



**Cuyama Basin
Groundwater Sustainability Plan—
Annual Report for 2020-2021 Water Year**

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

| | |
|-------|--|
| AF | acre-feet |
| CBGSA | Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency |
| CBWD | Cuyama Basin Water District |
| CBWRM | Cuyama Basin Water Resources Model |
| CCSD | Cuyama Community Services District |
| DMS | Data Management System |
| DWR | California Department of Water Resources |
| GSA | Groundwater Sustainability Agency |
| GSP | Groundwater Sustainability Plan |
| SAC | Standing Advisory Committee |
| SBCWA | Santa Barbara County Water Agency |
| SGMA | Sustainability Groundwater Management Act |
| SR | State Route |
| TSS | Technical Support Services |
| USGS | United States Geological Survey |

Executive Summary

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| §356.2 (a) | General information, including an executive summary and a location map depicting the basin covered by the report. |
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ES-1 Introduction

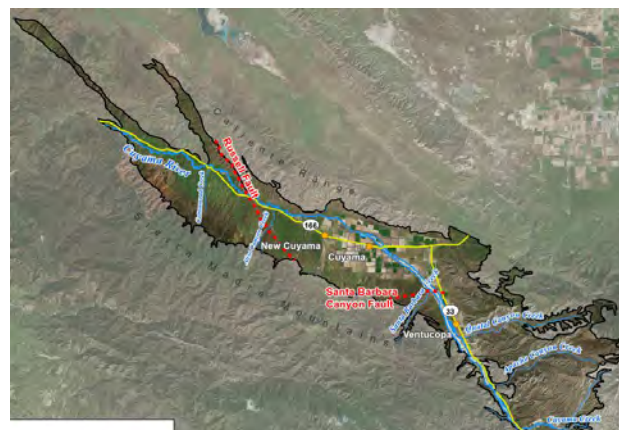
In 2014, the California legislature enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in response to continued overdraft of California’s groundwater resources. The Cuyama Groundwater Basin (Basin) is one of 21 basins and subbasins identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as being in a state of critical overdraft. SGMA requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) be prepared to address the measures necessary to attain sustainable conditions in the Cuyama Groundwater Basin. Within the framework of SGMA, sustainability is generally defined as the conditions that result in long-term reliability of groundwater supply and the absence of undesirable results.

In response to SGMA, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) was formed in 2017. The CBGSA is a joint-powers agency that is comprised of Kern, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties, plus the Cuyama Community Services District and the Cuyama Basin Water District. The CBGSA is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors, with one representative from Kern, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties, two representatives from Santa Barbara County, one member from the Cuyama Community Services District, and five members from the Cuyama Basin Water District.

The Draft Cuyama Basin GSP was adopted on December 4, 2019 by the CBGSA and submitted to DWR on January 28, 2020. SGMA requires that the CBGSA develop a GSP that achieves groundwater sustainability in the Basin by the year 2040.

The jurisdictional area of the CBGSA is defined by DWR’s Bulletin 118, 2013, the 2016 Interim Update, and the latest 2020 update. The Cuyama Groundwater Basin generally underlies the Cuyama Valley, as shown in **Figure ES-1**.

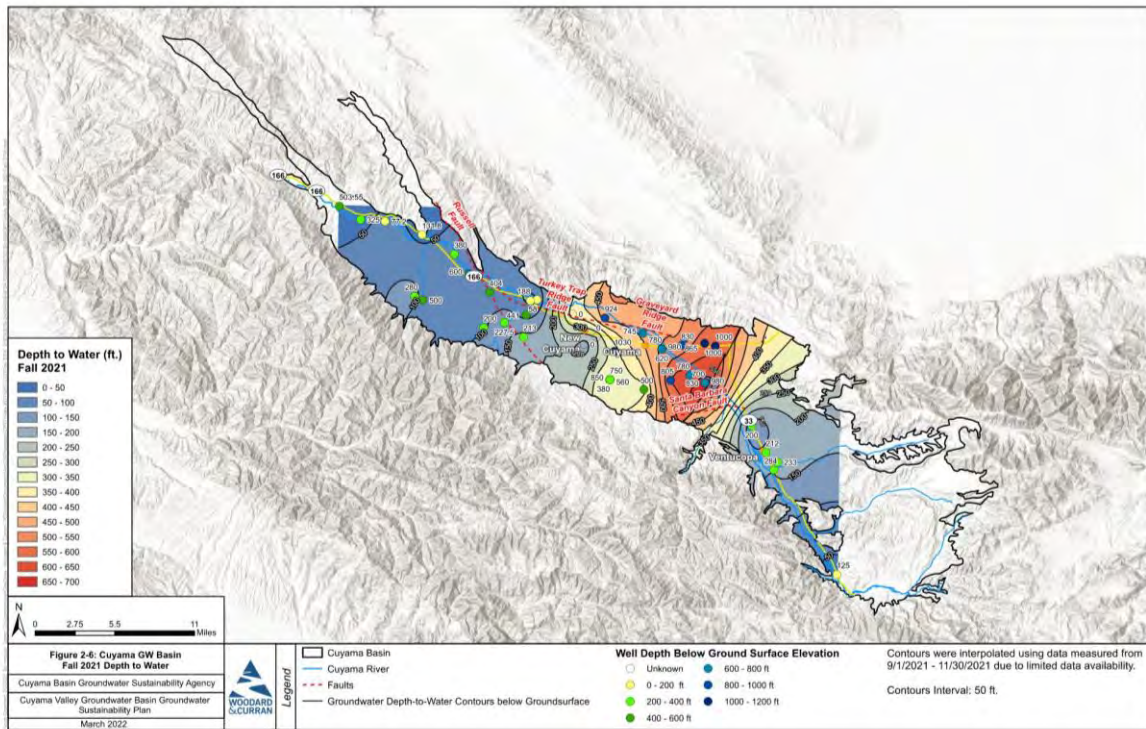
Figure ES-1: GSP Plan Area



ES-2 Groundwater Levels

The Annual Report for the 2021 water year includes groundwater contours for Spring and Fall of 2021, and updated hydrographs for the groundwater level monitoring network identified in the Cuyama Basin GSP. The Cuyama Basin consists of a single principal aquifer, and water levels in Basin monitoring wells are considered representative of conditions in that aquifer. Groundwater levels in some portions of the Basin have been declining for many years while other areas of the Basin have experienced no significant change in groundwater levels. Groundwater levels vary across the Basin, with the highest depth to water occurring in the central portion of the Basin (**Figure ES-2**). The western and eastern portions of the Basin have generally shallower depth to water. Generally, depth to water and groundwater elevation in 2021 have changed a small amount in the central basin compared to 2020 levels with little change in other parts of the basin.

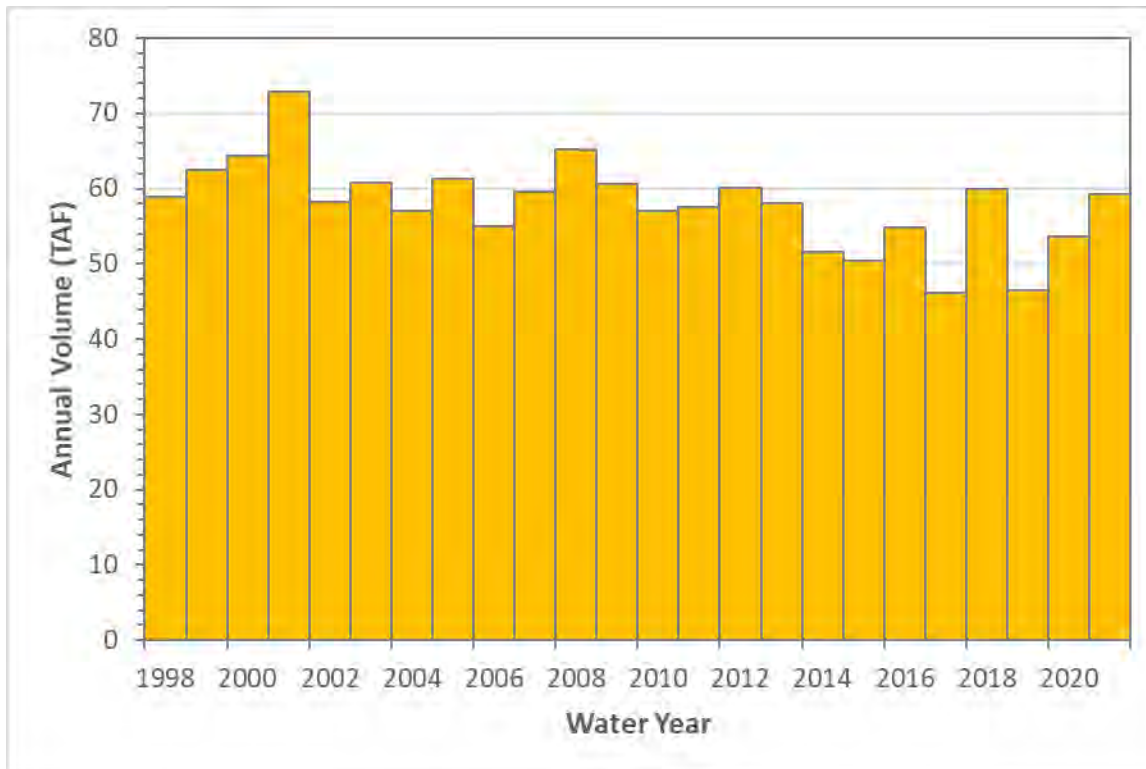
Figure ES-2: Cuyama Basin Depth to Water Contour Map (Fall 2021)



ES-3 Water Use

The Cuyama Groundwater Basin is supplied entirely by groundwater, with virtually no surface water use. Groundwater pumping in the Basin is estimated to have been about 59,000 AF in 2021. This reflects an increase of about 5,000 AF as compared to 2020, primarily due to hotter and drier climactic conditions in 2021 as compared to 2020. (See **Figure ES-3**).

Figure ES-3: Annual Groundwater Extraction in the Cuyama Basin in Water Years 1998-2021



ES-4 Change in Groundwater Storage

It is estimated that there was a reduction in Basin groundwater storage of 40,000 AF in 2021. This continues the long-term trend in groundwater storage reduction in the Basin since 1999. **Figure ES-4** shows the historical change in groundwater storage by year, water year type,¹ and cumulative water volume in each year for the period from 1998 through 2021.

Figure ES-4: Change in Groundwater Storage by Year, Water Year Type, and Cumulative Water Volume



ES-5 Groundwater Quality

While the CBGSA began initial groundwater quality monitoring during the 2020-2021 water year, only 36% of monitoring wells were sampled due to limited landowner access. Furthermore, due to questions about the quality of the data the CBGSA considers it premature to use this data to evaluate the performance of groundwater quality at this time. The CBGSA intends to reevaluate the groundwater quality representative monitoring network going forward.

¹ Water year types are customized for the Basin watershed based on annual precipitation as follows:

- Wet year = more than 19.6 inches
- Above normal year = 13.1 to 19.6 inches
- Below normal year = 9.85 to 13.1 inches
- Dry year = 6.6 to 9.85 inches
- Critical year = less than 6.6 inches.

ES-6 Land Subsidence

Observed subsidence rates in the Basin are well below the minimum threshold, and thus undesirable results for subsidence are not occurring in the Basin.

ES-7 Plan Implementation

The following plan implementation activities were accomplished in 2021:

- Approval of a groundwater extraction fee and supplemental fee, which is expected to generate \$1.3M in revenue to cover the administrative costs of the CBGSA for the period from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
- A total of 12 public meetings were conducted at which GSP development and implementation was discussed.
- The Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Board continued implementation of the groundwater levels monitoring network, includes monthly monitoring at each monitoring well. In addition, continuous monitoring equipment were installed in ten wells under an ongoing DWR grant.
- The CBGSA has applied for a COD SGMA Implementation Grant for \$7.6 million in funding for implementation activities over the next 3 years.
- The GSA worked with DWR Technical Support Services to install of 3 additional multi-completion monitoring wells in the Basin.
- The GSA worked with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to install two new streamflow gauges on the Cuyama River.
- The CBGSA and Cuyama Basin Water District (CBWD) began initial activities for implementation of management actions in the Central management area.

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Section 1. Introduction

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| §356.2 (a) | General information, including an executive summary and a location map depicting the basin covered by the report. |
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1.1 Introduction and Agency Information

This section describes the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA), its authority in relation to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and the purpose of this Annual Report.

This Annual Report meets regulatory requirements established by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as provided in Article 7 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1.5, Subchapter 2.

The CBGSA was created by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement among the following agencies:

- Counties of Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura
- Santa Barbara County Water Agency (SBCWA), representing the County of Santa Barbara
- Cuyama Basin Water District (CBWD)
- Cuyama Community Services District (CCSD)

The CBGSA Board of Directors includes the following individuals:

- Derek Yurosek – Chairperson, CBWD
- Lynn Compton – Vice Chairperson, County of San Luis Obispo
- Byron Albano – CBWD
- Cory Bantilan – SBCWA
- George Cappello – CBWD
- Paul Chounet – CCSD
- Zack Scrivner – County of Kern
- Glenn Shephard – County of Ventura
- Lorena Stoller – CBWD
- Das Williams – SBCWA
- Jane Wooster – CBWD

The CBGSA’s established boundary corresponds to DWR’s California’s Groundwater Bulletin 118 – Update 2003 (Bulletin 118) groundwater basin boundary for the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) (DWR, 2003). No additional areas were incorporated.

1.1.1 Management Structure

The CBGSA is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors that meets bi-monthly (i.e. 6 times a year). A General Manager manages day-to-day operations of the CBWD, while Board Members vote on actions of the CBGSA; the Board is the CBGSA’s decision-making body. The Board also formed a Standing Advisory Committee comprised of 9 stakeholders to provide recommendations to the Board on key technical issues which also meets regularly.

1.1.2 Legal Authority

Per Section 10723.8(a) of the California Water Code, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (SBCWA) gave notice to DWR on behalf of the CBGSA of its decision to form a GSA, which is Basin 3-013, per DWR's Bulletin 118.

1.1.3 Groundwater Sustainability Plan

The CBGSA Board of Directors approved the first iteration of the Cuyama Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) on December 4, 2019. The GSP was submitted to DWR for approval on January 28, 2020 and is available for viewing online at <http://cuyamabasin.org/>.

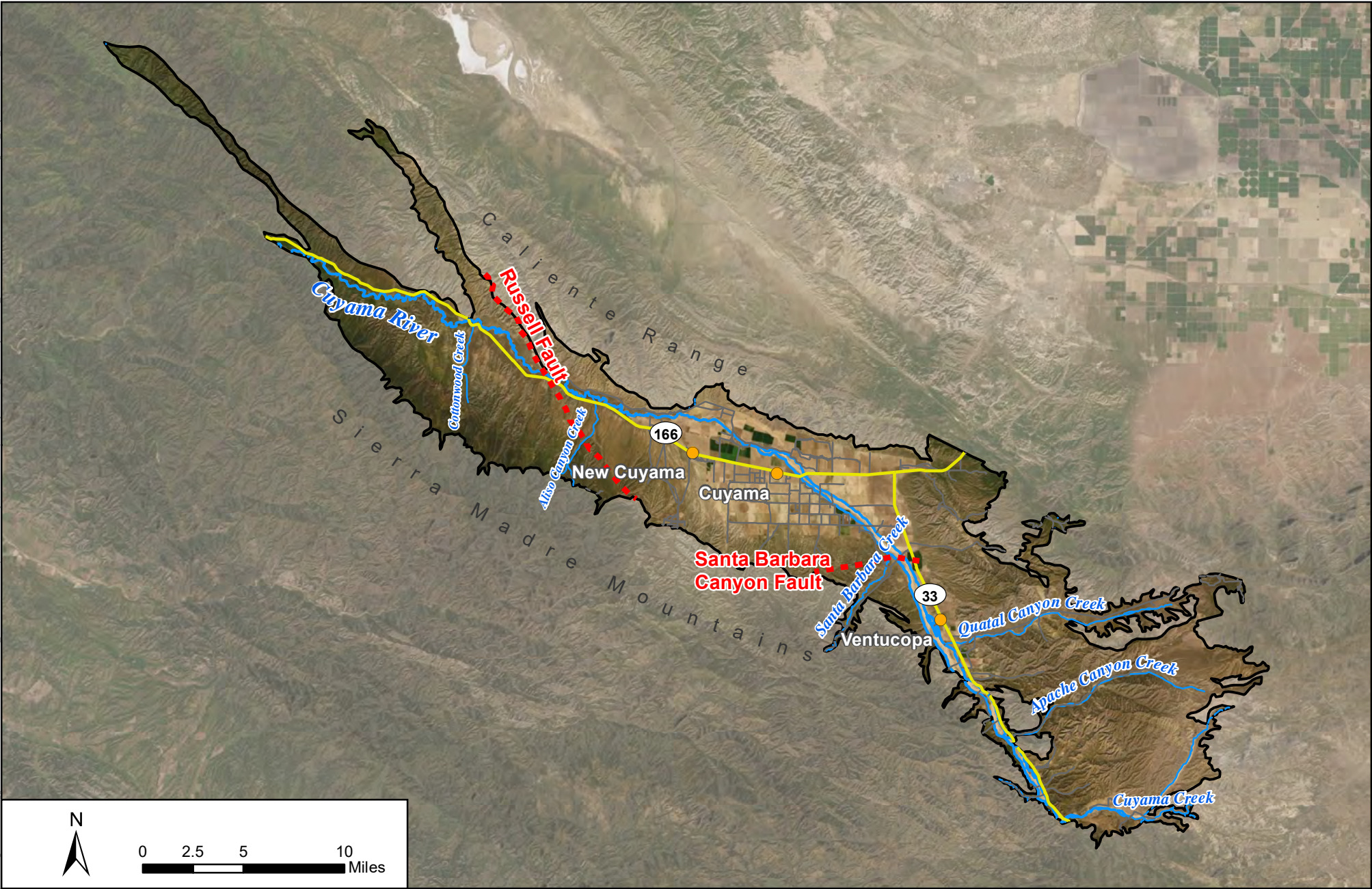
1.2 Plan Area

Figure 1-1 shows the Basin and its key geographic features. The Basin encompasses an area of about 378 square miles² and includes the communities of New Cuyama and Cuyama, which are located along State Route (SR) 166, and Ventucopa, which is located along SR 33. The Basin encompasses an approximately 55-mile stretch of the Cuyama River, which runs through the Basin for much of its extent before leaving the Basin to the northwest and flowing toward the Pacific Ocean. The Basin also encompasses stretches of Wells Creek in its north-central area, Santa Barbara Creek in the south-central area, the Quatal Canyon drainage and Cuyama Creek in the southern area of the Basin. Most of the agriculture in the Basin occurs in the central portion east of New Cuyama, and along the Cuyama River near SR 33 through Ventucopa.

Figure 1-2 shows the CBGSA boundary. The CBGSA boundary covers all of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin.

² The current Bulletin 118 section on the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin incorrectly states that the Basin area is 230 square miles. The estimate of 378 square miles shown here and in the GSP is consistent with the mapping shown on DWR's GSA Map Viewer.

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Figure 1-1 - Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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- Cuyama Basin
- Towns
- Faults
- Highways
- Local Roads
- Cuyama River
- Streams/Creeks

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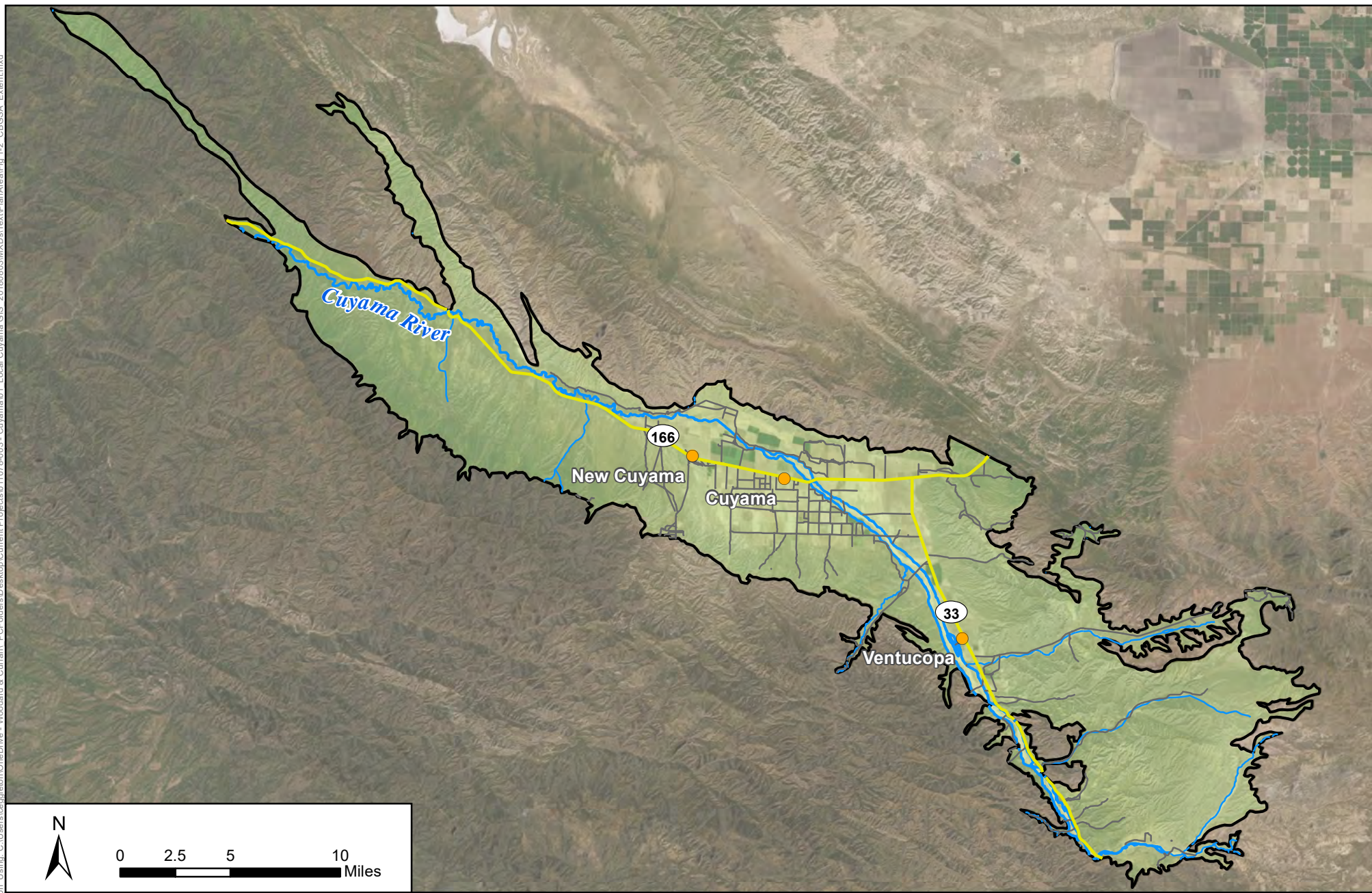


Figure 1-2 - Cuyama Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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- Towns
- Cuyama Basin GSA
- Highways
- Local Roads
- Cuyama River
- Streams/Creeks

Section 2. Groundwater Levels

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| §356.2 (b)(1) | Groundwater elevation data from monitoring wells identified in the monitoring network shall be analyzed and displayed as follows: |
| §356.2 (b)(1)(A) | Groundwater elevation contour maps for each principal aquifer in the basin illustrating, at a minimum, the seasonal high and seasonal low groundwater conditions. |
| §356.2 (b)(1)(B) | Hydrographs of groundwater elevations and water year type using historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to current reporting year. |

2.1 Groundwater Levels Representative Monitoring Network

As required by DWR’s SGMA regulations, a monitoring network and representative monitoring network were identified in the Cuyama Basin GSP utilizing existing wells. The groundwater levels representative monitoring network that was included in the GSP is shown on **Figure 2-1**. The Cuyama Basin consists of a single principal aquifer, and water levels in monitoring network wells are considered representative of conditions in that aquifer. The objective of the representative monitoring network is to detect undesirable results in the Basin related to groundwater levels using the sustainability thresholds described in the GSP. Other related objectives of the monitoring network are defined via the SGMA regulations as follows:

- Demonstrate progress toward achieving measurable objectives described in the GSP.
- Monitor impacts to the beneficial uses or users of groundwater.
- Monitor changes in groundwater conditions relative to measurable objectives and minimum thresholds.
- Quantify annual changes in water budget components.
- Monitoring that has occurred on the groundwater level monitoring network since the development of the Cuyama Basin GSP is included in this Annual Report. Collected groundwater level data has been analyzed to prepare contour maps and updated hydrographs, which are presented in the following sections.

2.1.1 Representative Monitoring Network Refinements

As discussed in the 2021 Annual Report, the CBGSA refined and improved the groundwater monitoring network within the Basin by reducing spatial redundant wells from the initial groundwater level representative monitoring network resulting in 52 well in 46 different locations, as shown in **Table 2-1** below.

During 2021, the CBGSA worked with DWR’s Technical Support Services (TSS) program to add three new multi-completion wells (with a total of three completions each) using grant funding provided by DWR. In addition, a new well was also added to the network in the vicinity of Santa Barbara Canyon. The revised monitoring network includes 61 wells in 49 locations and is shown in **Figure 2-1**.

The current monitoring network has a monitoring well density of 16.1 wells per 100 square miles when considering each completion. This well density is still greater than the recommended 0.2-10 wells per 100 square miles recommended by Heath (1976) as described in the GSP, *Section 4.5.3 Spatial Density*.

Twelve of the wells in the monitoring network include transducers that provide continuous monitoring. Ten of these transducers were recently added using grant funding from DWR.

Table 2-1: Refined Groundwater Monitoring Network Well List

| Opti_ID | Network | Includes a Transducer? | Included in a Multi-Completion Well? | Latitude | Longitude |
|---------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 2 | Representative | No | No | 34.6985833 | -119.3134722 |
| 62 | Representative | Yes | No | 34.829166* | -119.466616* |
| 72 | Representative | No | No | 34.934603* | -119.689822* |
| 74 | Representative | No | No | 34.942235* | -119.675109* |
| 77 | Representative | Yes | Yes | 34.931139* | -119.595234* |
| 85 | Representative | No | No | 34.819513* | -119.452366* |
| 89 | Representative | No | No | 34.708085* | -119.37848* |
| 91 | Representative | Yes | Yes | 34.897694* | -119.54208* |
| 95 | Representative | No | No | 34.899789* | -119.583875* |
| 96 | Representative | No | No | 34.89032* | -119.616214* |
| 98 | Representative | No | No | 34.8839722 | -119.6354722 |
| 99 | Representative | No | Yes | 34.899769* | -119.657711* |
| 100 | Representative | No | No | 34.811832* | -119.456608* |
| 101 | Representative | No | No | 34.85565* | -119.484574* |
| 102 | Representative | Yes | No | 34.964658* | -119.704769* |
| 103 | Representative | Yes | No | 34.927934* | -119.653133* |
| 106 | Representative | No | No | 34.954879* | -119.787264* |
| 107 | Representative | No | No | 34.949445* | -119.812449* |
| 110 | Monitoring | No | No | 34.976685* | -119.793894* |
| 112 | Representative | No | No | 34.962785* | -119.761096* |
| 114 | Representative | No | No | 34.978517* | -119.748026* |
| 115 | Monitoring | No | No | 34.963198* | -119.807102* |
| 118 | Representative | No | No | 34.975944* | -119.886884* |
| 119 | Monitoring | No | No | 35.04321* | -119.873055* |
| 121 | Monitoring | No | No | 34.996523 | -119.853474 |
| 124 | Representative | No | No | 34.968831 | -119.859639 |
| 316 | Representative | Yes | Yes | 34.897693* | -119.542081* |
| 317 | Representative | Yes | Yes | 34.897695* | -119.54208* |
| 322 | Representative | No | No | 34.899771* | -119.657712* |
| 324 | Representative | No | Yes | 34.89977* | -119.657712* |
| 325 | Representative | No | Yes | 34.89977* | -119.65771* |
| 420 | Representative | Yes | Yes | 34.931138* | -119.595235* |
| 421 | Representative | Yes | Yes | 34.931141* | -119.595235* |

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| Opti_ID | Network | Includes a Transducer? | Included in a Multi-Completion Well? | Latitude | Longitude |
|---------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 474 | Representative | No | No | 34.940707* | -119.763809* |
| 568 | Representative | No | No | 34.977355* | -119.756313* |
| 571 | Representative | Yes | No | 34.979568* | -119.896983* |
| 573 | Representative | No | No | 34.984849* | -119.805973* |
| 604 | Representative | No | No | 34.961255* | -119.665* |
| 608 | Representative | No | No | 34.946425* | -119.618755* |
| 609 | Representative | No | No | 34.952896* | -119.640085* |
| 610 | Representative | No | No | 34.905197* | -119.560701* |
| 612 | Representative | No | No | 34.940453* | -119.594176* |
| 613 | Representative | No | No | 34.934851* | -119.571774* |
| 615 | Representative | No | No | 34.94182* | -119.567563* |
| 629 | Representative | No | No | 34.934806* | -119.530177* |
| 633 | Representative | No | No | 34.937517* | -119.543251* |
| 830 | Representative | No | No | 35.054077* | -119.934733* |
| 832 | Representative | No | No | 35.041341* | -119.8895* |
| 833 | Representative | No | No | 35.068374* | -119.990842* |
| 836 | Representative | No | No | 35.055269* | -119.964563* |
| 841 | Representative | Yes | No | 35.003221* | -119.831741* |
| 845 | Representative | Yes | No | 35.02238* | -119.849721* |
| 900 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 35.002893** | -119.81186** |
| 901 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 35.002845** | -119.811883** |
| 902 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 35.002846** | -119.811882** |
| 903 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 34.865465** | -119.495837** |
| 904 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 34.865466** | -119.495838** |
| 905 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 34.865466** | -119.495837** |
| 906 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 34.942695** | -119.691662** |
| 907 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 34.942696** | -119.691663** |
| 908 | Monitoring | No | Yes | 34.942696** | -119.691661** |

*These well coordinates updated based on survey results conducted during 2021, as discussed in the following subsection.

**These wells were recently installed and therefore were not included in the recent survey. Their metadata is known because source data from DWR was provided.

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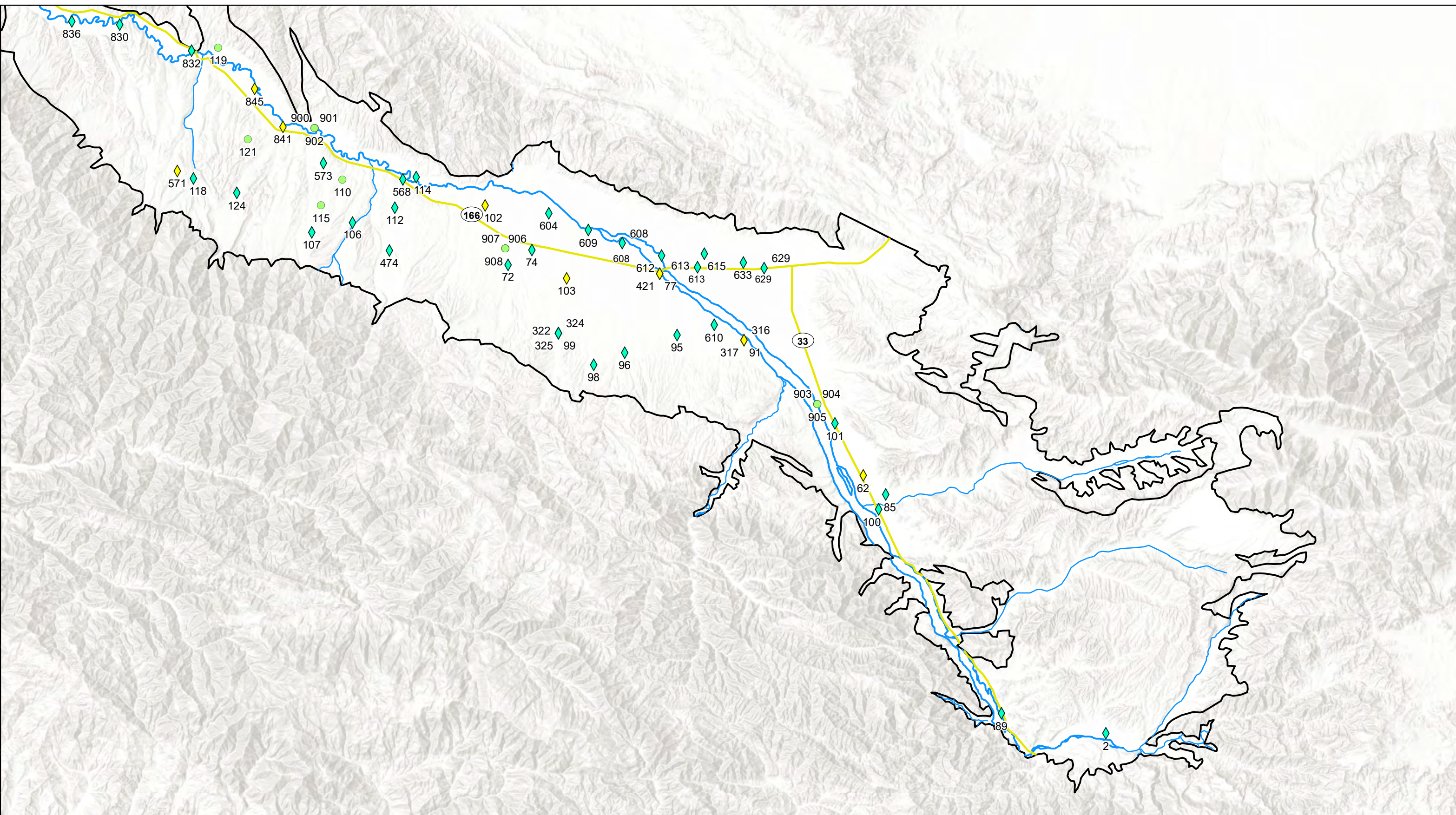


Figure 2-1: Cuyama GW Basin - Refined Groundwater Monitoring Network
Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
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- Cuyama Basin
- Cuyama River
- Representative Well
- Representative Well with Transducer
- Monitoring Network Well

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2.1.2 Well Surveying Results and Subsequent Updates

As described the submitted GSP, the GSA intended to survey groundwater level representative monitoring network wells to ensure data accuracy. Because the data assembled for the development of the GSP included several different data sources and historical data accuracy was unknown, the GSA determined that for those wells in the representative network that surveying should be done.

During the fall of 2021, surveys were conducted at 75 wells within the Basin. Additional wells were intended to be surveyed, but land access agreements were not granted. For these wells, previous estimates of ground-surface elevation will continue to be used going forward. The survey data measured included:

- Latitude/longitude
- General site or well notes
- Elevation of the center of the well
- Elevation of the top of the concrete well pad
- Primary monitoring point elevation (“reference point elevation”)
- Secondary monitoring point elevation (if applicable)
- Ground-surface elevation
- Elevation of the top of the well vault (if applicable)

The data collected in the survey allows for the analysis and further processing of historical and recently collected data in each of the surveyed wells. This new metadata, shown in Table 2-2, has been updated in the Cuyama online Opti DMS system, and the GSA is working with DWR to ensure that data submitted in previous uploads through the SGMA Data Portal are also updated appropriately. Notes have been added to each well within Opti explaining when, how, and by how much these data corrections have been performed for public transparency.

Data has been updated using the updated reference point elevations for each surveyed well, more technically described as a vertical datum correction or update. While the depth to water measurements does not change, groundwater elevation values were updated based on the vertical datum corrections. For example, if a well had a recorded reference point elevation of 3,500 ft above mean sea level (amsl), but the survey found the reference point elevation was in fact 3,501.2 ft amsl, then each groundwater level measurement was adjusted accordingly. Therefore, if that same well had a groundwater measurement of 100 ft below ground surface (bgs) or 3,400 ft amsl, then the new measurement would be 100 ft bgs or 3,401.2 ft amsl. **Table 2-2** includes the vertical datum correction.

These vertical datum corrections and updates to the historical data does not impact or alter the GSP in any significant way. Minimum thresholds and measurable objectives described in the submitted GSP were calculated using depth to water, which are not affected by the survey results. While the well survey may cause the elevations of these thresholds to change by a small amount, the same changes are applied to groundwater level measurements at each well, with the result that there are no differences in regard to groundwater level versus threshold comparisons for assessing basin sustainability. Updated minimum threshold and measurable objective elevations are provided in **Table 2-3**.

Although the survey results and vertical datum correction does not have a significant or immediate impact on the wells or Basin management, the survey allows the GSA to increase its data accuracy. Data accuracy will help improve understanding of the Basin, provide more accurate model calibrations, and refine baseline conditions for comparison as GSP implementation moves forward.

