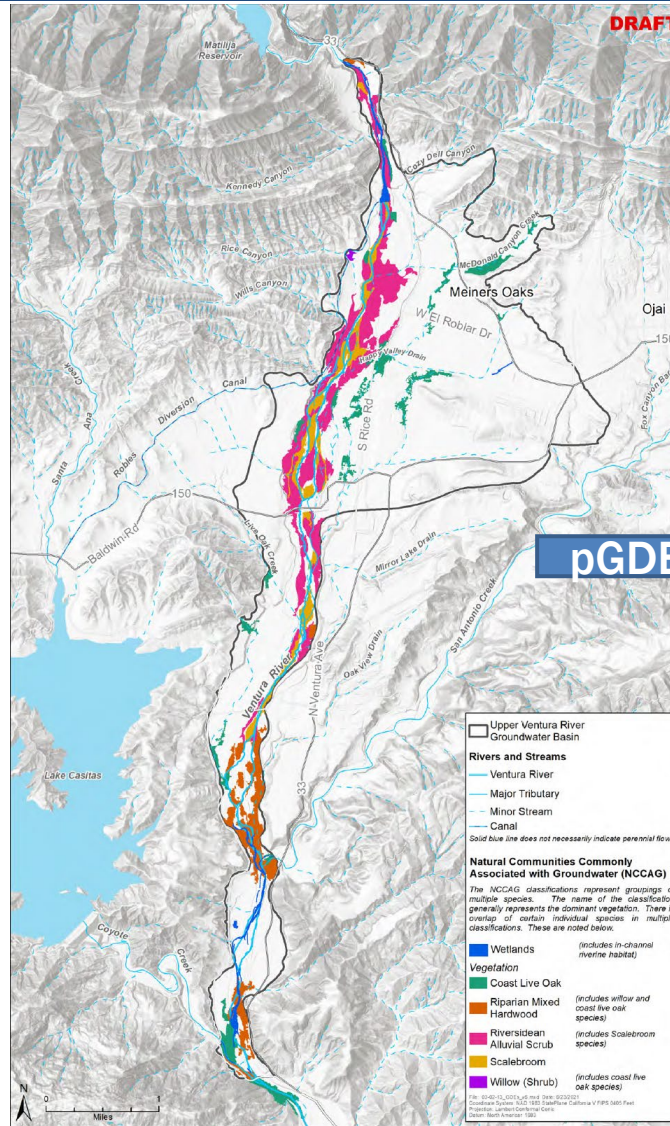


# SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS

*Potential  
riparian GDEs  
were identified  
and reviewed*

*Plants not  
dependent on  
groundwater  
were screened  
out following  
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recommended  
procedures.*

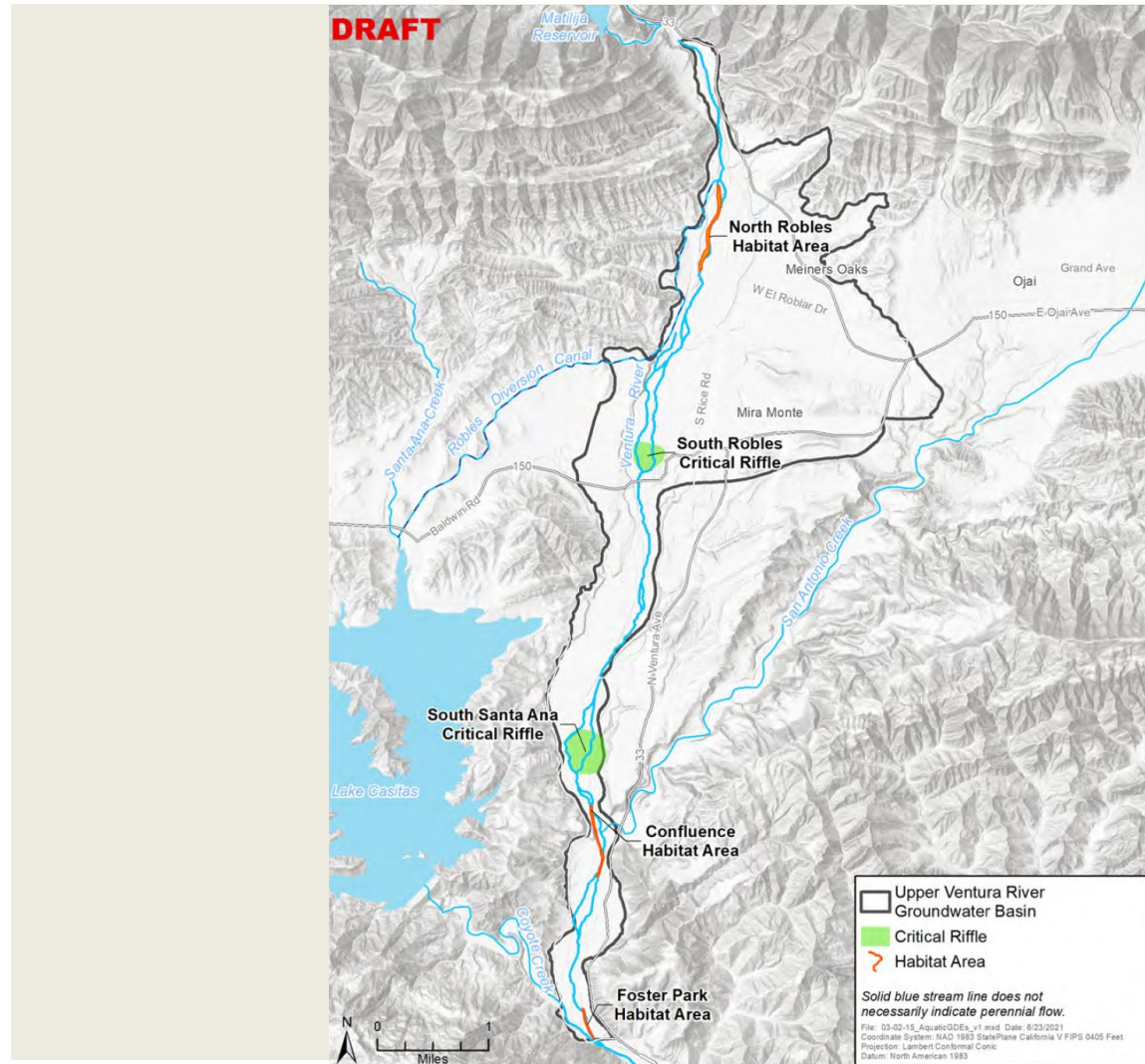
*Two riparian  
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identified for  
consideration in  
the GSP*



# SECTION 3.2 GW CONDITIONS KEY INFO: GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS

*Potential  
aquatic habitat  
areas were  
identified and  
reviewed*

*Five aquatic  
habitat areas  
identified for  
consideration in  
the GSP*





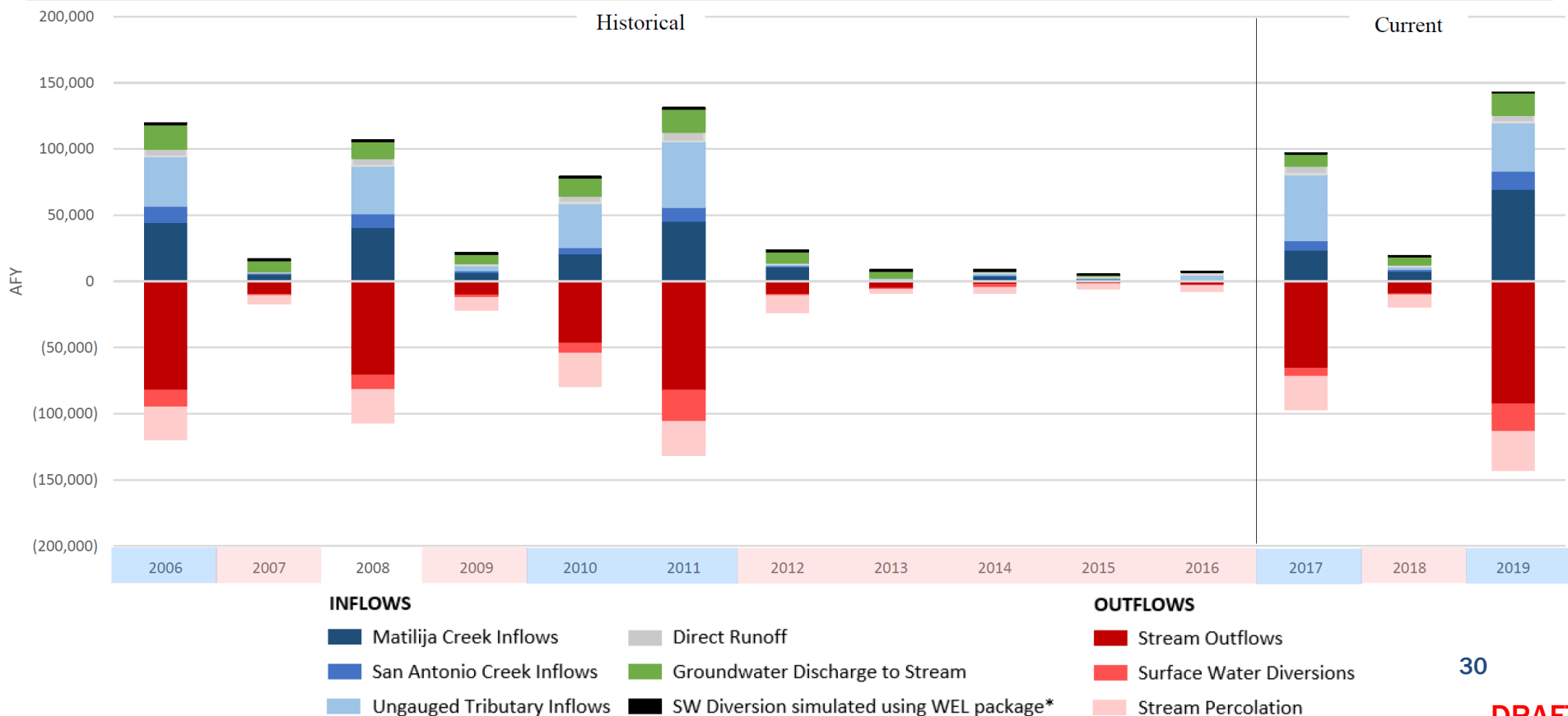
# SECTION 3.3 WATER BUDGET OVERVIEW:

- Water budget is an accounting of water inflows and outflows to/from the Basin
- GSP requirements
  - Historical/Current Water Budget
  - Future Water Budgets
- Water budget developed in concert with calibration of a numerical flow model of the groundwater basin
  - More information about numerical model available in Workshop No. 2 slides and GSP Appendix H (both available at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/> )

# SECTION 3.3 WATER BUDGET HISTORICAL/CURRENT SURFACE WATER BUDGET

## Key Takeaways:

*Surface water budget is dominated by surface water passing over the basin.  
Groundwater discharge becomes a larger percentage of the budget in dry years.*

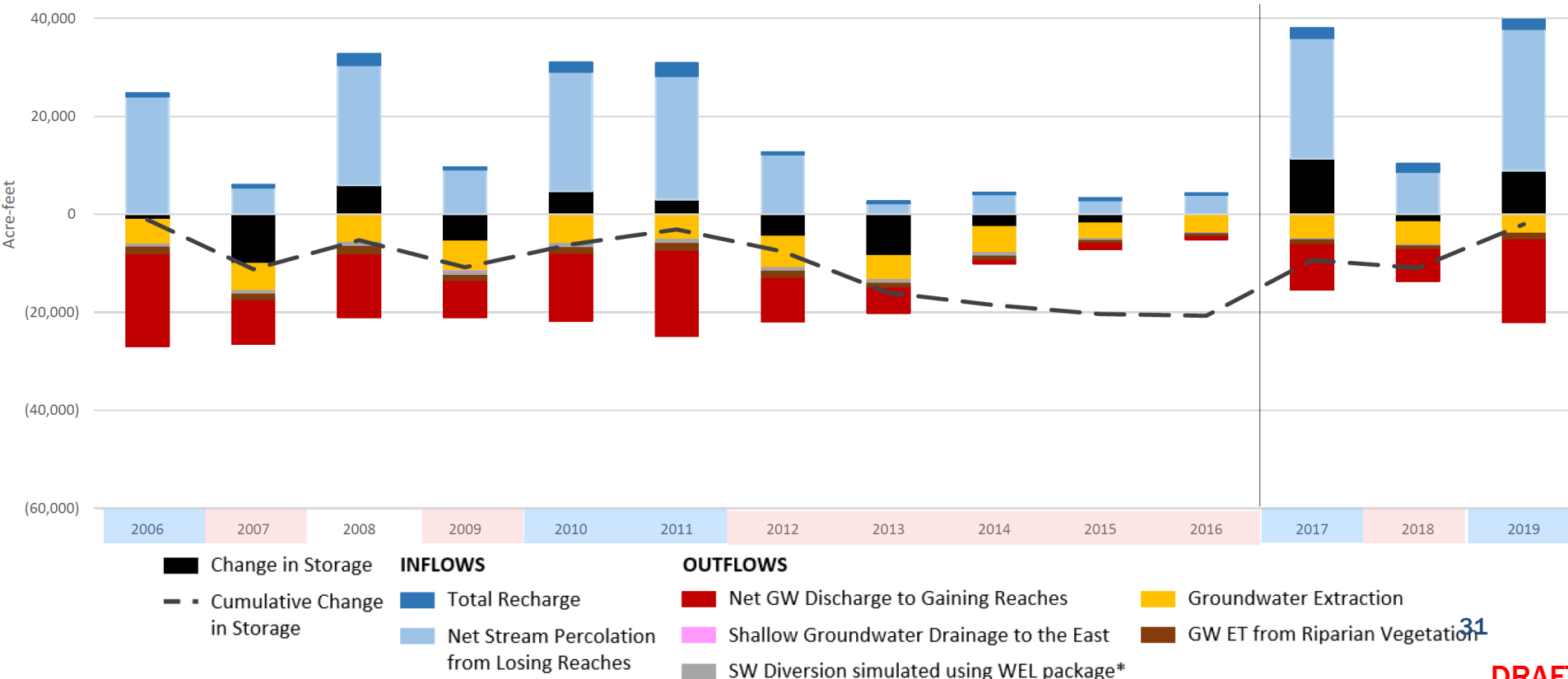


# SECTION 3.3 WATER BUDGET HISTORICAL / CURRENT GROUNDWATER BUDGET

## Key Takeaways:

*Groundwater budget is dominated by Ventura River percolation to the water table and discharge of groundwater back to the Ventura River.*

