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# Annual Report WY 2021

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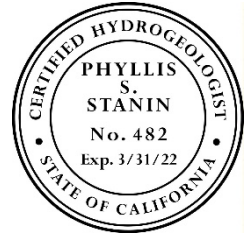
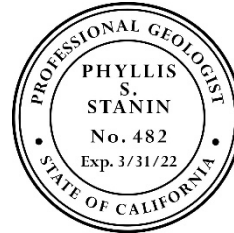
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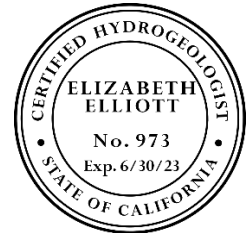
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## Acronyms

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AF	Acre-feet
AFY	Acre-feet per year
AWMP	Agricultural Water Management Plan
BMP	Best Management Practices
Brown Act	Ralph M. Brown Act
C2VSim	California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model
C2VSimTM	C2VSim-Turlock/Modesto; local model for Turlock and Modesto subbasins
CASGEM	California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring
CDEC	DWR California Data Exchange Center
CIMIS	California Irrigation and Management Information System
COC	Constituent of Concern
DBCP	Dibromochloropropane
DNAPL	Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
DWR	Department of Water Resources, State of California
eWRIMS	SWRCB Electronic Water Rights Information Management System
GAMA	Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program, California
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSE	Ground surface elevation
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
IM	Interim Milestone
InSAR	Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar
IWFM	Integrated Water Flow Model
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MID	Modesto Irrigation District
mm	Millimeters
MO	Measurable Objective
msl	Mean Sea Level
MT	Minimum Threshold
NRCS	U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
OID	Oakdale Irrigation District
PCE	Tetrachloroethylene
pCi/L	Picocuries per Liter
PRISM	Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model
RMWs	Representative Monitoring Wells
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

STRGBA	Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association
STRGBA GSA	Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TCP	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
µg/L	Micrograms per liter
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WY	Water Year (October 1 through September 30)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and the County of Tuolumne GSA (Tuolumne GSA) jointly prepared this First Annual Report (2021 Annual Report) for the Modesto Subbasin (5-22.02), addressing groundwater and surface water conditions during Water Year (WY) 2021. This Annual Report is being submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1, 2022, in accordance with regulatory requirements. Along with this Annual Report, the GSAs are submitting the DWR water use templates for groundwater extraction, groundwater extraction methods, surface water supply, and total water use for WY 2021.

There are inherent limitations to this 2021 Annual Report because the reporting period occurred before the GSP was adopted in January 2022. DWR acknowledges this limitation and understands that some data may be incomplete. Nonetheless, this report presents a useful assessment of the current groundwater conditions in the Subbasin as well as early progress on GSP implementation.

This Annual Report includes an update of the local C2VSim™ model from WY 2016 through WY 2021, a six year period from the end of the GSP historical study period through the current reporting period. This updated model provides the best available method for estimating changes in groundwater in storage, groundwater extractions, and surface water-groundwater interaction during these early stages of GSP implementation. Data from WY 2016 through WY 2021 were collected from the same public and private sources that provided historical data through WY 2015 for the GSP. Updated components of the model include surface water operations, groundwater pumping, population, land use, precipitation, streamflow, boundary conditions, canal and reservoir recharge, and interbasin flows. Model results show that in WY 2021, the Modesto Subbasin experienced a decline in groundwater in storage of 132,500 AFY, primarily due to the critically dry hydrologic conditions. On average during WY 2021, deep percolation from rainfall and irrigation applied water (119,700 AFY) was the largest contributor of inflows to the Modesto Subbasin, while groundwater production (329,100 AFY) accounted for the largest outflow from the Subbasin.

Groundwater elevation data were compiled for this Annual Report from the GSP representative monitoring network wells (RMWs) in the three principal aquifers: Western Upper Principal Aquifer, Western Lower Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer. Groundwater level hydrographs were updated through WY 2021 (**Appendix A**) and groundwater elevation contour maps were developed to illustrate seasonal low (Fall 2020) and seasonal high (Spring 2021 – **Figure ES-1**) groundwater elevations during the reporting period.

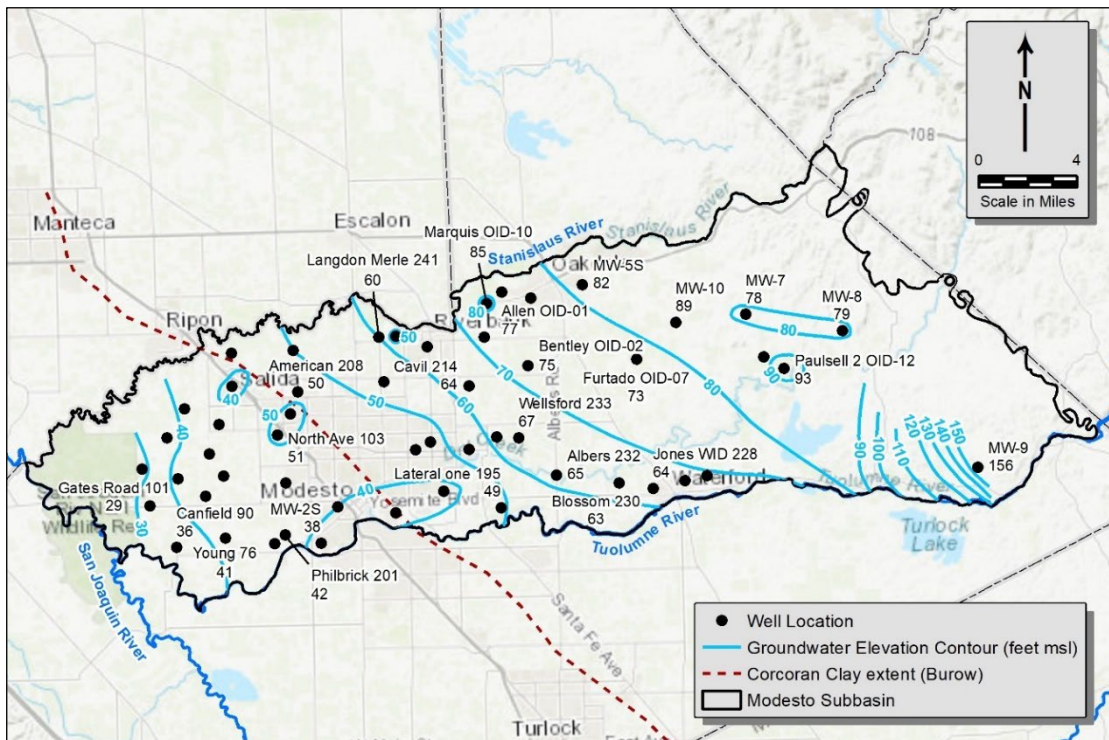
Since the 2012-2016 drought, groundwater elevations in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer have partially recovered from historical low levels and have been relatively stable over the last few years, with some declines during WY 2021. Water levels in the western



portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer have declined since the post-drought recovery, while water levels in the eastern portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer had little to no post-drought recovery and are continuing to decline through WY 2021. Groundwater level trends in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer are less clear because of the lack of historical groundwater level data in the RMWs.

The hydrographs provided in **Appendix A** show available historical water levels from WY 1991 through the reporting period (WY 2021) for each RMW, along with the minimum thresholds (MTs) and measurable objectives (MOs), and in some cases the interim milestone (IM), established for each well. Water levels in most RMWs are above the MTs during WY 2021. Groundwater levels during WY 2021 were below the MTs in five wells in the monitoring network for chronic lowering of groundwater levels (three wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer and two wells in the Eastern Principal Aquifer). Groundwater levels at four wells were below the MTs in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water during WY 2021 (three along the Stanislaus River and one along the Tuolumne River). The groundwater levels during WY 2021 represent pre-GSP conditions that are not yet being managed for sustainable conditions.

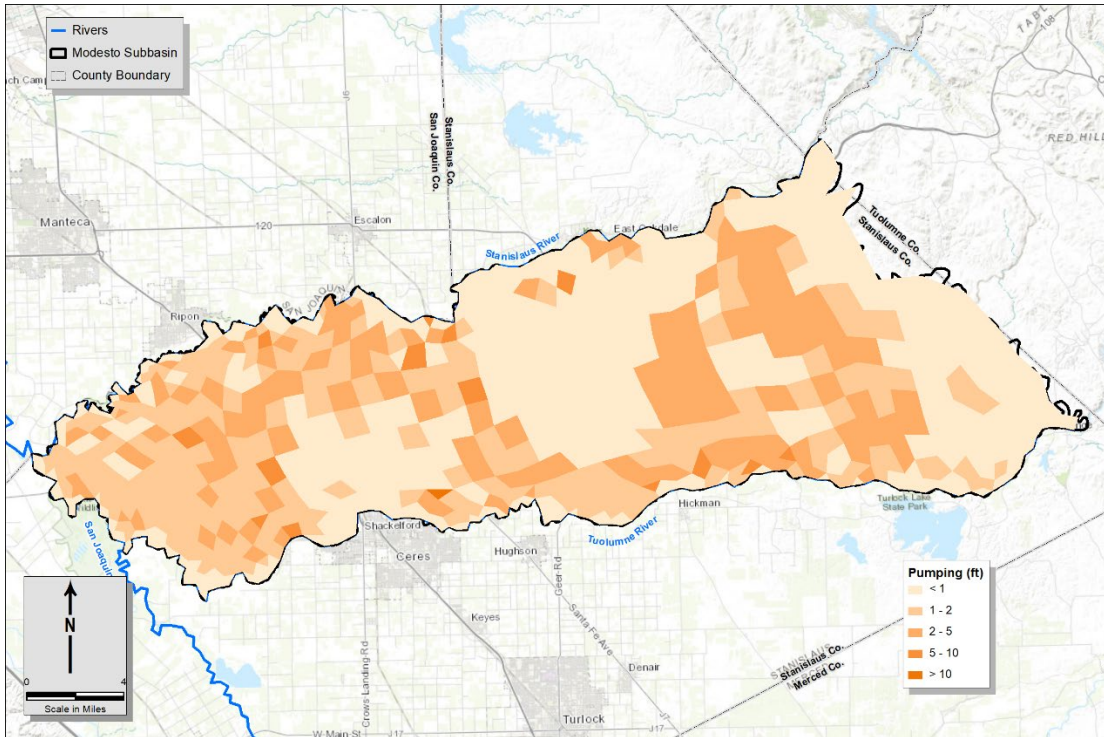
Groundwater elevation contour maps show similar groundwater flow patterns in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the Eastern Principal Aquifer.



**Figure ES-1 Groundwater Elevation Contours, Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers, Spring 2021**

As shown on **Figure ES-1**, groundwater flow within the Modesto Subbasin is generally to the west and southwest, with a southerly component of flow towards the Tuolumne River in the central and eastern Subbasin. There are localized groundwater depressions and mounds throughout the Subbasin associated with local pumping and surface water deliveries. At wells with water level measurements in both Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, groundwater elevations increased an average of 1.4 feet. The largest increases, about 4 or 5 feet, occurred in the vicinity of eastern Riverbank to Oakdale, south of Oakdale and in eastern Waterford. Groundwater elevation data in the RMWs in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer are insufficient to generate groundwater elevation contours at this time.

Total groundwater extractions in the Modesto Subbasin during WY 2021 were estimated to be 329,100 AFY. These estimates are based on directly measured groundwater extraction data collected by local water agencies and irrigation districts as well as estimates using the C2VSimTM model. During WY 2021, agricultural groundwater extraction accounts for 86% (284,400 AFY) of the total pumping in the Modesto Subbasin, while urban groundwater extraction accounts for the remaining 14% (44,700 AFY). Industrial water use is included in

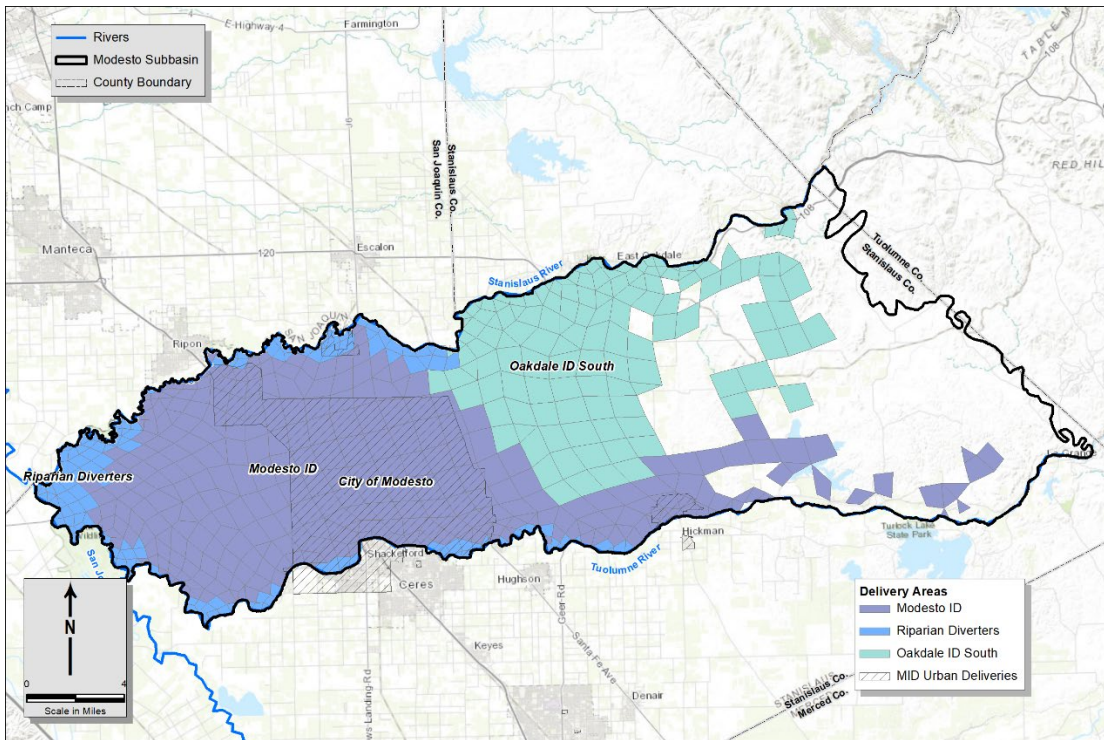


**Figure ES-2 Groundwater Extraction, Modesto Subbasin WY 2021**

the urban water use for WY 2021. No known groundwater extraction is used for maintaining managed wetlands, supplying managed recharge operations, or maintaining native vegetation in the Modesto Subbasin. **Figure ES-2** illustrates the distribution of groundwater extraction within the Modesto Subbasin during WY 2021. The pumping

distribution generally corresponds to irrigated areas where demand is not met by surface water supplies.

Surface water supply in the Modesto Subbasin during WY 2021 is estimated at 301,900 AFY. This surface water supply is comprised of deliveries by Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and riparian diversions. Riparian deliveries from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and San Joaquin rivers are based on estimates on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) and by the C2VSim™ model. **Figure ES-3** illustrates surface water delivery areas in the Modesto Subbasin.



**Figure ES-3 Surface Water Deliveries, Modesto Subbasin**

During WY 2021, the total water use for the Modesto Subbasin was 631,000 AF. Groundwater extractions represent about 52% of the total supplies (329,100 AF), followed by surface water at 48% (301,900 AF). The total water supply for WY 2016 through WY 2021 is summarized in **Table ES-1**.

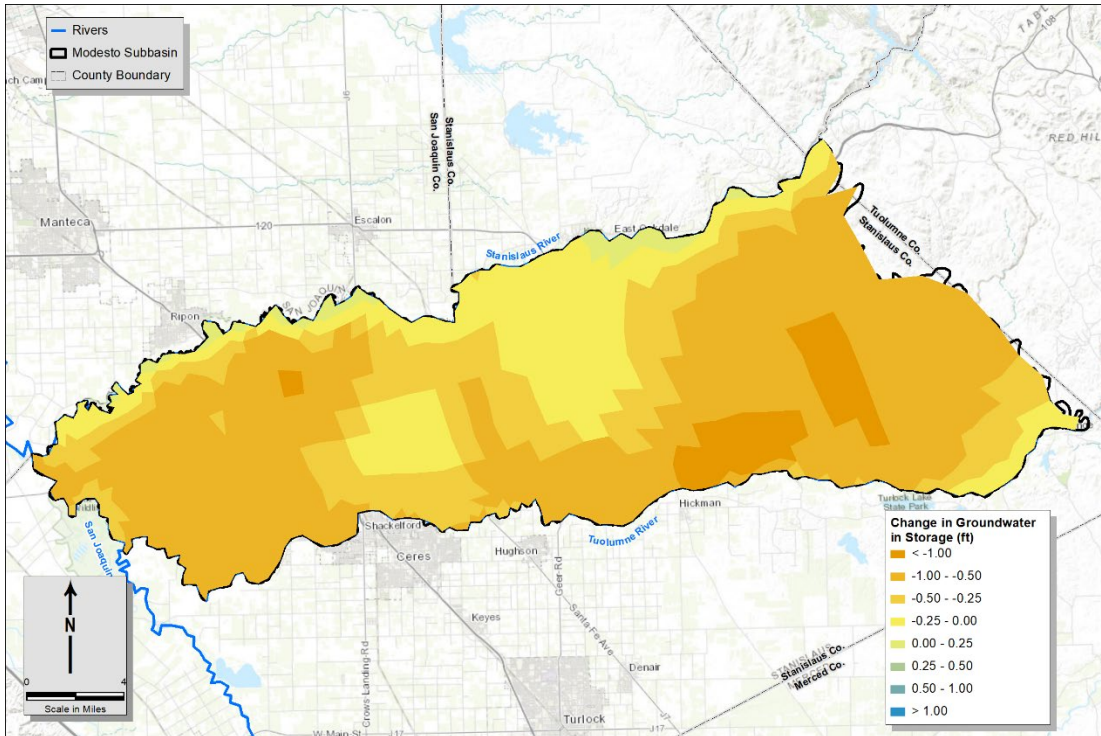


**Table ES-1: Total Water Use by Water Source for Water Years 2016-2021 (in acre-feet)**

	Groundwater <sup>1</sup>	Surface Water <sup>2</sup>	Other	Total Water Use
2016	314,800	238,400	0	553,200
2017	265,900	257,500	0	523,400
2018	294,200	271,100	0	565,300
2019	267,700	266,100	0	533,800
2020	299,200	292,500	0	591,700
2021	329,100	301,900	0	631,000
<b>Average</b>	<b>295,200</b>	<b>271,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>566,400</b>

1. Includes "Agency" and "Private" pumping described in Section 4.  
 2. Includes "Measured" and "Estimated" surface water supplies described in Section 5.

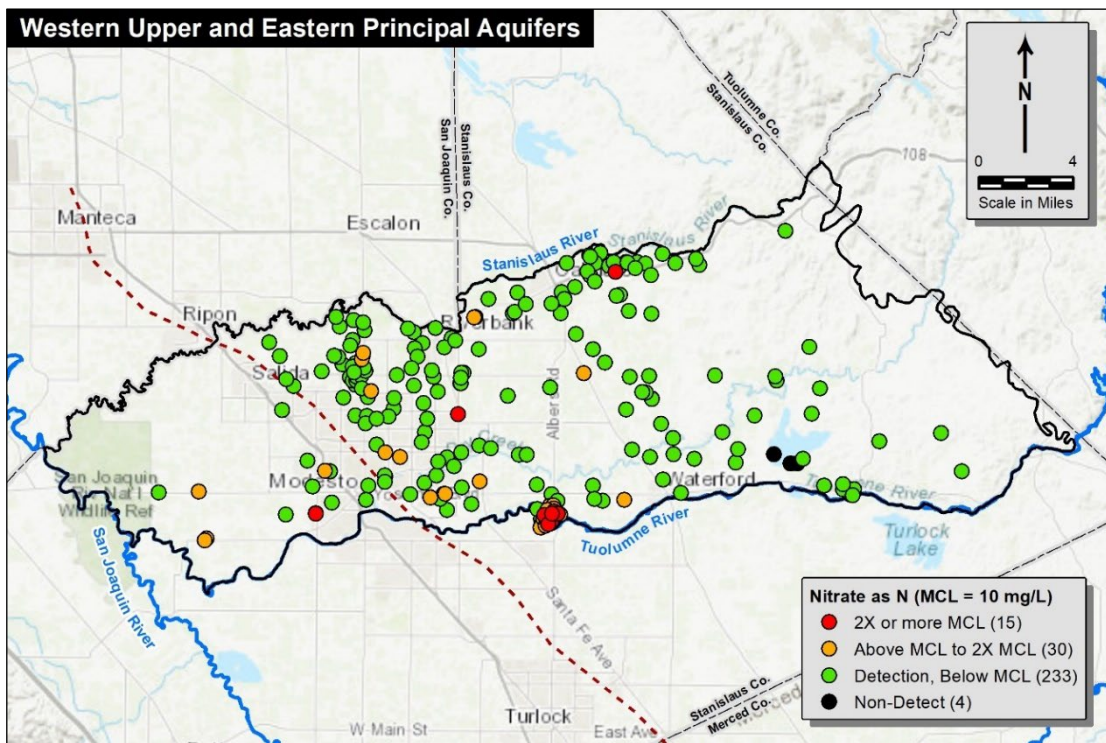
From WY 2016 through WY 2021, groundwater in storage declined 258,700 AF as estimated by the C2VSim™ model. During this six year period, groundwater in storage increased during the wettest years (WY 2017 and WY 2019) and decreased during the remaining four drier years (WY 2016, WY 2018, WY 2020, and WY 2021). The largest annual decline of groundwater in storage during this period occurred during WY 2021 (132,500 AFY), which is forecasted to be a critically dry year. A change in groundwater in storage map for WY 2021 is provided as **Figure ES-4**.



**Figure ES-4 Change in Groundwater in Storage, Modesto Subbasin WY 2021**

The figure shows that most of the Subbasin is losing storage during WY 2021, with most of the storage loss occurring in the westernmost Subbasin, easternmost Subbasin and along the Tuolumne River.

This first Annual Report establishes a baseline groundwater quality monitoring network for which future data can be compared. The Modesto Subbasin GSP determined that an undesirable result for groundwater quality may be triggered by a new (first-time) exceedance of the MT (i.e., the primary or secondary California maximum contaminant level (MCL)), or a further exceedance above the MT, in a RMW for any of the seven constituents of concern: arsenic, uranium, nitrate, 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), dibromochloropropane, tetrachloroethene (PCE), and total dissolved solids (TDS). Data for these seven COCs were downloaded from the State Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA) Groundwater Information System through the State GeoTracker website for WY 1991 to WY 2021. The monitoring network for each COC includes wells that were measured for that constituent during WY 2021. The baseline value for each well is the maximum concentration of a COC analyzed from WY 1991 to WY 2021, as illustrated by the nitrate concentration map shown on **Figure ES-5**.



**Figure ES-5 Maximum Concentrations of Nitrate in Groundwater, WY 1991 – WY 2021**

In total, there were 361 wells sampled during WY 2021 for one or more of the COCs, and these wells comprise the monitoring network for water quality. The maximum concentration measured between WY 1991 and WY 2021 is identified and mapped for each COC in each principal aquifer. The map on **Figure ES-5** represents the baseline conditions for nitrate concentrations in the Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers.

The baseline period from WY 1991 through WY 2021 extends from the beginning of the historical GSP Study Period through the current reporting period and allows the variability in historical COC concentrations to be linked to historical groundwater elevations. Future Annual Reports will compare water quality conditions from the current water year to the baseline condition established in this Annual Report to identify wells with new MCL exceedances. These comparisons will assist with groundwater quality analyses to determine if any of the exceedances above baseline conditions are caused by GSA groundwater management.

As described in the GSP, groundwater elevations are used as a proxy for a rate or extent of subsidence, and remote sensing data is used as an additional screening tool to evaluate land subsidence across the entire Subbasin. Groundwater levels in most of the RMWs are above the MTs during WY 2021. Vertical displacement data collected using Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) by TRE Altamira Inc., under contract with DWR, indicates no negative vertical displacement (land subsidence) during WY 2021. GPS stations in the Subbasin confirm an absence of land subsidence where measurements exist in the Subbasin.

The C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model was used to evaluate interconnected surface water from WY 2016 to WY 2021. Model results from this period indicate that the Stanislaus River and the Tuolumne River are net losing streams, and the San Joaquin River is a net gaining stream. Streamflow loss averaged about 26,000 AFY on the Stanislaus River and 17,000 AFY on the Tuolumne River, while the San Joaquin River averaged a gain of about 11,500 AFY from the Modesto Subbasin. During WY 2021, groundwater levels at 4 out of 20 RMWs in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water were below the MTS. Three of these are along the Stanislaus River and one is along the Tuolumne River. The GSAs recognize the need to improve the monitoring network for interconnected surface water and plan to construct additional monitoring wells along the rivers to support GSP implementation.

To comply with regulations, this Annual Report includes an update on GSP implementation progress. Because the GSP was only recently adopted in January 2022, there has been little time to implement GSP projects before the deadline for this Annual Report (April 1, 2022). Implementation activities over the last few months have focused on updating the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model, developing this Annual Report, planning for the first GSP monitoring event, and planning for future implementation activities. Since submittal of the GSP in January 2022, the landowners in the Non-District East Management Area have been meeting on a regular basis and are in the early stages of planning and developing future water supply projects.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

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With the successful submission of the Modesto Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP or Plan) on January 31, 2022, the two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Subbasin are now coordinating steps on GSP implementation. One such step is development of this First GSP Annual Report (Annual Report), which is being submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1, 2022, in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) GSA covers more than 99 percent of the Plan area and is taking the lead for Annual Report preparation. The County of Tuolumne GSA (Tuolumne GSA) is participating in GSP-related activities, including preparation of Annual Reports, through a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Stanislaus. The Annual Report covers the entire Modesto Subbasin as defined by DWR (5-22.02) and addresses groundwater and surface water conditions during Water Year (WY) 2021. The Modesto Subbasin and GSA boundaries are shown on **Figure 1-1**.

## 1.1 PURPOSE AND TIMING OF THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Annual reporting is required by the GSP regulations and provides an opportunity to demonstrate to DWR and stakeholders that the GSP is being implemented in a manner that will achieve the Subbasin Sustainability Goal. This Annual Report is being prepared under the guidance of Water Code Section 10728 and GSP regulations (in particular, Article 7, §356) and generally follows the organization of the regulations to facilitate DWR review.

GSP regulations require an annual report to be submitted by April 1 of each year following GSP adoption (§356.2). Each report describes water conditions for the preceding year. For this first Annual Report (2021 Annual Report), the preceding water year is WY 2021, extending from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021 (reporting period). In addition, certain historical datasets need to be included to illustrate conditions prior to WY 2021. Specifically, regulations require groundwater elevation hydrographs and annual changes in groundwater in storage to be based on “historical data to the greatest extent available including from January 1, 2015, to the current reporting year” (§356.2 (b)(1)(B) and §356.2 (b)(5)(B)).

For the 2021 Annual Report, the reporting period occurs prior to the GSP submittal deadline of January 2022. The GSP was still under development during the reporting period, and neither the GSP nor monitoring network/protocols had yet been finalized or adopted. Accordingly, some required datasets are incomplete in this initial Annual Report. In addition, this report is being prepared within weeks of GSP completion and will be provided to DWR only two months following submittal of the GSP. This is a short amount of time to initiate GSP implementation. Nonetheless, GSP implementation activities are underway, and the STRGBA GSA and member agencies have made early progress on GSP projects as summarized in **Section 11** of this report.

## 1.2 MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Modesto Subbasin Management Areas are referenced throughout the Annual Report. As explained in the GSP, four Management Areas have been established to facilitate GSP implementation. Management Area (MA) boundaries are based on areas of similar water supplies and ongoing water management activities. These four MAs are summarized in **Table 1-1** below and illustrated on **Figure 1-2**.

**Table 1-1: Modesto Subbasin Management Areas**

Management Area	Size (acres) <sup>1</sup>	Description
<b>Modesto ID Management Area</b>	101,914	Western and southwestern portions of the Subbasin; consistent with Modesto ID service area boundaries.
<b>Oakdale ID Management Area</b>	49,893	Northern and northeastern portions of the Subbasin; consistent with Oakdale ID service area boundaries.
<b>Non-District East Management Area</b>	77,218	Eastern Subbasin lands outside of Modesto ID and Oakdale ID boundaries.
<b>Non-District West Management Area</b>	15,777	Narrow rim of lands along the three river boundaries in the western Subbasin outside of irrigation district boundaries.

<sup>1</sup> Management Area acres are based on GIS and total Subbasin acres are not identical to the current DWR basin description. Nonetheless, Management Areas cover the entire Subbasin, and approximate acres are shown here for relative comparisons.

Surface water supplies are generally available to supplement groundwater use in the Modesto ID, Oakdale ID, and Non-District West MA, including the Tuolumne River, Stanislaus River, and riparian diversions along the western river boundaries, respectively. Only the Non-District East Management Area relies almost solely on groundwater without dedicated and consistent surface water supplies. Accordingly, groundwater levels in the Non-District East MA have experienced the most significant and ongoing water level declines. GSP projects and management actions have targeted the Non-District East MA to arrest overdraft conditions and water level declines.

## 1.3 APPROACH

For the 2021 Annual Report, the GSAs have committed significant resources to update the local C2VSimTM model for the six years since the end of the GSP historical Study Period. This integrated water resources model was derived from the DWR regional C2VSim model and modified with local data from the Turlock and Modesto subbasins for application to GSPs in each subbasin. The updated model will provide a useful tool to meet regulatory requirements for certain historical data in this report and to support ongoing evaluations in the Subbasin. Additional information is provided in **Section 2**.

In addition to the model update, data from the various monitoring networks were compiled for the Annual Report. Groundwater elevation hydrographs were prepared for the

representative monitoring wells (RMWs) and were analyzed for the sustainable management criteria. Some of these hydrographs and other monitoring datasets are incomplete due to the timing of the Annual Report. In WY 2021, monitoring networks were still being developed, monitoring protocols were not yet in place, and routine monitoring had not yet begun. In addition, 14 of the RMWs were constructed in 2021 with Proposition 68 grant funding from DWR and have only preliminary groundwater elevation measurements during the reporting period.

Notwithstanding these limitations and incomplete data sets, significant data compilation and analyses were conducted for this first Annual Report as summarized below:

- compilation of water level, water quality, water use, climate, land use, and subsidence data sets from member agencies, state agencies, and other sources from WY 2016 through WY 2021,
- update of C2VSimTM integrated water resources model from WY 2016 through WY 2021 to support ongoing analyses,
- preparation of groundwater elevation hydrographs for RMWs from WY 1991 through WY 2021 and comparison to sustainable management criteria,
- development of groundwater elevation contour maps for the seasonal low (Fall 2020) and high (Spring 2021) groundwater levels in each principal aquifer,
- model simulation of groundwater elevation contour maps to supplement data gaps for portions of the contour maps generated from measured elevations in wells,
- tabulation of groundwater extractions, surface water supply, and total water use data for WY 2021 using DWR water use templates,
- mapping of groundwater extractions illustrating volumes and general locations (using C2VSimTM for required map),
- updated analysis of water budgets, including graphical representations of annual and cumulative changes in groundwater in storage from WY 1991 through WY 2021,
- map presentation of groundwater in storage for WY 2021,
- extended analysis (in addition to groundwater elevations) for three sustainability indicators including:
  - degraded water quality analysis to establish a baseline for future Annual Report tracking and analyses,
  - land subsidence screening analysis of InSAR data for WY 2021,
  - interconnected surface water and streamflow depletion analysis using the updated C2VSimTM model for WY 2016 through WY 2021, and
- documentation of GSP implementation support activities and descriptions of early progress on projects and management actions.



### 1.3.1 Data Compilation

Data described in the previous section were compiled from numerous sources. Climate data, water quality, land use, and remote sensing data were compiled primarily from state agencies and other public resources. Much of the water level, surface water supply, groundwater extractions, and total water use information were provided by GSA member agencies. Even though GSAs had not yet finalized plans for coordination on monitoring and data management, GSA member agencies cooperated to compile local data to support the Annual Report. GSA member agencies are identified on **Figure 1-3** for reference throughout this report. Specific data compiled for each of the required elements and analyses are further described in each associated section in the Annual Report.

### 1.3.2 DWR Water Use Templates

DWR has provided Microsoft Excel<sup>®</sup> templates for agencies to report Subbasin-wide groundwater extraction data and measurement methods, surface water supplies, and total water use; GSAs are required to use these templates to support consistent statewide data reporting. A description of the data provided for these templates is included in the following sections.

- **Part A. Groundwater Extractions** – Description of groundwater extractions by water use sector data (23 CCR §356.2(b)(2)) is presented in **Section 4**.
- **Part B. Groundwater Extraction Methods** – Description of groundwater extraction measurement methods (23 CCR §356.2(b)(2)) is presented in **Section 4**.
- **Part C. Surface Water Supply** – Description of surface water supply by water source type (23 CCR §356.2(b)(3)) is presented in **Section 5**.
- **Part D. Total Water Use** – Description of total water supply and use (23 CCR §356.2(b)(4)) is presented in **Section 6**.

As part of the submission of this Annual Report, these data templates will also be uploaded separately to the DWR SGMA Portal, along with other required components of the Annual Report.

### 1.3.3 Progress Toward Plan Implementation

As required by the regulations, **Section 11** describes early steps toward GSP implementation. The section includes a summary of GSP implementation support activities and initial activities regarding projects and management actions. As demonstrated by the descriptions, the GSAs have already pivoted from GSP development to GSP implementation.

## 1.4 REPORT ORGANIZATION

This Annual Report is organized by the regulatory-required components presented in Article 7 of the GSP regulations. These components include groundwater elevations (**Section 3**), groundwater extractions (**Section 4**), surface water supply (**Section 5**), total water use

(Section 6), and change in groundwater in storage (Section 7). Additional monitoring for sustainable management criteria and focused technical analyses are included for several of the sustainability indicators including degraded water quality (Section 8), land subsidence (Section 9) and interconnected surface water (Section 10). As mentioned previously, Section 11 provides a narrative description of progress towards GSP implementation. The model update is documented in Section 2.

## 1.5 LIMITATIONS

As mentioned previously, the timing of this First GSP Annual Report presents inherent limitations because the Reporting Period (WY 2021) occurred prior to completion and adoption of the GSP. Although most RMWs have a historical record, there are many new wells in the network that were installed during GSP preparation to support ongoing GSP monitoring. Accordingly, some RMWs were not measured for seasonal highs and lows during the reporting period as indicated on incomplete historical hydrographs.

In addition, the GSP recognizes that the monitoring networks contain data gaps and present plans for addressing these in initial years of the GSP implementation period. Future annual reports will provide a more complete monitoring network now that implementation has been initiated.

Nonetheless, the Modesto Subbasin GSAs are collectively committed to successful GSP implementation and attainment of the Subbasin Sustainability Goals. Substantial compliance with requirements of this Annual Report is demonstrated throughout the document.

## 1.6 ANNUAL REPORT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL

As required in §353.4, this First GSP Annual Report for the Modesto Subbasin is being submitted electronically to DWR through its online reporting system (SGMA Portal) at <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/>, using forms and submittal instructions provided by DWR (§353.2).

The 2021 Annual Report has been prepared by Todd Groundwater and Woodard & Curran on behalf of STRGBA GSA and Tuolumne GSA, with oversight and submittal by Plan Manager Eric Thorburn. The GSAs Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Planning Group – composed of a subset of TAC members – coordinated data requests and provided additional guidance on Annual Report preparation.

The Annual Report was reviewed for GSA member agencies, stakeholders, and the public in a STRGBA GSA public meeting held on March 30, 2022, prior to submittal to DWR by the April 1, 2022, deadline.



## 2 C2VSimTM UPDATE (THROUGH WATER YEAR 2021)

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The C2VSimTM integrated surface water-groundwater model was originally developed and calibrated to simulate historical groundwater conditions for water years (WY) 1991-2015. This period represented average hydrologic conditions and was used as the historical Study Period for water budgets in the GSP. The model was updated for the 2021 Annual Report to reflect more recent data and provide a continuous analysis for the intervening years since the end of the GSP Study Period. Data from water years 2016-2021 were collected from the same public and private sources that had provided the historical data through 2015. As a result of the model update, an extended historical water budget was generated including updated estimates of change in groundwater in storage.

The 2016-2021 continuation of the historical water budget is intended to verify and further evaluate the aquifer system under a variety of hydrologic and anthropogenic conditions. This update is important to the management of the aquifer system as it reflects the post 2013-2015 drought conditions and operations of the Subbasin. The annual groundwater budget for water years 1991-2021 is presented in **Section Error! Reference source not found.**

### Data Sources

Data were requested and received from the following entities in the Subbasin to complete the C2VSimTM update:

Local Water Agencies:

- Modesto Irrigation District
- Oakdale Irrigation District
- City of Modesto
- City of Oakdale
- City of Riverbank
- City of Waterford

Additionally, publicly available data were downloaded from the following sources to complete the C2VSimTM update:

- DWR SGMA Data Viewer
- DWR California Data Exchange Center (CDEC)
- California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)
- California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS)
- Oregon State University Climate Group: Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM)
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- United States Census Bureau

## 2.1 UPDATED COMPONENTS

The sources summarized above provided the necessary data to update the historical model to reflect the most recent conditions. The following components of the model were updated for the 2021 Annual Report.

**Precipitation:** Monthly precipitation on the Subbasin and its watersheds was derived on a four-kilometer grid using the Precipitation-Elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM) dataset available online from Oregon State University, through a partnership with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Water and Climate Center.

**Population:** The population for each municipality was provided by that municipality for WY 2016-2021. For the model development in the GSP, rural populations were extracted from census block data. However, at the time of data collection, these had not yet been updated based on the most recent 2020 census due to pandemic-related staffing issues at the US Census Bureau. For this model update, populations were projected based on historical trends and will be revised, if needed, when data are available.

**Land Use:** Each element within the C2VSim™ is comprised of some fraction of 24 land uses, including 20 agricultural crop categories, native vegetation, riparian vegetation, open water, and urban. For the 2021 update, the model uses annual data based on information available from DWR on the SGMA Data Viewer portal.

**Irrigation Management** – Applied water conservation and improvements to irrigation efficiency has been a major focus for growers within the Modesto Subbasin. During the 2020 Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) cycle, both MID and OID performed a detailed analysis of their water use efficiency and found that the consumptive use of applied water to be 73-75%. For the 2016-2021 model update, parameters were refined to reflect this operational change and best represent agricultural water demand within the Subbasin.

**Surface Water Operations:** Monthly surface water flows were provided from October 2015 through September 2021 by Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Oakdale Irrigation District (OID). These operational flows included diversions, deliveries, spills, seepage, and evaporative losses. Riparian diversions were estimated from information available on the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) and adjusted based on agricultural demand calculated by the C2VSim™ model.

**Canal and Reservoir Recharge:** C2VSim™ estimates MID and OID conveyance recharge based on historical monthly diversions and the water year index. An in-depth analysis of operations and surficial water budgets was developed as part of the OID and MID 2020 Agricultural Water Management Plans (AWMP). As a result, the C2VSim™ may be updated with further refined datasets in the future.

**Groundwater Pumping:** Groundwater extractions from October 2015 to September 2021 were provided by agricultural and municipal entities listed above. Agency groundwater production was simulated on a monthly timestep using measured data at each production well. Pumping estimates were made for private agriculture and domestic wells based on land use type, surface water delivery data, and population.

**Streamflow:** Monthly inflow to the Modesto Subbasin from the Tuolumne River was provided by MID and was downloaded for the Stanislaus River and the San Joaquin River from CDEC. Streamflow into the Subbasin from non-gauged tributaries within and adjacent to the Subbasin were estimated using the Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM) small-watershed package.

**Boundary Conditions:** Biannual groundwater elevation contours were downloaded from DWR's SGMA Data Viewer for WY 2016-2021 and used to update the estimated groundwater elevation boundary conditions in the model. As groundwater level contours are only available in semiannual intervals, intermediary months were estimated through linear interpolation.

**Interbasin Flows:** C2VSim™ simulates groundwater flow between the Modesto Subbasin and the neighboring subbasins to the north (Eastern San Joaquin), west (Delta-Mendota) and south (Turlock). The rate and direction of this interbasin subsurface flow depends on the groundwater operations and levels during the historical and projected periods on both sides of the boundary. Interbasin coordination meetings have been held with all three surrounding subbasins and continued coordination is expected to further refine these flow dynamics in the future.

## **2.2 MODELED GROUNDWATER BUDGET**

Evaluation of the 2021 water year shows that the Modesto Subbasin experienced net 196,600 AF of inflows and 329,100 AF of outflows. Deep percolation from rainfall and irrigation applied water (119,700 AFY) is the largest contributor of groundwater inflow, followed by net-recharge from the canal and reservoir system (48,300 AFY), net inflow from the stream system (16,700 AFY) and net subsurface inflows from local subbasins and the Sierra Nevada foothills (11,900 AFY). Groundwater production (329,100 AFY) accounts for the only water budget component with a net outflow from the Modesto Subbasin. In WY 2021, the Modesto Subbasin experienced a decline in groundwater in storage of 132,500 AFY. Details of the model results are provided in **Section 7**.

### 3 GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS

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Historical groundwater elevations for GSP monitoring wells in the Modesto Subbasin have been compiled for the 2021 Annual Report to provide the following:

- Water level hydrographs to illustrate long-term trends and fluctuations and to compare pre-GSP water levels to sustainable management criteria (**Appendix A**).
- Water level contour maps for Modesto Subbasin principal aquifers illustrating the seasonal high and seasonal low levels during the reporting period (i.e., Fall 2020 and Spring 2021).

#### 3.1 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION MONITORING NETWORK

The Modesto Subbasin developed monitoring networks for the five sustainability indicators applicable to the Subbasin<sup>1</sup>. Four of the five sustainability indicators use groundwater elevations for the sustainable management criteria. In addition to the chronic lowering of water levels, groundwater elevations were demonstrated in the GSP to be an appropriate proxy for reduction of groundwater in storage, land subsidence, and interconnected surface water. Degraded water quality is the only applicable indicator that does not rely on groundwater elevations for minimum thresholds (MTs) and measurable objectives (MOs). This reliance on groundwater elevations emphasizes the importance of the GSP groundwater elevation monitoring network for GSP implementation.

**Figures 3-1** through **3-4** illustrate the groundwater elevation monitoring networks and include the RMWs in each principal aquifer. Management Areas are included on the maps for reference. **Figures 3-1** through **3-3** show the groundwater elevation monitoring networks for chronic lowering of water levels, which also serves as a proxy for the reduction of groundwater in storage, and land subsidence indicators. **Figure 3-4** provides the groundwater elevation monitoring network for interconnected surface water.

Each RMW on the network maps (**Figures 3-1** through **3-4**) includes the MTs and Measurable Objectives MOs that have been assigned to each. Hydrographs for these wells are provided in **Appendix A**.

Groundwater elevations are collected by various member agencies of the GSAs according to the adopted monitoring protocols documented in the Modesto Subbasin GSP. Monitoring protocols considered Best Management Practices (BMPs), as well as protocols from existing monitoring programs in the Subbasin such as CASGEM<sup>2</sup>, the City of Modesto, and previous USGS monitoring efforts.

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<sup>1</sup> Seawater intrusion was determined to not be present and not likely to occur in the inland Modesto Subbasin (as explained in the Modesto Subbasin GSP, Section 6.5).

<sup>2</sup> California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program.

Although monitoring protocols had not yet been adopted during the reporting period, water levels were measured in most of the RMWs in WY 2021. In addition, most of these measurements occurred within the two time periods established in GSP monitoring protocols to capture the annual seasonal high and low water levels as follows:

- February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> representing the seasonal high water levels.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> representing the seasonal low water levels.

These relatively long time periods have been established to provide flexibility to the GSAs to capture the high and low water levels during years of varying hydrologic conditions. GSAs intend to coordinate sampling events within a relatively narrow window of time within the larger time frames above based on then-current conditions and anticipated irrigation schedules and surface water deliveries. The timing of these activities can vary significantly from wet years to dry years and can affect the timing of seasonal high and low water levels within the Subbasin.

### **3.2 WATER YEAR TYPE**

To provide context for the analysis of groundwater elevations throughout the historical Study Period (WY 1991 through WY 2015) and subsequent years (WY 2016 through WY 2021), the natural hydrologic conditions for the associated water years have been tabulated. Specifically, DWR has developed a hydrologic classification index based on a runoff analysis for the San Joaquin Valley by water year dating back to 1901. These indices provide a consistent methodology for comparing water year types to the groundwater elevation hydrographs from WY 1991 through WY 2021 for this Annual Report.

**Figure 3-5** illustrates the water year type as classified by the San Joaquin Valley Index compared to the annual precipitation as measured in the western Modesto Subbasin. Precipitation amounts from WY 1990 through WY 2021 are color-coded to indicate the respective water year type. Because the DWR-designated index is based on a runoff analysis from the San Joaquin River, the water year type does not correlate directly to a specific number of inches of precipitation in the Modesto Subbasin. However, the annual precipitation totals provide a reasonable match to water year types for most years. Water year types illustrated on **Figure 3-5** are summarized in **Table 3-1**.

**Table 3-1: San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index**

Water Year	Water Year Type San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index	Water Year	Water Year Type San Joaquin Valley Water Year Index
1990	Critically Dry	2006	Wet
1991	Critically Dry	2007	Critically Dry
1992	Critically Dry	2008	Critically Dry
1993	Wet	2009	Below Normal
1994	Critically Dry	2010	Above Normal
1995	Wet	2011	Wet
1996	Wet	2012	Dry
1997	Wet	2013	Critically Dry
1998	Wet	2014	Critically Dry
1999	Above Normal	2015	Critically Dry
2000	Above Normal	2016	Dry
2001	Dry	2017	Wet
2002	Dry	2018	Below Normal
2003	Below Normal	2019	Wet
2004	Dry	2020	Dry
2005	Wet	2021	Not available

As described in the GSP, WY 1991 through WY 2015 represents average hydrologic conditions and is characterized by a series of wet and dry years over a relatively long period of time. As indicated in **Table 3-1**, that period begins and ends with a series of critically dry years indicating severe drought conditions. Since WY 2015, water year types indicate a series of intervening wet/dry years without an extended period of wet or drought conditions. Because WY 2016 through WY 2021 follows a severe drought, groundwater levels were already at or near historical lows. Without consecutive wet years, groundwater elevations have not fully recovered, and some areas continue to decline.

Although water year type was unavailable for WY 2021 (reporting period) at the time of report preparation, the below normal precipitation data shown on **Figure 3-5** indicate a continuation of the dry conditions observed in WY 2020. In part due to the elevated temperatures, conditions in the San Joaquin Valley have been characterized as an extreme drought for WY 2021 (DWR, 2021).

### **3.3 GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS WY 1991 – WY 2021**

Available water level data through WY 2021 from RMWs have been compiled in DWR water level templates and uploaded onto the SGMA portal. For some of these wells, water levels had also been measured in Fall for WY 2022 (i.e., October or November 2021). These recent data are included in the analysis for completeness but are not part of the current reporting period.

### 3.3.1 Hydrograph Development

Groundwater elevation data described above were used to generate water level hydrographs for RMWs where MTs and MOs have been established. GSP regulations require that hydrographs use “historical data to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to current reporting year” (§356.2(b)(1)(B)). For this First GSP Annual Report for the Modesto Subbasin, the time period from WY 1991 through WY 2021 (reporting period) was chosen to meet GSP requirements and allow for consistent hydrograph development. As described previously, this 31-year period includes the historical Study period from the GSP (WY 1991 – WY 2015) and subsequent years for C2VSim™ model updates. Hydrographs for the RMWs are provided in **Appendix A** in two groups: 1) wells that are in the monitoring network for chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, and land subsidence (total 61 RMWs), and 2) wells in the monitoring network for depletions of interconnected surface water (total 20 RMWs). Some Group 1 wells are repeated in Group 2 to illustrate all MTs associated with each monitoring network.

In compliance with GSP regulations Article 4, the hydrographs are submitted electronically and labeled with a unique site identification number (Site Code and Local Identifier/RMW#), monitoring agency, and the ground surface elevation (GSE). In addition, hydrographs have incorporated the same datum and scaling to the greatest extent practical (§352.4(e)). Some vertical scales are adjusted to allow the GSE, MT, and MO to be displayed (**Appendix A**).