Table 2-2: Groundwater Level Representative Monitoring Network Wells Survey Results and Vertical Datum Correction

| Opti_ID | Original GSE | Survey Latitude | Survey Longitude | Well Head Center Elevation | Concrete Pad Elevation | Reference Point Elevation | Secondary Reference Point Elevation | Survey Ground Surface Elevation | Top of Well Vault Elevation | Vertical Datum Correction Difference |
|---------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | 3720.2 | Could not be surveyed | | | | | | | | |
| 62 | 2921.1 | 34.829166 | -119.466616 | 2920.94 | 2919.37 | 2920.12 | | 2919.05 | | 1.0 |
| 72 | 2171.4 | 34.934603 | -119.689822 | 2176.94 | 2171.42 | 2171.68 | | 2169.68 | | -0.2 |
| 74 | 2192.6 | 34.942235 | -119.675109 | 2193.12 | 2191.99 | 2192.74 | | 2191 | | -0.1 |
| 77 | 2285.9 | 34.931139 | -119.595234 | 2282.62 | | 2282.62 | | 2283.29 | 2283.16 | 3.3 |
| 85 | 3046.9 | 34.819513 | -119.452366 | 3049.92 | 3049.12 | 3049.39 | | 3048.75 | | -2.5 |
| 89 | 3461.4 | 34.708085 | -119.37848 | 3435.94 | | 3455.56 | | 3434.97 | | 5.9 |
| 91 | 2473.9 | 34.897694 | -119.54208 | 2478.32 | | 2478.32 | | 2479.16 | 2479.05 | -4.4 |
| 95 | 2449.1 | 34.899789 | -119.583875 | 2457.92 | 2457.23 | 2457.64 | | 2456.99 | | -8.6 |
| 96 | 2606.4 | 34.89032 | -119.616214 | 2609.49 | | 2609.13 | | 2608.05 | | -2.8 |
| 98 | 2687.6 | Could not be surveyed | | | | | | | | |
| 99 | 2512.6 | 34.899769 | -119.657711 | 2503.22 | | 2503.22 | | 2503.93 | 2504.14 | 9.4 |
| 100 | 3003.7 | 34.811832 | -119.456608 | 3009.45 | 3008.69 | 3008.89 | | 3007.97 | | -5.1 |
| 101 | 2741.4 | 34.85565 | -119.484574 | 2752.33 | 2748.38 | 2748.52 | | 2747.61 | | -7.1 |
| 102 | 2046.0 | 34.964658 | -119.704769 | 2044.47 | 2043.58 | 2043.69 | | 2042.87 | | 2.3 |
| 103 | 2288.8 | 34.927934 | -119.653133 | 2288.11 | 2287.57 | 2288.14 | | 2286.65 | | 0.6 |
| 106 | 2326.5 | 34.954879 | -119.787264 | 2318.75 | 2318.29 | 2318.85 | | 2318.11 | | 7.7 |
| 107 | 2482.3 | 34.949445 | -119.812449 | 2493.67 | | 2493.75 | | 2492.89 | | -11.5 |
| 110 | 2046.4 | 34.976685 | -119.793894 | 2053.6 | 2051.69 | 2052.3 | | 2051.47 | | -5.9 |
| 112 | 2139.0 | 34.962785 | -119.761096 | 2131.37 | | 2130.53 | | 2129.03 | | 8.5 |
| 114 | 1925.1 | 34.978517 | -119.748026 | 1928.73 | | 1927.29 | | 1926.47 | | -2.2 |
| 115 | 2276.1 | 34.963198 | -119.807102 | 2278.78 | | 2278.37 | | 2276.31 | | -2.3 |
| 118 | 2270.0 | 34.975944 | -119.886884 | 2264.42 | | 2264.03 | | 2263.45 | | 6.0 |

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| Opti_ID | Original GSE | Survey Latitude | Survey Longitude | Well Head Center Elevation | Concrete Pad Elevation | Reference Point Elevation | Secondary Reference Point Elevation | Survey Ground Surface Elevation | Top of Well Vault Elevation | Vertical Datum Correction Difference |
|---------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 119 | 1713.4 | 35.04321 | -119.873055 | 1702.33 | | 1702.15 | | 1701.09 | | 11.2 |
| 124 | 2286.9 | Could not be surveyed | | | | | | | | |
| 316 | 2473.9 | 34.897693 | -119.542081 | 2478.37 | | 2478.37 | | 2479.16 | 2479.05 | -4.5 |
| 317 | 2473.9 | 34.897695 | -119.54208 | 2478.41 | | 2478.41 | | 2479.16 | 2479.05 | -4.5 |
| 322 | 2512.6 | 34.899771 | -119.657712 | 2503.22 | | 2503.22 | | 2503.93 | 2504.14 | 9.4 |
| 324 | 2512.6 | 34.89977 | -119.657712 | 2503.21 | | 2503.21 | | 2503.93 | 2504.14 | 9.4 |
| 325 | 2512.6 | 34.89977 | -119.65771 | 2503.14 | | 2503.14 | | 2503.93 | 2504.14 | 9.4 |
| 420 | 2285.9 | 34.931138 | -119.595235 | 2282.63 | | 2282.63 | | 2283.29 | 2283.16 | 3.3 |
| 421 | 2285.9 | 34.931141 | -119.595235 | 2282.63 | | 2282.63 | | 2283.29 | 2283.16 | 3.3 |
| 474 | 2368.7 | 34.940707 | -119.763809 | 2366.75 | | 2366.64 | | 2365.22 | | 2.0 |
| 568 | 1904.7 | 34.977355 | -119.756313 | 1915.82 | 1912.74 | 1914.14 | | 1912.09 | | -9.4 |
| 571 | 2306.7 | 34.979568 | -119.896983 | 2317.77 | 2316.57 | 2317.02 | | 2316.21 | | -10.3 |
| 573 | 2084.0 | 34.984849 | -119.805973 | 2083.86 | 2083.16 | 2083.56 | | 2081.62 | | 0.5 |
| 604 | 2124.7 | 34.961255 | -119.665 | 2124.82 | 2117.81 | 2118.29 | | 2117.4 | | 6.4 |
| 608 | 2223.7 | 34.946425 | -119.618755 | 2215.86 | 2214.33 | 2214.58 | 2215.96 | 2214.3 | | 9.1 |
| 609 | 2167.0 | 34.952896 | -119.640085 | 2174.7 | 2167.1 | 2167.62 | 2168.56 | 2166.35 | | -0.6 |
| 610 | 2441.9 | 34.905197 | -119.560701 | 2442.3 | 2441.83 | 2442 | | 2440.38 | | -0.1 |
| 612 | 2266.3 | 34.940453 | -119.594176 | 2279.49 | 2272.7 | 2273.43 | | 2271.87 | | -7.1 |
| 613 | 2330.3 | 34.934851 | -119.571774 | 2334.73 | 2328.57 | 2329.3 | | 2327.64 | | 1.0 |
| 615 | 2327.3 | 34.94182 | -119.567563 | 2329.97 | 2323.67 | 2324.01 | | 2322.95 | | 3.3 |
| 629 | 2378.9 | 34.934806 | -119.530177 | 2384.52 | 2379.24 | 2379.76 | | 2379.19 | | -0.8 |
| 633 | 2363.9 | 34.937517 | -119.543251 | 2371.3 | 2364.36 | 2364.84 | | 2364.31 | | -1.0 |
| 830 | 1571.0 | 35.054077 | -119.934733 | 1562.53 | | 1562.21 | | 1561.55 | | 8.7 |
| 832 | 1629.7 | 35.041341 | -119.8895 | 1639.53 | | 1640.86 | | 1639.62 | | -11.1 |

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|---------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 833 | 1457.2 | 35.068374 | -119.990842 | 1458.4 | 1456.81 | 1457.45 | | 1456.06 | | -0.3 |
| 836 | 1485.8 | 35.055269 | -119.964563 | 1511.18 | 1509.82 | 1510.32 | | 1509.02 | | -24.5 |
| 841 | 1760.9 | 35.003221 | -119.831741 | 1764.95 | 1763.43 | 1763.53 | | 1762.08 | | -2.6 |
| 845 | 1711.8 | 35.02238 | -119.849721 | 1714.74 | 1713.05 | 1713.08 | | 1711.89 | | -1.3 |
| 84 | 2923.2 | 34.827438 | -119.466547 | 2925.39 | 2923.33 | 2924.5 | | 2923.03 | | -1.3 |
| 108 | 2629.5 | Could not be surveyed | | | | | | | | |
| 116 | 2328.6 | 34.926721 | -119.728094 | 2322.23 | 2321.95 | 2322.4 | | 2321.64 | | 6.2 |
| 128 | 3720.7 | Could not be surveyed | | | | | | | | |
| 467 | 2224.4 | 34.938348 | -119.65291 | 2234.11 | 2228.38 | 2228.7 | | 2227.2 | | -4.3 |
| 601 | 2074.2 | 34.965474 | -119.684202 | 2075.94 | 2071.17 | 2072.11 | | 2071.1 | | 2.1 |
| 603 | 2096.8 | 34.966881 | -119.675179 | 2091.44 | 2085.09 | 2085.49 | | 2085.04 | | 11.3 |
| 614 | 2337.1 | 34.934857 | -119.568091 | 2340.78 | 2334.51 | 2335.3 | 2334.86 | 2334.47 | | 1.8 |
| 618 | 2162.8 | 34.955416 | -119.643536 | 2159.29 | 2157.8 | 2158.05 | | 2156.81 | | 4.8 |
| 619 | 2306.5 | 34.938245 | -119.581423 | 2311.55 | 2305.74 | 2306.1 | | 2305.48 | | 0.4 |
| 620 | 2432.3 | 34.905031 | -119.568545 | 2435.24 | 2429.77 | 2430.15 | | 2429.5 | | 2.2 |
| 621 | 2126.1 | 34.960753 | -119.655356 | 2140.01 | 2134.23 | 2134.51 | 2134.8 | 2134.02 | | -8.4 |
| 623 | 2288.3 | 34.941945 | -119.586625 | 2294.24 | 2288.77 | 2289.68 | | 2288.06 | | -1.4 |
| 627 | 2279.1 | 34.927648 | -119.64601 | 2276.65 | 2276.53 | 2276.95 | | 2275.73 | | 2.2 |
| 628 | 2388.2 | 34.936287 | -119.52604 | 2394.4 | | 2389.09 | | 2387.71 | | -0.9 |
| 630 | 2371.5 | 34.934439 | -119.539166 | 2378.49 | 2371.91 | 2372.79 | | 2371.73 | | -1.3 |
| 631 | 2367.4 | 34.937386 | -119.534314 | 2373.26 | 2365.35 | 2366.13 | | 2365.17 | | 1.3 |
| 635 | 2356.4 | 34.934448 | -119.558016 | 2361.84 | | 2354.91 | | 2354.62 | | 1.4 |
| 636 | 2348.0 | 34.93449 | -119.562449 | 2354.89 | 2349.3 | 2349.92 | 2350.28 | 2349.03 | | -1.9 |
| 637 | 2110.0 | 34.966758 | -119.658803 | 2123.79 | 2117.46 | 2118.38 | | 2116.77 | | -8.4 |

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|---------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 638 | 2436.8 | 34.905122 | -119.56447 | 2443.21 | 2435.67 | 2436.39 | | 2435.02 | | 0.5 |
| 640 | 2238.8 | 34.94526 | -119.604771 | 2237.55 | 2236.06 | 2236.35 | | 2235.08 | | 2.4 |
| 641 | 2204.2 | 34.947711 | -119.628494 | 2204.28 | 2202.44 | 2203.83 | | 2201.8 | | 0.4 |
| 642 | 2231.6 | 34.94924 | -119.607379 | 2235.07 | 2233.2 | 2234.37 | | 2231.82 | | -2.8 |
| 644 | 2143.4 | 34.959038 | -119.648801 | 2147.37 | 2145.52 | 2145.54 | | 2144.93 | | -2.1 |
| 831 | 1556.8 | 35.048818 | -119.93885 | 1156.46 | 1557.13 | 1556.78 | | 1556.78 | | 0.0 |
| 834 | 1507.9 | 35.052221 | -119.966532 | 1510.77 | 1509.62 | 1510.35 | | 1509.19 | | -2.4 |
| 835 | 1554.5 | 35.044117 | -119.964617 | 1561.43 | | 1560.39 | | 1560.13 | | -5.8 |

Table 2-3: Updated Groundwater Level Threshold Depths and Elevations with Vertical Datum Corrections

| Well | Original GSE | Surveyed GSE | Minimum Threshold (Depth) | Measurable Objective (Depth) | Minimum Threshold (Elevation) | Measurable Objective (Elevation) |
|------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 | 3720.2 | Unavailable | 72 | 55 | 3648 | 3665 |
| 62 | 2921.1 | 2919.05 | 182 | 142 | 2737 | 2777 |
| 72 | 2171.4 | 2169.68 | 169 | 124 | 2001 | 2046 |
| 74 | 2192.6 | 2191 | 256 | 243 | 1935 | 1948 |
| 77 | 2285.9 | 2283.29 | 450 | 400 | 1833 | 1883 |
| 84 | 2923.2 | 2923.03 | - | - | N/A | N/A |
| 85 | 3046.9 | 3048.75 | 233 | 147 | 2816 | 2902 |
| 89 | 3461.4 | 3434.97 | 64 | 44 | 3371 | 3391 |
| 91 | 2473.9 | 2479.16 | 625 | 576 | 1854 | 1903 |
| 95 | 2449.1 | 2456.99 | 573 | 538 | 1884 | 1919 |
| 96 | 2606.4 | 2608.05 | 333 | 325 | 2275 | 2283 |
| 98 | 2687.6 | Unavailable | 450 | 439 | 2238 | 2249 |
| 99 | 2512.6 | 2503.93 | 311 | 300 | 2193 | 2204 |
| 100 | 3003.7 | 3007.97 | 181 | 125 | 2827 | 2883 |
| 101 | 2741.4 | 2747.61 | 111 | 81 | 2637 | 2667 |
| 102 | 2046.0 | 2042.87 | 235 | 197 | 1808 | 1846 |
| 103 | 2288.8 | 2286.65 | 290 | 235 | 1997 | 2052 |
| 106 | 2326.5 | 2318.11 | 154 | 141 | 2164 | 2177 |
| 107 | 2482.3 | 2492.89 | 91 | 72 | 2402 | 2421 |
| 108 | 2629.5 | Unavailable | 165 | 136 | 2464 | 2494 |
| 112 | 2139.0 | 2129.03 | 87 | 85 | 2042 | 2044 |
| 114 | 1925.1 | 1926.47 | 47 | 45 | 1879 | 1881 |
| 118 | 2270.0 | 2263.45 | 124 | 57 | 2139 | 2206 |
| 119 | 1713.4 | 1701.09 | 203 | 153 | 1498 | 1548 |
| 124 | 2286.9 | Unavailable | 73 | 57 | 2214 | 2230 |

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| Well | <i>Original GSE</i> | <i>Surveyed GSE</i> | <i>Minimum Threshold (Depth)</i> | <i>Measurable Objective (Depth)</i> | <i>Minimum Threshold (Elevation)</i> | <i>Measurable Objective (Elevation)</i> |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 316 | 2473.9 | 2479.16 | 623 | 574 | 1856 | 1905 |
| 317 | 2473.9 | 2479.16 | 623 | 573 | 1856 | 1906 |
| 322 | 2512.6 | 2503.93 | 307 | 298 | 2197 | 2206 |
| 324 | 2512.6 | 2503.93 | 311 | 299 | 2193 | 2205 |
| 325 | 2512.6 | 2503.93 | 300 | 292 | 2204 | 2212 |
| 420 | 2285.9 | 2283.29 | 450 | 400 | 1833 | 1883 |
| 421 | 2285.9 | 2283.29 | 446 | 398 | 1837 | 1885 |
| 474 | 2368.7 | 2365.22 | 188 | 169 | 2177 | 2196 |
| 568 | 1904.7 | 1912.09 | 37 | 36 | 1875 | 1876 |
| 571 | 2306.7 | 2316.21 | 144 | 121 | 2172 | 2196 |
| 573 | 2084.0 | 2081.62 | 118 | 68 | 1964 | 2014 |
| 604 | 2124.7 | 2117.4 | 526 | 487 | 1591 | 1630 |
| 608 | 2223.7 | 2214.3 | 436 | 407 | 1778 | 1807 |
| 609 | 2167.0 | 2166.35 | 458 | 421 | 1708 | 1745 |
| 610 | 2441.9 | 2440.38 | 621 | 591 | 1819 | 1849 |
| 612 | 2266.3 | 2271.87 | 463 | 440 | 1809 | 1832 |
| 613 | 2330.3 | 2327.64 | 503 | 475 | 1825 | 1853 |
| 615 | 2327.3 | 2322.95 | 500 | 468 | 1823 | 1855 |
| 620 | 2432.3 | 2429.5 | 606 | 566 | 1824 | 1864 |
| 629 | 2378.9 | 2379.19 | 559 | 527 | 1820 | 1852 |
| 633 | 2363.9 | 2364.31 | 547 | 493 | 1817 | 1871 |
| 830 | 1571.0 | 1561.55 | 59 | 56 | 1503 | 1506 |
| 831 | 1556.8 | 1556.78 | 77 | 52 | 1480 | 1505 |
| 832 | 1629.7 | 1639.62 | 45 | 30 | 1595 | 1610 |
| 833 | 1457.2 | 1456.06 | 96 | 24 | 1360 | 1432 |
| 834 | 1507.9 | 1509.19 | 84 | 42 | 1425 | 1467 |

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| Well | <i>Original GSE</i> | <i>Surveyed GSE</i> | <i>Minimum Threshold (Depth)</i> | <i>Measurable Objective (Depth)</i> | <i>Minimum Threshold (Elevation)</i> | <i>Measurable Objective (Elevation)</i> |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 835 | 1554.5 | 1560.13 | 55 | 36 | 1505 | 1524 |
| 836 | 1485.8 | 1509.02 | 79 | 36 | 1430 | 1473 |
| 841 | 1760.9 | 1762.08 | 203 | 153 | 1559 | 1609 |
| 845 | 1711.8 | 1711.89 | 203 | 153 | 1509 | 1559 |

2.2 Groundwater Contour Maps

The submitted GSP included contour maps up through the spring of 2018. The previous Annual Reports included contour maps for fall 2018 and spring and fall in 2019 and 2020. For this Annual Report, analysis was conducted to incorporate data from October 2020 to December 2021 that collected by the CBGSA and local landowners. Data was then added to the Data Management System (DMS) and processed to analyze the current groundwater conditions by creating seasonal groundwater contour/raster maps for the spring and fall of 2021 and hydrographs of basin monitoring wells.

A contour map shows changes in groundwater elevations by interpolating groundwater elevations between monitoring sites. The elevations are shown on the map with the use of a contour line, which indicates that at all locations that line is drawn, the line represents groundwater at the elevation indicated. There are two versions of contour maps used in this section: one that shows the elevation of groundwater above mean sea level, which is useful because it can be used to identify the horizontal gradients of groundwater, and one that shows contours of depth to water, the distance from the ground surface to groundwater, which is useful because it can identify areas of shallow or deep groundwater.

Analysts prepared groundwater contour maps under the supervision of a Certified Hydrogeologist in the State of California for both groundwater elevation and depth to water for both spring and fall of 2021.

Each contour map is contoured at a 50-foot contour interval, with contour elevations indicated in white numeric label. The groundwater contours were also based on assumptions in order to accumulate enough data points to generate useful contour maps. Assumptions are as follows:

- Measurements from wells of different depths are representative of conditions at that location and there are no significant known vertical gradients. Due to the limited spatial amount of monitoring points, data from wells of a wide variety of depths were used to generate the contours.
- Measurements collected by the CBGSA monitoring program in March-May 2021 were used to develop the spring contours and from October 2021 to develop the fall contours. It is assumed that these measurements are representative of conditions during the spring or fall season, and conditions have not changed substantially from the time of the earliest measurement used to the latest.

These assumptions generate contours that are useful at the planning level for understanding groundwater levels across the Basin, and to identify general horizontal gradients and regional groundwater level trends. The contour maps are not indicative of exact values across the Basin because groundwater contour maps approximate conditions between measurement points, and do not account for topography. Therefore, a well on a ridge may be farther from groundwater than one in a canyon, and the contour map will not reflect that level of detail.

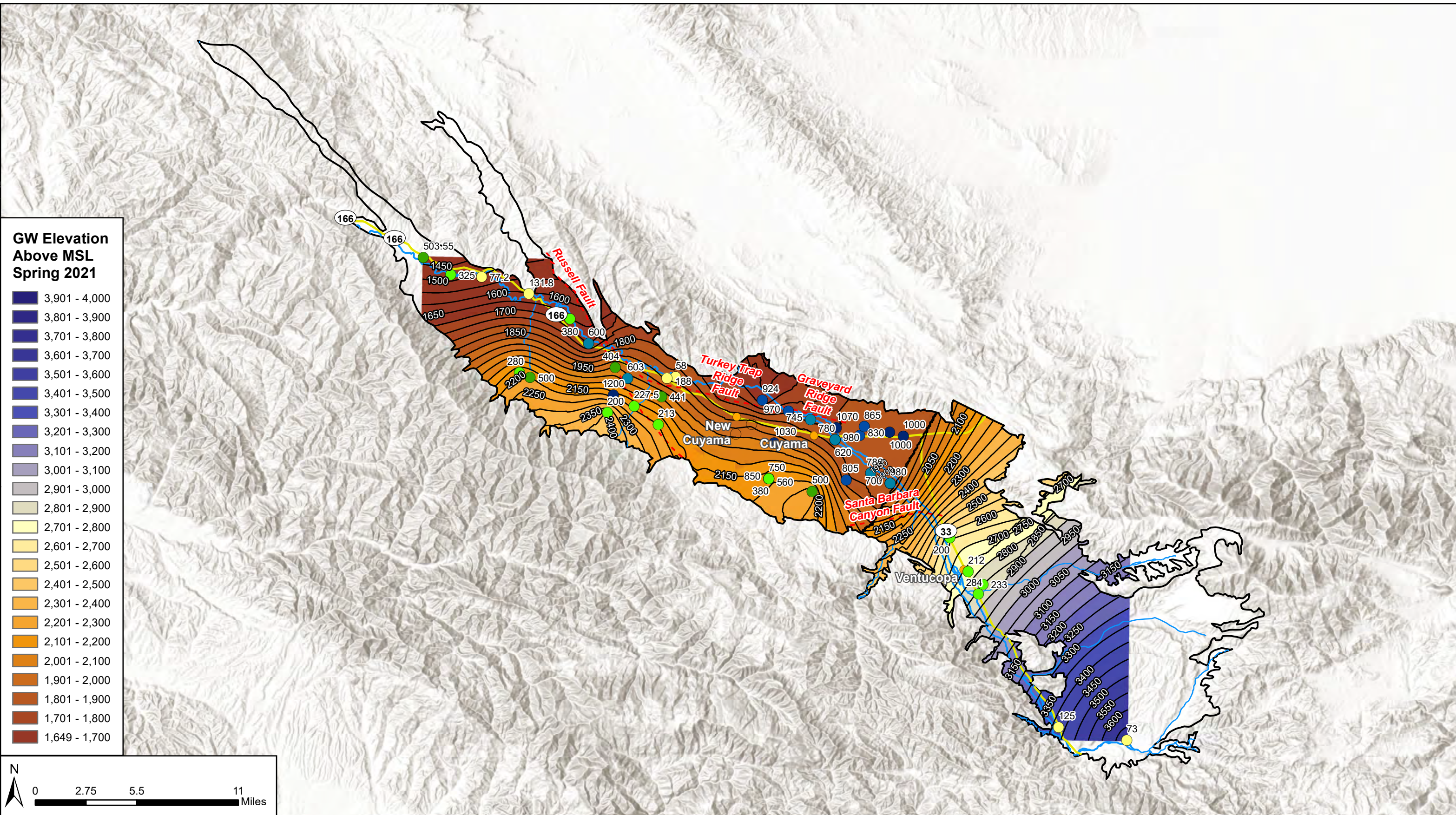
Figure 2-2 shows groundwater elevation contours for spring of 2021. Data was collected by local landowners and the CBGSA. The contours developed using the available data show two general trends in the Basin. First, in most of the Basin, groundwater generally reflects the topography of the Basin. For example, groundwater elevations decrease moving from the highest portions of the Valley in the Southeastern portion of the Basin towards the central portion, and groundwater also travels down slope in an northern direction off of the southern foothills towards the Cuyama River. The second trend and potential exception to the first, is the central portion of the basin where there is a clear depression and deviation from the topography (more clearly seen in the following figure). Groundwater levels near the town of Cuyama and slightly towards the east are much deeper and do not match the surface topography. There is also a greater decline in groundwater elevations between the Ventucopa area and the central portion of the basin.

Figure 2-3 shows the depth to groundwater contours for spring 2021 and more clearly shows a depression in the central portion of the Basin greater than 450 ft below ground surface. Groundwater levels then increase toward the west reaching depths above 100 ft in the western portion of the Basin. These levels align with trends seen in previous contour maps provided in the 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports.

Figure 2-4 shows the groundwater elevation contours for fall of 2021. As in **Figure 2-3**, Groundwater elevations show a depression in the central portion of the Basin and a steep gradient between the central portion of the Basin and the Ventucopa area, which is consistent with contour maps for 2015 through 2020 conditions and previous Annual Reports. Contours indicate a groundwater flow down the Basin from east to west, with a decrease in gradient through the central portion of the Basin.

Figure 2-5 shows the depth to groundwater contours for the fall of 2021. Depth to water contours indicate a depression in the central portion of the Basin, and a steep gradient between the central portion of the Basin and the Ventucopa area, which is consistent with contour maps for 2015 through 2019 conditions and previous Annual Reports.

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GW Elevation Above MSL Spring 2021

| |
|---------------|
| 3,901 - 4,000 |
| 3,801 - 3,900 |
| 3,701 - 3,800 |
| 3,601 - 3,700 |
| 3,501 - 3,600 |
| 3,401 - 3,500 |
| 3,301 - 3,400 |
| 3,201 - 3,300 |
| 3,101 - 3,200 |
| 3,001 - 3,100 |
| 2,901 - 3,000 |
| 2,801 - 2,900 |
| 2,701 - 2,800 |
| 2,601 - 2,700 |
| 2,501 - 2,600 |
| 2,401 - 2,500 |
| 2,301 - 2,400 |
| 2,201 - 2,300 |
| 2,101 - 2,200 |
| 2,001 - 2,100 |
| 1,901 - 2,000 |
| 1,801 - 1,900 |
| 1,701 - 1,800 |
| 1,649 - 1,700 |



Figure 2-2: Cuyama GW Basin Spring 2021 Groundwater Elevation
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Legend

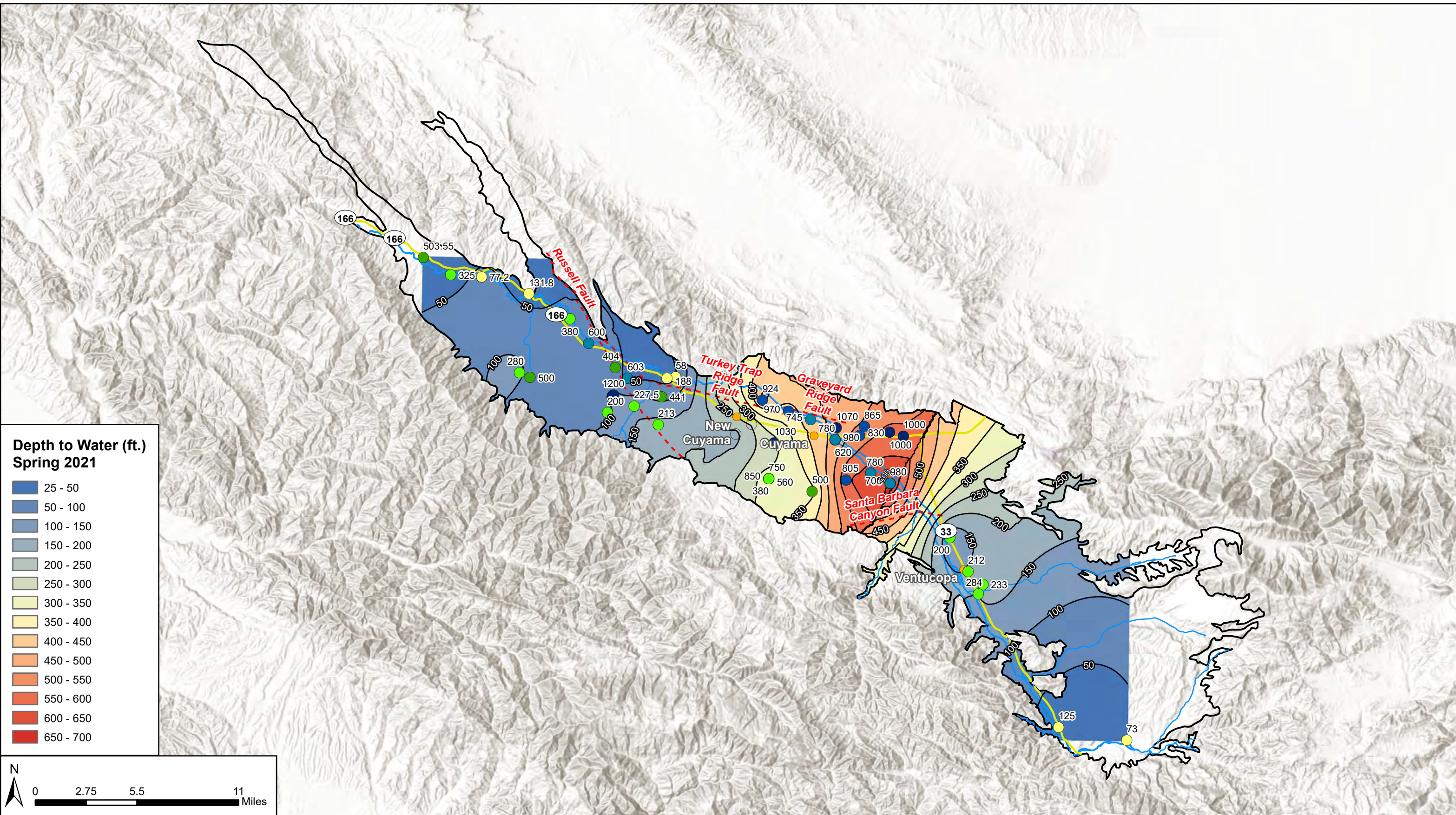
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| | Cuyama Basin |
| | Cuyama River |
| | Faults |
| | Groundwater Elevation Above MSL |

Well Depth Below Ground Surface Elevation

| | | | |
|--|--------------|--|----------------|
| | Unknown | | 600 - 800 ft |
| | 0 - 200 ft | | 800 - 1000 ft |
| | 200 - 400 ft | | 1000 - 1200 ft |
| | 400 - 600 ft | | |

Contours were interpolated using data measured from 2/1/2021 - 4/30/2021 due to limited data availability.
 Contours Interval: 50 ft.

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**Depth to Water (ft.)
Spring 2021**

| |
|-----------|
| 25 - 50 |
| 50 - 100 |
| 100 - 150 |
| 150 - 200 |
| 200 - 250 |
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| 300 - 350 |
| 350 - 400 |
| 400 - 450 |
| 450 - 500 |
| 500 - 550 |
| 550 - 600 |
| 600 - 650 |
| 650 - 700 |

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0 2.75 5.5 11 Miles

**Figure 2-3: Cuyama GW Basin
Spring 2021 Depth to Water**

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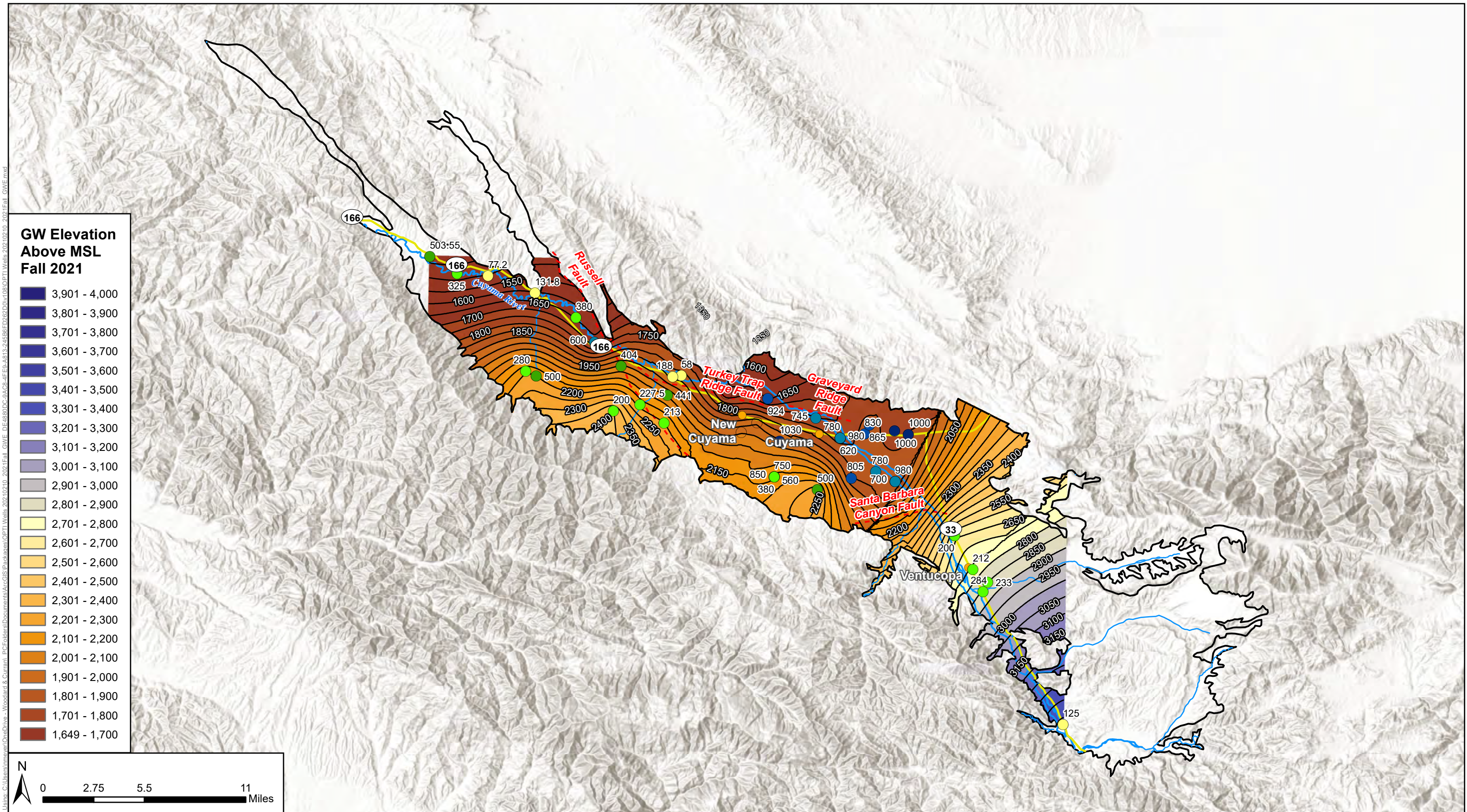
- Cuyama Basin
- Cuyama River
- - - Faults
- Groundwater Depth-to-Water Contours below Groundsurface

Well Depth Below Ground Surface Elevation

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| Unknown | ● 600 - 800 ft |
| ● 0 - 200 ft | ● 800 - 1000 ft |
| ● 200 - 400 ft | ● 1000 - 1200 ft |
| ● 400 - 600 ft | |

Contours were interpolated using data measured from 2/1/2021 - 4/30/2021 due to limited data availability.

Contours Interval: 50 ft.



GW Elevation Above MSL Fall 2021

- 3,901 - 4,000
- 3,801 - 3,900
- 3,701 - 3,800
- 3,601 - 3,700
- 3,501 - 3,600
- 3,401 - 3,500
- 3,301 - 3,400
- 3,201 - 3,300
- 3,101 - 3,200
- 3,001 - 3,100
- 2,901 - 3,000
- 2,801 - 2,900
- 2,701 - 2,800
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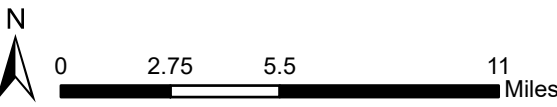


Figure 2-4: Cuyama GW Basin Fall 2021 Groundwater Elevation

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- Cuyama River
- - - Faults
- Groundwater Elevation Above MSL

Well Depth Below Ground Surface Elevation

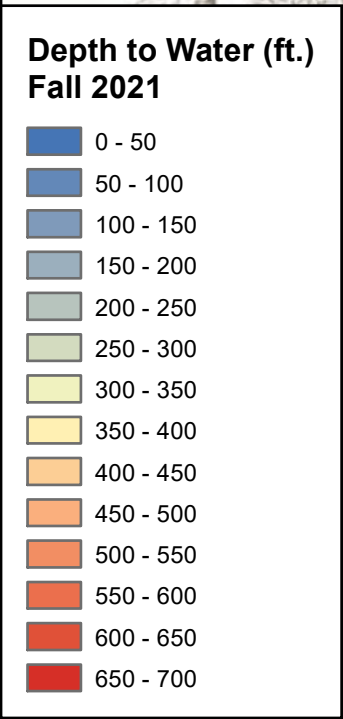
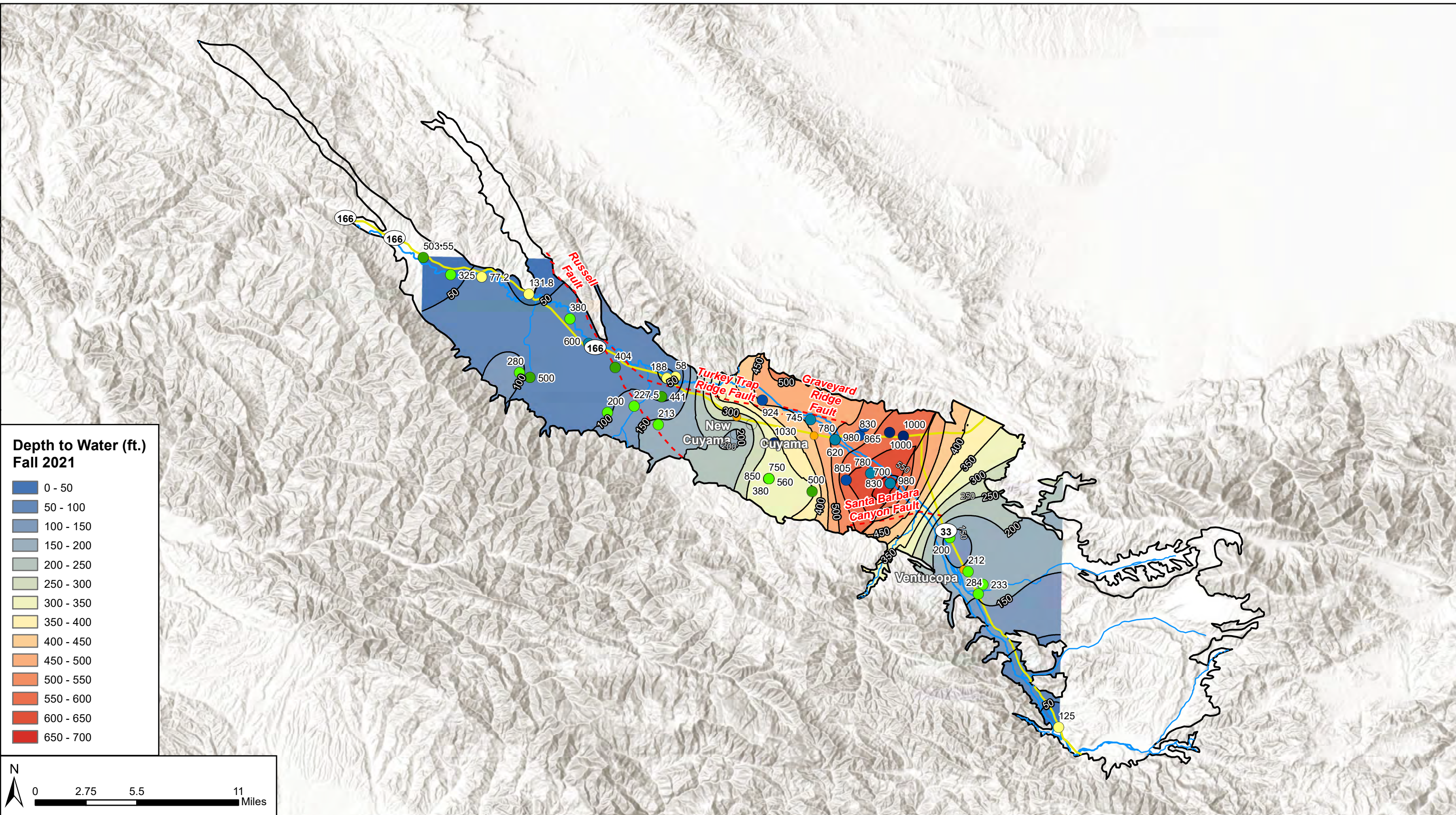
- Unknown
- 0 - 200 ft
- 200 - 400 ft
- 400 - 600 ft
- 600 - 800 ft
- 800 - 1000 ft
- 1000 - 1200 ft

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Contours Interval: 50 ft.

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**Figure 2-5: Cuyama GW Basin
Fall 2021 Depth to Water**

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- Cuyama Basin
- Cuyama River
- - - Faults
- Groundwater Depth-to-Water Contours below Groundsurface

- #### Well Depth Below Ground Surface Elevation
- | | |
|---|---|
| ○ Unknown | ● 600 - 800 ft |
| ● 0 - 200 ft | ● 800 - 1000 ft |
| ● 200 - 400 ft | ● 1000 - 1200 ft |
| ● 400 - 600 ft | |

Contours were interpolated using data measured from 9/1/2021 - 11/30/2021 due to limited data availability.
Contours Interval: 50 ft.

2.3 Hydrographs

Groundwater hydrographs were developed for each monitoring network well to provide indicators of groundwater trends throughout the Basin. Measurements from each well with historical monitoring data were compiled into one hydrograph for each well. A selection of wells from each threshold region are provided below, while hydrographs for every well are presented in Appendix A.³

In many cases, changes in historical groundwater conditions at particular wells have been influenced by climactic patterns in the Basin. Historical precipitation is highly variable, with several relatively wet years and some multi-year droughts.

Groundwater conditions generally vary in different parts of the Basin. To provide a comparative analysis general groundwater trends are provided in **Table 2-4** and are accompanied by hydrographs for an example well in each threshold regions. A map of threshold regions is provided in **Figure 2-6**, which also shows the locations of example wells used in each threshold region.

Table 2-4: Groundwater Trends by Threshold Regions

| Threshold Region | Groundwater Trend | Example Well(s) |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Northwestern Region | Slight downward trend influenced by seasonal fluctuations. This is expected as recent changes in land use have begun to pump groundwater. Levels are still approximately 80 ft above the Measurable Objective. | 841 (Figure 2-7) |
| Western Region | Levels in this region have either stayed relatively flat or slightly increased. | 571 (Error! Reference s ource not found.) |
| Central Region | Levels have historically had a steady downward trend with some seasonal fluctuations. This pattern remains with trends continuing downward and, in some cases, levels surpassing minimum thresholds. | 74 and 91 (Figure 2-9 & Figure 2-10) |
| Eastern Region | This region has seen an overall decline over several decades, however, recent groundwater trends appear to be approaching equilibrium. | 62 (Figure 2-11) |
| Southeastern Region | Levels in this relatively small region decreased slightly during the last drought but have recovered over the past few years and are well above the Measurable Objective. | 89 (Figure 2-12) |

³ Hydrographs in the appendix for this report include those that have recent monitoring data but will be removed based on monitoring network refinements described in this report. Subsequent Annual Reports for the Cuyama Basin will not include these hydrographs.