*No long-term reduction in groundwater storage.*



# FUTURE WATER BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

- SGMA requires minimum 50-yr future projections of groundwater conditions, including water budget for the basin
- Must use  $\geq 50$  yrs. of *historical* hydrology
- Must use most recent conditions for baseline estimate of future water demands
- Must evaluate potential effects on water demand due to:
  - Land Use Change
  - Population Change
  - Climate Change

# FUTURE CONDITIONS

## KEY ASSUMPTIONS

- **Hydrology: 1970 – 2019 is proxy for future conditions**
  - Several wet-dry cycles
  - Precipitation average similar to long-term average
  - Includes 1985 Wheeler and 2017 Thomas Fires
  
- **Groundwater Extraction:**
  - **Municipal based on planning documents & agency input**
    - Land use and population expected to be small – no increase in extractions expected
  - **Agriculture based on historical estimated use**
    - Note: this is not a pumping allocation or cap of any kind, it is just a planning estimate, can and will be updated
  - **Domestic assumed 2 acre-feet per year per parcel**

# FUTURE CONDITIONS

## KEY ASSUMPTIONS

### ■ Surface Water Diversions

- Robles Diversion –biological opinion operating rules implemented
- Private Diversion – based on historical reported diversions

### ■ Climate Change:

- Used change factors provided by DWR for 2030 and 2070 central tendency estimates
  - Climate change effects are small and not anticipated to materially impact GSP implementation

# SECTION 3.3 WATER BUDGET

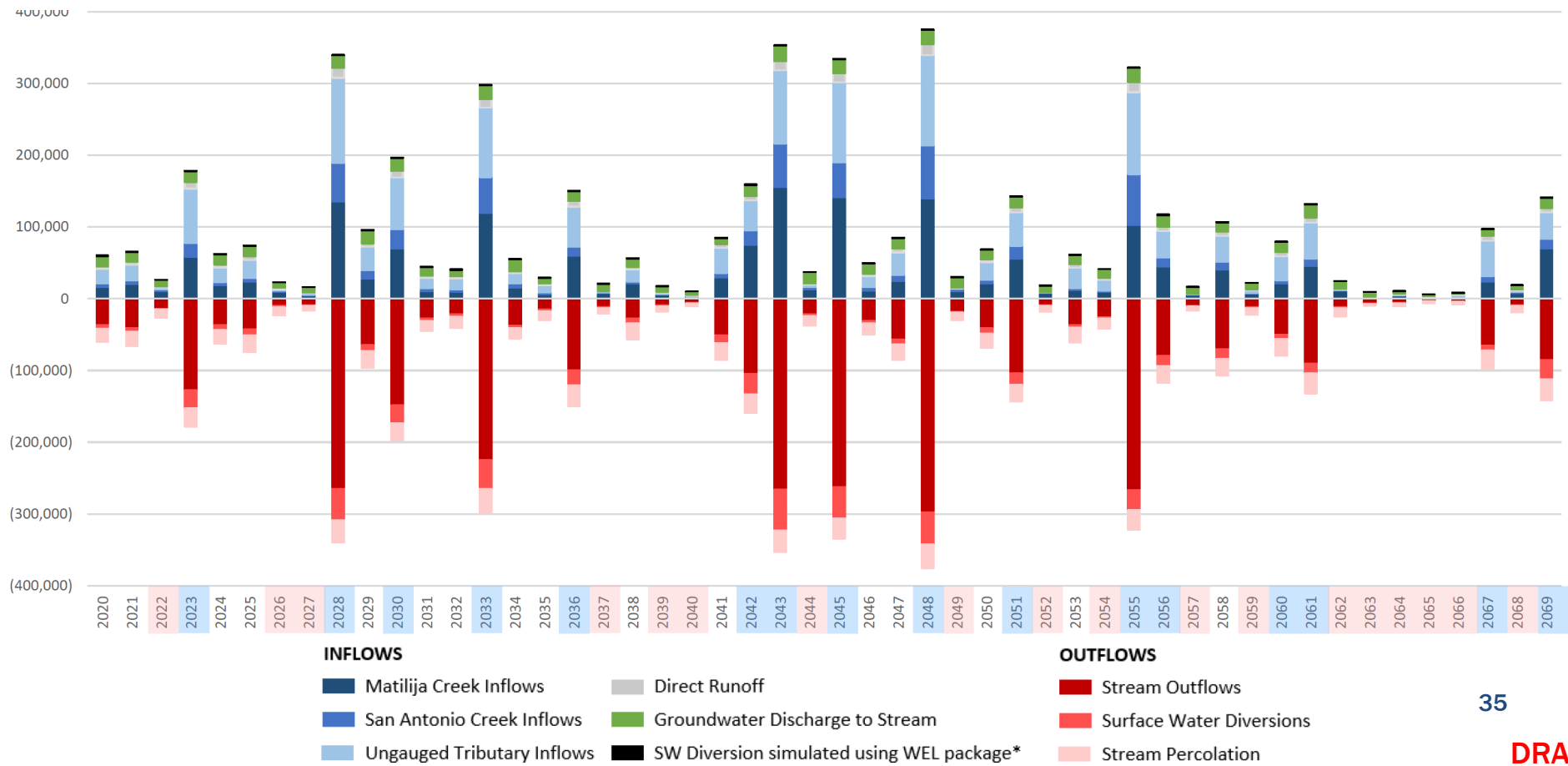
## FUTURE PROJECTED

## SURFACE WATER BUDGET

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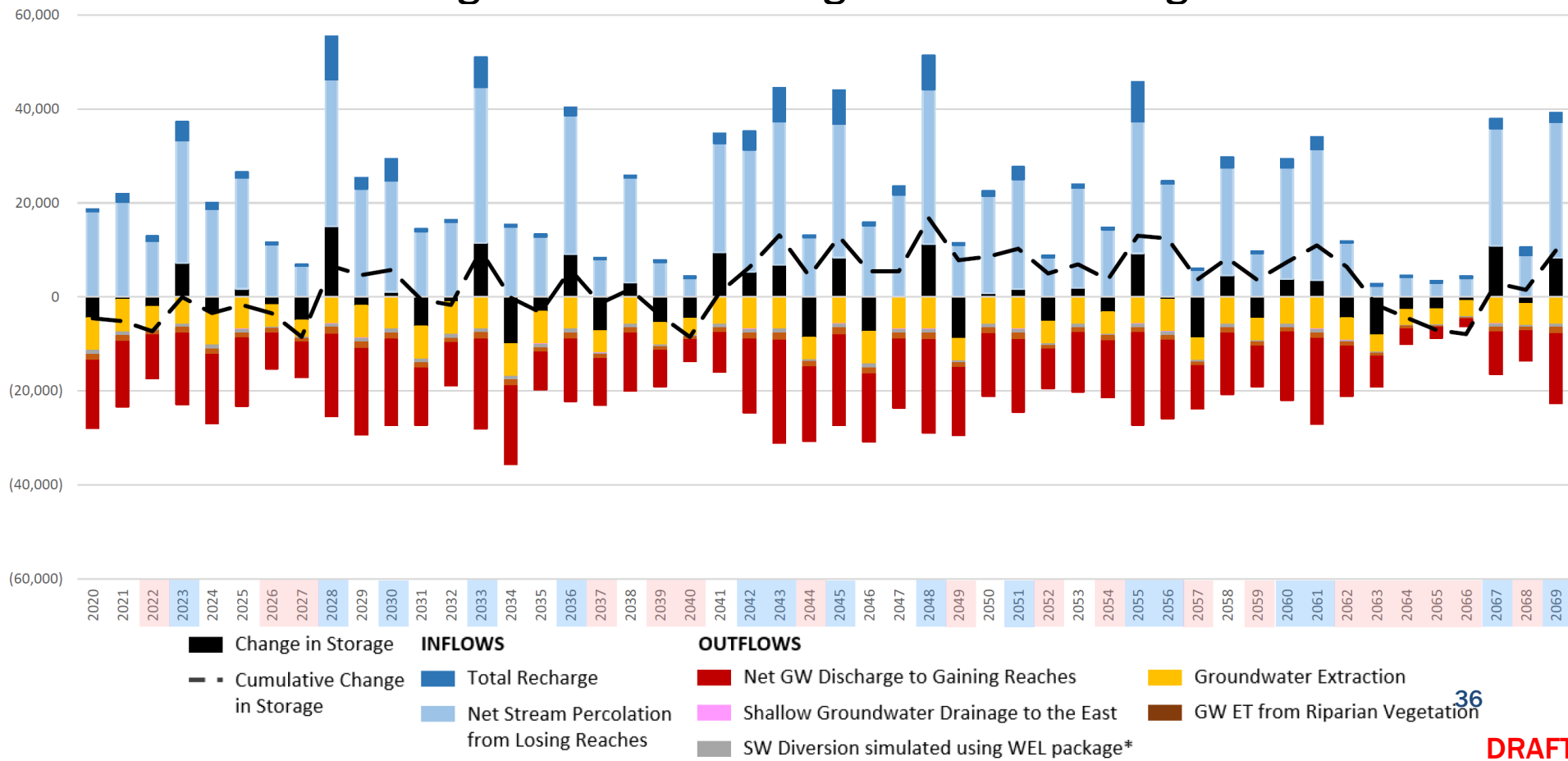
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# SECTION 3.3 WATER BUDGET FUTURE PROJECTED GROUNDWATER BUDGET

## Key Takeaways:

*Groundwater budget is dominated by Ventura River percolation to the water table*  
*No long-term reduction in groundwater storage.*





## SECTION 3.3

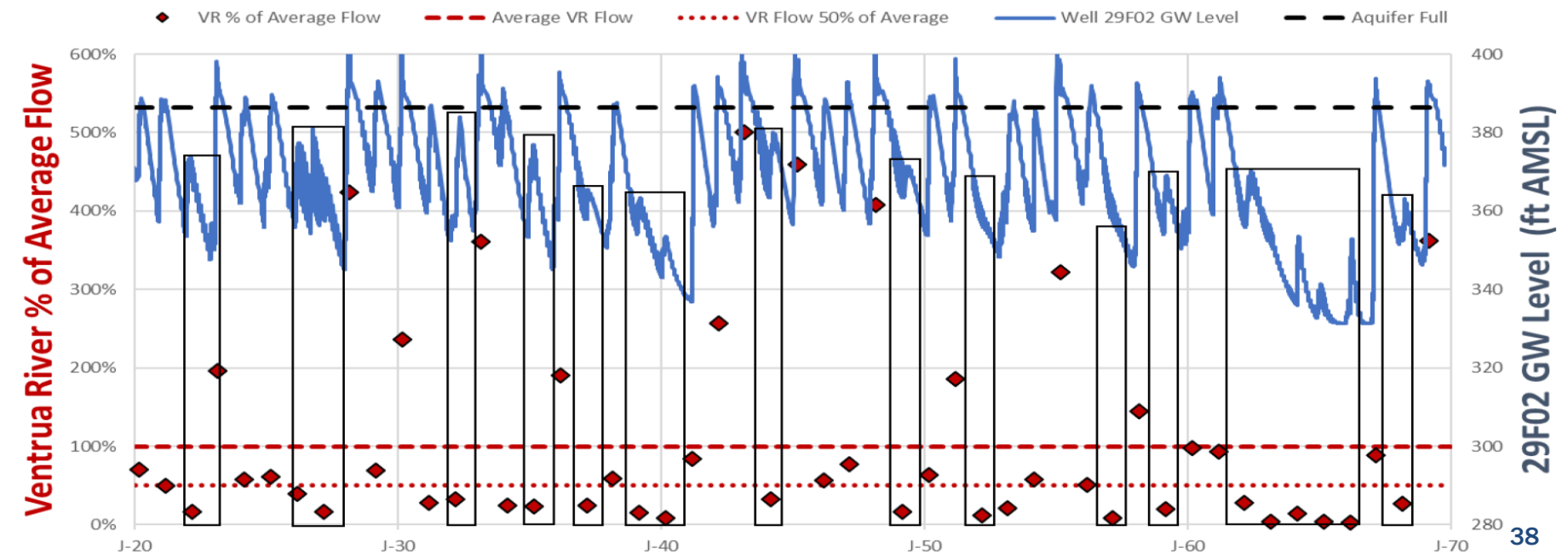
# WATER BUDGET CONCLUSIONS

- The basin is in balance with no chronic lowering of groundwater levels or storage reduction.
- No pumping allocations, caps, or reductions are proposed in the GSP because the basin is in balance. However, actions may be needed to address depletions surface water. These actions will be developed over the next 10-15 years.