The 2021 Annual Report includes 81 hydrographs for RMWs in the combined networks in **Appendix A**. For each hydrograph, a solid black horizontal line shows the GSE, and the MT is represented by an orange line, the MO is represented by a gray line, and, where applicable, the Interim Milestone (IM) is represented by a blue line. Groundwater elevation data are shown in blue.

### 3.3.2 Water Level Trends and Fluctuations

Example hydrographs were selected from **Appendix A** to illustrate long-term trends and seasonal fluctuations for the various principal aquifers and management areas. Selected RMW hydrographs are illustrated on **Figure 3-6**.

Trends and fluctuations throughout the historical study period were discussed in detail throughout the Subbasin in the GSP; that discussion is not repeated here. However, in general, water levels in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer are relatively stable, especially along the western Subbasin boundary near the San Joaquin River. Water levels fluctuate more to the east and water levels in the Eastern Principal Aquifer have exhibited more historical declines. Some recovery has occurred since the 2012-2015 drought in the western region of the Eastern Principal Aquifer, but water levels remain below pre-drought levels. Wells in the eastern region of the Eastern Principal Aquifer have indicated historical declining groundwater level trends since about the mid-2000s, with significant declines during the recent drought.

Groundwater levels during WY 2021 have remained consistent with the trends summarized above and described in the GSP. Since the end of the historical Study Period, water levels in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer have partially recovered and have been relatively stable in the last few years, with some declines during WY 2021, increasing to the east (see hydrographs Canfield, Machado, and North Ave 103 on **Figure 3-6**).

Water levels in the western portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer have declined slightly since post-drought recovery, and WY 2021 water levels illustrate this declining trend (see Bangs hydrograph, **Figure 3-6**). Water levels in the eastern portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer are continuing to decline through WY 2021 (see Furtado and Paulsell-2 hydrographs on **Figure 3-6**).

There are only a few wells that can be used to examine these eastern declines. Four recently-constructed Proposition 68 wells in the eastern Subbasin (MW-7, MW-8, MW-9, and MW-10) fill some of the data gaps but were only installed in Spring 2021 and have only a few measurements to date (**Figure 3-3**). GSAs will be able to track trends more accurately in the future as these and other planned monitoring wells provide more data in this area.

There are five wells in the monitoring network in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, and recent water levels are most reliably captured by City of Modesto wells MOD-MWD-3 and MOD-MWB-2 (**Figure 3-2** and **Appendix A**). Water levels in both of these wells show a similar fluctuating pattern in WY 2021, where water levels declined after Summer 2020, reached a low in Summer 2021, and then rebounded by Fall 2021. As indicated above, water levels in recently-installed Proposition 68 wells will provide more data for future analysis including MW-1D and MW-2D, which are screened in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer (**Figure 3-2**). In addition, GSAs are working with USGS to gain access to USGS well MRWA-3, which is also screened in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer but has not been measured in the since 2009.

### **3.3.3 Compliance with Sustainable Management Criteria**

As mentioned previously, hydrographs in **Appendix A** and on **Figure 3-6** contain the MTs and MOs established for that RMW. As explained in the GSP, the historical low water level are the MTs for most RMWs in the monitoring networks. **Table 3-2** provides a summary of the MTs and MOs selected for each applicable sustainability indicator in the GSP.



**Table 3-2: Sustainable Management Criteria Summary**

Sustainability Indicator	Minimum Thresholds (MTs)	Measurable Objectives (MOs)
<b>Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels</b>	Historic low groundwater elevation observed or estimated during WY 1991 – WY 2020 at each representative monitoring location, based on available data.	Midpoint between the historical high groundwater elevation and the MT at each representative monitoring location.
<b>Reduction of Groundwater in Storage</b>	Historic low groundwater elevation observed or estimated during WY 1991 – WY 2020 at each representative monitoring location, based on available data. (Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels as a proxy.)	Midpoint between the historical high groundwater elevation and the MT at each representative monitoring location. (Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels as a proxy.)
<b>Degraded Water Quality</b>	Minimum thresholds are set as the primary or secondary California maximum contaminant level (MCL) for each of seven (7) constituents of concern (COCs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nitrate (as N) - 10 mg/L</li> <li>• Arsenic - 10 ug/L</li> <li>• Uranium - 20 pCi/L</li> <li>• Total dissolved solids (TDS) - 500 mg/L</li> <li>• Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) - 0.2 ug/L</li> <li>• 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP) - 0.005 ug/L</li> <li>• Tetrachloroethene (PCE) - 5 ug/L.</li> </ul>	Historical maximum concentration of each constituent of concern (COC) at each representative monitoring location.
<b>Inelastic Land Subsidence</b>	Historic low groundwater elevation observed or estimated during WY 1991 – WY 2020 at each representative monitoring location, based on available data. (Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels as a proxy.)	Midpoint between the historical high groundwater elevation and the MT at each representative monitoring location. (Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels as a proxy.)
<b>Interconnected Surface Water</b>	Low groundwater elevation observed in Fall 2015 at each representative monitoring location.	Midpoint between the historical high groundwater elevation and the MT at each representative monitoring site.

Hydrographs in **Appendix A** show that groundwater levels for most of the RMWs in the monitoring networks are above the MTs during WY 2021.

Groundwater levels for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicator were below MTs in 5 out of 61 wells, including 2 out of 39 wells in the Eastern Principal Aquifer and 3 out of 5 wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer. Water levels were not below MTs in any wells in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer in WY 2021. Again, these data represent pre-GSP conditions that are not yet being managed for sustainable conditions as defined by the regulations.

As described in the GSP and indicated on **Figure 3-6**, groundwater elevations had been declining over time in the Eastern Principal Aquifer (especially in the eastern Subbasin). MTs

were selected in WY 2021 in recognition that these declines would continue until projects and management actions could be brought online. As such, MT exceedances were expected.

In the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, two of the three wells with measurements below the MTs were constructed during Spring 2021 with Proposition 68 funding (MW-1D and MW-2D). The new monitoring wells are located in areas with sparse historical data and local groundwater conditions are not yet well-understood. Ongoing monitoring data are needed to validate the selected MT designations in the future.

Water levels at 4 wells (out of 20) were below the MTs for interconnected surface water during WY 2021. Three of these wells are part of the monitoring network along the Stanislaus River (Allen OID-1, Birnbaum OID-3, and Marquis OID-10,) and one is along the Tuolumne River (MW-6S). These wells are also in the Eastern Principal Aquifer and affected, in part, from declining groundwater levels in the Non-District East MA.

### 3.4 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION CONTOUR MAPS

Groundwater elevation data were used to develop water level contours maps for the principal aquifers in the Subbasin. The contour maps are based on groundwater elevation data from RMWs and supplemented by additional SGMA monitoring wells, when available, in the three principal aquifers. For this First GSP Annual Report, data were compiled and contoured for both Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, as shown on **Figures 3-7** through **3-10**, to comply with GSP regulations, as explained in subsequent sections below.

#### 3.4.1 Principal Aquifers

The GSP defined three principal aquifers for the Modesto Subbasin as listed in **Table 3-3**.

**Table 3-3: Local Principal Aquifers in the Modesto Subbasin**

Principal Aquifer	Subbasin Area
Western Upper Principal Aquifer	Western Subbasin above the Corcoran Clay
Western Lower Principal Aquifer	Western Subbasin below the Corcoran Clay
Eastern Principal Aquifer	Central and eastern Subbasin outside of the Corcoran Clay extent

#### 3.4.2 Groundwater Elevations and Flow for Fall 2020

Groundwater elevations measured in Fall 2020 represent seasonal lows during WY 2021. Water levels in most of the wells were measured in November, at the end of the irrigation season.

### **3.4.2.1 Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer**

Groundwater elevation contours in Fall 2020 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the Eastern Principal Aquifer are illustrated on **Figure 3-7**.

Groundwater elevations range from 94 feet above mean sea level (msl) in the eastern Subbasin near Modesto Reservoir to 28 feet msl in the northwest Subbasin. Contours indicate that groundwater flows generally to the west and southwest in the Subbasin. Groundwater flows south towards the Tuolumne River in portions of the central and eastern Subbasin due to lower groundwater elevations south of the river. There are also localized groundwater depressions and mounds in the central and western Subbasin, in the vicinity of the City of Modesto. Hydraulic gradients are generally flatter in the central and western Subbasin. As illustrated on **Figure 3-7**, there is a lack of measured water level data in the eastern Subbasin during WY 2021.

### **3.4.2.2 Western Lower Principal Aquifer**

Groundwater elevations in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer in Fall 2020 are illustrated on **Figure 3-8**. During this time, groundwater elevation data are available in two City of Modesto monitoring wells located in the eastern region of the aquifer. Groundwater elevations in these two wells are similar (41 and 44 feet msl). There is an insufficient amount of data to generate contours for this principal aquifer in WY 2021.

### **3.4.3 Groundwater Elevations and Flow for Spring 2021**

Groundwater elevations measured in Spring 2021 represent seasonal highs during WY 2021. Water levels in most of the wells were measured in late February and early March, prior to increases in groundwater production for summer irrigation.

As mentioned previously, a series of new monitoring wells were constructed throughout the Subbasin with Proposition 68 grant funding from DWR. Spring 2021 groundwater levels for these wells were measured in April and May, after the water levels had time to equilibrate from well construction activities.

#### **3.4.3.1 Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer**

Groundwater elevation contours in Spring 2021 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer are presented on **Figure 3-9**. During this time period, groundwater elevations ranged from 156 feet msl in the eastern Subbasin near the Tuolumne River to 29 feet msl in the northwestern Subbasin. This maximum groundwater elevation was measured in monitoring well MW-9, which was constructed in March 2021. **Figure 3-9** includes water level data from 11 monitoring wells constructed in Spring 2021. Several of these wells are located in the eastern Subbasin and fill some of the data gaps in groundwater elevation data in this area.

In general, groundwater elevations increased throughout the Subbasin from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021. For the 41 wells with measurements for both time periods, the average increase in groundwater elevation was 1.4 feet. The largest increases, on the order of a 4 to 5 feet, occurred in the central Subbasin. Specifically, these increases occurred in wells located in the vicinity of eastern Riverbank to Oakdale, south of Oakdale, and in eastern Waterford.

Groundwater flow directions are similar to Fall 2020. Contours indicate that flow is predominantly to the west and southwest, with a southerly component of flow towards the Tuolumne River in the central and eastern Subbasin. Contours indicate steeper gradients to the east of Modesto Reservoir. Groundwater elevations at two new Proposition 68 monitoring wells in the eastern Subbasin (MW-7 and MW-8) have slightly lower groundwater elevations than other nearby wells, likely due to irrigation pumping. Since there are no data east of these well locations, the size of the pumping depression is not known. The two wells north of Modesto Reservoir (Paulsell-1 and Paulsell-2, with elevations of 89 and 93 feet msl) show little change in groundwater elevation from Fall 2020. There is also an area of lower groundwater elevations near production wells in the City of Modesto along the Tuolumne River.

#### **3.4.3.2 Western Lower Principal Aquifer**

Groundwater elevations in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer for Spring 2021 are illustrated on **Figure 3-10**. During this time, groundwater elevation data are available in three monitoring wells located in the eastern portion of the aquifer. Groundwater elevations in these wells are similar, ranging from 31 to 39 feet msl. Two of these monitoring wells are on the Fall 2020 contour map and show a decrease in groundwater elevation from Fall 2020 of 2 and 13 feet, likely due to local pumping. There is an insufficient amount of data to generate contours for this principal aquifer during WY 2021.

## 4 GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS

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The volume of groundwater extraction in the Modesto Subbasin is provided for the preceding water year (WY 2021) per SGMA Annual Report requirements in 23 CCR §356.2(b)(2). Data presented in this section follow DWR reporting requirements for groundwater extractions by water use sector and include the method of measurement and accuracy of measurements. A map of groundwater extractions (**Figure 4-1**) is provided to illustrate the general location and volume of groundwater extractions in the Modesto Subbasin.

### 4.1 GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION DATA METHODS

Total groundwater extractions for the Subbasin for the preceding water year (WY 2021) were compiled and are summarized in this section. The data were collected using the “best available measurement methods.” For the Modesto Subbasin the groundwater extraction data were compiled using two methods:

- Directly measured groundwater extraction data collected by local water agencies and irrigation districts.
- Estimated groundwater extractions using the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model, an application of the Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM) developed by DWR (Dogrul, Kadir and Brush, 2017).

Directly measured groundwater extractions were collected using meters and other appropriate comparable measuring devices by local water agencies in accordance with the monitoring protocols of the respective local agency. These data were compiled and provided to support this Annual Report by the local agency. These directly measured data were obtained using “high-accuracy” measuring devices and methodologies (see **Section 4.4**).

Groundwater extractions from private irrigators and domestic wells are estimated by the California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model – Turlock/Modesto (C2VSim<sup>TM</sup>) for each model element based on factors including land use, evapotranspiration, surface water supply, population, and per-capita water use. Details about the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model can be found in the GSP, while recent updates to the model are described in **Section 2** of this annual report. A map illustrating the general location and volume of groundwater extractions as estimated by the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> for water year 2021 can be found in **Figure 4-1**. These estimated data are expected to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy. For additional discussion on model-estimated uncertainties, including a detailed review of model calibration, strengths, and limitations please see Appendix C of the Modesto GSP; The Turlock-Modesto Integrated Water Resources Model, Modesto Subbasin Documentation.

## 4.2 SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS WATER YEAR 2021

Using the methods described above, the total groundwater extractions in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2021 were tabulated. Error! Reference source not found. summarizes the Modesto Subbasin groundwater extractions by water use type and measurement method for WY 2021.

**Table 4-1: Groundwater Extractions for Water Years 2016 - 2021 (in acre-feet)**

WY	Agricultural Production (Agency) <sup>1</sup>	Agricultural Production (Private) <sup>2</sup>	Urban Production (Agency) <sup>1</sup>	Urban Production (Private) <sup>3</sup>	Total
2016	34,900	229,900	34,600	15,400	314,800
2017	13,100	209,400	28,000	15,400	265,900
2018	20,700	229,400	28,500	15,600	294,200
2019	12,600	211,300	28,100	15,700	267,700
2020	19,400	229,000	34,600	16,200	299,200
2021	42,300	242,100	28,900	15,800	329,100
<b>Average</b>	<b>23,800</b>	<b>225,200</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>295,200</b>

1. "Agency Pumping" indicates direct measurements of volumes of pumped groundwater reported by agricultural purveyors and urban water suppliers. Directly measured data are expected to have a qualitative high level of accuracy.
2. "Private Pumping" for the agricultural sector is estimated by C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> based on land use, evapotranspiration, and surface water data. See Section 2 – C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> Update (Water Year 2021). These estimated data are expected to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy.
3. "Private Pumping" for the urban sector (primarily from domestic wells in rural regions) is estimated by C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> based on census data for population multiplied by a volumetric water use factor averaged from the urban regions. See Section 2 – C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> Update (Water Year 2021). These estimated data are expected to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy.

The data show that 329,100 acre-feet of groundwater extractions occurred in WY 2021. Following the DWR templates, the groundwater extractions are presented by water use sector. For the Modesto Subbasin, the water use sectors are described as follows:

- **Agricultural** – groundwater extractions used to meet irrigation demands and supplement surface water operations. Agency-reported data are provided by local agricultural water purveyors with metered data. Non-reported data are derived from a combination of land use, evapotranspiration, and surface water supply data through use of the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> groundwater model. The total agricultural groundwater extraction in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2021 is 284,400 acre-feet which accounts for about 86% of the total pumping in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Urban** – groundwater extractions for all urban uses including residential, commercial, municipal, industrial, landscaping, and other uses. Reported data are provided by urban water purveyors with metered data. Non-reported data are derived from a combination of land use, population, and per-capita water use within the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> groundwater model. The total urban groundwater extraction in the

Modesto Subbasin for WY 2021 is 44,700 acre-feet which accounts for about 14% of the total pumping in the Modesto Subbasin.

- **Industrial** – current data does not allow for tabulation of groundwater extraction of industrial water use on a consistent basin-wide basis; therefore, industrial water use is included in the urban water use sector for WY 2021.
- **Managed Wetlands** – currently, no known groundwater extraction is used for maintaining managed wetlands in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Managed Recharge** – currently, no known groundwater extractions are used to supply managed recharge operations in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Native Vegetation** – currently, no groundwater extractions are used for maintaining native vegetation in the Modesto Subbasin.

In accordance with 23 CCR §356.2 (b)(2), the user must define the method of measurement (direct or indirect) and the accuracy of measurements. As shown on **Table 4-1** Error! Reference source not found., the groundwater extractions are categorized into two of the methods listed by DWR. These include:

- **Measured (Metered)** – direct measurement of groundwater extraction collected by local water agencies using meters and other appropriate measurement device. The total groundwater extraction from metered data in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2021 is 71,200 acre-feet which accounts for about 22% of the total pumping.
- **Estimated (Modeled)** – indirect estimate of groundwater extractions based on the simulation of urban and agricultural operations in the Modesto Subbasin using the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model, an application of the IWFM software package (Dogrul, Kadir and Brush, 2017). The C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model estimates private groundwater production in addition to metered pumping based on a combination of land use, evapotranspiration, surface water supply, and urban water use factors. The total private groundwater extraction estimated by the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model for the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2021 is 257,900 acre-feet which accounts for about 78% of the total pumping in the subbasin.

Groundwater extractions presented here represent the current best estimate of groundwater pumping in the Modesto Subbasin. The use of C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> provide a consistent, basin-wide method for estimating the unmeasured pumping in accordance with the Modesto Subbasin Coordination Agreement.

### 4.3 GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS MAPPING

In accordance with 23 CCR §356.2 (b)(2), a map (**Figure 4-1**) illustrating the general location and volume of groundwater extractions has been developed for the Annual Report. For WY 2021, a total groundwater extractions map was derived from the simulation results of C2VSim<sup>TM</sup>. The specified metered pumping is directly input into C2VSim<sup>TM</sup>, and the IWFM framework estimates the unmeasured portion of agricultural and urban pumping based on land use calculations (Maley and Brush, 2020).

**Figure 4-1** shows the distribution of total groundwater extractions over the Modesto Subbasin. Since agricultural pumping accounts for 86% of the total groundwater extractions, the pumping distribution generally corresponds to irrigated areas where demand is not met by surface water supplies.

#### **4.4 PART A AND B DWR TEMPLATES**

As part of the Annual Report submittal, DWR requires that a series of Excel spreadsheets be completed to summarize key water supply and use volumes for WY 2021 for the entire Subbasin. For groundwater extraction, DWR requires two spreadsheets be submitted along with the Annual Report in accordance with 23 CCR §356.2 (b)(2):

- **Part A. Groundwater Extractions** - groundwater extractions for WY 2021 by water use sector (23 CCR §356.2(b)(2))
- **Part B. Groundwater Extraction Methods** - the volume of groundwater extractions for WY 2021 by different measurement methods (23 CCR §356.2(b)(2)).

Data summarized in Error! Reference source not found. follow the Part A and B DWR Template reporting requirements for groundwater extractions and were collected using the best available measurement methods. Accordingly, the data for WY 2021 on **Table 4-1** is submitted separately in the DWR templates.

The accuracy of measurement is required on the DWR templates. For the Modesto Subbasin, the groundwater extractions are based on either reported metered pumping data or from the C2VSim™ simulation results. These data were collected by experienced staff from agricultural and urban agencies in accordance with their monitoring protocols. The measuring devices used by these agencies are well maintained and consistently monitored; therefore, reported data meet high accuracy levels in compliance with AWWA (2006, 2012) and other relevant standards. In accordance with these standards, meter accuracy is considered high.

Estimated groundwater extractions are based on simulation results of the C2VSim™ model. The water balance accuracy of the groundwater model is considered medium.



## 5 SURFACE WATER SUPPLY

The volume of surface water supplies delivered to the Modesto Subbasin has been tabulated for WY 2021 per GSP Regulations (23 CCR §356.2(b)(3)). Data are summarized in a DWR template that provides surface water supplies by source and identifies the method used to determine the reported volume. That DWR template is being uploaded to the SGMA portal separately with this Annual Report. Because the model has been updated to include surface water supply from WY 2016 through WY 2021, data for those water years are provided in the text to supplement the WY 2021 data entered in the DWR template (Part C).

### 5.1 SURFACE WATER DATA METHODS

Surface water supplies for the Subbasin for WY 2021 were compiled from data collected using the “best available measurement methods.” Data report total surface water farm gate deliveries as reported by the purveying agency. Direct measurements of local supplies were provided by MID and OID and are expected to have a qualitative high level of accuracy. Riparian deliveries in the Modesto Subbasin are not metered. Deliveries are estimated based on data from the SWRCB eWRIMS and demands simulated by the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model. It is anticipated that some of these data will be incorporated into future reports, as data becomes available due to increased compliance with Senate Bill 88 (2015).

### 5.2 SURFACE WATER BY SOURCE TYPE

Using the methods described above, the surface water supplies by source in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2021 are summarized in **Table 5-1**. The water source types are defined in 23 CCR §351 (a-k). The user can identify a different water source type than those predefined by selecting ‘other source type’ in the template and providing a description of the source type with the data. A map showing the primary surface water delivery areas in the Modesto Subbasin is provided on **Figure 5-1**.

**Table 5-1: Surface Water Supplies for Water Years 2016 - 2021 (in acre-feet)**

	Local Supply (Measured) <sup>1</sup>	Local Supply (Estimated) <sup>2</sup>	Other Supply (Estimated)	Total
2016	195,100	43,300	0	238,400
2017	237,000	20,500	0	257,500
2018	242,300	28,800	0	271,100
2019	246,700	19,400	0	266,100
2020	265,200	27,300	0	292,500
2021	251,300	50,600	0	301,900
<b>Average</b>	<b>239,600</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>271,200</b>

1. Includes Modesto ID and Oakdale ID deliveries to their respective agricultural and urban water users.  
2. Includes riparian deliveries off the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and San Joaquin Rivers as estimated by the SWRCB eWRIMS database and adjusted to meet agricultural demand simulated by the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model.

- **Local Supplies:** surface water diversions from local surface water sources. The primary local supply is from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and San Joaquin rivers. In WY 2021, 301,900 acre-feet of local surface water were delivered to the Modesto Subbasin, representing 100% of total surface water supplies.
- **Recycled Water:** wastewater and recovered stormwater that is treated and used for either agriculture or groundwater recharge. Currently, no recycled water supplies are available in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Local Imported Supplies:** surface water from local sources imported from areas outside of the Modesto Subbasin. Currently, no locally imported supplies are available in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Desalination Water:** poor-quality surface water or groundwater that is treated to levels where it can be used for irrigated agriculture, urban water supply or groundwater recharge. Currently, no desalination water is available in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Other Water Source:** surface water obtained from sources other than those listed above or from unspecified sources. Currently, there are no other surface water supplies available in the Modesto Subbasin.

The surface water supplies in the Modesto Subbasin can vary from year-to-year due to water year type, statewide water demand and operational considerations. WY 2021 is forecasted to be a critical year according to the San Joaquin Valley Index.

### 5.3 PART C DWR TEMPLATE

As part of the Annual Report submittal, DWR requires that a series of Excel spreadsheets be completed to summarize key water supply and use volumes for WY 2021 for the Subbasin. The volume of surface water reported in the template is by water source type. For the surface water supply, DWR requires one spreadsheet be submitted along with the Annual Report in accordance with 23 CCR §356.2 (b)(3):

- **Part C. Surface Water Supply** – the surface water supply for WY 2021 based on quantitative data and listed by water source type (23 CCR §356.2(b)(3)).

Data summarized in **Table 5-1** follow the Part C DWR Template reporting requirements for surface water supply and were collected using the best available measurement methods.

Measurement of surface water supplies for the Modesto Subbasin consist of a variety of measurement methods, but all are considered reliable and accurate. Water agencies typically measure surface water deliveries with a combination of weirs and meters that are read and reported by agency staff. Senate Bill x7-7 (SBx7-7) requires flow measurement devices to be maintained within an acceptable range of accuracy that is defined as a volumetric flow measurement within +/- 12% (§597.3(a)(1)). Weirs and meters used in the

Modesto Subbasin have been documented to conform to the SBx7-7 volumetric accounting standards (ITRC, 2012, USBR, 2001, AWWA 2006, 2012) in local water district agricultural water management plans. Procedures employed by water agencies have been standardized to further reduce potential sources of error to range between 1% to 10% depending on the measurement device. In the Part C template, an error range of 5% to 10% is listed as a conservative assumption for this Annual Report.

## 6 TOTAL WATER USE

The total water supply and use for the Modesto Subbasin is provided for WY 2021 per GSP Regulations 23 CCR §356.2(b)(4).

### 6.1 TOTAL WATER USE BY SOURCE

The total water supply uses the same data compiled for WY 2021 groundwater extractions and surface water supplies as presented in **Section 4 and 5**. The data show total water use for the Modesto Subbasin was 631,000 acre-feet in WY 2021. The total water supply for water years 2016 through 2021 is summarized in **Table 6-1**. The water supply types shown on **Table 6-1** are described as follows:

- **Groundwater** includes groundwater extractions for all uses. In WY 2021, the groundwater supply totaled 329,100 acre-feet representing about 52% of total supplies in WY 2021.
- **Surface water** includes surface water deliveries for all uses. In WY 2021, the surface water supply totaled 301,900 acre-feet representing about 48% of total water supplies in WY 2021.
- **Other Water Source Type** – Currently no other water source type is noted for the Modesto Subbasin.

**Table 6-1: Total Water Use by Water Source for Water Years 2016 - 2021 (in acre-feet)**

	Groundwater <sup>1</sup>	Surface Water <sup>2</sup>	Other	Total Water Use
2016	314,800	238,400	0	553,200
2017	265,900	257,500	0	523,400
2018	294,200	271,100	0	565,300
2019	267,700	266,100	0	533,800
2020	299,200	292,500	0	591,700
2021	329,100	301,900	0	631,000
<b>Average</b>	<b>295,200</b>	<b>271,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>566,400</b>
3. Includes "Agency" and "Private" pumping described in Section 4.				
4. Includes "Measured" and "Estimated" surface water supplies described in Section 5.				

The total surface water supply from **Section 5** that is shown distributed by water source in **Table 5-1** is presented in **Table 6-1** distributed by water supply type.

## 6.2 TOTAL WATER USE BY WATER USE SECTOR

The data show total water use for the Modesto Subbasin was 631,000 acre-feet in WY 2021. The total water supply is summarized in **Table 6-2** and the water use sectors shown on **Table 6-2** are described as follows:

- **Agricultural** includes total water use for all agricultural water uses. In WY 2021, agricultural water use totaled 555,900 acre-feet, representing about 88% of the total water use in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Urban** includes total water use for all urban water uses including residential, commercial, municipal, industrial, landscaping, and other uses. In WY 2021, urban water use totaled 75,100 acre-feet, representing about 12% of the total water use in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Industrial** includes total water use for industrial use. Current data does not allow for tabulation of industrial water use on a consistent basin-wide basis; therefore, industrial water use is included in the urban water use sector for WY 2021.
- **Managed Wetlands** would include groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries to manage local wetlands. In WY 2021, no known groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries were used to maintain managed wetlands in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Managed Recharge** includes total water use for all managed recharge projects. In WY 2021, no known groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries were used for managed recharge operations in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Native Vegetation** includes total water use for maintaining native vegetation. In WY 2021, no known groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries were used to maintain native vegetation in the Modesto Subbasin.
- **Other Water Use** includes total water use for uses other than those listed above or from unspecified uses. In WY 2021, no known groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries were used to for other uses in the Modesto Subbasin.

**Table 6-2: Total Water Use by Sector for Water Years 2016 - 2021 (in acre-feet)**

	Agricultural	Urban	Other	Total Water Use
2016	483,200	70,000	0	553,200
2017	453,000	70,400	0	523,400
2018	490,400	74,900	0	565,300
2019	459,800	74,000	0	533,800
2020	515,900	75,800	0	591,700
2021	555,900	75,100	0	631,000
<b>Average</b>	<b>493,000</b>	<b>73,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>566,400</b>

### 6.3 PART D DWR TEMPLATE

As part of the Annual Report submittal, DWR requires that a series of Excel spreadsheets be completed to summarize key water supply and use volumes for WY 2021 for the Subbasin. For the total water use, DWR requires one spreadsheet be submitted along with the Annual Report in accordance with 23 CCR §356.2 (b)(3):

- **Part D. Total Water Use** – the total water supply by water use type and total water uses by water use sector for the preceding water year (WY 2021) for the entire Modesto Subbasin (23 CCR §356.2(b)(4)).

Data summarized in **Table 6-1** and **Table 6-2** follow the Part D DWR Template reporting requirements for total water supply and use and were collected using the best available measurement methods.



## 7 CHANGE IN GROUNDWATER IN STORAGE

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GSP regulation §356.2(b)(5) requires inclusion of the following maps and graphs in the Annual Report for the entire Modesto Subbasin:

- (A) Change in groundwater in storage maps for each principal aquifer in the basin.
- (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.

This section provides a description of the methodology used to develop the required annual change in groundwater in storage maps and graphs.

### 7.1 METHODOLOGY

For the Modesto Subbasin, the change in groundwater in storage maps and graphs cover the entire Subbasin and are based on the updated C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model results. The C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> model was used to estimate historical change in groundwater storage in the Modesto Subbasin from water years 1991-2015 for the Modesto GSP and then extended through WY 2021 to support quantification of storage change for this annual report.

The methodology and data used to update the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> for 2016-2021 is consistent with the historical water budget analysis presented in the GSP. A summary of C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> development is provided in **Section 2** and discussed in more detail in Appendix C of the Modesto Subbasin GSP.

### 7.2 GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF CHANGE IN GROUNDWATER IN STORAGE

GSP Regulations require that the Annual Report include graphs of the changes in groundwater in storage for historical data, to the greatest extent available, including from January 1, 2015, to the current reporting year (§356.2(b)(5)(B)). For this Annual Report, the change in groundwater in storage is presented for the GSP historical Study Period (WY 1991 – WY 2015) and appended with updated changes in groundwater in storage from WY 2016 through WY 2021. Regulations also require the graphs to provide the following information:

- Water Year Type (Wet, Above Normal, Below Normal, Dry, Critically Dry)
- Groundwater Use
- Annual Change in groundwater in storage
- Cumulative change in groundwater in storage

### 7.2.1 Change in Groundwater in Storage Graph

**Figure 7-1** shows the simulated annual and cumulative changes in groundwater in storage over the 31-year period from WY 1991 through WY 2021. The updated C2VSim™ results for change in groundwater in storage for the Modesto Subbasin are compared to the water year type based on the San Joaquin Valley Index (CDEC, 2021, see **Table 3-1**) as follows:

- WY 2016, a dry water year type, had a **decline** of 54,000 acre-feet
- WY 2017, a wet water year type, had an **increase** of 115,200 acre-feet
- WY 2018, a below normal water year type, had a **decline** of 116,200 acre-feet
- WY 2019, a wet water year type, had an **increase** of 38,600 acre-feet
- WY 2020, a dry water year type, had a **decline** of 109,800 acre-feet
- WY 2021, which is forecasted to be a critical year, had a **decline** of 132,500 acre-feet

The total change in groundwater in storage over the six-year period from WY 2016 through WY 2021 was a **decline** of 258,700 acre-feet.

### 7.2.2 Groundwater Use Graph

**Figure 7-2** shows the simulated groundwater use based on C2VSim™ model results. The updated C2VSim™ simulation results for groundwater use in the Modesto Subbasin and the water year type based on the San Joaquin Valley Index (see **Table 3-1**, CDEC, 2021) are summarized as follows:

- **WY 2016**, a dry water year type, had a total groundwater use of 314,800 acre-feet, of which 84% was for agricultural use and 16% for urban use.
- **WY 2017**, a wet water year type, had a total groundwater use of 265,900 acre-feet, of which 84% was for agricultural use and 16% for urban use.
- **WY 2018**, a below normal water year type, had a total groundwater use of 294,200 acre-feet, of which 85% was for agricultural use and 15% for urban use.
- **WY 2019**, a wet water year type, had a total groundwater use of 267,700 acre-feet, of which 84% was for agricultural use and 16% for urban use.
- **WY 2020**, a dry water year type, had a total groundwater use of 299,200 acre-feet, of which 83% was for agricultural use and 17% for urban use.
- **WY 2021**, which is forecasted to be a critical year according to the San Joaquin Valley Index, had a total groundwater use of 329,100 acre-feet, of which 86% was for agricultural use and 14% for urban use.

Total groundwater pumping was about 10% to 20% lower during wet years than during the dry and below normal water year types. This is primarily due to reduced evapotranspiration and increased precipitation in the spring months of wet years, reducing the Subbasin's

irrigation demand and subsequent groundwater production. Urban pumping was relatively stable from WY 2016 to WY 2021.

### **7.3 SUBBASIN MAP FOR CHANGE IN GROUNDWATER IN STORAGE**

GSP regulation §356.2(b)(5)(A) requires an annual change in groundwater in storage map for the Modesto Subbasin be included in the Annual Report.

#### **7.3.1 Change in Groundwater in Storage Map**

**Figure 7-3** through **Figure 7-6** show the total change in groundwater in storage by principal aquifer for water year 2021 in a spatial format as estimated by outputs from the C2VSimTM model. The change in groundwater in storage is shown in units of feet, obtained from the change in volume per area of each model element. The figures show that the Subbasin is primarily losing storage, especially in the areas with a darker shade of orange, which show a higher loss of storage in the western Subbasin, eastern Subbasin, and along the Tuolumne River. In the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, the storage loss is relatively consistent, with the highest storage loss occurring in the northeast region of the aquifer. Storage loss in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer is relatively consistent. In the Eastern Principal Aquifer, storage loss is greatest in the northwest region of the aquifer, in the southern Subbasin along the Tuolumne River, and in the eastern region of the Subbasin.

#### **7.3.2 Accuracy of Change in Groundwater in Storage Maps**

Using WY 1991 to WY 2015 as the base period, C2VSimTM results show declining groundwater levels and long-term reduction of groundwater storage. During this period, C2VSimTM results show an average-annual decline in groundwater in storage of 43,000 AFY. The GSP estimated these data to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy. Under the 2016-2021 period, the average annual change in groundwater in storage is estimated to be 43,100 AFY. Based on similar methodology and data, it is anticipated that simulated results for the 2016-2021 period maintains comparable levels of uncertainty.

## 8 GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING

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The Modesto Subbasin GSP defined undesirable results for degraded groundwater quality as significant and unreasonable adverse impacts to groundwater quality caused by GSA projects, management actions, or other management of groundwater such that beneficial uses are affected and well owners experience an increase in operational costs. Impacts that could lead to undesirable results might include groundwater level declines in areas where poor groundwater quality occurs at depth, pumping-induced migration of groundwater with poor quality into un-impacted areas, or groundwater quality degradation linked to recharge projects.

To ensure that GSA management is not causing the degradation of groundwater quality, a tracking and analysis process has been established for inclusion in annual reports. Because the WY 2021 reporting period is just prior to GSP implementation in 2022, analysis of data from wells monitored in that period provides a baseline for existing conditions in the Subbasin on which to evaluate potential degradation.

The monitoring network makes best use of data from existing groundwater quality monitoring programs that are regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). As stated in the GSP, the SWRCB and other agencies have the primary regulatory responsibility for water quality and the GSAs do not intend to duplicate this authority. Tracking and analyses of the SWRCB-regulated data are being obtained from publicly-available online portals.

Groundwater quality monitoring in the Modesto Subbasin focuses on seven constituents of concern (COCs) that have been identified as having the highest potential to cause undesirable results. Four of the constituents of concern are anthropogenic: nitrate, tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), and dibromochloropropane (DBCP). Two are naturally occurring metals: arsenic and uranium. The remaining constituent, total dissolved solids (TDS), is naturally occurring but human activities – such as wastewater disposal – can also contribute to groundwater concentrations. For protection of drinking water supplies, the MTs are set as the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for each constituent. Collectively, these constituents are used as indicator chemicals to analyze the various potential GSA impacts on groundwater quality.

As described in the Modesto GSP, potential indicators of groundwater quality degradation are wells with new exceedances of, or further degradation of, an established MT for each of the seven constituents of concern. The monitoring network for groundwater quality uses publicly available groundwater quality data from the State GeoTracker dataset and will be updated annually. Indicators of groundwater quality degradation will be assessed in each Annual Report. This 2021 Annual Report establishes the baseline that will be used to identify indicators for groundwater quality degradation in subsequent annual reports.

## 8.1 APPROACH

The Modesto Subbasin GSP defined undesirable results as a new (first-time) exceedance of, or a further exceedance from, the MT for each constituent of concern. The MTs is the primary or secondary California maximum contaminant level (MCL) for each of the seven COCs:

- Arsenic - 10 ug/L
- Uranium- 20 pCi/L
- Nitrate (as N)- 10 mg/L
- 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP) - 0.005 ug/L
- Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) - 0.2 ug/L
- Tetrachloroethene (PCE) - 5 ug/L
- Total dissolved solids (TDS)- 500 mg/L

In each annual report, new exceedances of, or further degradation at wells with prior exceedances of the MTs, will be evaluated in relation to GSA management of water levels and extractions, GSA projects, and GSA management actions to determine if the groundwater degradation is caused by GSA activities.

This Annual Report serves to establish baseline conditions for groundwater quality in all three principal aquifers of the Modesto Subbasin. A database was created by downloading data from the Statewide Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA) Groundwater Information System accessed through the State GeoTracker website for the seven constituents of concern, from WY 1991 to WY 2021. This 31-year period begins with the historical GSP study period (WY 1991 through WY 2015) and extends the data through the current reporting period (WY 2021). The monitoring network for each constituent of concern is composed of the wells that were sampled for that constituent during the reporting period; those wells are the designated RMWs for water quality. The baseline value established for each well is the maximum concentration of a given constituent of concern from WY 1991 to WY 2021.

Future annual reports will compare water quality conditions from the current water year to the baseline water quality conditions established in this annual report. A measurement will be considered an indicator of groundwater degradation if it exceeds the MT for the first time at that well. If the baseline is greater than the MT, any new maximums will be considered groundwater quality degradation indicators. For those wells, historical water quality data will be analyzed, along with changes in water quality in nearby wells, to determine if degradation is likely attributable to GSA management and is resulting in costs to well owners. If so, the GSAs will work with water quality regulators (SWRCB – Division of Drinking Water or others) and drinking water suppliers to discuss issues and options for managing the issues.

## 8.2 DATA COMPILATION

The groundwater quality monitoring network consists of publicly available data downloaded from GAMA through the State GeoTracker website. The RMWs include drinking water supply wells, monitoring wells at regulated facilities, and monitoring sites associated with other regulatory water quality programs.

Data from WY 1991 (October 1990) through WY 2021 (through September 2021) were downloaded for the seven COCs. There were 361 wells sampled during WY 2021 for at least one of the COCs. These 361 wells comprise the RMWs for water quality and are shown on **Figure 8-1**. A table summarizing these wells is provided in **Appendix B**. This source of the wells in the monitoring network includes 177 public supply wells<sup>3</sup> monitored by water suppliers and regulated by the Division of Drinking Water, 11 wells monitored by the USGS under the GAMA program, 110 monitoring wells at regulated facilities as overseen by the State Water Board, and 63 wells associated with regulatory water quality coalitions (such as under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) and monitored by Aglands.

Wells were classified by principal aquifer using top of screen depth, bottom of screen depth, and total well depth data, when available in the GAMA database. Wells east of the Corcoran Clay extent are classified as Eastern Principal Aquifer wells. Wells were classified as being in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer if the top of the screen was above the Corcoran Clay and the bottom screen was above the bottom of the Corcoran Clay. If screen data were not available but total depth was, wells with a total well depth above the bottom of the Corcoran Clay were classified as Western Upper Principal Aquifer. Wells were classified as being in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer if the top screen depth was below the top of the Corcoran Clay and the bottom screen depth was below the bottom of the Corcoran Clay. Wells overlying the Corcoran Clay that were screened in both aquifers, lacked construction data, or had questionable construction data were classified generally as being in the Western Principal Aquifers. Out of the 361 wells in the water quality monitoring network, 250 are in the Eastern Principal Aquifer, 66 are in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, 22 are in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, and 23 are in the Western Principal Aquifers.

The maximum measurement of each constituent from WY 1990 to WY 2021 was identified for each well in which the constituent had been measured in WY 2021. Any measurements below that measurement's reporting limit were labeled as "ND" (not detected). The table in **Appendix B** summarizes the 361 RMWs sampled in WY 2021. The table including well name, coordinates, aquifer designation, dataset name (source), and the maximum concentration and corresponding date of each COC that was sampled for in WY 2021.

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<sup>3</sup> Water quality data from public supply wells are based on samples of untreated and unblended groundwater. See Consumer Confidence Reports for information about the quality of drinking water.

## 8.3 BASELINE ANALYSIS

Baseline values for each well, by constituent, are illustrated on **Figures 8-2 through 8-8**. Each figure is divided by principal aquifer and shows the wells that were monitored for that constituent in WY 2021.

### 8.3.1 Arsenic

Arsenic is a naturally occurring trace element in Central Valley groundwater. Its occurrence depends on local and regional geology, groundwater pH, and groundwater redox conditions (anoxic vs. oxic). Even though arsenic is naturally occurring, arsenic concentrations can be related to groundwater management. Lateral and vertical gradients caused by pumping could cause arsenic migration (Jurgens et al, 2008). Increased arsenic concentrations in the Central Valley have been linked to the compaction and dewatering of the Corcoran Clay (Smith et al., 2018).

The Modesto Subbasin monitoring network for arsenic consists of the 125 wells measured for arsenic in WY 2021 (**Figure 8-2**). Of these wells, 27 (21.6%) had a baseline value, or a maximum measurement during WY 1991 through WY 2021, that was greater than the 10 ug/L MCL and MT for arsenic. Only one of these wells had its maximum arsenic concentration measured in WY 2021. Baseline values for arsenic ranged from ND to 170 ug/L. The average of arsenic baseline values in the Modesto Subbasin was 11.8 ug/L, and the median was 5.45 ug/L.

Arsenic concentrations were higher in the Western aquifers than in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. In the Eastern Principal Aquifer, only eight out of 87 wells (9.2%) had arsenic concentrations greater than the MT. The average baseline value for arsenic in the Eastern Principal Aquifer is 7.3 ug/L. All of these wells were monitoring wells at regulated facilities and likely not representative of drinking water conditions. In the Western Principal Aquifers, 19 out of 38 wells (50%) reported arsenic baseline values over the MT. The average baseline values in the Western Upper aquifer (n wells = 29) is 21.9 ug/L and the median is 10.45 ug/L.

### 8.3.2 Uranium

In the Modesto Subbasin, uranium is a naturally occurring groundwater contaminant that is derived from granitic rocks in the Sierra Nevada. In the eastern San Joaquin Valley, it typically occurs in shallow, oxic groundwater that is rich in calcium and bicarbonate (Jurgens et al., 2008; Lopez et al, 2021). Uranium concentrations can be related to management activities through several processes. Vertical gradients from pumping or from wells screened at multiple intervals could cause shallow water with high uranium concentrations to migrate into deeper aquifer zones. Uranium can be mobilized by water infiltrating through saline soils, and it could be mobilized through irrigation return flow or field flooding for managed aquifer recharge (Lopez et al., 2021).

The groundwater quality monitoring network for uranium contains 26 wells, shown by aquifer in **Figure 8-3**. Uranium concentrations range from ND to 52.5 pCi/L. Only municipal

and domestic wells were tested for uranium. The network contains 19 wells in the Eastern Principal Aquifer and seven wells in the Western Principal Aquifers. In total, eight of the 26 wells (30.8%) reported a maximum uranium concentration greater than the 20 pCi/L MT. Five of these wells are in the Western Principal Aquifers. None of the wells with a baseline value greater than 20 pCi/L reported its maximum measurement in WY 2021.

### 8.3.3 Nitrate

Most nitrate in Modesto Subbasin groundwater is from anthropogenic sources, such as nitrogen fertilizer, feedlot and dairy drainage, septic systems, or wastewater drainage. Nitrate can reach deeper portions of the aquifers by hydraulic gradients created by municipal or agricultural pumping.

**Figure 8-4** shows the 282 wells in the monitoring network for nitrate, with maximum values reported as nitrate as nitrogen. Maximum nitrate concentrations ranged from ND to 64 mg/L. In total, 45 wells (16.0% of all wells) had baseline values that are greater than the 10 mg/L MT, and the maximum nitrate concentration reported was measured during WY 2021 for 11 of these wells. The average of all nitrate baseline values was 7.52 mg/L, and the median was 6.33 mg/L.

Elevated nitrate concentrations occur throughout the Subbasin, in both rural and urban areas. In general, shallower wells are more vulnerable to nitrate contamination. Wells in the Eastern Principal Aquifer had an average nitrate concentration of 7.6 mg/L, and 36 of the 235 wells (15.3%) had baseline values greater than the 10 mg/L MT. In the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, 5 of the 17 wells (29.4%) had concentrations above the MT, with an average concentration of 9.6 mg/L. Two of the ten wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer (20.0%) had nitrate levels above the MT, and that aquifer had an average concentration of 7.9 mg/L. Of the 20 other Western Principal Aquifer wells, two (10.0%) had a baseline value above the MT, and the average concentration was 6.6 mg/L.

### 8.3.4 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP)

1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP) is a chlorinated hydrocarbon with a high chemical stability and often occurs as an intermediate in chemical manufacturing. This anthropogenic contaminant is often associated with pesticide products (SWRCB, 2019), and has been documented at industrial or hazardous waste sites. This chemical was banned from pesticides in the 1990s but has been widely detected in groundwater in agricultural areas of the Central Valley (Shelton et al., 2008). Like many agricultural constituents applied at the surface, upper portions of the aquifer are more vulnerable to TCP contamination. TCP can reach lower portions of the aquifer by vertical hydraulic gradients exacerbated by pumping.

The monitoring network contains 147 wells that were tested for TCP in WY 2021 (**Figure 8-5**). TCP has not been detected in most of the wells (n=98). Maximum TCP concentrations ranged from ND to 2.1 ug/L. The maximum concentration observed in a public supply well was 0.5 ug/L. Of the 147 wells, 31 (21.1%) had TCP concentrations greater than the 0.005 ug/L MT. Six of those wells had their maximum measurement during WY 2021. Of the wells



with TCP above the MT, 23 were from municipal wells and 8 were monitoring wells at regulated facilities. TCP has been detected throughout the Modesto Subbasin, but the highest concentrations are in the northern and southeastern regions of the City of Modesto, within the Eastern Principal Aquifer.

### **8.3.5 Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)**

DBCP was a widely used agricultural nematocide and soil fumigant that was banned in the 1970s. It was detected in groundwater in parts of the Central Valley in 1979 and has been monitored since. DBCP is relatively mobile when dissolved in water and may occur as a dense-non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL). Its occurrence can be affected by management activities if increased pumping exacerbates its transport to deeper portions of the aquifers.

The monitoring network for DBCP, shown in **Figure 8-6**, consists of 117 wells, which were monitored for DBCP in WY 2021. Of these, 16 wells, all public supply wells, had DBCP measurements greater than the 0.2 ug/L MT, and the maximum DBCP measurement was 2 ug/L. DBCP was not detected in 88 wells throughout the historical time period. DBCP has been detected in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the Eastern Principal Aquifer. DBCP is highest north and southeast of the City of Modesto in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Its spatial distribution is similar to that of TCP, which is also associated with pesticide products.

### **8.3.6 Tetrachloroethene (PCE)**

PCE is a volatile organic compound (VOC), which is a point-source contaminant often sourced from dry cleaning operations, textile operations, and metal degreasing processes. PCE is a regulated chemical typically released at the surface but can reach deeper portions of aquifers by hydraulic gradients created by pumping.

The monitoring network includes 142 RMWs with PCE measurements in WY 2021 (**Figure 8-7**). Of these, 97 (68%) of these wells did not have a PCE detection during WYs 1991-2021, and 13 (9.2%) had a maximum PCE measurement greater than the 5 ug/L MT. The maximum PCE measurement was 40 ug/L. Of the 13 wells with maximum concentrations above the MT, only two of them are public supply wells. Elevated PCE concentrations primarily occurred in the Eastern Principal Aquifer, and most are in a cluster near a regulated facility (a landfill) next to the Tuolumne River. Groundwater extraction and treatment is ongoing at that facility for the protection of groundwater and surface water.