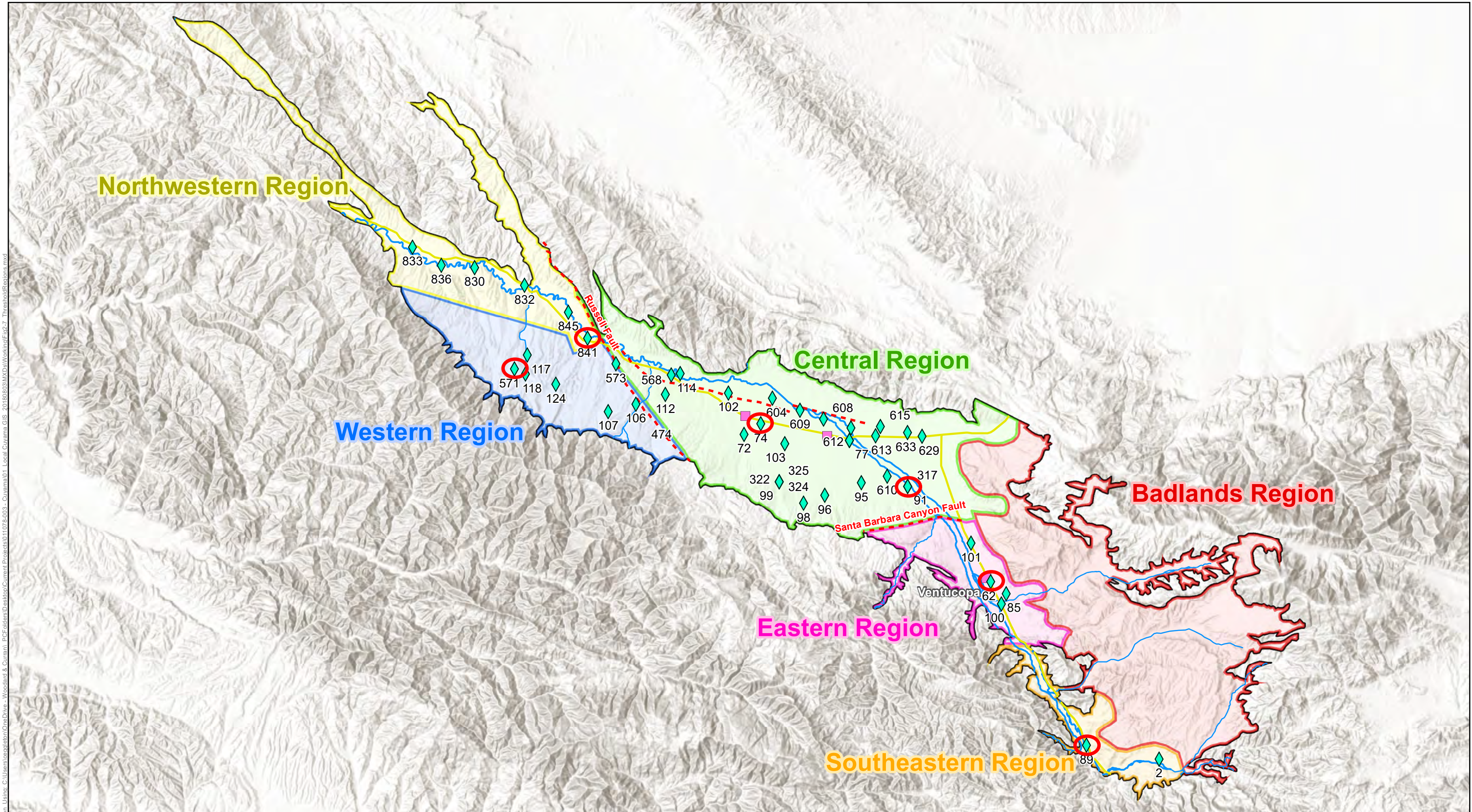


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Figure 2-6: Cuyama GW Basin Groundwater Level Representative Wells & Threshold Regions
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- Cuyama Basin
- ◆ Representative Wells (Refined)
- Towns
- Example Hydrograph Wells
- Faults
- Highways
- Cuyama River
- Streams

- Threshold Regions**
- Badlands Region
 - Central Region
 - Eastern Region
 - Northwestern Region
 - Southeastern Region
 - Western Region

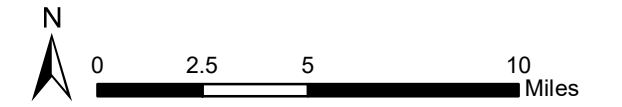


Figure 2-7: Example Well Hydrographs – Northwestern Region

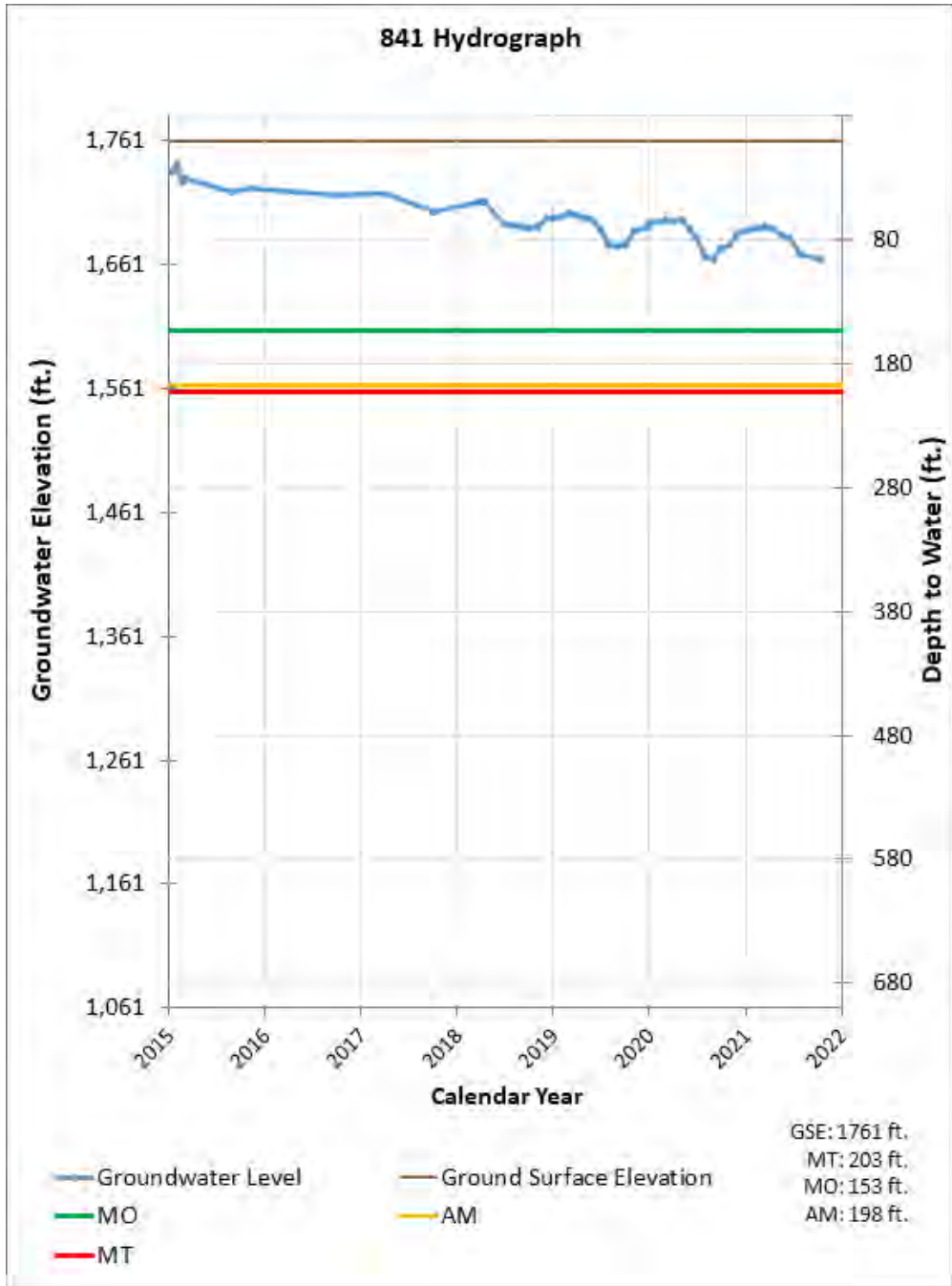


Figure 2-8: Example Well Hydrographs – Western Region

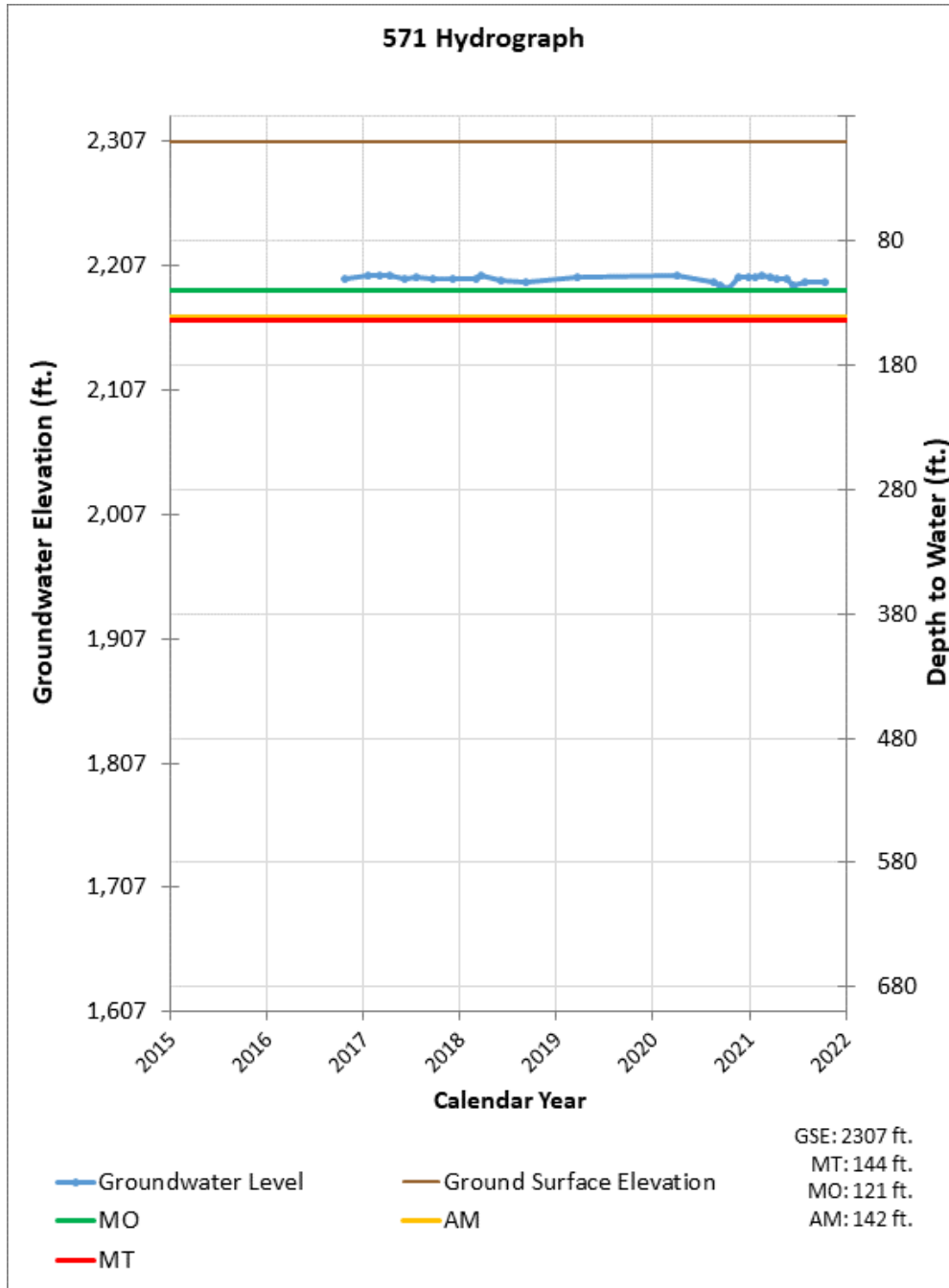


Figure 2-9: Example Well Hydrographs – Central Region

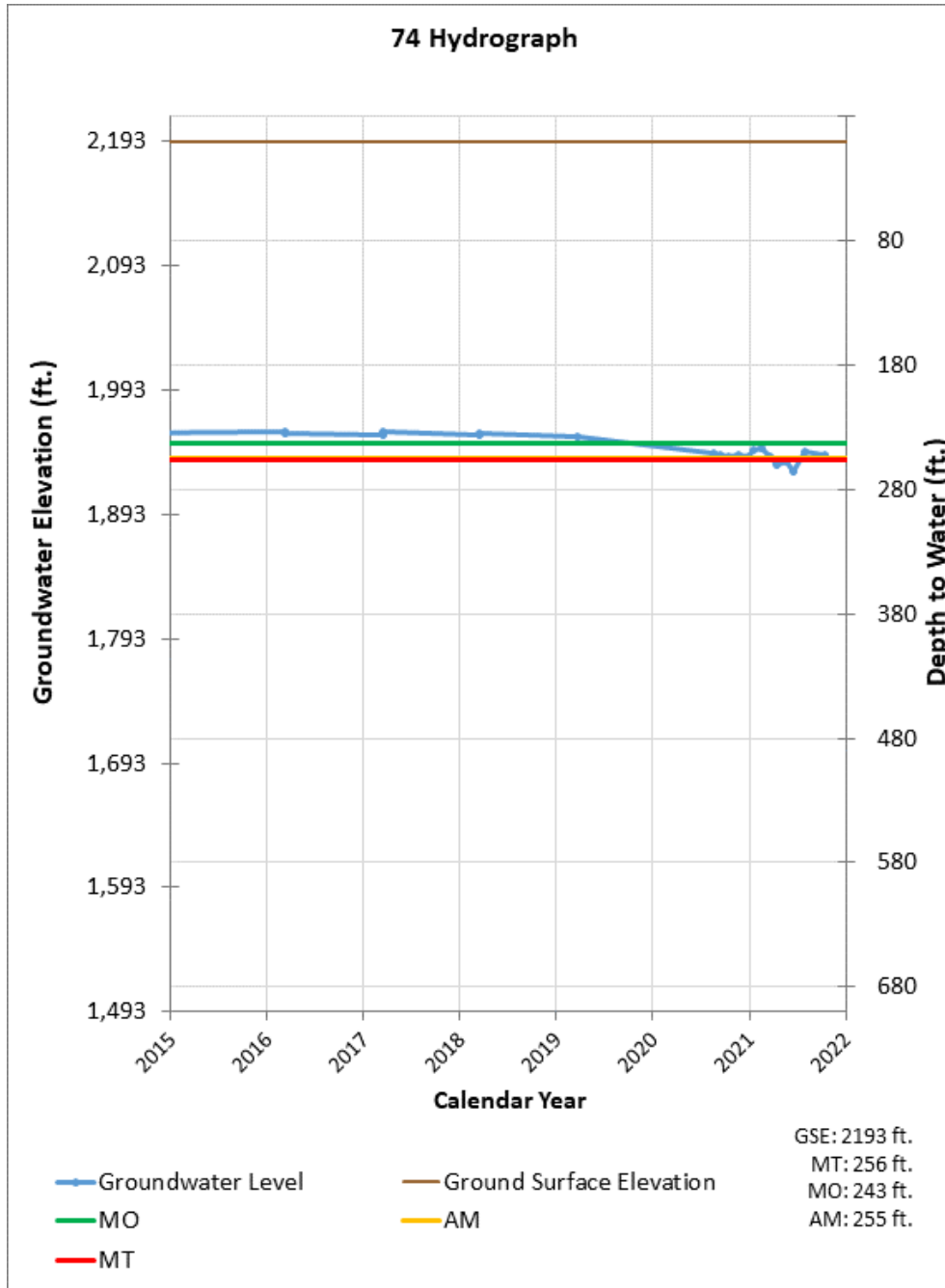


Figure 2-10: Example Well Hydrographs – Central Region

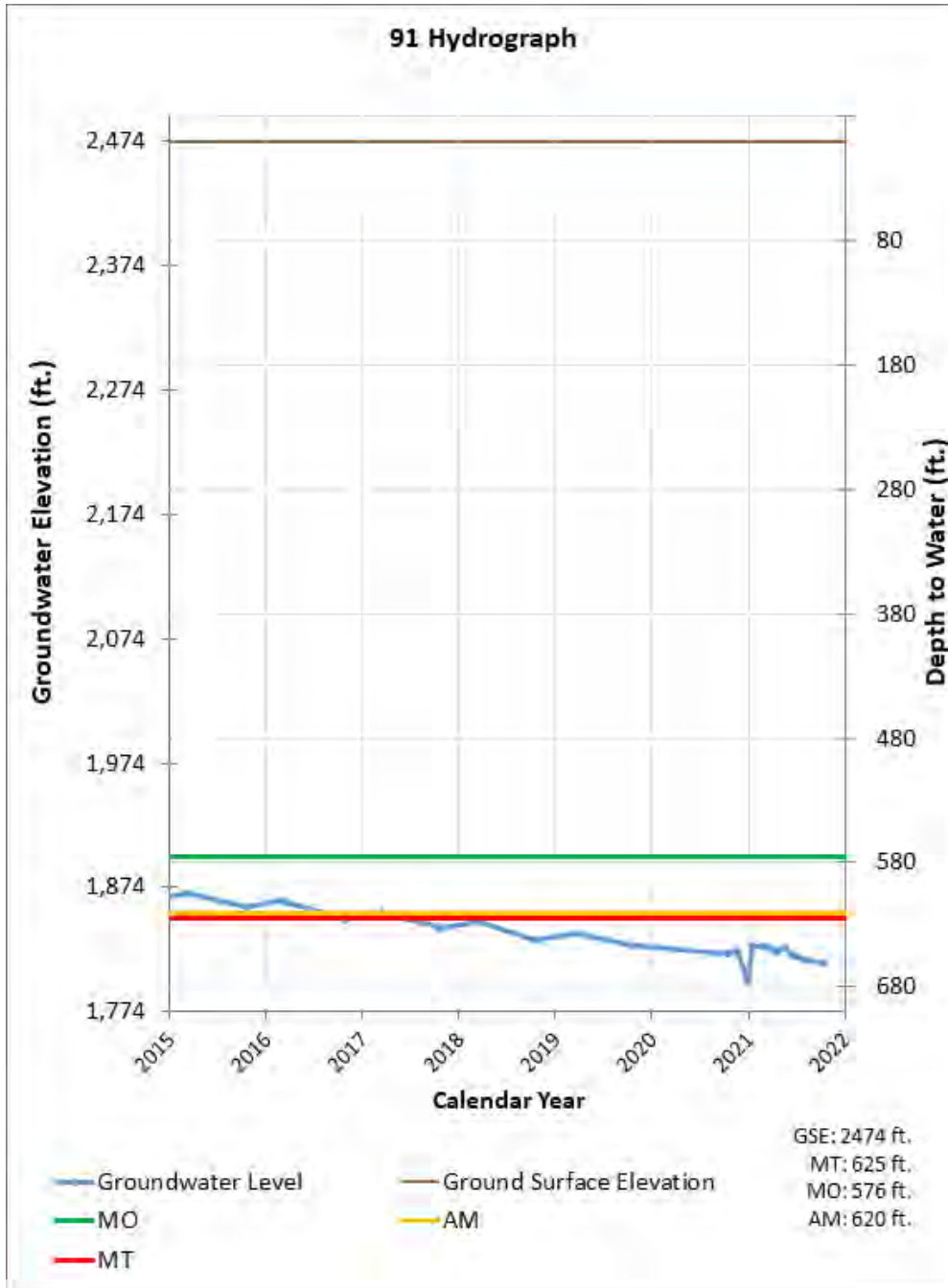


Figure 2-11: Example Well Hydrographs – Eastern Region

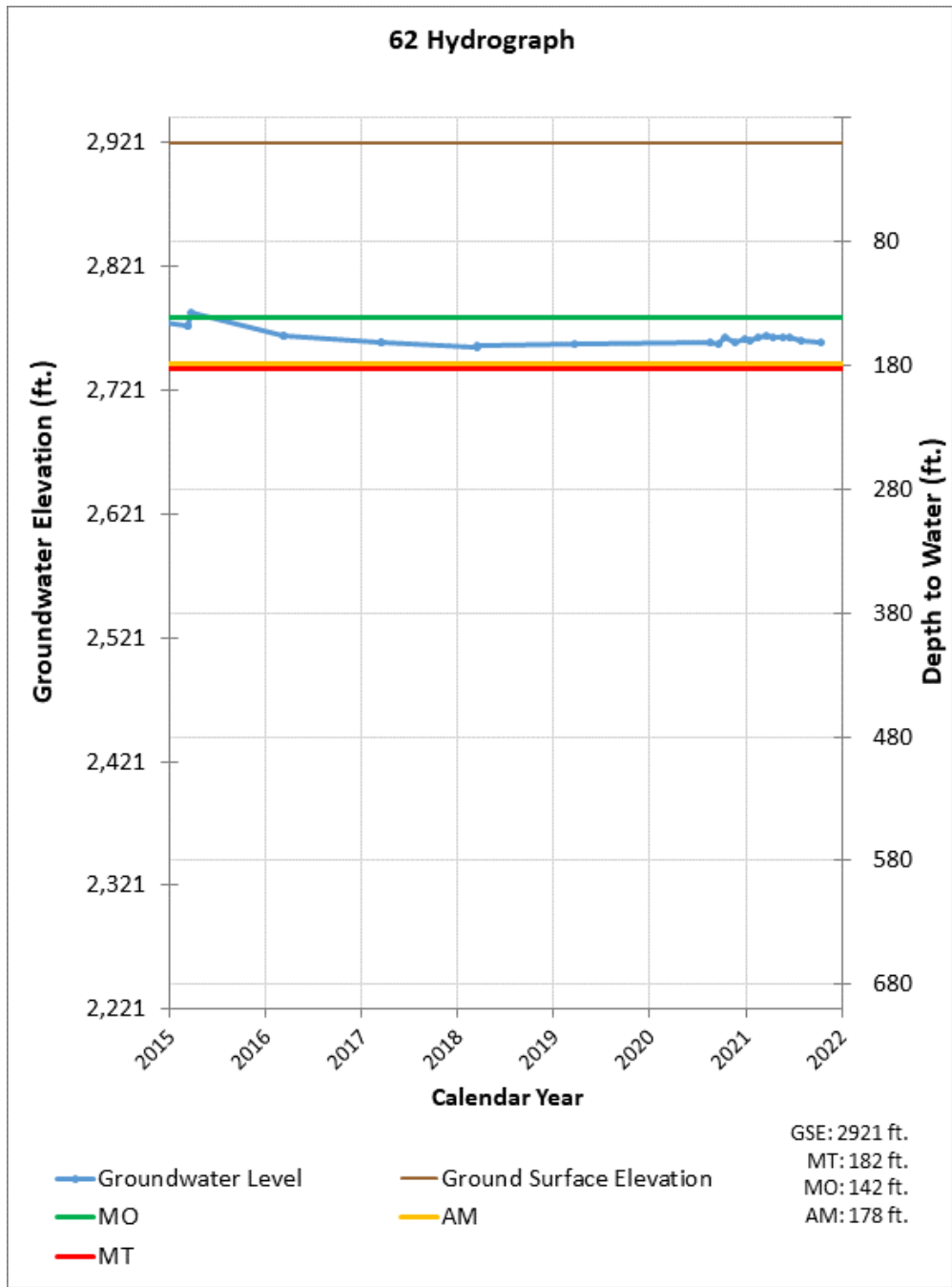
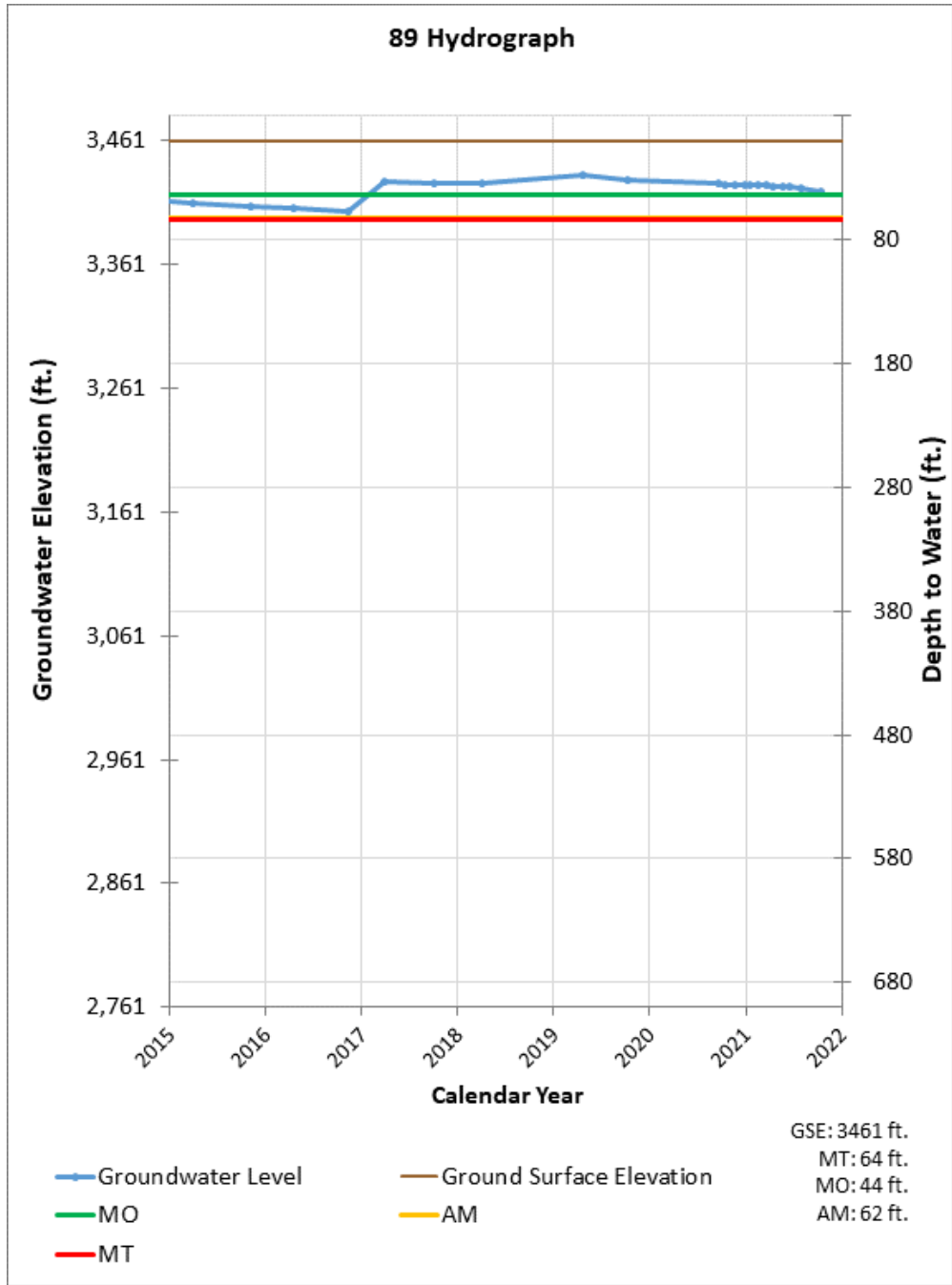


Figure 2-12: Example Well Hydrographs – Southeastern Region



Section 3. Water Use

| | |
|----------------|---|
| §356.2 (b) (2) | Groundwater extraction for the preceding water year. Data shall be collected using the best available measurement methods and shall be presented in a table that summarizes groundwater extractions by water use sector, and identifies the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements, and a map that illustrates the general location and volume of groundwater extractions. |
| §356.2 (b) (3) | Surface water supply used or available for use, for groundwater recharge or in-lieu use shall be reported based on quantitative data that describes the annual volume and sources for the preceding water year. |
| §356.2 (b) (4) | Total water use shall be collected using the best available measurement methods and shall be reported in a table that summarizes total water use by water use sector, water source type, and identifies the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements. Existing water use data from the most recent Urban Water Management Plans or Agricultural Water Management Plans within the basin may be used, as long as the data are reported by water year. |

3.1 Groundwater Extraction

Water budgets in the Cuyama Basin GSP were developed using the Cuyama Basin Water Resources Model (CBWRM) model, which is a fully integrated surface and groundwater flow model covering the Basin. The CBWRM was used to develop a historical water budget that evaluated the availability and reliability of past surface water supply deliveries, aquifer response to water supply, and demand trends relative to water year type. For the GSP, the CBWRM was used to develop water budget estimates for the hydrologic period of 1998 through 2017. As discussed in the GSP, the model was developed based on the best available data and information as of June 2018. An assessment of model uncertainty included in the GSP estimated an error range in overall model results of about +/- 10%. It is expected that the model will be refined in the future as improved and updated monitoring information becomes available for the Basin. For the past three Annual Reports, the CBWRM model was extended to include the 2018 through 2021 water years, utilizing updated land use, temperature, and precipitation⁴ data from those years.

Figure 3-1 shows the annual time series of groundwater pumping for the water years 1998 through 2021. The CBWRM estimates a total groundwater extraction amount of 59,300 AF in the Cuyama Basin in the 2021 water year. Almost all groundwater extraction in the Basin is for agriculture use. There is approximately 300 AF of domestic use in each year, with the remainder in each year being for agricultural use.

⁴ It should be noted that precipitation data provided by PRISM was updated and there are minor changes to some historical (pre-2020) data reflected in the water budget results when compared to previous reports.

Figure 3-1: Annual Groundwater Extraction in the Cuyama Basin in Water Years 1998-2021

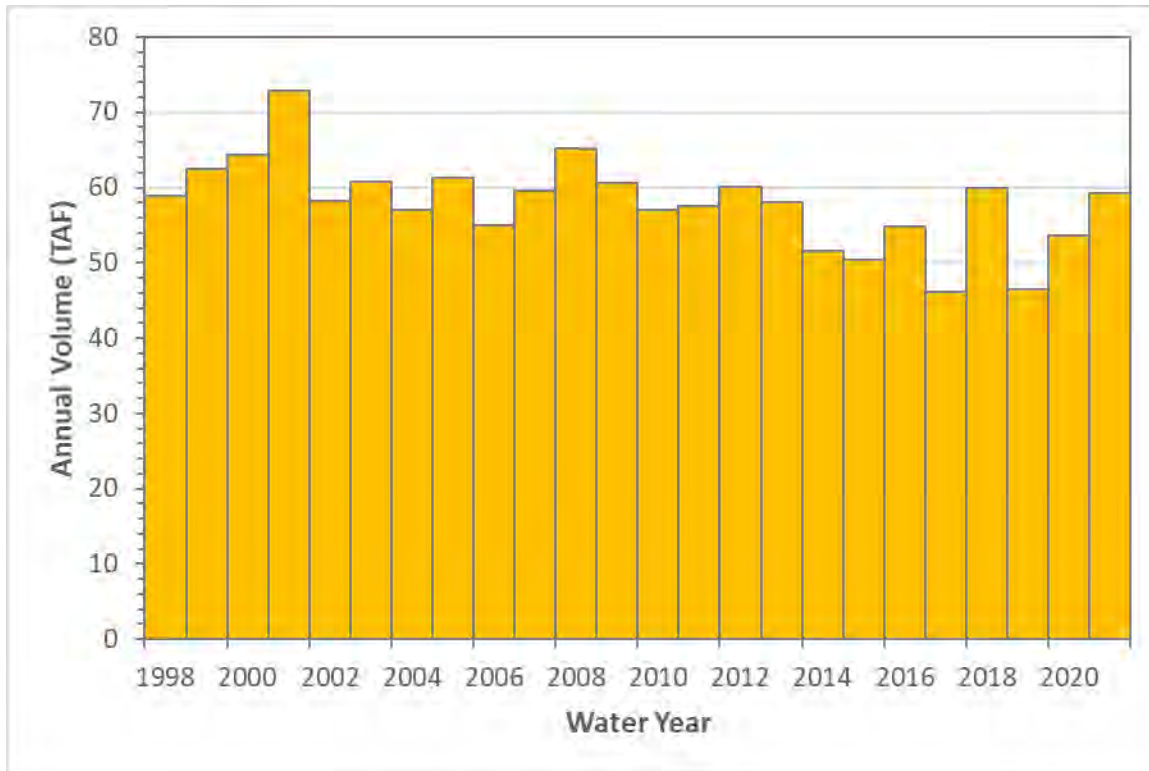


Figure 3-2 shows the locations where groundwater is applied in the Basin. The locations of groundwater use have not changed since completion of the GSP.

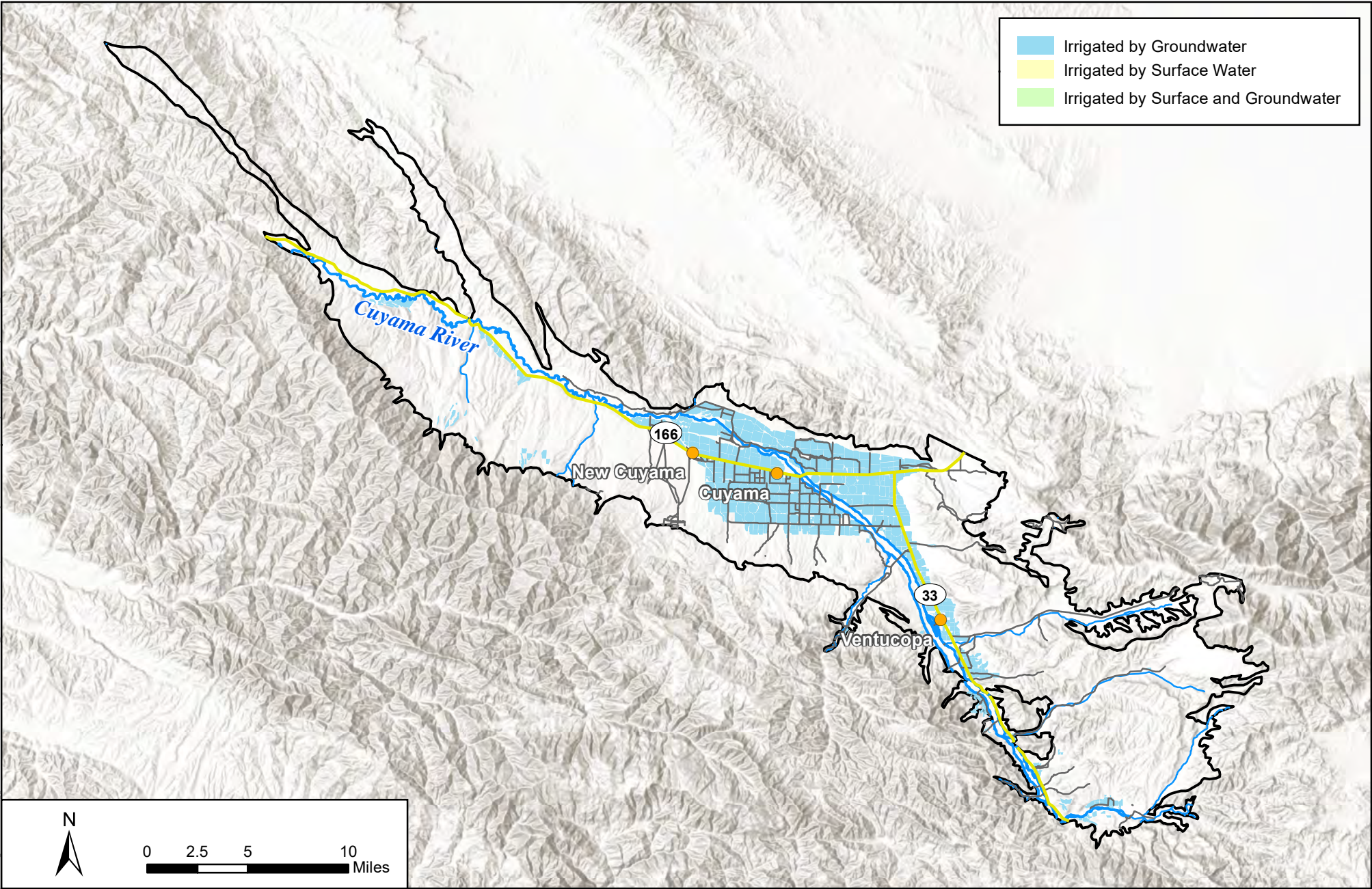
3.2 Surface Water Use




No surface water was used in the Cuyama Basin during the reporting period.

3.3 Total Water Use

Since there is no surface water use in the Cuyama Basin, the total water use equals the groundwater extraction in each year, as shown in Section 3.1.

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| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
|  | Irrigated by Groundwater |
|  | Irrigated by Surface Water |
|  | Irrigated by Surface and Groundwater |



0 2.5 5 10 Miles

Figure 3-2 - Land Use by Water Source







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-  Streams/Creeks
-  Highways
-  Local Roads

Section 4. Change in Groundwater Storage

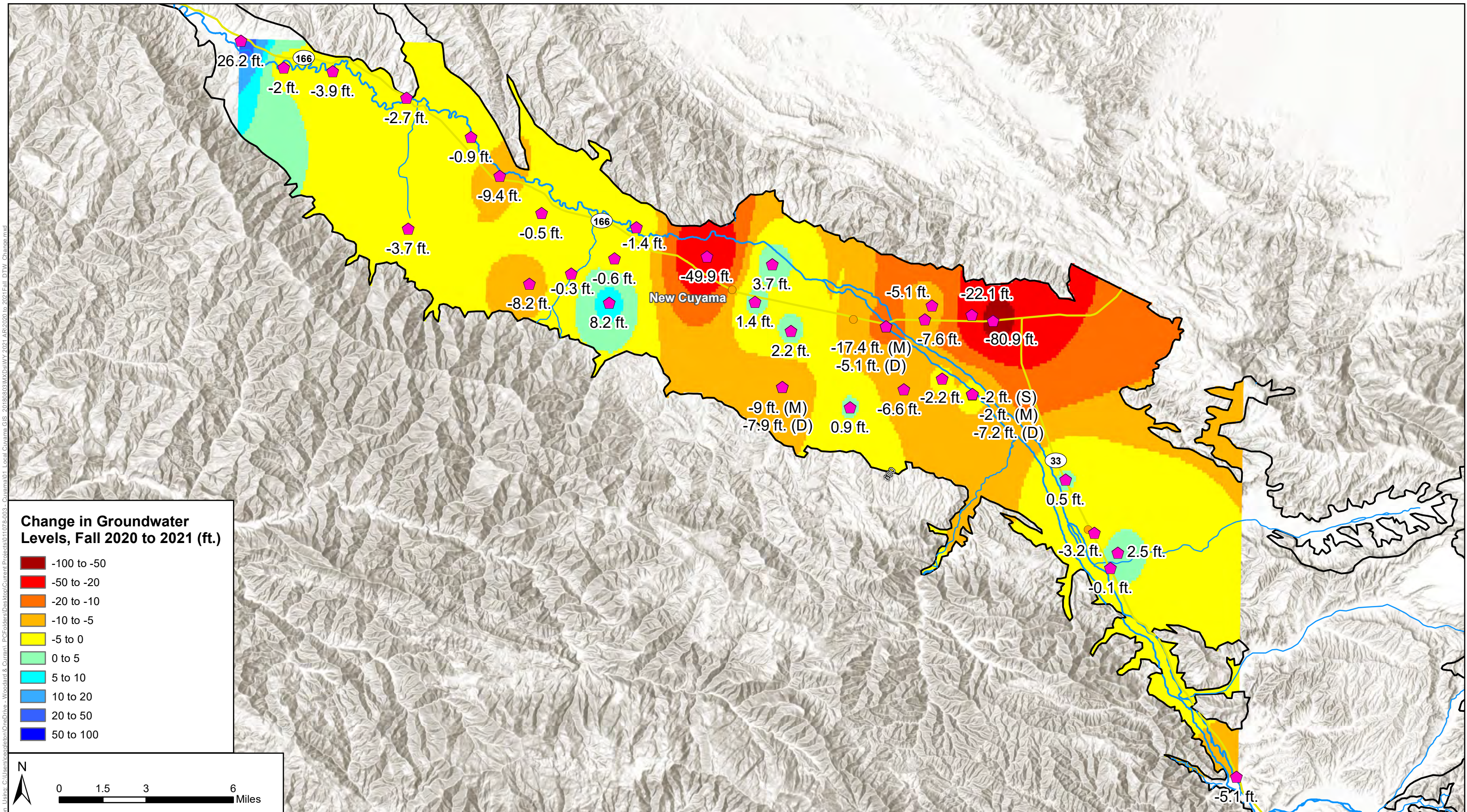
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| §356.2 (b) (5) | Change in groundwater in storage shall include the following: |
| §356.2 (b) (5) (A) | Change in groundwater in storage maps for each principal aquifer in the basin. |
| §356.2 (b) (5) (B) | A graph depicting water year type, groundwater use, the annual change in groundwater in storage, and the cumulative change in groundwater in storage for the basin based on historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to the current reporting year. |

Figure 4-1 shows contours of the estimated change in groundwater levels in the Cuyama Basin between fall 2020 and fall 2021. The changes shown are based on historical measurements of groundwater elevations in Cuyama Basin representative wells that have recorded measurements in the fall period of each year. These contours are useful at the planning level for understanding groundwater levels across the Basin, and to identify general horizontal gradients and regional groundwater level trends. The contour map is not indicative of exact values across the Basin because groundwater contour maps approximate conditions between measurement points, and do not account for topography.

A quantitative estimate of the annual change in groundwater storage was estimated using the CBWRM model, which was extended to include the 2021 water year as described in the groundwater extraction section above. The CBWRM was used to estimate the full groundwater budget for each year in the Cuyama Basin, which consists of a single principal aquifer. The estimated values for each water budget component in each year are shown in **Table 4-1**. The CBWRM estimates reductions in groundwater storage of 14,800 AF in 2019, 23,600 AF in 2020, and 40,000 AF in 2021.

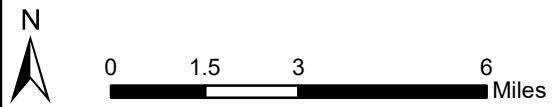
Table 4-1: Groundwater Budget Estimates for Water Years 2019, 2020 and 2021

| Component | Water Year 2019 (AFY) | Water Year 2020 (AFY) | Water Year 2021 (AFY) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Inflows | | | |
| Deep percolation | 26,200 | 25,700 | 18,100 |
| Stream seepage | 3,900 | 2,800 | -200 |
| Subsurface inflow | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,400 |
| Total Inflow | 31,700 | 30,000 | 19,300 |
| Outflows | | | |
| Groundwater pumping | 46,500 | 53,600 | 59,300 |
| Total Outflow | 46,500 | 53,600 | 59,300 |
| Change in Storage | -14,800 | -23,600 | -40,000 |



Change in Groundwater Levels, Fall 2020 to 2021 (ft.)

- 100 to -50
- 50 to -20
- 20 to -10
- 10 to -5
- 5 to 0
- 0 to 5
- 5 to 10
- 10 to 20
- 20 to 50
- 50 to 100



**Figure 4-1: Cuyama GW Basin
Fall 2020 to 2021 GWL Change**

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- Cuyama Basin
- Cuyama River
- Fall 2020-2021 Overlapping Wells

Well labels are the change in groundwater elevations from Fall 2020 to 2021.