# SIMULATED FUTURE GROUNDWATER LEVELS

## Key Takeaways:

1. *No chronic decline in groundwater levels is predicted.*
2. *Basin is predicted to “drain” and “refill” as it has historically.*
3. *Basin is predicted to “refill” when Ventura River flows  $\geq 50\%$  of ave. flow.*



# SECTION 4

## SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

- Overarching goal of SGMA is to avoid undesirable results for each applicable SGMA sustainability indicator:



- One section for each sustainability indicator

# SECTION 4

## SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

- Sustainability Goal
- Measurable Objectives
  - Quantitative metrics that reflect basin desired conditions
- Minimum Thresholds
  - Quantitative metrics indicating significant and unreasonable effect likely exist
- Undesirable Results
  - Significant and unreasonable effects for sustainability indicators caused by groundwater conditions occurring throughout the basin; identified as a combination of minimum threshold exceedances

# IDENTIFIED BENEFICIAL USERS CONSIDERED IN SMC DEVELOPMENT

## ■ Groundwater

- *Municipal, agricultural, and domestic water supply wells*
- *Riparian Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)*



## ■ Surface Water:

- *Municipal diversions*
- *Agricultural diversion*
- *Aquatic GDEs*
- *Recreation*



# DEFINING UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

- Degraded Water Quality
  - Undesirable results = water supply impairment
- Groundwater levels:
  - *Significant and unreasonable depletion of supply (i.e. the beneficial users who rely on groundwater supply)*
- Groundwater Storage:
  - *Directly related to groundwater levels – same URs as groundwater levels*
- Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water:
  - *Significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water*

# DRAFT GSP SMC

## **\*\*\*Disclaimers\*\*\***

*The following SMC proposals are not approved by the UVRGA Board until it adopts the GSP.*

*Initial SMC adopted in the GSP will be revisited during each 5-year GSP review for potential modification based on monitoring results and other new information.*

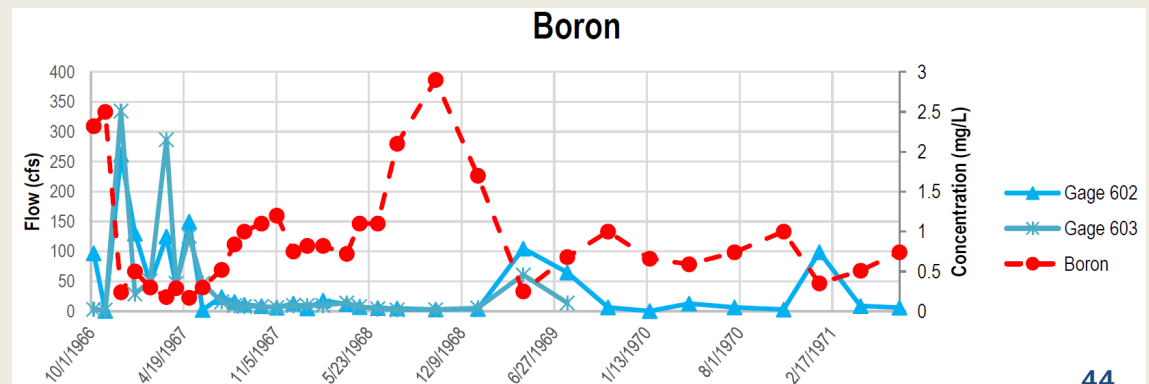


# DEGRADED WATER QUALITY SMC



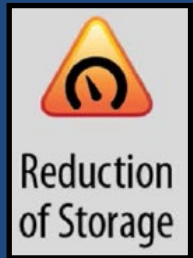
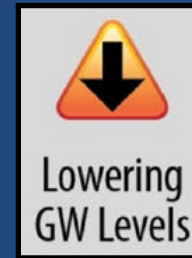
***NOTE: SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE TO DEGRADED WATER QUALITY SCM BEFORE GSP IS ADOPTED***

- Naturally occurring water quality constituents:
  - Surface water quality controls groundwater quality
  - No meaningful nexus with groundwater pumping
  - No SMC required

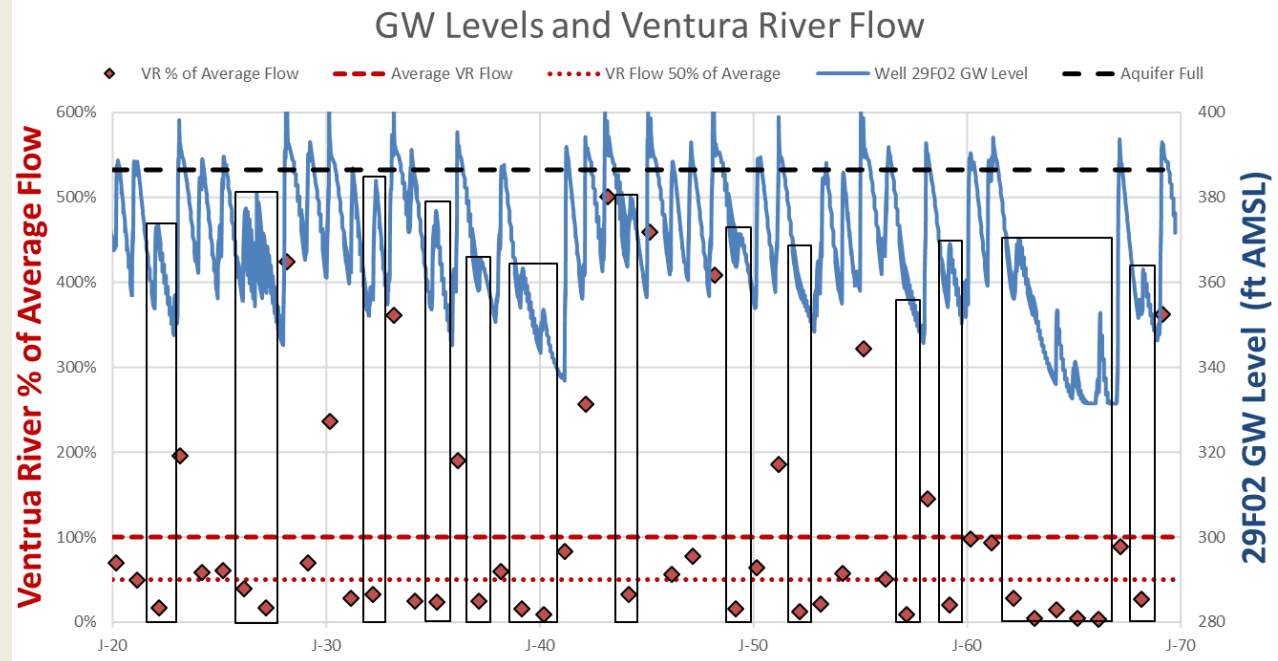




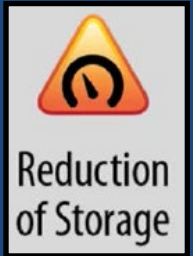
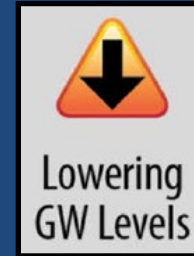
# GROUNDWATER LEVELS & STORAGE SMC



- No chronic GW level declines or storage reduction historically and not anticipated
- Basin refills in years when Ventura River flow is  $\sim \geq 50\%$  of average flow
- Address pumping effects during periods of low GW levels



# GROUNDWATER LEVELS & STORAGE SMC

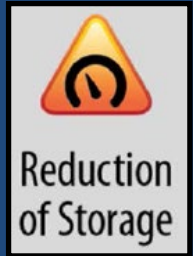
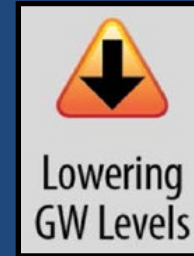


## Basis for Minimum Thresholds:

- No reported S&U effects with low GW levels
- Wells may be impacted at lower GW levels
- Impacts to riparian GDEs - Deeper groundwater levels could lead to more widespread or longstanding effects.

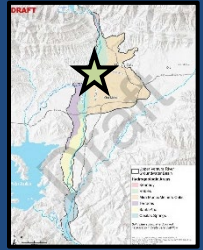
***Conclusion: minimum thresholds set at historical low GW levels will be reasonably protective against significant and unreasonable effects***

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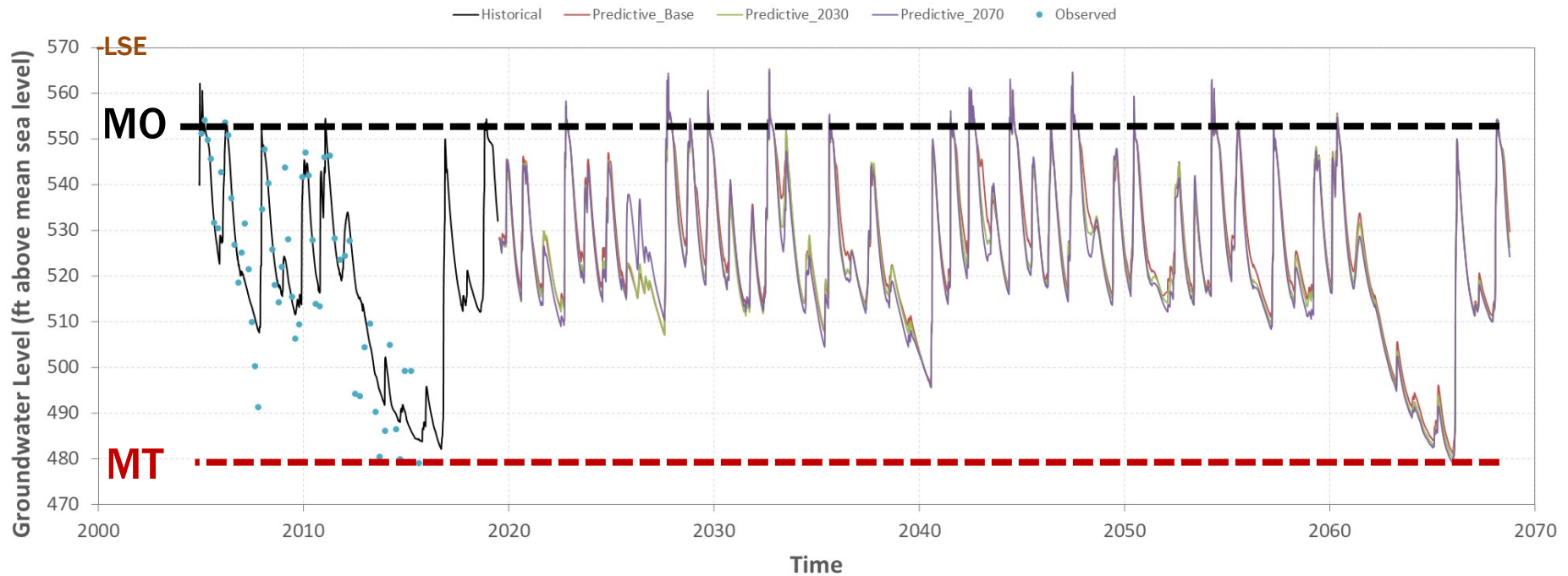


- Measurable Objectives: Set at the typical high GW level historically observed in years when aquifer fills
  - MO usually should be met with spring high GW level when VR flow is  $> 50\%$  of mean
- Minimum Thresholds: Historical low levels to protect domestic wells and riparian GDEs
- Undesirable Results: Minimum threshold exceedance at all seven representative monitoring locations