### **8.3.7 Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)**

TDS is used as an indicator of overall salinity in groundwater. While high TDS concentrations can naturally occur (geogenic contaminant), it is also considered an anthropogenic contaminant because human processes have resulted in elevated concentrations of TDS in the Central Valley. In the Modesto Subbasin, shallow groundwater generally has a higher TDS concentration than in lower portions of the principal aquifers, and shallow groundwater is more vulnerable to salinization. It is recognized that TDS increases significantly at deeper depths and is used to define the bottom of the groundwater basin (i.e., base of fresh water).

TDS concentrations at the groundwater basin bottom are naturally occurring and associated with older geologic formations that are not typically penetrated by Subbasin wells. Elevated concentrations of TDS in shallow groundwater can occur from irrigation return flow percolating through sandy soil but can be related to wastewater discharge or managed aquifer recharge using more saline water.

The monitoring network for TDS contains 107 wells, consisting of 67 monitoring wells and 40 municipal wells (**Figure 8-8**). Of these, 62 (57.9%) wells had TDS concentrations greater than the 500 mg/L MT, and 28 (26.2%) were greater than 1,000 mg/L. Only four of the wells with concentrations greater than the MT had their maximum TDS measurement during WY 2021. The maximum TDS measurement was 20,000 mg/L, at a regulated facility, and the maximum TDS measurement in a public supply well was 1,300 mg/L. The average baseline value for TDS was 1,113 mg/L and the median value was 590 mg/L.

The dataset contains 75 wells in the Eastern Principal Aquifer and 32 wells in the Western Principal Aquifers. Most of the wells are monitoring wells clustered at regulated facilities.

The highest TDS concentrations were recorded in two clusters of monitoring wells at regulated facilities. One is in the southern portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer along the Tuolumne River, and one is in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer in southwest Modesto. Of the public supply wells with TDS baseline values greater than the MT, three are in the Eastern Principal Aquifer, one is in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, and one is in the Western Principal Aquifers.

## **8.4 LIMITATIONS**

The baseline analysis has several limitations including well distribution and incomplete construction data; nonetheless, it makes best use of a wide variety of existing water quality data collected under a regulated program and approved protocols. Other limitations are noted below.

The wells in the monitoring network may be skewed towards areas with higher concentrations of the constituents of concern. Wells may be measured more frequently for a chemical if they have reported or are at risk of high concentrations of that contaminant. For example, wells at a regulated facility with PCE contamination will be regularly monitored for PCE, but these conditions are not reflective of the entire Modesto Subbasin. Wells with higher arsenic concentrations may be monitored and reported for arsenic more frequently, and thus be included in the GeoTracker database, than wells that have never previously reported a high arsenic concentration.

Variable reporting limits may slightly skew general statistics of this dataset, such as averages or medians. Wells were reported as NDs if the chemical concentration was less than the reporting limit. However, reporting limits can vary, often depending on the lab method or the year that the sample was analyzed (reporting limits in the early 1990's may be higher than those in recent years). NDs were treated as zero in numerical analyses of this dataset.

However, reporting limits are generally well below the MTs, so this will not affect the process for identifying MT exceedances.

Notwithstanding these limitations, the large number of monitoring sites allows for tracking trends in concentrations in the same wells (or nearby wells) over time and will provide information on the potential for degradation of groundwater quality in the Subbasin.

## 9 SUBSIDENCE MONITORING

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As explained in the Modesto Subbasin GSP, groundwater elevations are used as a proxy for a rate or extent of subsidence. By managing water levels at or near the historical low levels, the Subbasin can be protected from potential future land subsidence from groundwater extractions that could impact land use. Given the lack of undesirable results related to land subsidence in the Modesto Subbasin to date, groundwater elevation monitoring represents the best available information to avoid undesirable results from the potential for future land subsidence. Since the greatest risk for land subsidence in the Modesto Subbasin is likely associated with the dewatering/depressurization of the Corcoran Clay, MTs are set at historical low groundwater levels in order to minimize groundwater level declines.

To supplement groundwater elevation monitoring, remote sensing data is used as a screening tool to provide information on vertical displacement across the entire Subbasin. Vertical displacement data collected using Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) by TRE Altamira Inc., under contract with DWR, is published and available each year on the SGMA Data Viewer. Finally, local high-quality Global Positioning System (GPS) stations are monitored by others and provide additional data on ground surface displacement. Data from local GPS stations in the Modesto Subbasin are also tracked on an annual basis, as available, for supplemental information on ground surface conditions within the Subbasin. These land subsidence datasets for WY 2021 are described below.

### 9.1 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION MONITORING

As summarized in **Section 3.3.3.**, water levels in most of the monitoring network wells are above the MTs during WY 2021. As mentioned above, the areas within the Corcoran Clay extent are likely the most vulnerable to future land subsidence. Water levels were above MTs in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer (above the Corcoran Clay), which protects against potential land subsidence. However, water levels at three wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer (below the Corcoran Clay) were at or below MTs during WY 2021.

Two of the wells with MT exceedances are Proposition 68 monitoring wells constructed in Spring 2021 (MW-1D and MW-2D). Water level data were measured at these wells soon after construction and local groundwater elevations will become better understood as more data are collected in the future. In addition, without historical data, it is difficult to determine an accurate MT at these locations.

Groundwater levels at City of Modesto monitoring well MOD-MWB-2, along the eastern edge of the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, were at the MT during WY 2021. As described below, additional datasets did not indicate the presence of land subsidence in this area, or in any other areas of the Subbasin, during WY 2021. However, additional monitoring is necessary to better understand conditions in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer.

## 9.2 IN SAR DATA SCREENING

InSAR vertical displacement data during WY 2021 are presented on **Figure 9-1**. The figure illustrates that no negative vertical displacement (land subsidence) was indicated during WY 2021. In fact, vertical displacement estimates were either zero or positive, meaning that land surface elevations were stable or rose slightly during WY 2021. Land surface elevations rose between 0 and 0.05 feet (0.6 inches) throughout most of the Subbasin (light gray shading), with a rise of more than 0.05 feet in the eastern Subbasin (darker gray shading).

The InSAR data analyzed in the GSP, for the period of June 2015 to October 2020, indicates some negative vertical displacement occurred in the central and eastern Subbasin, in the northwest corner of the Subbasin, and in a thin strip along the lower reach of the Stanislaus River. However, negative displacement – land subsidence – was not indicated in these areas, or any other areas of the Subbasin, during WY 2021.

## 9.3 GPS STATION SCREENING

In addition to the InSAR data, there are four GPS stations in the Subbasin. As shown on **Figure 9-1**, three of these stations are along the Highway 99 corridor in Salida and Modesto, and one is in the northeastern corner of the Subbasin. During WY 2021, the average measurements at Stations CMOD and P306 were 4.8 millimeters (mm) and 12.1 mm, respectively, indicating a positive vertical displacement (rise in ground surface) at rates consistent to those indicated by the InSAR data. Local Stations P260 and P781 were inactive during WY 2021 and no vertical displacement data were measured.

A rise in the ground surface can be related to tectonic processes or land use activities. Nonetheless, both remote sensing data and GPS measurements indicate an absence of land subsidence in the Subbasin during WY 2021.

## 10 INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER MONITORING

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The C2VSimTM model, a surface water and groundwater flow model that was developed for the Modesto Subbasin GSP, has been updated for this Annual Report. The model provides a tool to analyze the linkages between groundwater extractions, reduction of groundwater in storage and interconnected surface water. Model results provided in the GSP showed that increased streamflow depletion along the Modesto Subbasin river boundaries is associated with groundwater level declines. This association allows water levels along the rivers to be used as a proxy to monitor for streamflow depletions. Direct groundwater level monitoring is supplemented by ongoing analysis of streamflow depletions in the C2VSimTM model.

There are 20 RMWs in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water along the three river boundaries (**Figure 3-4**). These wells are relatively close to the rivers and screened in the unconfined aquifers that are connected to the rivers.

### 10.1 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION MONITORING

The RMWs are compared to the sustainable management criteria for interconnected surface water. During WY 2021, water levels at 4 out of 20 wells in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water were below the MTs. Three of these wells are along the Stanislaus River within the OID Management Area (Allen OID-1, Birnbaum OID-3 and Marquis OID-10). One well is along the Tuolumne River within the MID Management Area (MW-6S). Well locations are shown on **Figure 3-4**. No wells along the San Joaquin River had water levels below the MTs during WY 2021.

The GSAs have recognized the need for improvements to this monitoring network and have planned for additional monitoring wells to support GSP implementation.

### 10.2 MODEL ESTIMATES FOR STREAMFLOW DEPLETION

For the GSP, the C2VSimTM model was applied to Subbasin water budgets covering the historical Study Period (WY 1991 – WY 2015) including an analysis of streamflow depletions. As explained in **Section 2**, the C2VSimTM water budget has been updated from WY 2016 through the reporting period of WY 2021 and provides estimates for streamflow depletions since 2015. The model estimates for streamflow depletion are provided below in **Table 10-1**.

**Table 10-1: Streamflow Depletion Estimates WY 2016 - WY 2021**

Water Year	Net Gain to Groundwater from Streamflow (AFY)		
	Stanislaus River	Tuolumne River	San Joaquin River
2016	16,428	10,133	-10,352
2017	28,252	70,978	2,355
2018	29,404	-9,770	-12,210
2019	34,422	36,065	-13,446
2020	18,084	-10,015	-18,666
2021	29,277	4,033	-16,354
<b>Average</b>	<b>25,978</b>	<b>16,904</b>	<b>-11,446</b>

**Notes:**

1. Positive numbers represent water flowing from the stream to the groundwater system (i.e., net losing stream or recharge).
2. Negative numbers represent water flowing from the groundwater system to the stream (i.e., net gaining stream or baseflow).

Between WY 2016 and WY 2021, the Stanislaus River and Tuolumne River are net losing streams, and the San Joaquin River is a net gaining stream. Since WY 2015, streamflow depletions have averaged approximately 26,000 for the Stanislaus River and approximately 17,000 AFY for the Tuolumne River. The San Joaquin River has gained approximately 11,500 AFY from the Modesto Subbasin.

During the historical study period (WY 1991 to WY 2015), the Stanislaus River was a net gaining stream. Since the end of the historical study period, the Stanislaus River has been a net losing stream with relatively similar streamflow depletions. Losses range from approximately 16,500 AFY in WY 2016 (a dry year) to 34,500 AFY in WY 2019 (a wet year).

Prior to 2016, the Tuolumne River was typically a net gaining stream, even during the drought years from WY 2013 to WY 2015. From WY 2016 to WY 2021, the gains/losses on the Tuolumne River have varied significantly with net losing conditions in most years. Streamflow depletion varied from 71,000 AFY in WY 2017 to a net annual gain (i.e., no streamflow depletion) of approximately 10,000 AFY in WY 2020. In the two wettest years, WY 2017 and WY 2019, the Tuolumne River contributed most to the groundwater system, likely due to low groundwater levels and higher river flows. During the driest three years, the Tuolumne River was either a net gaining stream (WY 2018 and WY 2020) or lost a relatively small amount (WY 2021). Annual precipitation and water year type are illustrated on **Figure 3-5**.

The San Joaquin River is on average a net gaining stream from WY 2016 to WY 2021. Its gains ranged from approximately 18,500 AFY in WY 2020, a dry year, to approximately 10,000 in WY 2016, also a dry year. In WY 2017, the wettest year since end of historical study period, the San Joaquin River lost approximately 2,000 AFY.

The combination of groundwater elevation monitoring and updates to the C2VSim™ model provide complementary tools for monitoring and quantifying interconnected surface water for future Annual Reports. Future model upgrades will consider recalibration to groundwater elevation monitoring data as the monitoring network is improved over time.



## 11 PROGRESS ON GSP IMPLEMENTATION

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GSP regulations (§356.2(b)(5)(C)) require GSAs to describe progress towards GSP implementation in the Annual Report, “including achieving interim milestones, and implementation of projects or management actions.” These items are discussed below.

### 11.1 COMPLIANCE WITH SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

Regulations require a description on sustainable management criteria to demonstrate how GSP implementation is progressing. This discussion is organized by the topics specifically listed in the regulations (§356.2(c)). Some of the information has already been addressed with regards to the hydrographs, which also show MTs and MOs and compliance with these criteria based on recent water level data, where available. That compliance is summarized in **Section 3** of this report; hydrographs for the RMWs, including sustainable management criteria, are provided in **Appendix A**.

#### 11.1.1 Implementation of GSP Monitoring Network

During the reporting period, the GSP monitoring network was finalized and incorporated into the GSP. Although official GSP monitoring began after adoption in January 2022, many of the network RMWs contained historical data that are provided on the hydrographs in **Appendix A** for context.

The GSP monitoring network includes 61 RMWs. Each of these RMWs is included in the monitoring networks for chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, and land subsidence; 20 of these are in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water. These RMWs include CASGEM wells, City of Modesto monitoring wells, USGS monitoring wells and monitoring wells constructed in 2021 with Proposition 68 grant funding from DWR. The monitoring networks are illustrated on **Figures 3-1 through 3-4** and discussed in **Section 3**.

During WY 2021, water levels were measured in most of the representative monitoring wells. Water levels were measured in all but one of the CASGEM wells and all of the City of Modesto wells. Water levels were not measured in CASGEM well Quesenberry 223, located in the Eastern Principal Aquifer near the Tuolumne River, because the sounding port was obstructed. The obstruction was cleared, and water levels were measured in Fall 2021, after the reporting period. The GSAs did not have access to the USGS monitoring wells during WY 2021, and therefore, water levels measurements were not made in these wells. The STRGBA GSA is currently working with the USGS to obtain access to these wells for future monitoring. The Proposition 68 monitoring wells were constructed between February 2021 and June 2021, and water levels were measured following construction.

### 11.1.2 Progress in Achieving Interim Milestones

Interim Milestones (IMs) were developed for monitoring network wells in the OID and Non-District East Management Areas. The first IM occurs in 2027 with target values set below the MTs to provide a buffer to allow water levels to drop below the MT while projects and management actions were brought online. The GSP recognizes that water levels in these wells would likely continue to decline after the GSP is adopted and acknowledges that the aquifer response to projects and management actions will take time. 2027 IM values assume that recent water level declines will continue at similar rates between 2022 and 2027. Additional IMs are at five-year increments: the 2032 IM is the MT, the 2037 IM is half-way between the MT and the MO, and the 2042 IM is the MO. IMs provide a glide path for the Modesto Subbasin to reach its sustainability goal.

During WY 2021, groundwater levels are above IMs in all of the RMWs.

### 11.1.3 Compliance with Additional Sustainable Management Criteria

Groundwater level monitoring networks were developed to observe and document the chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater in storage, land subsidence, and depletions in interconnected surface water. As described in **Section 3.3.3**, water levels for most of the wells in the monitoring network are above their MTs.

Water levels during WY 2021 are below the MTs in 5 out of 61 wells in the monitoring network for chronic lowering of groundwater levels. Two of these are in the Eastern Principal Aquifer and the other three are in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer. As discussed previously, two of the three wells that exceeded MTs in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer are new monitoring wells (Proposition 68) constructed in Spring 2021 and water levels in these wells will become better understood as future monitoring events provide additional data.

The sustainable management criteria for chronic lowering of groundwater levels are used as a proxy for the reduction of groundwater in storage and the land subsidence sustainability indicators.

Remote sensing data is used as a screening tool to evaluate land subsidence on a Subbasin-wide basis to complement the groundwater elevation monitoring network. During WY 2021, the InSAR vertical displacement data indicated an absence of land subsidence in the Modesto Subbasin. Additional GSP stations in the Subbasin confirm the indications from the InSAR data.

Groundwater levels in 4 out of 20 wells in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water were below the MTs. Three of these wells are along the Stanislaus River and one is along the Tuolumne River.

This annual report establishes baseline conditions for the degraded water quality sustainability indicator. As discussed in **Section 8**, water quality data for the seven

constituents of concern were downloaded from the GAMA database through the State GeoTracker website. There were 361 wells in the Subbasin sampled for one or more of the constituents of concern during WY 2021. These wells comprise the water quality monitoring network and will be used to evaluate future changes in water quality (see **Section 8**).

## **11.2 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

Although the regulations require a description of progress made on GSP implementation occurring during the reporting period (WY 2021), implementation activities since the submittal of the final GSP are also included. Because of the timing of this First Annual Report, the reporting period occurs prior to the completion and adoption of the GSP. As such, implementation activities were generally not yet underway. However, GSP implementation activities have been prioritized since the January 2022 submittal.

In addition to the details on local GSP implementation described in this section, the GSAs and associated member agencies in the Subbasin have also collaborated and contributed to this First GSP Annual Report including provision of water resources data for an update of the C2VSim<sup>TM</sup> local model. Accordingly, this submittal of the First GSP Annual Report represents completion of an initial and important GSP implementation step.

During WY 2021, and since submittal of the GSP in January 2022, the GSAs have continued public outreach. Regular monthly STRGBA GSA meetings, which are open to the public and subject to the Brown Act, are planned on an ongoing basis.

## **11.3 PROJECTS**

The Modesto Subbasin GSP includes 13 Phase One GSP projects. Since submittal of the GSP in January 2022, the landowners in the Non-District East MA have been meeting on a regular basis and are in the early stages of planning and developing future water supply projects. These projects are focused on this MA to address the most significant area of groundwater level declines in the Subbasin.

## **11.4 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS**

The Modesto Subbasin GSP includes 6 management actions including improvements to the monitoring network. During WY 2021, preliminary improvements were initiated. Between February and June 2021, 17 monitoring wells were constructed at 11 locations throughout the Subbasin using Proposition 68 grant funding from DWR. Almost all of these wells have now been incorporated as RMWs into the GSP monitoring networks. Additional clusters at certain locations were not selected for RMWs but provide useful data on local vertical gradients.

Specifically, two monitoring wells were constructed at six locations, to varying depths, and one monitoring well was constructed at the remaining five locations. Monitoring wells were constructed in each Principal Aquifer: 2 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, 2 in the

Western Lower Principal Aquifer and 13 in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Most of the monitoring wells are RMWs in the monitoring network. The deeper paired monitoring well at three locations in the Eastern Principal Aquifer are not RMWs because groundwater levels thus far are similar to their shallow component. These three wells are designated as SGMA monitoring wells (rather than RMWs), will be monitored at the same frequency as the RMWs, and provide useful information for analysis of groundwater conditions in the future.

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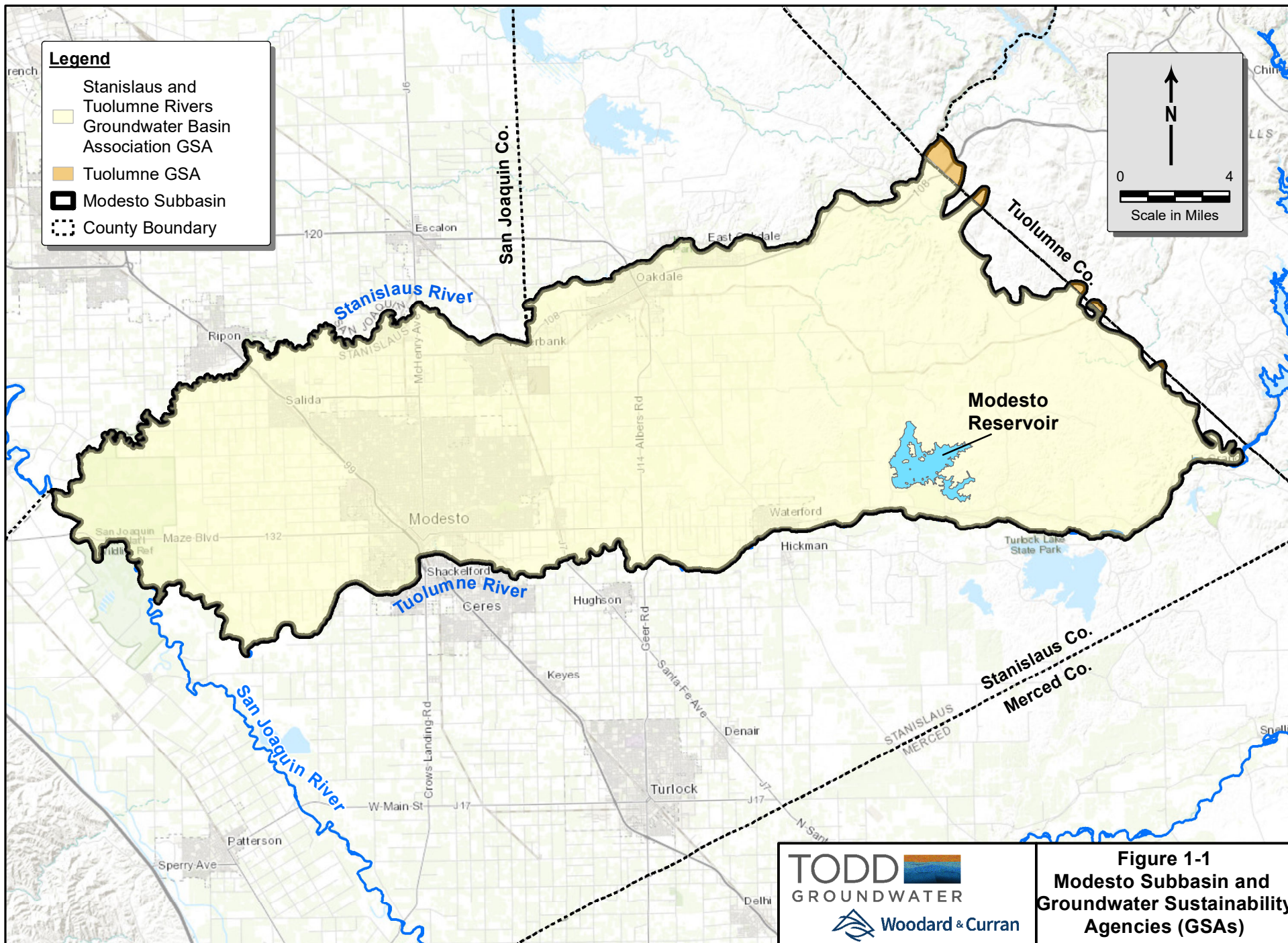
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# FIGURES





**Legend**

- Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers
- Groundwater Basin Association GSA
- Tuolumne GSA
- Modesto Subbasin
- County Boundary

North Arrow

Scale in Miles

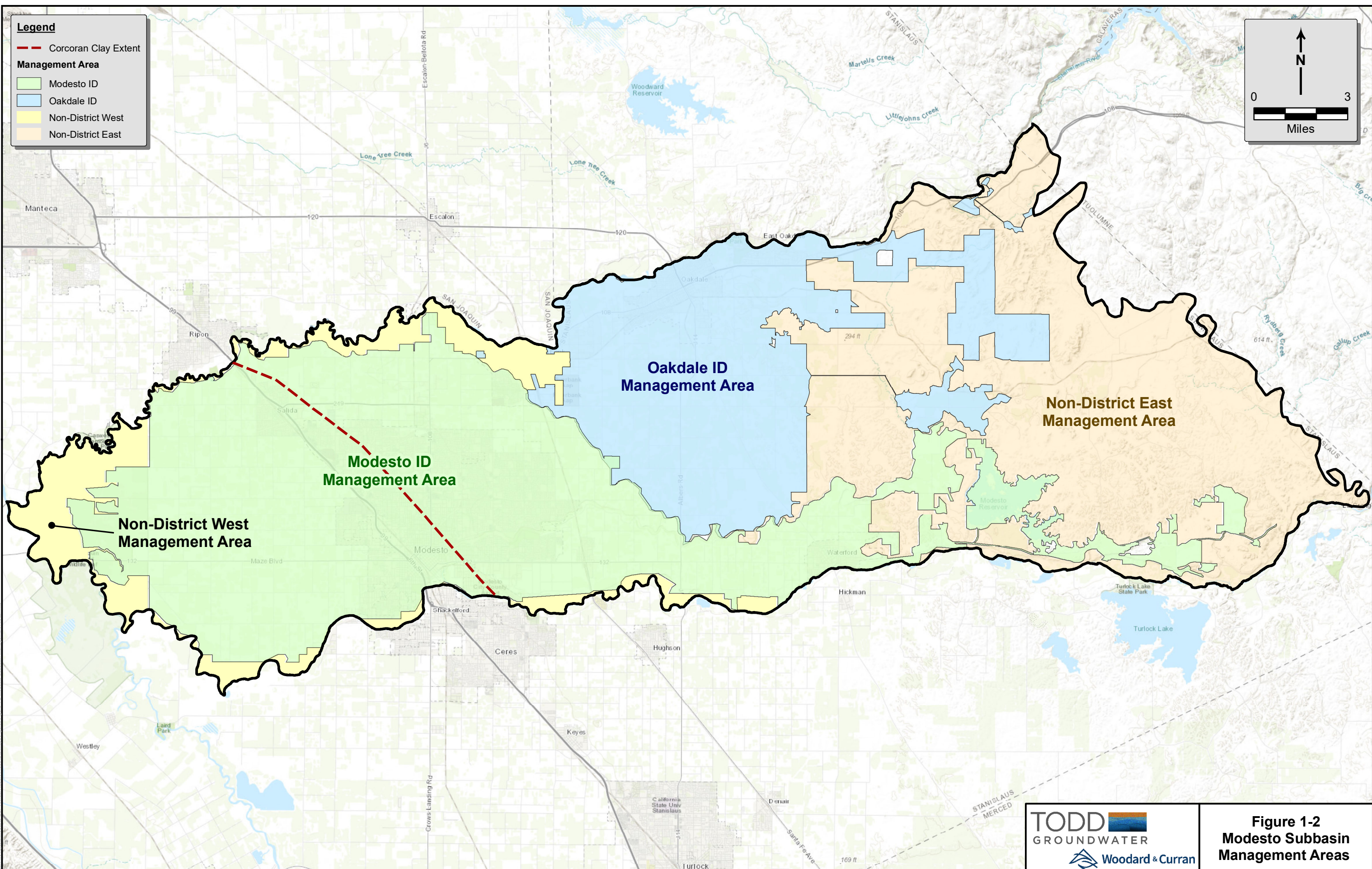
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**Figure 1-1**  
**Modesto Subbasin and**  
**Groundwater Sustainability**  
**Agencies (GSAs)**





**Legend**

- Corcoran Clay Extent
- Management Area**
- Modesto ID
- Oakdale ID
- Non-District West
- Non-District East

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**Non-District West Management Area**

**Modesto ID Management Area**

**Oakdale ID Management Area**

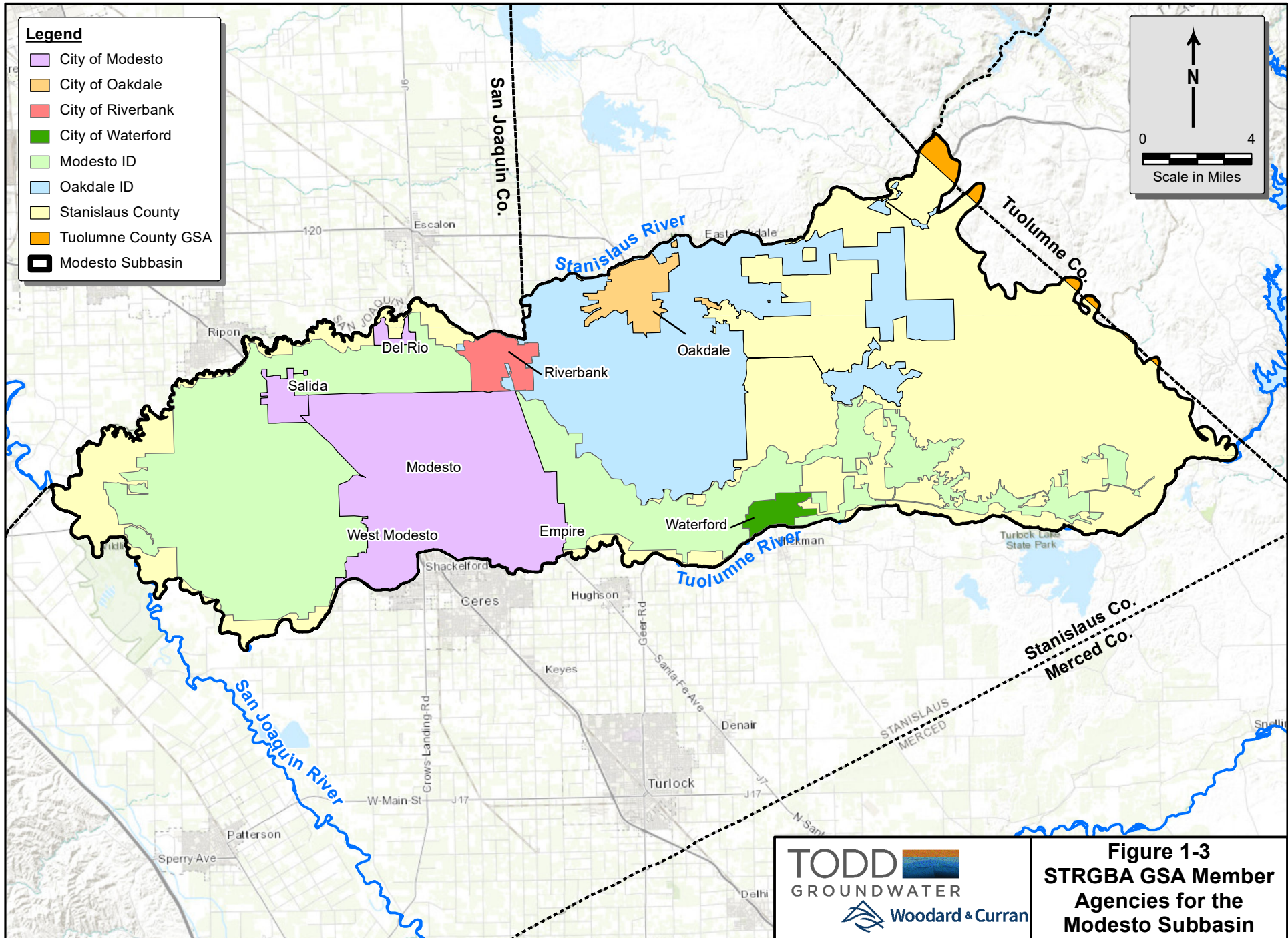
**Non-District East Management Area**

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**Figure 1-2  
Modesto Subbasin  
Management Areas**

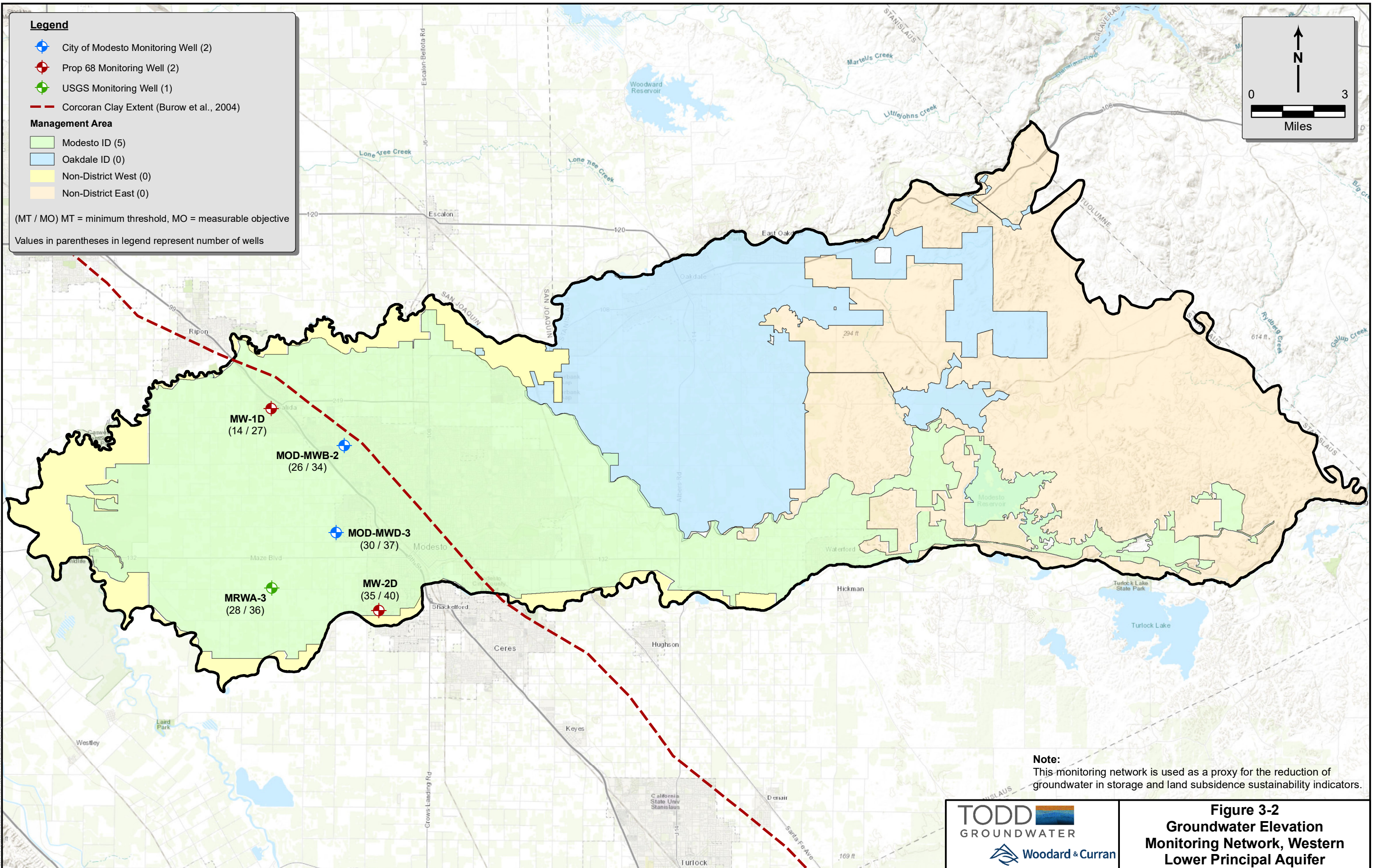




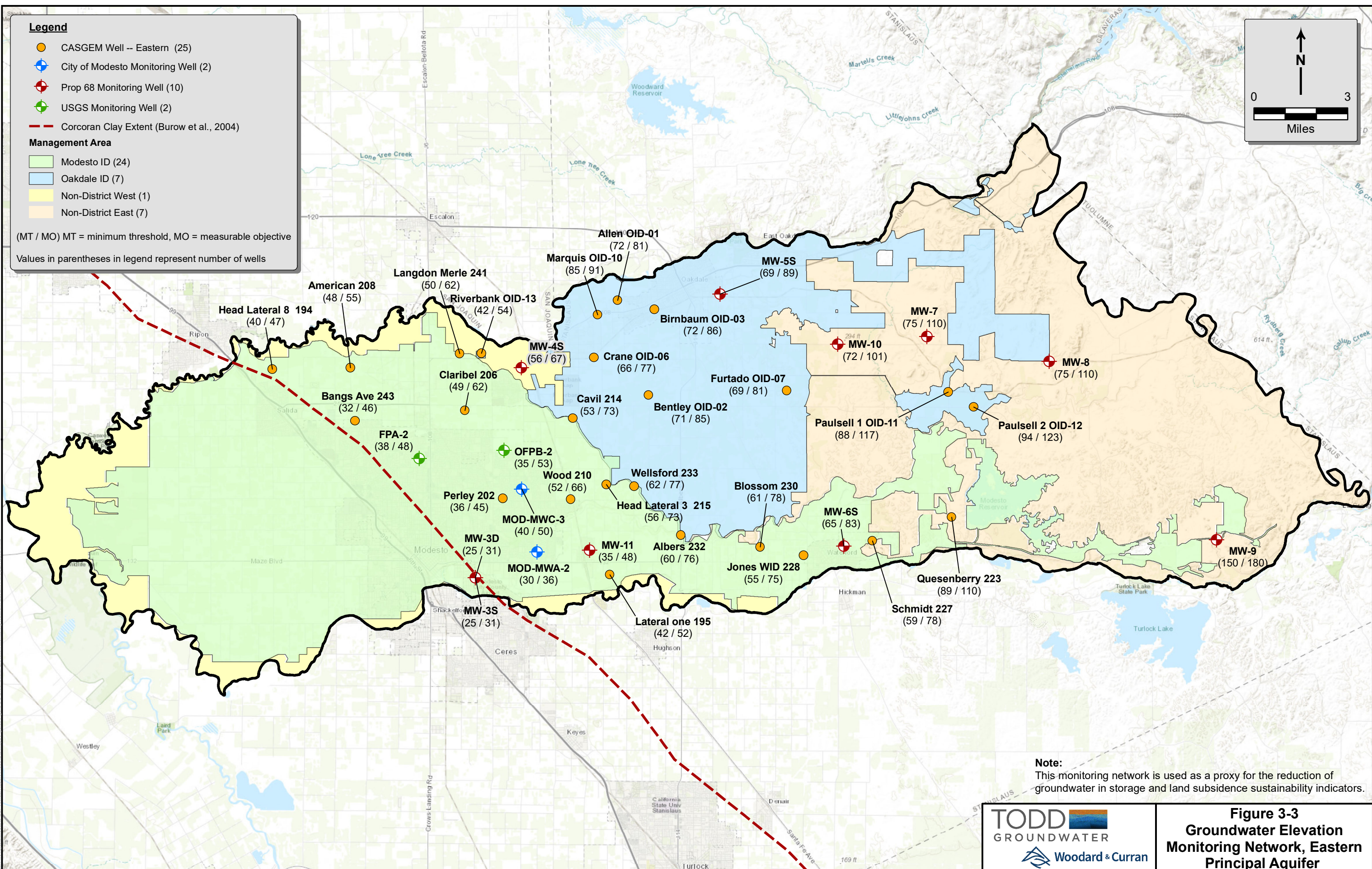












**Legend**

- CASGEM Well -- Eastern (25)
- ⊕ City of Modesto Monitoring Well (2)
- ⊕ Prop 68 Monitoring Well (10)
- ⊕ USGS Monitoring Well (2)
- Corcoran Clay Extent (Burow et al., 2004)

**Management Area**

- Modesto ID (24)
- Oakdale ID (7)
- Non-District West (1)
- Non-District East (7)

(MT / MO) MT = minimum threshold, MO = measurable objective  
 Values in parentheses in legend represent number of wells

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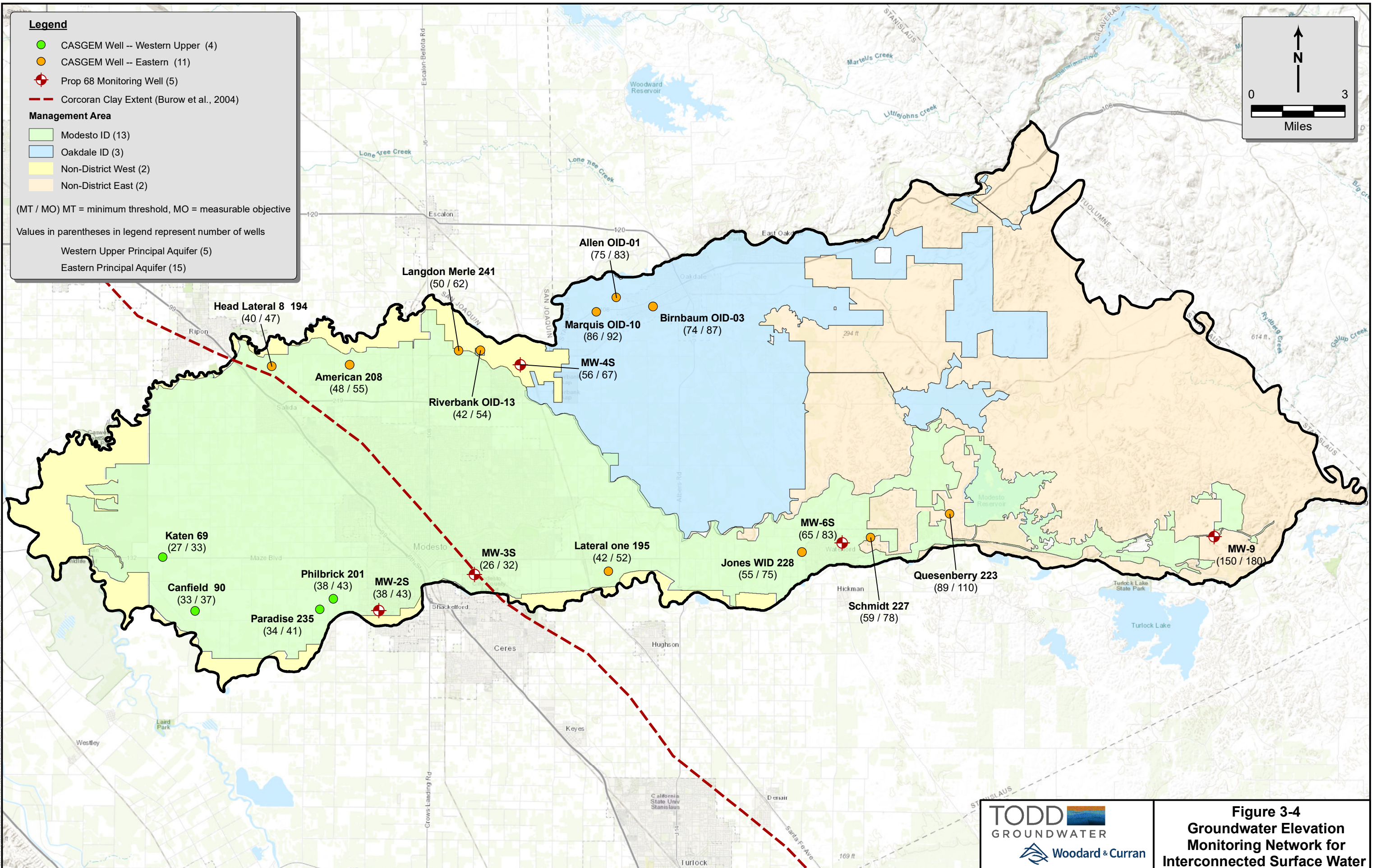
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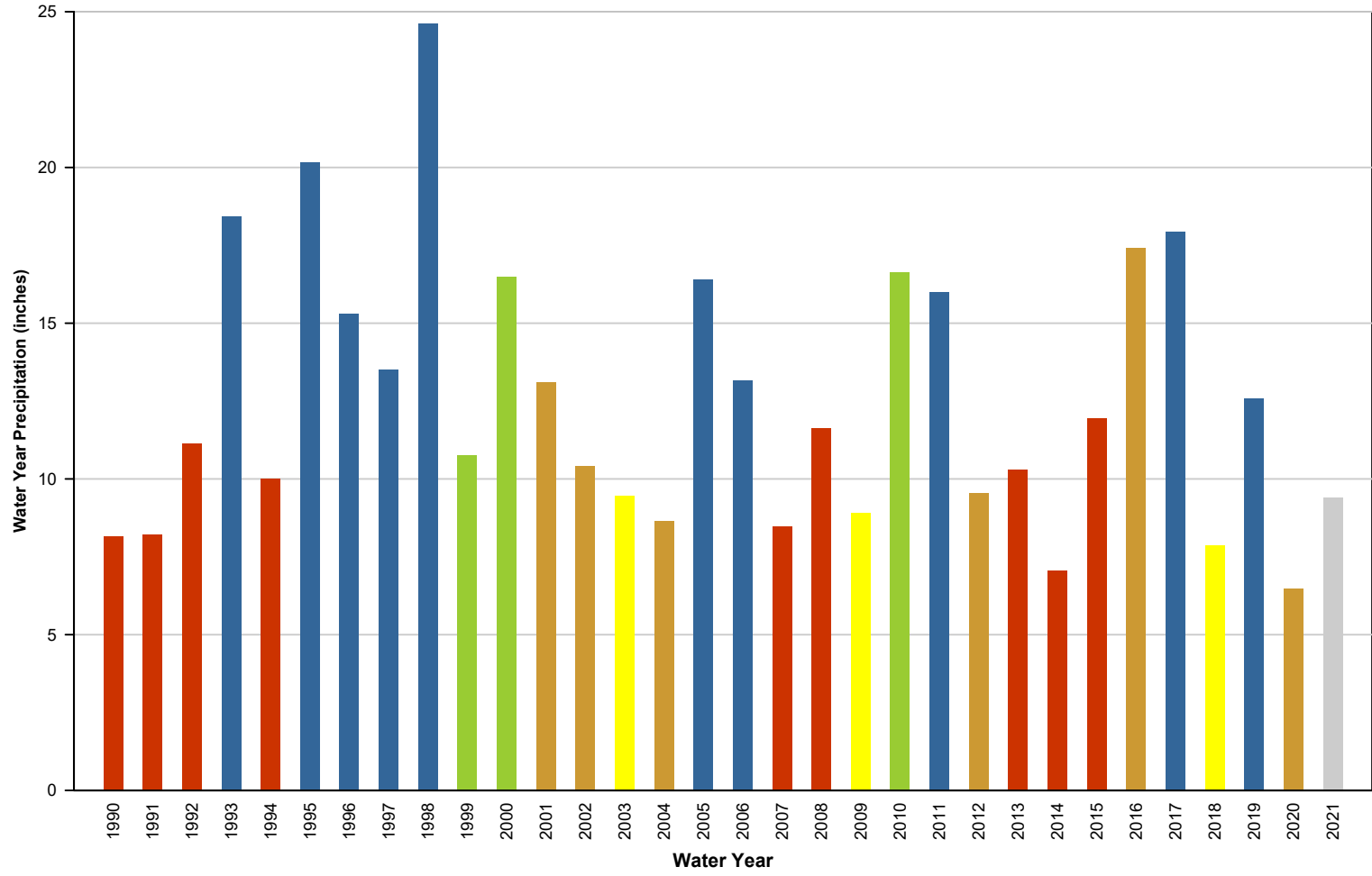
**Figure 3-3**  
**Groundwater Elevation**  
**Monitoring Network, Eastern**  
**Principal Aquifer**