Rasters have been developed as an estimation tool. Areas of overlapping interpolation data for Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 are interpolated using data measured from September 1st and November 30th of each year due to limited data availability. It should be noted this information should be used with individual well hydrographs to make a more informative analysis of groundwater conditions.

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Figure 4-2 shows the historical change in groundwater storage by year, water year type,⁵ and cumulative water volume in each year for the period from 1998 through 2021. The change in groundwater storage in each year was estimated by the CBWRM model. The color of bar for each year of change in storage correlates a water year type defined by Basin precipitation.

Figure 4-2: Change in Groundwater Storage by Year, Water Year Type, and Cumulative Water Volume



⁵ Water year types are customized for the Basin watershed based on annual precipitation as follows:

- Wet year = more than 19.6 inches
- Above normal year = 13.1 to 19.6 inches
- Below normal year = 9.85 to 13.1 inches
- Dry year = 6.6 to 9.85 inches
- Critical year = less than 6.6 inches.

Section 5. Groundwater Quality

As discussed in Section 4.8 of the Cuyama GSP, the CBGSA's groundwater quality network is designed to monitor salinity levels (as total dissolved solids (TDS)). The groundwater quality network is composed of 64 wells, all of which are representative, and are listed in **Table 5-1** and shown on **Figure 5-1**.

The CBGSA began collecting groundwater quality data in early 2021 and has collected TDS measurements at 23 wells, all of which are part of the groundwater quality representative monitoring network. The results are listed in **Table 5-1** and shown on **Figure 5-2**. Of the 23 wells measured in water year 2021, five wells exceeded their measurable objective, and three wells exceeded the minimum threshold and 2025 interim milestone. Therefore, 22% of measured wells exceeded their measurable objective and 13% exceeded their minimum threshold. However, 64% of wells were not sampled do to limit access. Furthermore, since the measurement at many of these wells was the first one taken in many years, and significant differences were noted relative to previous measurements (in both a positive and negative direction), the CBGSA considers it premature to use this data to evaluate the performance of groundwater quality at this time. The CBGSA intends to reevaluate the groundwater quality representative monitoring network based on the well information, site access, and landowner participation moving forward to ensure that the representative monitoring network both provides adequate coverage and representative data for the Basin while ensuring continued and consistent monitoring is conducted over the implementation horizon. This may also include reassessing threshold values and consideration of the proper translation of measured electrical conductivity (EC) versus TDS.

The CBGSA is currently pursuing grant funding to fund quarterly monitoring of groundwater levels and annual monitoring of groundwater quality for total dissolved solids (TDS) at existing monitoring locations for three years, as well as one-time testing of groundwater quality for nitrate and arsenic at existing groundwater quality representative monitoring network locations.

The CBGSA also intends to leverage and make use of existing monitoring programs for nitrates and arsenic (in particular ILP for nitrates and USGS for arsenic). To supplement the understanding of nitrate and arsenic concentrations in the basin, the GSP intends to perform an additional measurement of nitrate and arsenic at each water quality well identified in the GSP (GSP Figure 4-20) during calendar year 2022. This will provide a baseline constituent level in all groundwater quality representative monitoring network locations that can be utilized for future basin planning. Additional measurements may be considered by the GSA in the future in anticipation of future five-year updates.

Table 5-1: Groundwater Quality Monitoring Network Well List and TDS Results

| Opti ID | Measurement Date | TDS Measurement (mg/L) | MO (mg/L) | MT (mg/L) | 2025 Interim Milestone (mg/L) |
|---------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 61 | --- | --- | 585 | 615.2 | 615 |
| 72 | 2/25/2021 | 559 | 996 | 1,023 | 1,023 |
| 73 | --- | --- | 805 | 855.9 | 856 |
| 74 | 2/25/2021 | 1260 | 1,500 | 1,833 | 1,833 |
| 76 | 2/25/2021 | 1270 | 1,500 | 2,306.90 | 2,307 |
| 77 | 2/16/2021 | 1070 | 1,500 | 1,592 | 1,592 |
| 79 | 3/17/2021 | 1790 | 1,500 | 2,320 | 2,320 |
| 81 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 2,788 | 2,788 |
| 83 | 3/17/2021 | 1120 | 1,500 | 1,726 | 1,726 |
| 85 | --- | --- | 618 | 1,391.20 | 1,391 |
| 86 | --- | --- | 969 | 974.7 | 975 |
| 87 | --- | --- | 1,090 | 1,164.80 | 1,165 |
| 88 | 2/25/2021 | 330 | 302 | 302 | 302 |
| 90 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,593 | 1,593 |
| 91 | --- | --- | 1,410 | 1,487 | 1,487 |
| 94 | 3/17/2021 | 964 | 1,050 | 1,245 | 1,245 |
| 95 | 2/15/2021 | 1290 | 1,500 | 1,866 | 1,866 |
| 96 | 2/25/2021 | 1210 | 1,500 | 1,632 | 1,632 |
| 98 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| 99 | 2/16/2021 | 1010 | 1,490 | 1,562 | 1,562 |
| 101 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,693 | 1,693 |
| 102 | 2/25/2021 | 905 | 1,500 | 2,351 | 2,351 |
| 130 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,855 | 1,855 |
| 131 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,982 | 1,982 |
| 157 | 3/17/2021 | 1360 | 1,500 | 2,360 | 2,360 |
| 196 | --- | --- | 851 | 903.7 | 904 |
| 204 | 2/26/2021 | 364 | 253 | 268.6 | 269 |
| 226 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,844 | 1,844 |
| 227 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 2,230 | 2,230 |
| 242 | 2/26/2021 | 826 | 1,470 | 1,518 | 1,518 |
| 269 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,702 | 1,702 |
| 309 | --- | --- | 1,410 | 1,509 | 1,509 |
| 316 | --- | --- | 1,380 | 1,468 | 1,468 |

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| Opti ID | Measurement Date | TDS Measurement (mg/L) | MO (mg/L) | MT (mg/L) | 2025 Interim Milestone (mg/L) |
|---------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 317 | 2/25/2021 | 692 | 1,260 | 1,337 | 1,337 |
| 318 | --- | --- | 1,080 | 1,152 | 1,152 |
| 322 | 2/16/2021 | 1120 | 1,350 | 1,386 | 1,386 |
| 324 | 2/25/2021 | 488 | 746 | 777.2 | 777 |
| 325 | 2/25/2021 | 746 | 1,470 | 1,569 | 1,569 |
| 400 | 3/17/2021 | 1350 | 918 | 975.6 | 976 |
| 420 | --- | --- | 1,430 | 1,490 | 1,490 |
| 421 | 2/25/2021 | 797 | 1,500 | 1,616 | 1,616 |
| 422 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,942 | 1,942 |
| 424 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,588 | 1,588 |
| 467 | 3/17/2021 | 1140 | 1,500 | 1,764 | 1,764 |
| 568 | 2/15/2021 | 872 | 871 | 1,191.40 | 1,191 |
| 702 | --- | --- | 110 | 2,074.40 | 2,074 |
| 703 | --- | --- | 400 | 4,096.80 | 4,097 |
| 710 | --- | --- | 1,040 | 1,040 | 1,040 |
| 711 | --- | --- | 928 | 928 | 928 |
| 712 | --- | --- | 977 | 977.5 | 978 |
| 713 | --- | --- | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| 721 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 2,170 | 2,170 |
| 758 | --- | --- | 900 | 954.3 | 954 |
| 840 | --- | --- | 559 | 559 | 559 |
| 841 | --- | --- | 561 | 561 | 561 |
| 842 | --- | --- | 547 | 547 | 547 |
| 843 | --- | --- | 569 | 569 | 569 |
| 844 | --- | --- | 481 | 481 | 481 |
| 845 | --- | --- | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| 846 | --- | --- | 918 | 918 | 918 |
| 847 | --- | --- | 480 | 480 | 480 |
| 848 | --- | --- | 674 | 674 | 674 |
| 849 | --- | --- | 1,500 | 1,780 | 1,780 |
| 850 | --- | --- | 472 | 472 | 472 |

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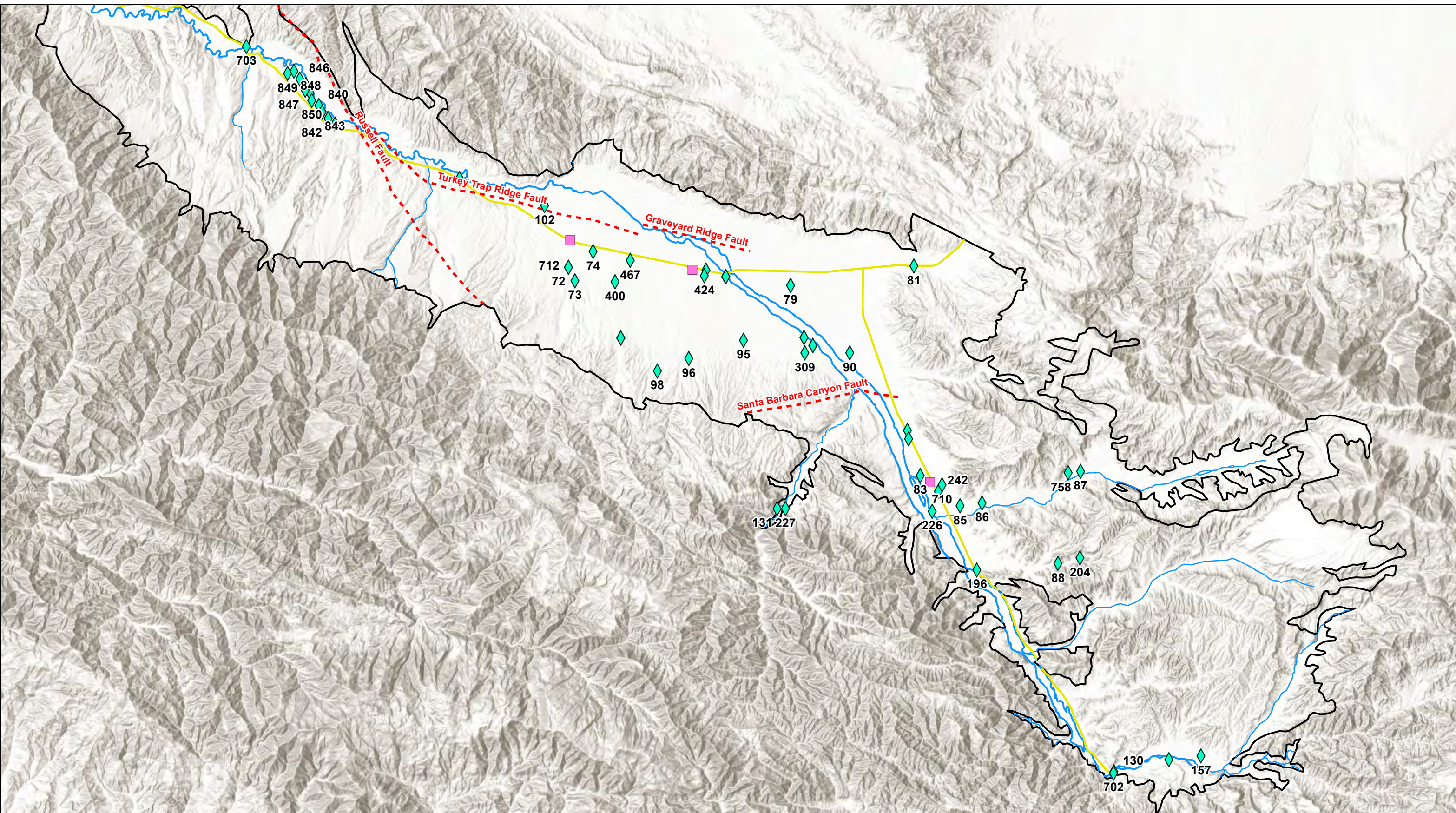


Figure 5-3: Cuyama GW Basin Groundwater Quality Representative Wells

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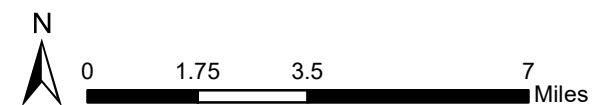
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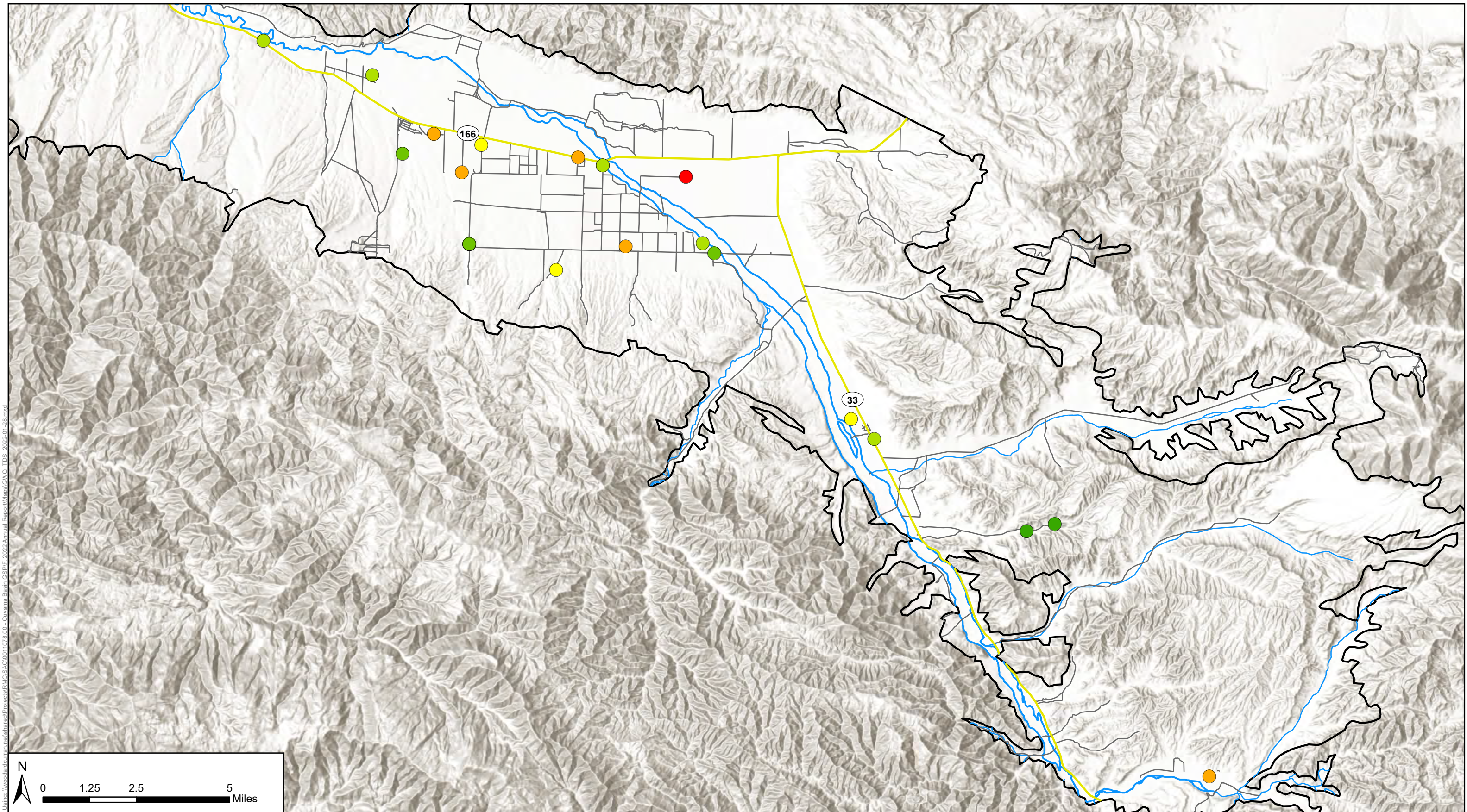
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- Cuyama Basin
- Towns
- Faults
- Highways
- Cuyama River
- Streams
- Representative Groundwater Quality Wells






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Figure 5-2: 2021 Groundwater Quality Measurements
 Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 January 2022

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|  Legend | Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L) | ● 1000 - 1250 |
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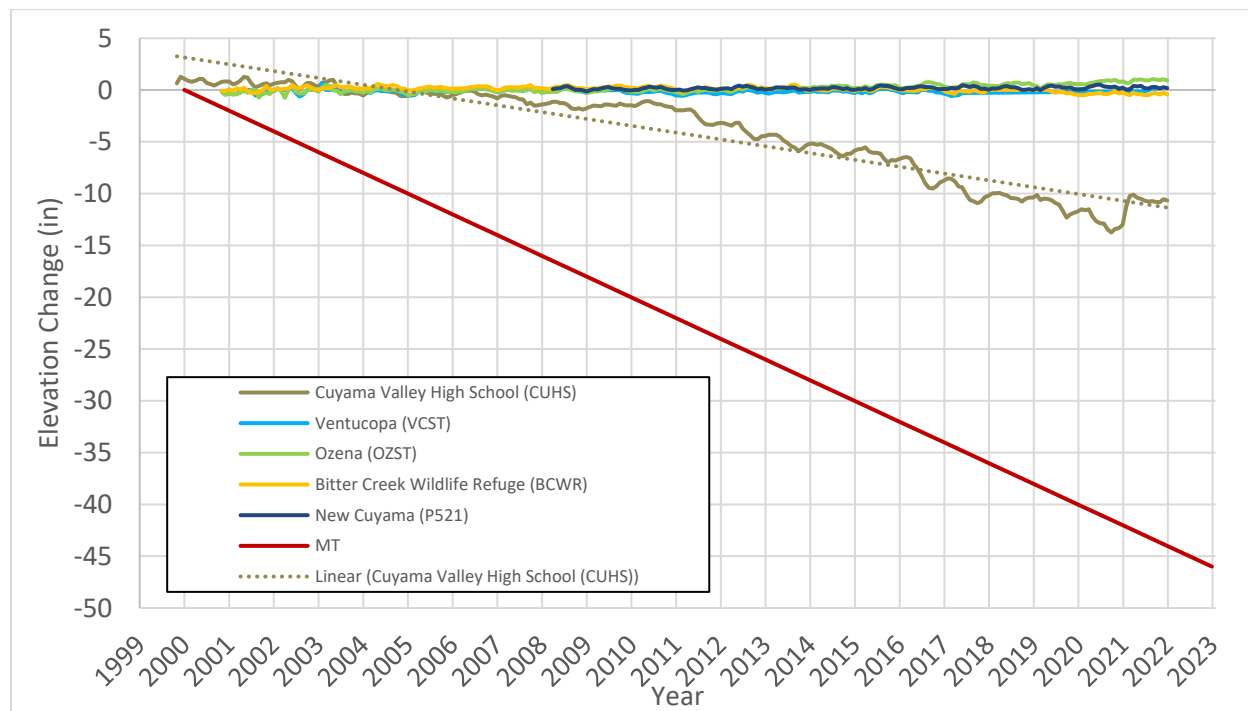
Section 6. Land Subsidence

Section 4.9 of the Cuyama GSP describes the monitoring network for land subsidence in the Basin, which is composed of five continuous geographic positioning system (CGPS) stations in and around the Basin to monitor lateral and vertical ground movements. Two of the five stations, the Cuyama Valley High School (CUHS) and the Ventucopa (VCST) stations are within the Basin boundary. The other three stations are outside of the Basin and provide data comparative data for vertical movements that are more likely related to tectonic displacement rather than land subsidence.

The undesirable result for subsidence, as described in Section 3.2.5, is detected when 30 percent of representative subsidence monitoring sites (i.e. 1 of 2 sites) exceed the minimum threshold for subsidence over two years. The minimum threshold for subsidence, as defined in GSP Section 5.6.3, is 2 inches per year.

At the time the GSP was submitted in 2020, subsidence rates for the CUHS station were -0.56 inches per year. As shown in **Figure 6-1**, data through 2021 was downloaded from UNAVCO⁶ and the subsidence trend for CUHS was recalculated. Subsidence rates during 2021 actually reflected a positive change in ground surface elevation, and current subsidence rates in the central portion of the Basin are now -16.4 mm per year or -0.65 inches per year. This rate is still below the minimum threshold, and thus undesirable results for subsidence are not occurring in the Basin.

Figure 6-1: Subsidence Monitoring Data



⁶ <https://www.unavco.org/data/web-services/documentation/documentation.html#!/GNSS47GPS/getPositionByStationId>

Section 7. Plan Implementation

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| §356.2 (c) | A description of progress toward implementing the Plan, including achieving interim milestones, and implementation of projects or management actions since the previous annual report. |
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This section describes management activities taken by the CBGSA to implement the Cuyama Basin GSP from adoption of the GSP through preparation of this Annual Report.

7.1 Progress Toward Achieving Interim Milestones

Since the GSP was adopted by the CBGSA Board recently and CBGSA data collection efforts began in the second half of 2020, progress toward achieving interim milestones is in its early stages.

To track changes in groundwater conditions and the Basins progress towards sustainability, the GSA compiles a monthly groundwater condition reports based on the data collected to monitoring groundwater levels. Current data collection occurs monthly with corresponding reports, however, at its January 2021 meeting, the CBGSA Board determined to shift to quarterly monitoring starting in October 2021 after a full year of monthly monitoring had been performed.

As described in Section 5 of the GSP (Minimum Thresholds, Measurable Objectives, and Interim Milestones), all interim milestones (IMs) are calculated the same way in each threshold region. IMs are equal to the MT in 2025, with a projected improvement to one-third the distance between the MT and MO in 2030 and half the distance between the MT and MO in 2035. **Table 7-1** includes measurements of depth to water (DTW) taken in October 2021 at each well and compares them to their respective 2025 IMs. As is shown in the table, 33 wells are currently above their IM, while 16 are below, relative to the most recent measurement. Eleven wells did not have data available either in November or December, either because an access agreement has not granted, or the well was inaccessible. As there are still four years before 2025, the CBGSA will use its regular groundwater condition reports to closely monitor the Basin’s progress towards sustainability and its IMs.

Table 7-1: Measured Depths to Groundwater in November & December 2020 Compared to 2025 Interim Milestones

| Well | Region | Oct-21 DTW (feet) | 2025 IM (feet) | Status |
|------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| 72 | Central | 178 | 169 | Below IM |
| 74 | Central | 252 | 256 | Above IM |
| 77 | Central | 498 | 450 | Below IM |
| 91 | Central | 665 | 625 | Below IM |
| 95 | Central | 604 | 573 | Below IM |
| 96 | Central | 334 | 333 | Below IM |
| 98 | Central | - | 450 | Unknown |
| 99 | Central | 359 | 311 | Below IM |
| 102 | Central | 378 | 235 | Below IM |
| 103 | Central | 327 | 290 | Below IM |
| 112 | Central | 85 | 87 | Above IM |
| 114 | Central | 47 | 47 | Above IM |
| 316 | Central | 665 | 623 | Below IM |
| 317 | Central | 665 | 623 | Below IM |
| 322 | Central | 369 | 307 | Below IM |
| 324 | Central | 348 | 311 | Below IM |
| 325 | Central | 314 | 300 | Below IM |
| 420 | Central | 511 | 450 | Below IM |
| 421 | Central | 507 | 446 | Below IM |
| 422 | Central | - | 444 | Unknown |
| 474 | Central | 163 | 188 | Above IM |
| 568 | Central | 39 | 37 | Below IM |
| 604 | Central | 480 | 526 | Above IM |
| 608 | Central | 462 | 436 | Below IM |
| 609 | Central | - | 458 | Unknown |
| 610 | Central | 631 | 621 | Below IM |
| 612 | Central | - | 463 | Unknown |
| 613 | Central | 524 | 503 | Below IM |
| 615 | Central | 514 | 500 | Below IM |
| 620 | Central | - | 606 | Unknown |
| 629 | Central | 578 | 559 | Below IM |
| 633 | Central | 579 | 547 | Below IM |
| 62 | Eastern | 160 | 182 | Above IM |
| 85 | Eastern | 200 | 233 | Above IM |
| 100 | Eastern | 152 | 181 | Above IM |
| 101 | Eastern | 110 | 111 | Above IM |
| 840 | Northwestern | - | 203 | Unknown |
| 841 | Northwestern | 98 | 203 | Above IM |
| 843 | Northwestern | - | 203 | Unknown |
| 845 | Northwestern | 70 | 203 | Above IM |
| 849 | Northwestern | - | 203 | Unknown |
| 2 | Southeastern | - | 72 | Unknown |
| 89 | Southeastern | 35 | 64 | Above IM |

| Well | Region | Oct-21 DTW (feet) | 2025 IM (feet) | Status |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 106 | Western | 143 | 154 | Above IM |
| 107 | Western | 91 | 91 | Above IM |
| 108 | Western | - | 165 | Unknown |
| 117 | Western | - | 160 | Unknown |
| 118 | Western | 59 | 124 | Above IM |
| 123 | Western | - | 31 | Unknown |
| 124 | Western | - | 73 | Unknown |
| 127 | Western | - | 42 | Unknown |
| 571 | Western | 124 | 144 | Above IM |
| 573 | Western | 71 | 118 | Above IM |
| 830 | Far-West Northwestern | 60 | 59 | Below IM |
| 831 | Far-West Northwestern | - | 77 | Unknown |
| 832 | Far-West Northwestern | 39 | 45 | Above IM |
| 833 | Far-West Northwestern | 26 | 96 | Above IM |
| 834 | Far-West Northwestern | - | 84 | Unknown |
| 835 | Far-West Northwestern | - | 55 | Unknown |
| 836 | Far-West Northwestern | 38 | 79 | Above IM |

7.2 Funding to Support GSP Implementation

On May 5, 2021, the CBGSA Board held a rate hearing and set a groundwater extraction fee of \$39 per acre-foot for FY 21-22. The fee was based on user-reported water usage totaling 28,000 acre-feet and the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget totaling \$1.3 million, a portion of which was met with existing funds. For FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, the CBGSA will administer the annual fee based on crop factors but will transition to metered data for the administration of the FY 23-24 fee.

Additionally, the CBGSA unsuccessfully applied for Proposition 68 SGM Implementation Grant funding from DWR in January of 2021 to support implementation activities, with a total requested grant amount was \$5,000,000.

The CBGSA has recently submitted a proposal to DWR for \$7.6 million in funding under the Critically Overdrafted Basin (COD) SGMA Implementation grant opportunity, with funding requested for the following activities over the next three years:

- Ongoing Monitoring and Enhancements
- Project and Management Action Implementation
- GSP Implementation and Outreach Activities
- Improving Understanding of Basin Water Use

7.3 Stakeholder Outreach Activities in Support of GSP Implementation

The following is a list of public meetings where GSP development and implementation was discussed during the 2020-2021 water year.

- CBGSA Board meetings: November 4, January 13, March 3, May 5, July 7, August 18, and September 1, and November 3
- Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings: October 29, January 7, February 25, April 29, July 1, August 11, and August 26

7.4 Progress on Implementation of GSP Projects

Table 7-2 shows the projects and management actions that were included in the GSP. The following subsections describe the progress of implementation of each GSP project.

Table 7-2: Summary of Projects and Management Actions included in the GSP

| Activity | Current Status | Anticipated Timing | Estimated Cost ^a |
|---|---|--|---|
| Project 1: Flood and Stormwater Capture | Conceptual project evaluated in 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study: 0 to 5 years • Design/Construction: 5 to 15 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study: \$1,000,000 • Flood and Stormwater Capture Project: \$600-\$800 per AF (\$2,600,000 – 3,400,000 per year) |
| Project 2: Precipitation Enhancement | Initial Feasibility Study completed in 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refined project study: 0 to 2 years • Implementation of Precipitation Enhancement: 0 to 5 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study: \$200,000 • Precipitation Enhancement Project: \$25 per AF (\$150,000 per year) |
| Project 3: Water Supply Transfers/Exchanges | Not yet begun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study/planning: 0 to 5 years • Implementation in 5 to 15 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study: \$200,000 • Transfers/Exchanges: \$600-\$2,800 per AF (total cost TBD) |
| Project 4: Improve Reliability of Water Supplies for Local Communities | Preliminary studies/planning complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility studies: 0 to 2 years • Design/Construction: 1 to 5 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study: \$100,000 • Design/Construction: \$1,800,000 |
| Management Action 1: Basin-Wide Economic Analysis | Completed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60,000 |
| Management Action 2: Pumping Allocations in Central Basin Management Area | Preliminary coordination begun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumping Allocation Study completed: 2022 • Allocations implemented: 2023 through 2040 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan: \$300,000 • Implementation: \$150,000 per year |
| Adaptive Management | Not yet begun | Only implemented if triggered; timing would vary | TBD |

^a Estimated cost based on planning documents and professional judgment
AF = acre-feet

7.4.1 Project 1: Flood and Stormwater Capture

The CBGSA application for COD SGMA Implementation Grant funding from DWR includes a task to understand the feasibility of future flood and stormwater capture. Specifically, funding was sought to perform a water rights analysis on flood and stormwater capture flows in the Basin to understand the feasibility of further developing a stormwater capture project in the Basin given water availability and existing water rights.

7.4.2 Project 2: Precipitation Enhancement

The CBGSA application for COD SGMA Implementation Grant funding from DWR which includes a task to understand the feasibility of precipitation enhancements efforts. Specifically, funding was sought to perform a feasibility study of the precipitation enhancement action identified in the GSP to determine if this action should be pursued and implemented in the Basin.

7.4.3 Project 3: Water Supply Transfers or Exchanges

No progress was made toward implementation of this project since completion of the GSP in January 2020.

7.4.4 Project 4: Improve Reliability of Water Supplies for Local Communities

As noted in last year's Annual Report, the CCSD received a grant award from DWR's IRWM program to install a new production well. Work to install this well is currently underway.

7.5 Management Actions

Table 7-2 shows the projects and management actions that were included in the GSP. The following subsections describe the progress of implementation of each GSP management action.

7.5.1 Management Action 1: Basin-Wide Economic Analysis

A Basin-wide direct economic analysis of proposed GSP actions was completed. The results of this analysis were presented to the GSP Board on December 4, 2019, and the final report was completed in December 2019. The final Basin-wide economic analysis report was provided in the 2020 Annual Report. This management action is 100% complete.

7.5.2 Management Action 2: Pumping Allocations in Central Basin Management Area

On May 5, 2021, the CBGSA Board adopted a resolution delegating the implementation of management actions in the Central Management Area to the Cuyama Basin Water District (CBWD). However, on August 5, 2021, the CBWD informed the CBGSA it was disinclined to pursue delegation at this time. On August 17, 2021, an adjudication was filed by two large growers in the basin. Therefore, CBGSA staff has taken over the implementation of pumping reductions in the Central Management Area and is working with the Board and stakeholders to implement pumping allocations in the Central Management Area starting in January 2023.

7.6 Adaptive Management

With several wells in the basin trending towards undesirable results, the CBGSA Board undertook an effort to review wells that have exceeded minimum thresholds, investigate potential causes of the exceedances, and identify if any domestic or production wells are affected by declining groundwater levels. To support the understanding of potential impacts, a form was added to the CBGSA website to allow landowners to report issues that occur with wells due to groundwater level declines. Potential actions that have been considered by the Board include restricting pumping in individual wells, adjusting minimum thresholds or

the undesirable result criteria identified in the GSP, and accelerating basin-wide pumping reductions. However, the CBGSA Board has determined that additional data collection and analysis is needed, and no specific actions have been taken. The CBGSA will continue to evaluate potential actions going forward.

7.7 Progress Toward Implementation of Monitoring Networks

This section provides updates about implementation of the monitoring networks identified during GSP development.

7.7.1 Groundwater Levels Monitoring Network

As described in the previous annual reports, on December 4, 2019, the CBGSA Board approved a task to begin implementation of the groundwater levels monitoring network. As part of this task, well information sheets were prepared for each well in the monitoring network to allow for implementation of regular monitoring at each well. This work was completed in early 2021, and monthly groundwater data were collected at each well in the monitoring network through July 2021. Starting in October 2021, the CBGSA transitioned to quarterly monitoring at each well.

As described in Section 2.1 above, the CBGSA has begun to refine the groundwater monitoring network to be more efficient, manageable, and economical for monitoring while retaining reliability and adequate representation of the Basin. The refined monitoring network is included in **Table 2-1** and **Figure 2-1**.

In addition, under a Category 1 grant from DWR, continuous monitoring equipment was installed in 10 additional wells in early 2021. These wells are also identified in **Table 2-1** and **Figure 2-1** shows the locations selected for installation.

The CBGSA worked with DWR's Technical Support Services (TSS) to install three new multi-completion monitoring wells within the Basin during 2021. These wells are identified in **Table 2-1**, with locations shown in **Figure 2-1**.

Finally, as described above the CBGSA completed a survey of all the groundwater level monitoring network wells in 2021. This included re-measuring latitudes, longitudes, elevations, and other metadata associated with each well. Groundwater level measurement data collected before this survey has been adjusted and will be reuploaded to DWR to adequately reflect the resulting differences in elevations.

7.7.2 Surface Water Monitoring Network

Under a Category 1 grant from DWR, two new surface flow gages were installed on the Cuyama River during 2021. These gages are managed by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS), and data collected at the gage locations are available on the USGS website at the following links:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?site_no=11136500

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv?site_no=11136710

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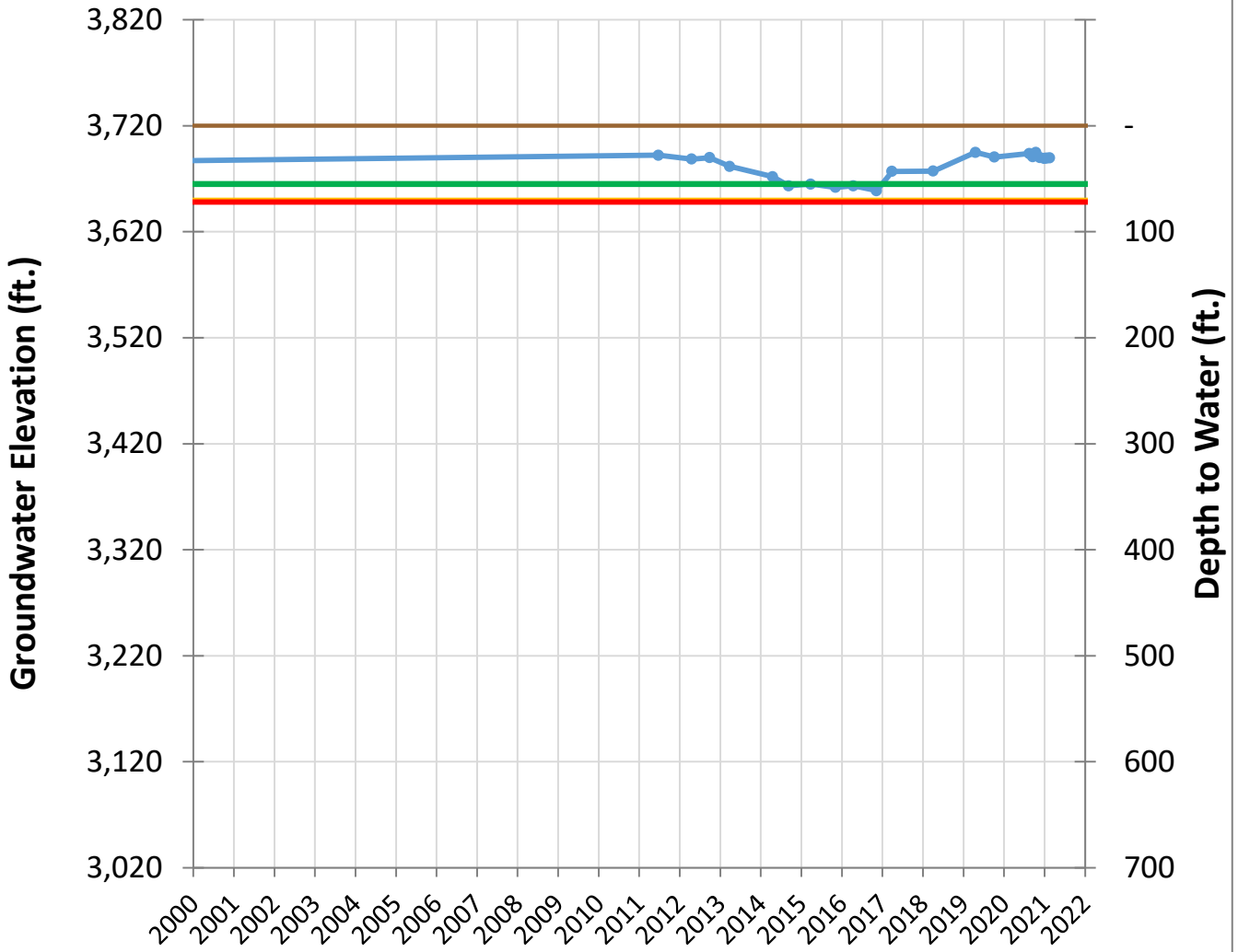
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Appendix A

Updated Hydrographs for Representative Wells

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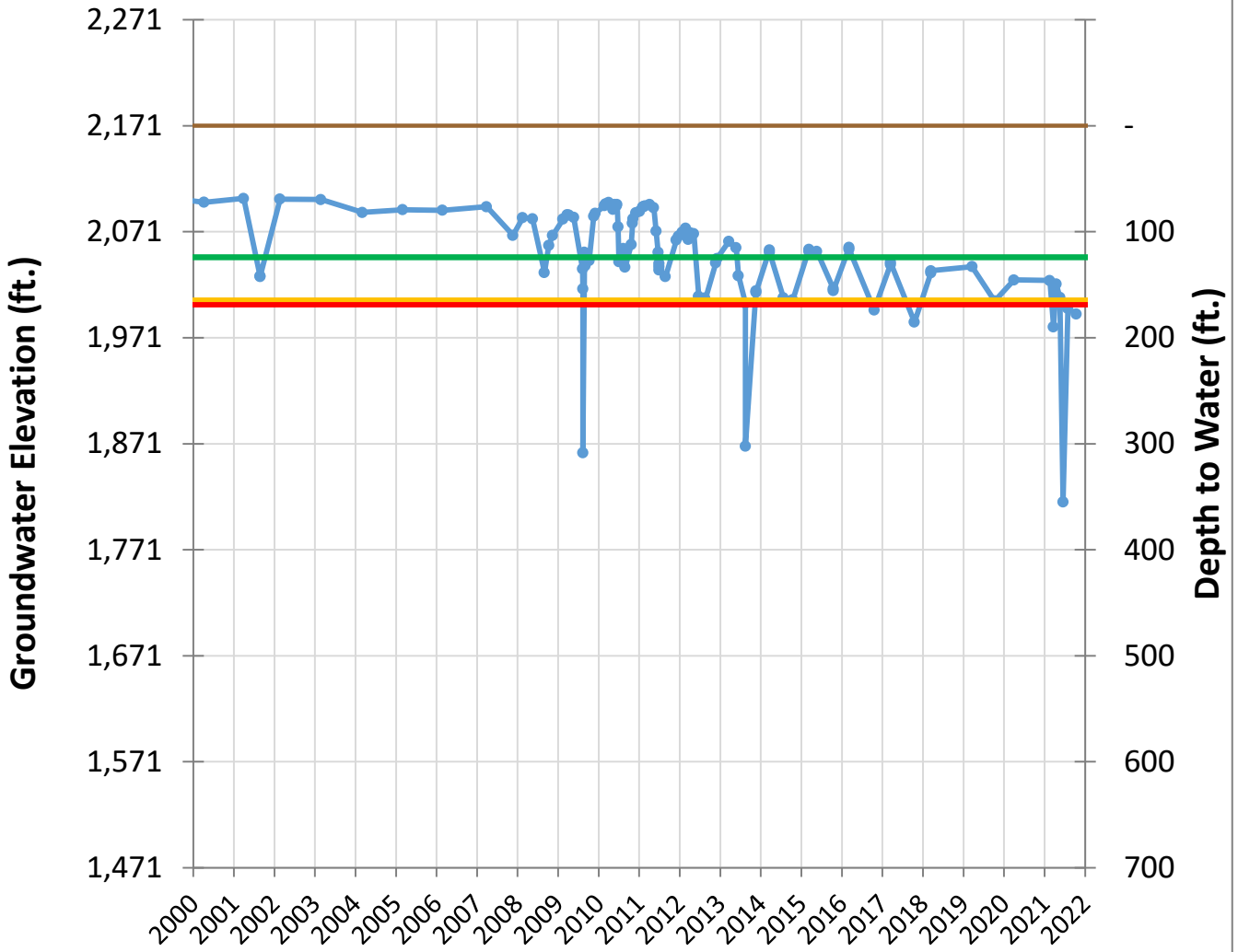
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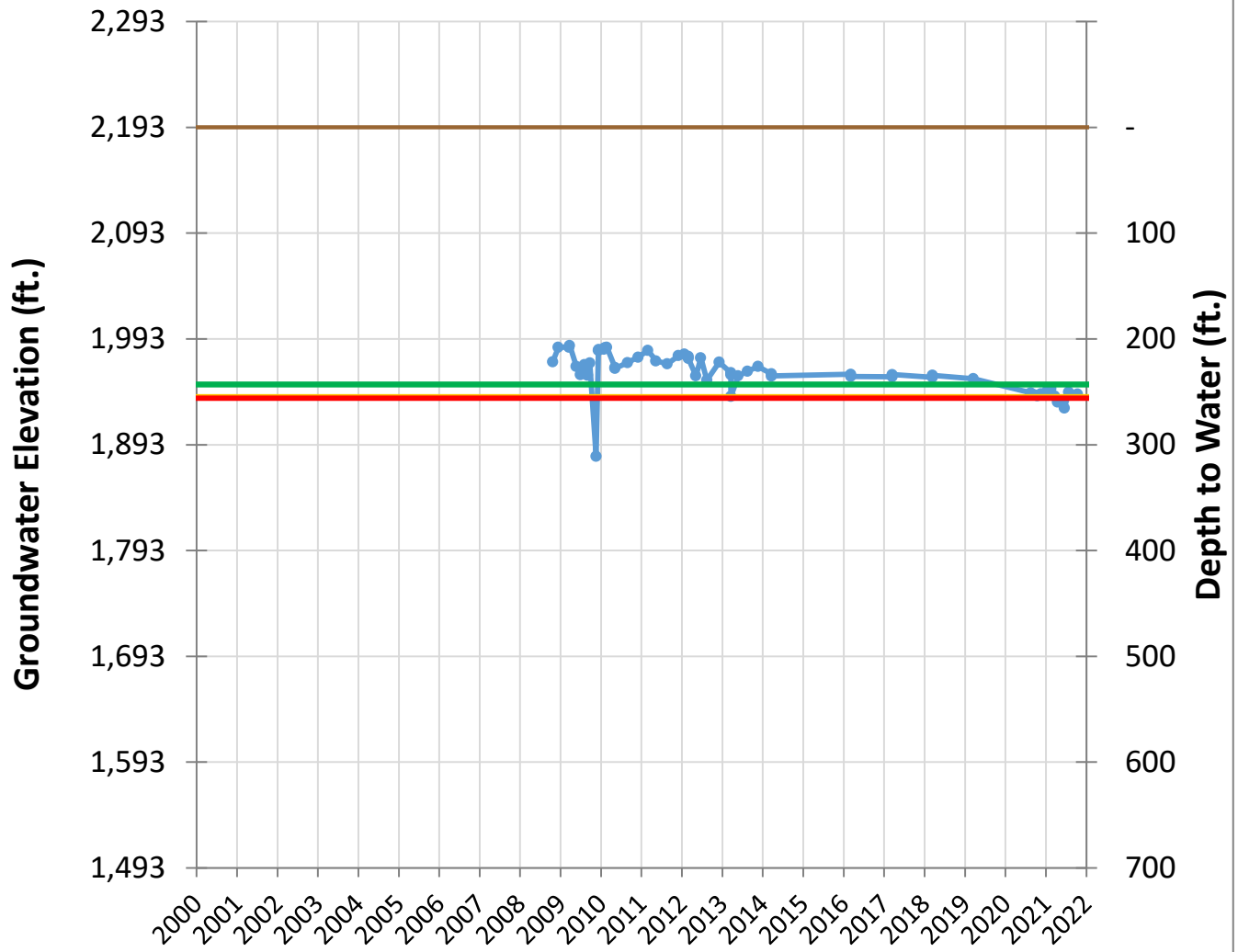
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 MT: 72 ft.
 MO: 55 ft.
 AM: 70 ft.