# EXAMPLE SMC: SOUTHERN ROBLES AREA WELL



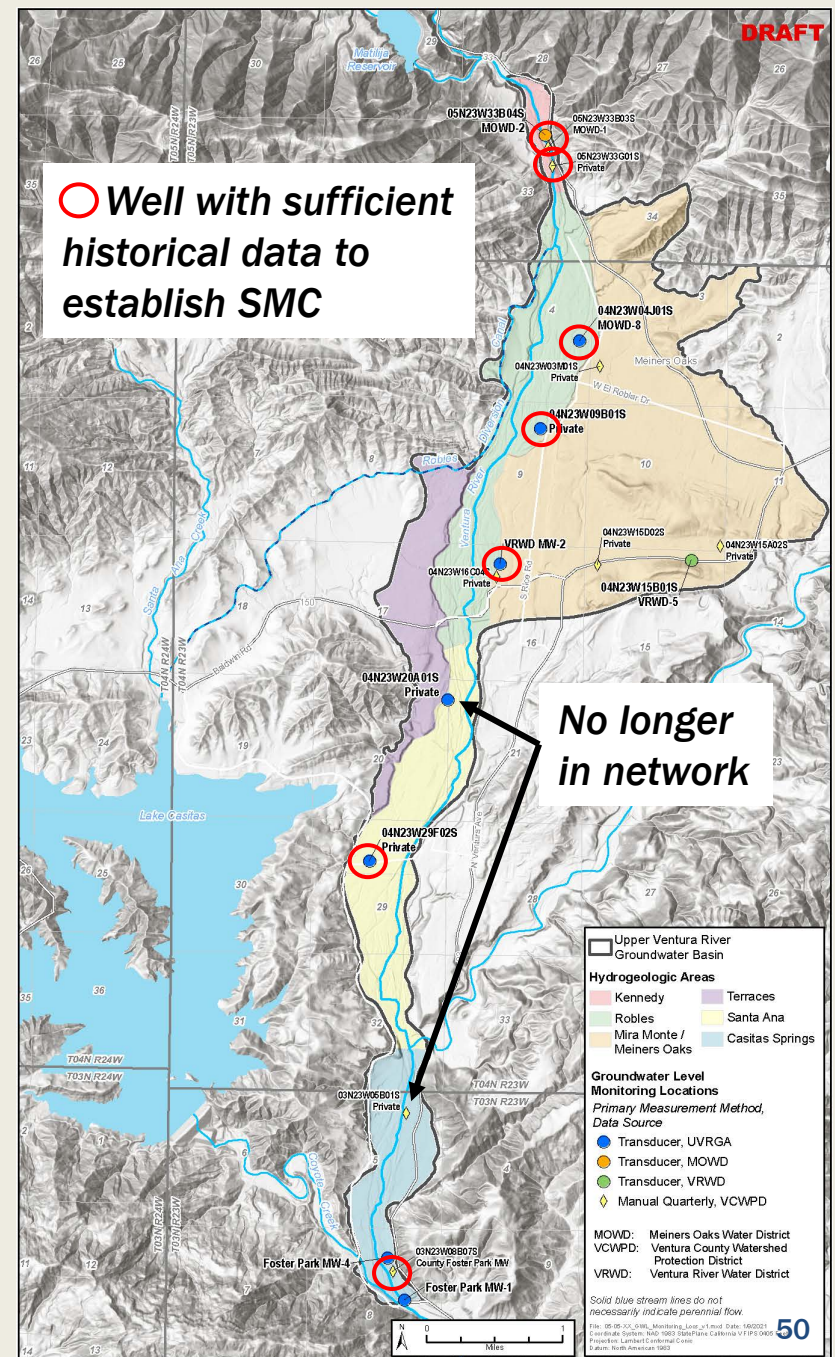
Groundwater Level - Baseline/2030/2070 (South Robles 04N23W16C04S)





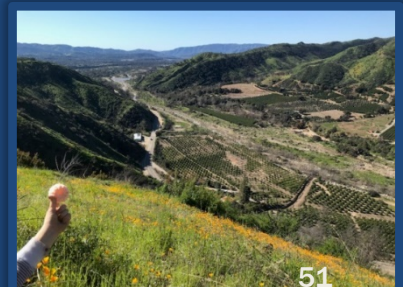
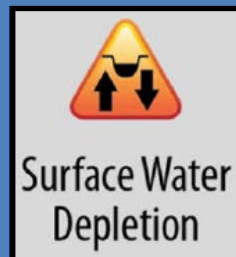
# GROUNDWATER LEVEL AND STORAGE UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

- 15 wells in monitoring network
- 7 wells have sufficient historical data to establish SMC
- Undesirable results = MT exceedance in all seven representative wells
- Gaps in monitoring network to be addressed during GSP implementation





# DEPLETION OF INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER SMC PROPOSAL



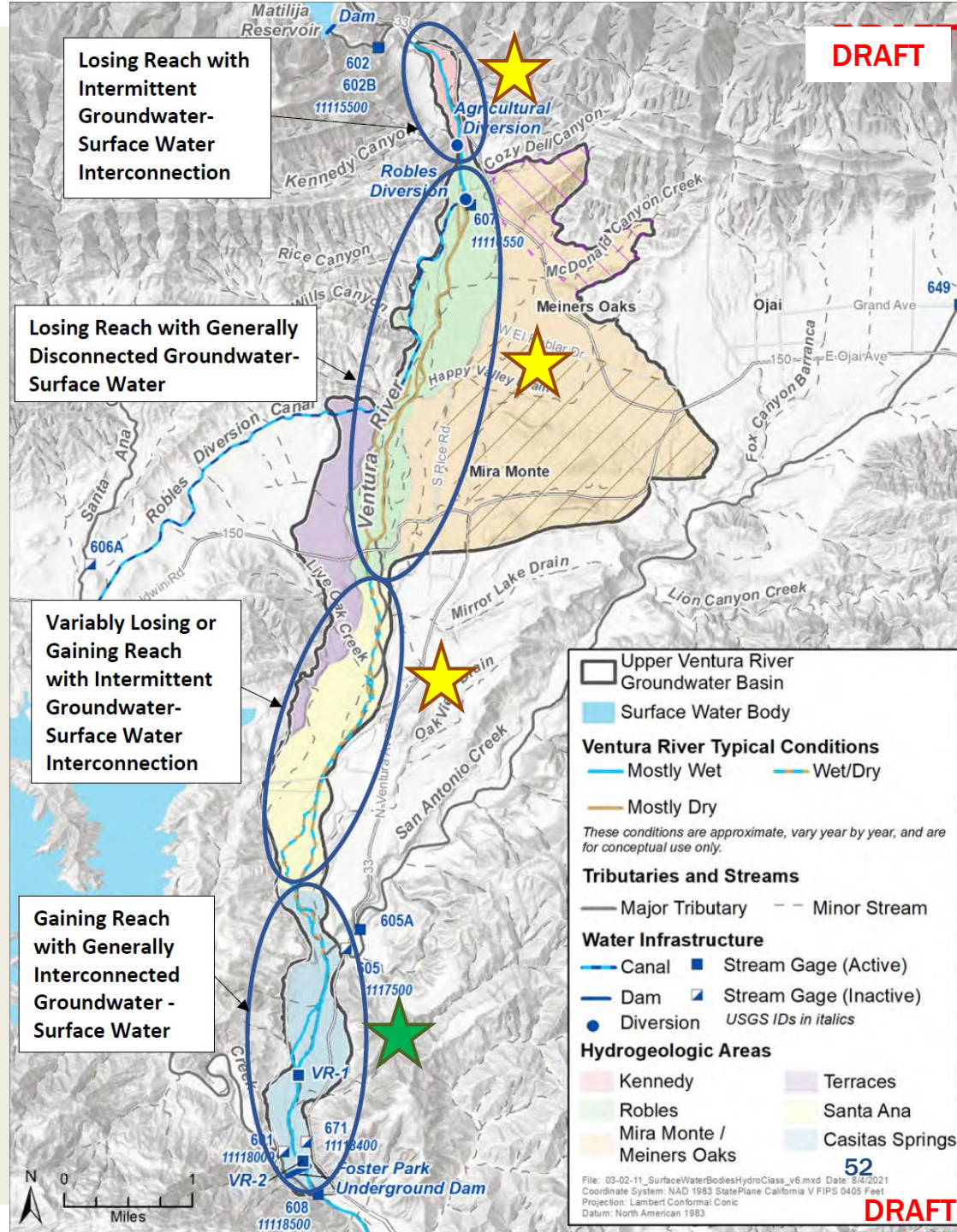


# GROUNDWATER SURFACE WATER INTERACTION

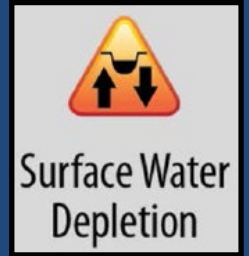
- 4 areas along Ventura River with different types of GW-SW interaction

★ Consistently interconnected

★ Interconnection is transient and spatially variable

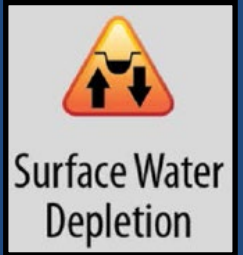


# ISW DEPLETION SMC



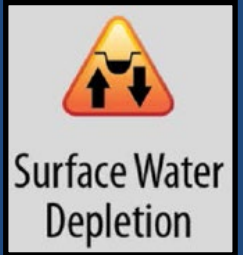
- GSA must address pumping-related significant and unreasonable impacts (depletion) on beneficial uses:
  - Recreation
  - Surface water diversions
  - Aquatic GDEs

# ISW DEPLETION EFFECTS ON RECREATION



- **Prominent Recreation Areas Coincide with Habitat Areas:**
  - **Robles “Pool” – Robles Habitat Area**
  - **Confluence / Steelhead Preserve – Confluence Habitat Area**
  - **Foster Park – Foster Park Habitat Area**
- **Assume no significant and unreasonable effects on recreation if GDEs are addressed**

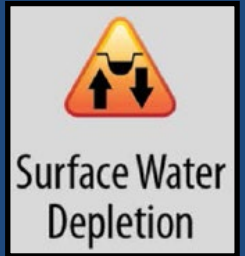
# ISW DEPLETION MODELING



- Evaluation Method: Compare baseline 50-yr future project simulation with and without pumping
- Evaluation Areas:
  - Near surface water diversions
  - Two critical riffle areas
  - Three habitat areas

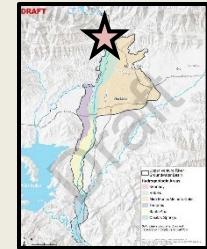


# ISW DEPLETION EFFECTS ON DIVERSIONS

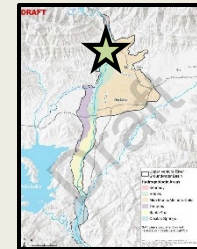


## ■ Surface water diversions:

- Rancho Matilija MWC (Kennedy Area)



- Robles Diversion (Robles Area)



- Downstream of Basin:

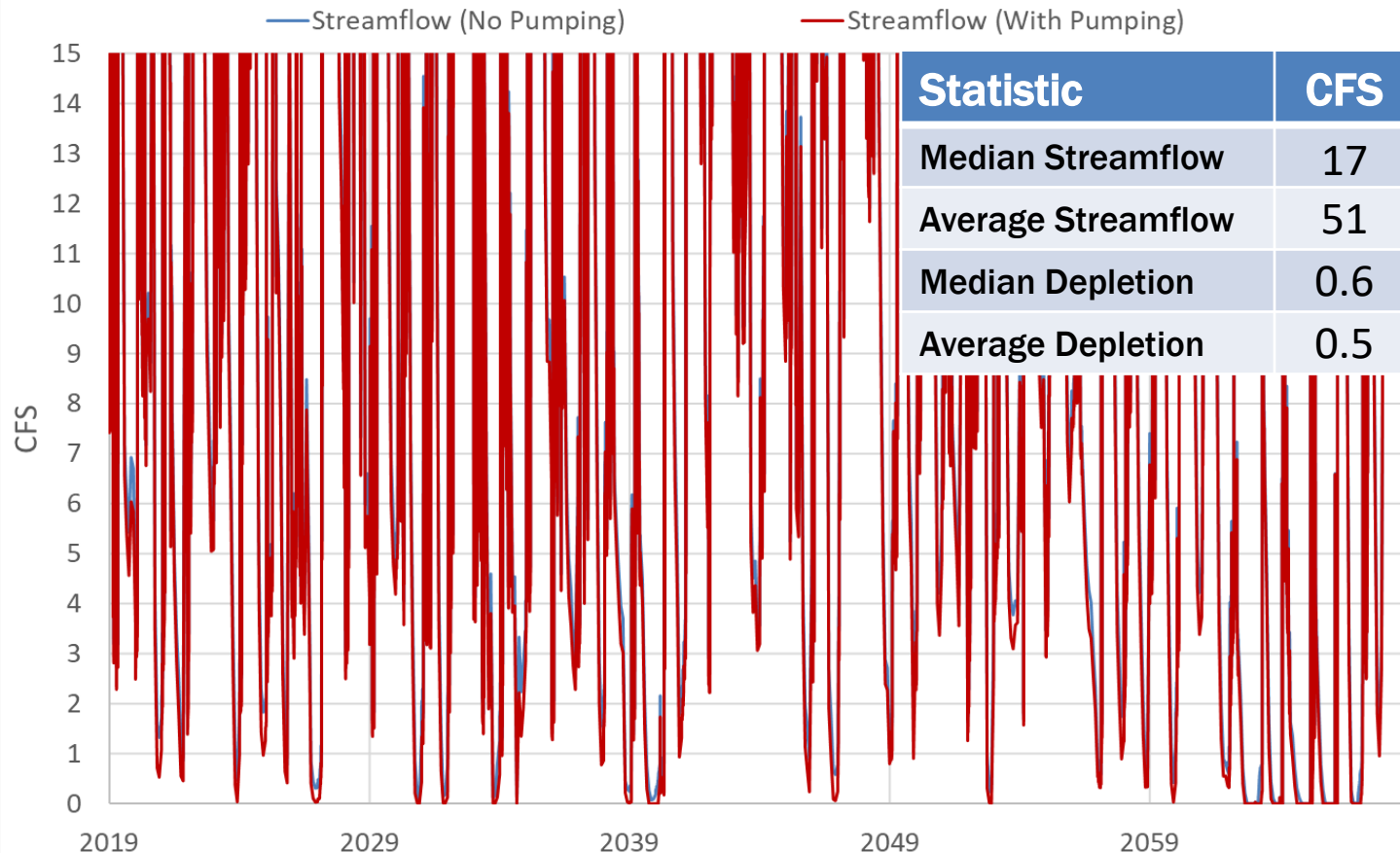
- Two small abandoned diversions (N/A)

# ISW DEPLETION EFFECTS ON DIVERSIONS



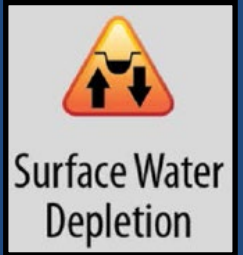
Surface Water  
Depletion

Simulated Increase in Ventura River Flow Without Non-City Pumping in Dry Season  
Near Rancho Matilija MWC and Robles Diversions