**Figure 3-4**  
**Groundwater Elevation**  
**Monitoring Network for**  
**Interconnected Surface Water**





**Water Year Type**

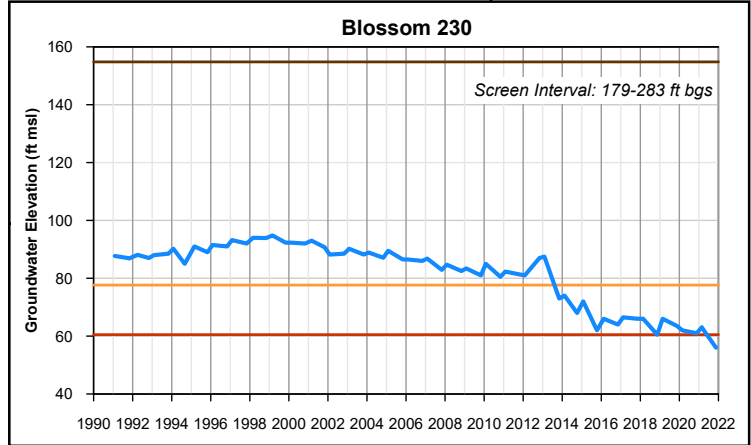
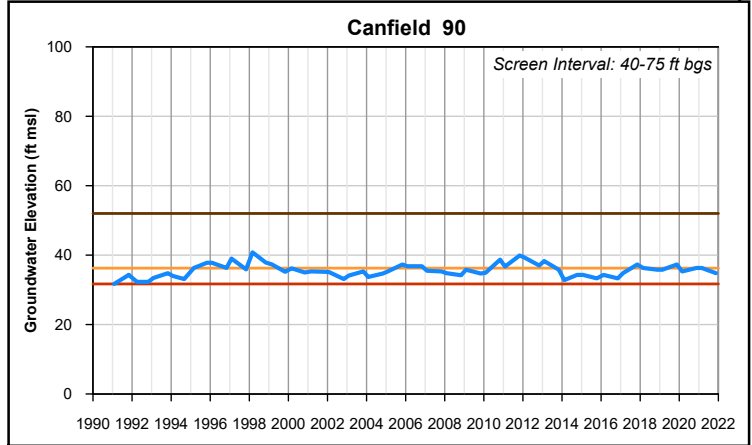
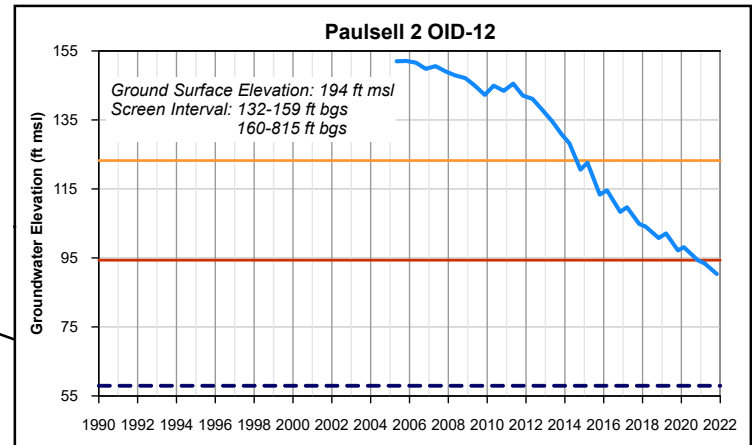
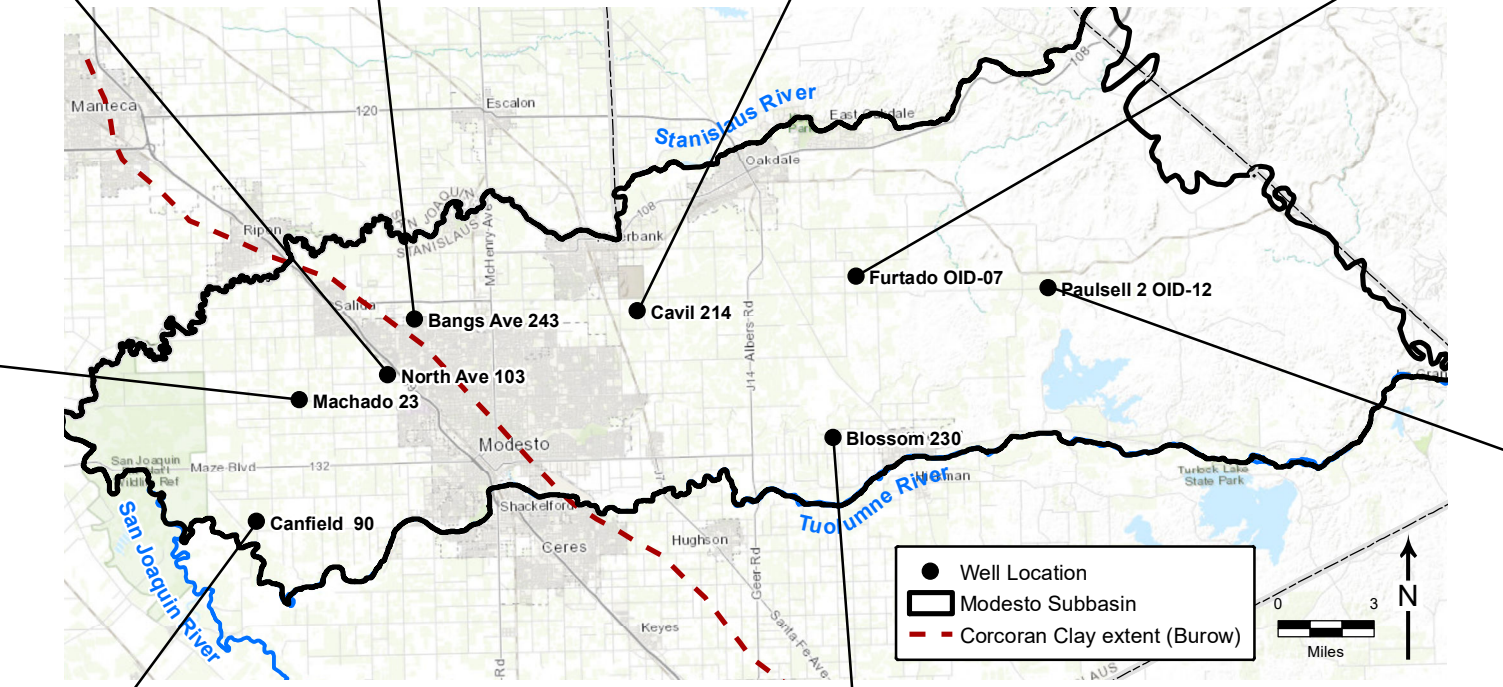
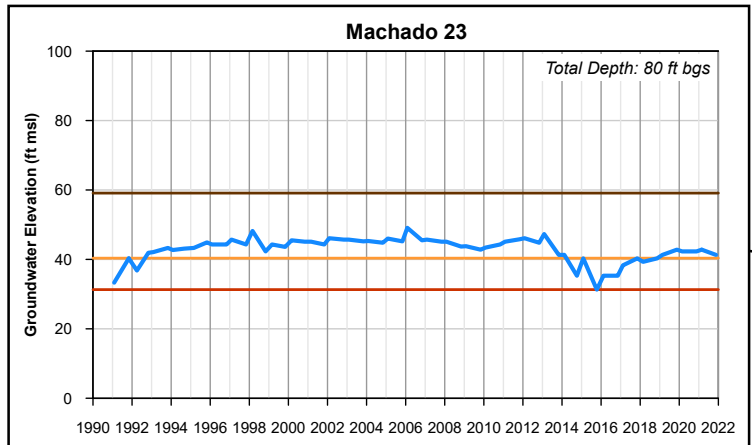
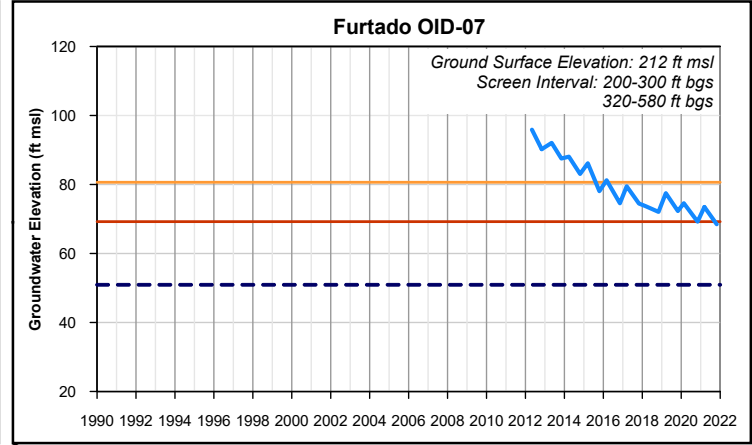
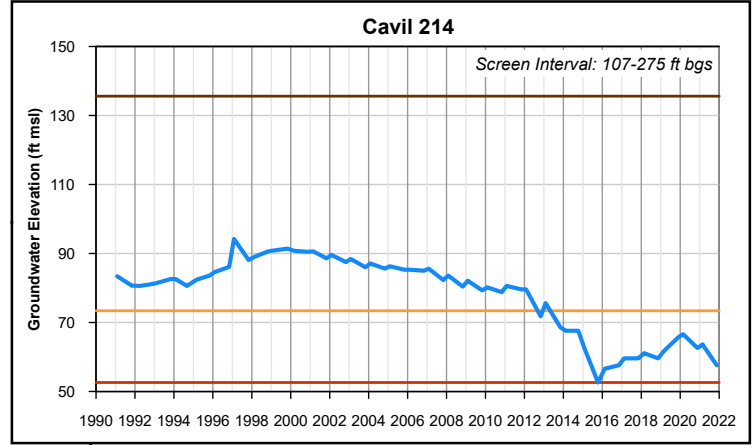
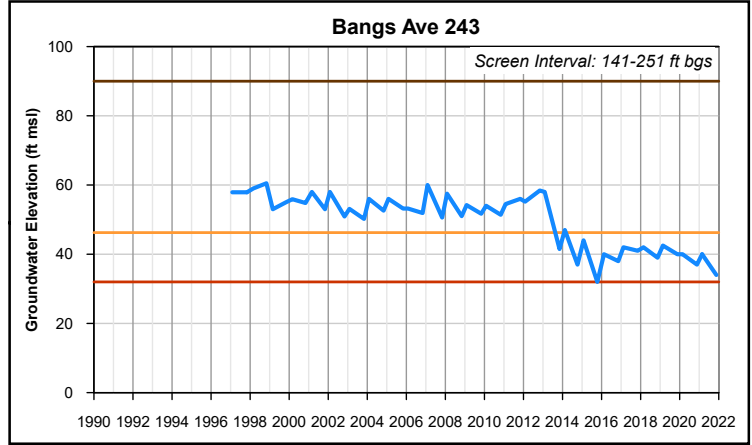
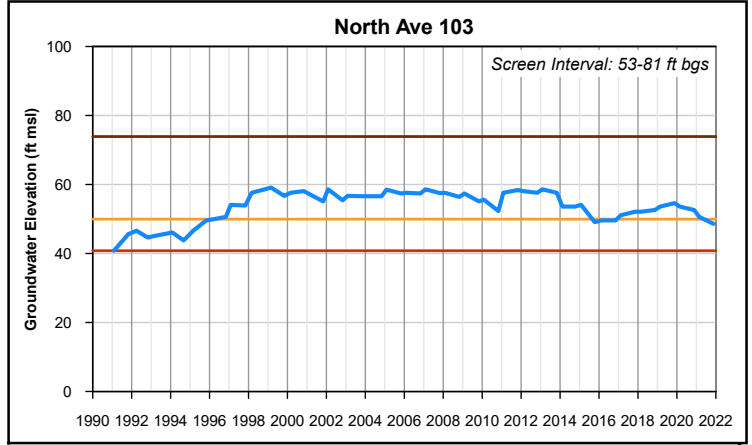
- Wet
- Above Normal
- Below Normal
- Dry
- Critically Dry

**Notes:**

Source - MID weather station (Modesto CA).  
 Water Year - October 1 through September 30.  
 Water year type is from the DWR San Joaquin Valley Index. The index for WY 2021 is not available yet.

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**Figure 3-5  
 Annual Precipitation  
 and Water Year Type  
 WY 1990-2021**

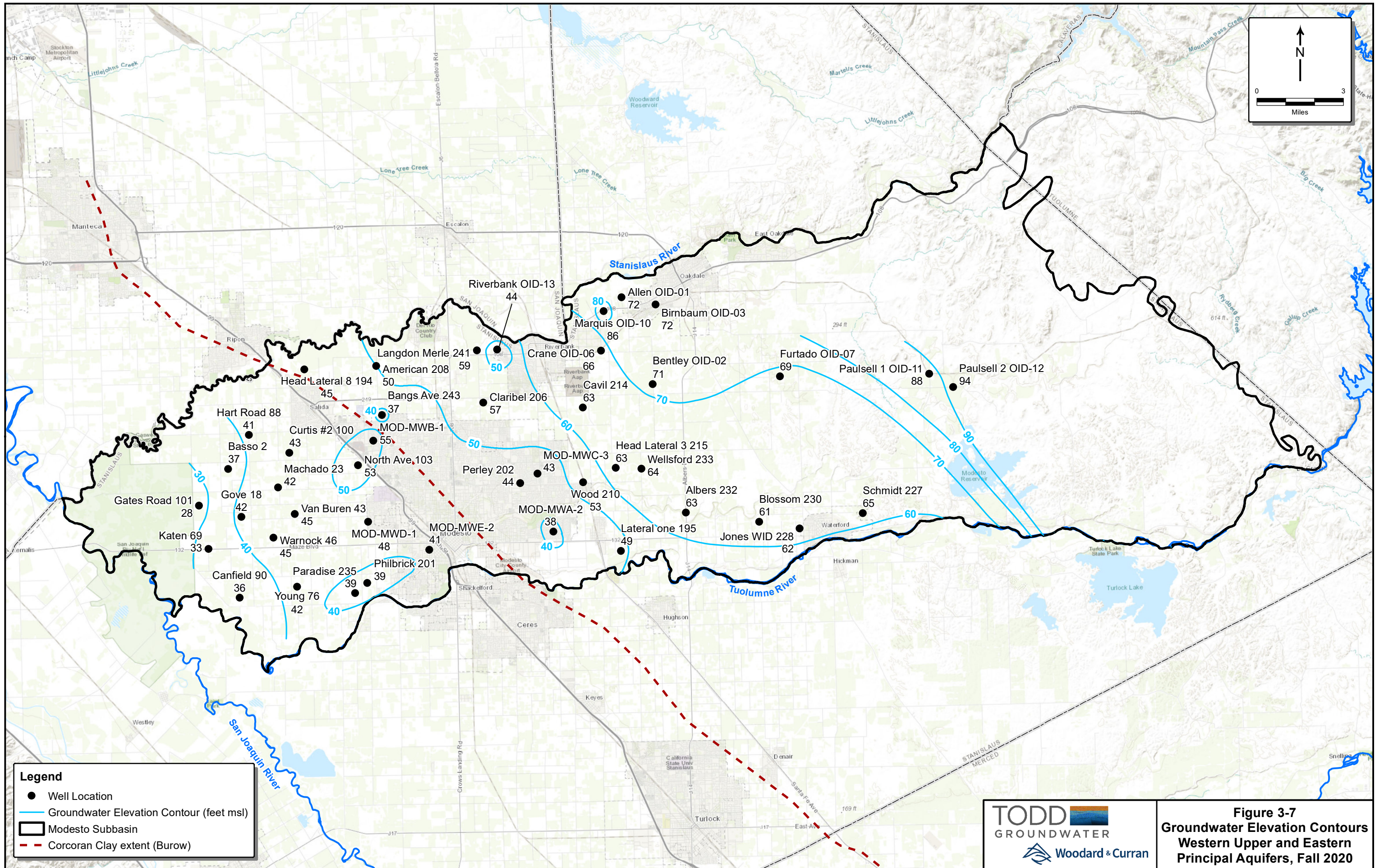


- Ground Surface Elevation (ft msl)
- Groundwater Elevation (ft msl)
- Measurable Objective
- Minimum Threshold
- - - Interim Milestone



**Figure 3-6**  
**Example Hydrographs**  
**Across Subbasin**





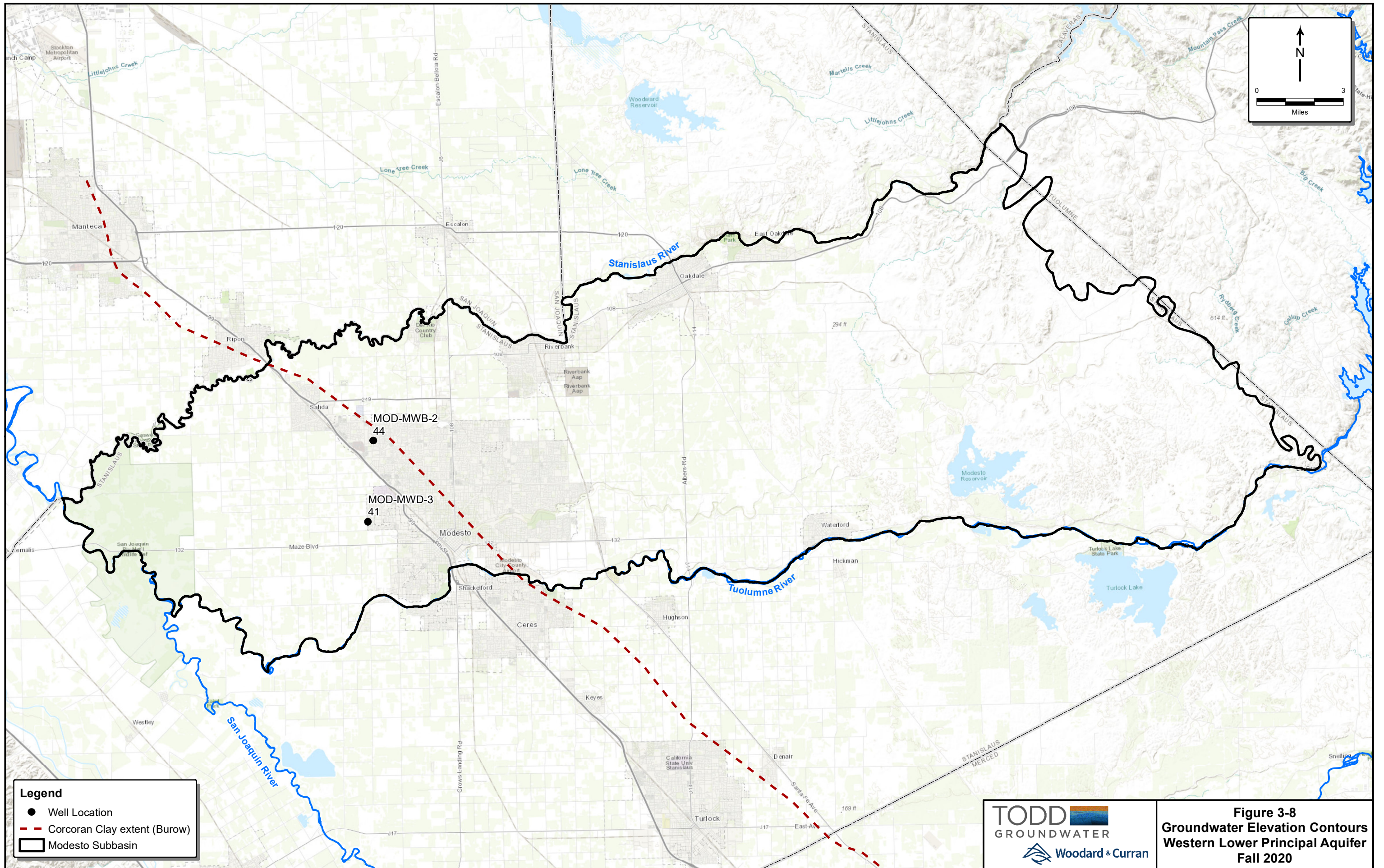
**Legend**

- Well Location
- Groundwater Elevation Contour (feet msl)
- ▭ Modesto Subbasin
- - - Corcoran Clay extent (Burow)

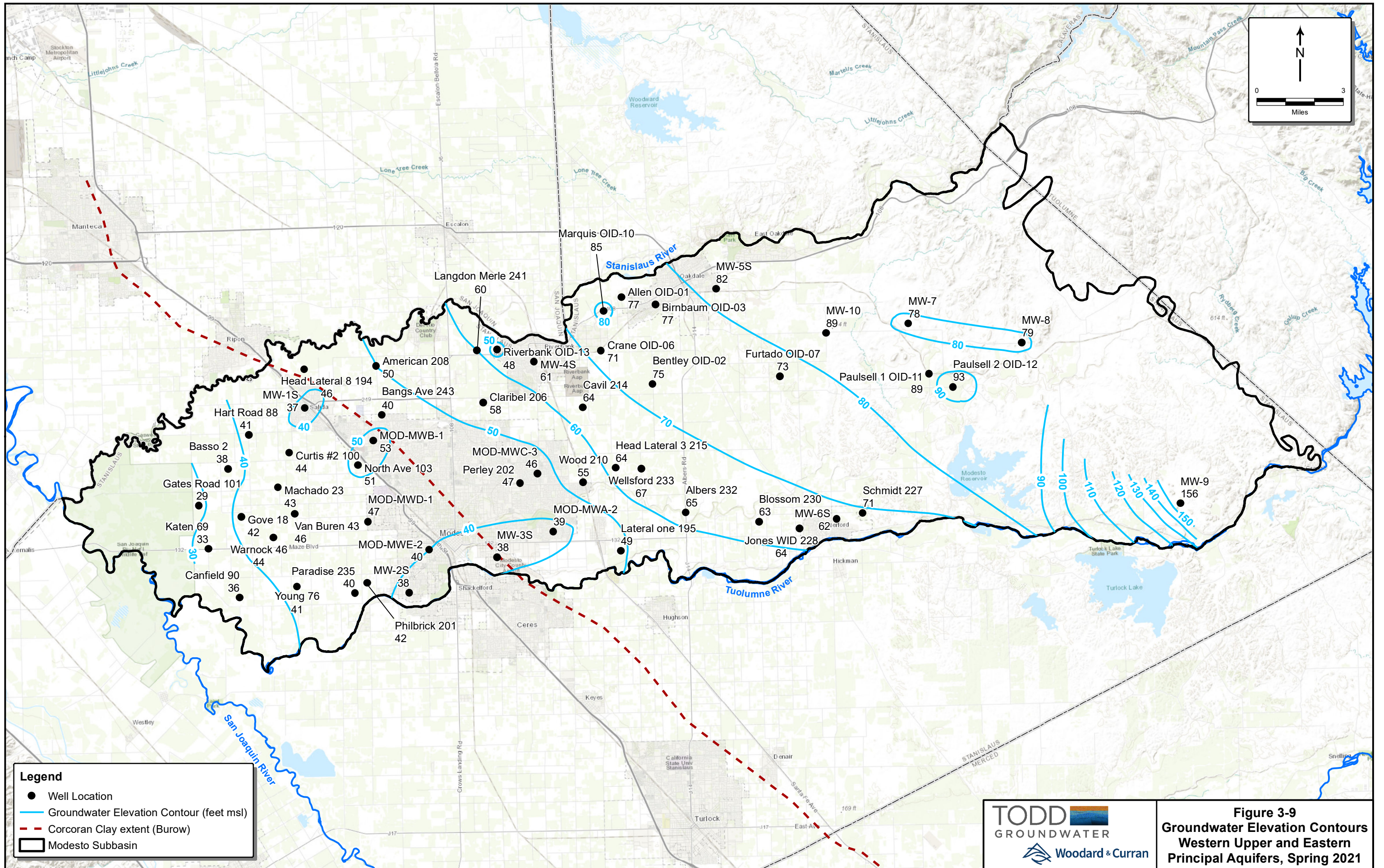
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**Figure 3-7**  
**Groundwater Elevation Contours**  
**Western Upper and Eastern**  
**Principal Aquifers, Fall 2020**



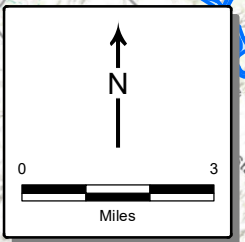
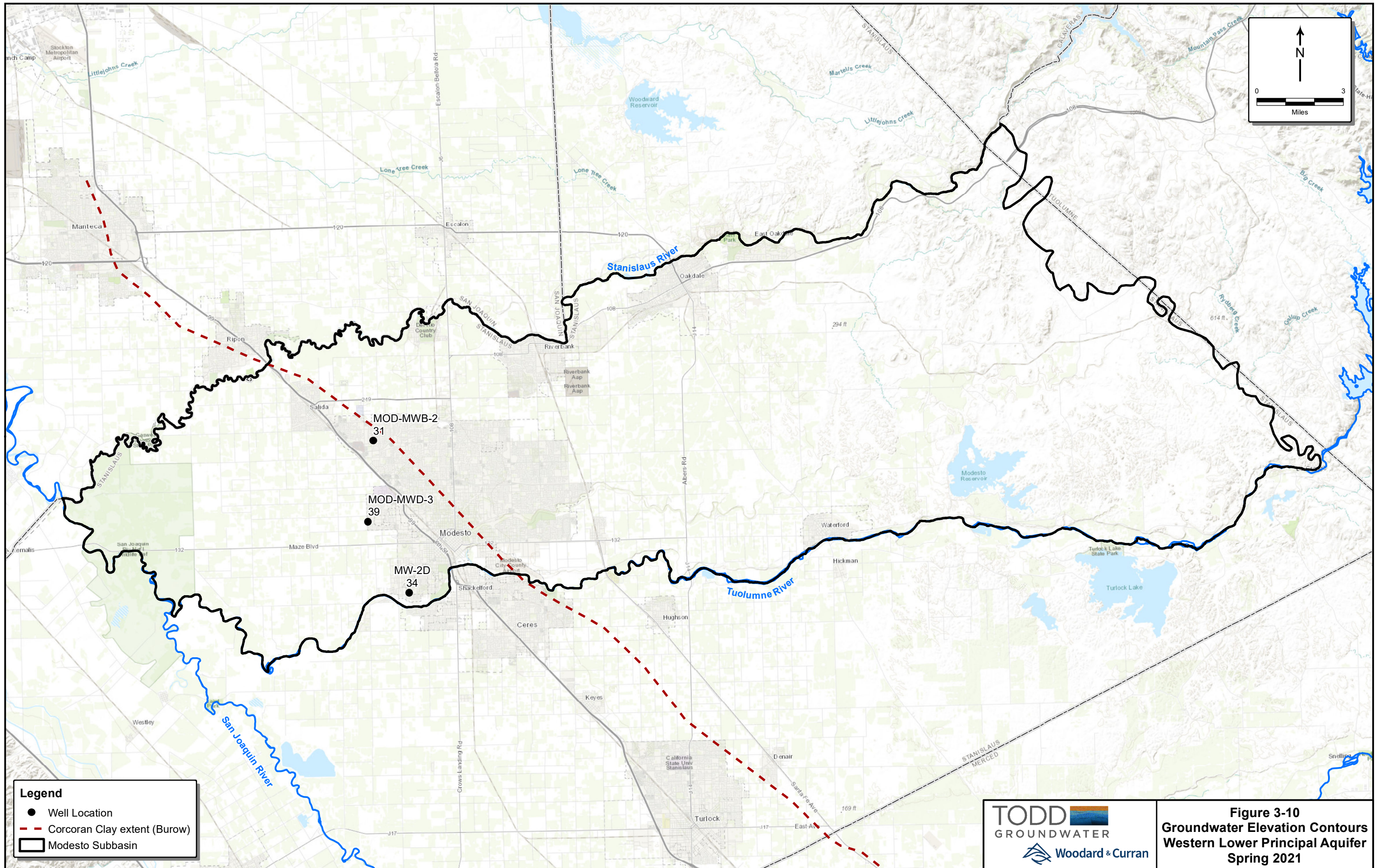






**Figure 3-9**  
Groundwater Elevation Contours  
Western Upper and Eastern  
Principal Aquifers, Spring 2021





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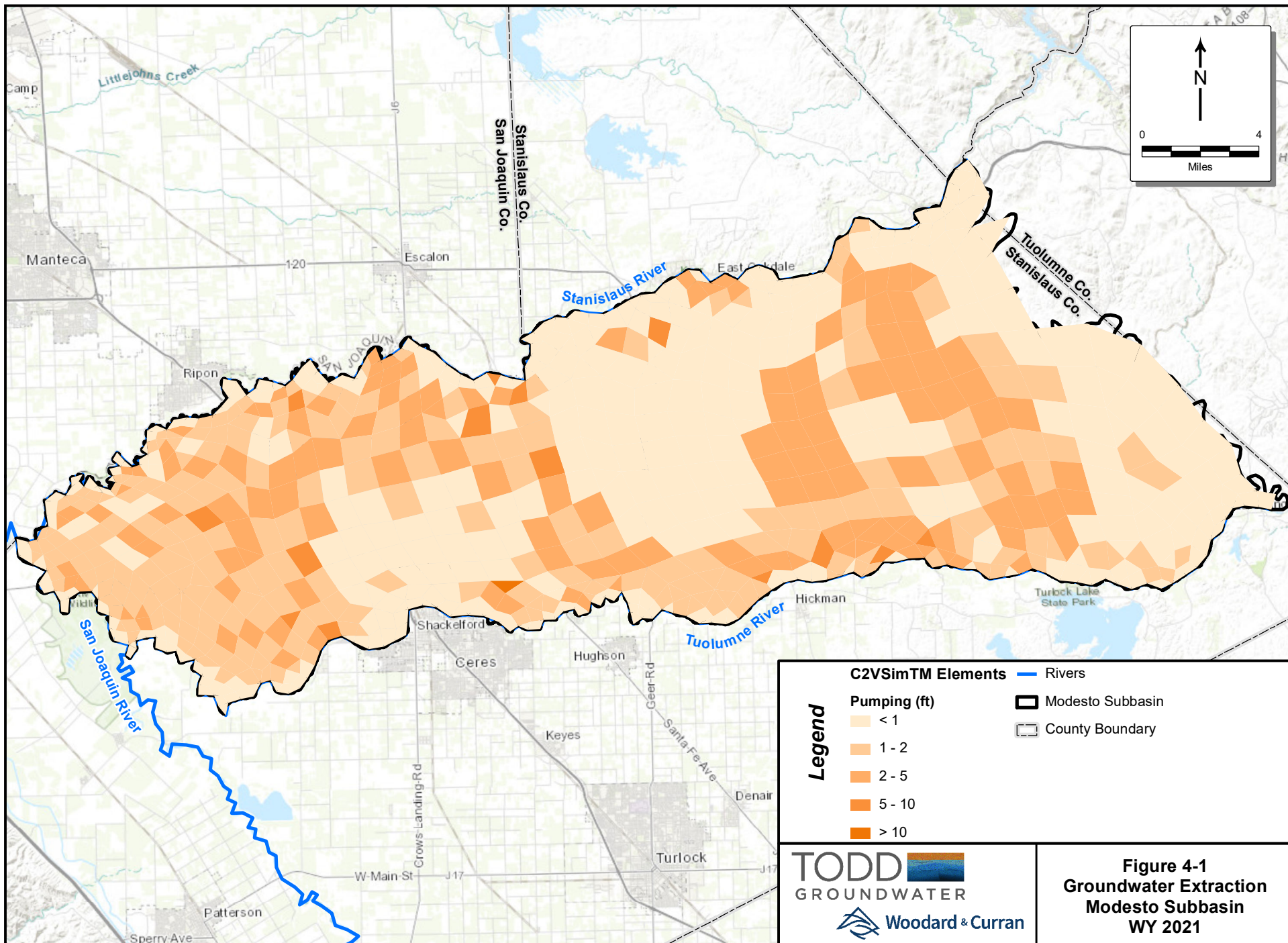
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- - - Corcoran Clay extent (Burow)
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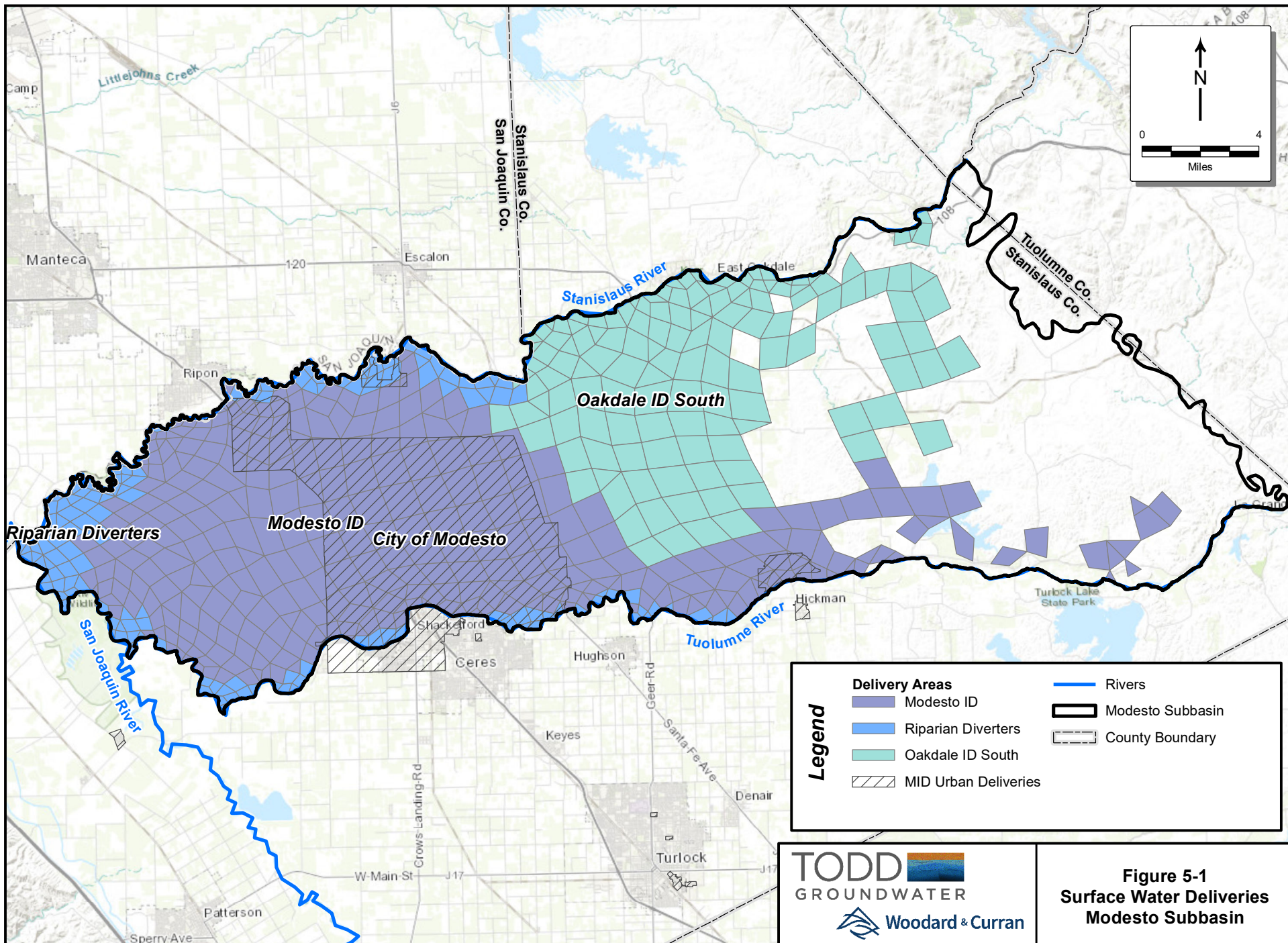
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**Western Lower Principal Aquifer**  
**Spring 2021**

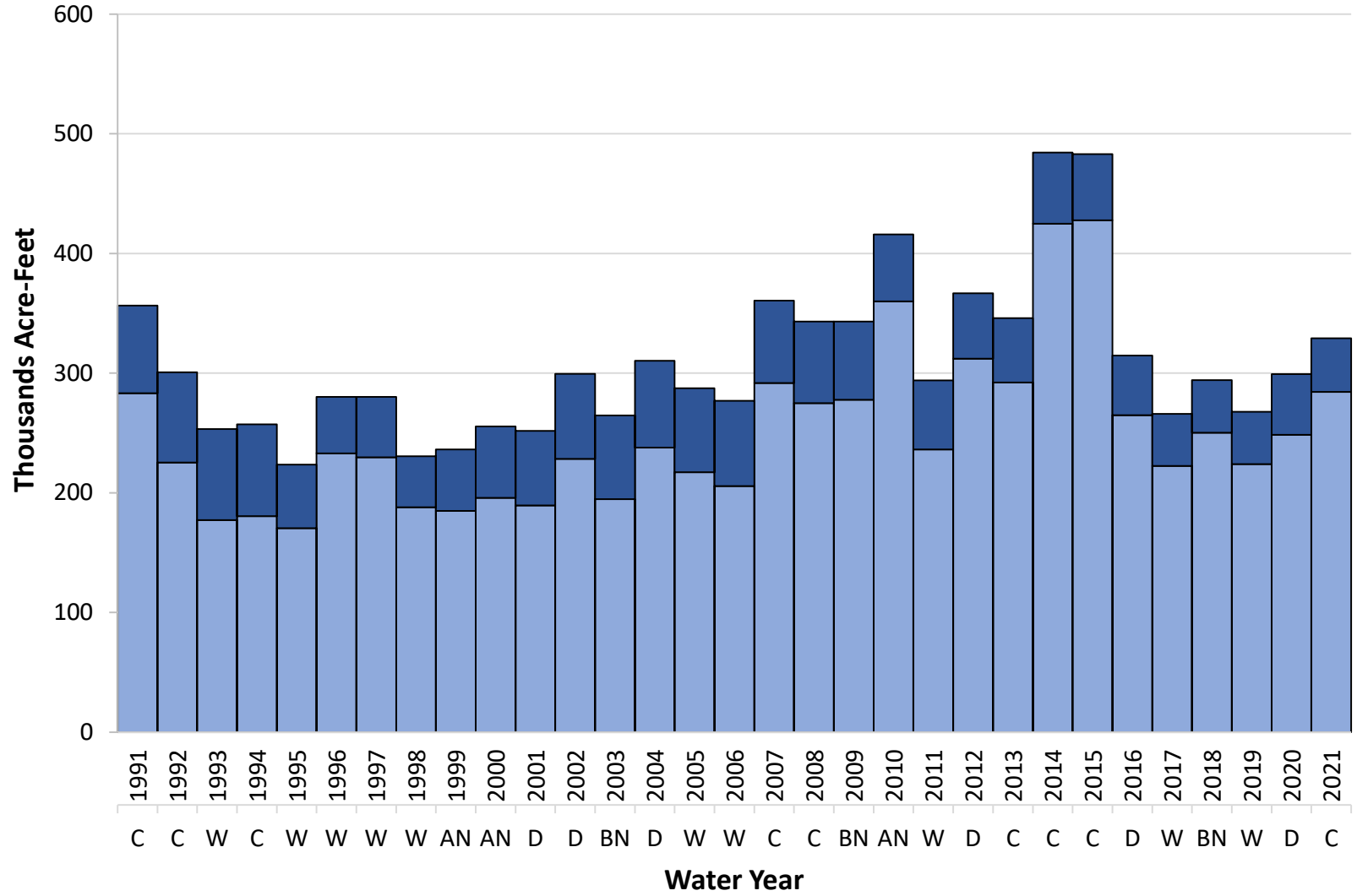










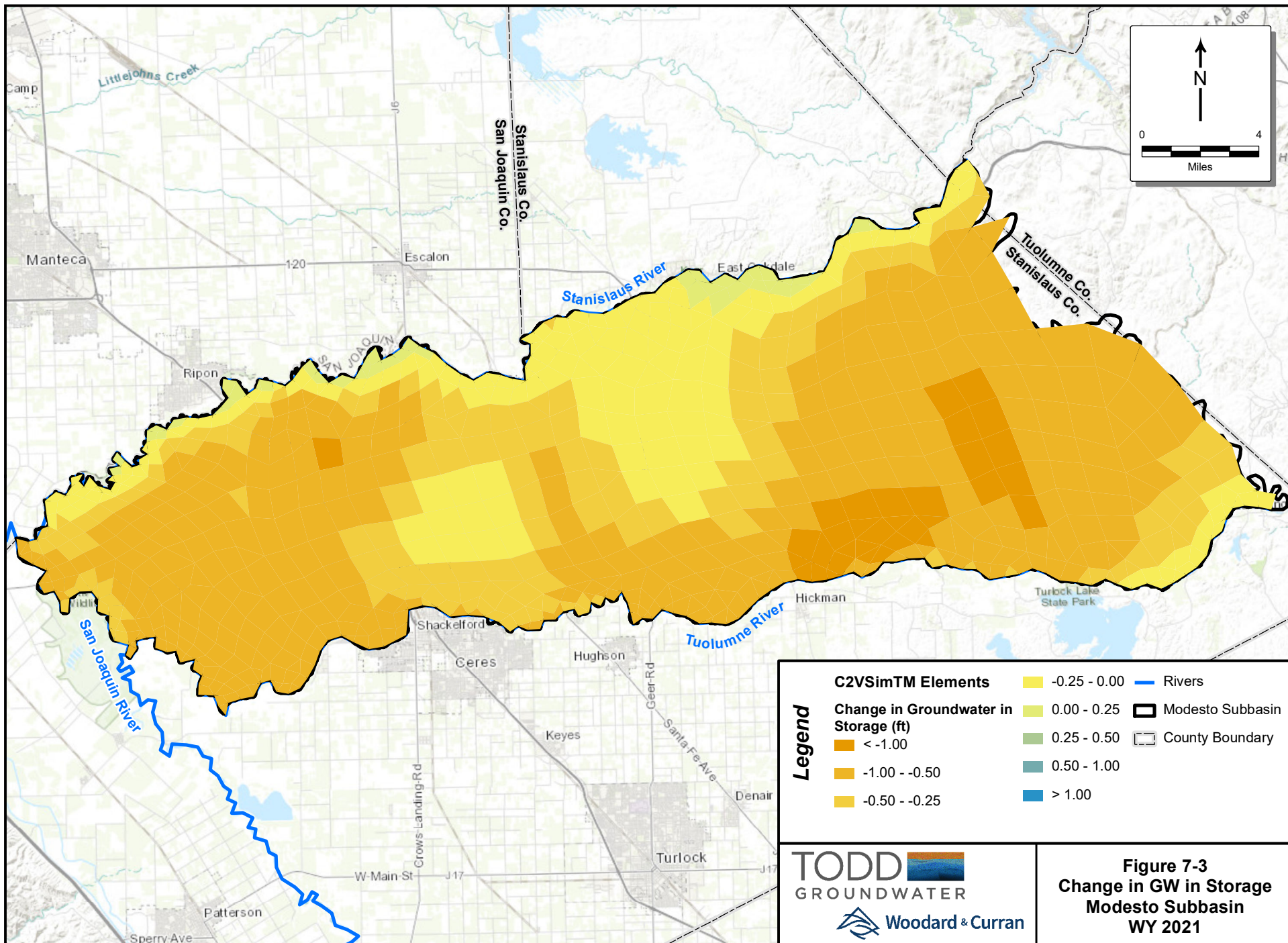


■ Agricultural GW Use   
 ■ Urban GW Use



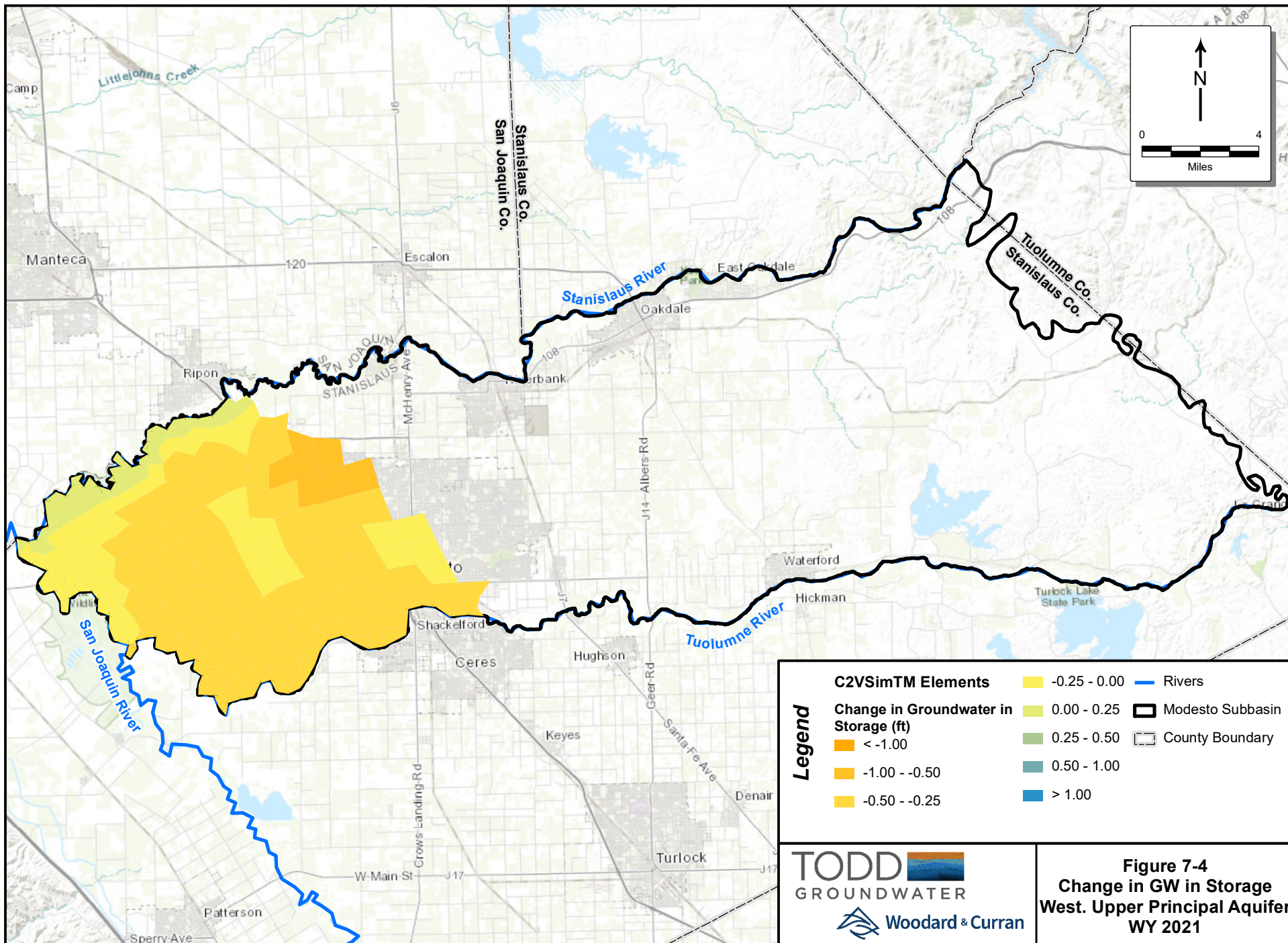
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**Groundwater Use**  
**Modesto Subbasin**  
**WY 1991 - 2021**



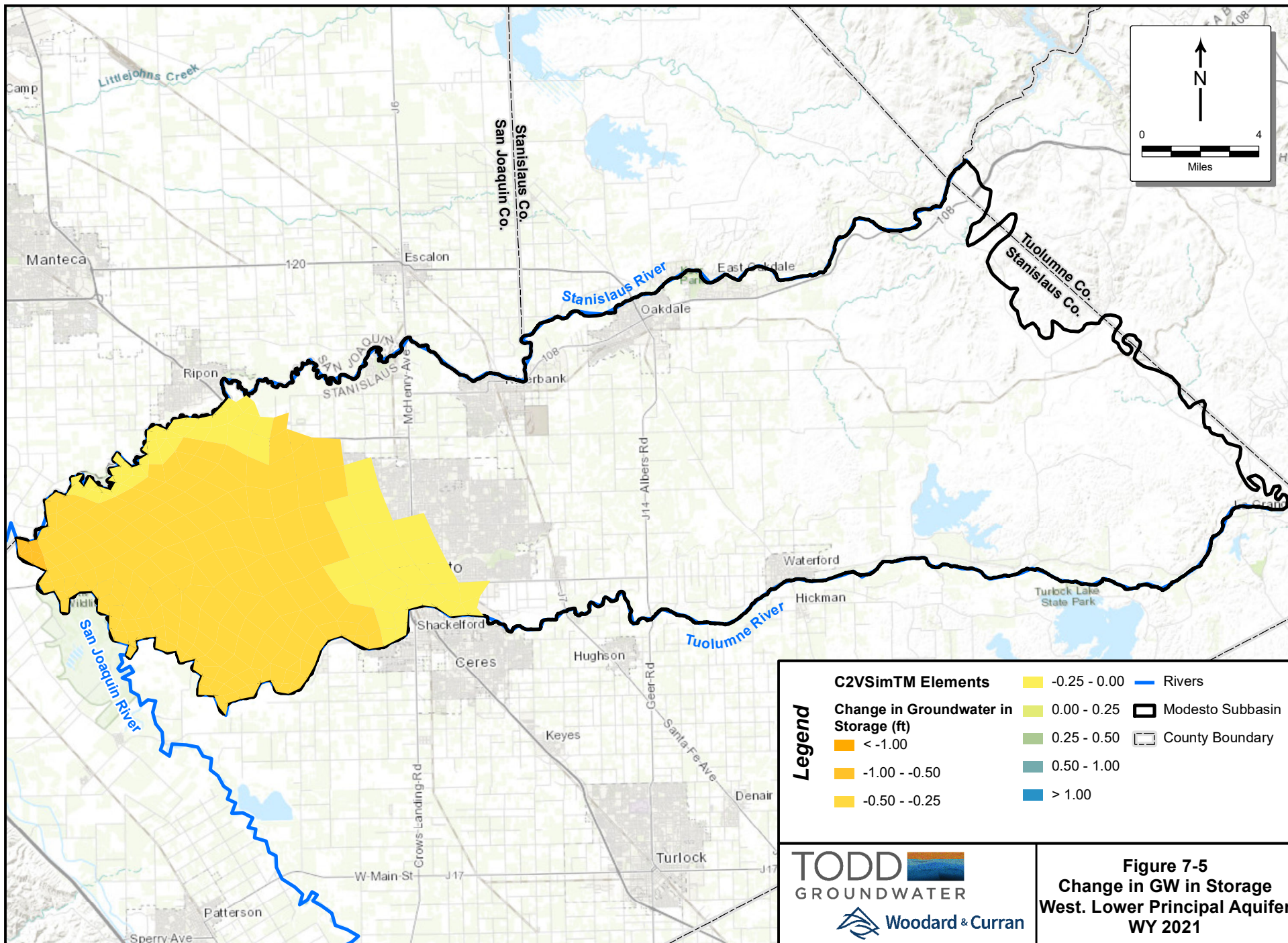


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**Change in GW in Storage**  
**Modesto Subbasin**  
**WY 2021**