OPTI Well 72 Hydrograph



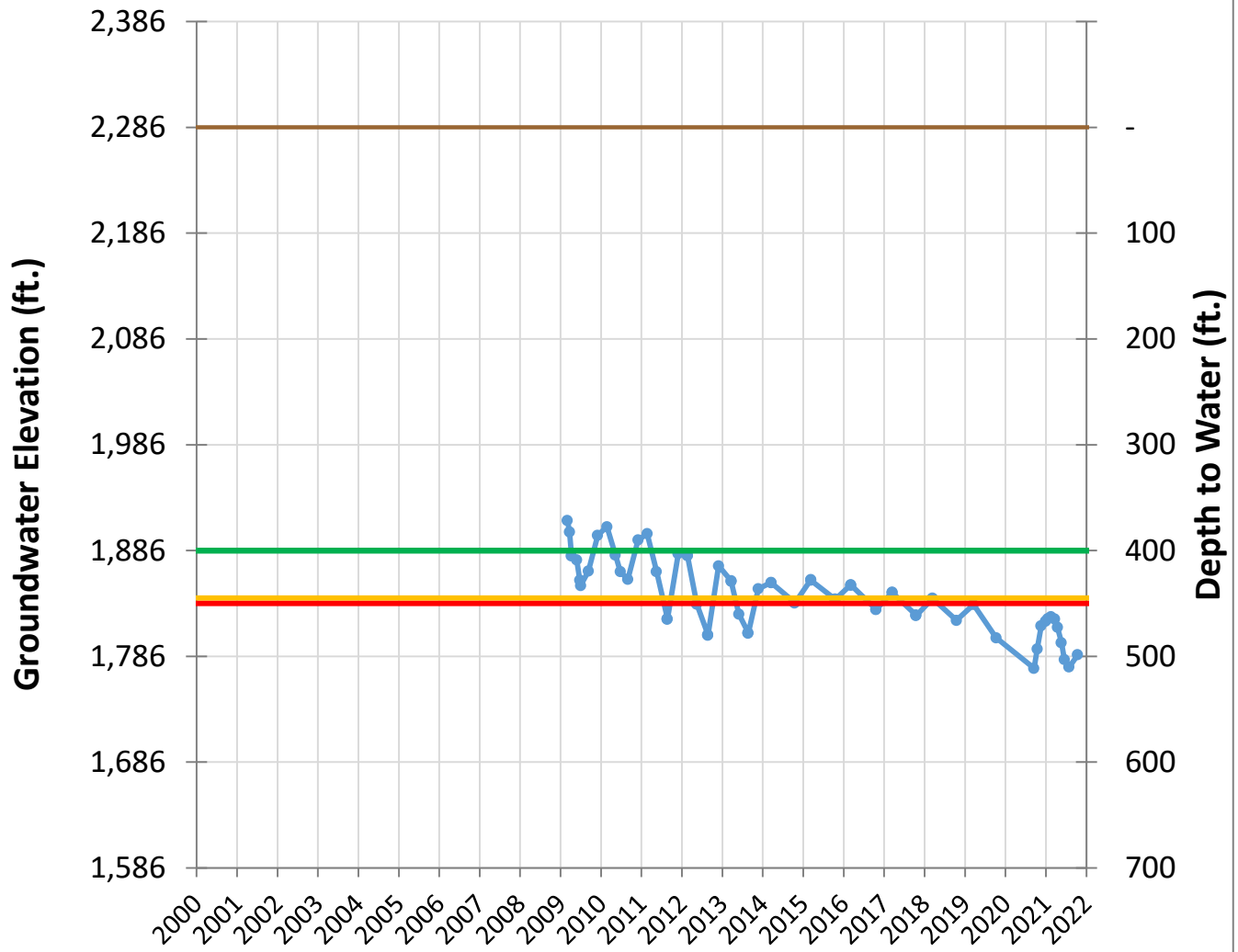
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 GSE: 2171 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 169 ft.
— MT
 MO: 124 ft.
 AM: 165 ft.

OPTI Well 74 Hydrograph



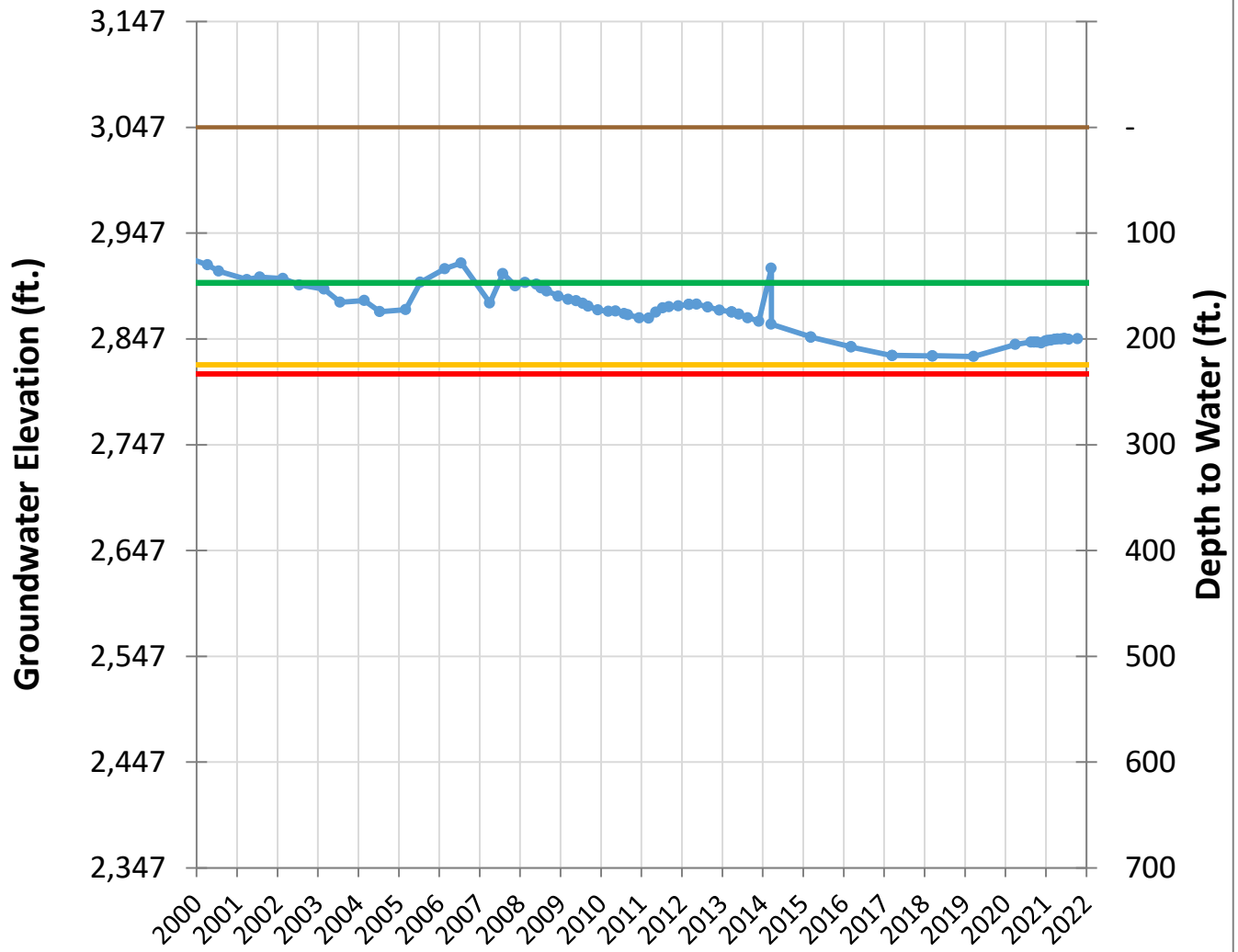
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OPTI Well 77 Hydrograph



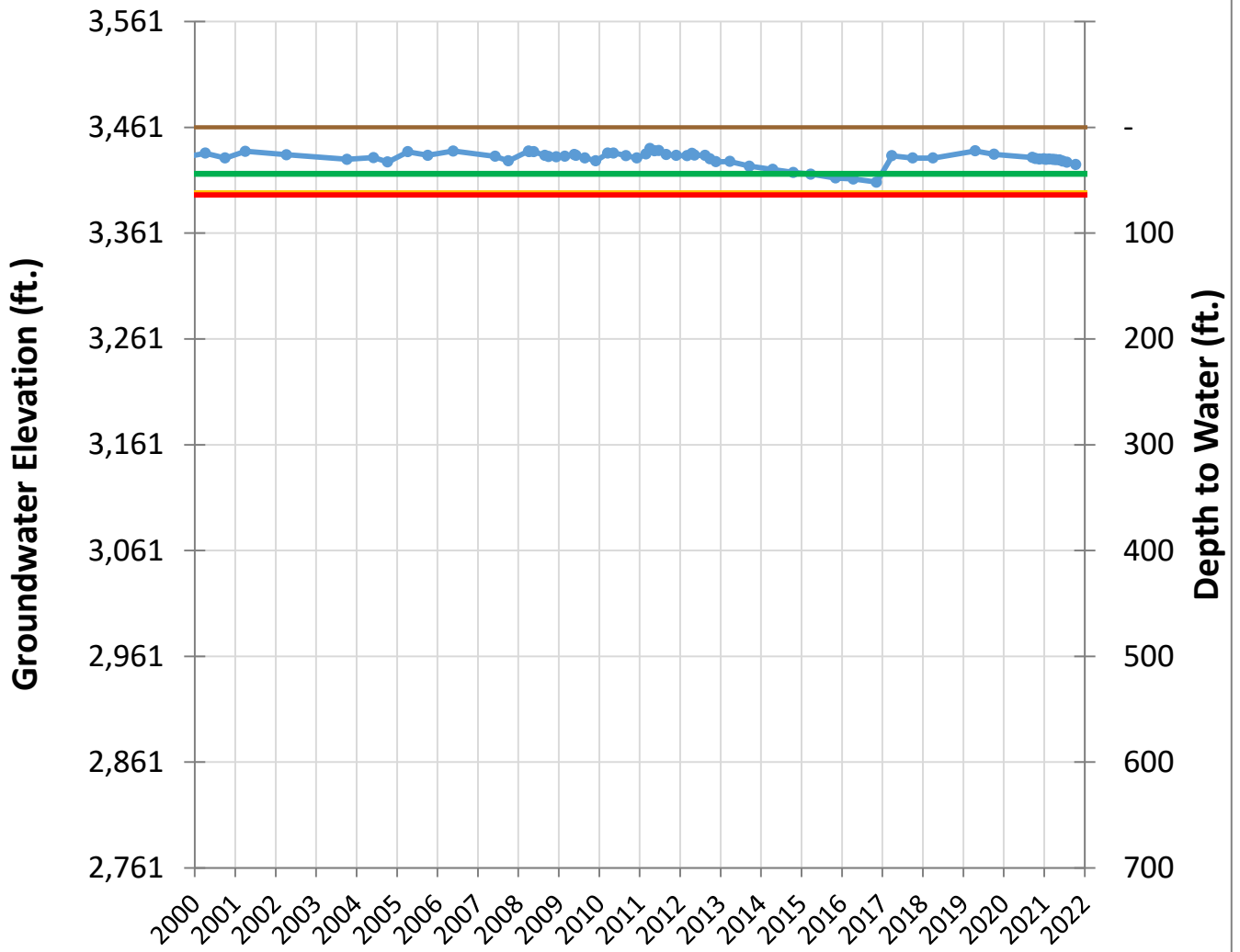
—● Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2286 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 450 ft.
— MT
 MO: 400 ft.
 AM: 445 ft.

OPTI Well 85 Hydrograph



—●— Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 3047 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 233 ft.
— MT
 MO: 147 ft.
 AM: 225 ft.

OPTI Well 89 Hydrograph



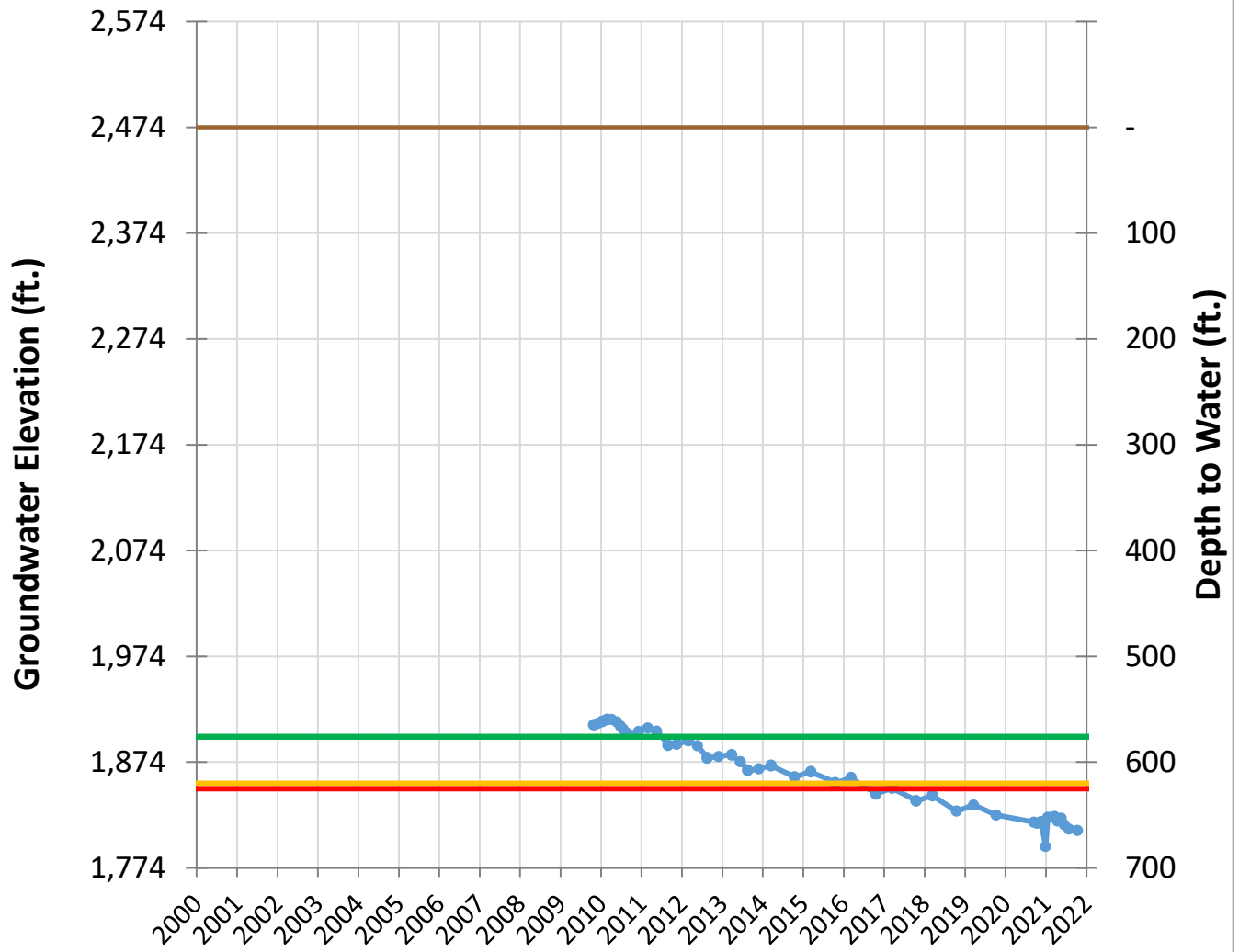
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— Ground Surface Elevation
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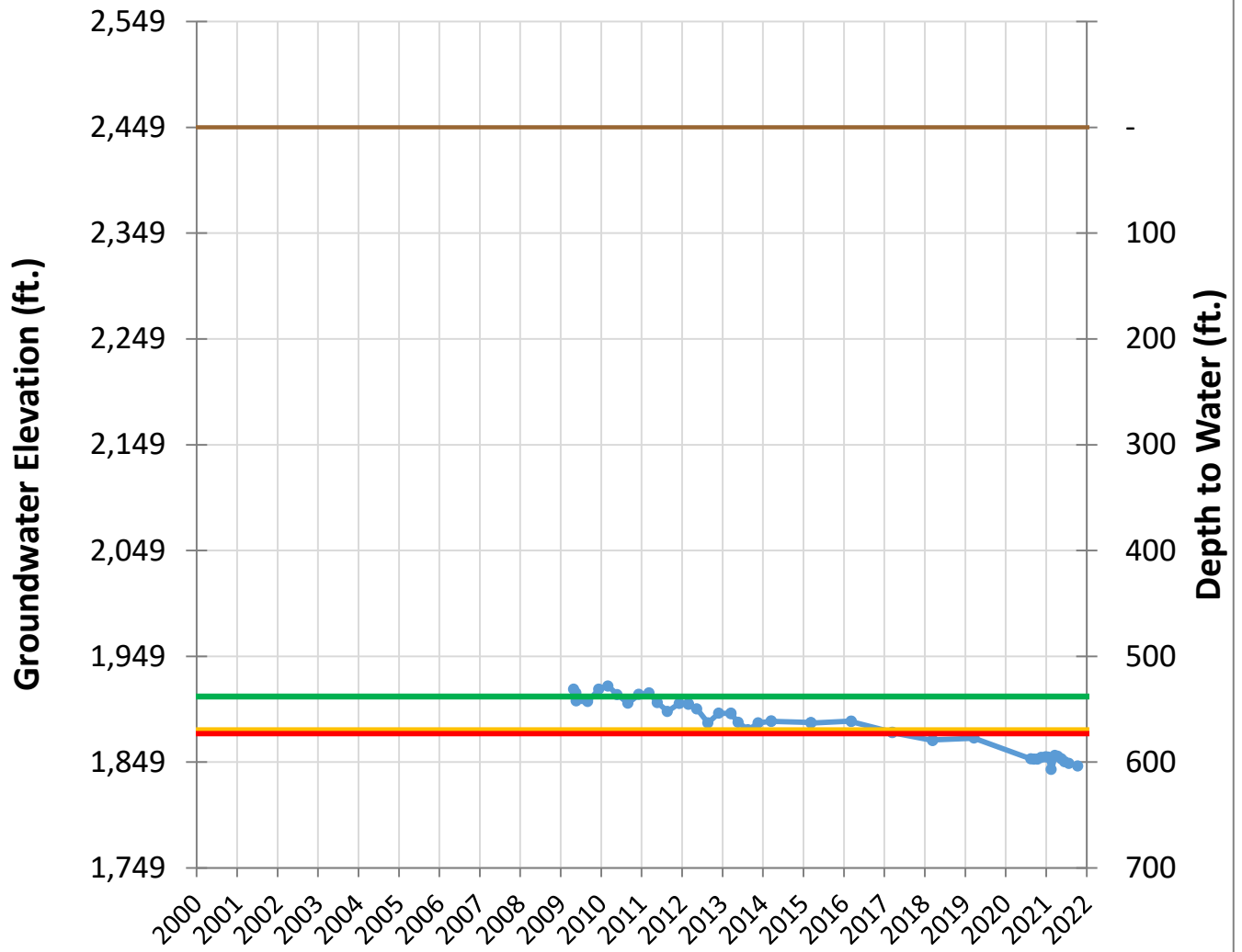
GSE: 3461 ft.
 MT: 64 ft.
 MO: 44 ft.
 AM: 62 ft.

OPTI Well 91 Hydrograph



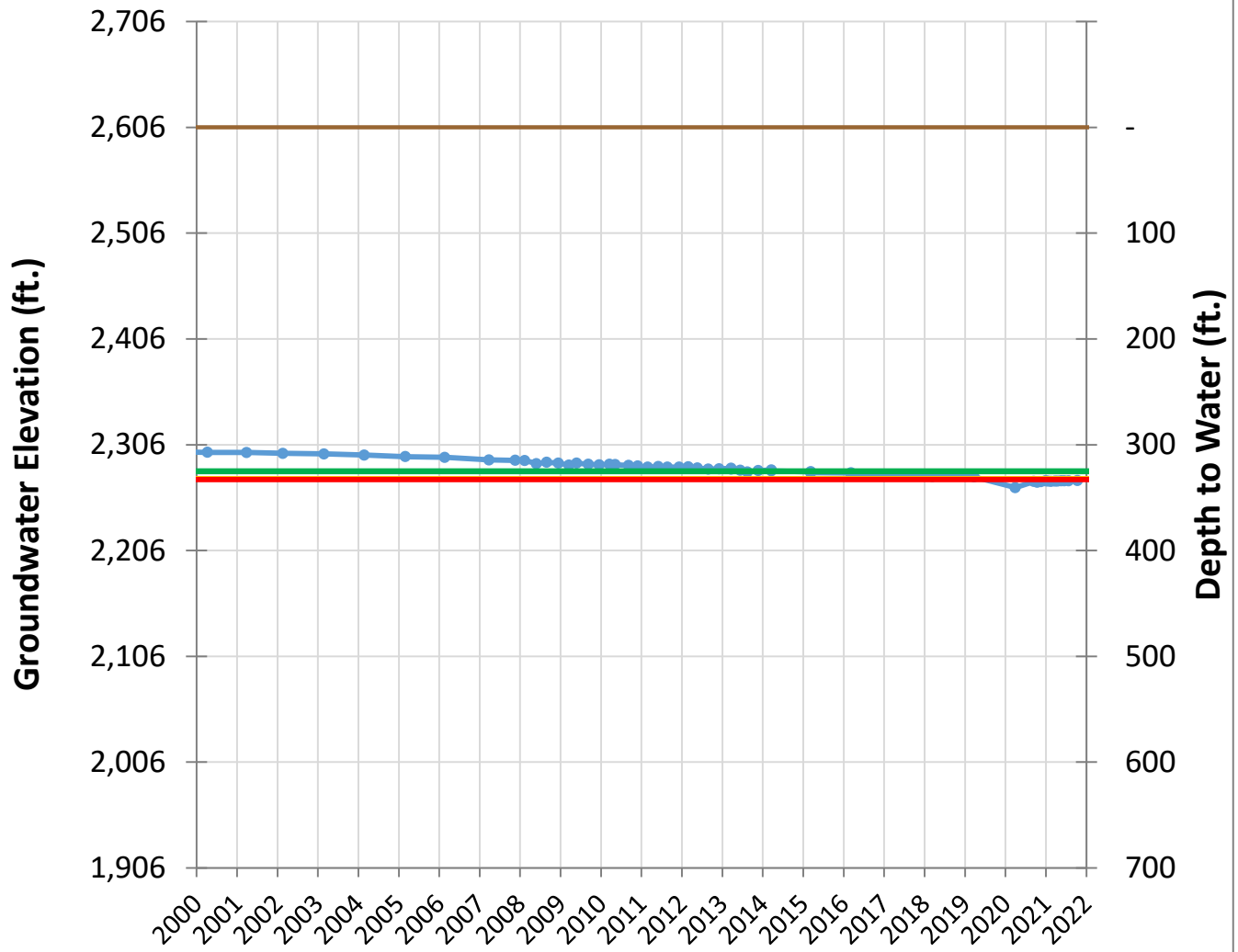
● Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2474 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 625 ft.
— MT
 MO: 576 ft.
 AM: 620 ft.

OPTI Well 95 Hydrograph



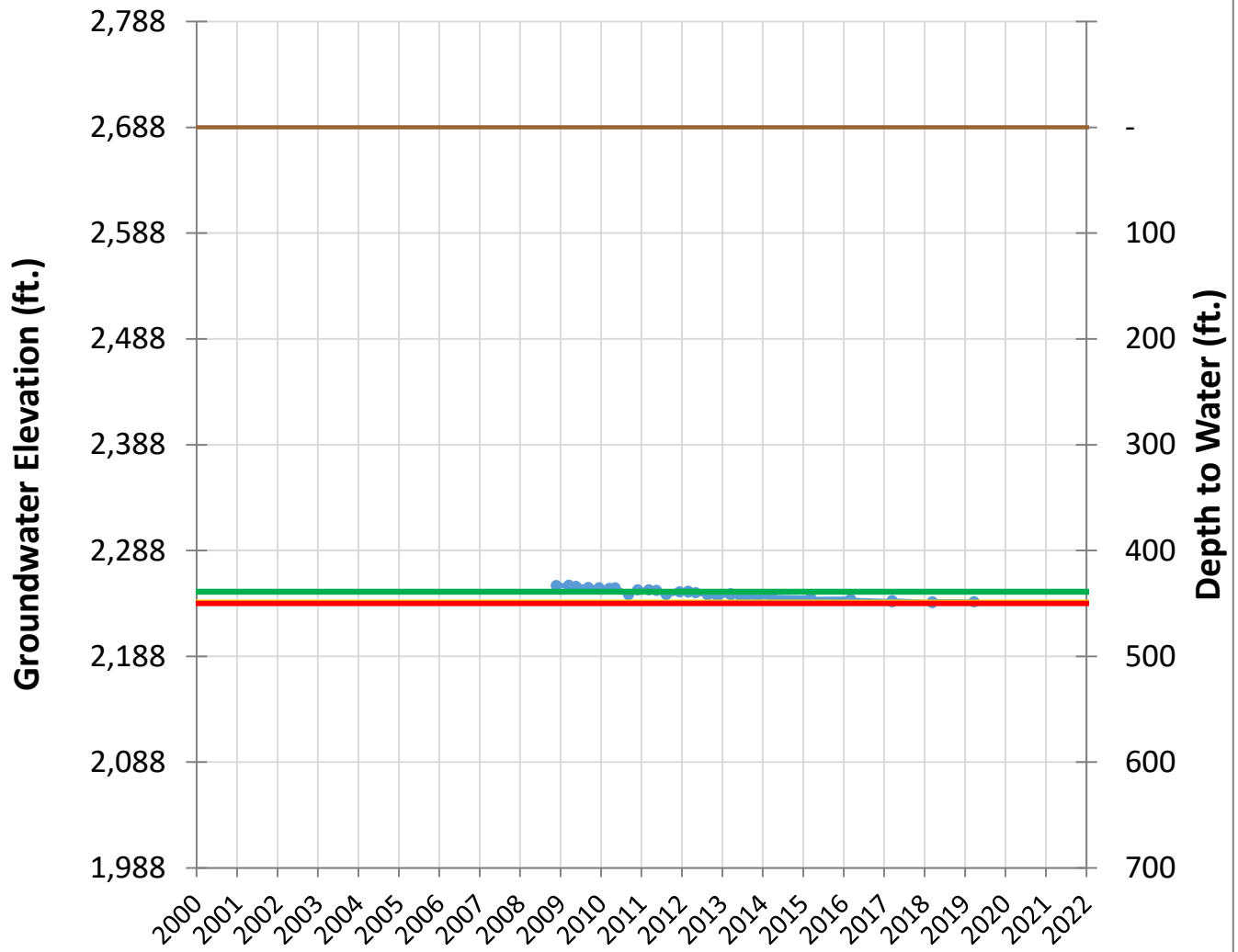
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 GSE: 2449 ft.
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 MT: 573 ft.
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 MO: 538 ft.
 AM: 570 ft.

OPTI Well 96 Hydrograph



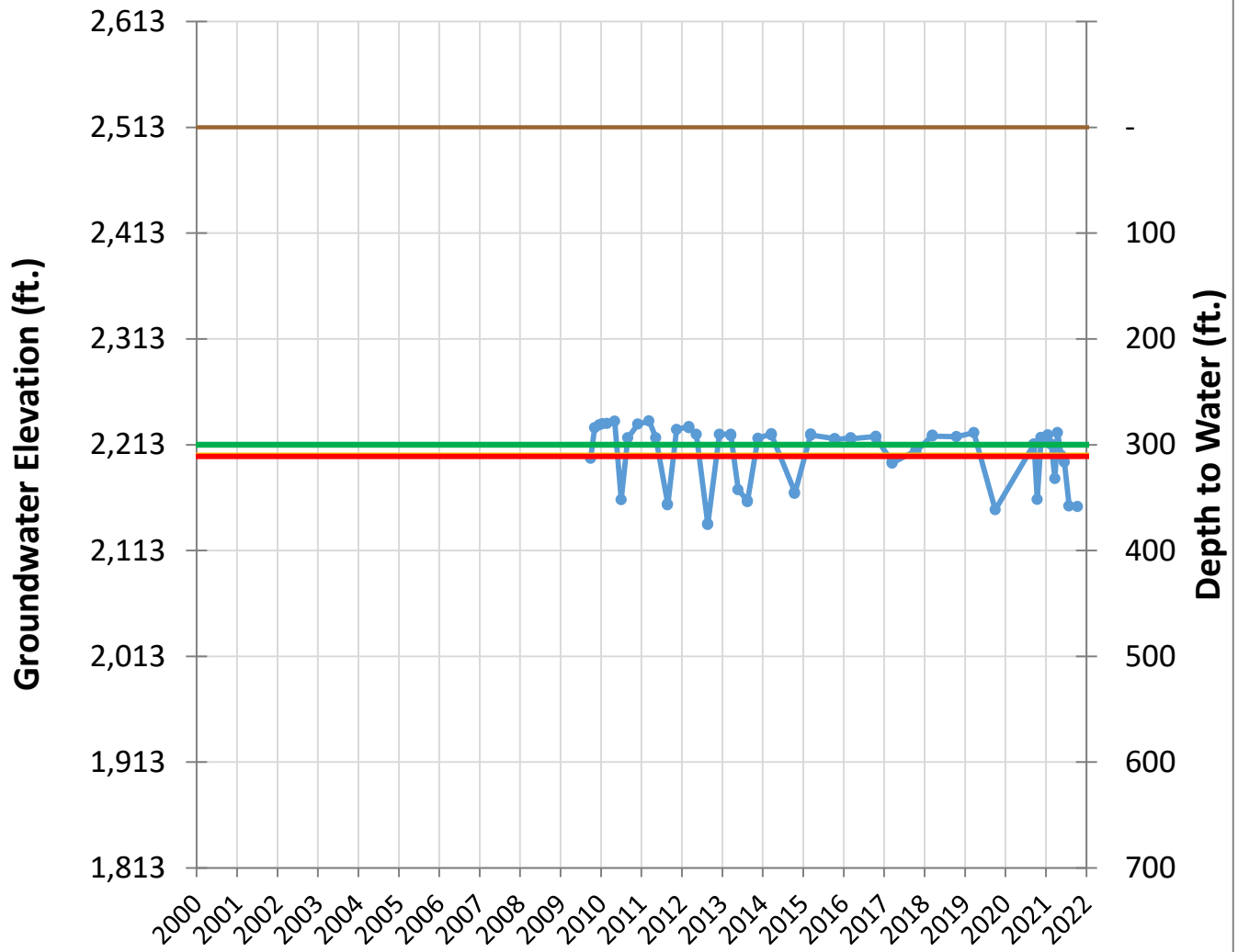
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OPTI Well 98 Hydrograph



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OPTI Well 99 Hydrograph



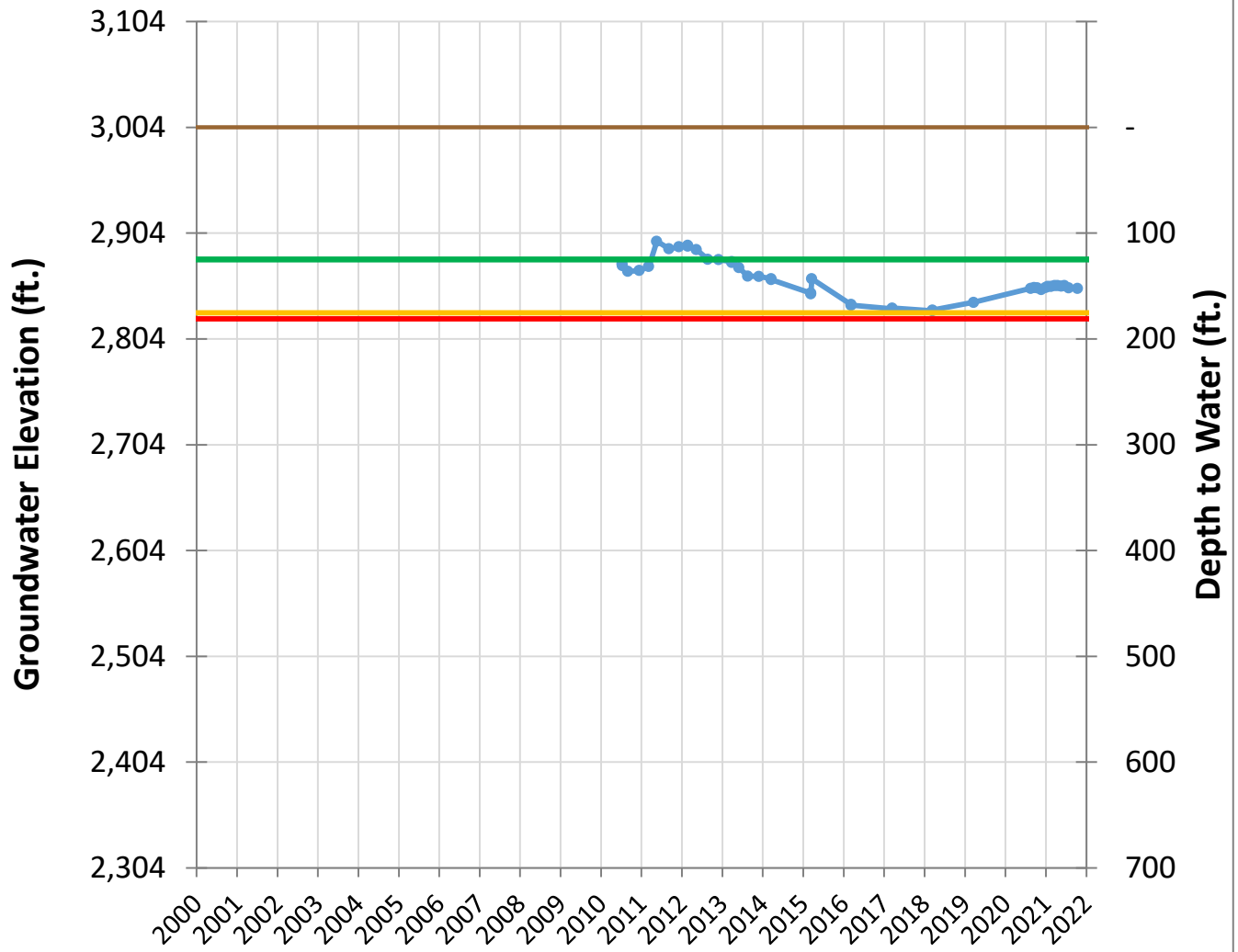
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- MT

- Ground Surface Elevation
- AM

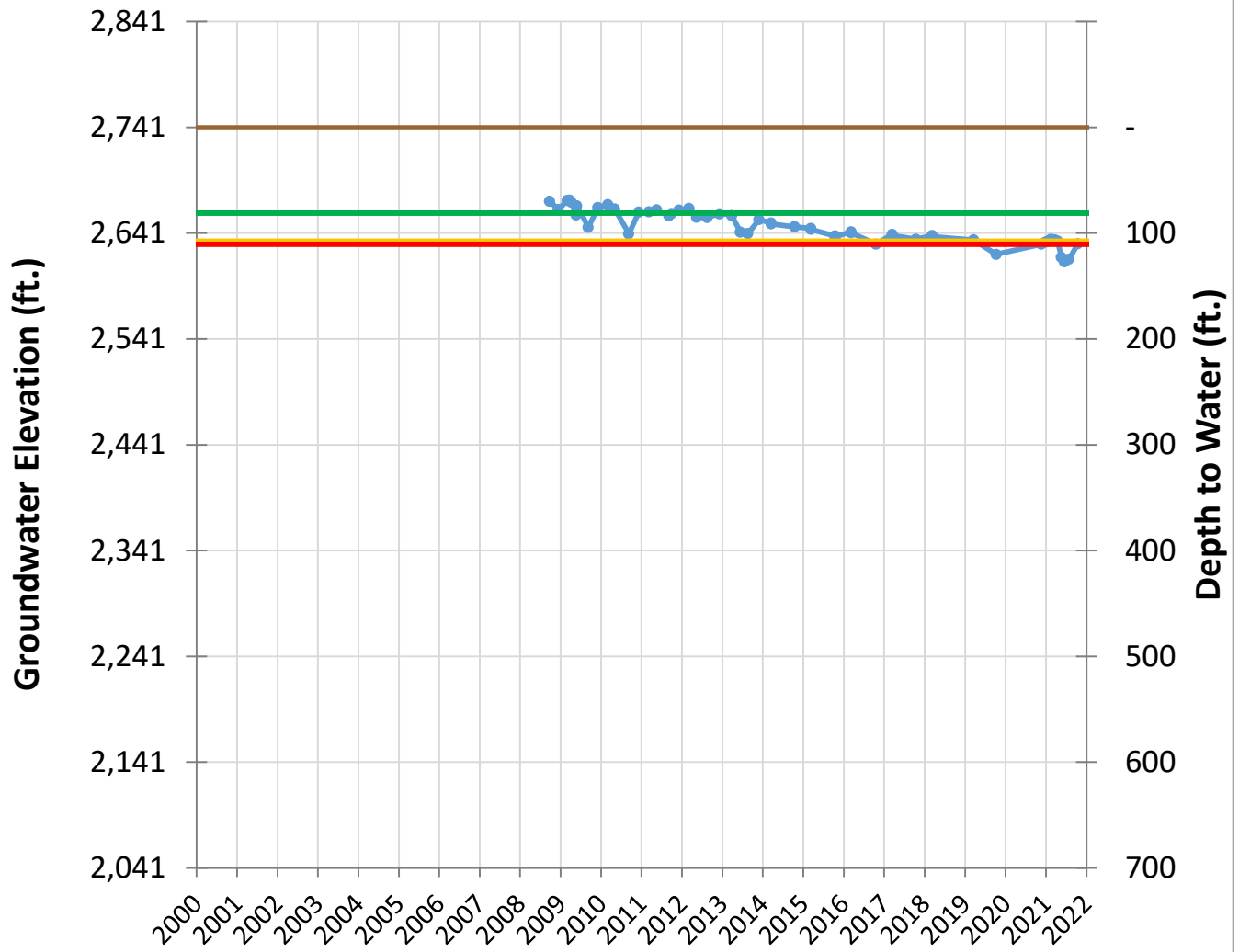
GSE: 2513 ft.
 MT: 311 ft.
 MO: 300 ft.
 AM: 310 ft.