# DIVERSIONS

## WHAT IS PROPOSED?



- Because estimated depletions are small, conclude there are not significant and unreasonable effects of depletion on diversions

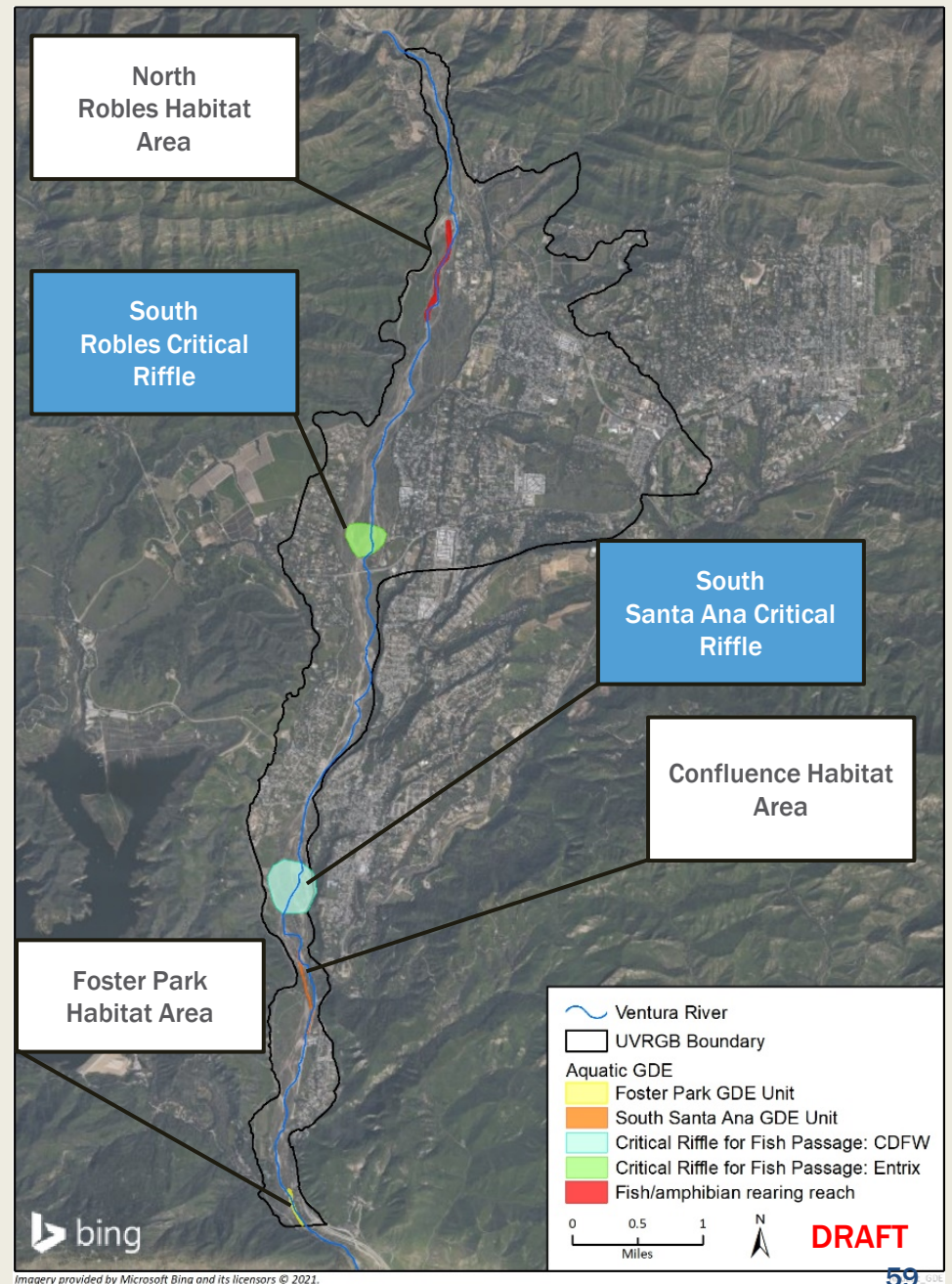
# IMPORTANT AQUATIC GDE AREAS

## ■ Critical Riffles

- South Robles
- Santa Ana

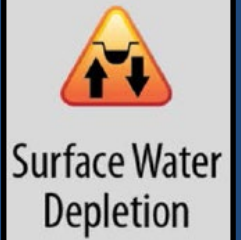
## ■ Habitat Areas

- North Robles
- Confluence
- Foster Park



# MODELED DEPLETION IN AQUATIC GDE AREAS

Depletion of  
Potential Concern  
Under Certain  
Conditions



<i>Robles CR</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow	4.4	26	22	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	0.6
Median Depletion	<0.1	0.2	0.4	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	<0.1
<i>Santa Ana CR</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow	2.3	12	14	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	0.1
Median Depletion	<0.1	<0.1	1.2	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	<0.1
<b>Robles HA</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow	14	32	32	12	6.3	0.9	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	0.5	5.2
Median Depletion	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	0.1	0.2
<b>Confluence HA</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow	16	44	50	22	17	13	8.8	5.4	2.1	1.0	2.0	7.5
Median Depletion	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.8
<b>Foster Park HA</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Median Flow	23	51	61	28	23	19	16	14	13	13	13	15
Median Depletion	4.0	7.0	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.1	6.6	6.1

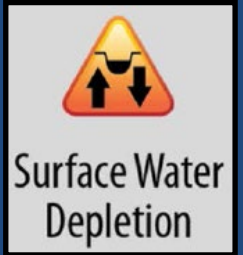
All values are cubic feet per second (cfs)

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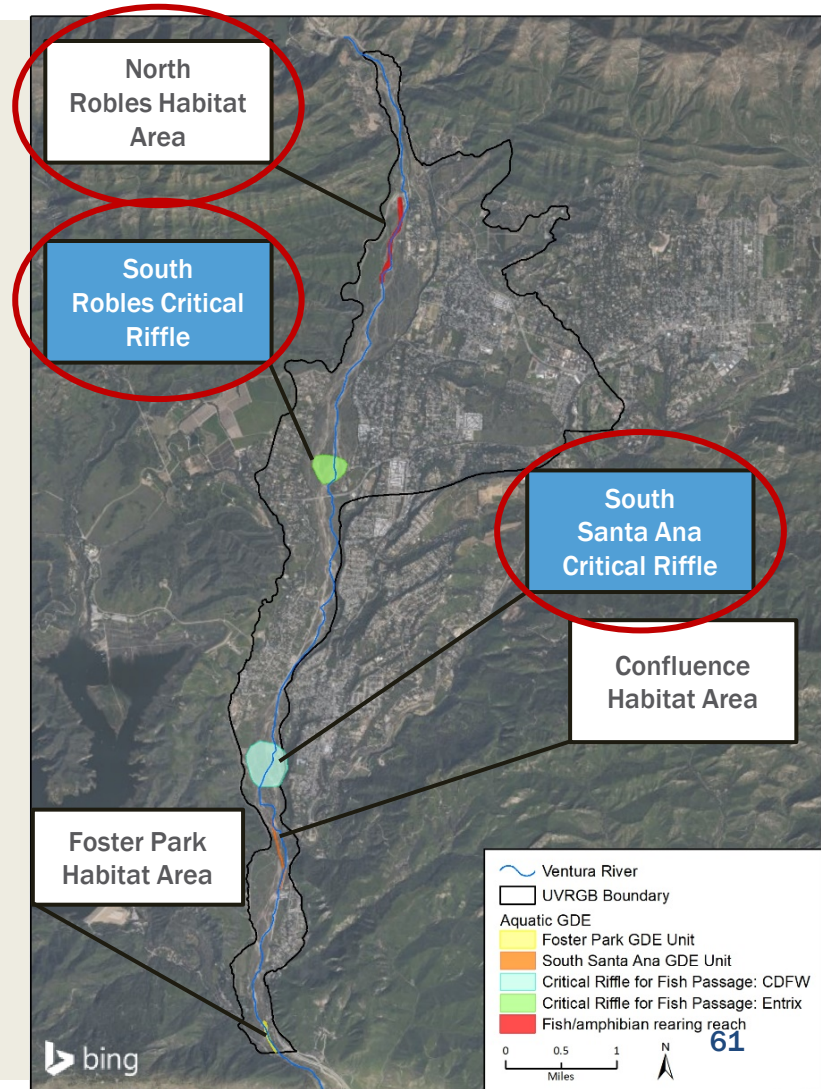


# AQUATIC GDE AREAS

## WHAT IS PROPOSED?



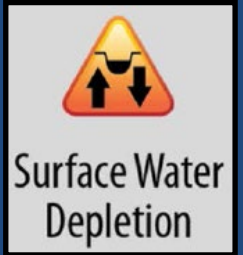
- Because estimated depletions are small, conclude there are not significant and unreasonable effects of depletion on three of the five Aquatic GDE areas:
  - North Robles Habitat Area
  - S. Robles Critical Riffle
  - S. Santa Ana Critical Riffle





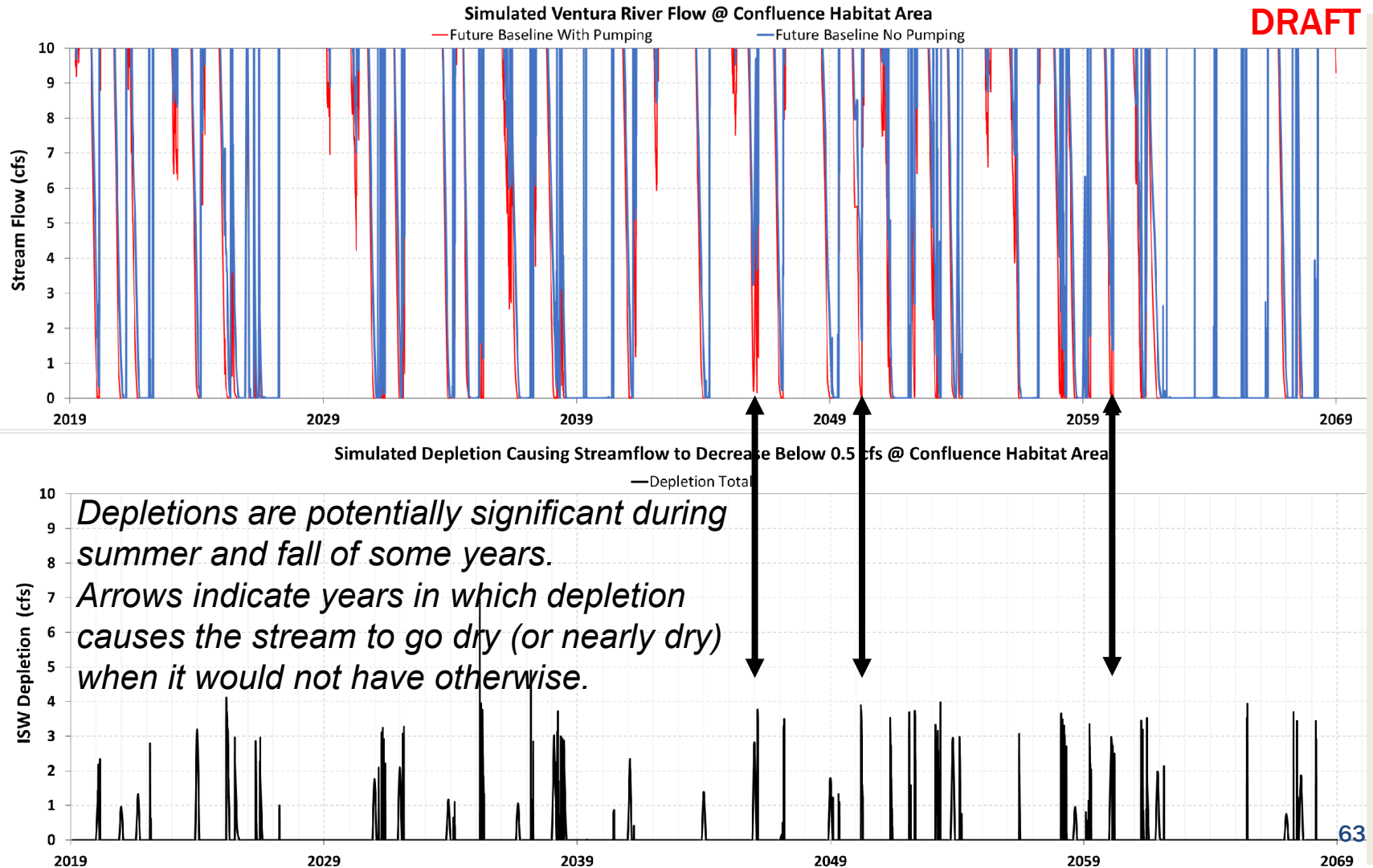
# CONFLUENCE HABITAT AREA

## WHAT DO WE KNOW?



- Undepleted stream flow declines to zero (no flow) in the dry seasons of many years. Depletion causes stream to go dry sooner than it would otherwise.
  - Only a few years in which depletion causes the stream to go dry (or nearly dry) when it would not have otherwise.