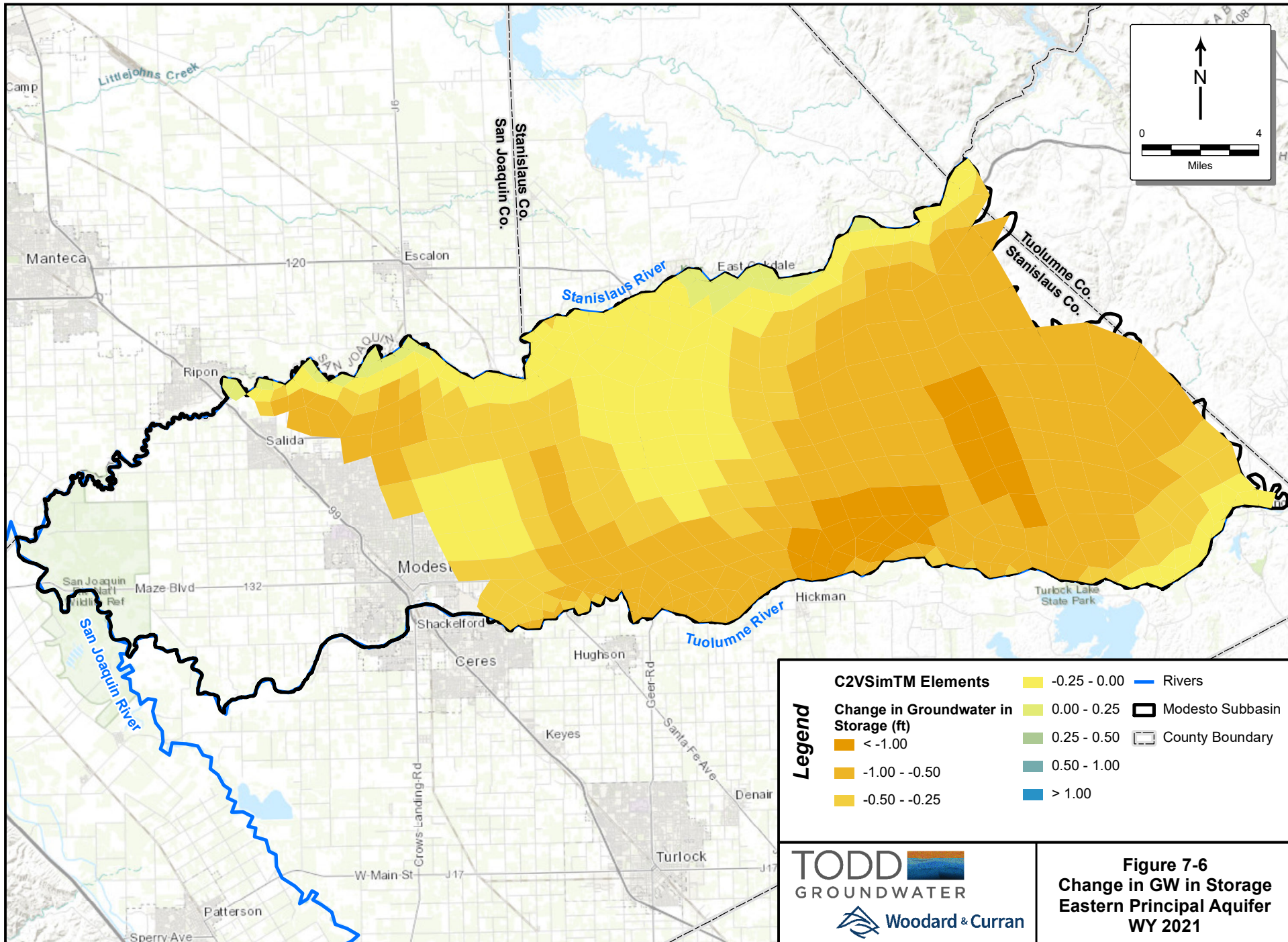




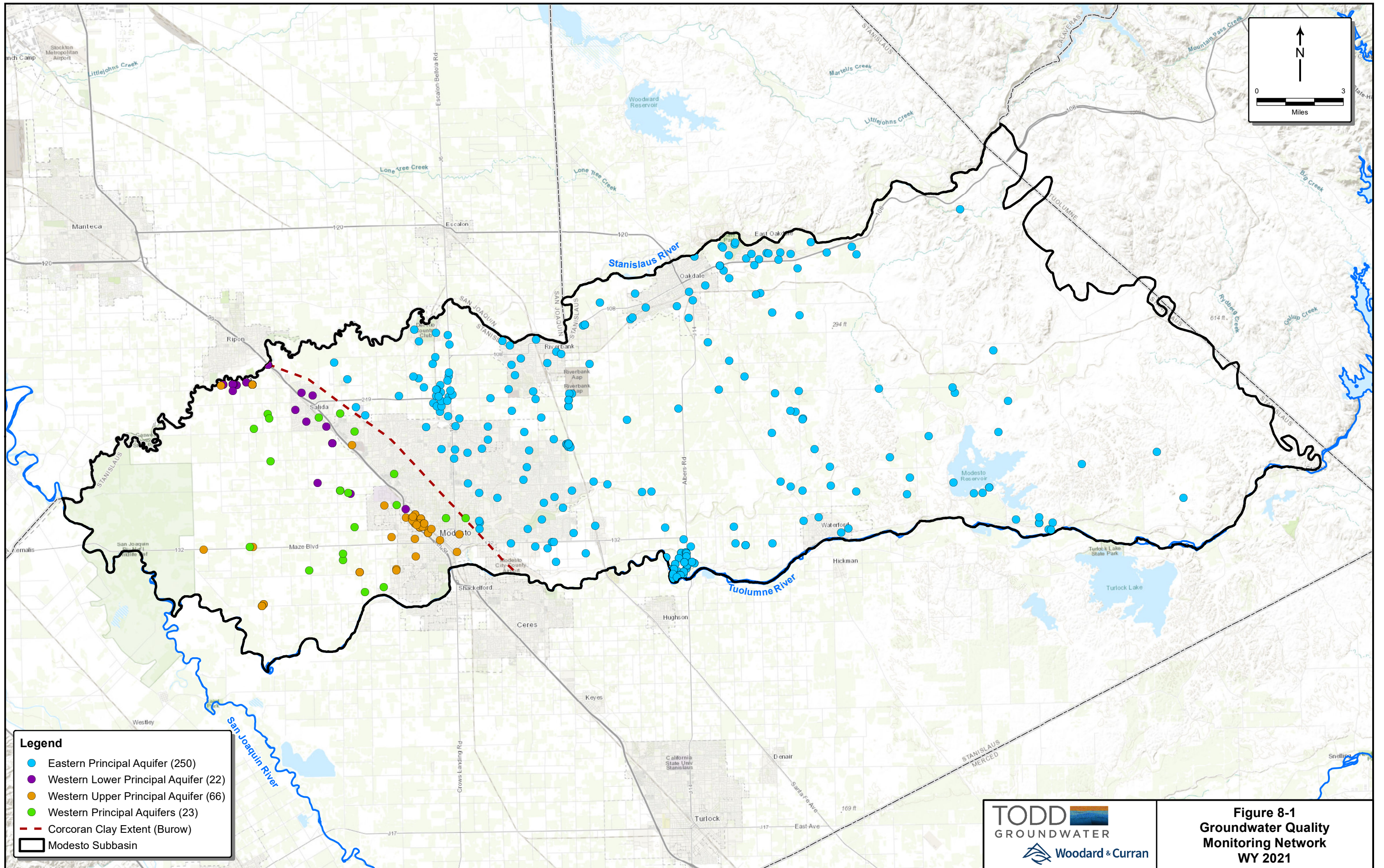






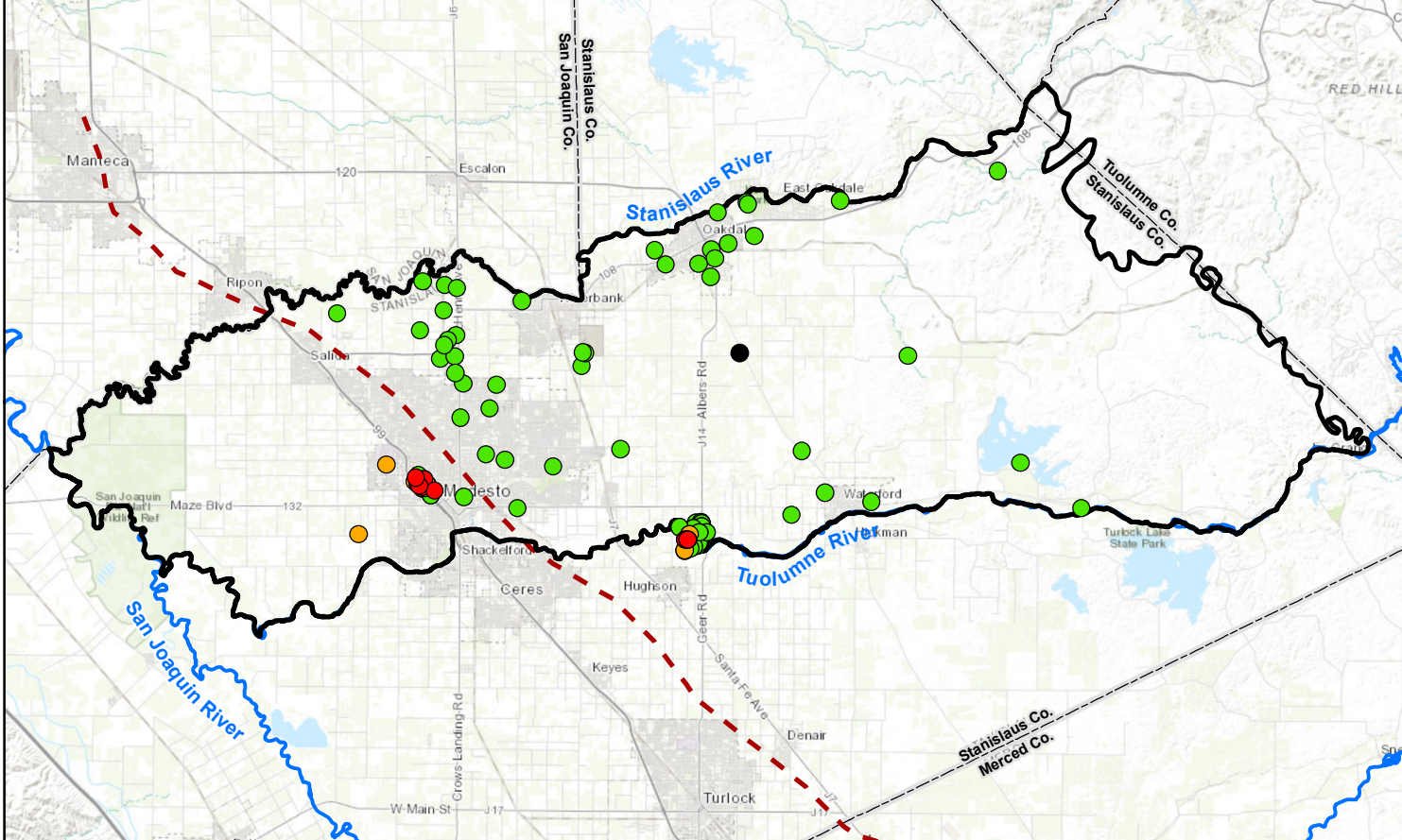




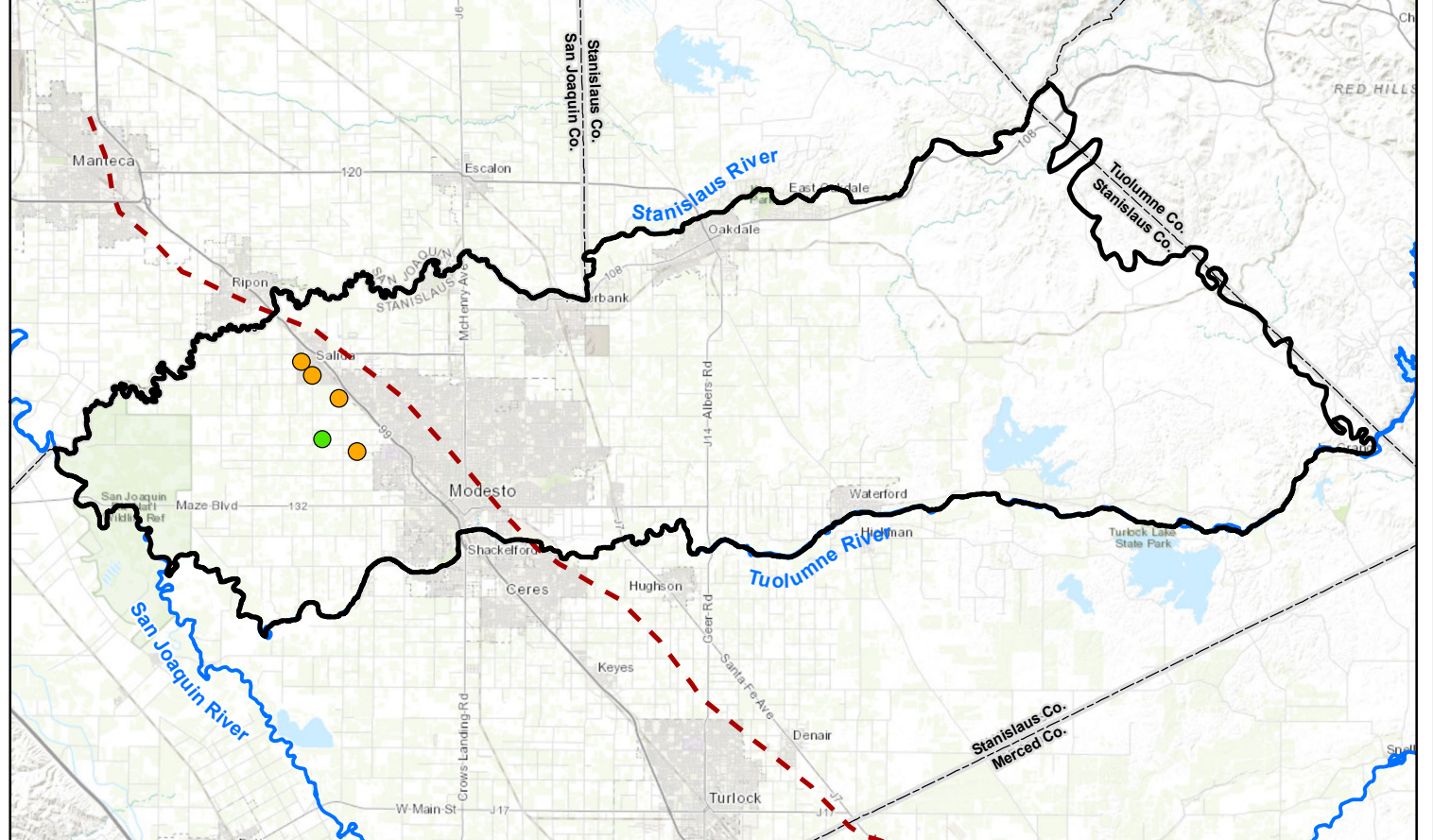




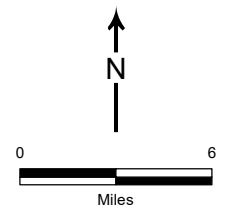
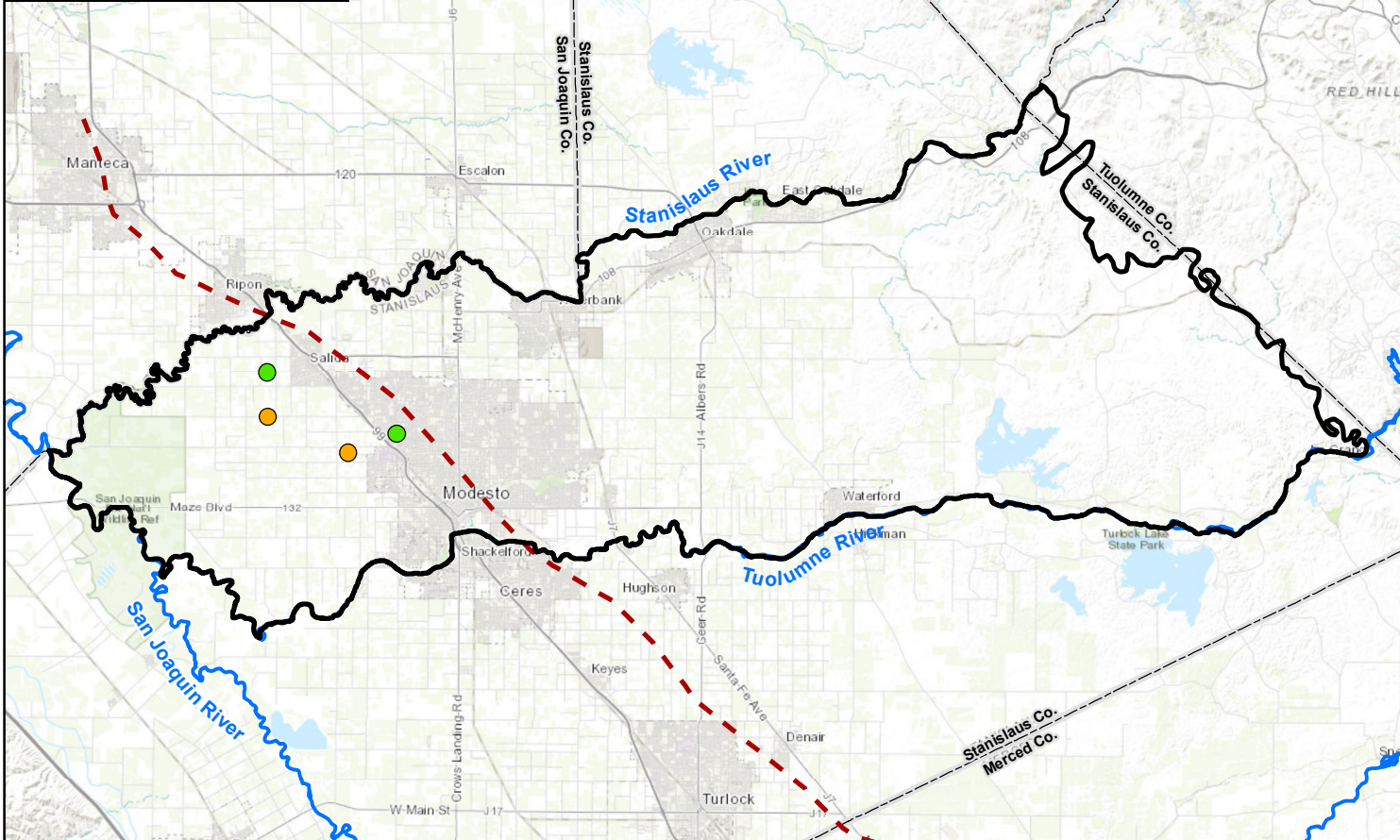
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**Western Lower Principal Aquifer**



**Western Principal Aquifers**



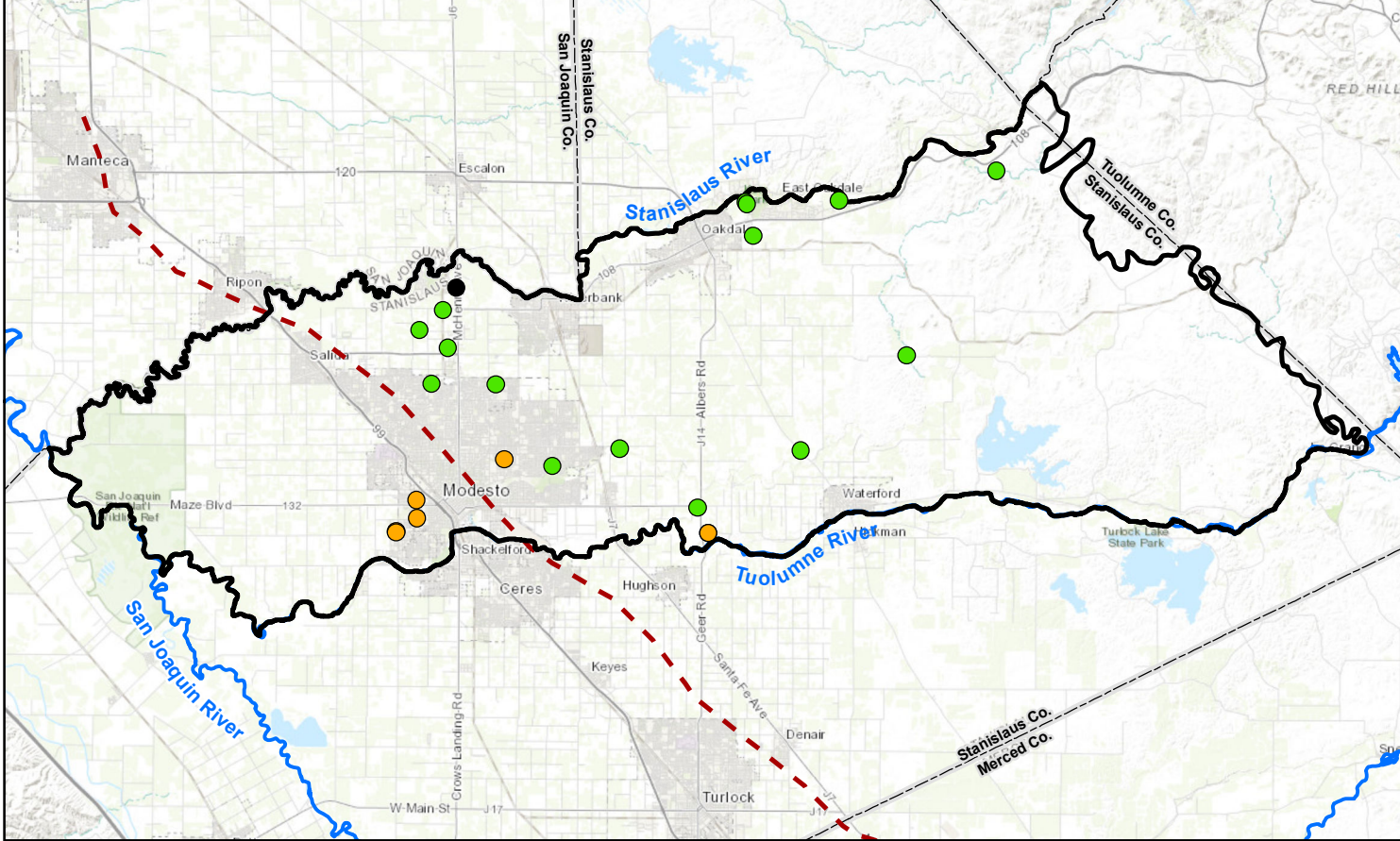
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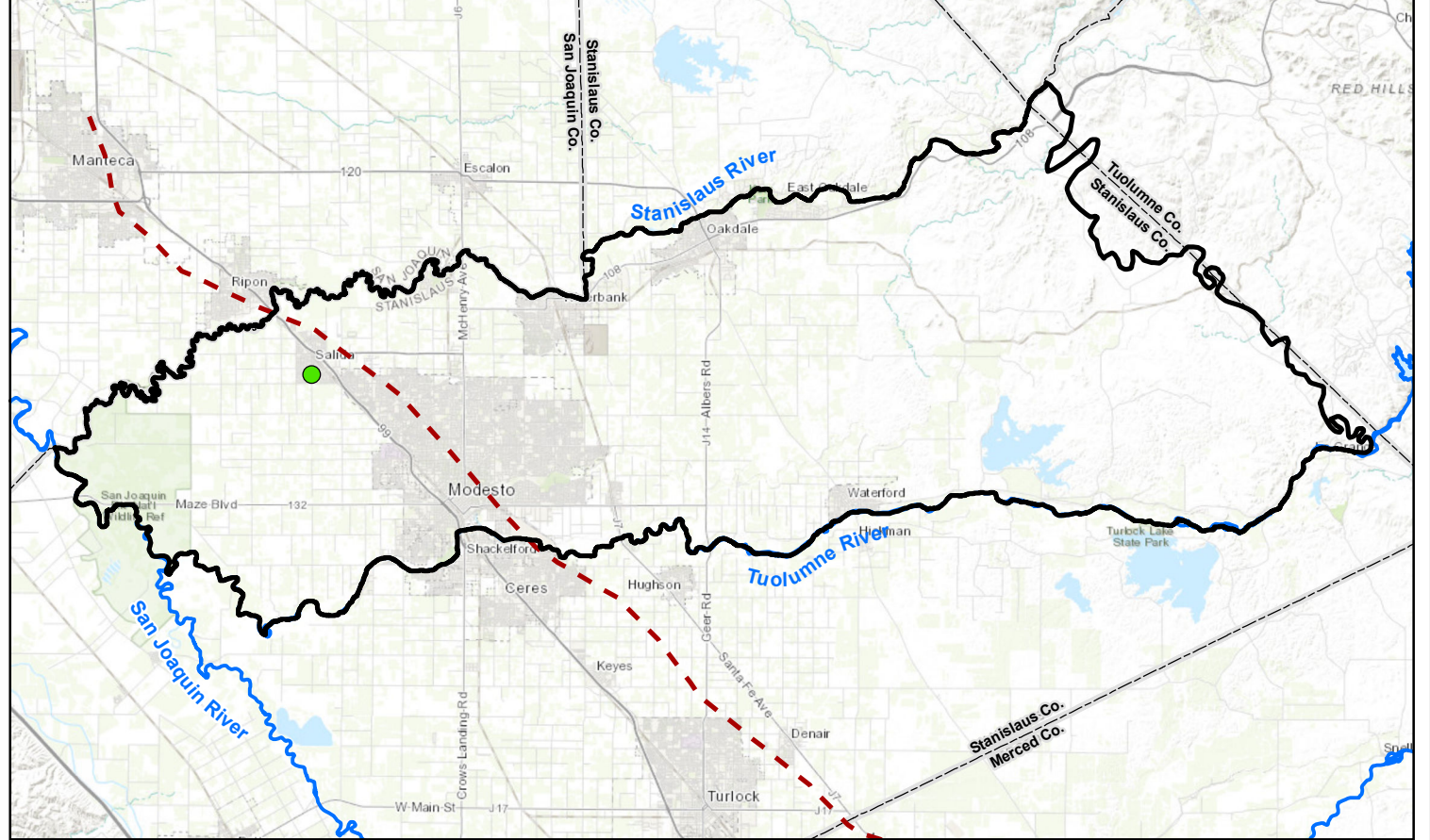
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**WY 1991 - WY 2021**



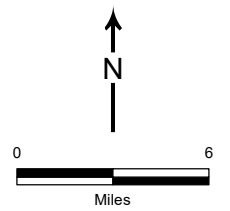
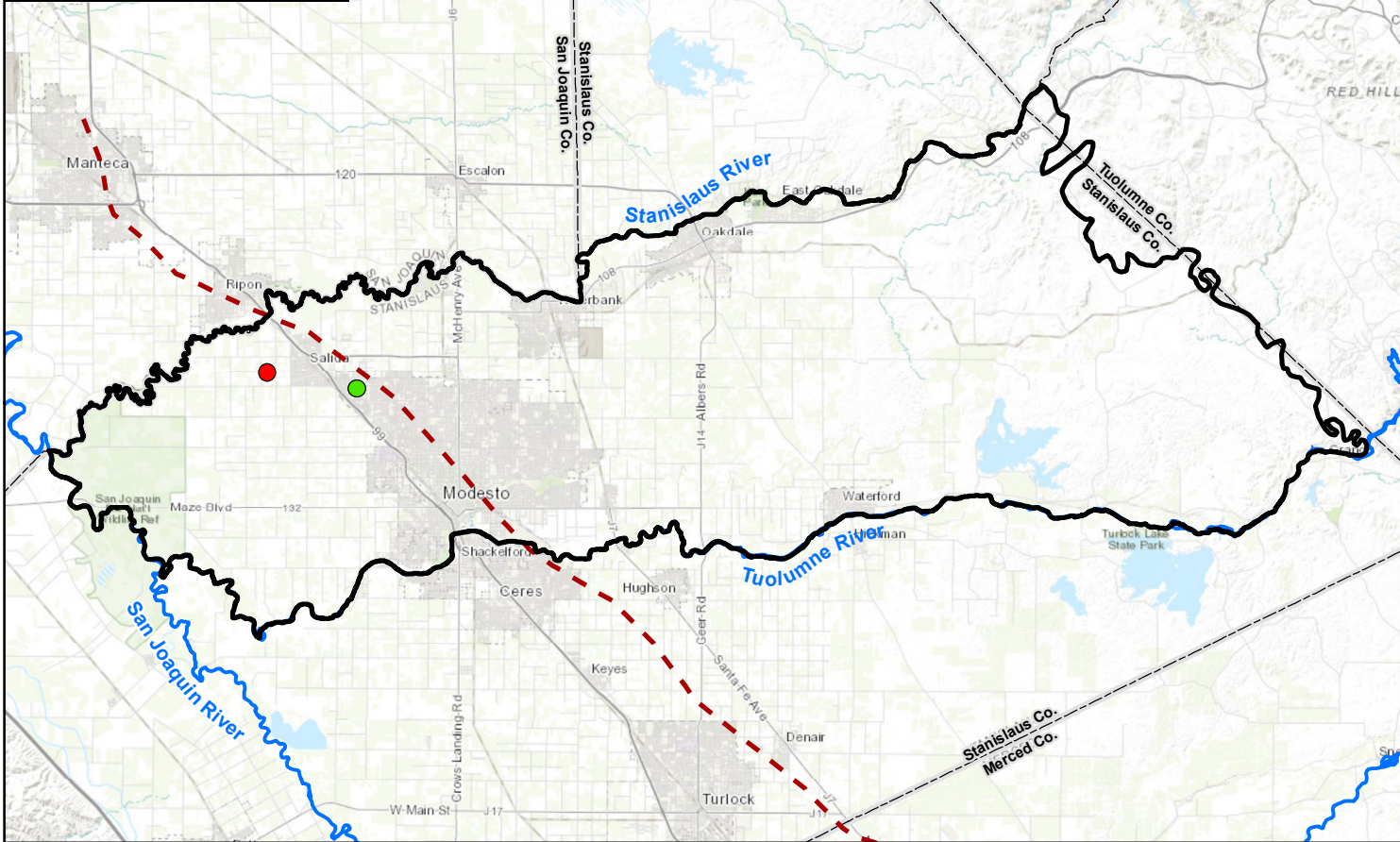
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**Western Lower Principal Aquifer**



**Western Principal Aquifers**



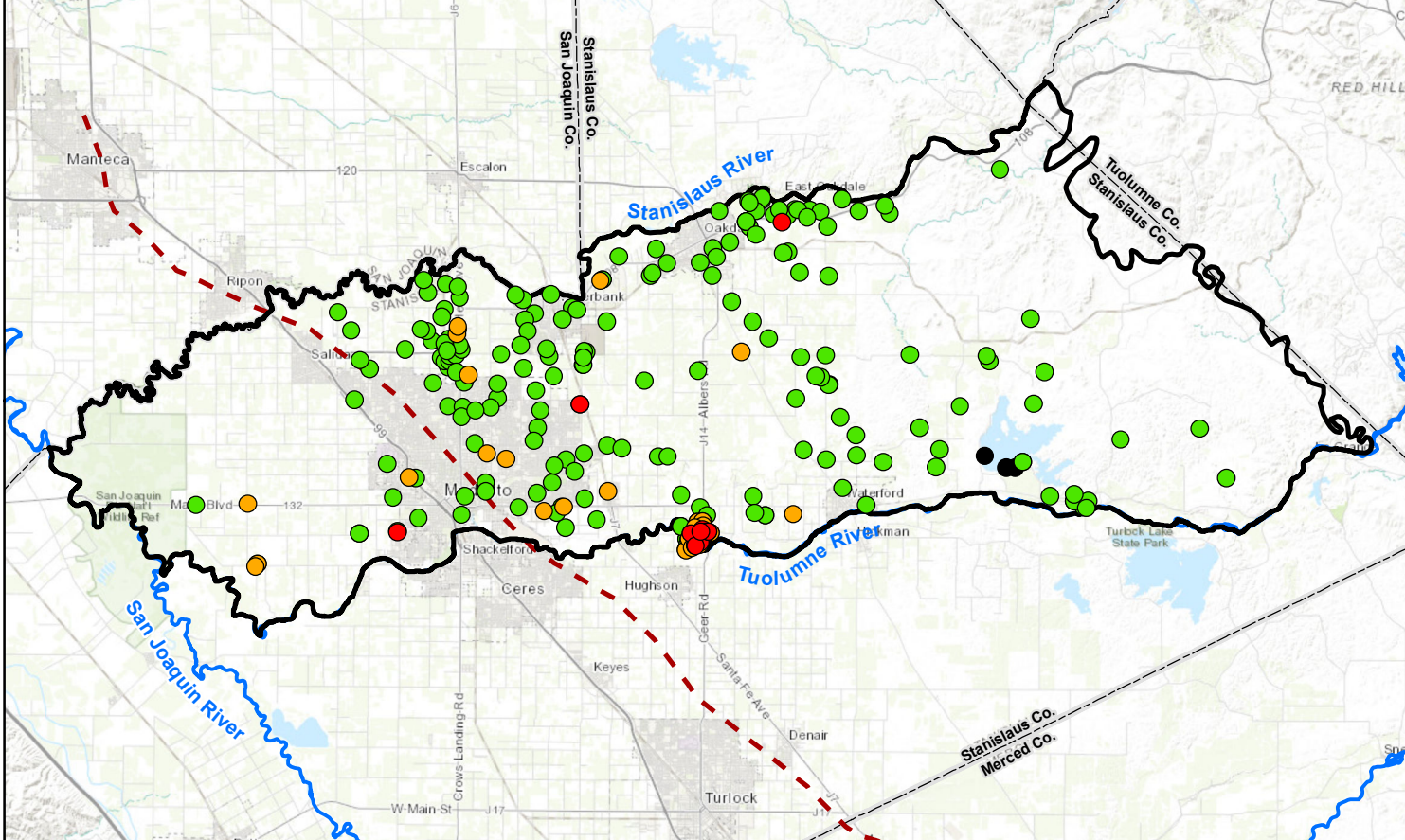
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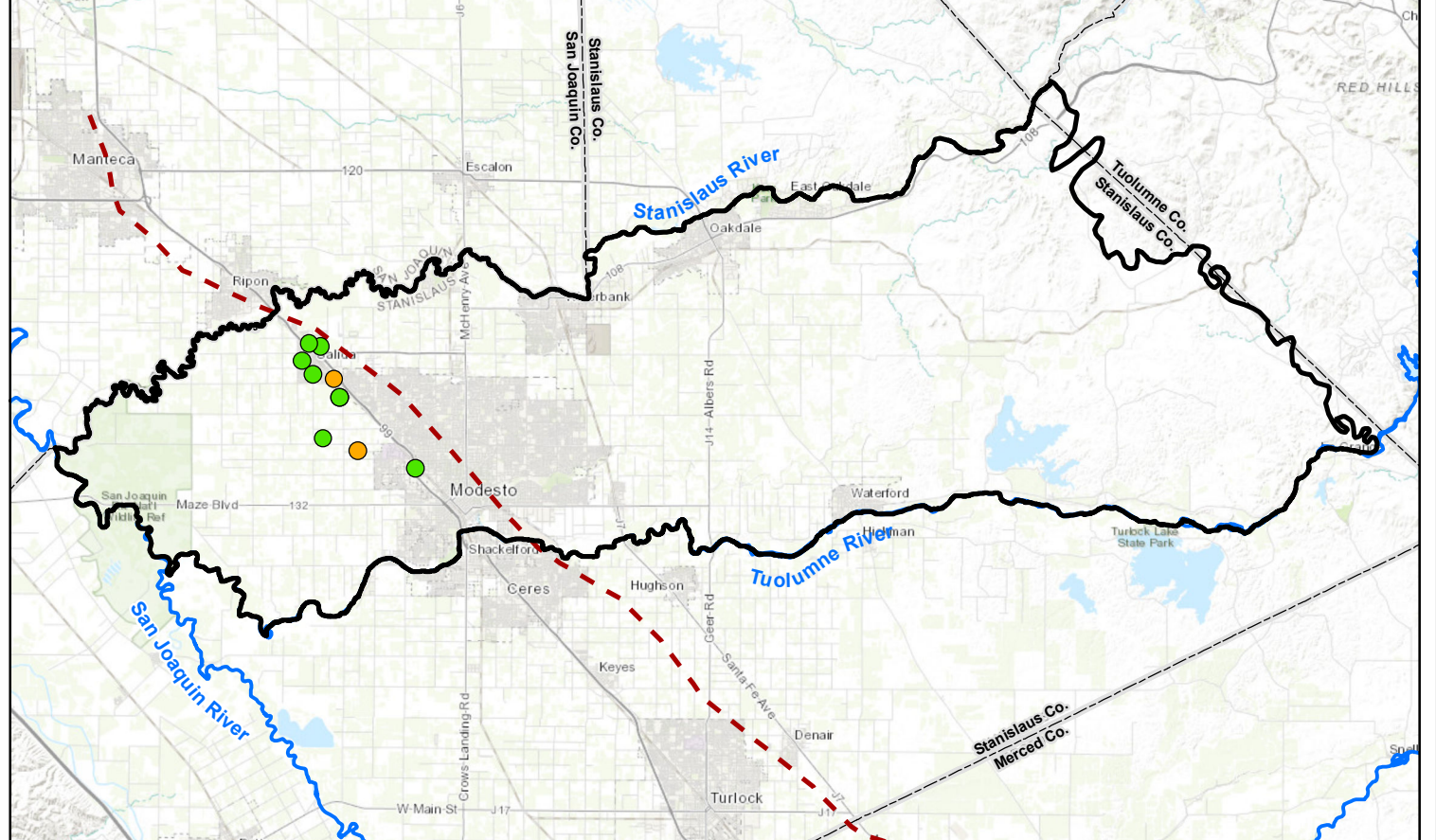
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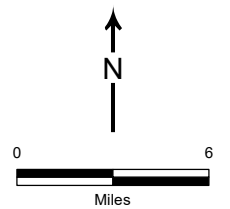
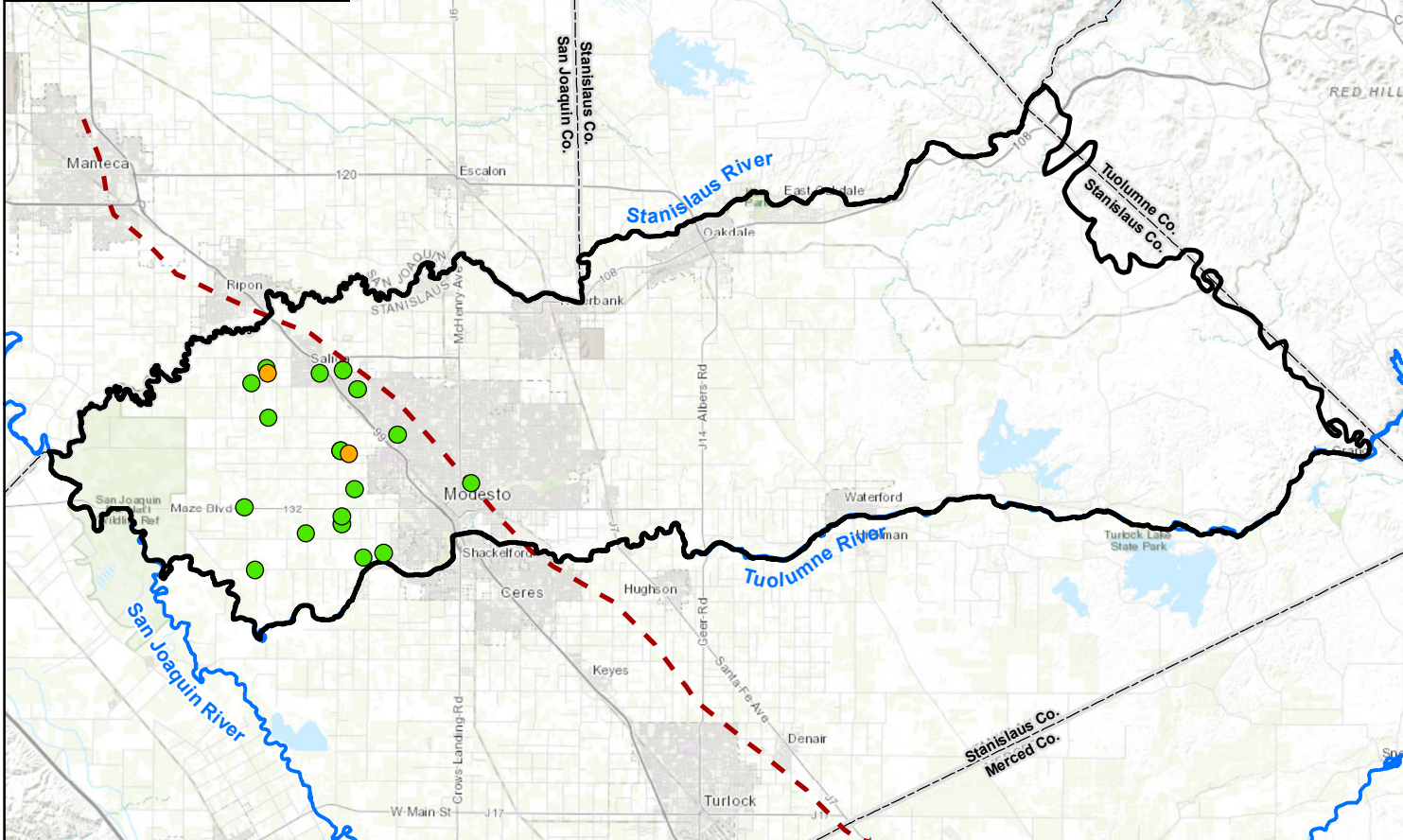
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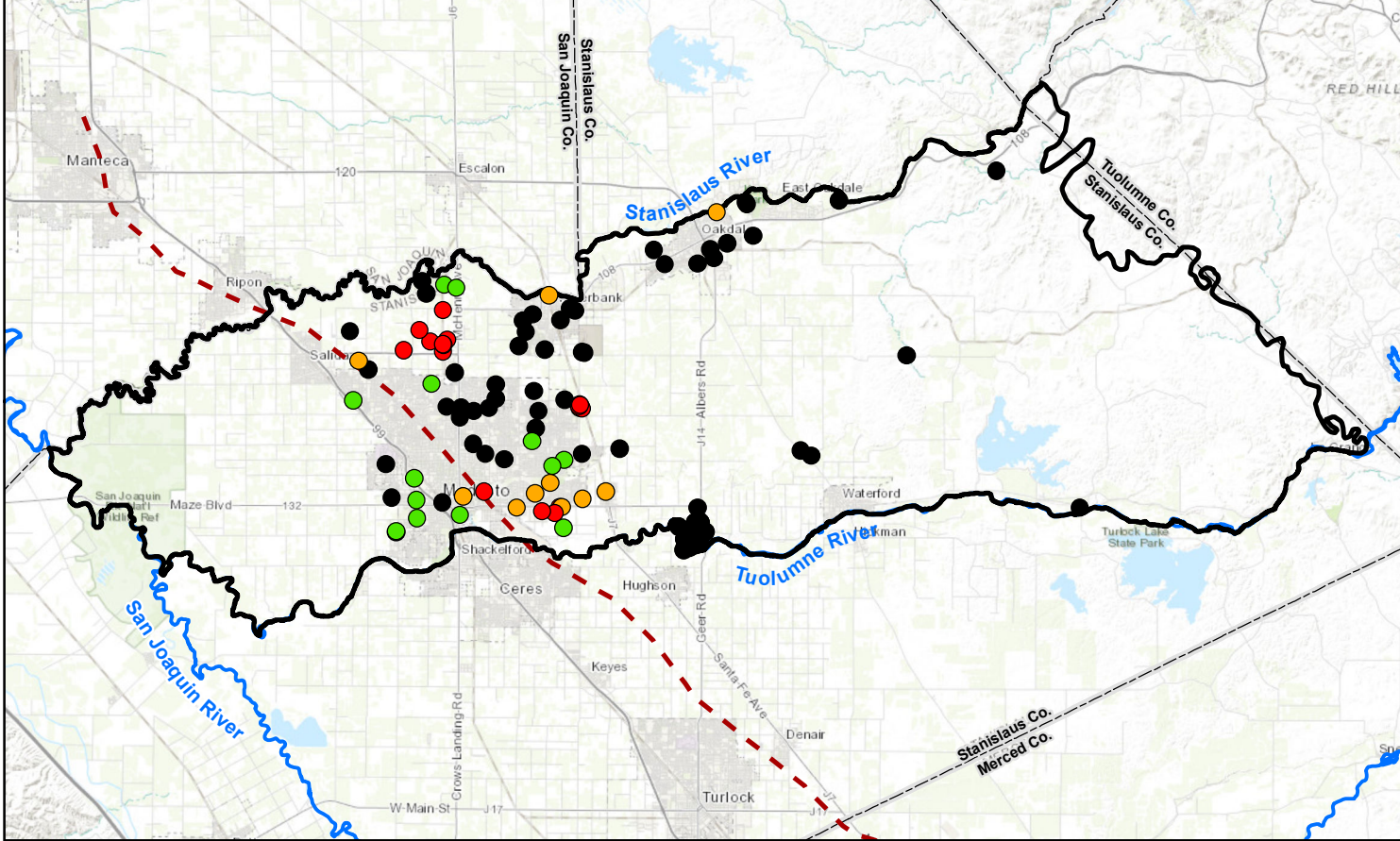
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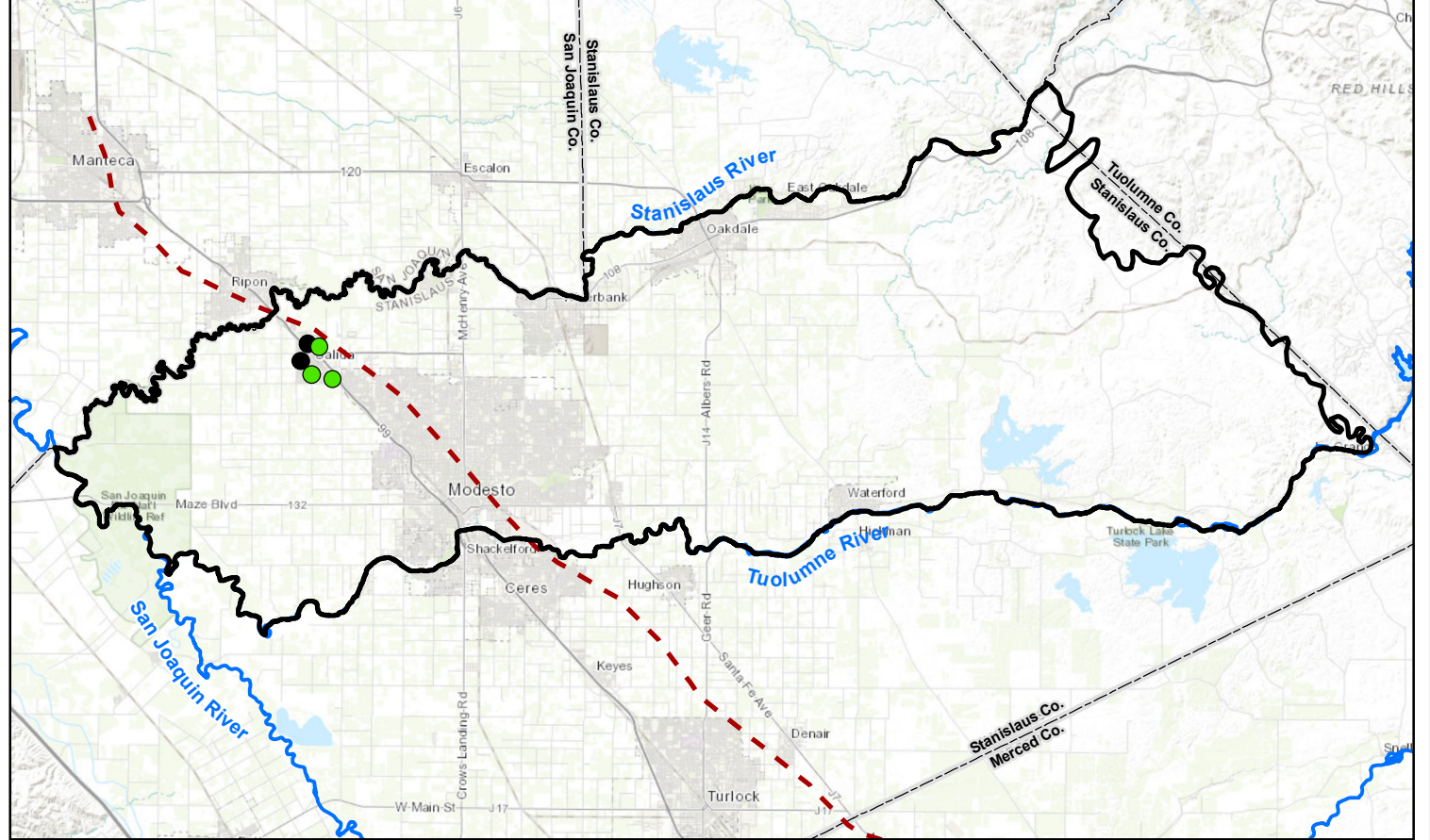
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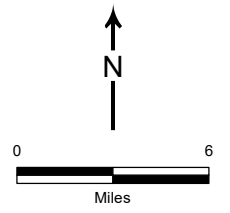
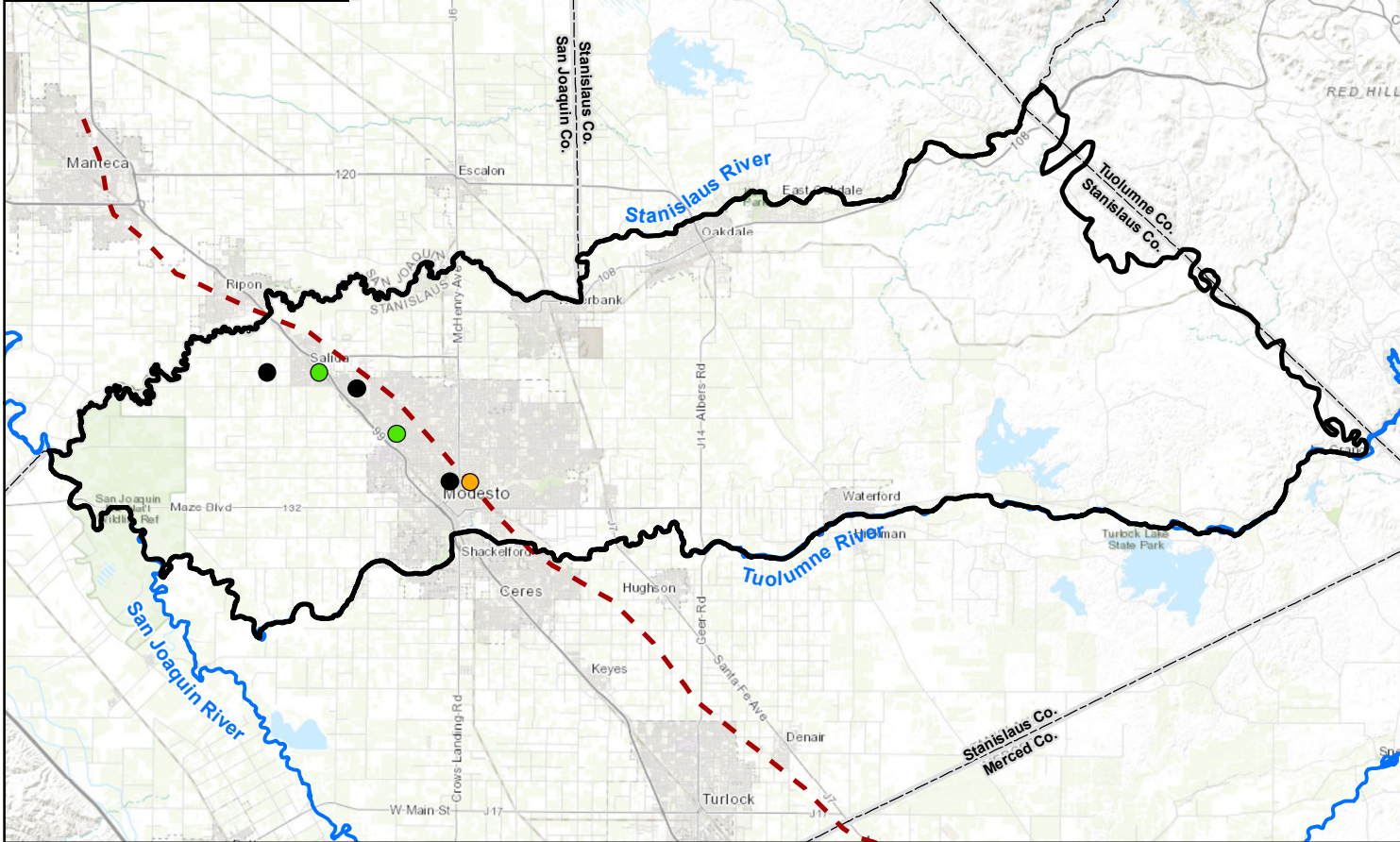
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**Western Principal Aquifers**