OPTI Well 100 Hydrograph



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OPTI Well 101 Hydrograph



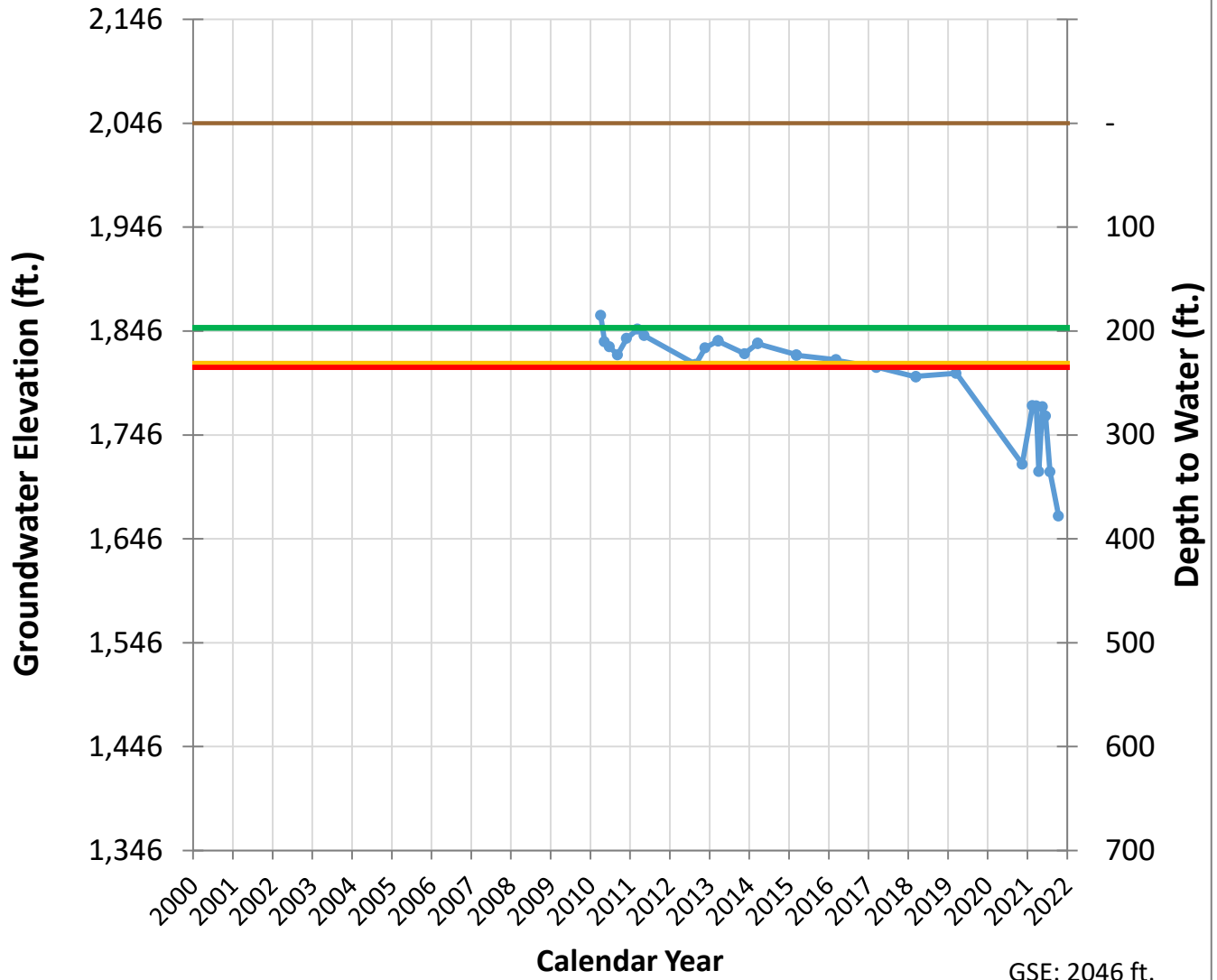
Calendar Year

- Groundwater Level
- MO
- MT

- Ground Surface Elevation
- AM

GSE: 2741 ft.
 MT: 111 ft.
 MO: 81 ft.
 AM: 108 ft.

OPTI Well 102 Hydrograph

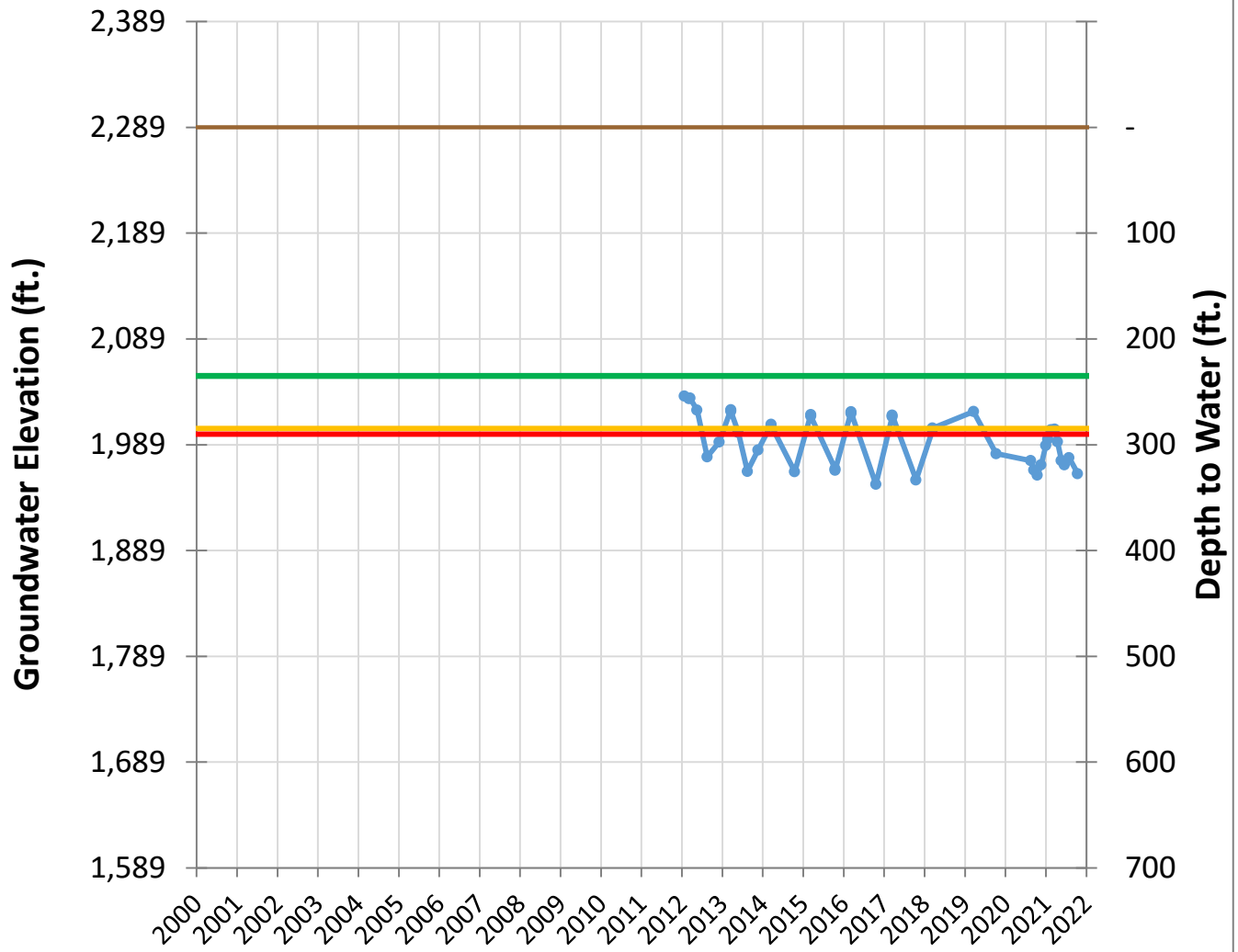


—● Groundwater Level
— MO
— MT

— Ground Surface Elevation
— AM

GSE: 2046 ft.
 MT: 235 ft.
 MO: 197 ft.
 AM: 231 ft.

OPTI Well 103 Hydrograph



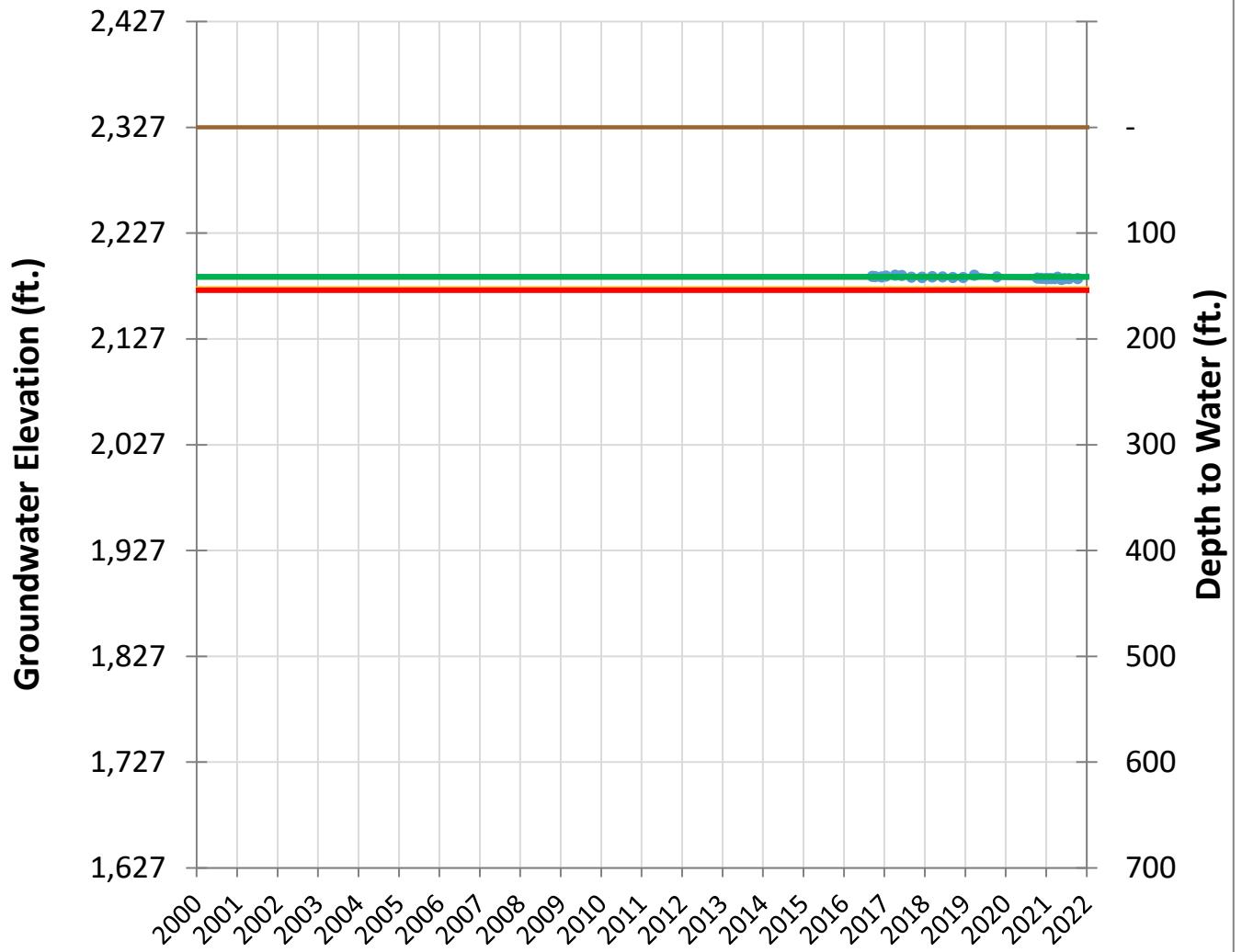
Calendar Year

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— MT

— Ground Surface Elevation
— AM

GSE: 2289 ft.
 MT: 290 ft.
 MO: 235 ft.
 AM: 285 ft.

OPTI Well 106 Hydrograph

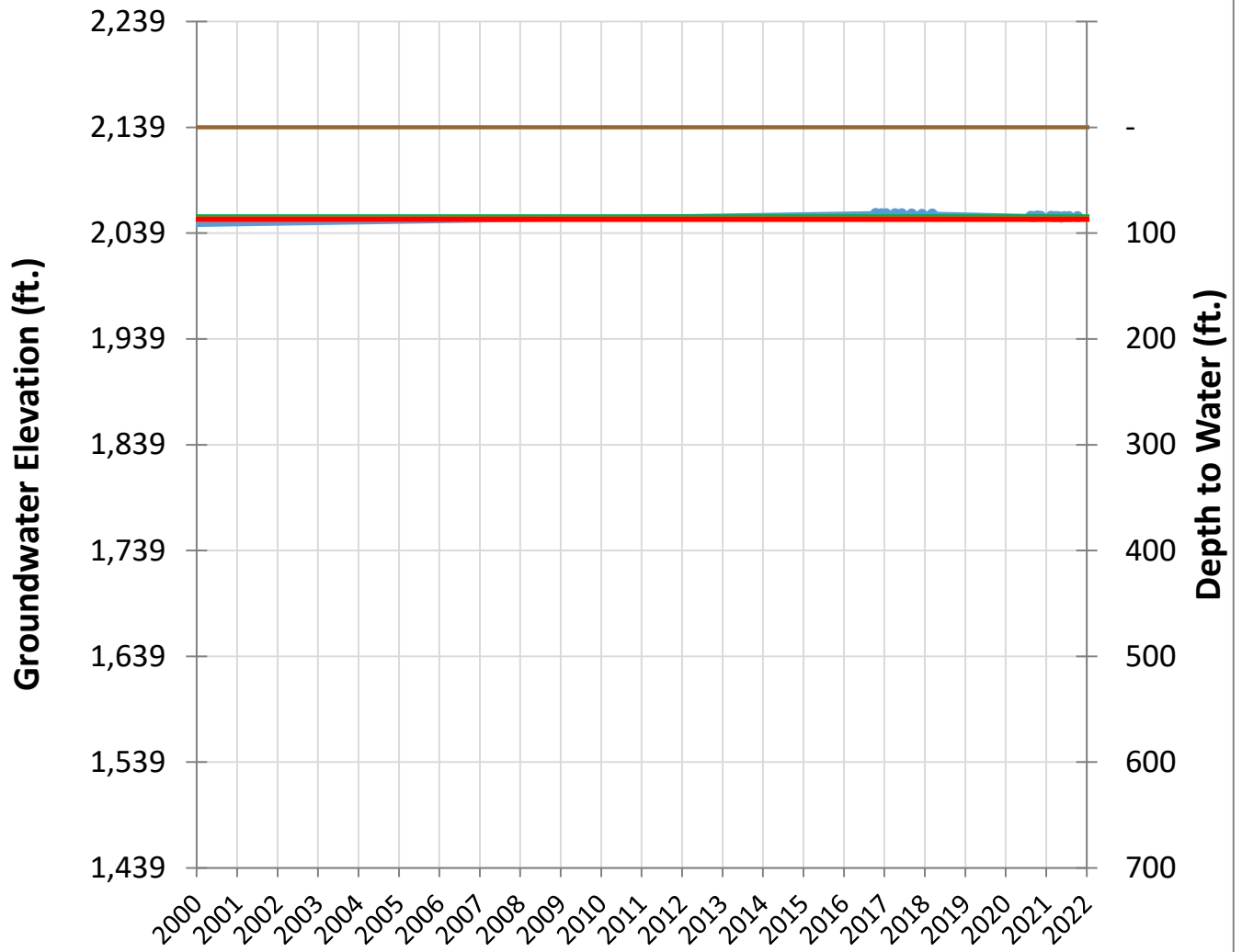


Calendar Year

Legend:
● Groundwater Level
— MO
— MT
— Ground Surface Elevation
— AM

Summary Data:
GSE: 2327 ft.
MT: 154 ft.
MO: 141 ft.
AM: 153 ft.

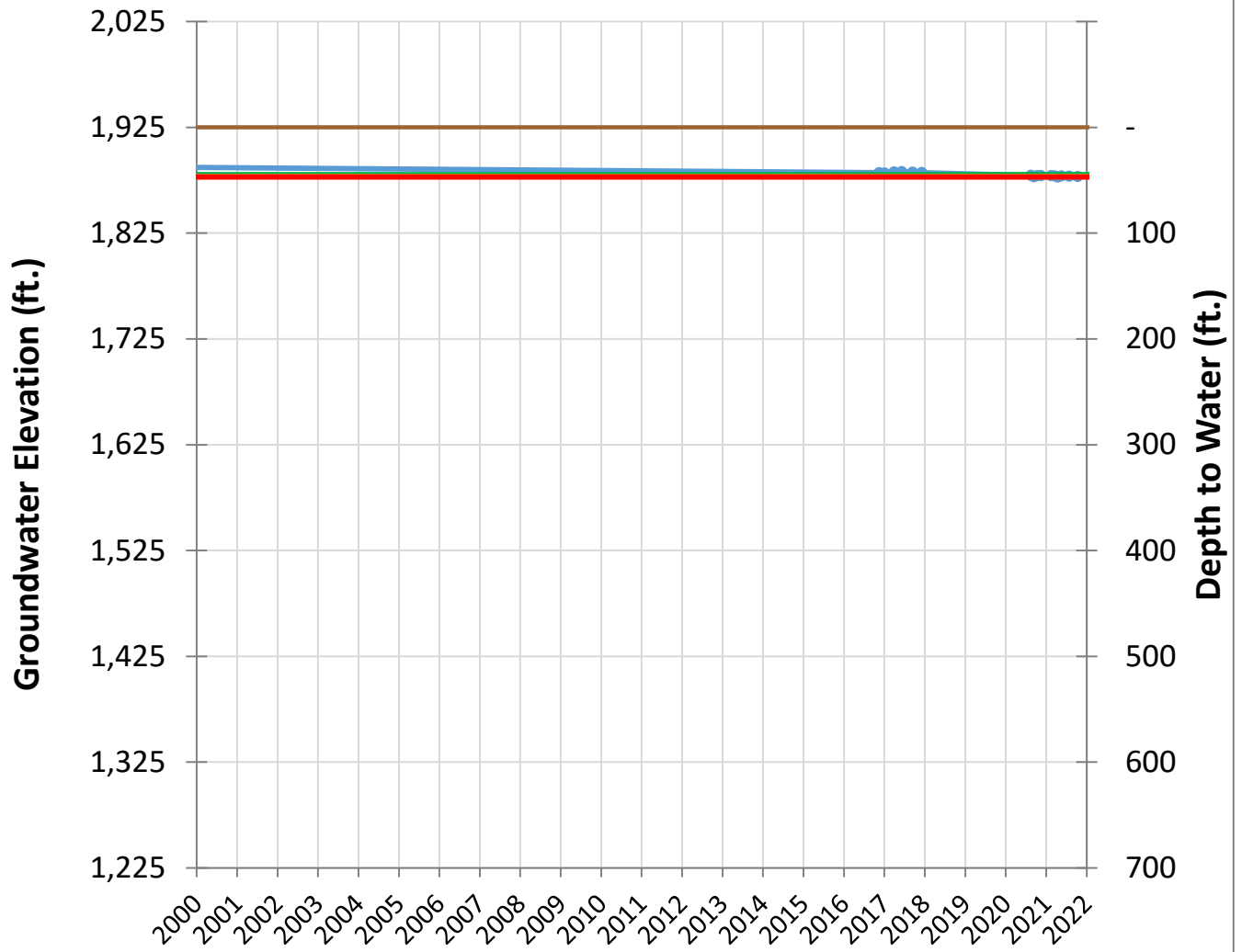
OPTI Well 112 Hydrograph



Legend:
Groundwater Level (blue line with markers)
Ground Surface Elevation (brown line)
MO (green line)
MT (red line)
AM (yellow line)

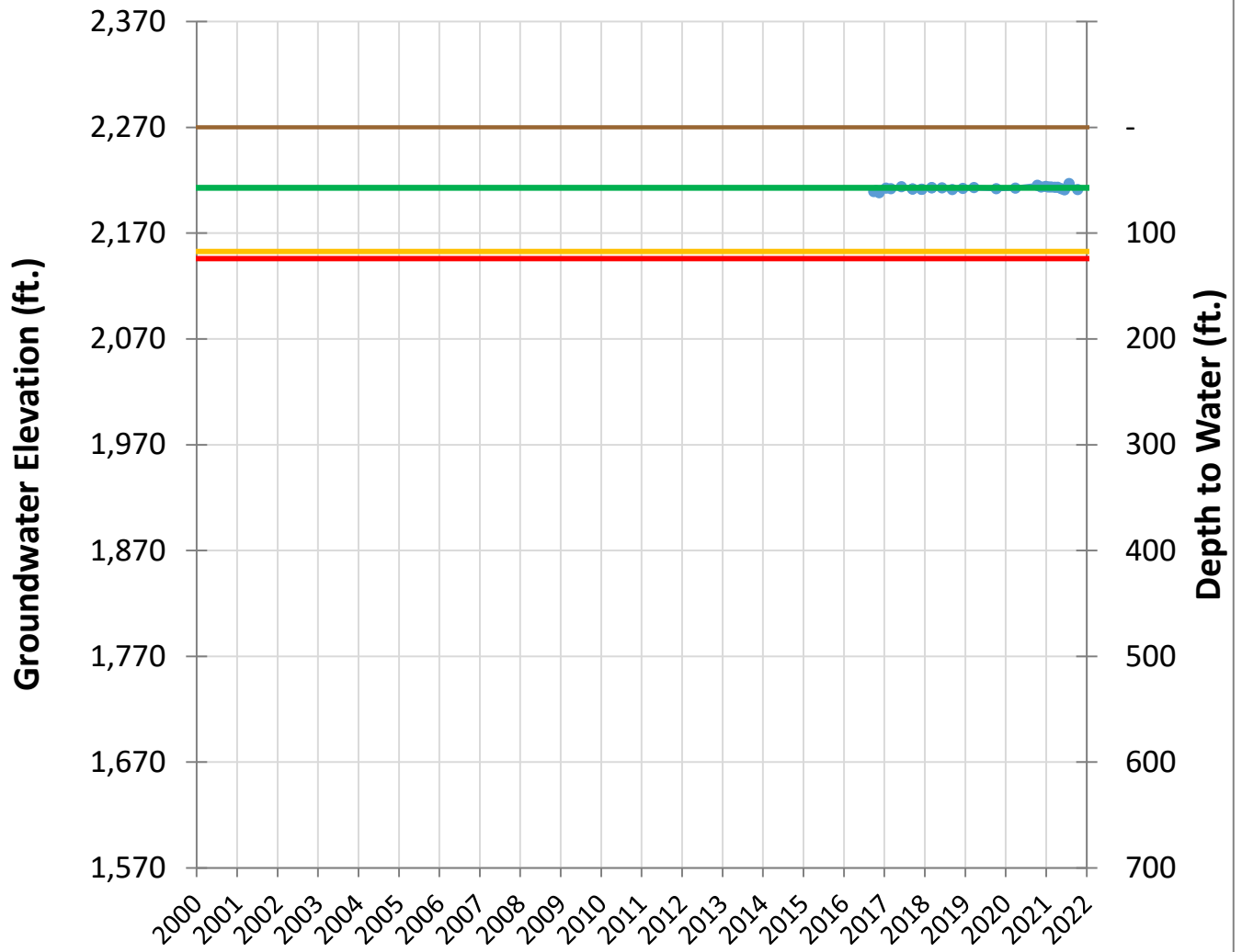
Static Values:
GSE: 2139 ft.
MT: 87 ft.
MO: 85 ft.
AM: 87 ft.

OPTI Well 114 Hydrograph



—● Groundwater Level
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 GSE: 1925 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 47 ft.
— MT
 MO: 45 ft.
 AM: 47 ft.

OPTI Well 118 Hydrograph



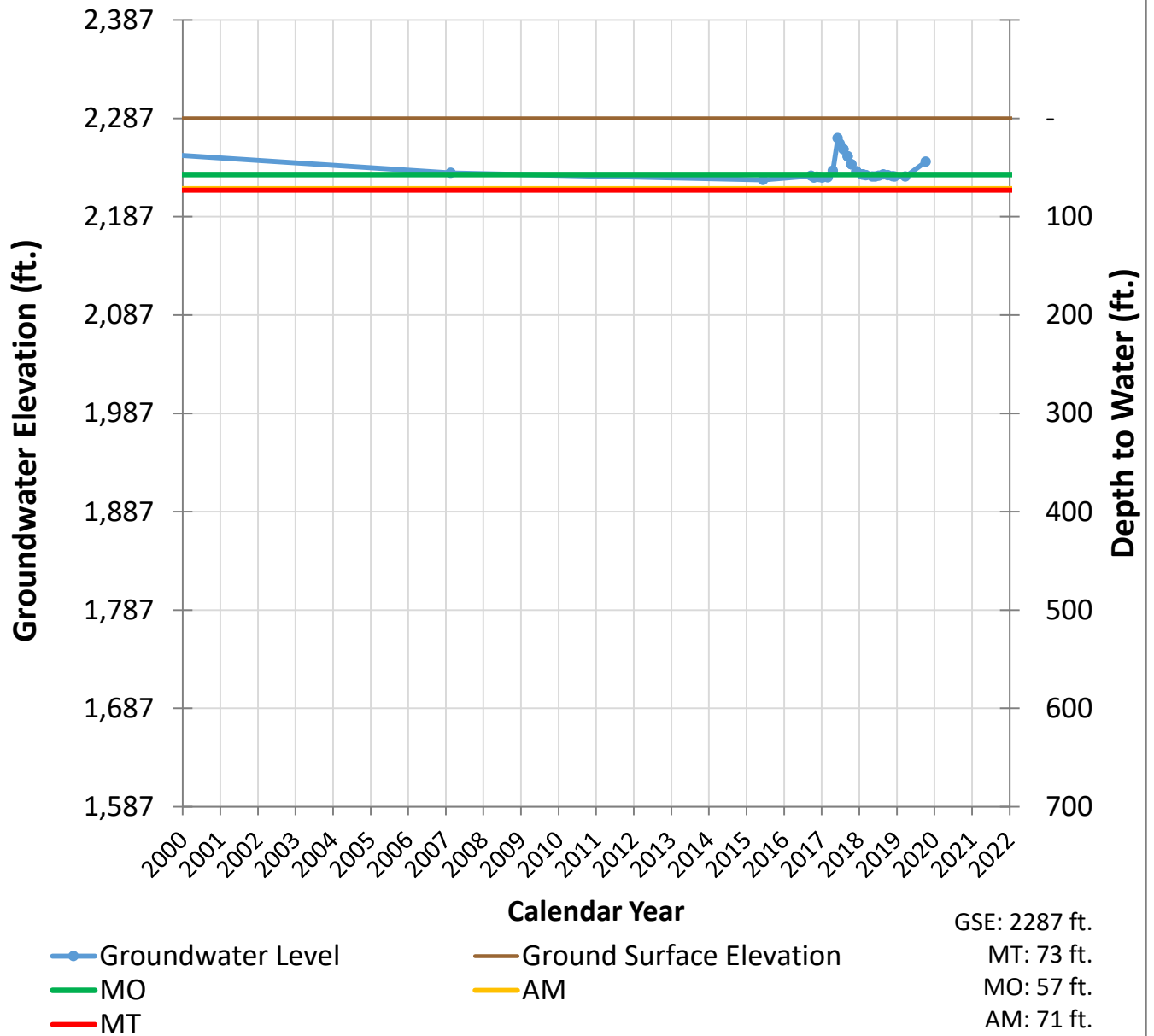
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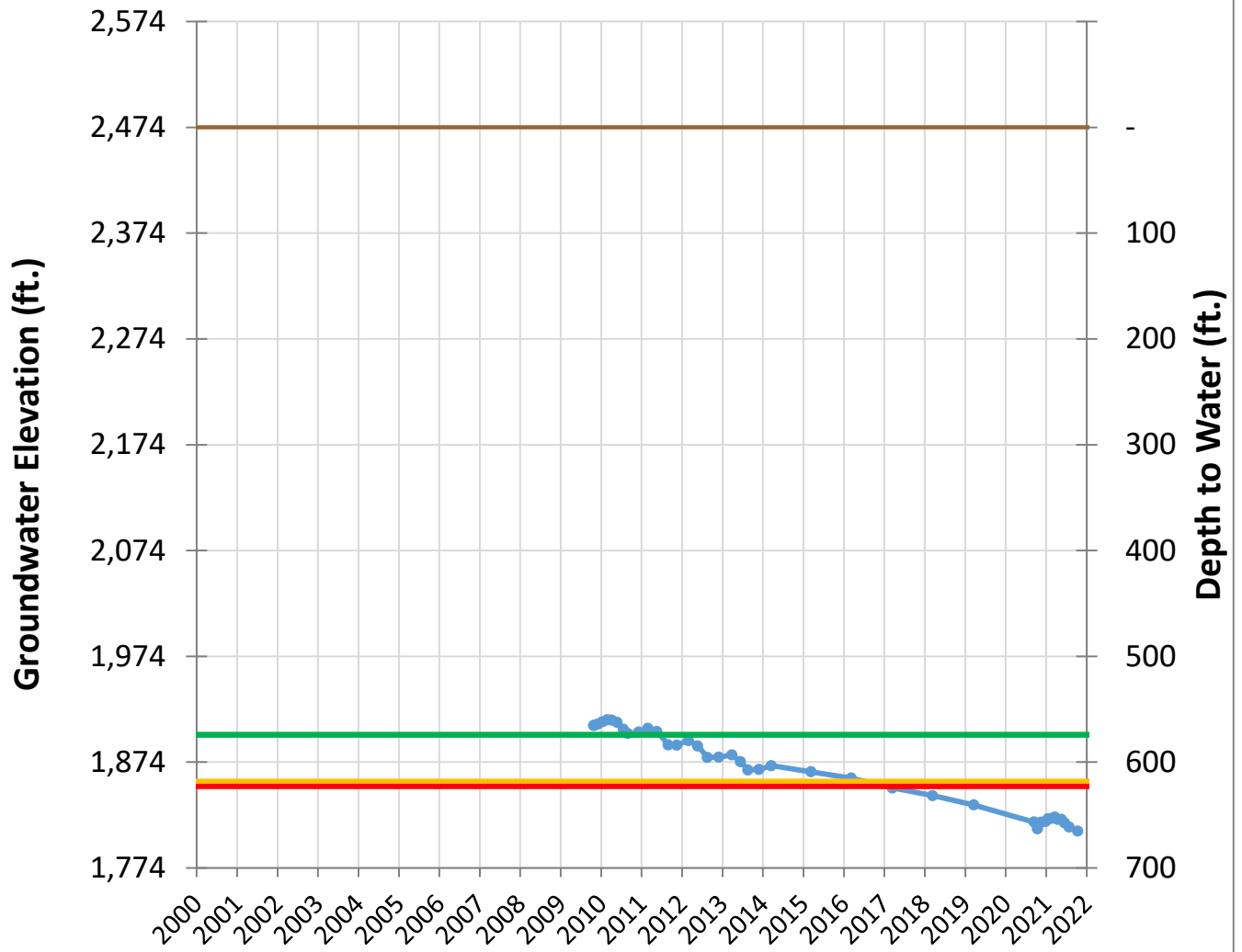
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Summary:
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MT: 124 ft.
MO: 57 ft.
AM: 117 ft.

OPTI Well 124 Hydrograph

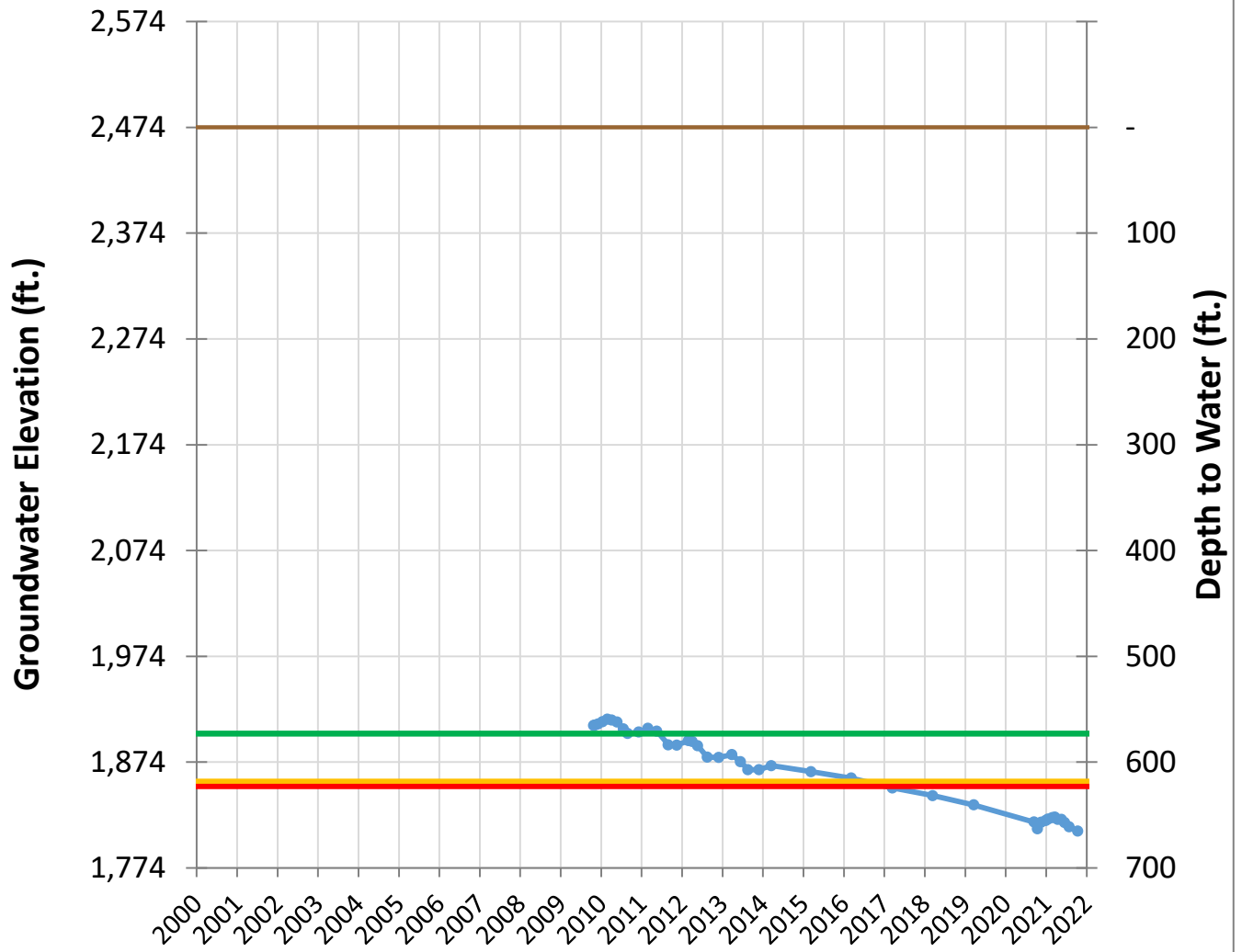


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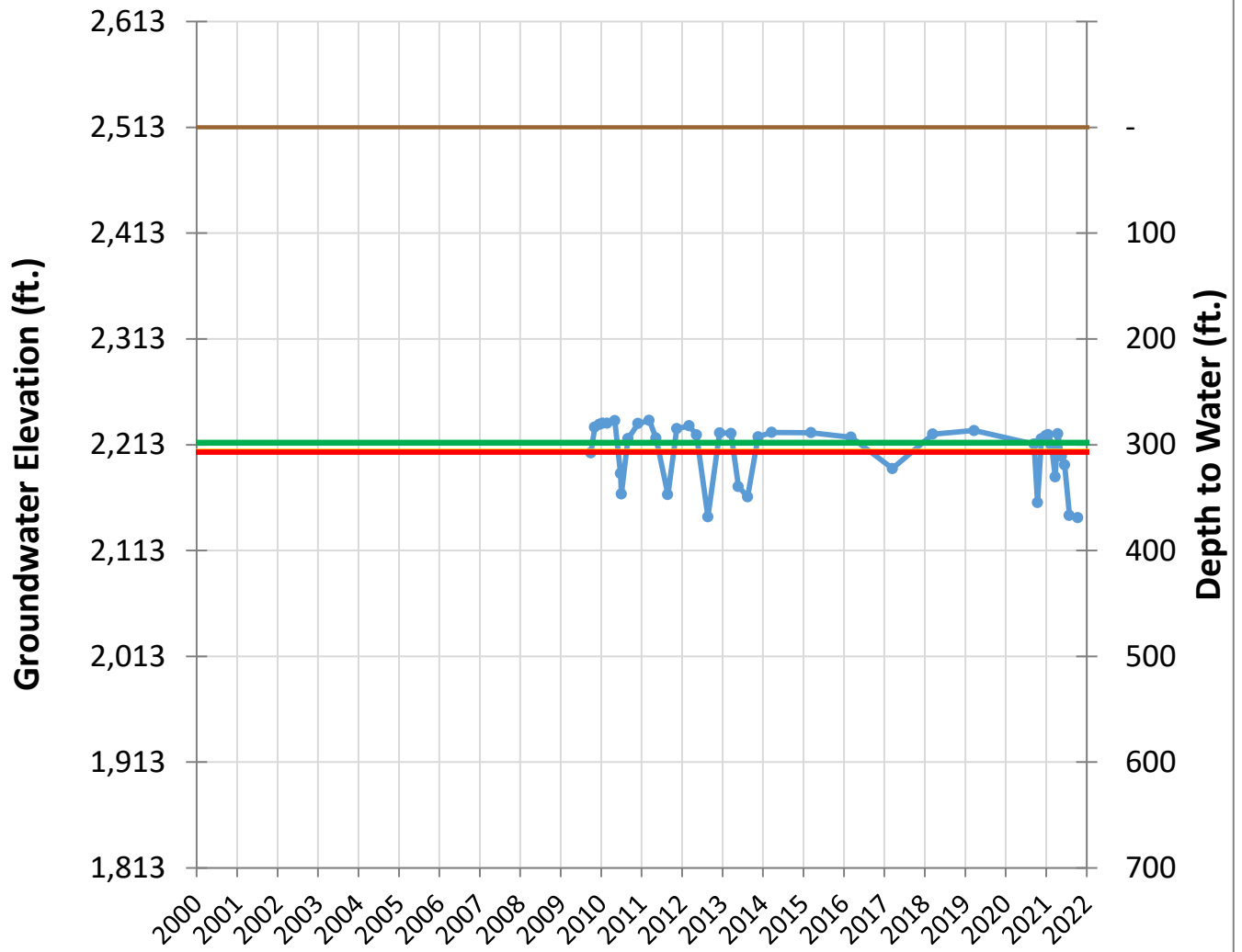
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 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2474 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 623 ft.
— MT
 MO: 574 ft.
 AM: 618 ft.

OPTI Well 317 Hydrograph



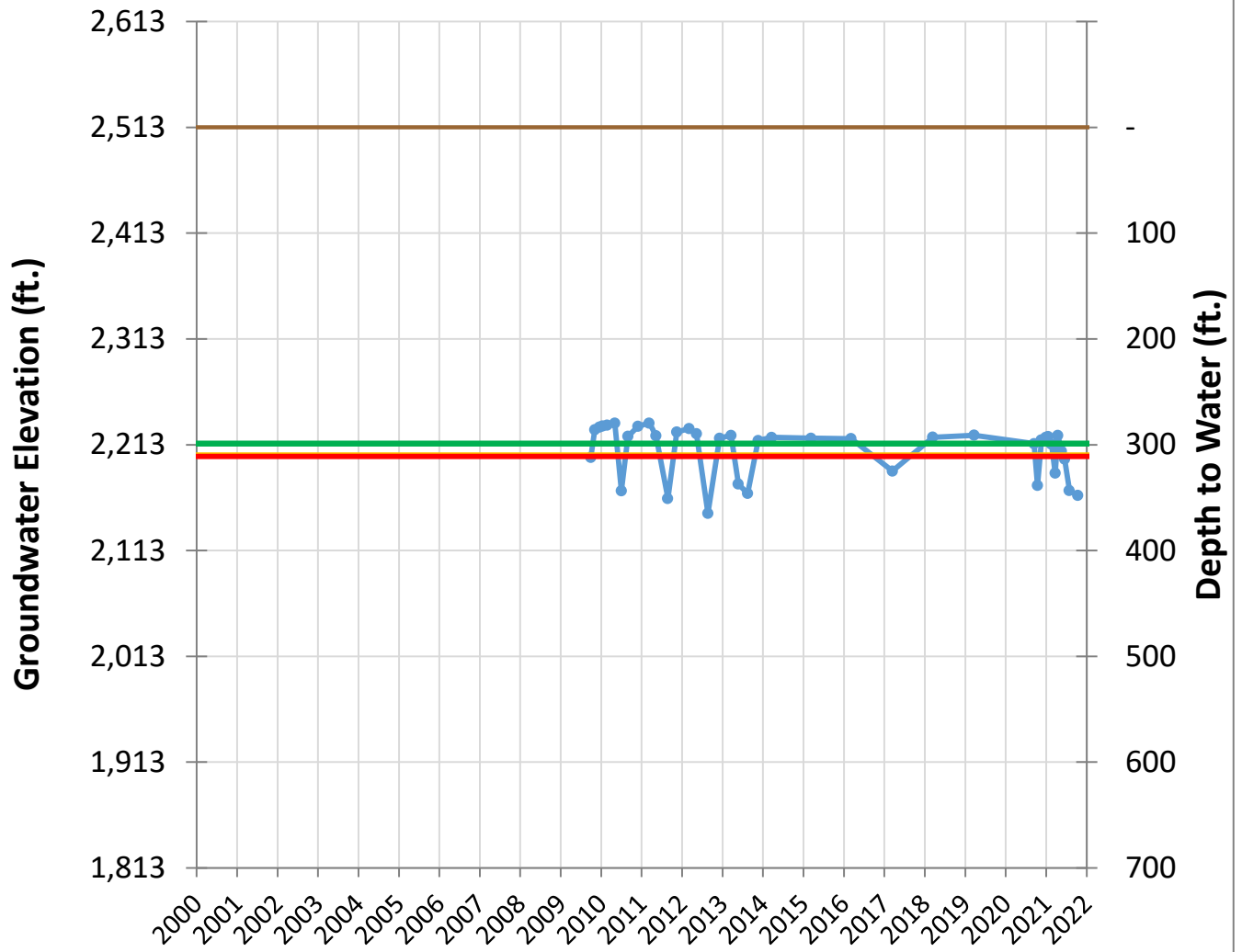
● Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2474 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 623 ft.
— MT
 MO: 573 ft.
 AM: 618 ft.