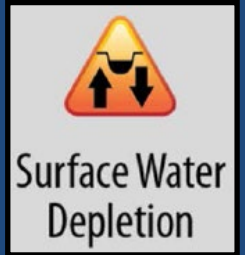
# STREAMFLOW DEPLETION CONFLUENCE HABITAT AREA



Note: Model is Daily Nov - March & Monthly April - Oct

# CONFLUENCE HABITAT AREA

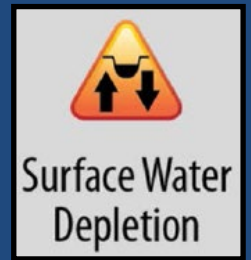
## WHAT DON'T WE KNOW?



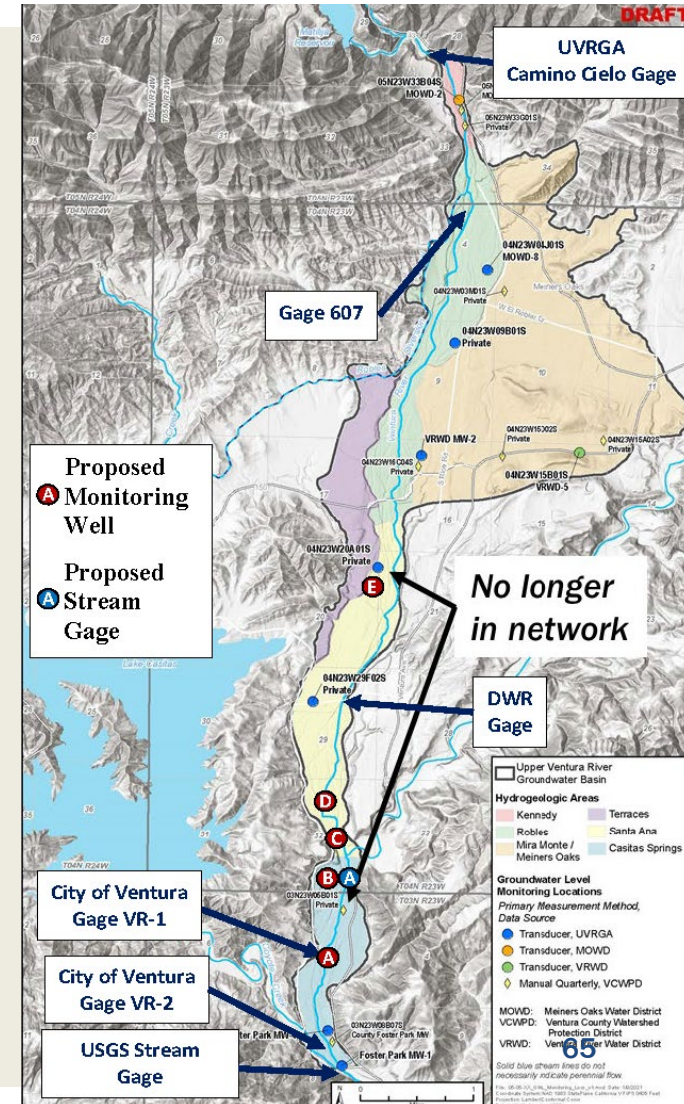
- Insufficient data to assess whether depletion effects are significant and unreasonable
  - Unknown whether aquatic species become stranded during critical periods or take refuge in perennial areas (San Antonio Creek or Foster Park)
- Groundwater levels and stream flow within the habitat area
- Uncertainty in model estimates of indirect depletion in the habitat area

# CONFLUENCE HABITAT AREA

## WHAT IS PROPOSED?

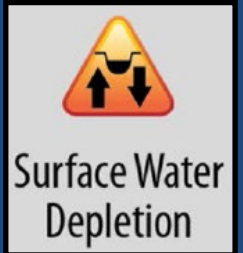


- Biological monitoring to assess whether S&U effects on aquatic GDEs occurs
- Construct monitoring wells within and upstream of habitat area
  - Sites B, C, D, & E
- Construct stream flow gage (A)
- Update modeling to better assess indirect depletion at habitat area
- Revisit need for SMC in first 5-year GSP assessment

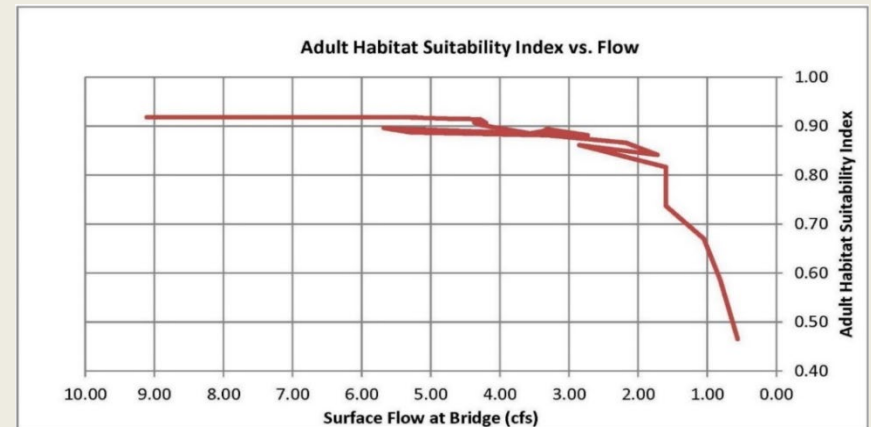


# FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA

## WHAT DO WE KNOW?



- Best available science for understanding ISW depletion effects at Foster Park = Hopkins (2013)
- Concurrent Rainbow Trout Habitat Suitability Indices (HSI) and surface flow monitoring.
- HSI score dropped steeply at 2 cfs (measured at the Casitas Vista Road bridge) indicating significant effects



# STREAMFLOW DEPLETION FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA

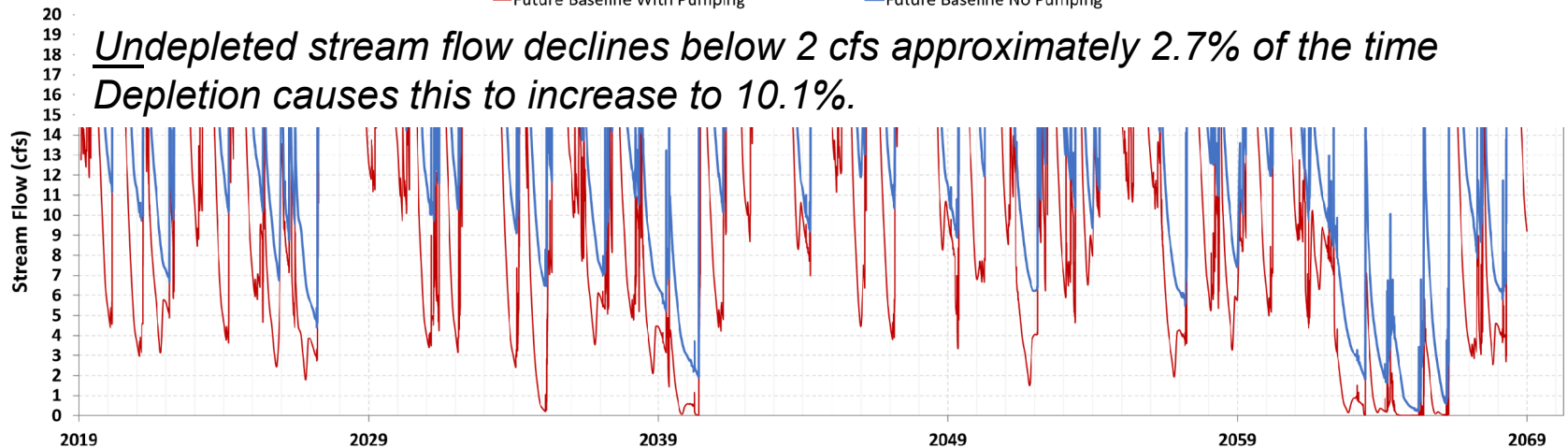
Simulated Ventura River Flow @ Foster Park USGS Gage

— Future Baseline With Pumping

— Future Baseline No Pumping

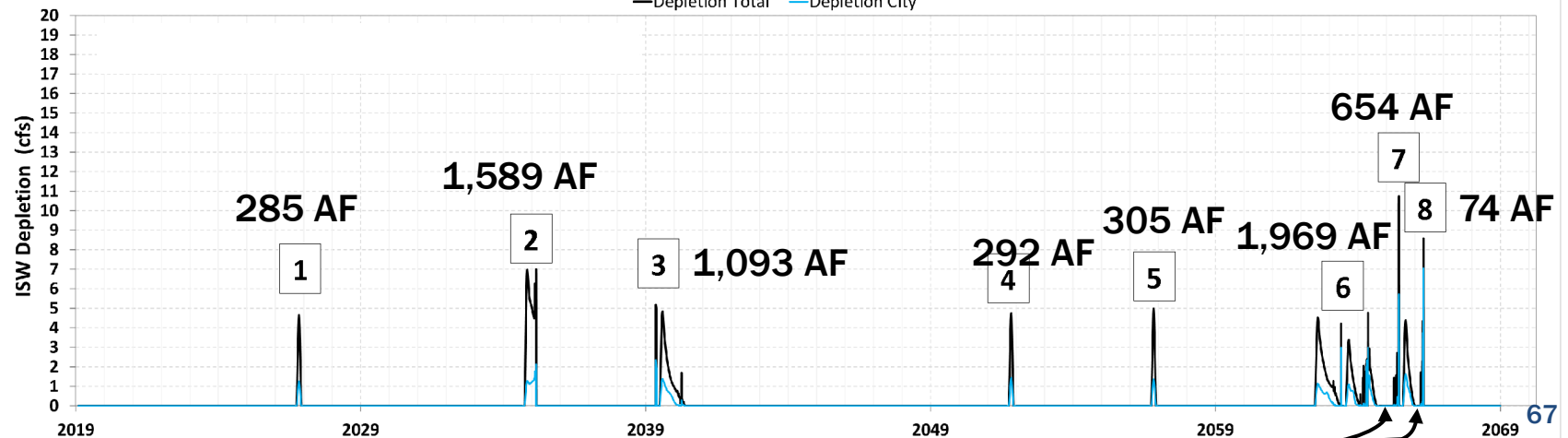
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Undepleted stream flow declines below 2 cfs approximately 2.7% of the time  
Depletion causes this to increase to 10.1%.



Simulated Depletion Causing Streamflow to Decrease Below 2 cfs @ Foster Park USGS Gage

— Depletion Total — Depletion City



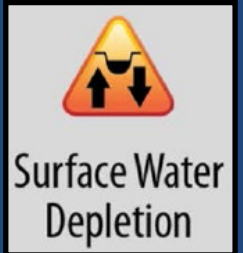
Values above do not include ~960 of depletion when undepleted flows are <2cfs

Note: Model is Daily Nov - March & Monthly April - Oct



# FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA

## WHAT DON'T WE KNOW?



- How representative the Hopkins 2013 study is over a longer period and with different antecedent conditions
- Groundwater levels between Foster Park and upstream portions of Basin – currently only one monitoring well between Foster Park and HWY 150
- Uncertainty in model estimates of indirect depletion in the habitat area

# FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA

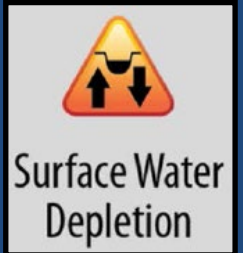
## WHAT IS PROPOSED?



- Establish initial SCM to prevent depletions of interconnected surface water that cause a degradation in habitat conditions that lead to substantial stress and/or potential mortality for steelhead
- Biological monitoring (collaborate with others)
- Review results of City of Ventura implementation of “Foster Park Protocols” and monitoring
- Additional groundwater level monitoring via existing wells in Foster Park area
- Address groundwater level & stream flow data gaps
- Update modeling to better assess indirect depletion
- Revisit SMC during 5-year GSP assessments

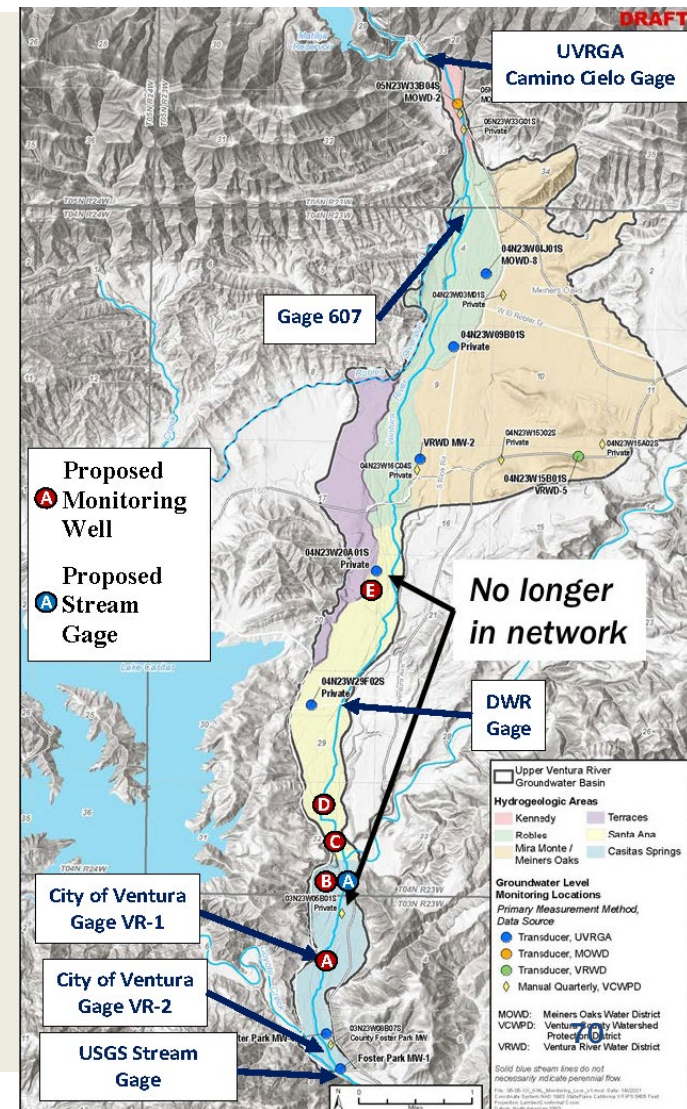
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## WHAT IS PROPOSED?