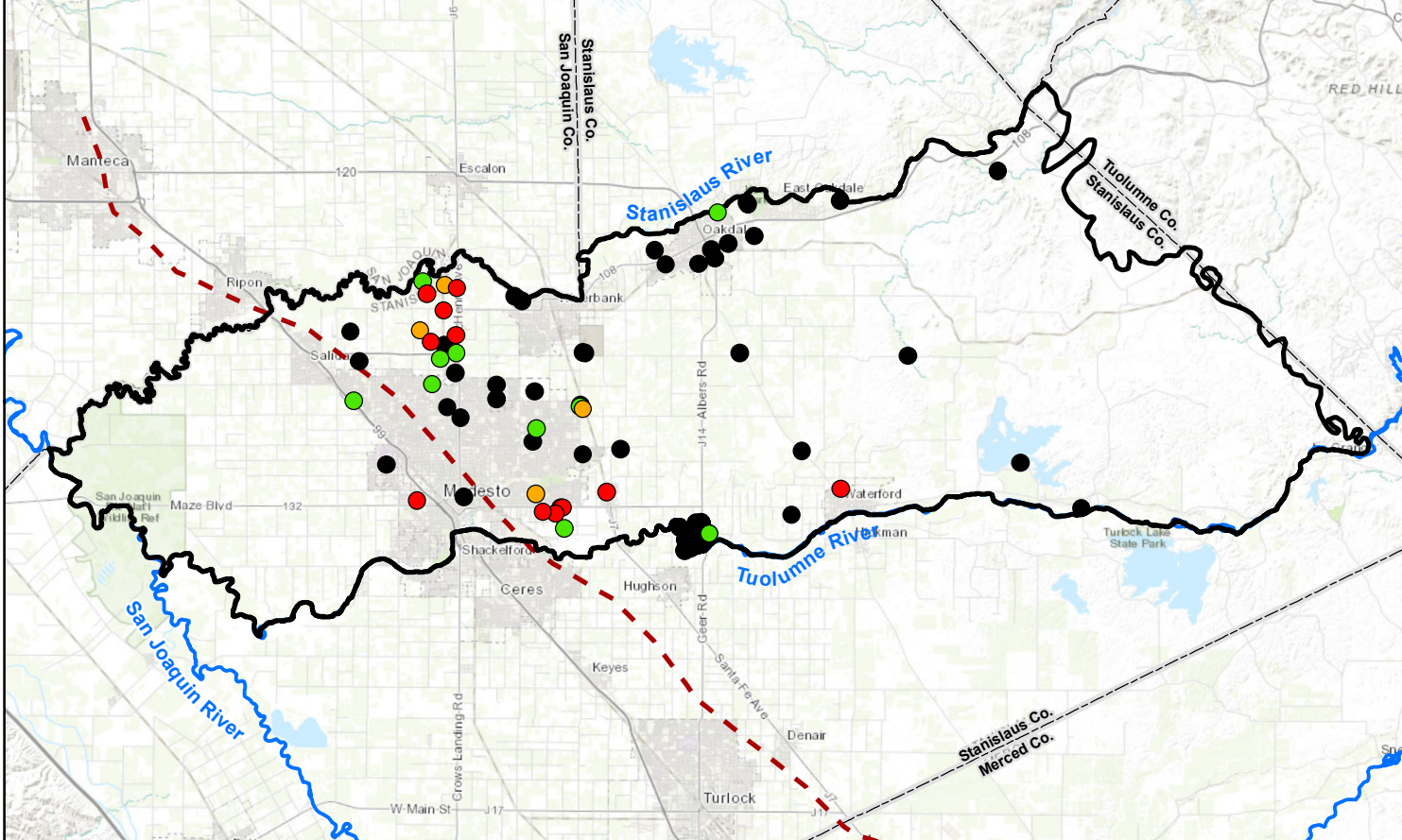
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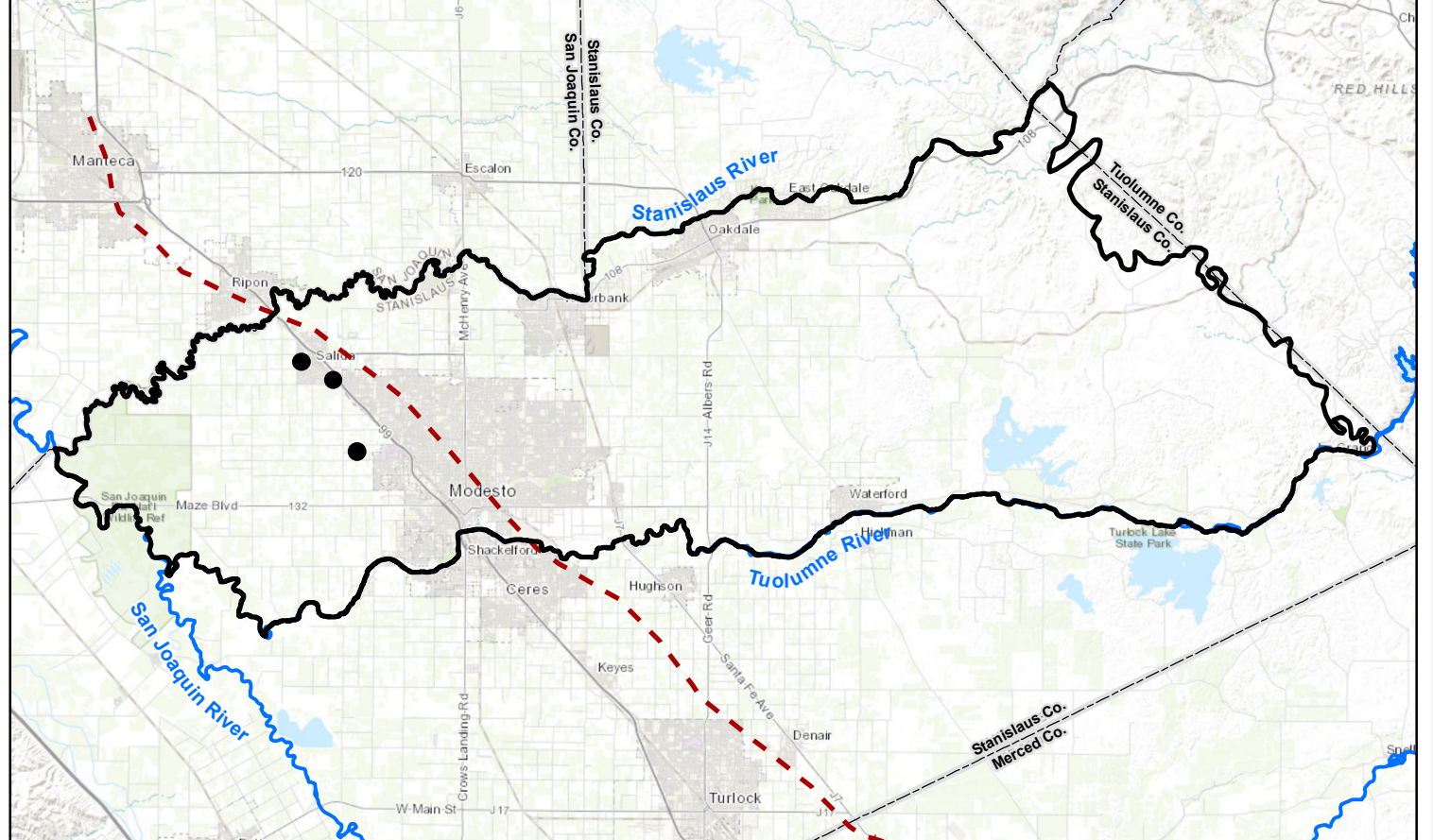
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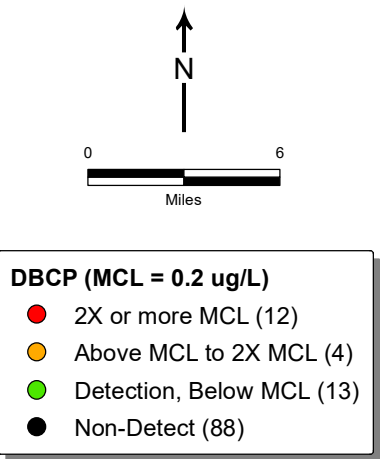
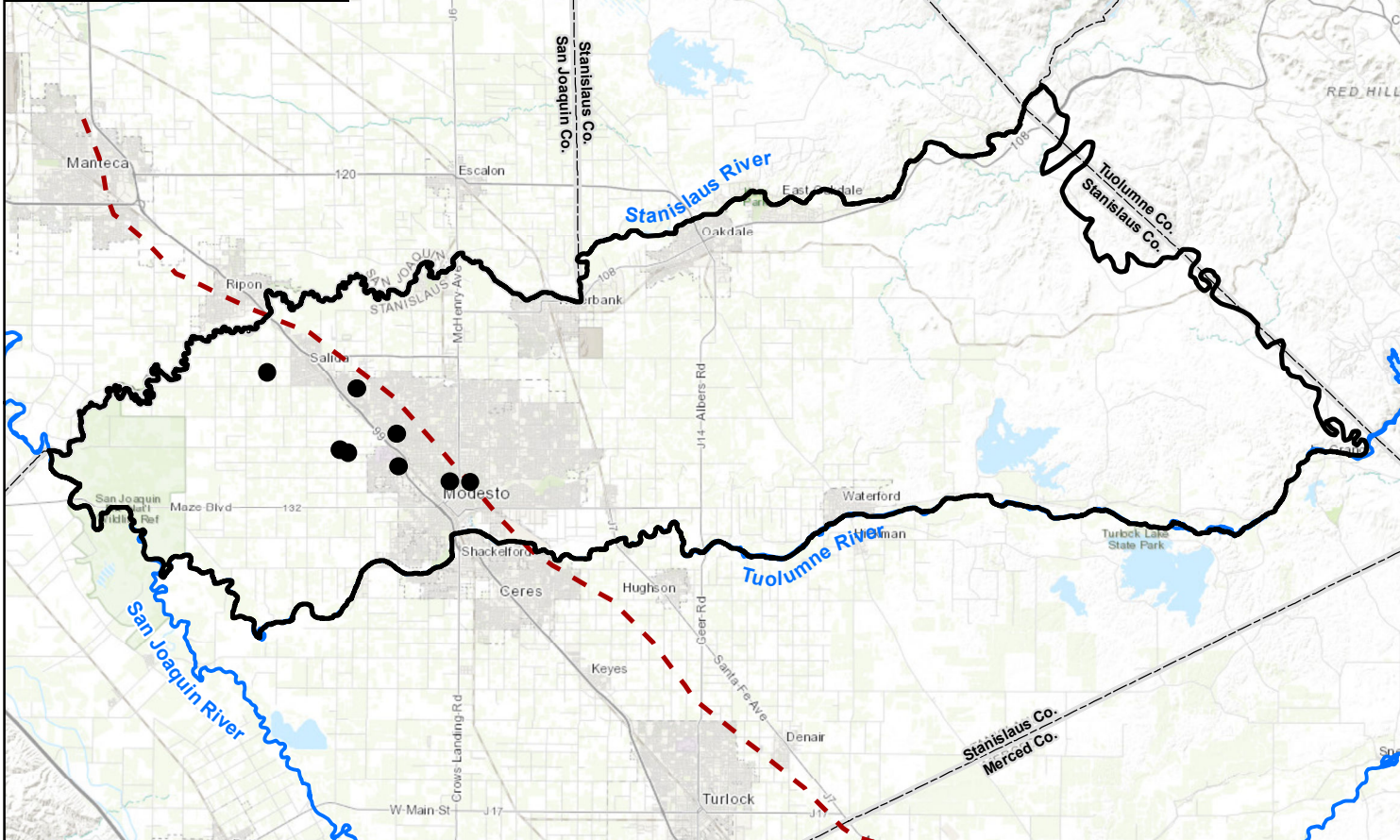
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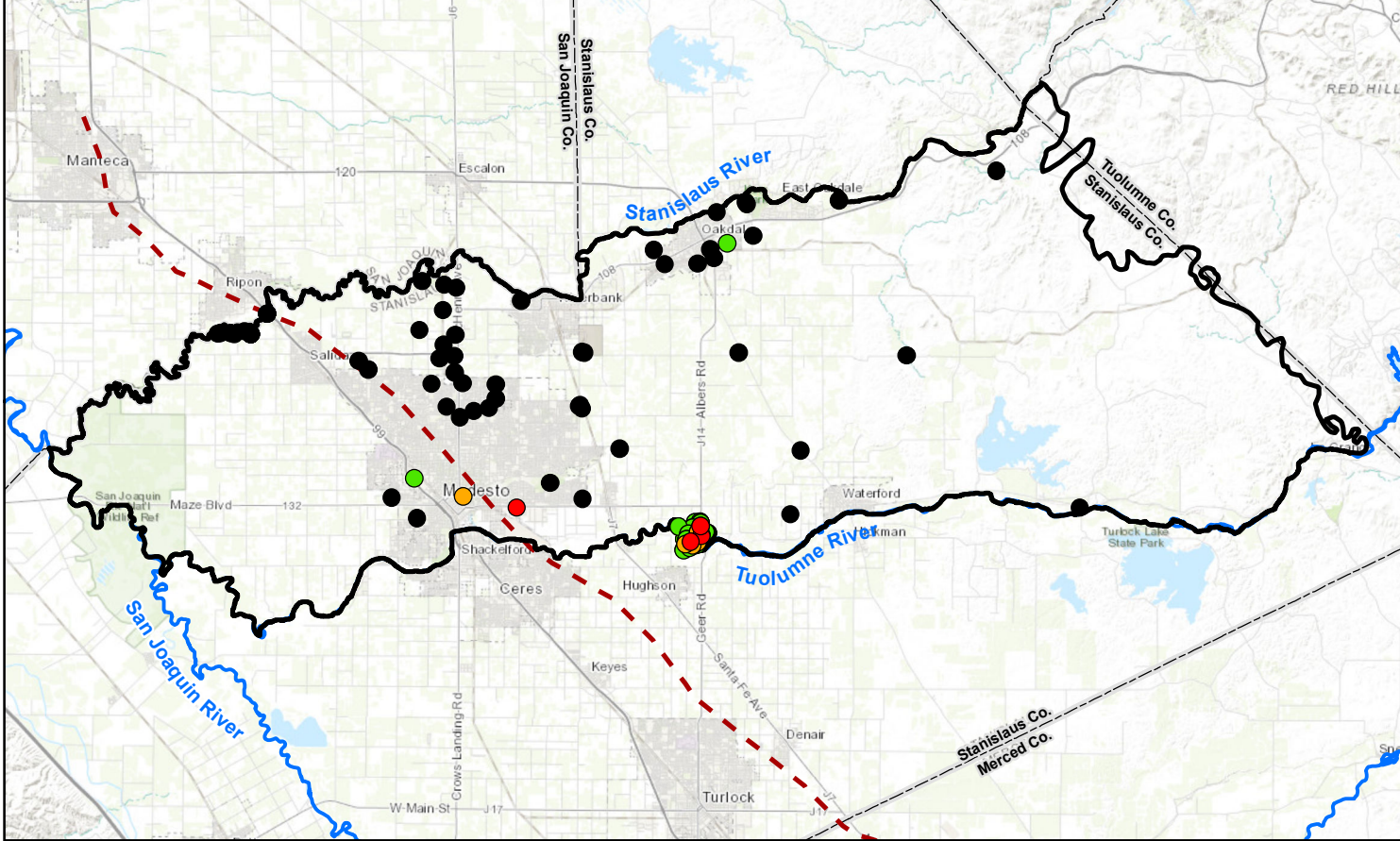
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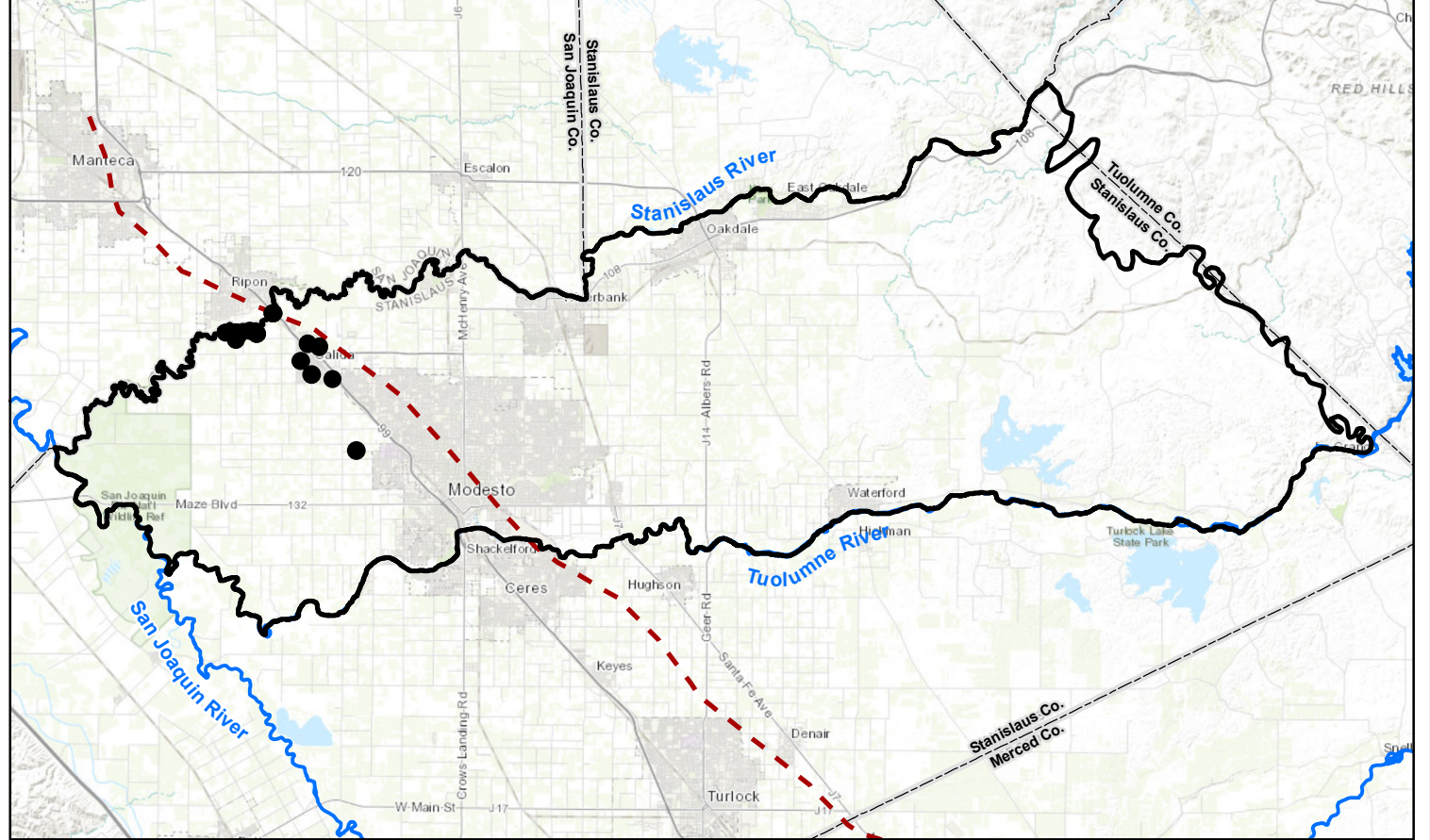
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WY 1991 - WY 2021



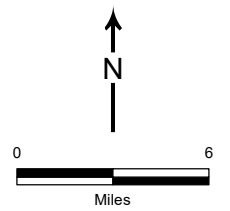
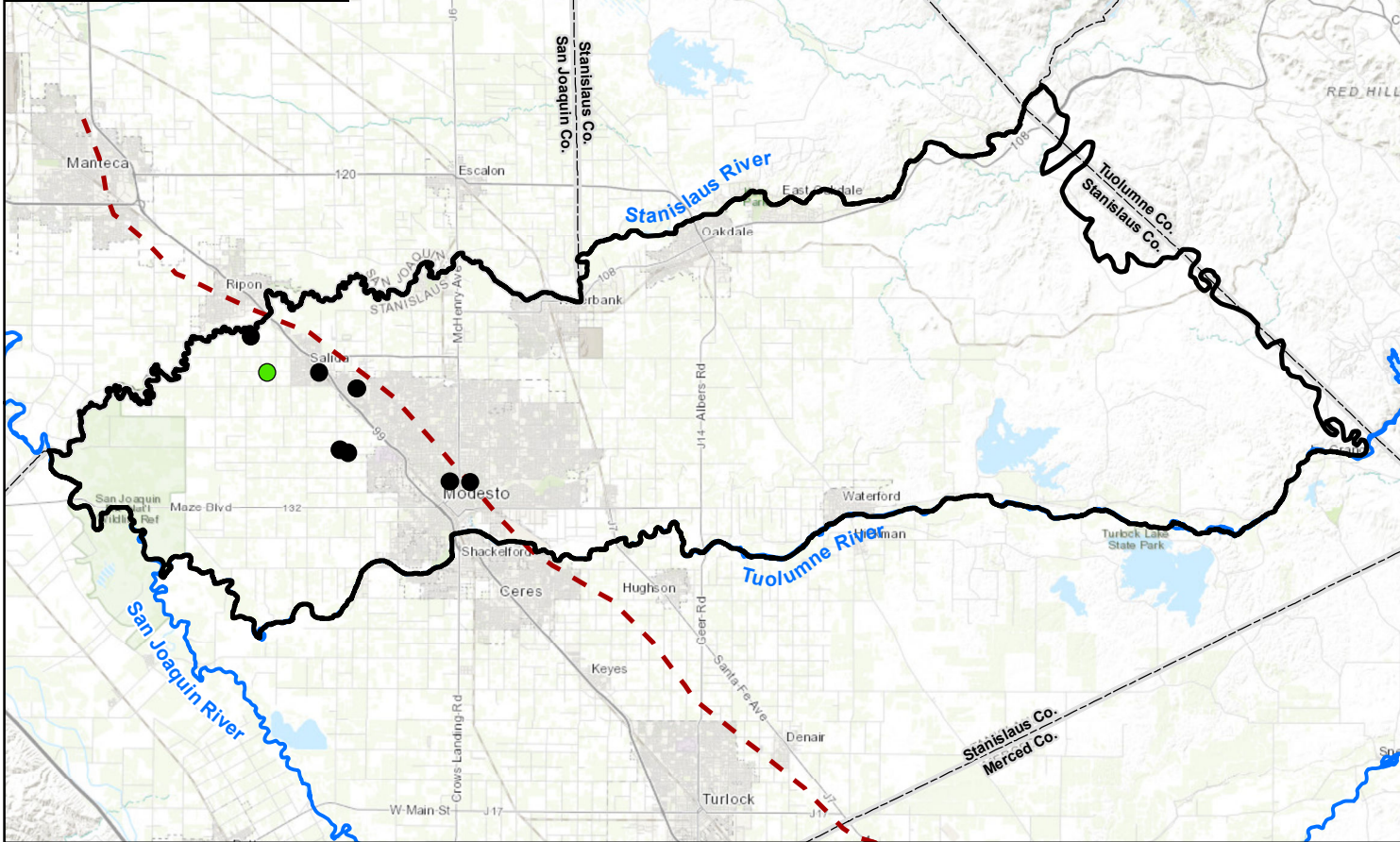
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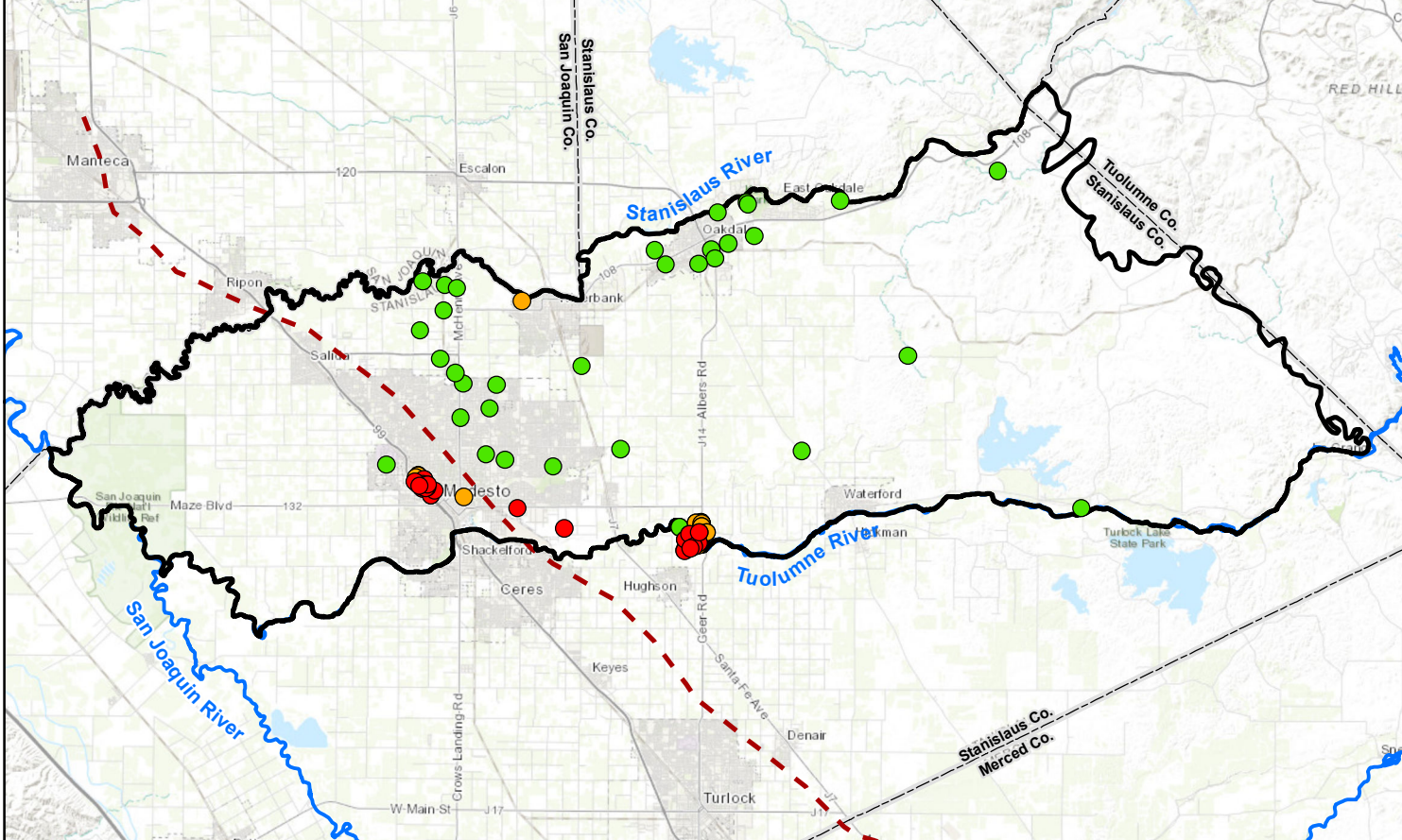
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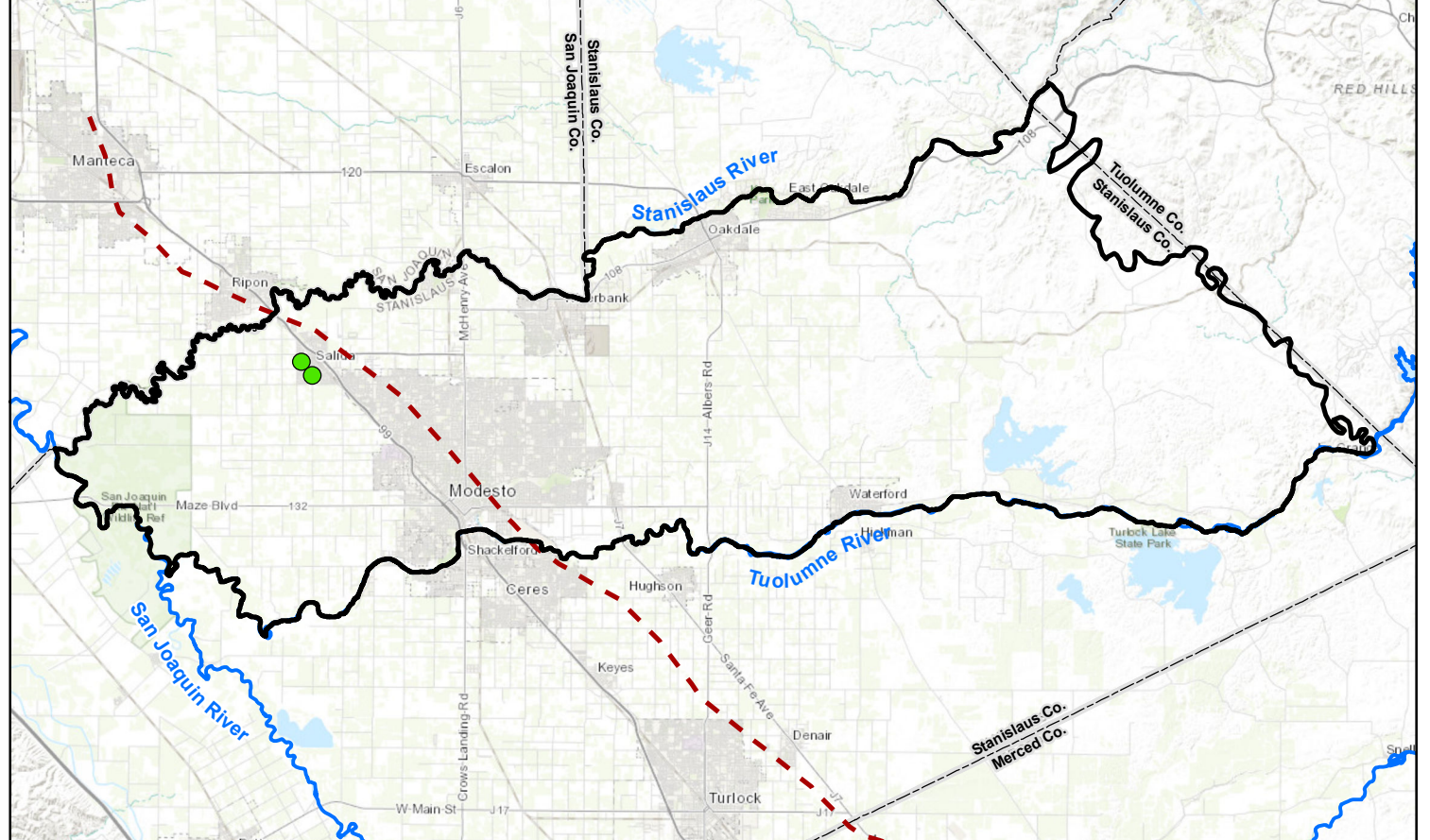
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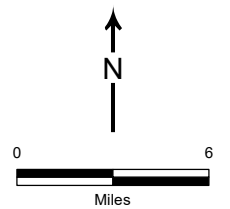
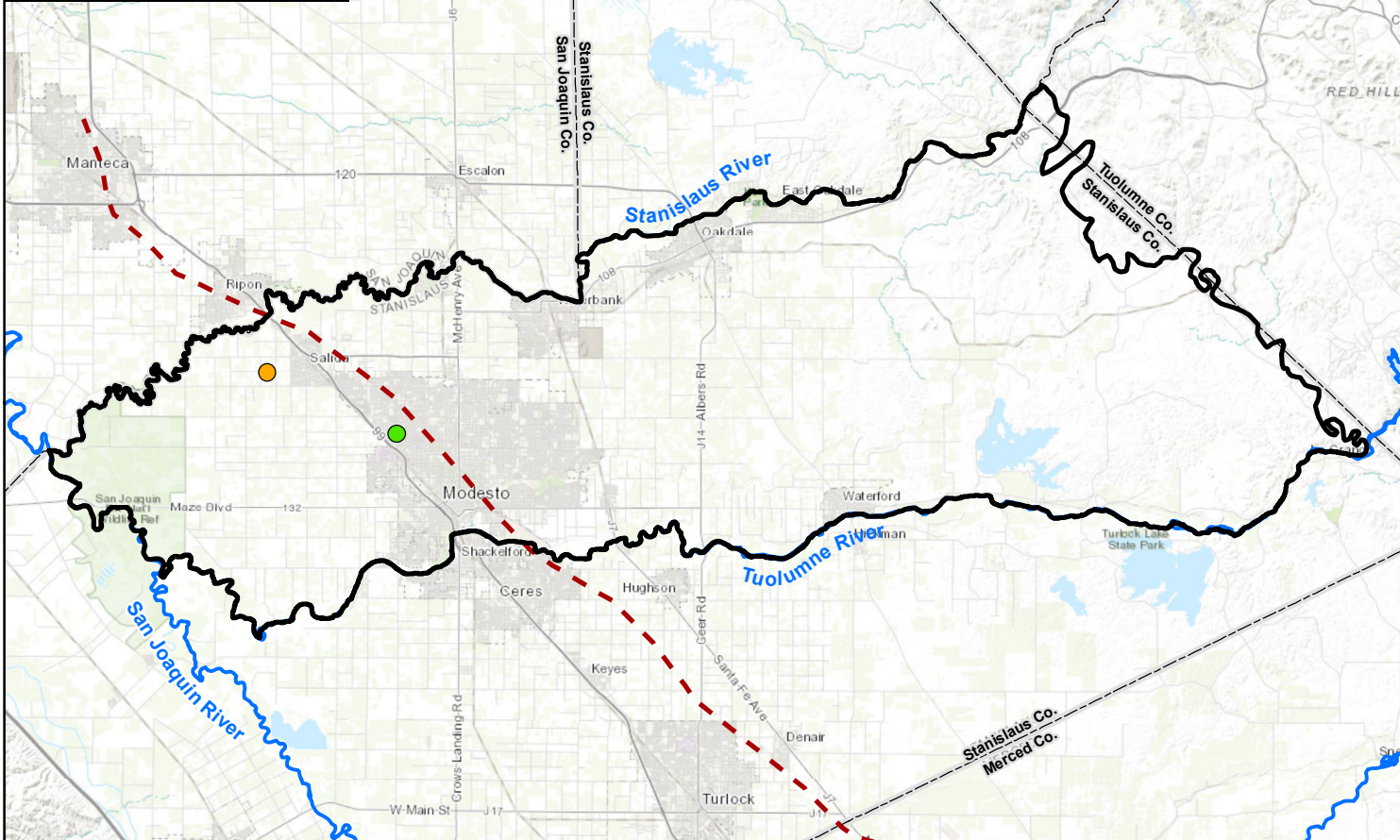
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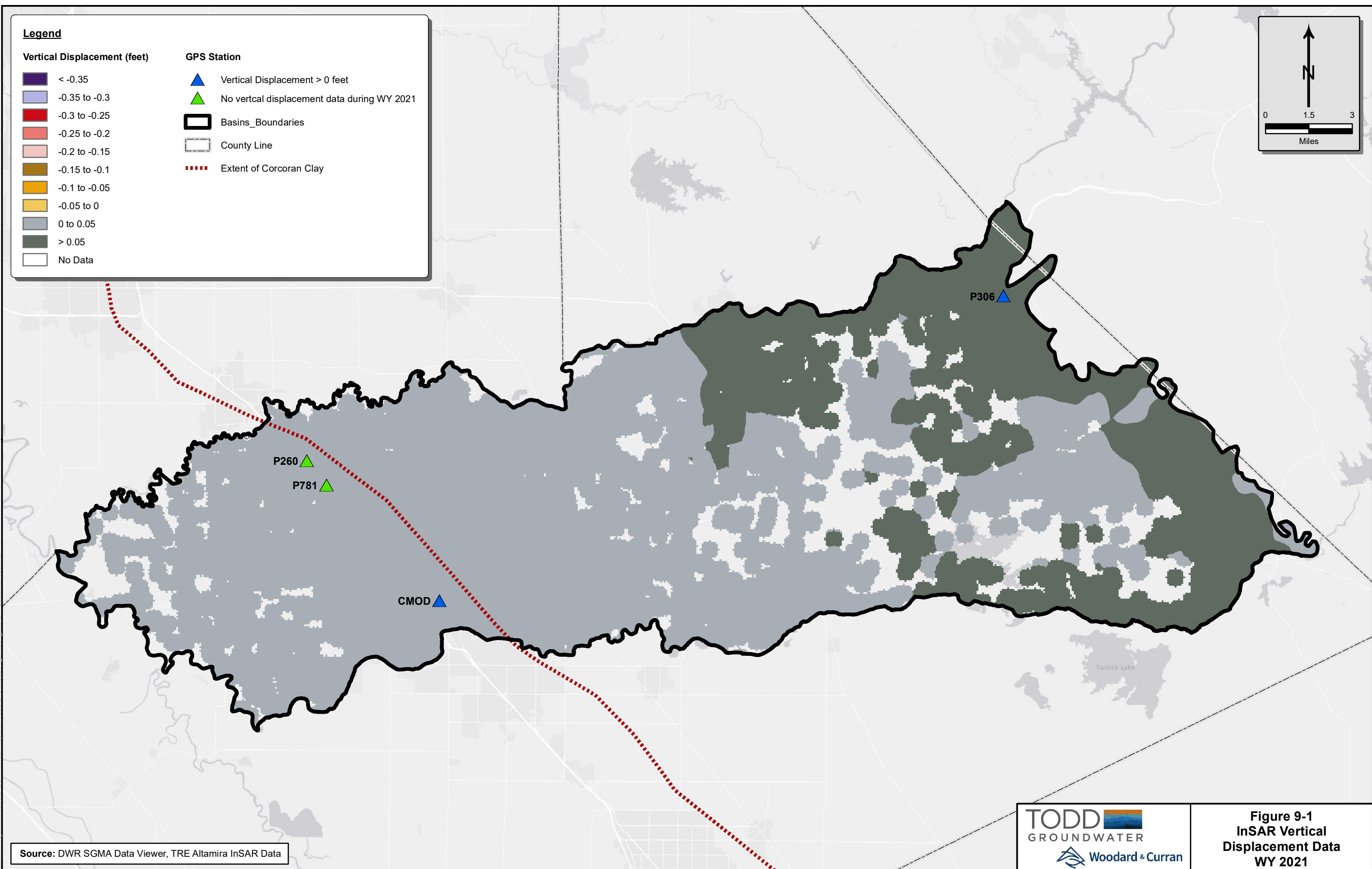


- TDS (MCL = 500 mg/L)**
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**Figure 8-8**  
**Maximum Concentrations**  
**of TDS in Groundwater**  
**WY 1991 - WY 2021**





**Legend**

<b>Vertical Displacement (feet)</b>	<b>GPS Station</b>
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North Arrow

0 1.5 3 Miles

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Source: DWR SGMA Data Viewer, TRE Altamira InSAR Data

**TODD** **GROUNDWATER**

**Woodard & Curran**

**Figure 9-1**  
**InSAR Vertical**  
**Displacement Data**  
**WY 2021**

# **APPENDIX A**

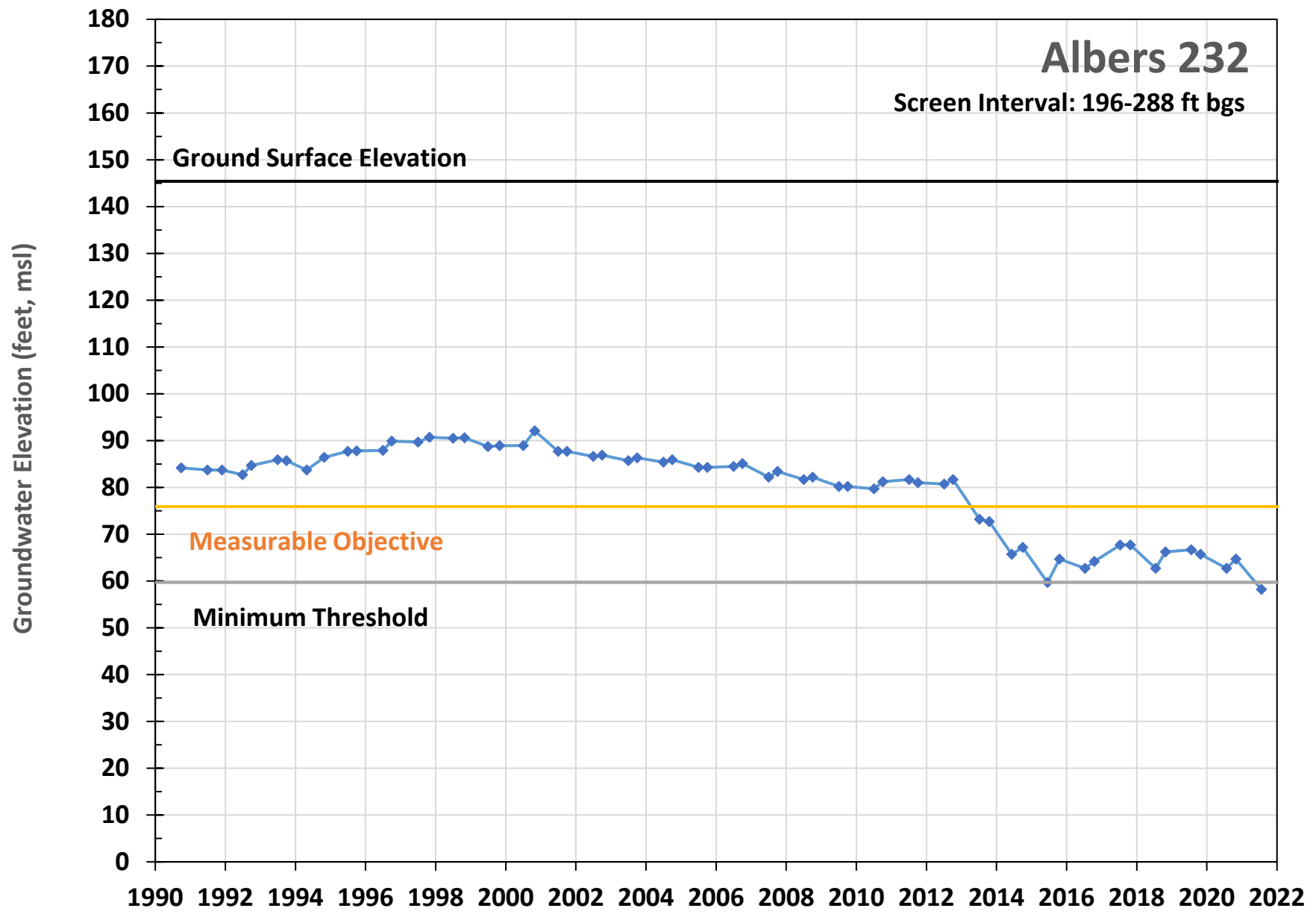
## **Hydrographs**

### **Representative Monitoring Wells GSP Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Network**

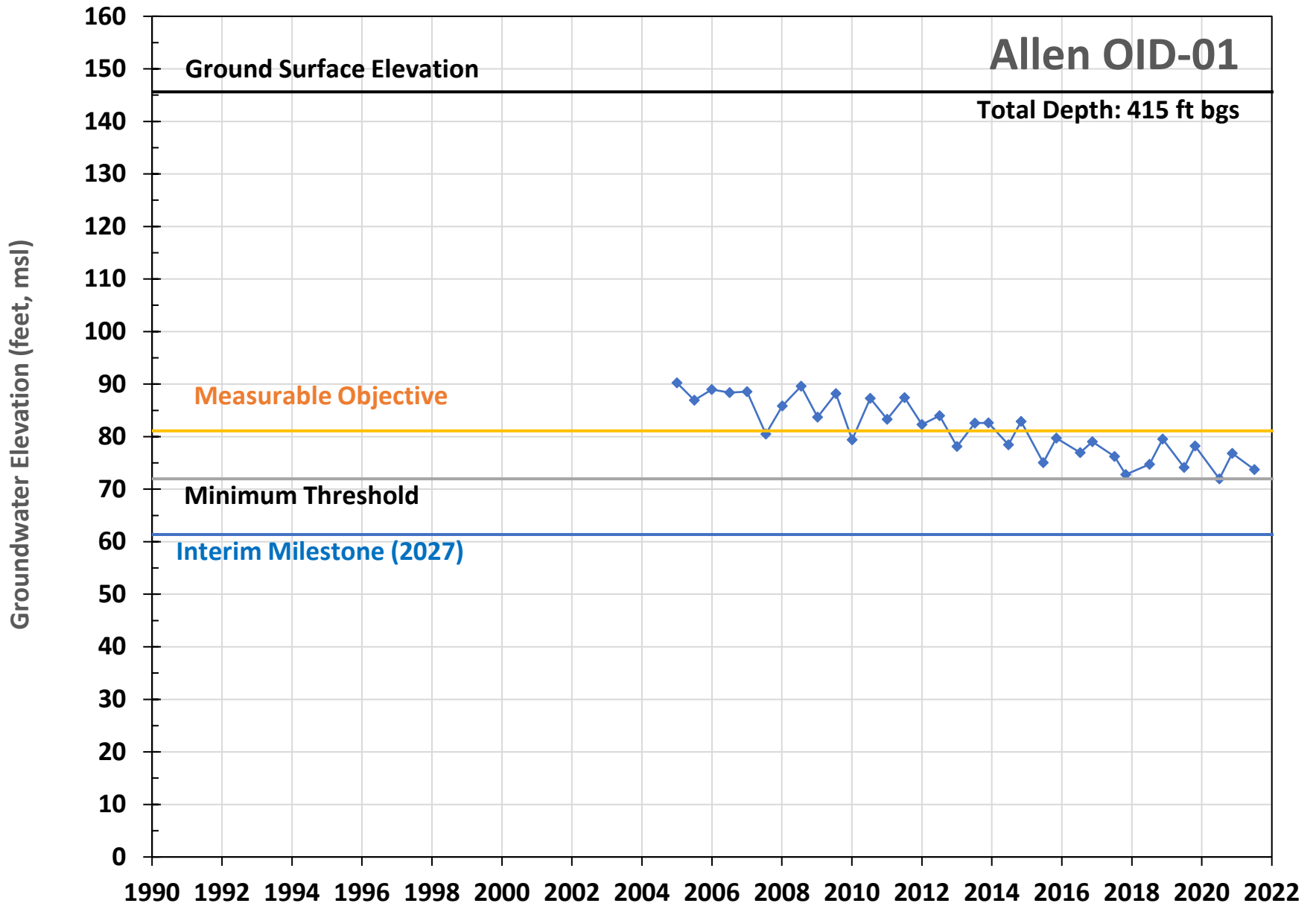
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Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels  
Reduction of Groundwater in Storage  
Land Subsidence**