OPTI Well 322 Hydrograph



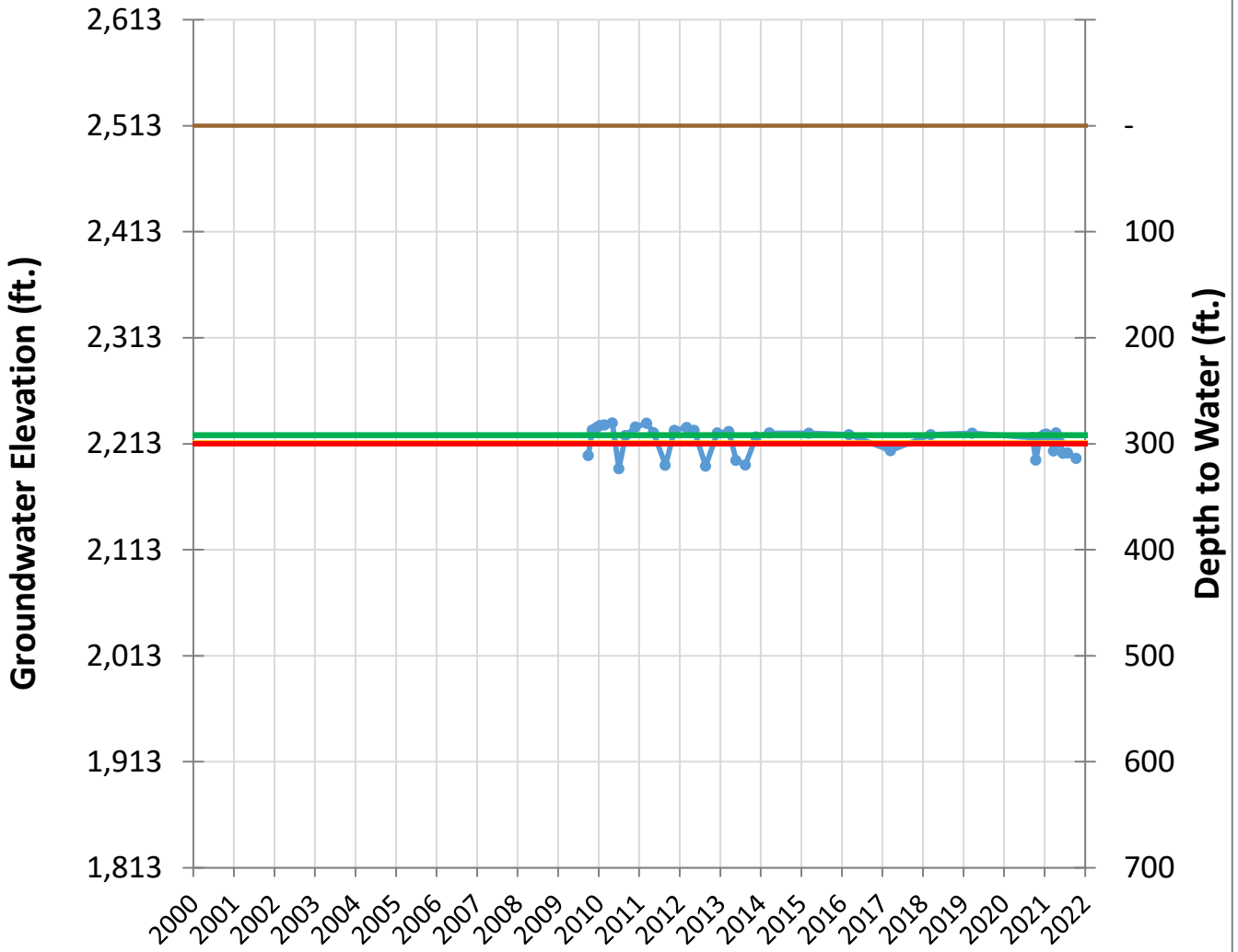
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —●— Groundwater Level — MO — MT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ground Surface Elevation — AM | GSE: 2513 ft. MT: 307 ft. MO: 298 ft. AM: 306 ft. |
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OPTI Well 324 Hydrograph



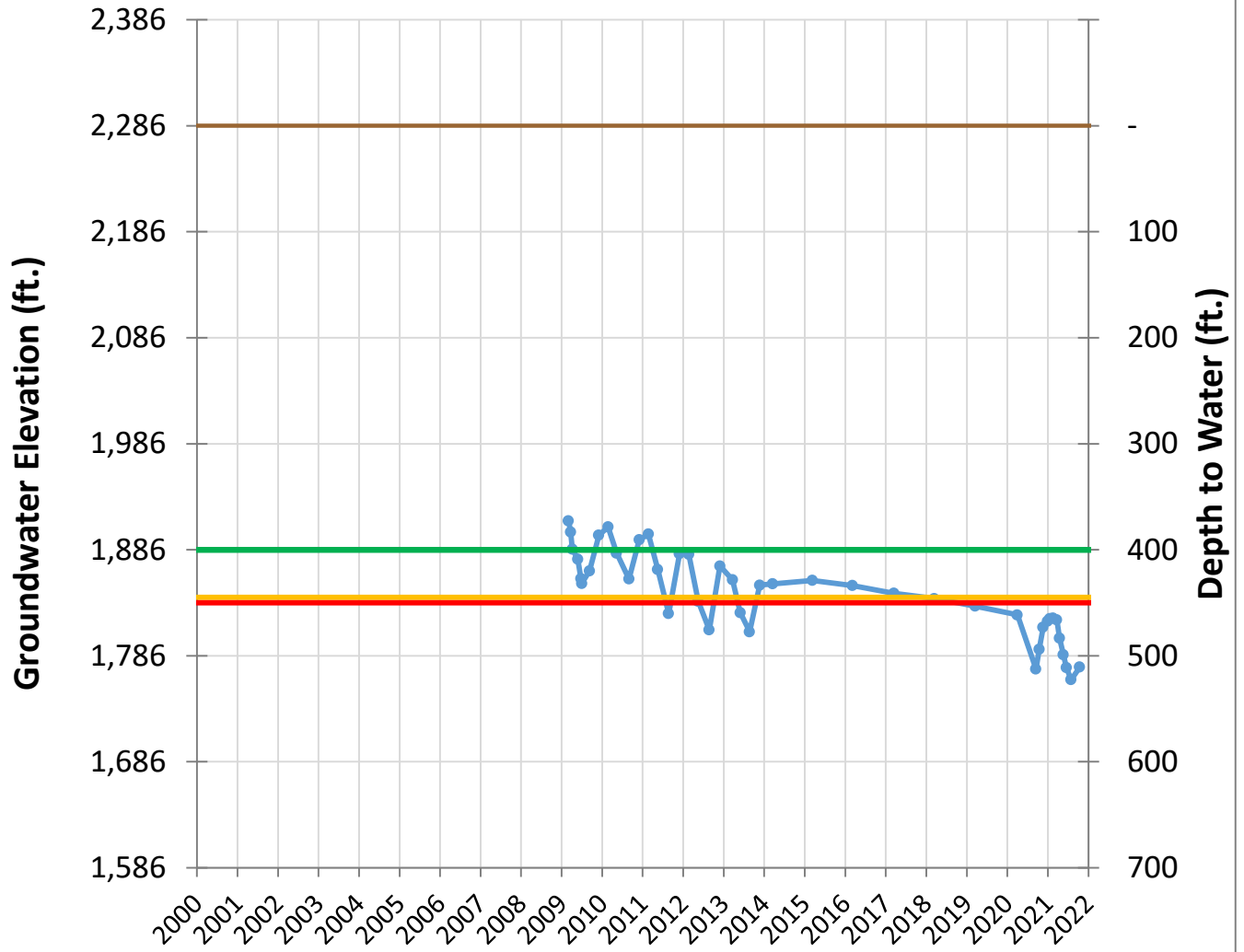
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OPTI Well 325 Hydrograph



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —●— Groundwater Level — MO — MT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ground Surface Elevation — AM | GSE: 2513 ft. MT: 300 ft. MO: 292 ft. AM: 299 ft. |
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OPTI Well 420 Hydrograph

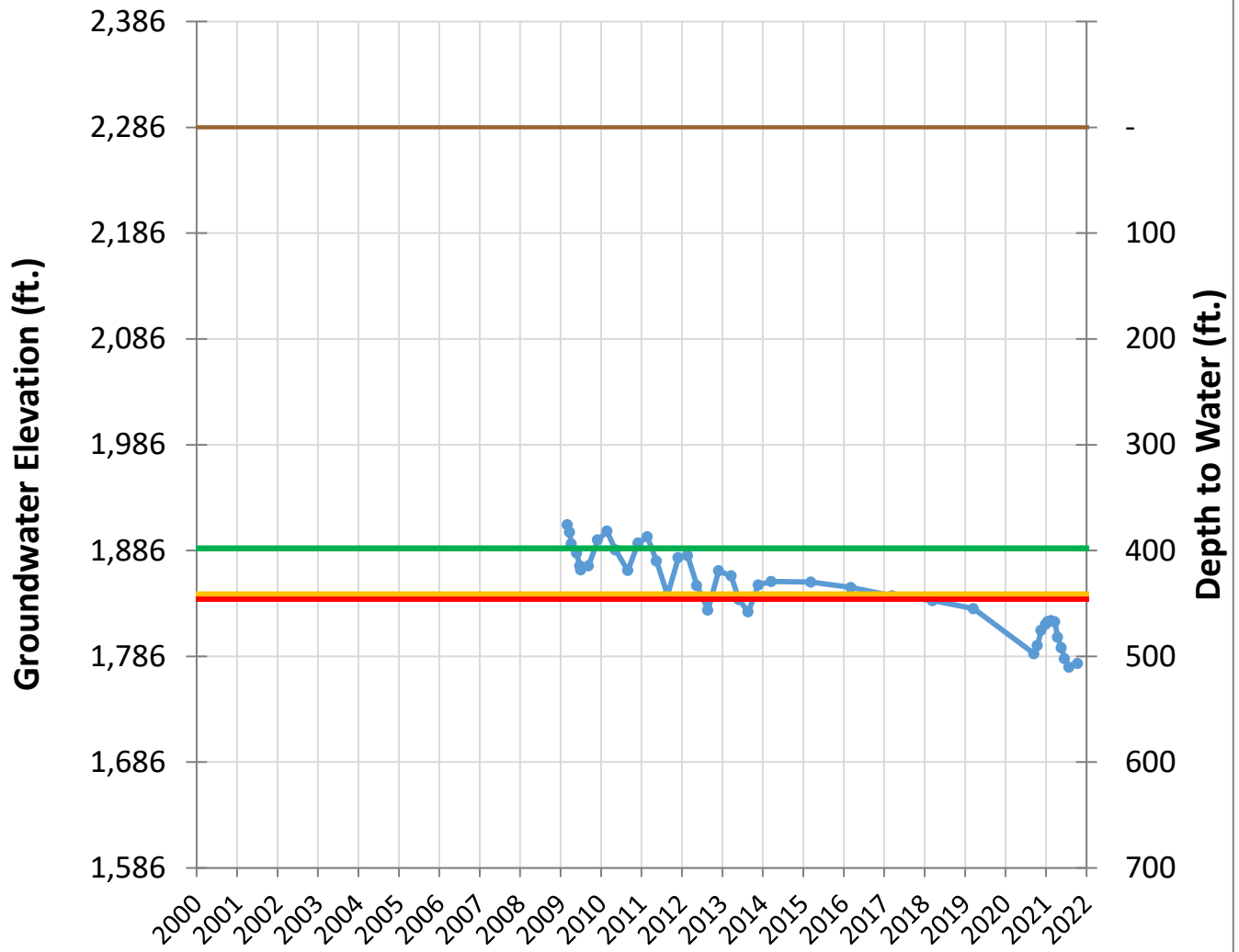


GSE: 2286 ft.
 MT: 450 ft.
 MO: 400 ft.
 AM: 445 ft.

—●— Groundwater Level
 — MO
 — MT

— Ground Surface Elevation
 — AM

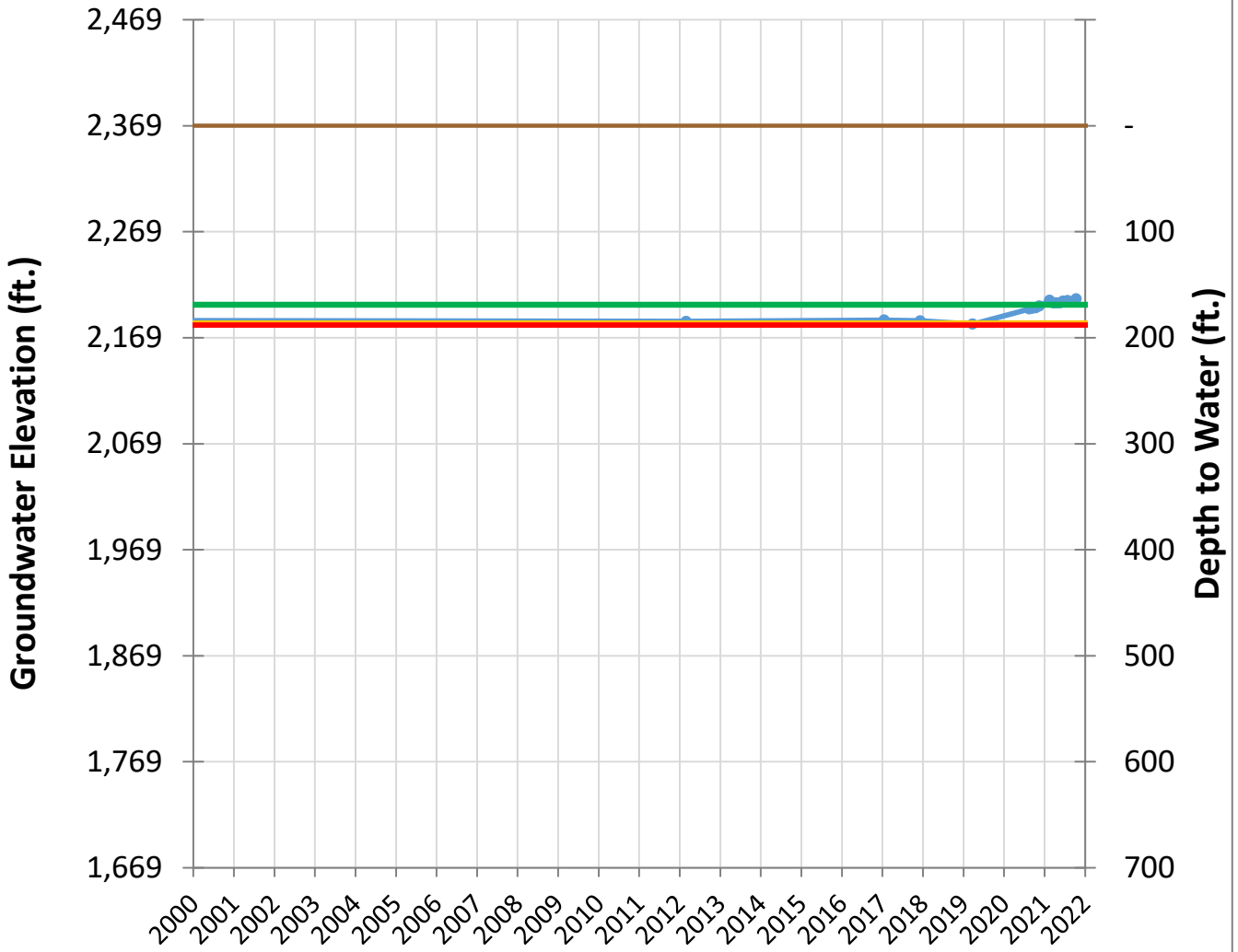
OPTI Well 421 Hydrograph



GSE: 2286 ft.
 MT: 446 ft.
 MO: 398 ft.
 AM: 441 ft.

- Groundwater Level
- Ground Surface Elevation
- MO
- MT
- AM

OPTI Well 474 Hydrograph



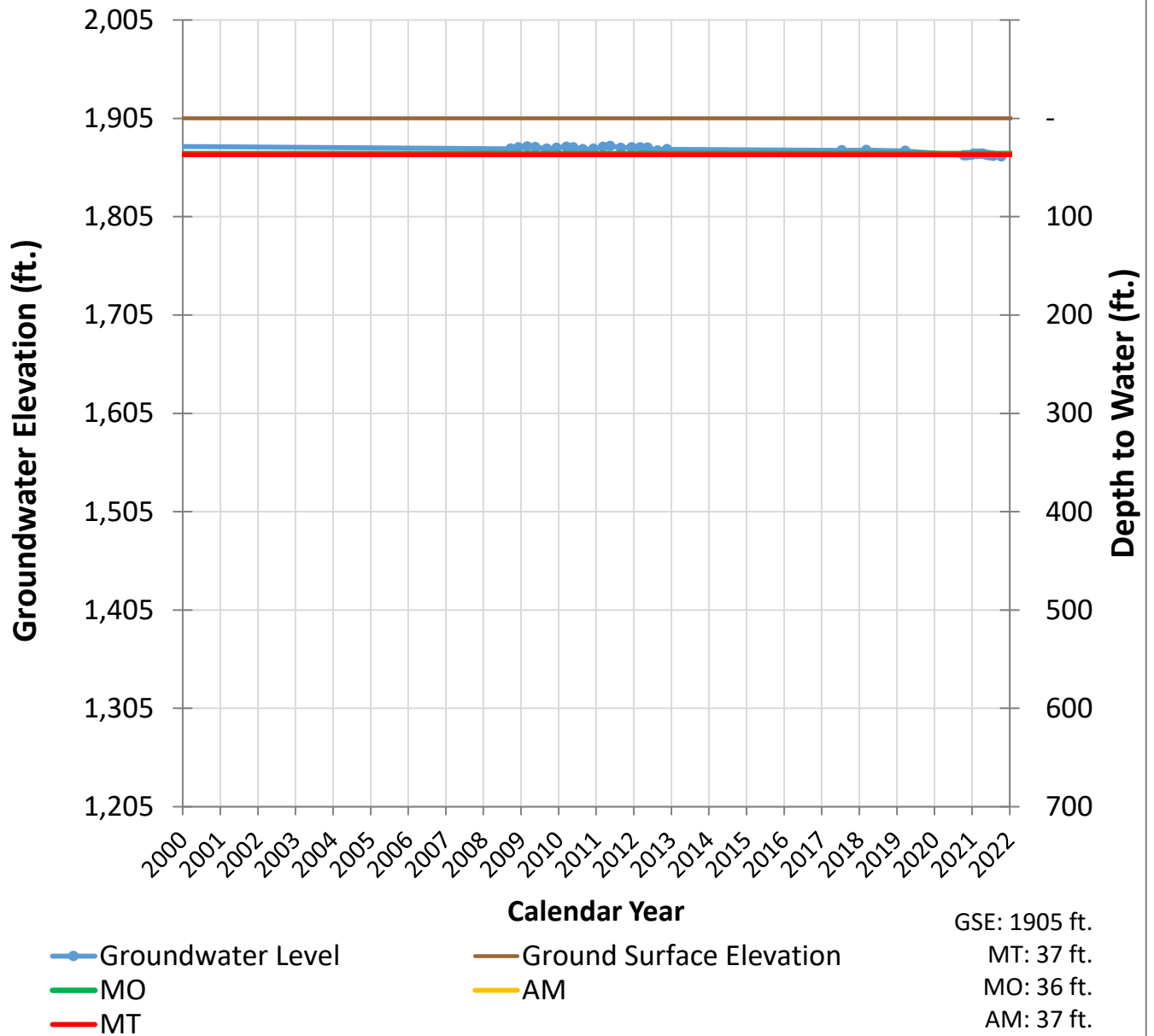
Calendar Year

◆ Groundwater Level
— MO
— MT

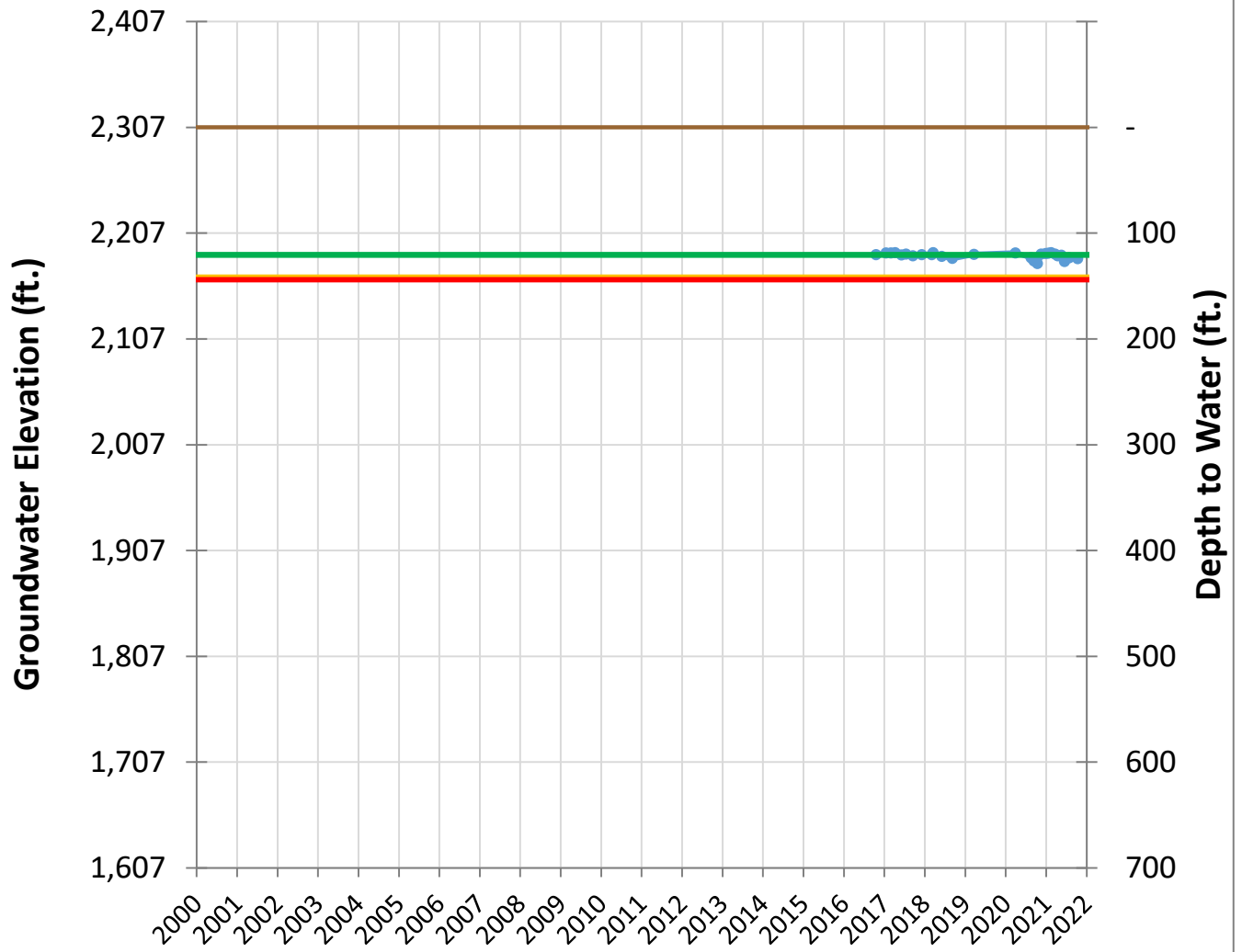
— Ground Surface Elevation
— AM

GSE: 2369 ft.
 MT: 188 ft.
 MO: 169 ft.
 AM: 186 ft.

OPTI Well 568 Hydrograph



OPTI Well 571 Hydrograph

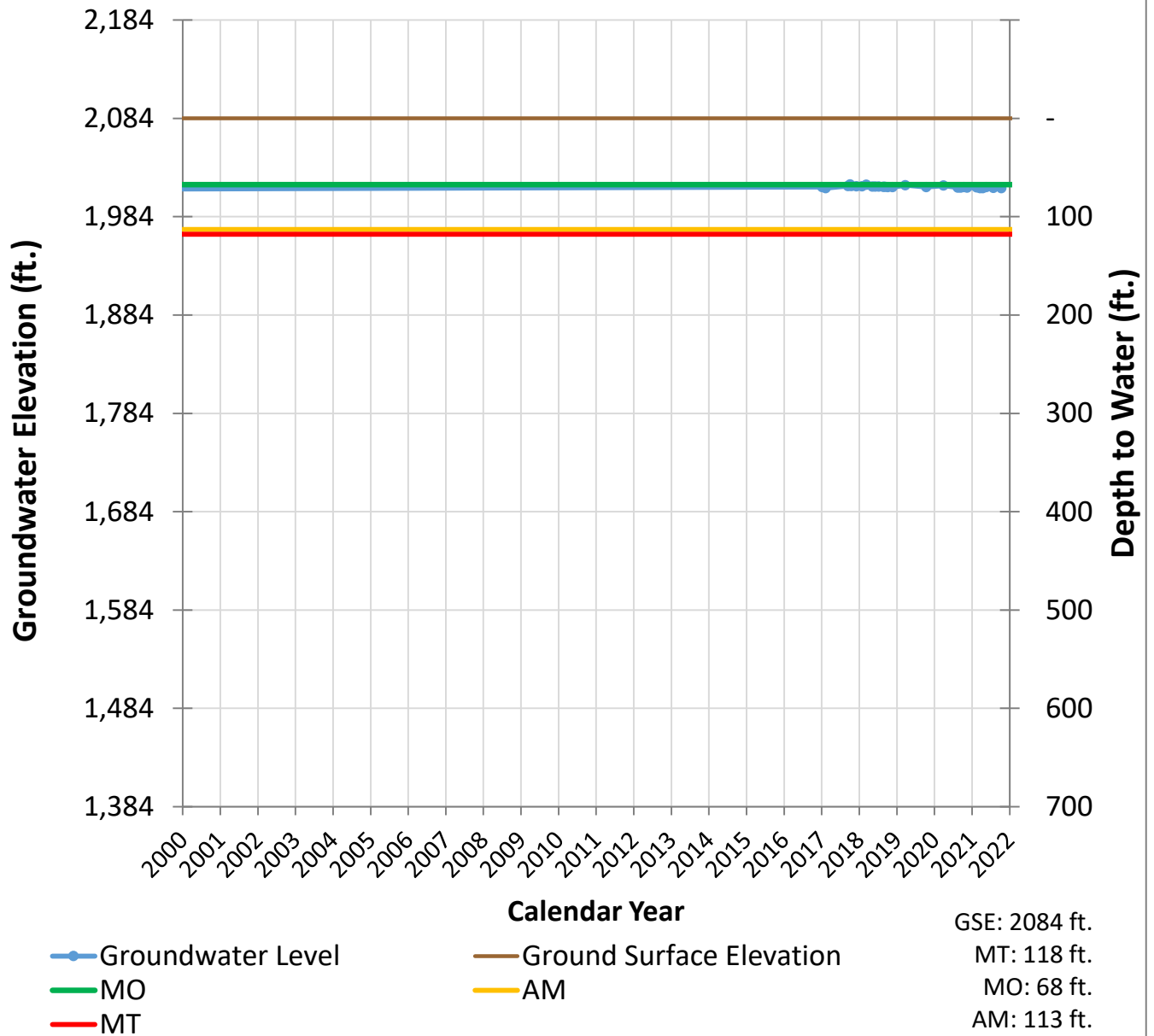


Calendar Year

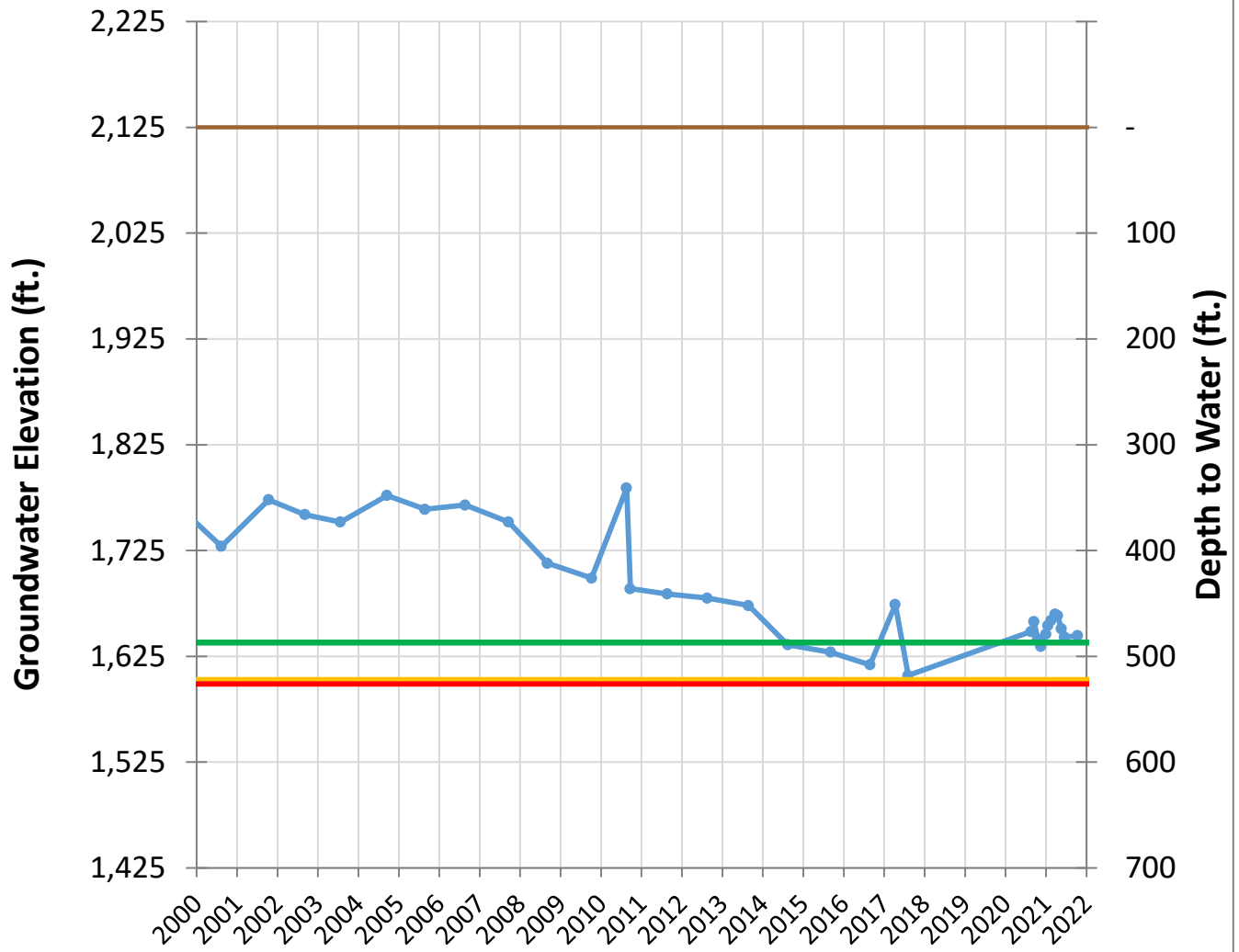
Legend:
● Groundwater Level
— MO
— MT
— Ground Surface Elevation
— AM

Summary Data:
GSE: 2307 ft.
MT: 144 ft.
MO: 121 ft.
AM: 142 ft.

OPTI Well 573 Hydrograph



OPTI Well 604 Hydrograph

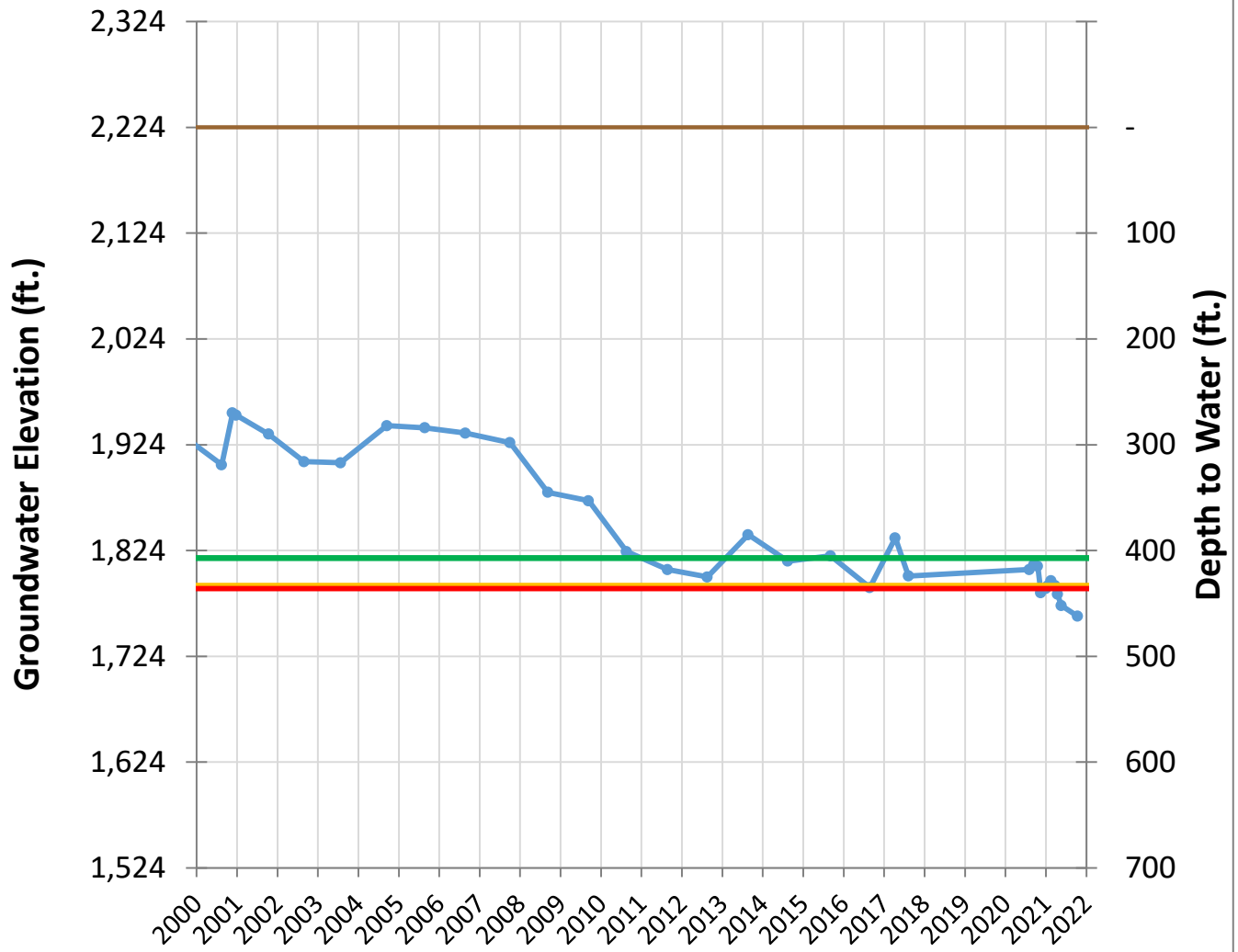


GSE: 2125 ft.
 MT: 526 ft.
 MO: 487 ft.
 AM: 522 ft.

—●— Groundwater Level
 — MO
 — MT

— Ground Surface Elevation
 — AM

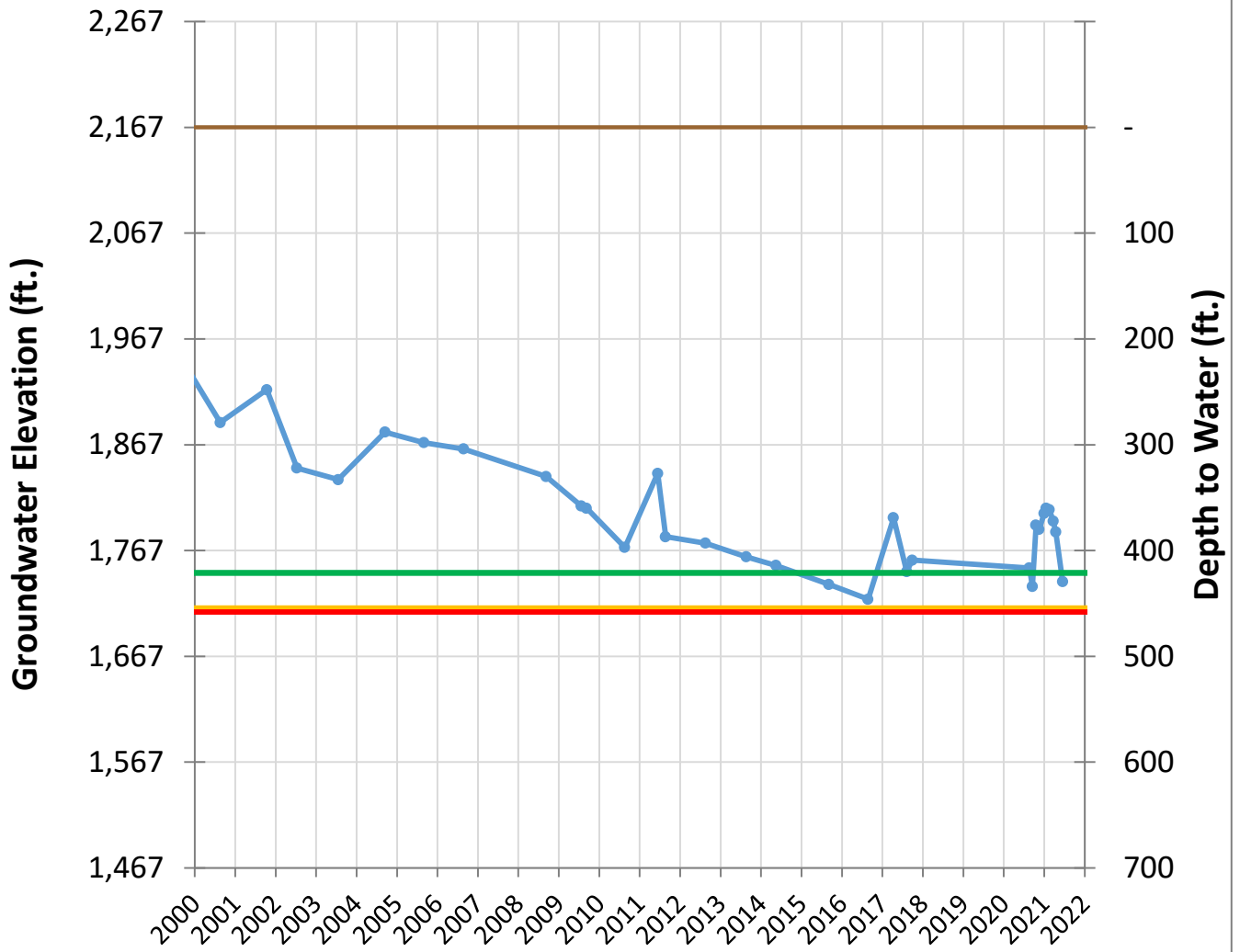
OPTI Well 608 Hydrograph



GSE: 2224 ft.
 MT: 436 ft.
 MO: 407 ft.
 AM: 433 ft.