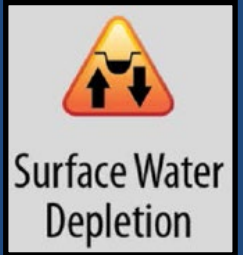


### ■ Data Gaps

- Construct monitoring wells upstream of Foster Park in data gap areas (Sites A – E)
  - Couple Site A with City gage VR-1
  - Facilitate model updates to better estimate indirect depletion
- Construct stream flow gage near confluence (Site A)
  - Understand surface water inflow to Foster Park

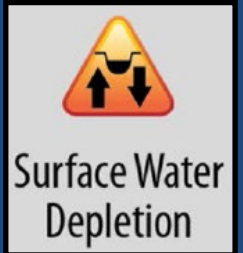


# FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA PROPOSED INITIAL ISW SMC



- Hopkins 2013 indicates potential significant and unreasonable results may occur if depletion causes depletion to or below a critical stream flow rate of 2 cfs (at USGS gage)
- Minimum Threshold based on Hopkins 2013:
  - Avoid causing stream flow to drop below critical flow (2cfs at USGS gage) when undepleted flow would not otherwise fall below 2 cfs
  - Avoid depletion when undepleted flows would be below 2cfs at USGS gage to avoid exacerbating critical conditions for aquatic species

# FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA PROPOSED INITIAL ISW SMC



Undepleted Flow (without groundwater pumping – derived from groundwater model)	Depletion Minimum Threshold and Measurable Objective	Goal
> 2 cfs	Undepleted flow minus 2 cfs	The minimum threshold and measurable objective seek to prevent depletions of surface water flow caused by groundwater pumping that would cause surface water flow to be less than 2 cfs when surface water flow would not be less than 2 cfs without pumping.
< = 2 cfs	0 cfs	The minimum threshold and measurable objective seek to prevent depletions of surface water flow caused by groundwater pumping when surface water would already be 2 cfs or less without groundwater pumping.

- Undepleted flow and depletion to be determined via modeling as provided for by SGMA
- Note: UVRGA is not responsible for maintaining 2 cfs of stream flow at Casitas Vistas Road bridge.

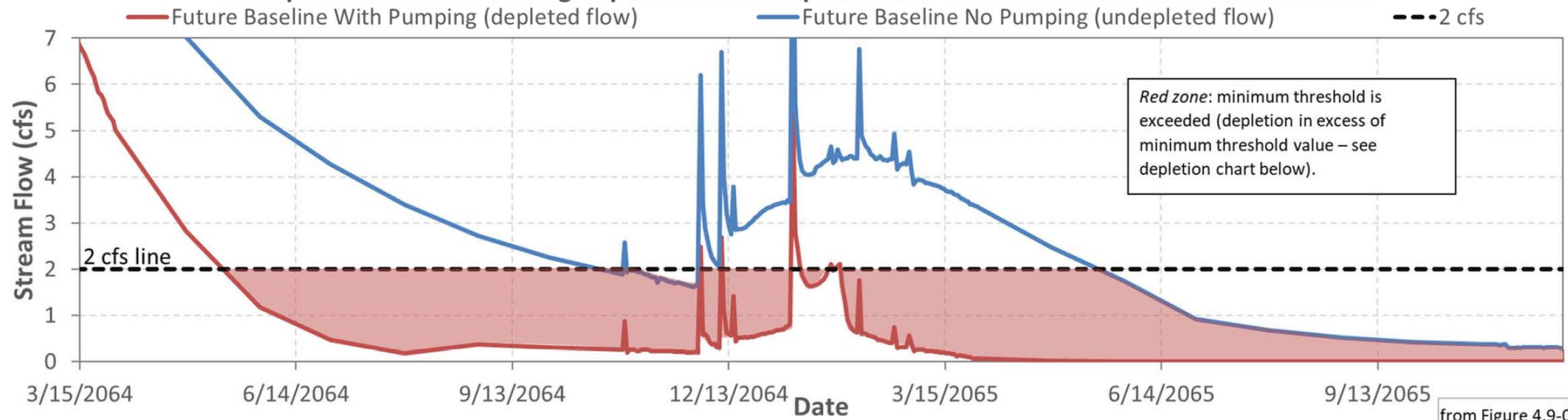


# FOSTER PARK HABITAT AREA PROPOSED INITIAL ISW MT

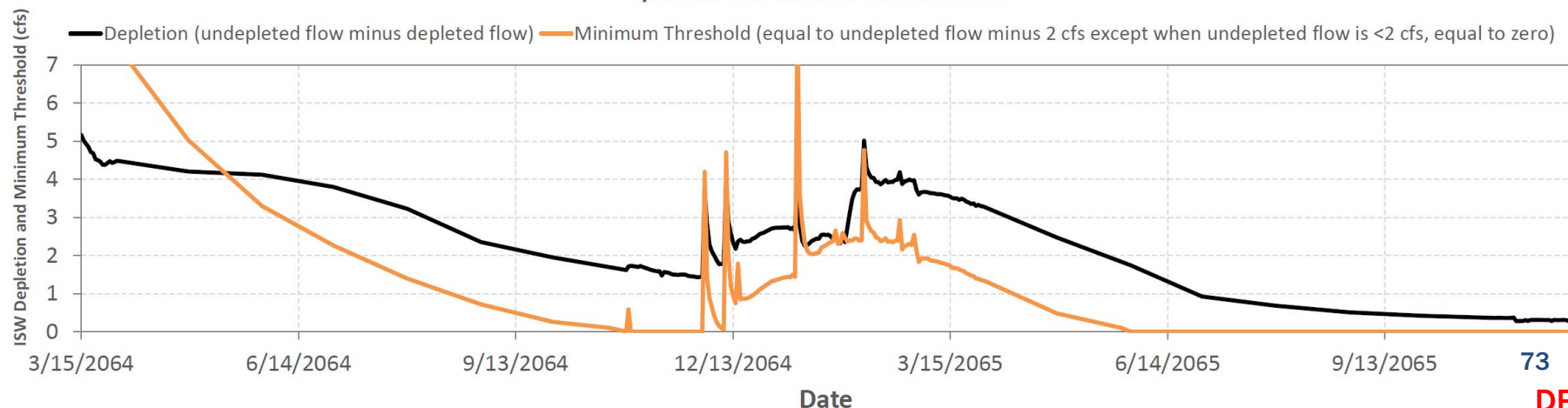


Surface Water  
Depletion

Example Time Period Showing Depleted and Undepleted Flow and Minimum Threshold Exceedance

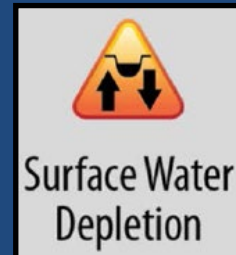


Depletion and Minimum Threshold



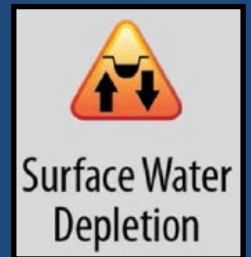


# PROPOSED SMC IMPLEMENTATION



- Modeling suggests that minimum thresholds will be exceeded 7.5% of the time
  - During multi-year dry periods
- It is anticipated that the Foster Park Flow Protocols will address direct depletion by the City of Ventura
- Measures would be needed to address indirect depletion caused by pumping wells located upstream of Foster Park.
- Proposed actions to achieve the measurable objective are outlined on next slide

# OUTLINE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ISW DEPLETION

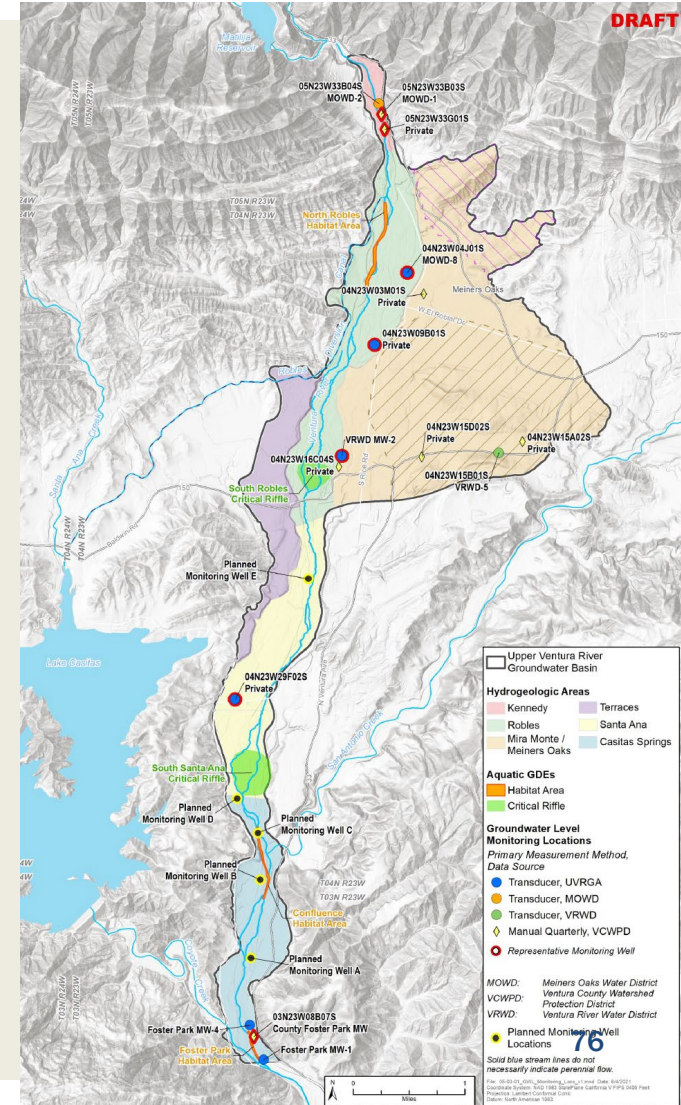


Action No.	Action Description	Milestone	Target Date
<b>IM #1 Period: 0-5 years (2022 – 2027)</b>			
1-1	Develop Foster Park Habitat Area Monitoring Plan - work with other entities to develop a coordinated monitoring program for the Foster Park Habitat Area	Foster Park Habitat Area Monitoring Plan and cost sharing agreements adopted by coordinating entities	1/31/2024
1-2	Initiate Foster Park Habitat Area Monitoring Program	Initiate monitoring activities; annual monitoring data published in GSP annual reports	6/30/2024
1-3	Add monitoring wells and stream gauge to monitoring networks	Access agreements or constructed monitoring wells and stream gage installation	6/30/2025
1-4	Add new monitoring wells to groundwater level and quality monitoring networks	Initiate monitoring of new wells	6/30/2025
1-5	Update numerical model calibration and ISW depletion estimates	Model update tech memo and updated depletion simulation results	6/30/2026
1-6	Begin planning for project(s) and/or management action(s) to achieve measurable objective.	Memo: preliminary feasibility analysis of project(s) and/or management action(s) to achieve measurable objective	6/30/2026
1-7	5-year GSP assessment. Update SMC, if appropriate.	GSP assessment document and GSP update	1/31/2027
<b>IM #2 Period: 5-10 years (2027 – 2032)</b>			
2-1	Continued monitoring	Annual monitoring data published in GSP annual reports	Annually by April 1
2-2	Update numerical model calibration, update depletion simulations, simulate potential project(s) and/or management action(s)	Model update and simulations tech memo	6/30/2029
2-3	Feasibility study of project(s) and/or management action(s) to achieve measurable objective	Feasibility study report	12/31/2030
2-4	Select project(s) and/or management action(s) to achieve measurable objective	UVRGA Board-approved project(s) and/or management actions for inclusion in GSP update.	6/30/2031
2-5	5-year GSP assessment and update. Include updated SMC, if appropriate. Add projects and/or management actions selected to achieve measurable objective.	GSP assessment document and GSP update	1/31/2032
<b>IM #3 Period: 10-15 years (2032 – 2037)</b>			
3-1	Continued monitoring	Annual monitoring data published in GSP annual reports	Annually by April 1
3-2	Develop project(s) and/or management action(s)	Progress toward ordinance(s), agreement(s), or design, as appropriate, based on selected project(s) and/or management action(s).	1/31/2037
3-3	5-year GSP assessment. Update GSP, as needed	GSP assessment document and GSP update	1/31/2037
<b>IM #4 Period: 15-20 years (2037 – 2042)</b>			
4-1	Continued monitoring	Annual monitoring data published in GSP annual reports	Annually by April 1
4-2	Implement project(s) and/or management action(s)	Completed ordinance(s), agreement(s), or construction, as appropriate, based on selected project(s) and/or management action(s).	1/31/2040
4-3	5-year GSP assessment. Update GSP, as needed	GSP assessment document and GSP update	1/31/2042