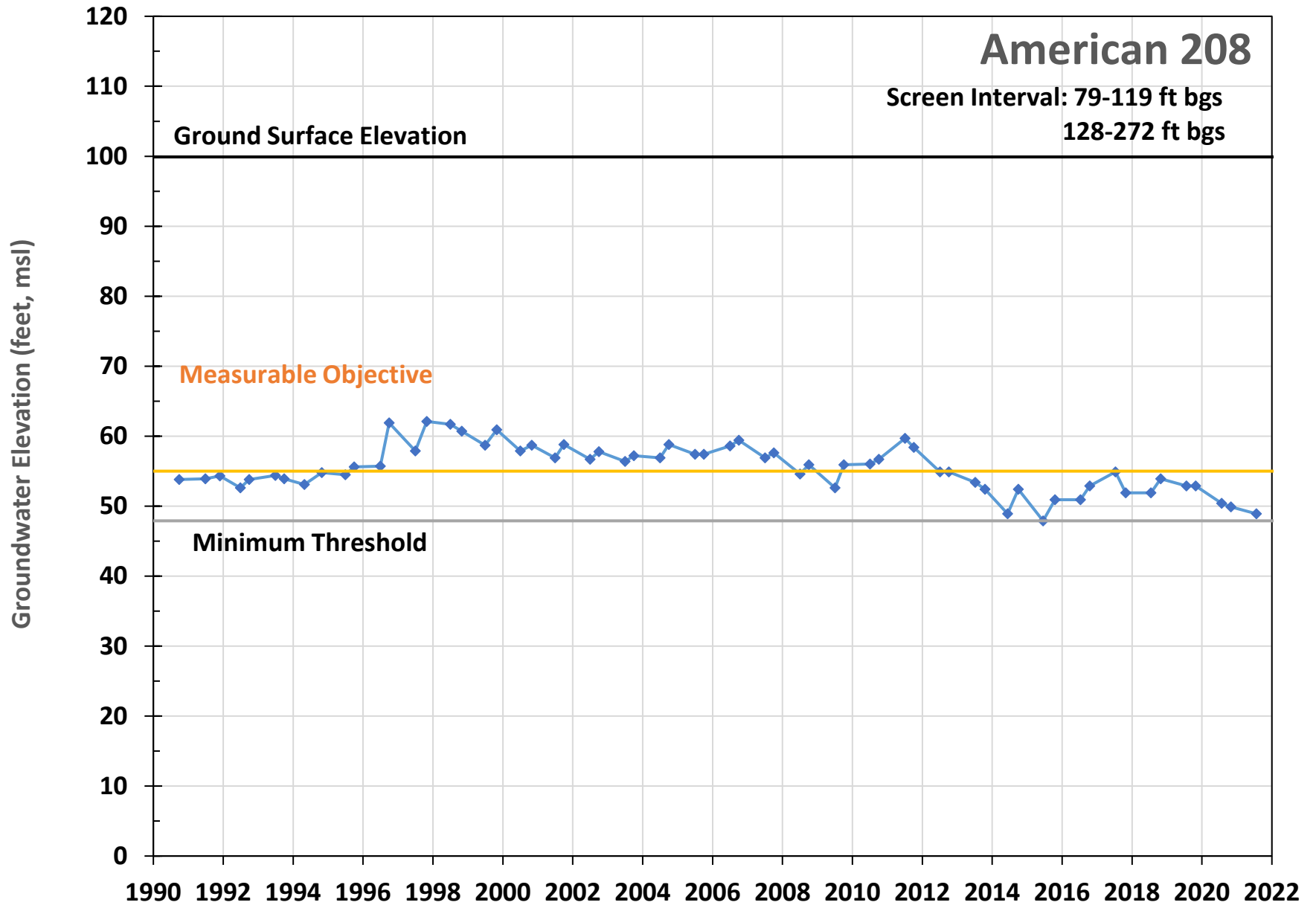
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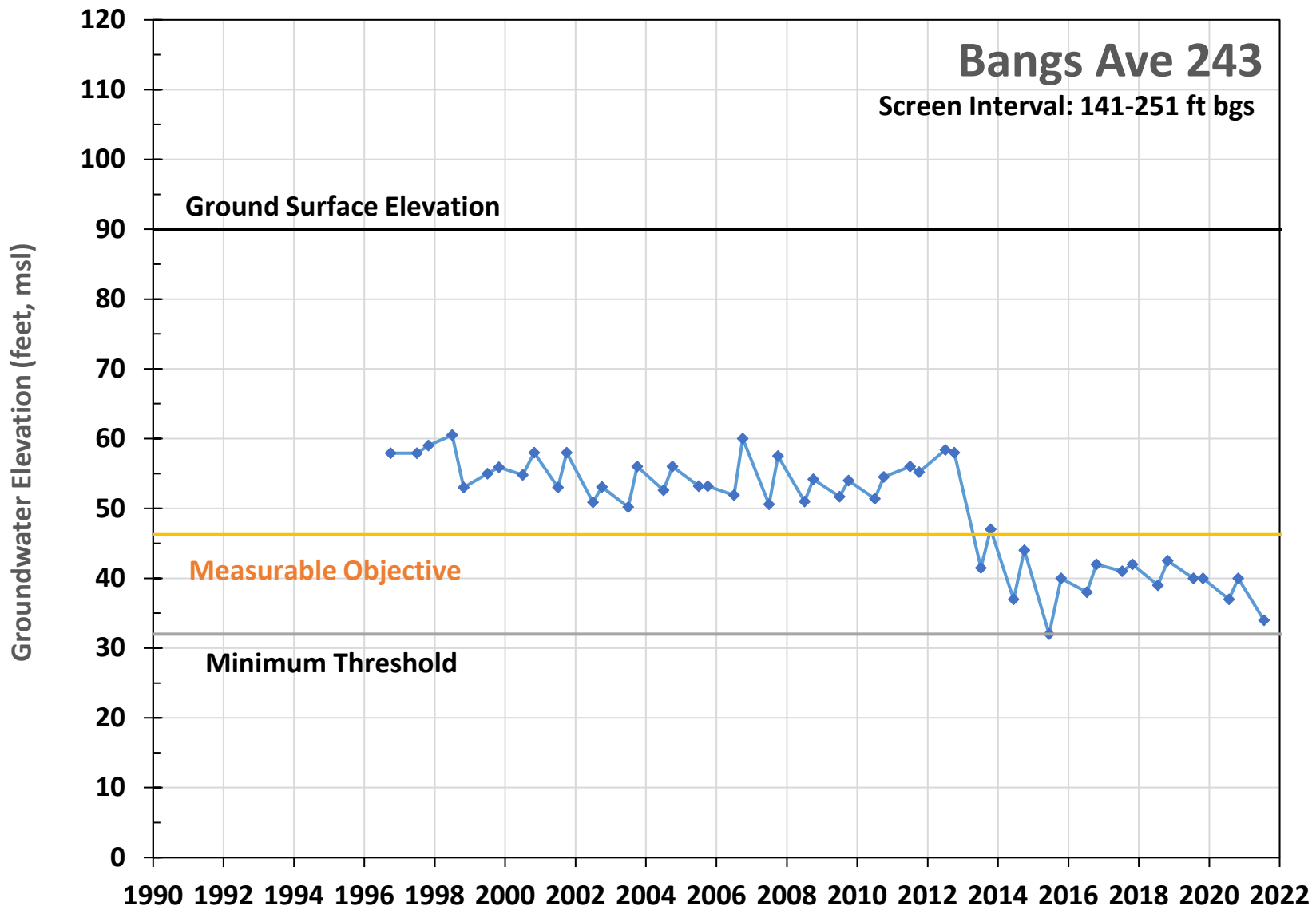
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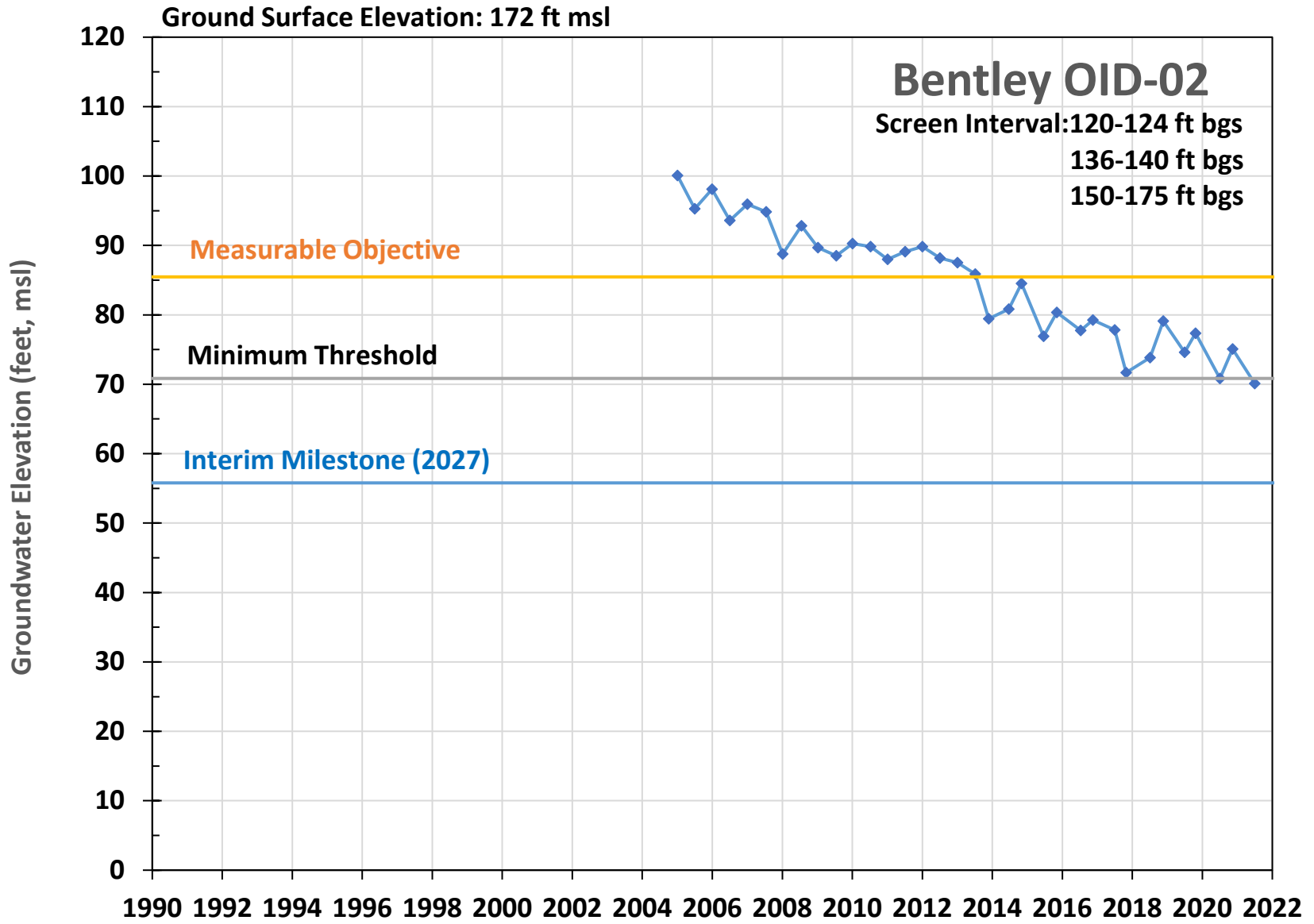