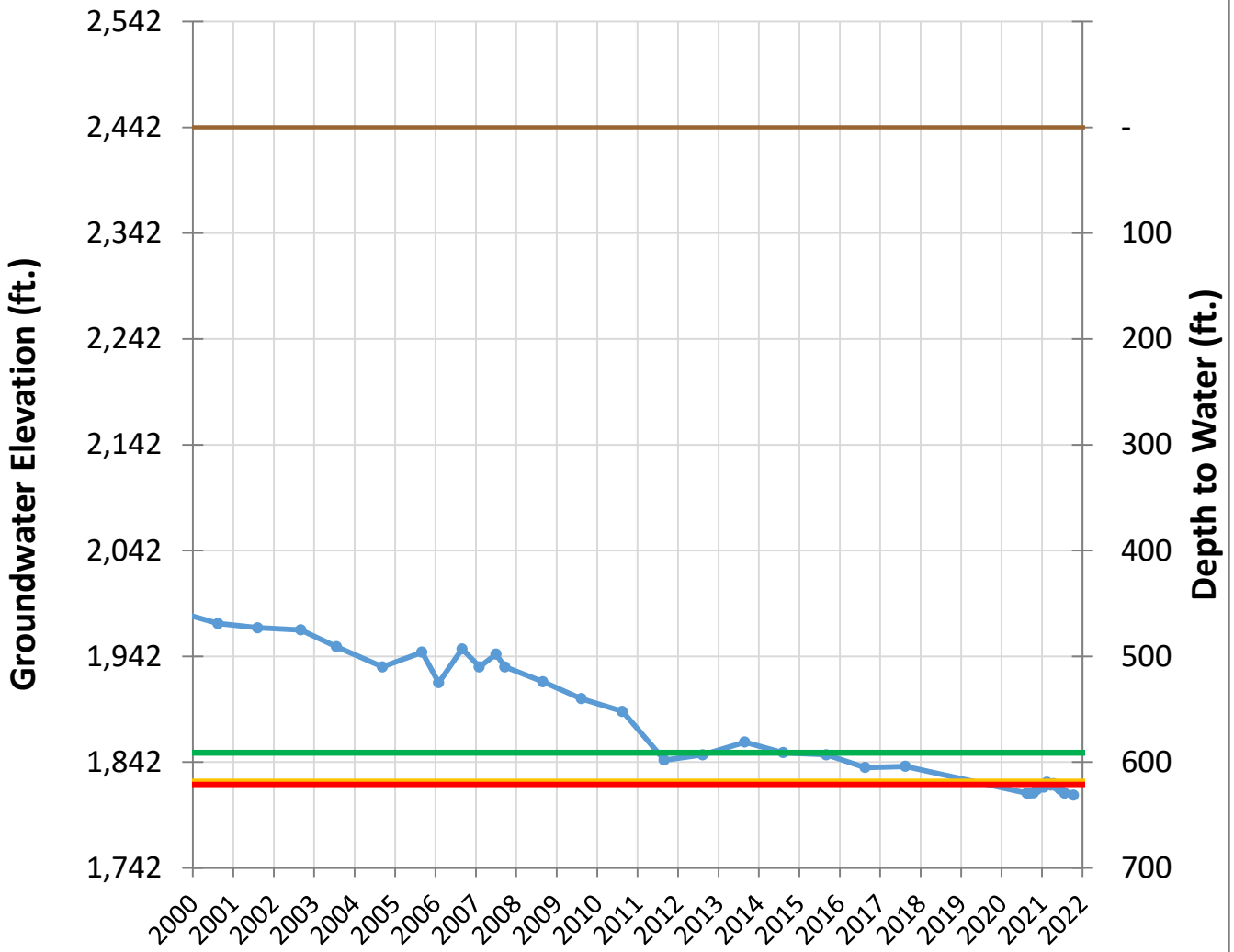
- Groundwater Level
- Ground Surface Elevation
- MO
- MT
- AM

OPTI Well 609 Hydrograph



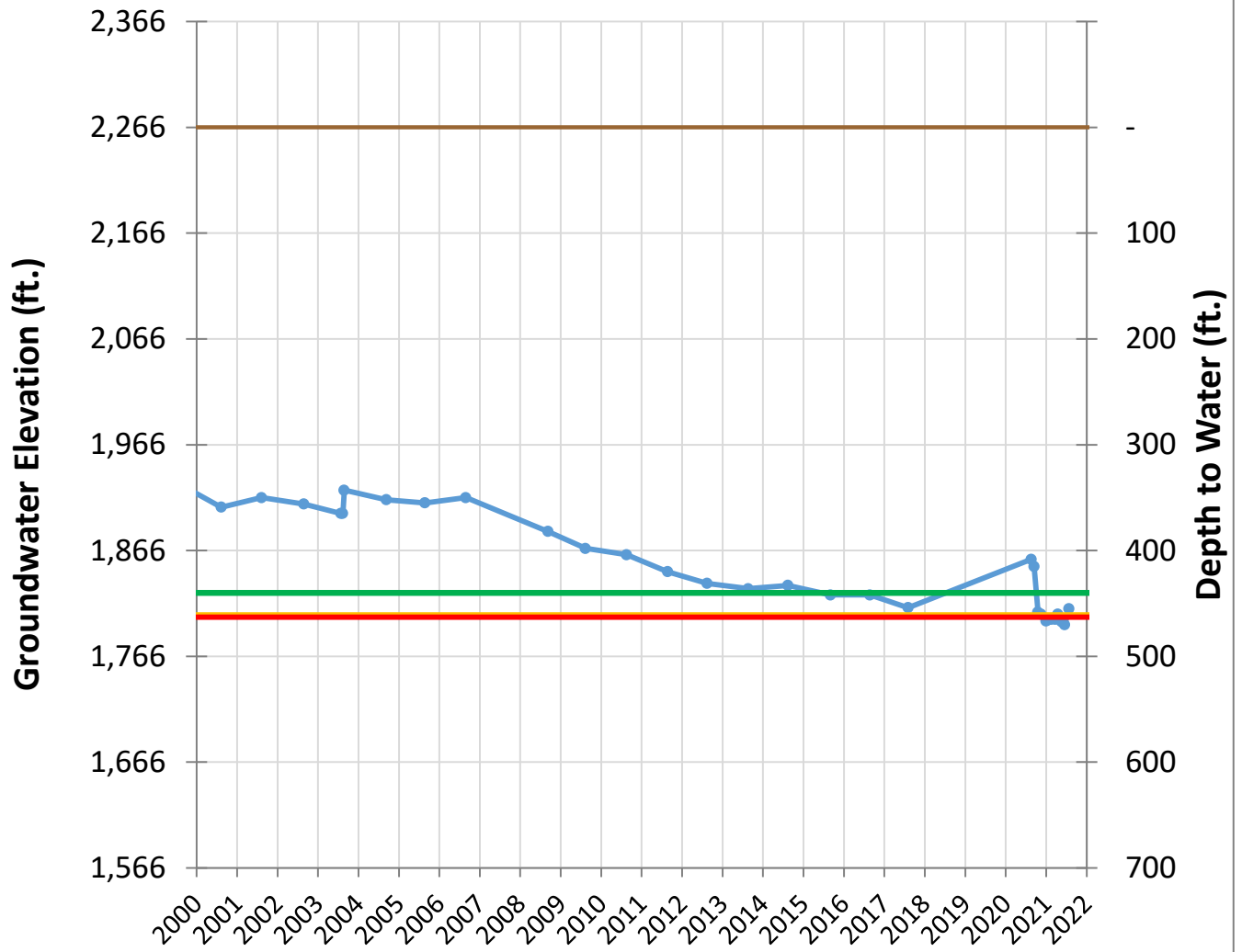
—● Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2167 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 458 ft.
— MT
 MO: 421 ft.
 AM: 454 ft.

OPTI Well 610 Hydrograph



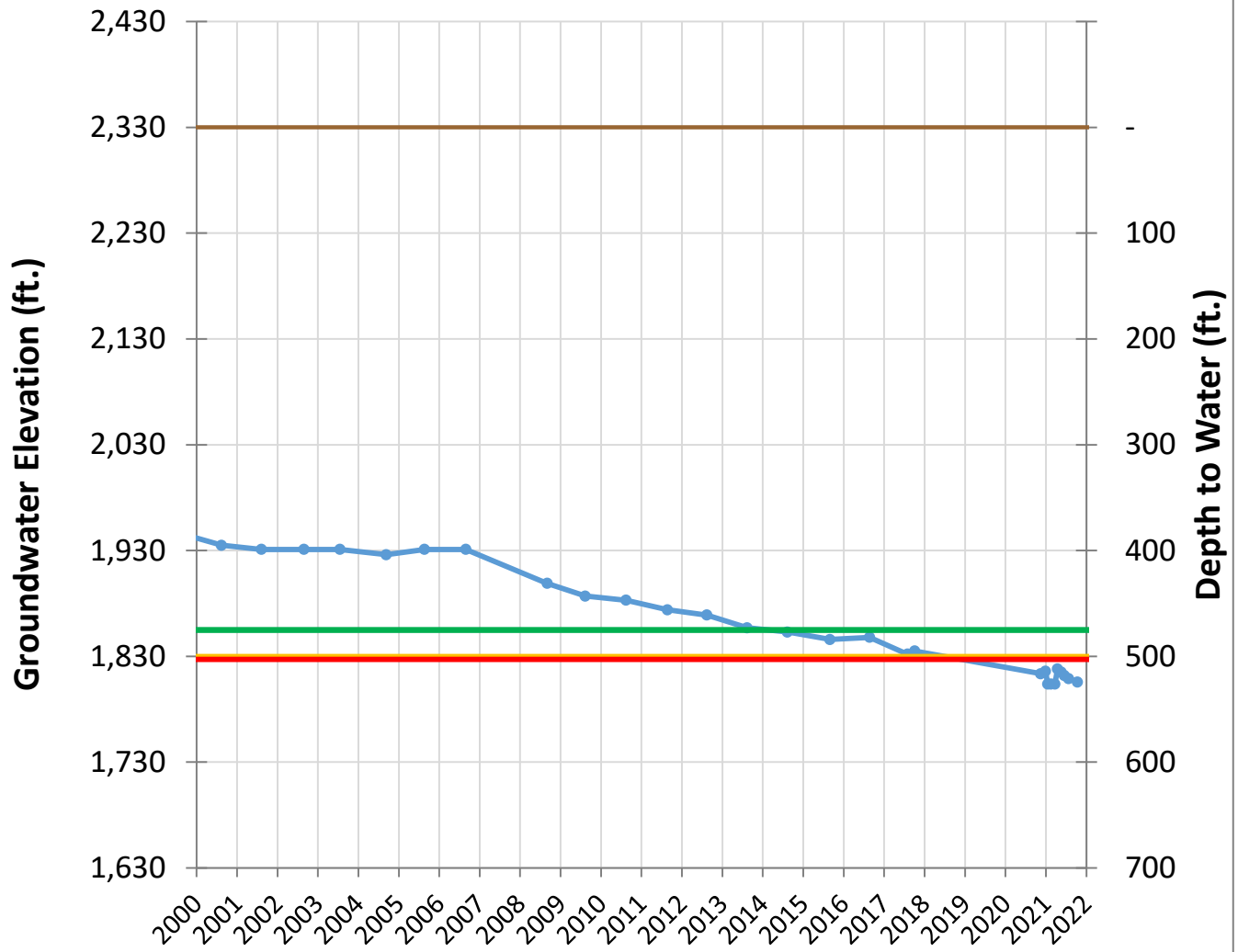
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 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2442 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 621 ft.
— MT
 MO: 591 ft.
 AM: 618 ft.

OPTI Well 612 Hydrograph



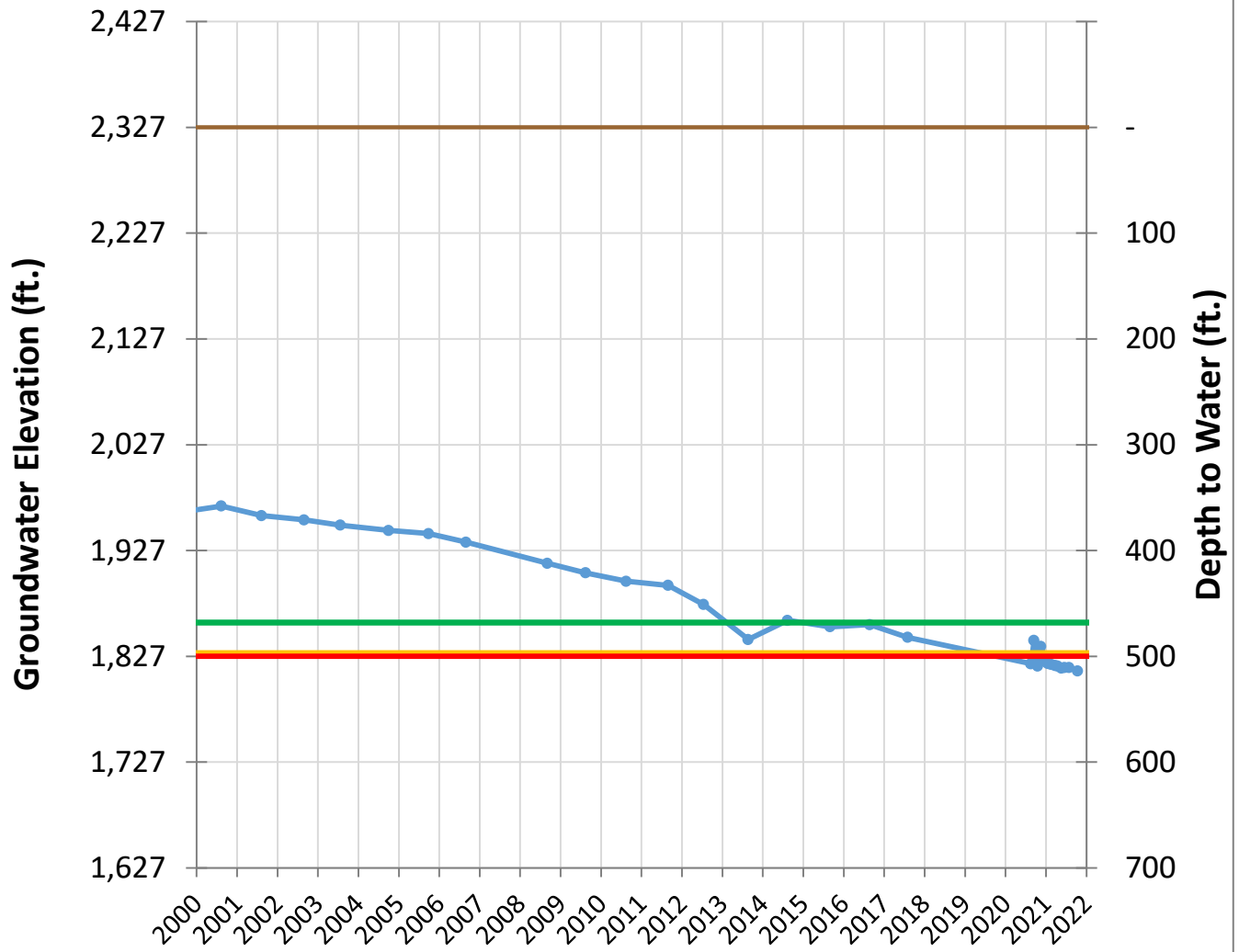
—● Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2266 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 463 ft.
— MT
 MO: 440 ft.
 AM: 461 ft.

OPTI Well 613 Hydrograph



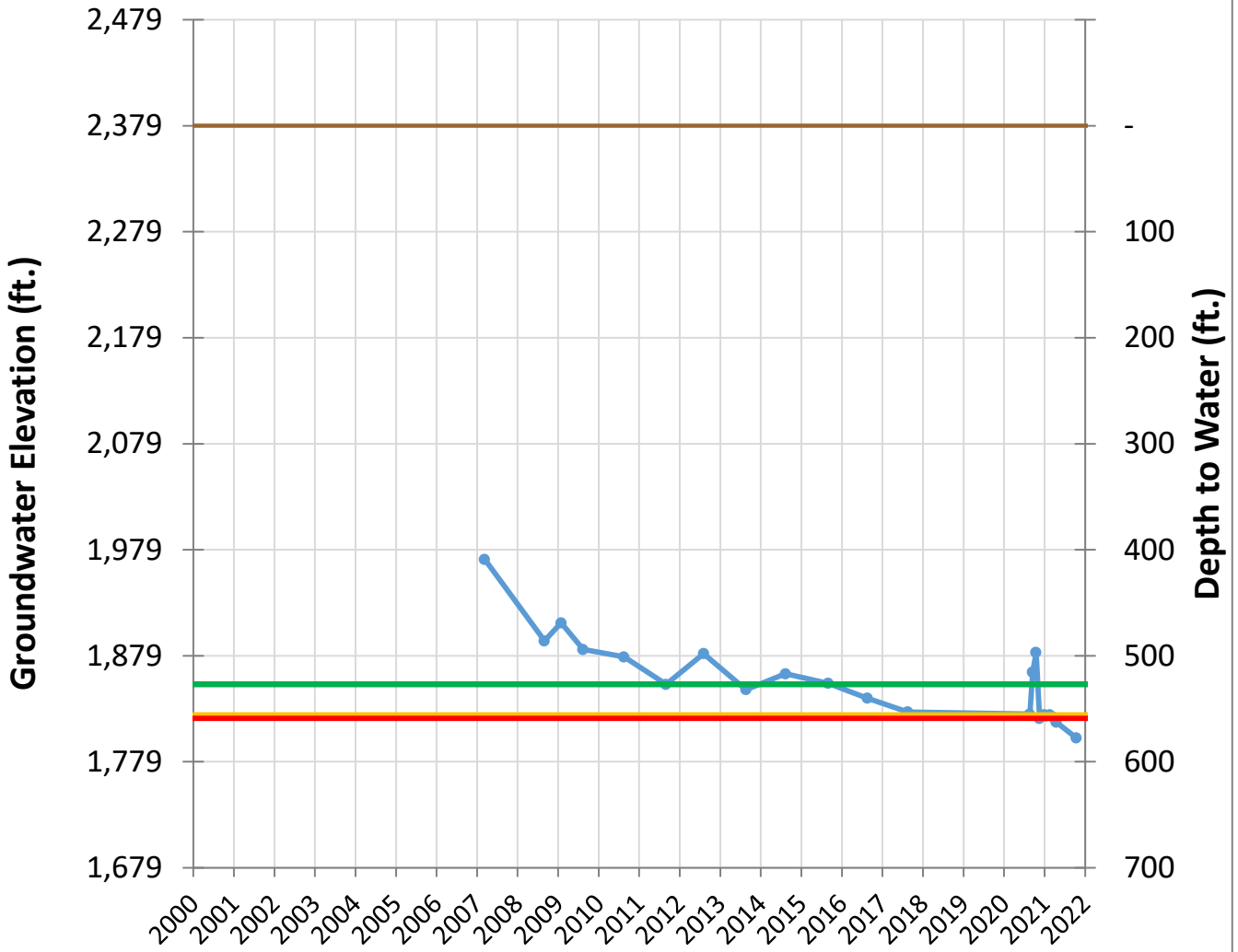
—●— Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2330 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 503 ft.
— MT
 MO: 475 ft.
 AM: 500 ft.

OPTI Well 615 Hydrograph



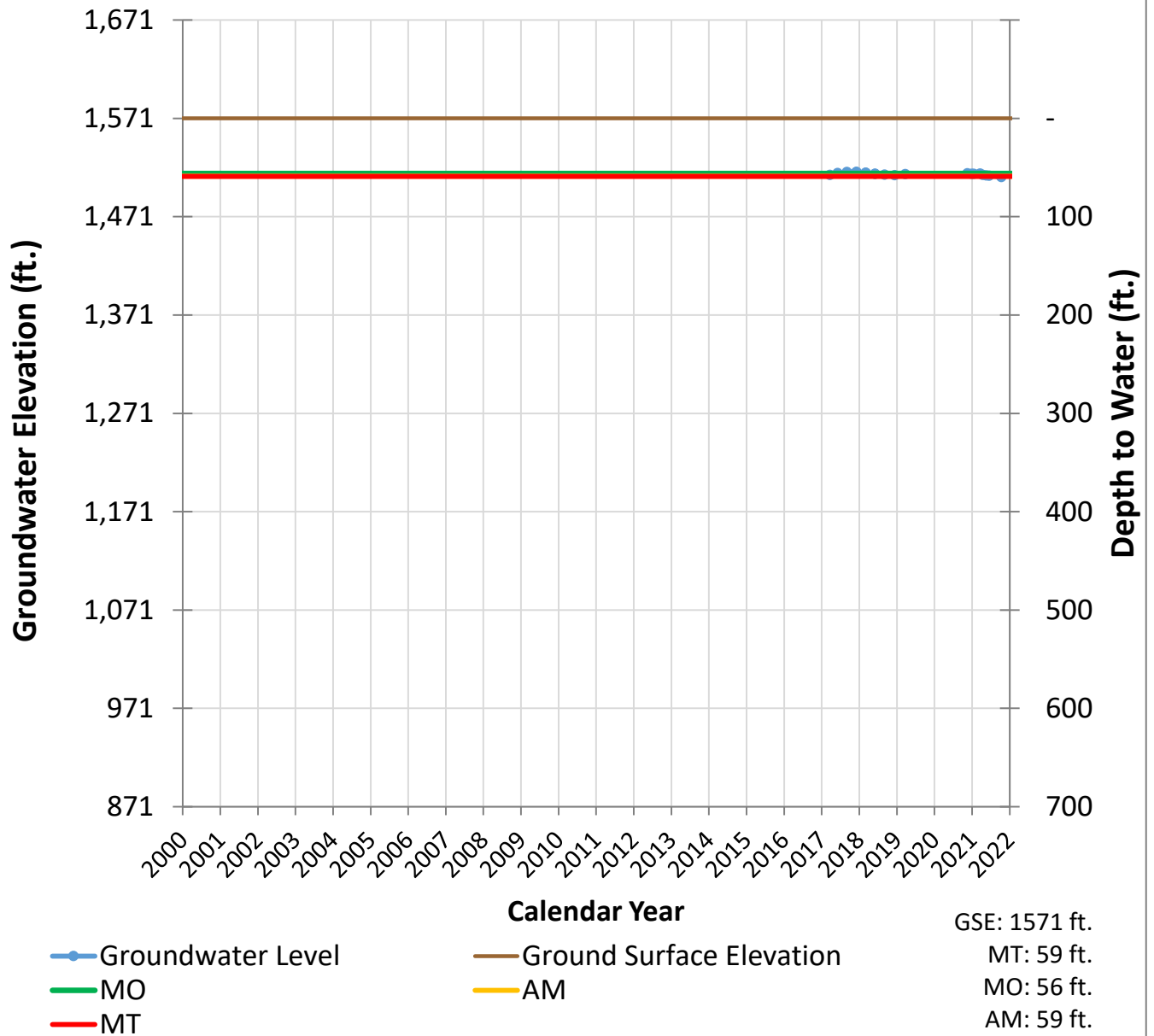
—●— Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2327 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 500 ft.
— MT
 MO: 468 ft.
 AM: 497 ft.

OPTI Well 629 Hydrograph

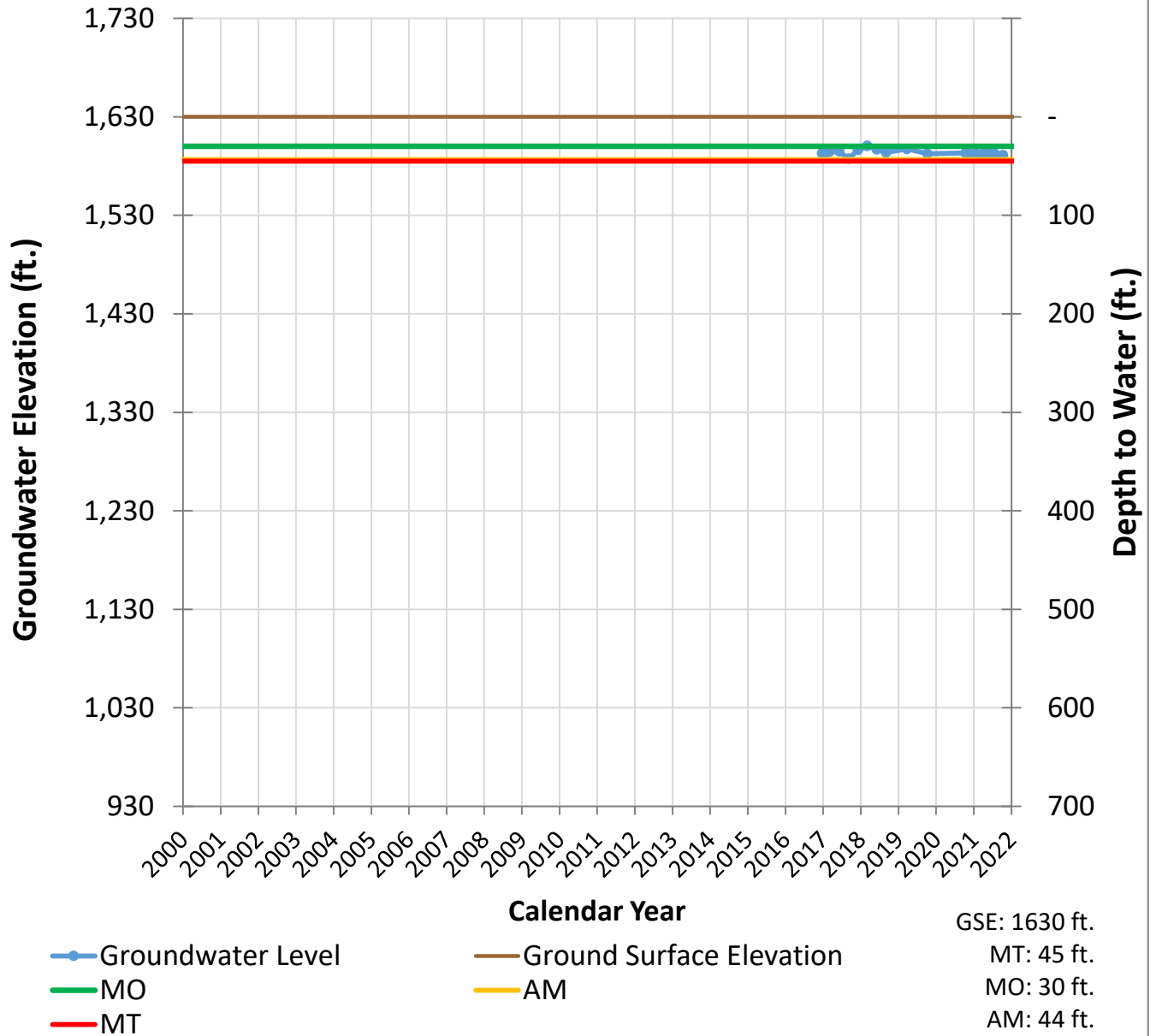


—● Groundwater Level
 — Ground Surface Elevation
 GSE: 2379 ft.
— MO
 — AM
 MT: 559 ft.
— MT
 MO: 527 ft.
 AM: 556 ft.

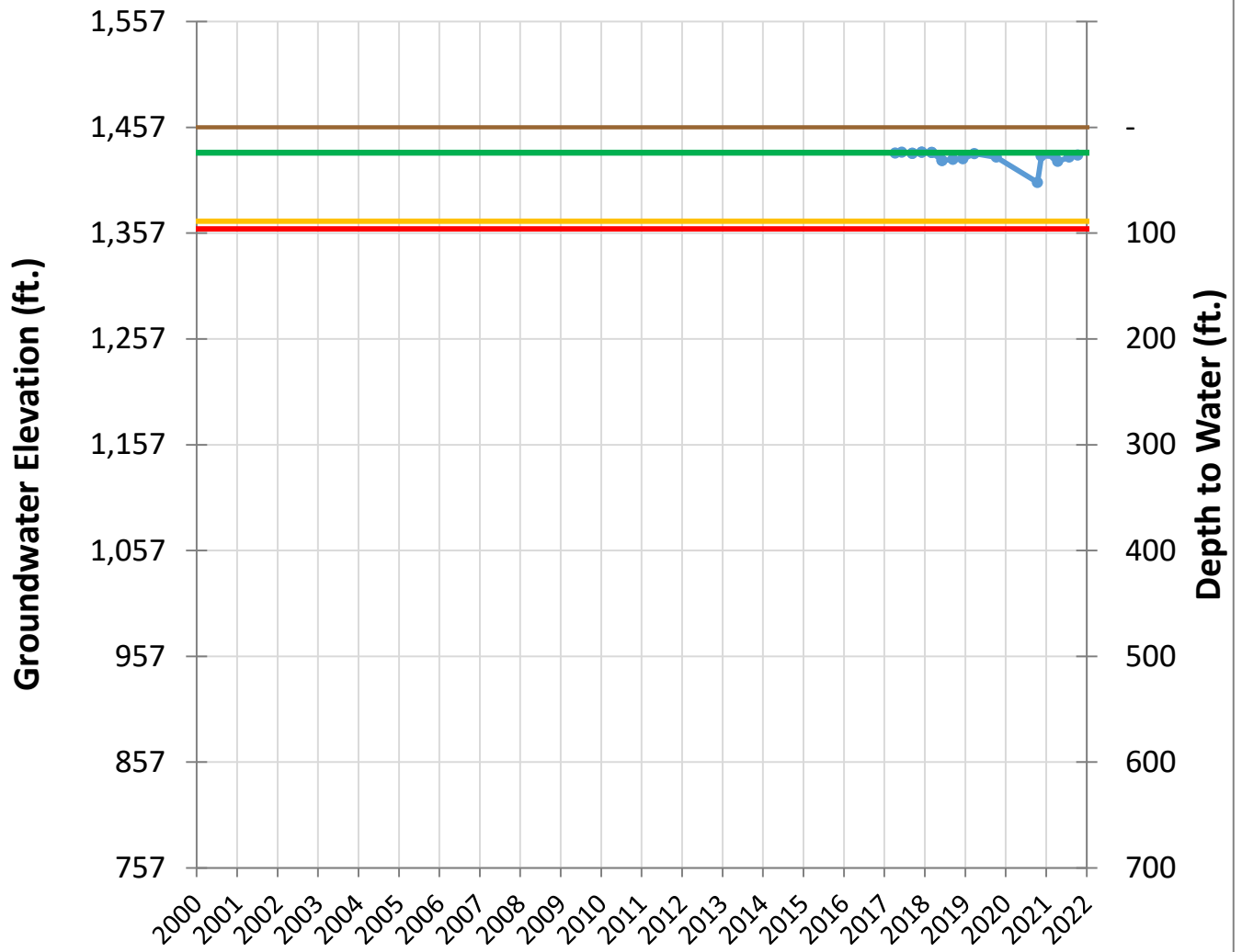
OPTI Well 830 Hydrograph



OPTI Well 832 Hydrograph

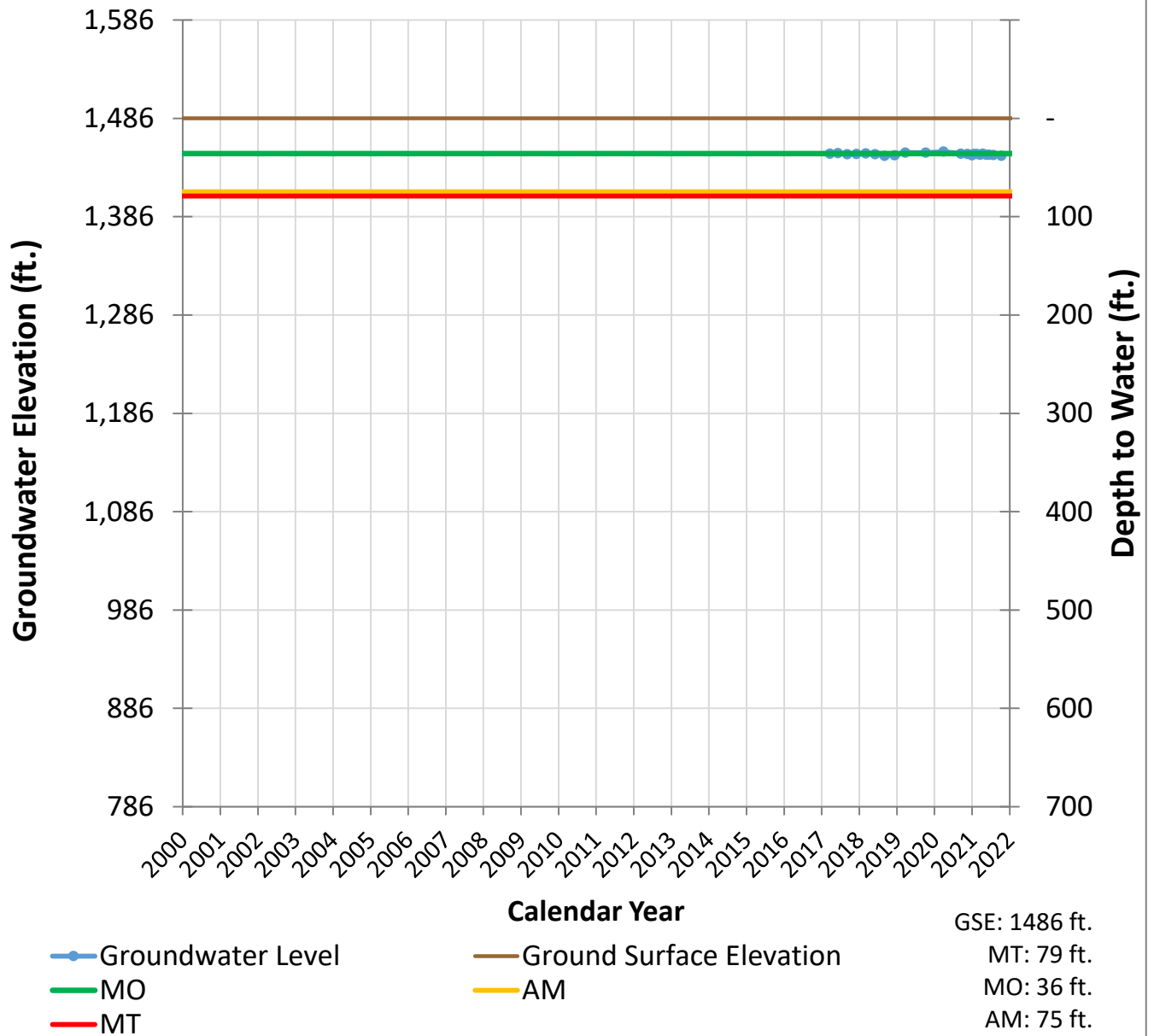


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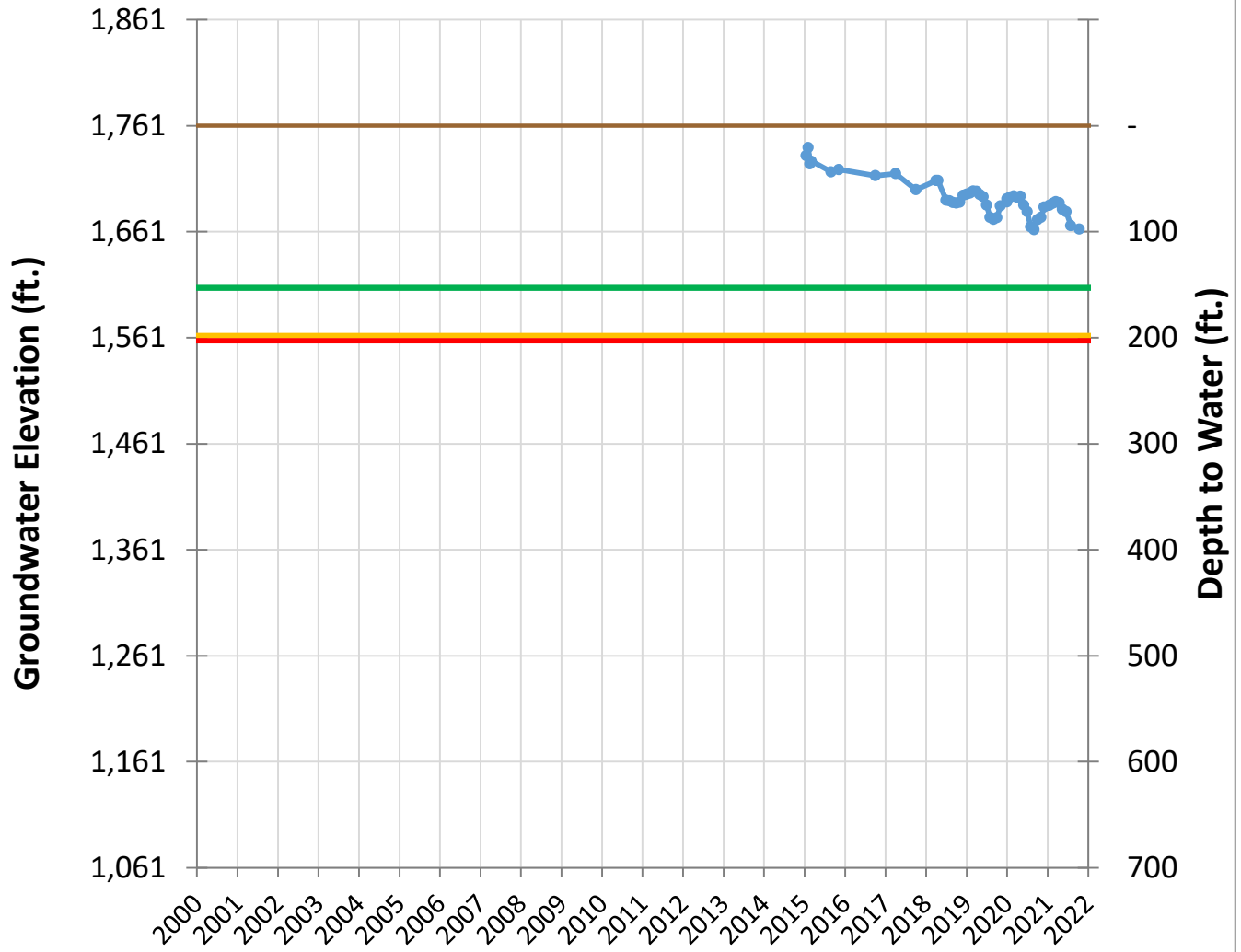


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —●— Groundwater Level — MO — MT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ground Surface Elevation — AM | GSE: 1457 ft. MT: 96 ft. MO: 24 ft. AM: 89 ft. |
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OPTI Well 836 Hydrograph



OPTI Well 841 Hydrograph

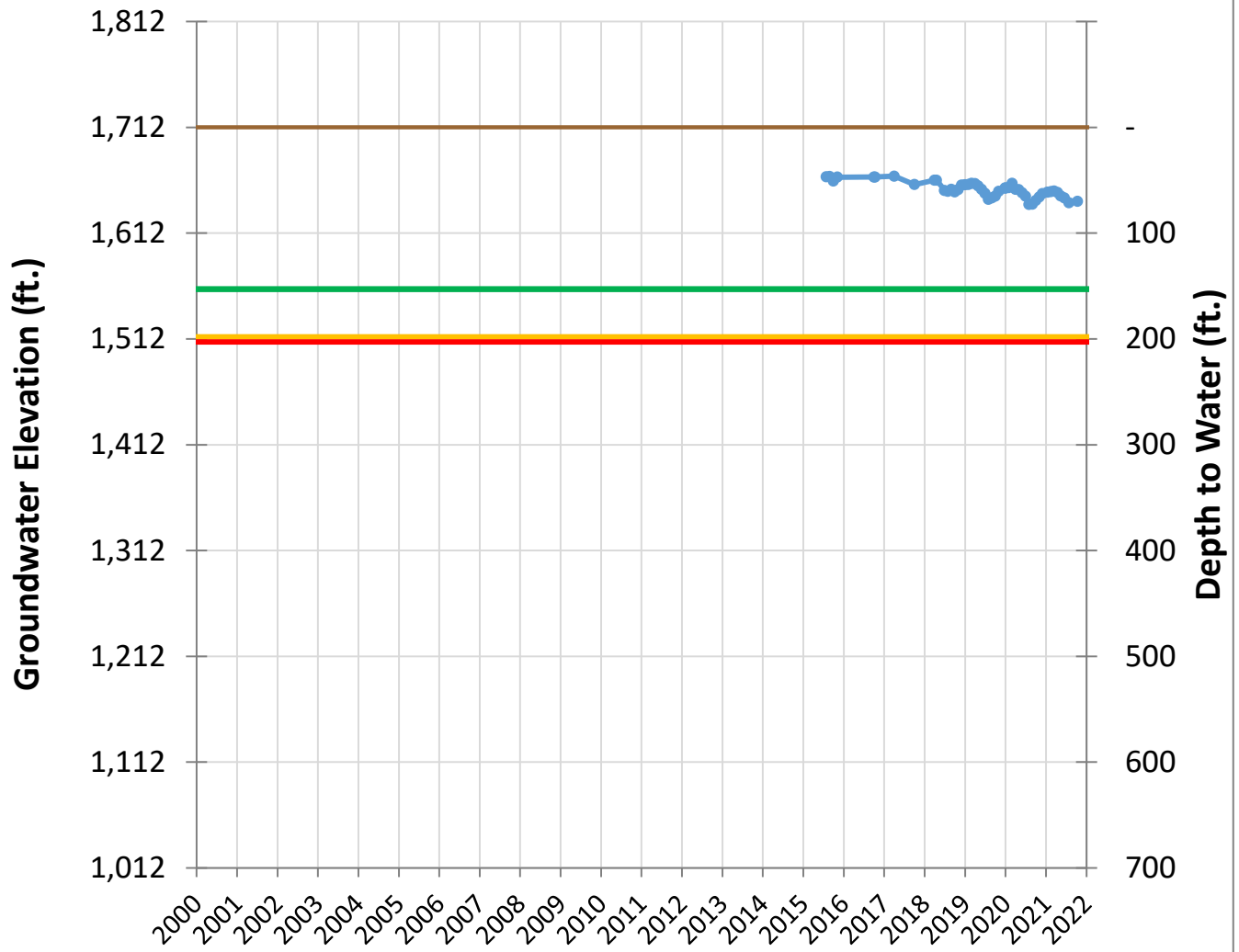


—●— Groundwater Level
— MO
— MT

— Ground Surface Elevation
— AM

GSE: 1761 ft.
 MT: 203 ft.
 MO: 153 ft.
 AM: 198 ft.

OPTI Well 845 Hydrograph



GSE: 1712 ft.
 MT: 203 ft.
 MO: 153 ft.
 AM: 198 ft.

Groundwater Level
 MO
 MT

Ground Surface Elevation
 AM

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