# SECTION 5

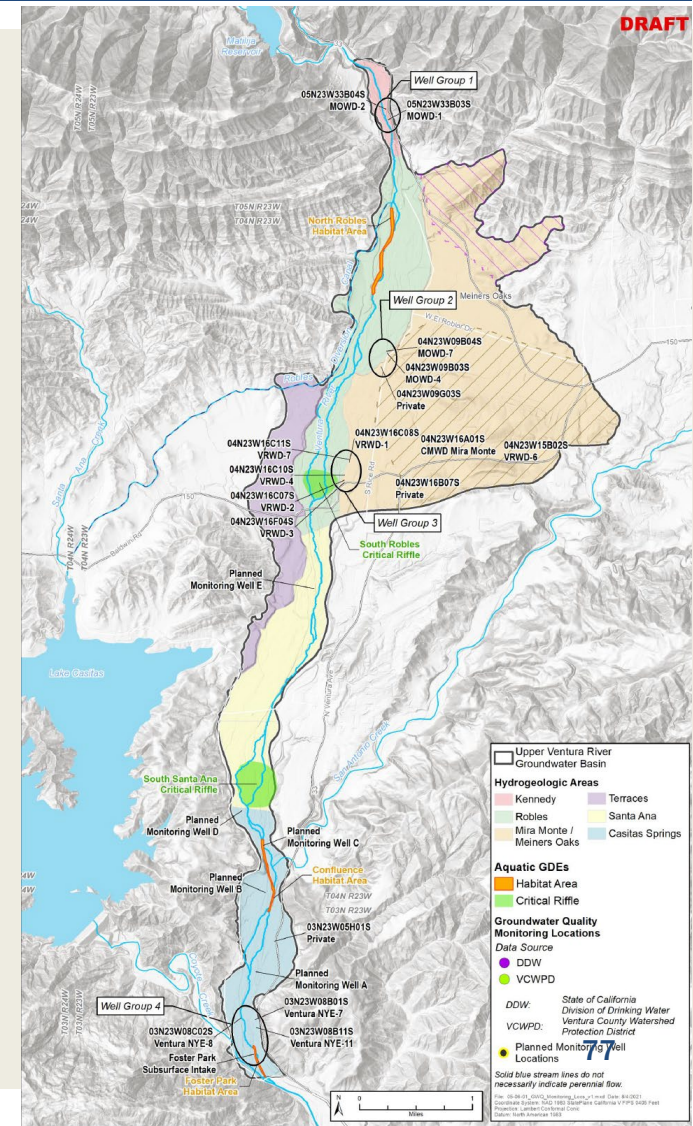
## GW LEVEL MONITORING NETWORK

- Combination of existing and future sites
- Existing sites
  - 6 by UVRGA
  - 1 by MOWD
  - 2 by VRWD
  - 7 by VCWPD
- 5 future sites to address data gaps



# GW QUALITY MONITORING NETWORK

- **Combination of existing and future sites**
- **Existing Sites**
  - Well Groups 1 & 2 by MOWD
  - Well Group 3 by VRWD
  - Well Group 4 by City of Ventura
  - Misc. wells by VCWPD
- **Incorporate 5 future GW level monitoring sites and other wells as needed to address data gaps**







# SECTION 6

## PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

### ■ Domestic Well Survey

- Better understand potential effects on domestic wells
- Update GSP, as needed, based on findings

### ■ Foster Park Protocols

- City of Ventura will implement operational rules to address direct depletion of interconnected surface water

### ■ Actions to Address Indirect Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water

- Series of planning and implementation actions to address indirect depletion no later than year 20 of GSP implementation



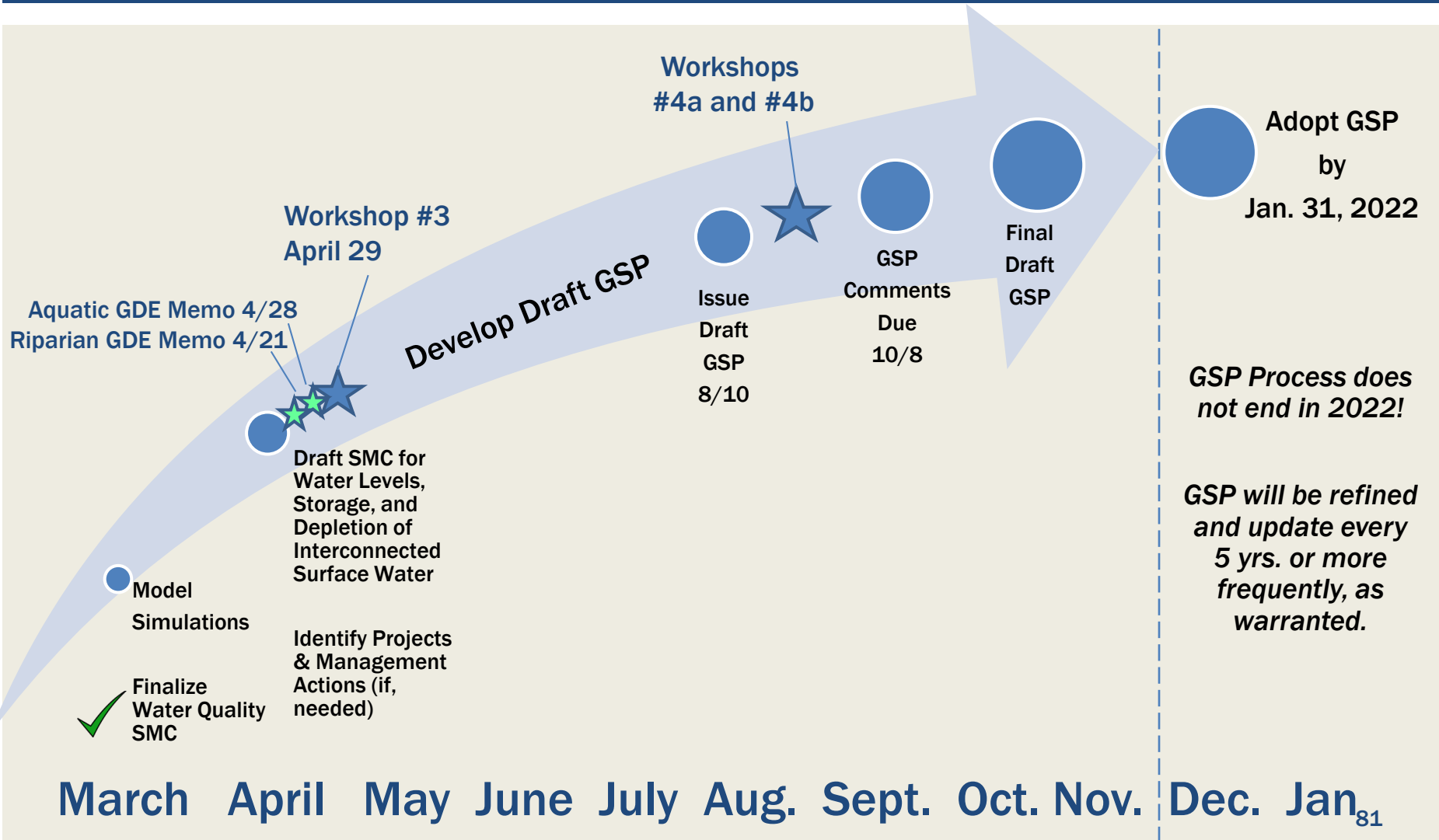
# SECTION 7

## GSP IMPLEMENTATION

### ■ Costs and Schedule

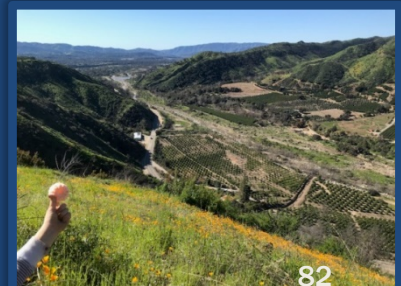
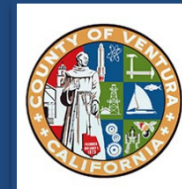
Fiscal Year	Agency Administration	Legal Counsel	GW Mgmt., Coord., & Outreach	Monitoring Programs	Annual Reports	Projects and Mgmt. Actions	Model Update and Simulations	GSP Evaluation	GSP Update	Respond to DWR Comments and Requests	Contingency Non-Capital	Monitoring Well Construction	Contingency Capital Projects	Totals	Extraction Fee (\$/AF)	Ending Cash
2022	\$ 61,050	\$ 35,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 71,624	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,767	\$ 17,537	\$ 1,754	\$ 313,732	\$ 79.16	\$ 262,463
2023	\$ 62,602	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,900	\$ 138,511	\$ 32,500	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,451	\$ 72,253	\$ 7,225	\$ 403,441	\$ 111.17	\$ 236,521
2024	\$ 64,207	\$ 25,750	\$ 31,827	\$ 125,815	\$ 33,475	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 33,607	\$ 111,630	\$ 11,163	\$ 492,475	\$ 111.17	\$ 286,546
2025	\$ 65,868	\$ 26,523	\$ 32,782	\$ 137,805	\$ 34,479	\$ 10,000	\$ 54,636	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,209	\$ 167,303	\$ 16,730	\$ 582,336	\$ 108.39	\$ 233,148
2026	\$ 67,844	\$ 27,318	\$ 33,765	\$ 131,485	\$ 35,514	\$ 10,000	\$ 56,275	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 43,718	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 480,900	\$ 102.83	\$ 254,060
2027	\$ 69,880	\$ 28,138	\$ 34,778	\$ 146,132	\$ 36,579	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 45,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 495,557	\$ 100.05	\$ 246,753
2028	\$ 71,976	\$ 28,982	\$ 35,822	\$ 107,555	\$ 37,676	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,138	\$ 32,015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352,164	\$ 100.05	\$ 382,839
2029	\$ 74,135	\$ 29,851	\$ 36,896	\$ 110,782	\$ 38,807	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 457,019	\$ 100.05	\$ 414,070
2030	\$ 76,359	\$ 30,747	\$ 38,003	\$ 114,105	\$ 39,971	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 466,604	\$ 100.05	\$ 435,716
2031	\$ 78,650	\$ 31,669	\$ 39,143	\$ 117,529	\$ 41,170	\$ -	\$ 65,017	\$ 28,982	\$ 57,964	\$ -	\$ 46,012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 506,136	\$ 100.05	\$ 417,829
2032	\$ 81,010	\$ 32,619	\$ 40,317	\$ 121,055	\$ 42,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,982	\$ 115,927	\$ -	\$ 46,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 508,547	\$ 100.05	\$ 397,532
2033	\$ 83,440	\$ 33,598	\$ 41,527	\$ 124,686	\$ 43,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,640	\$ 35,957	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 395,525	\$ 100.05	\$ 490,258
2034	\$ 85,943	\$ 34,606	\$ 42,773	\$ 128,427	\$ 44,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,674	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,410	\$ 100.05	\$ 608,098
2035	\$ 88,521	\$ 35,644	\$ 44,056	\$ 132,280	\$ 46,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 381,522	\$ 97.27	\$ 701,263
2036	\$ 91,177	\$ 36,713	\$ 45,378	\$ 136,248	\$ 47,727	\$ -	\$ 73,144	\$ 33,598	\$ 67,196	\$ -	\$ 53,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 584,300	\$ 97.27	\$ 591,651
2037	\$ 93,912	\$ 37,815	\$ 46,739	\$ 140,335	\$ 49,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,598	\$ 134,392	\$ -	\$ 53,595	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589,545	\$ 97.27	\$ 476,793
2038	\$ 96,730	\$ 38,949	\$ 48,141	\$ 144,545	\$ 50,634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,862	\$ 41,686	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 458,548	\$ 97.27	\$ 492,933
2039	\$ 99,632	\$ 40,118	\$ 49,585	\$ 148,882	\$ 52,153	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429,406	\$ 100.05	\$ 551,777
2040	\$ 102,621	\$ 41,321	\$ 51,073	\$ 153,348	\$ 53,718	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442,289	\$ 100.05	\$ 597,738
2041	\$ 105,699	\$ 42,561	\$ 52,605	\$ 157,949	\$ 55,329	\$ -	\$ 82,287	\$ 38,949	\$ 77,898	\$ -	\$ 61,328	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 674,606	\$ 105.61	\$ 438,507
2042	\$ 108,870	\$ 43,838	\$ 54,183	\$ 162,687	\$ 56,989	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,949	\$ 155,797	\$ -	\$ 62,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 683,445	\$ 105.61	\$ 270,438
Yrs. 1-5	\$ 321,571	\$ 139,591	\$ 184,274	\$ 605,221	\$ 180,968	\$ 30,000	\$ 110,912	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 169,754	\$ 368,723	\$ 36,872	\$ 2,272,885		
Yrs. 6-20	\$ 1,408,555	\$ 567,169	\$ 701,020	\$ 2,146,545	\$ 737,319	\$ 270,000	\$ 220,449	\$ 228,058	\$ 709,174	\$ 98,640	\$ 708,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,795,622		
Total	\$ 1,730,127	\$ 706,759	\$ 885,295	\$ 2,751,766	\$ 918,287	\$ 300,000	\$ 331,361	\$ 253,058	\$ 759,174	\$ 148,640	\$ 878,447	\$ 368,723	\$ 36,872	\$ 10,068,507		

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