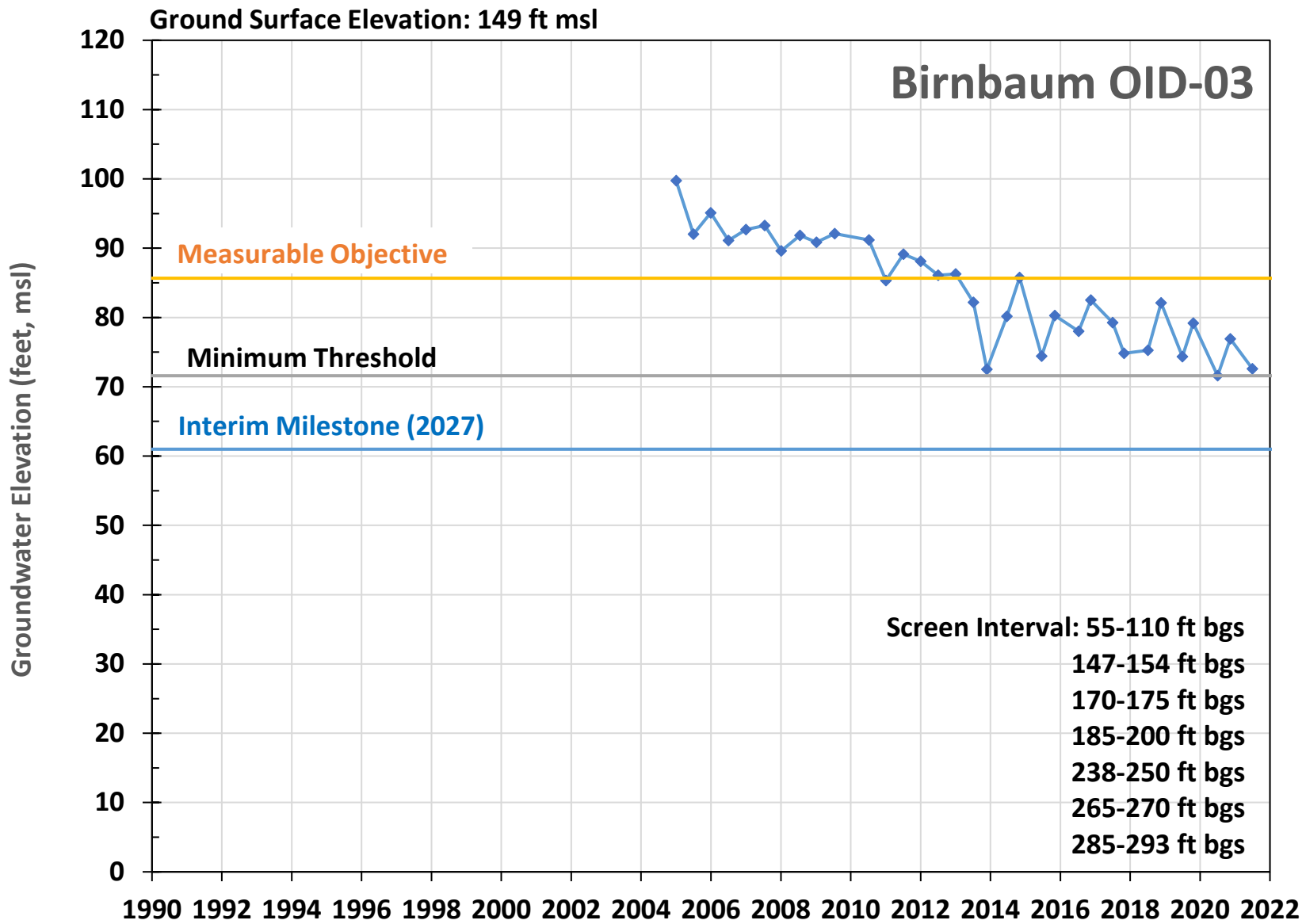


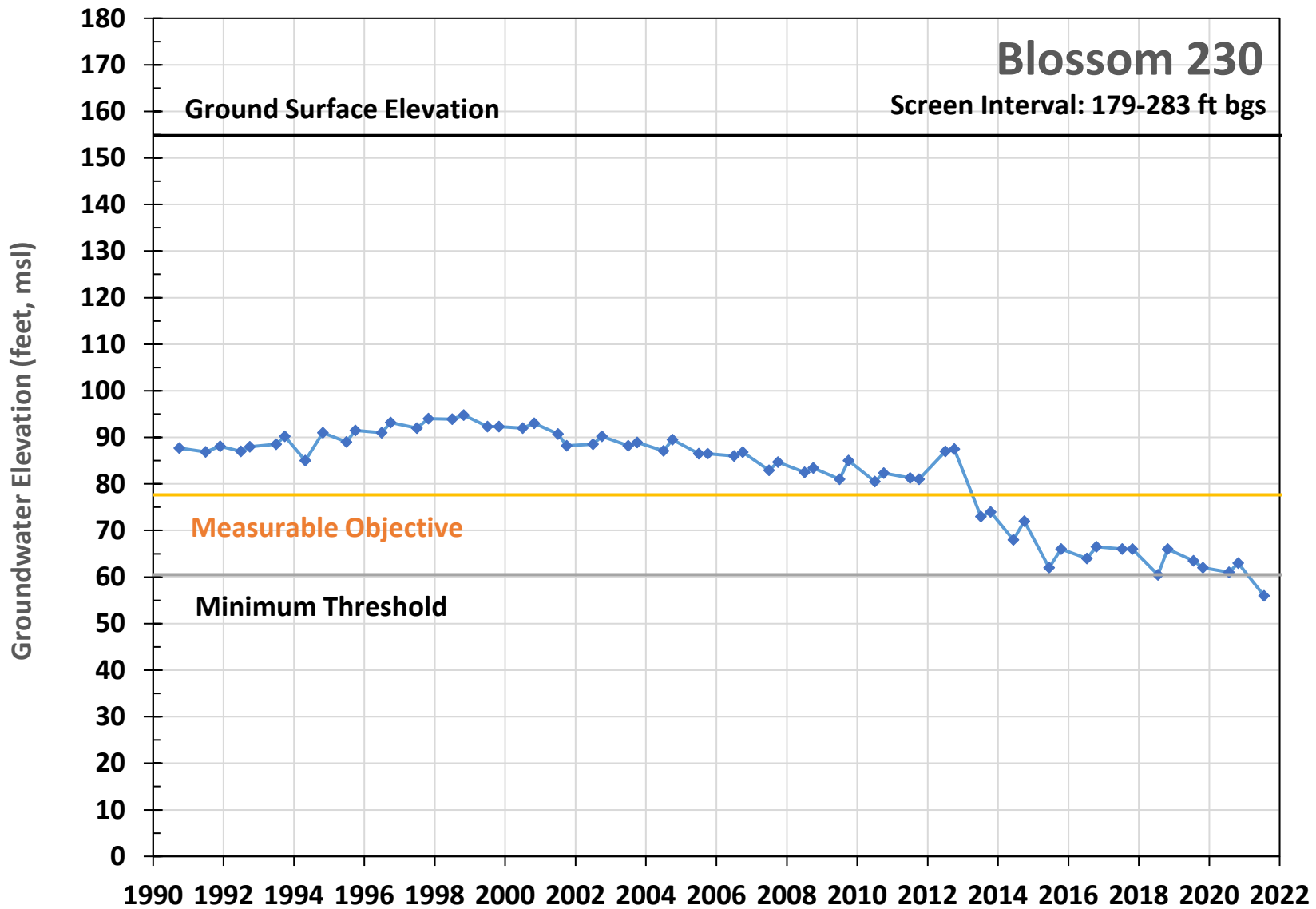


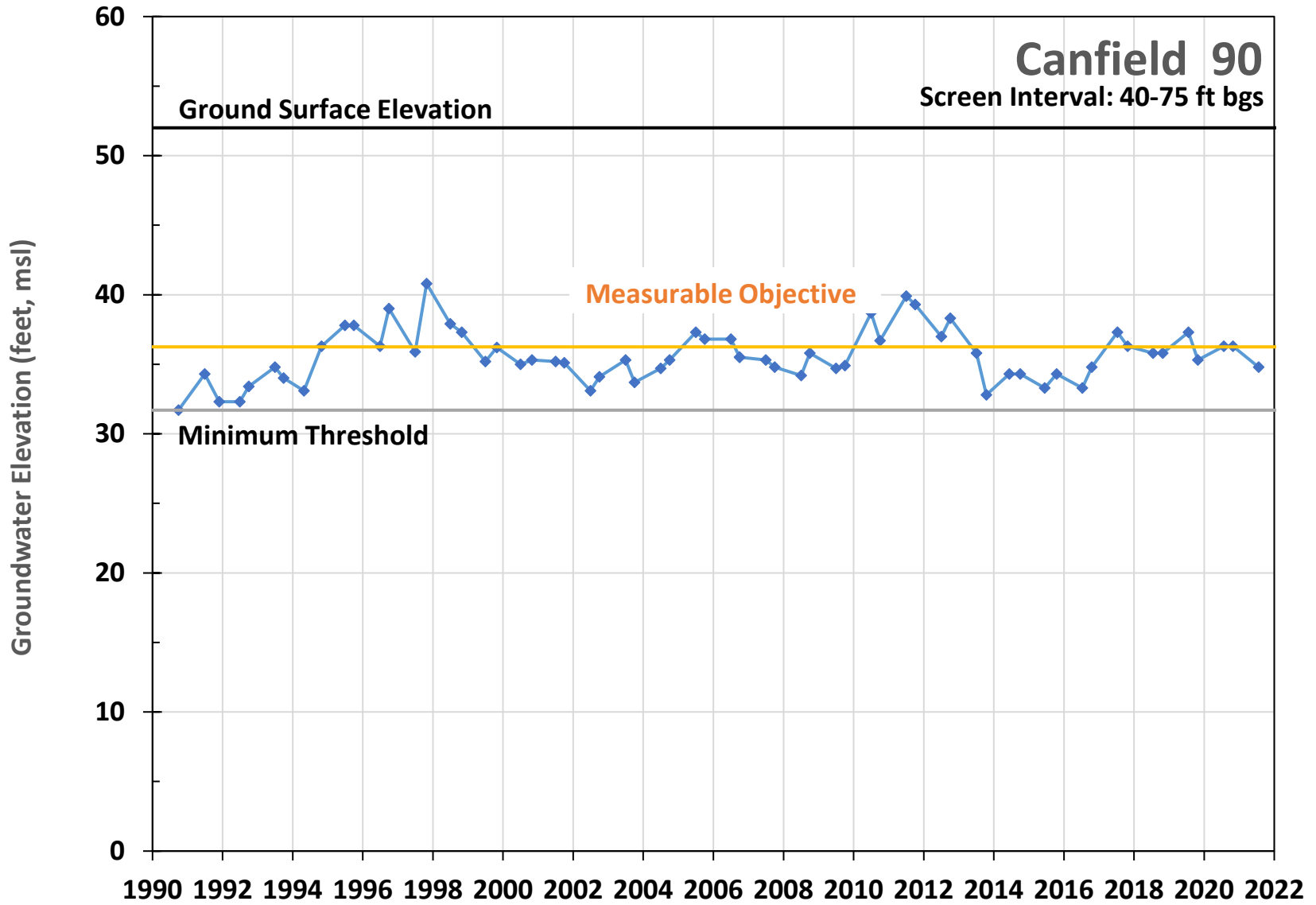




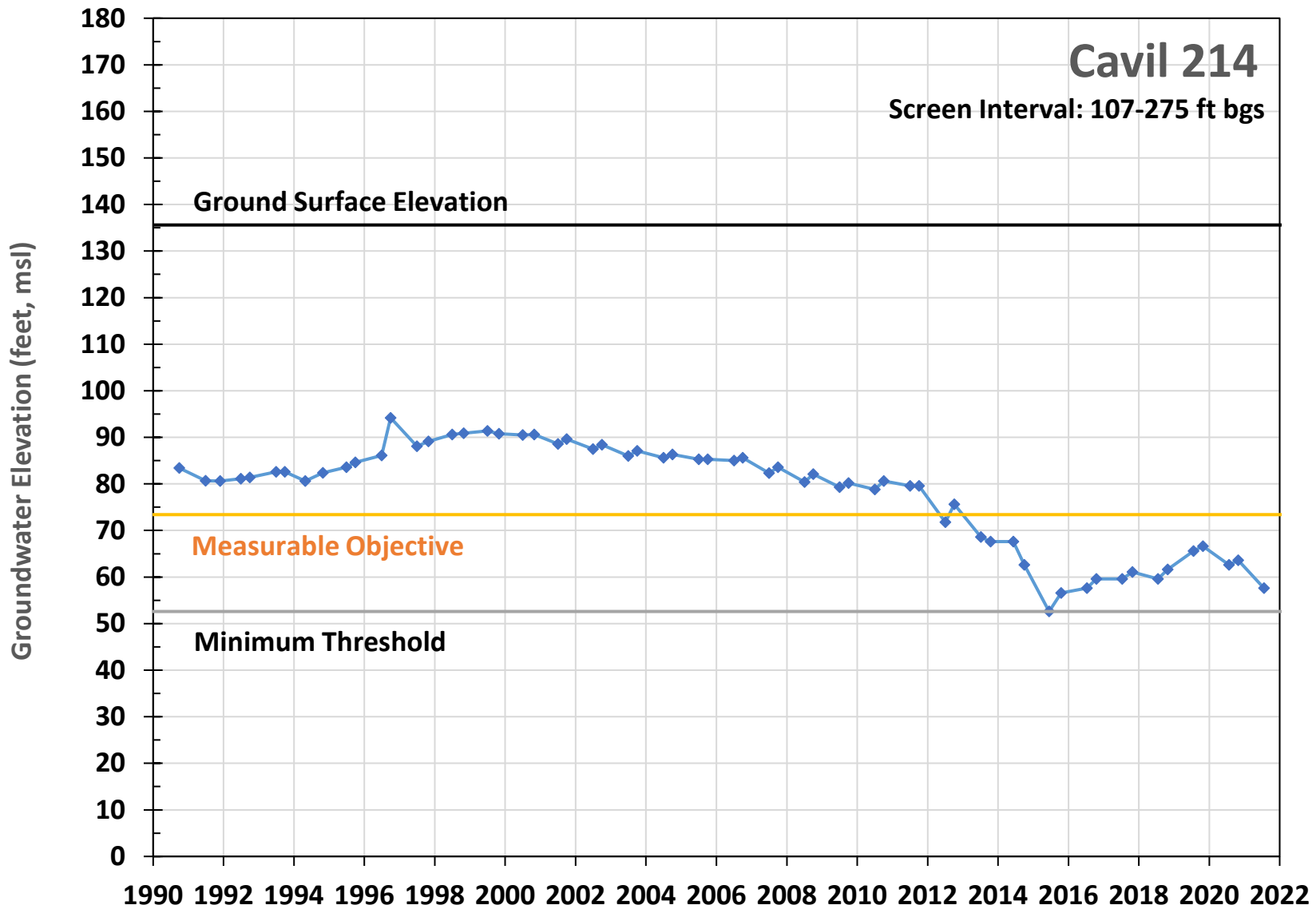


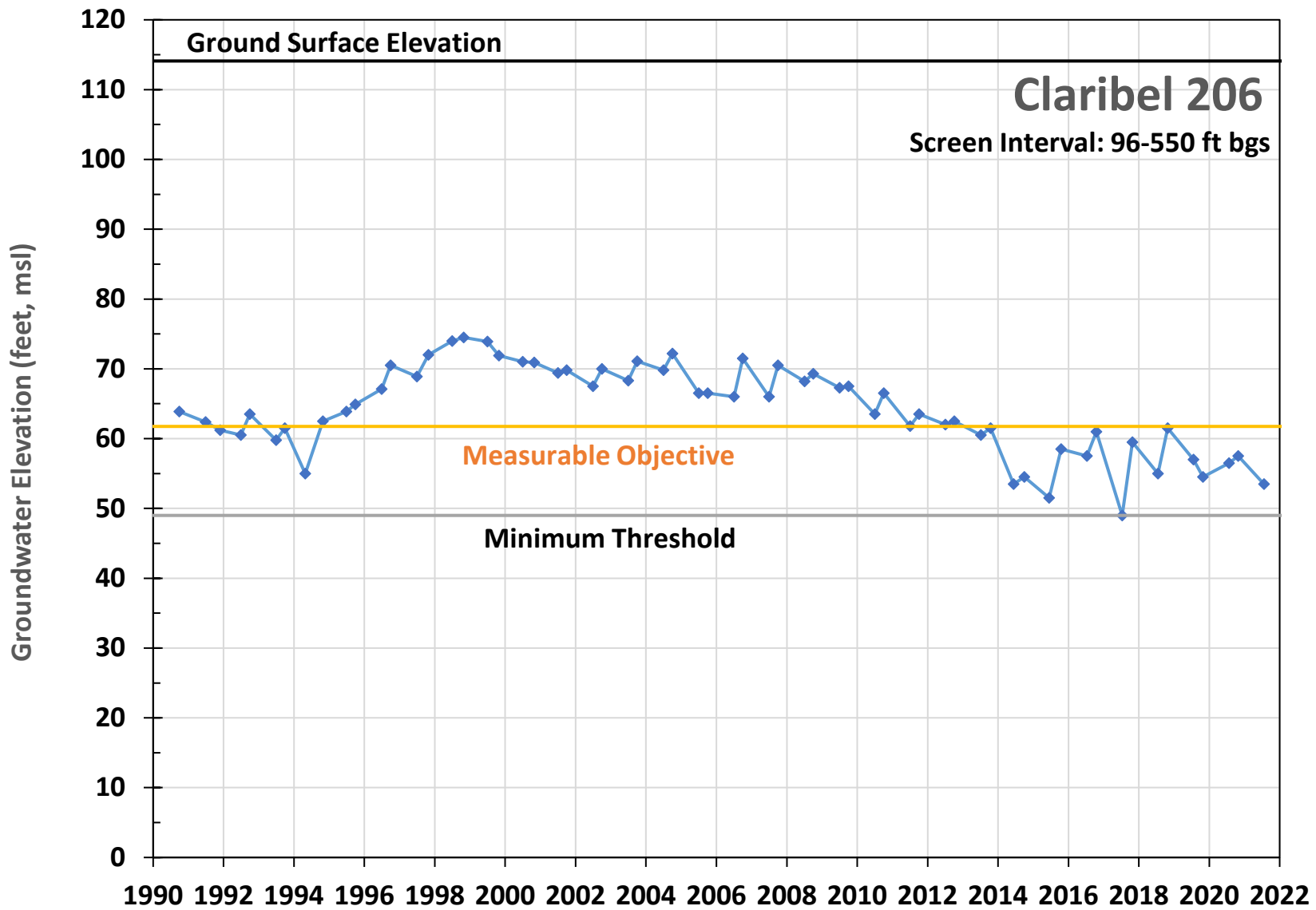


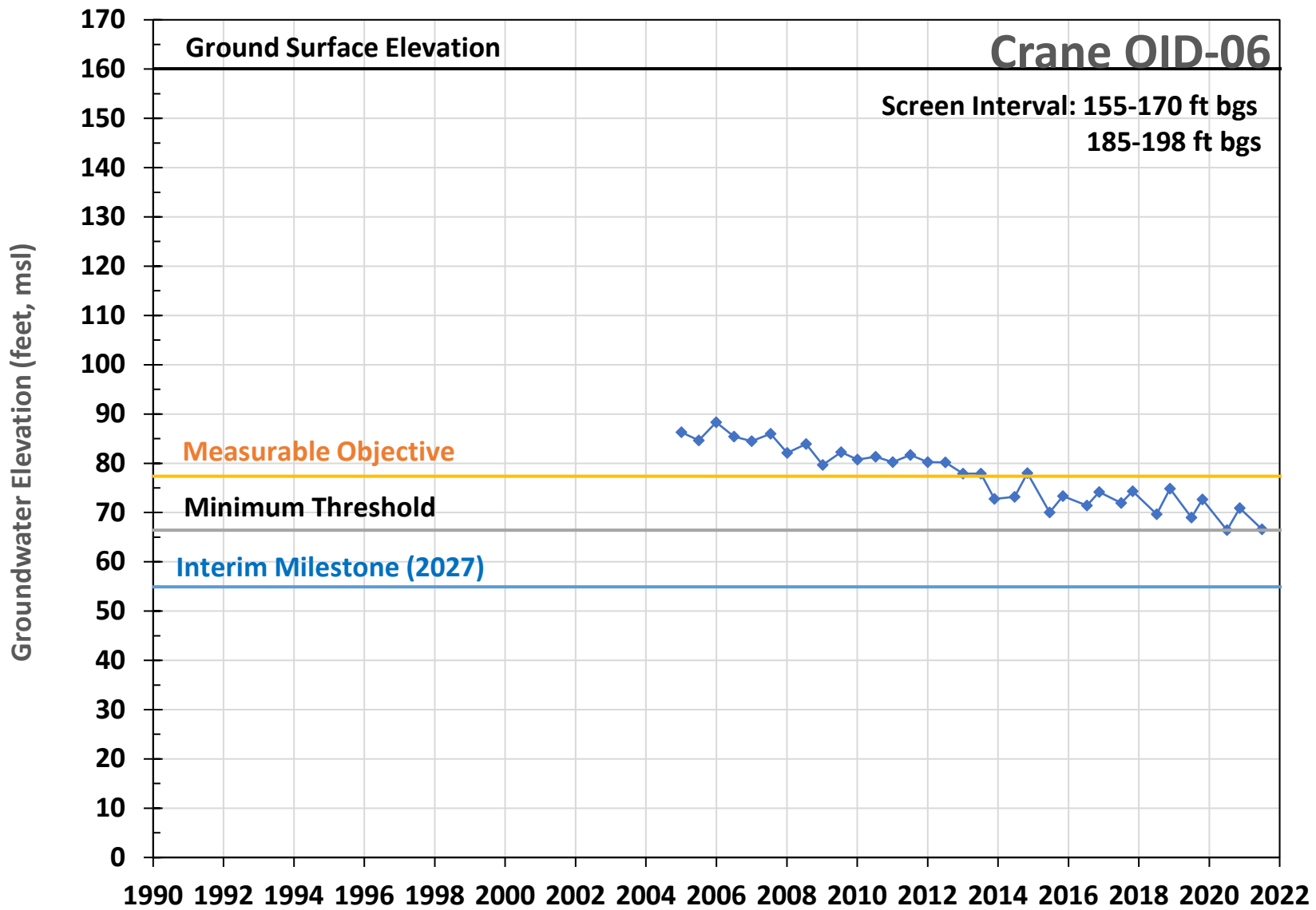




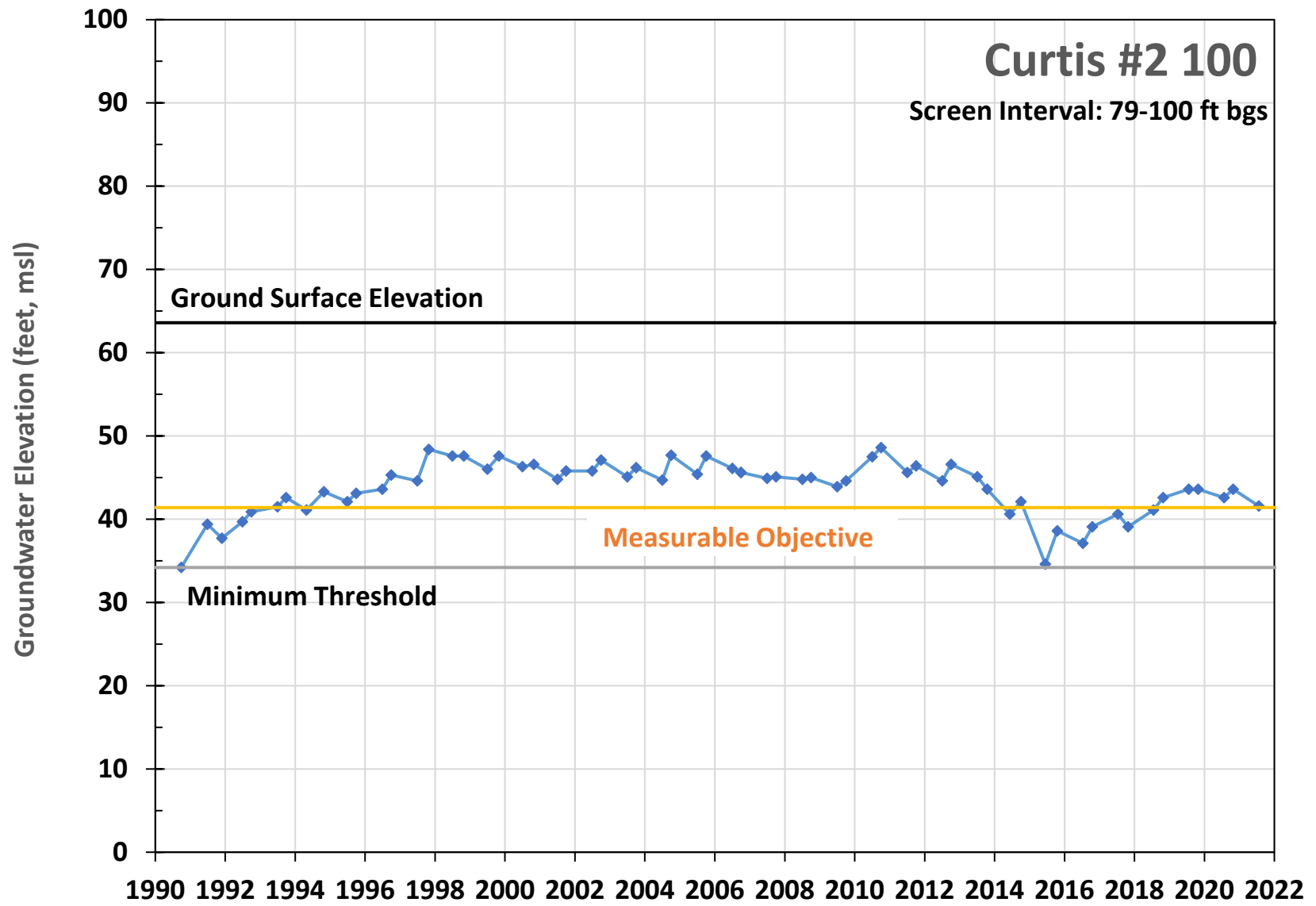


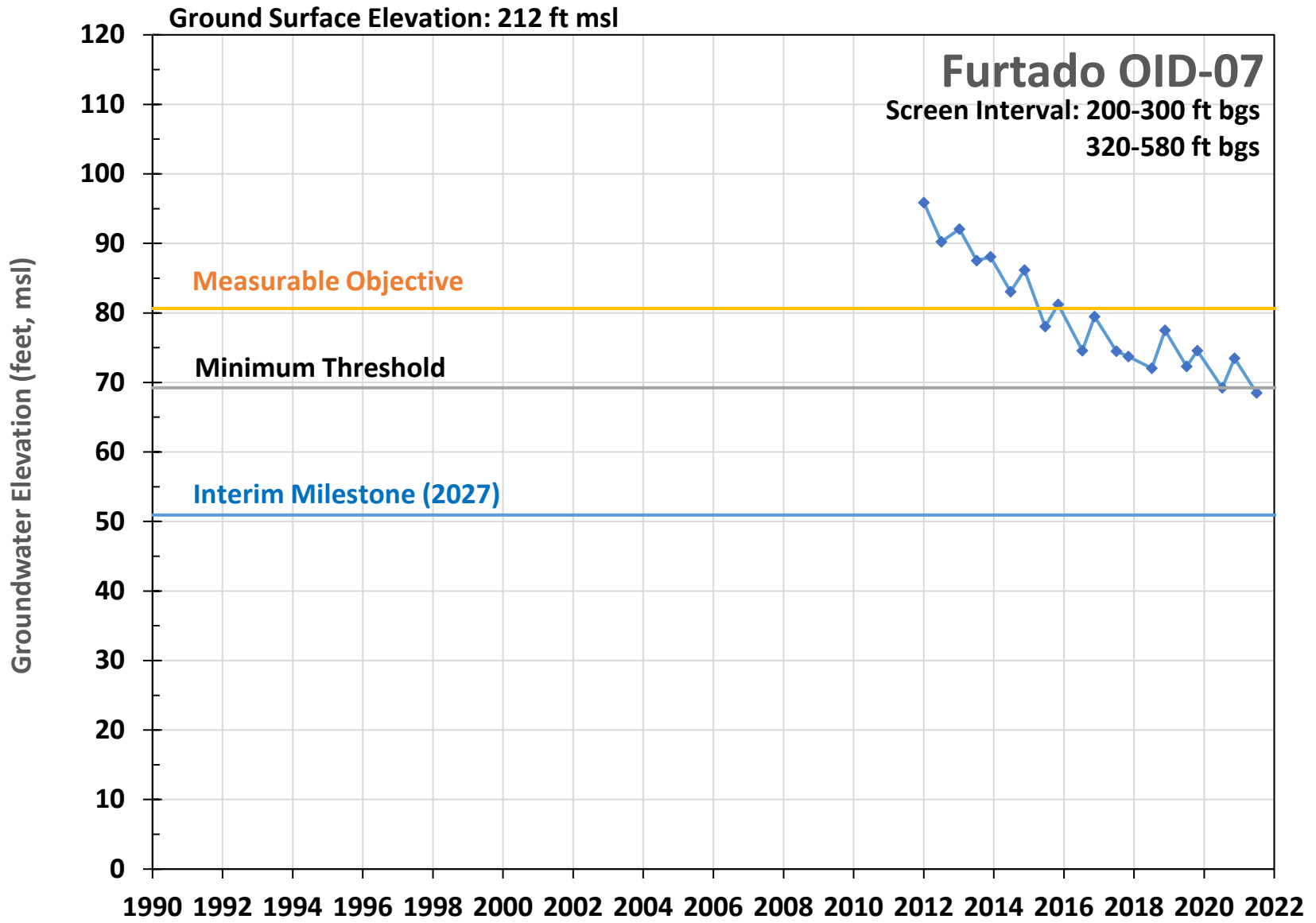


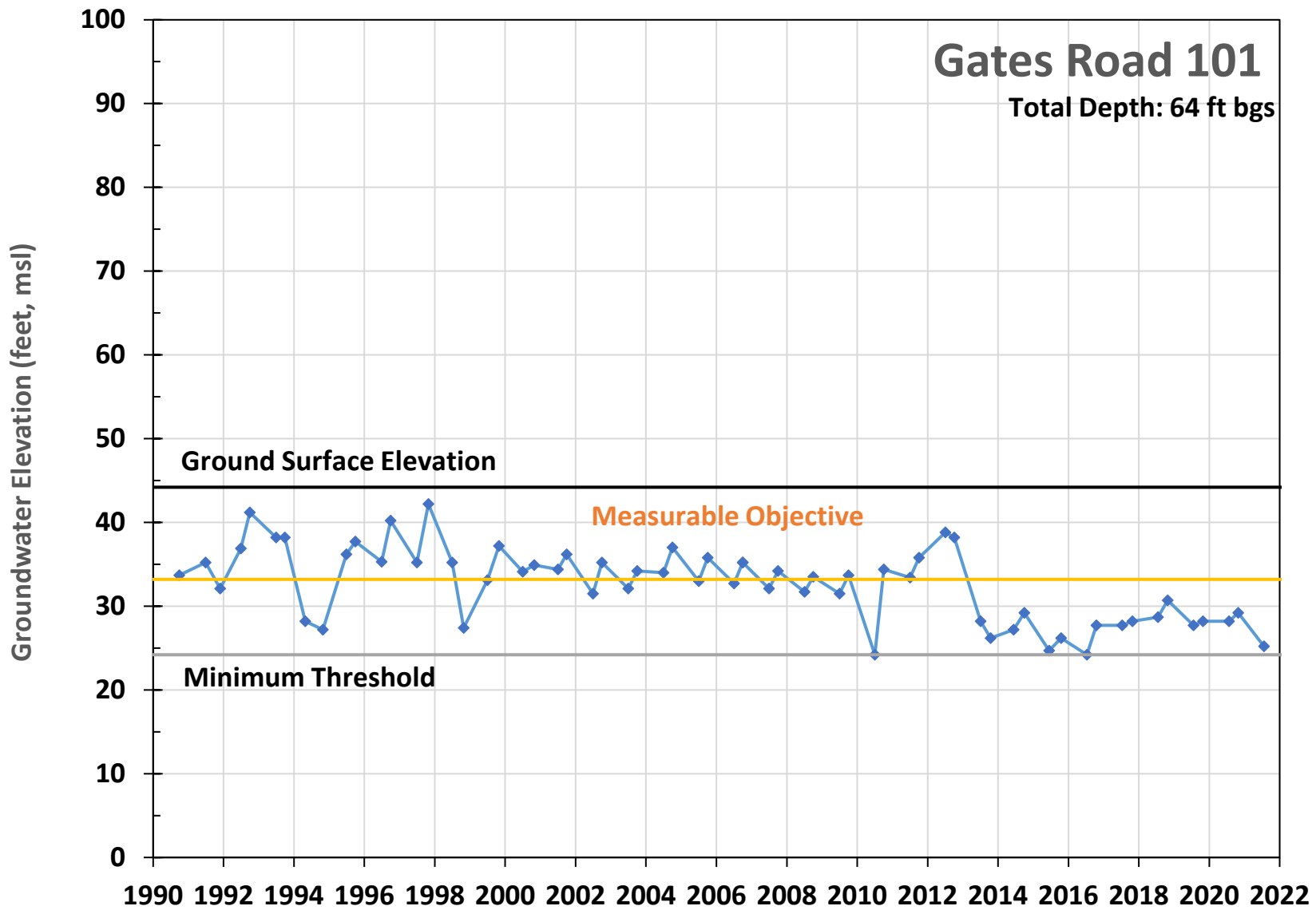




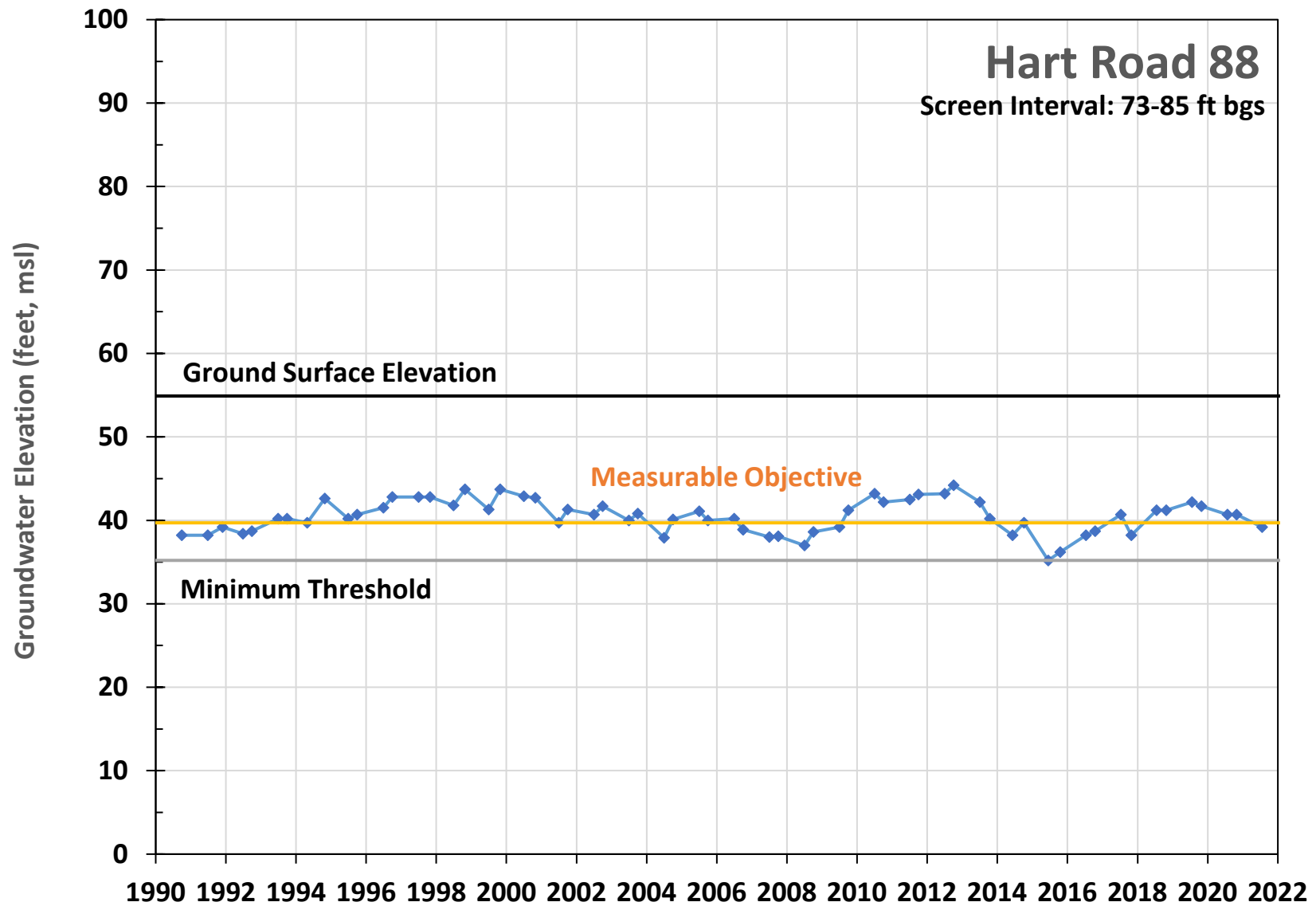


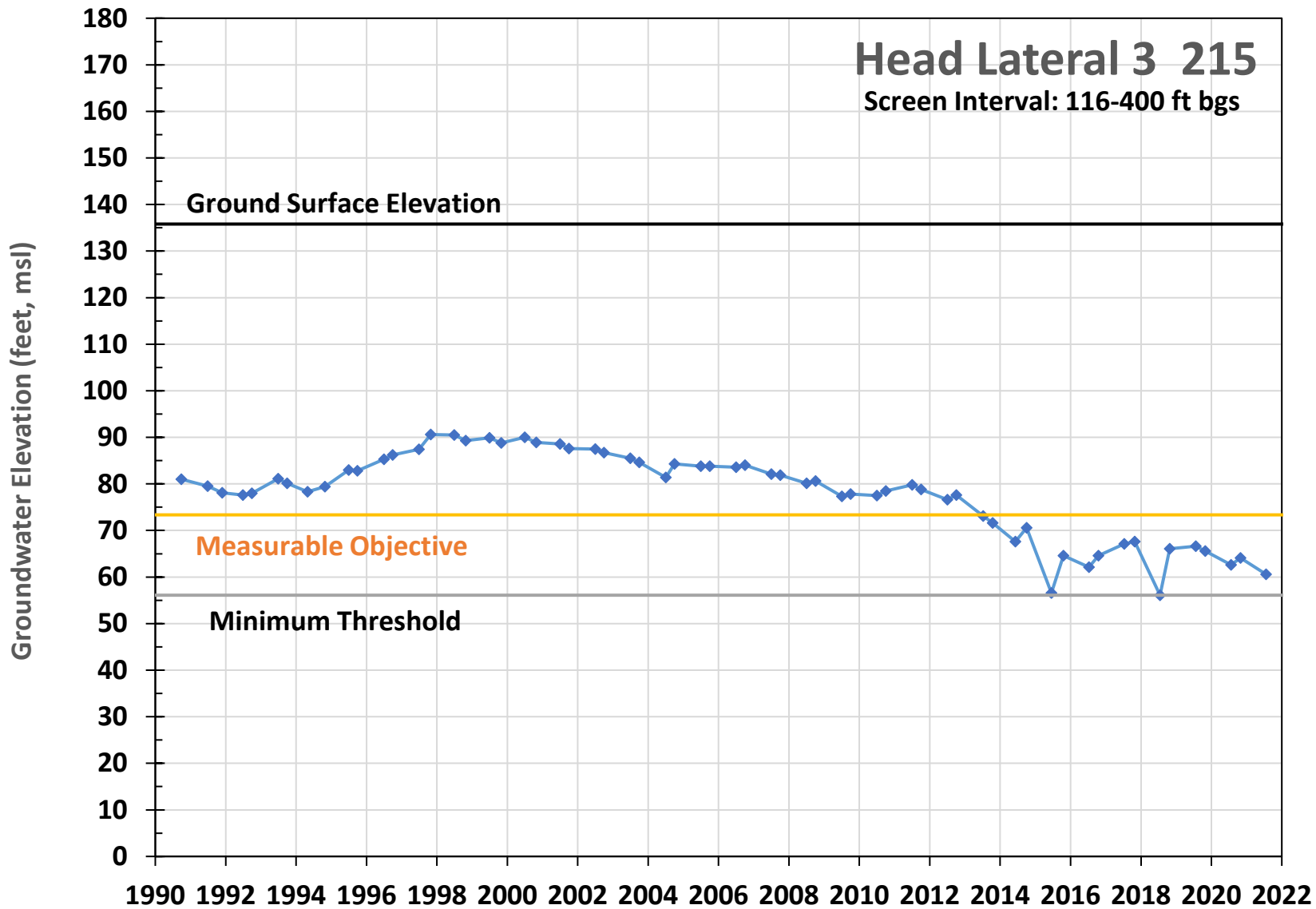


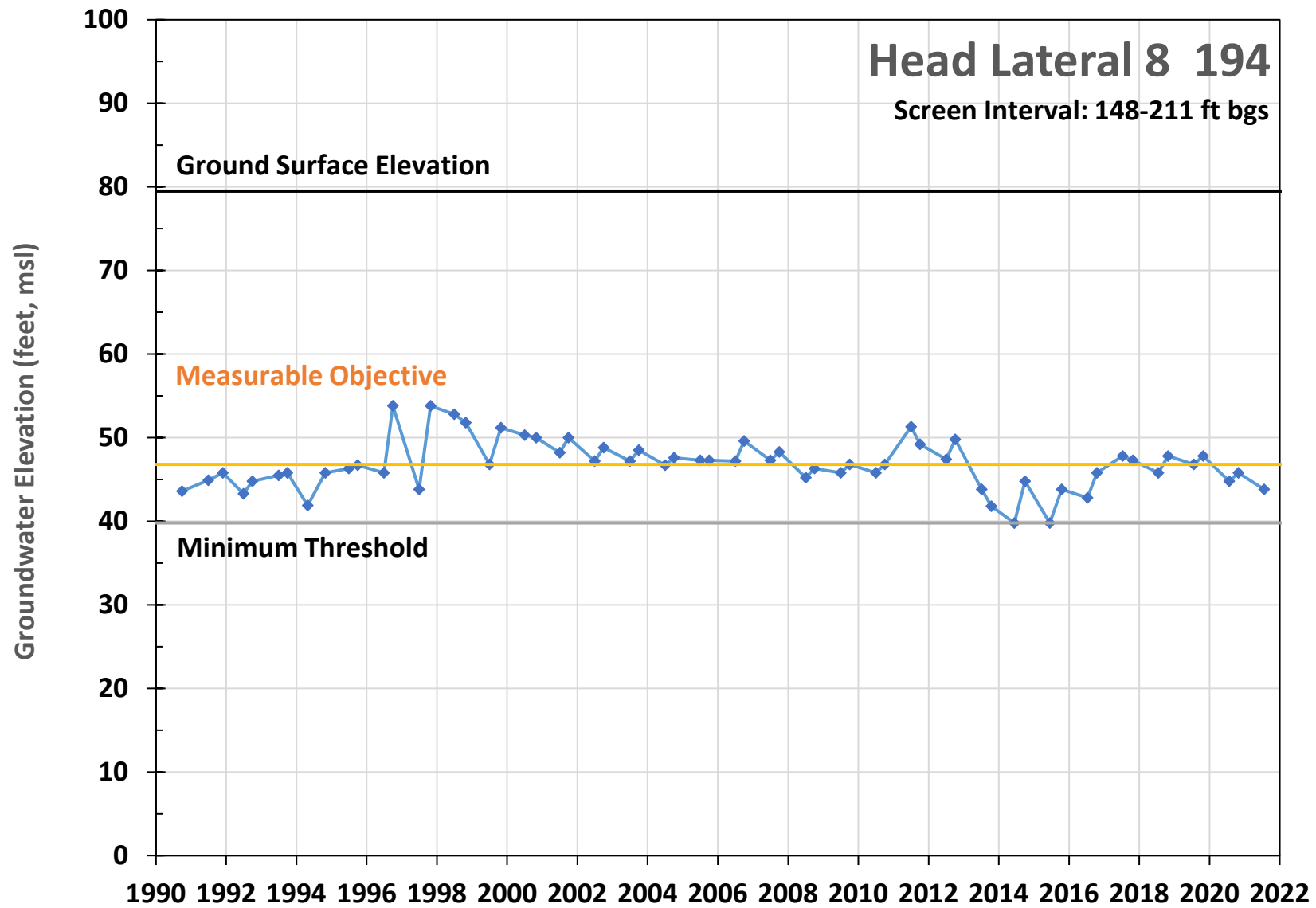




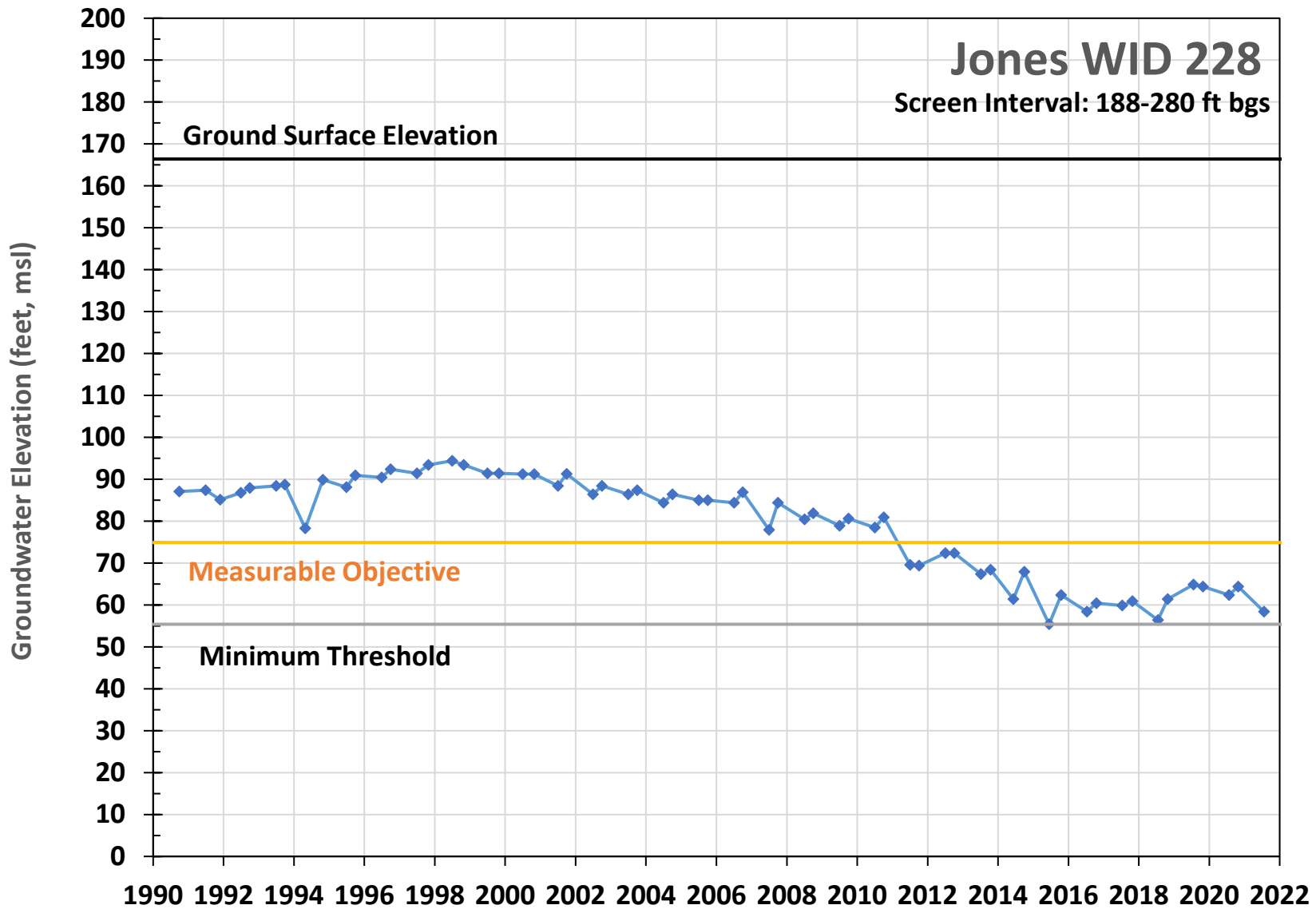


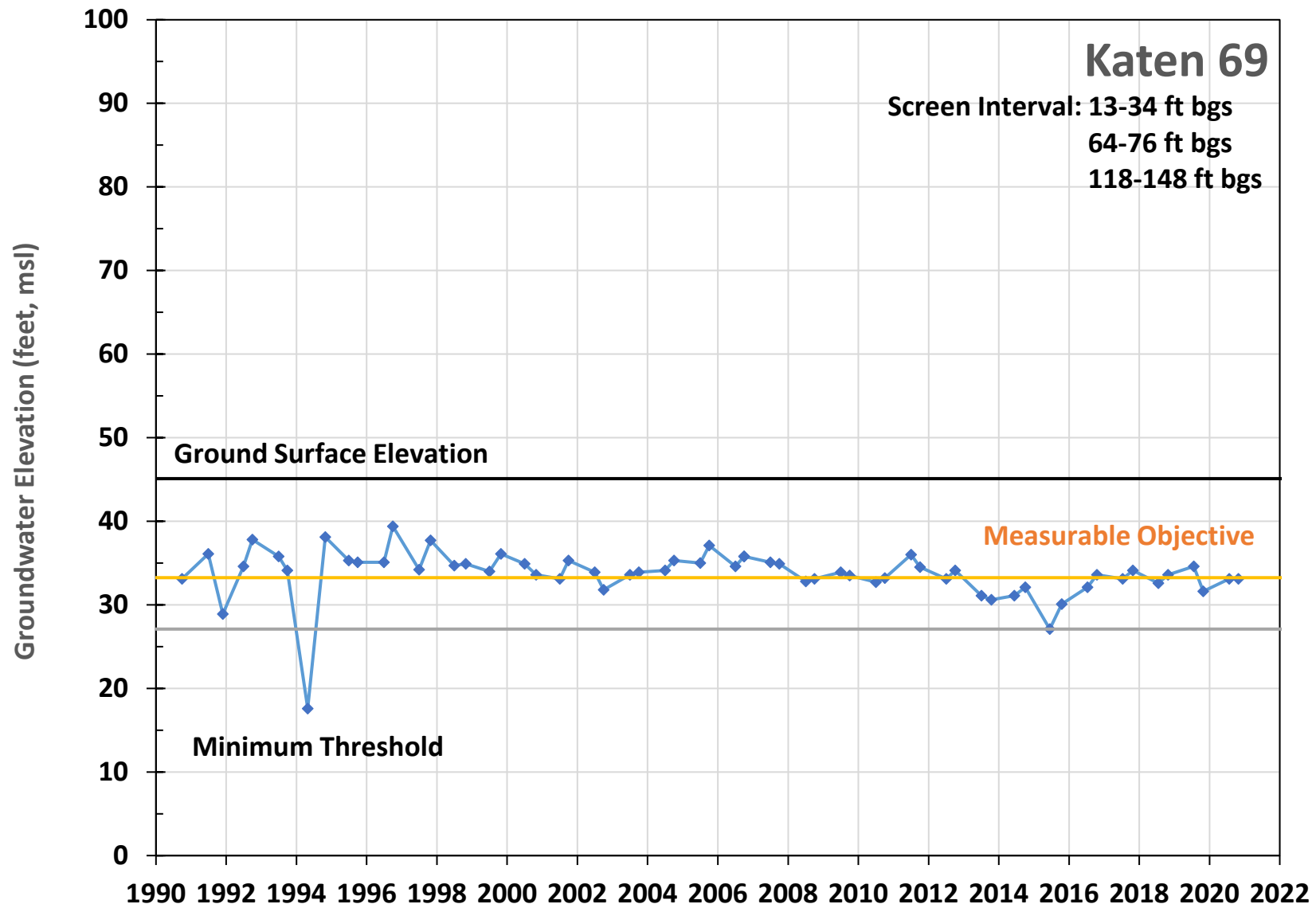






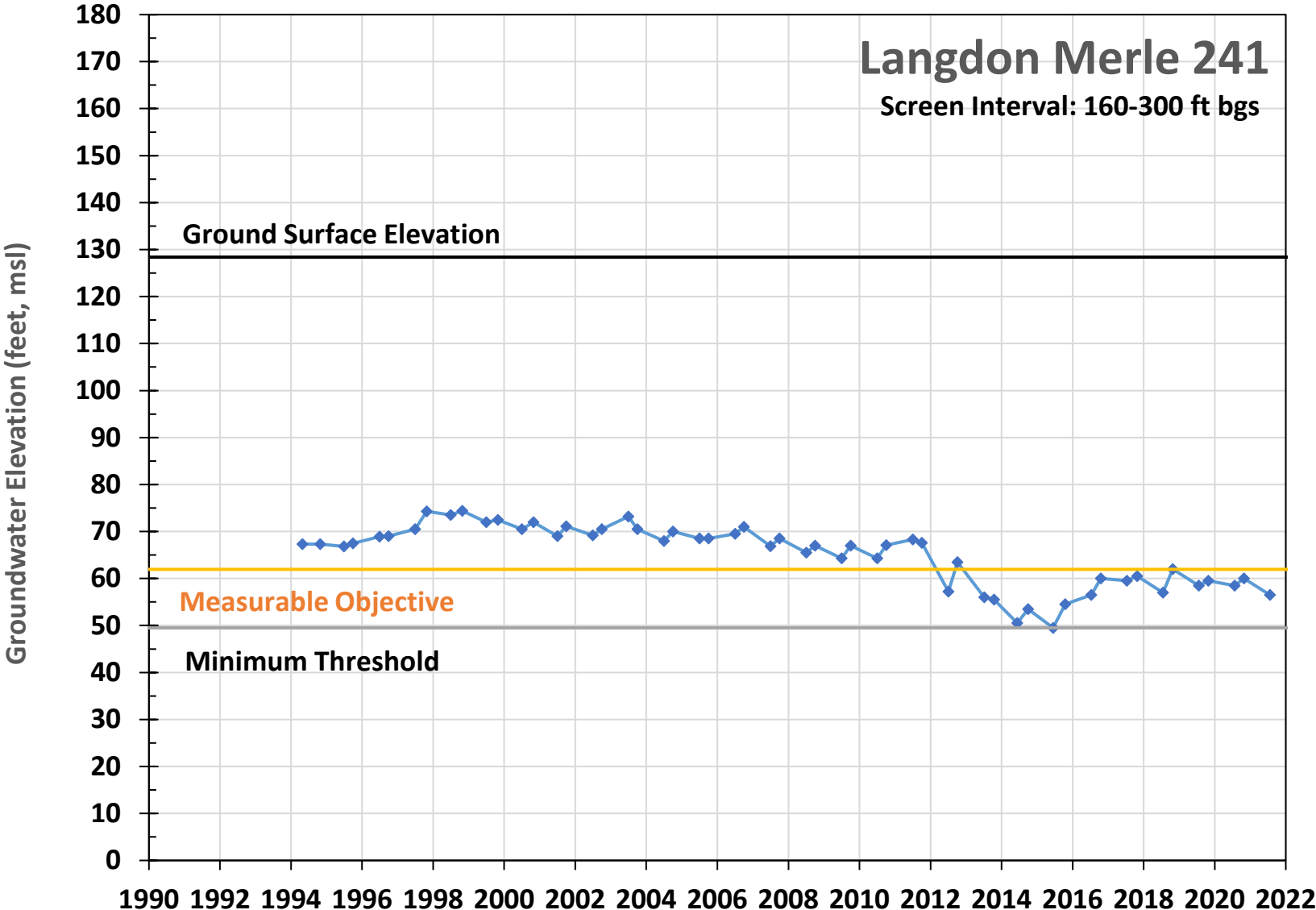




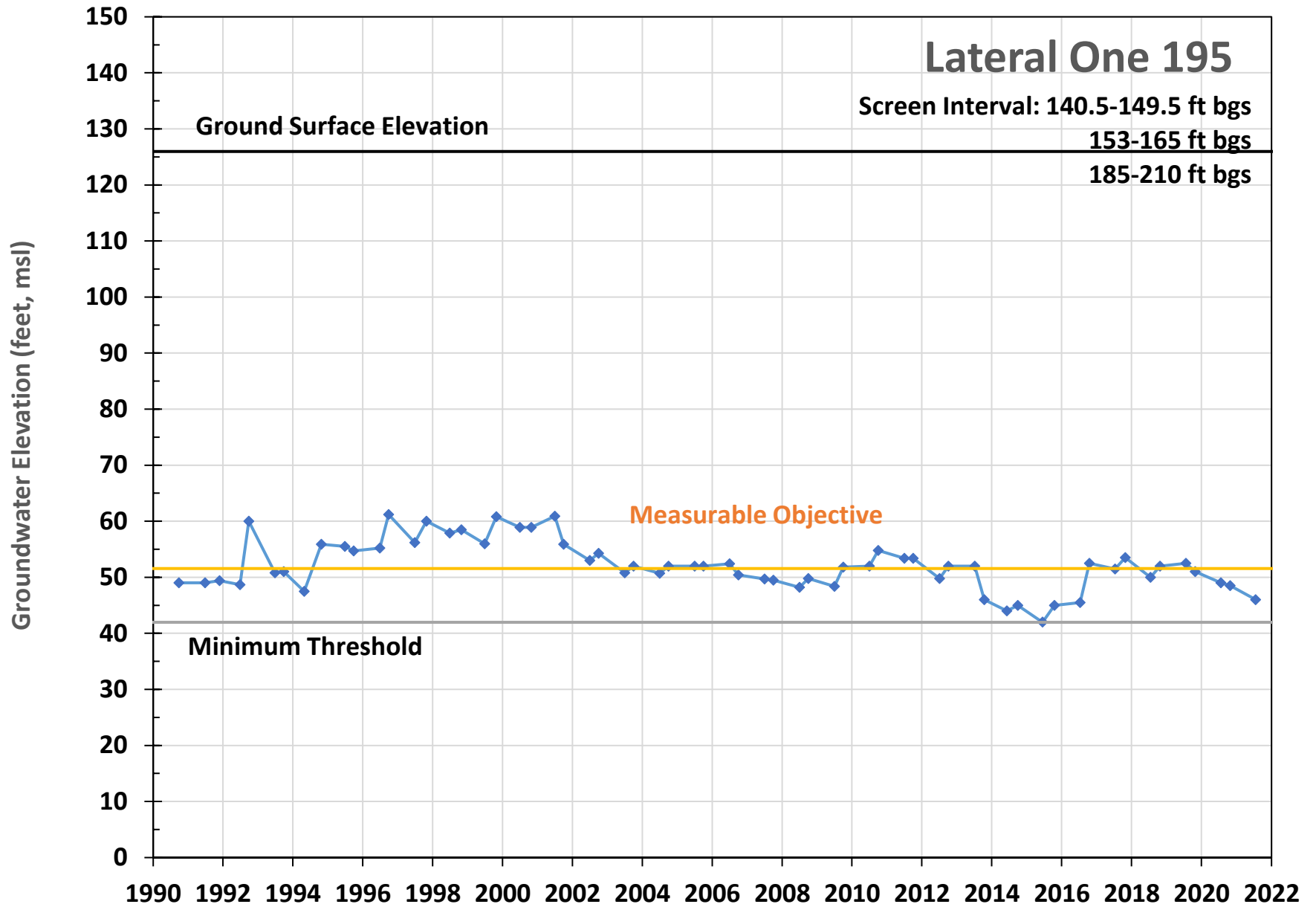


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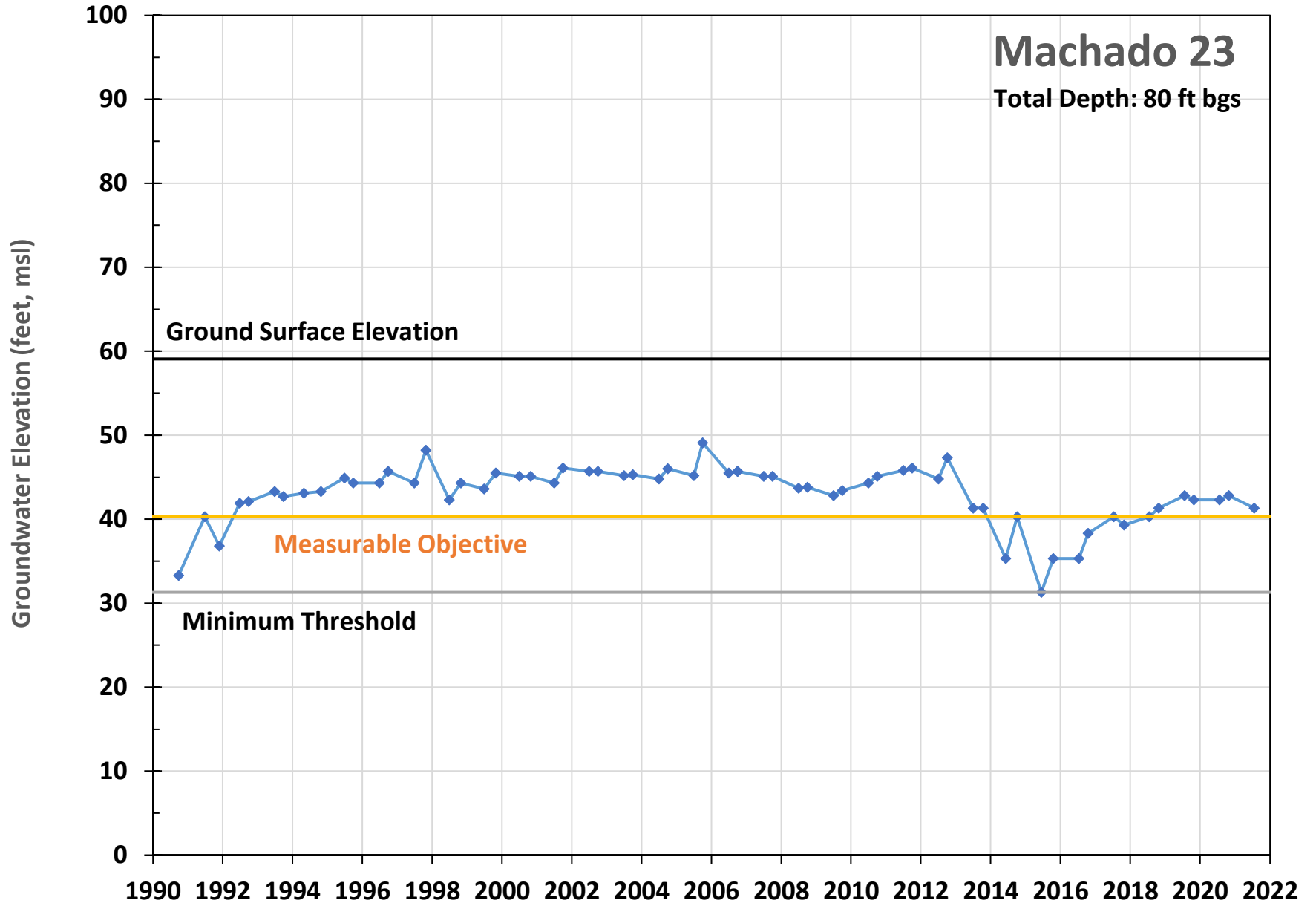


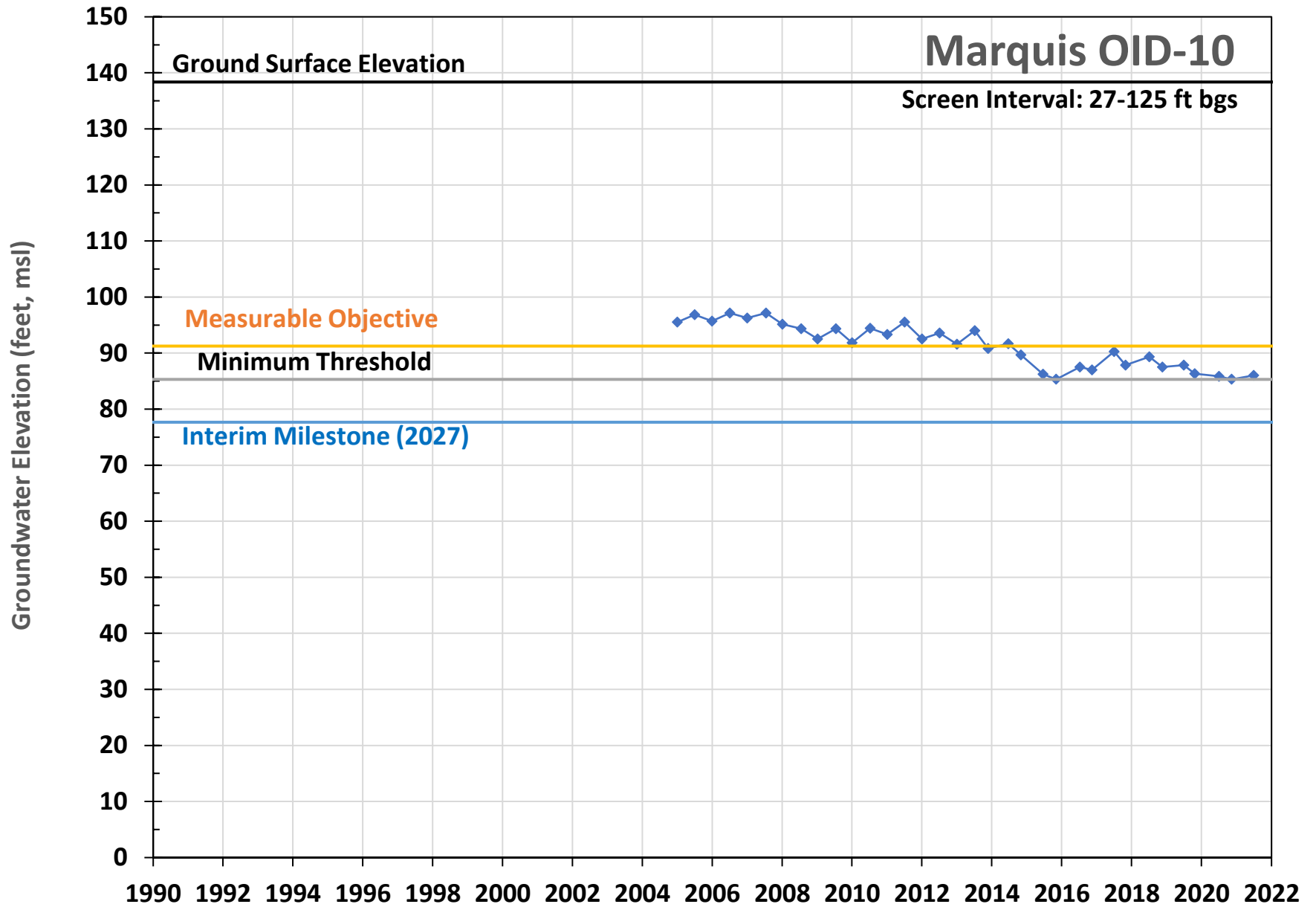




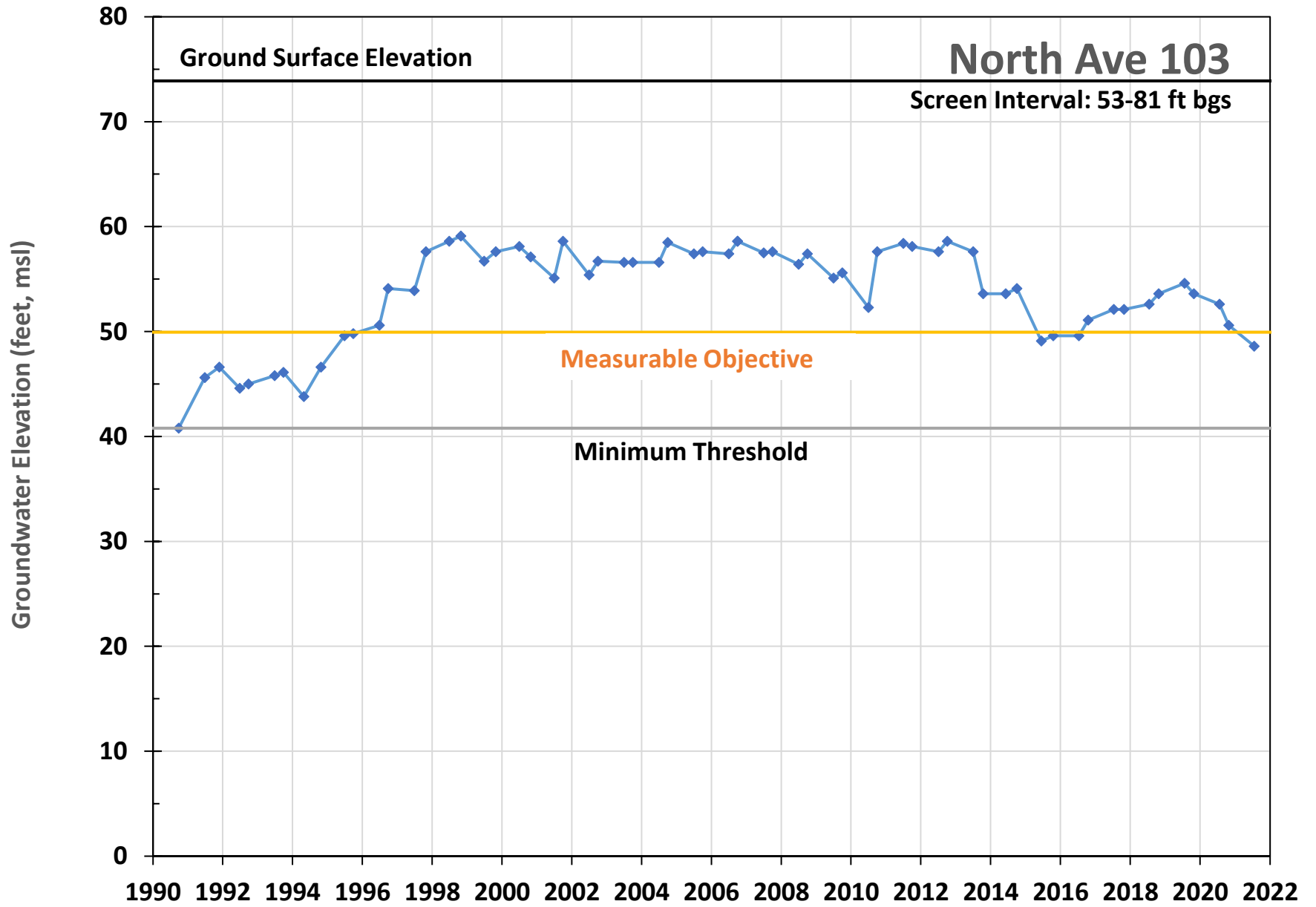
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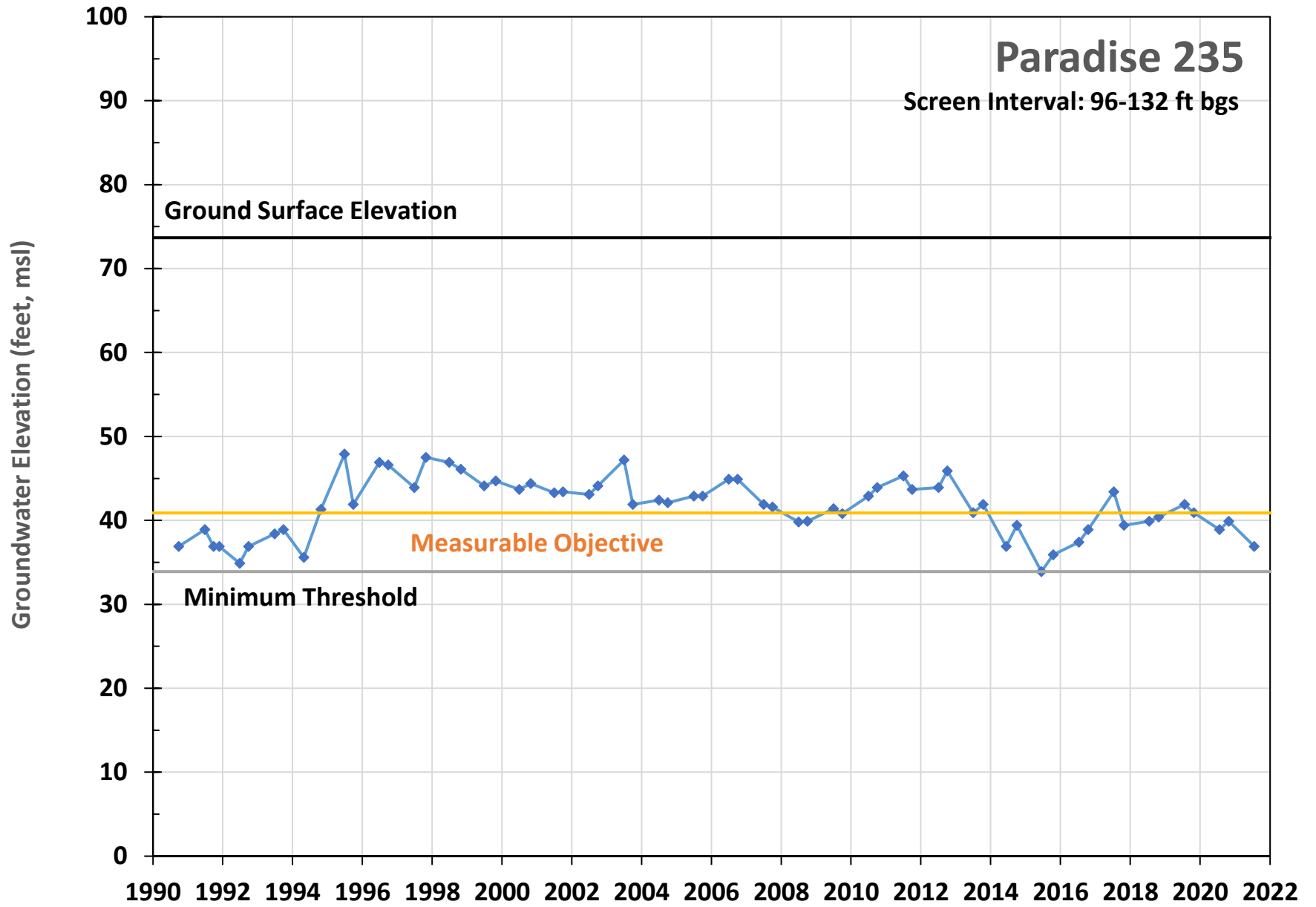
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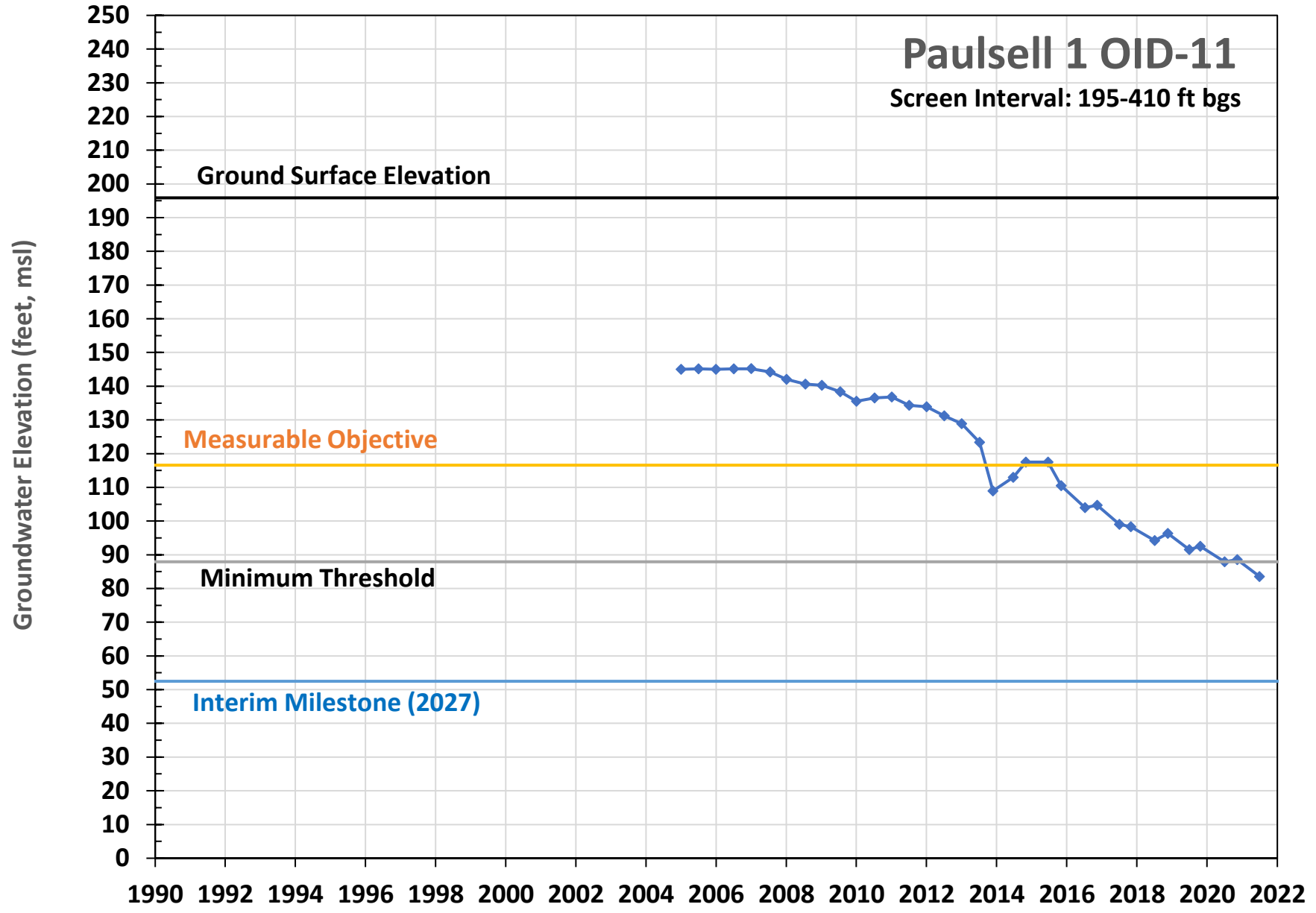






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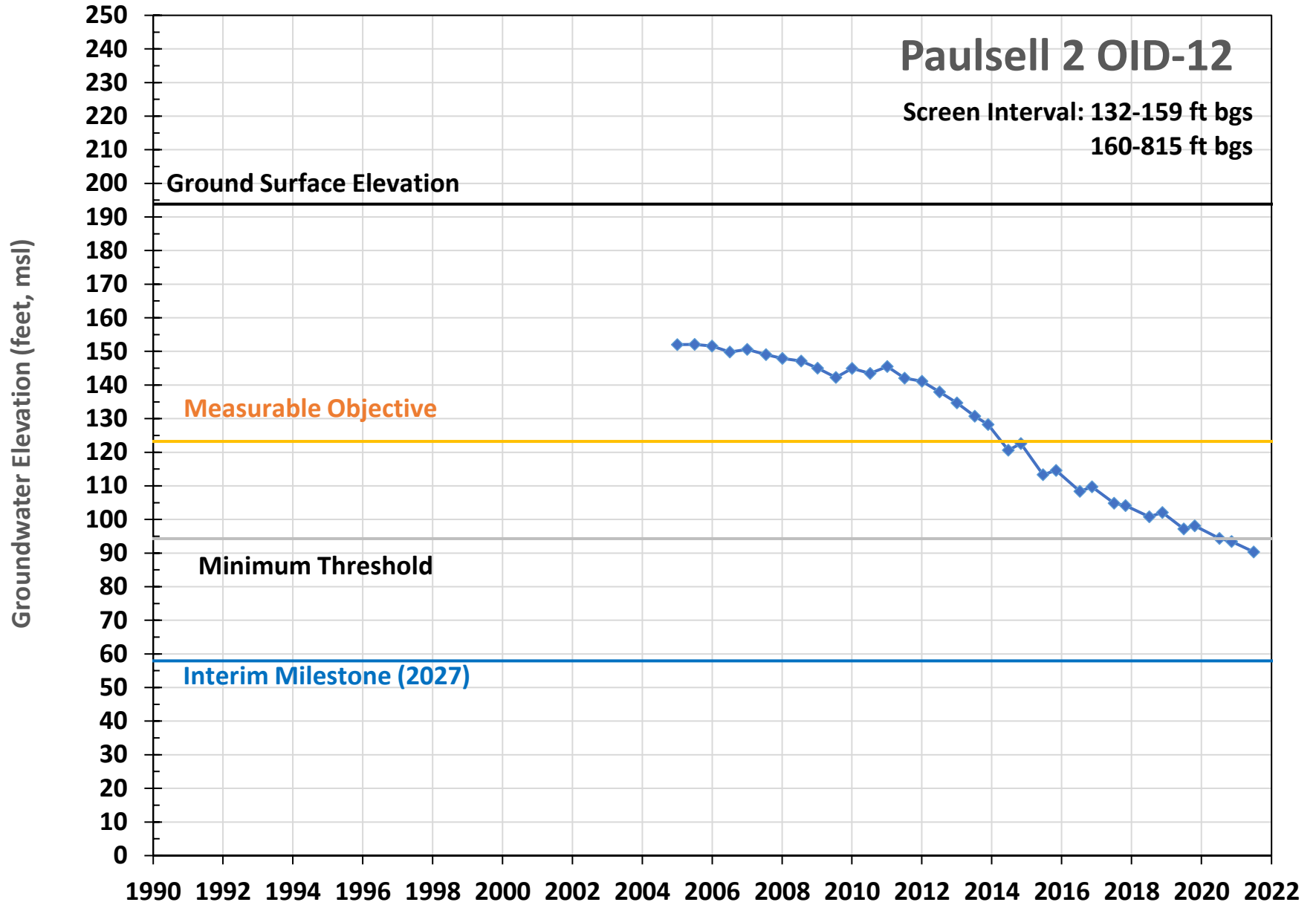
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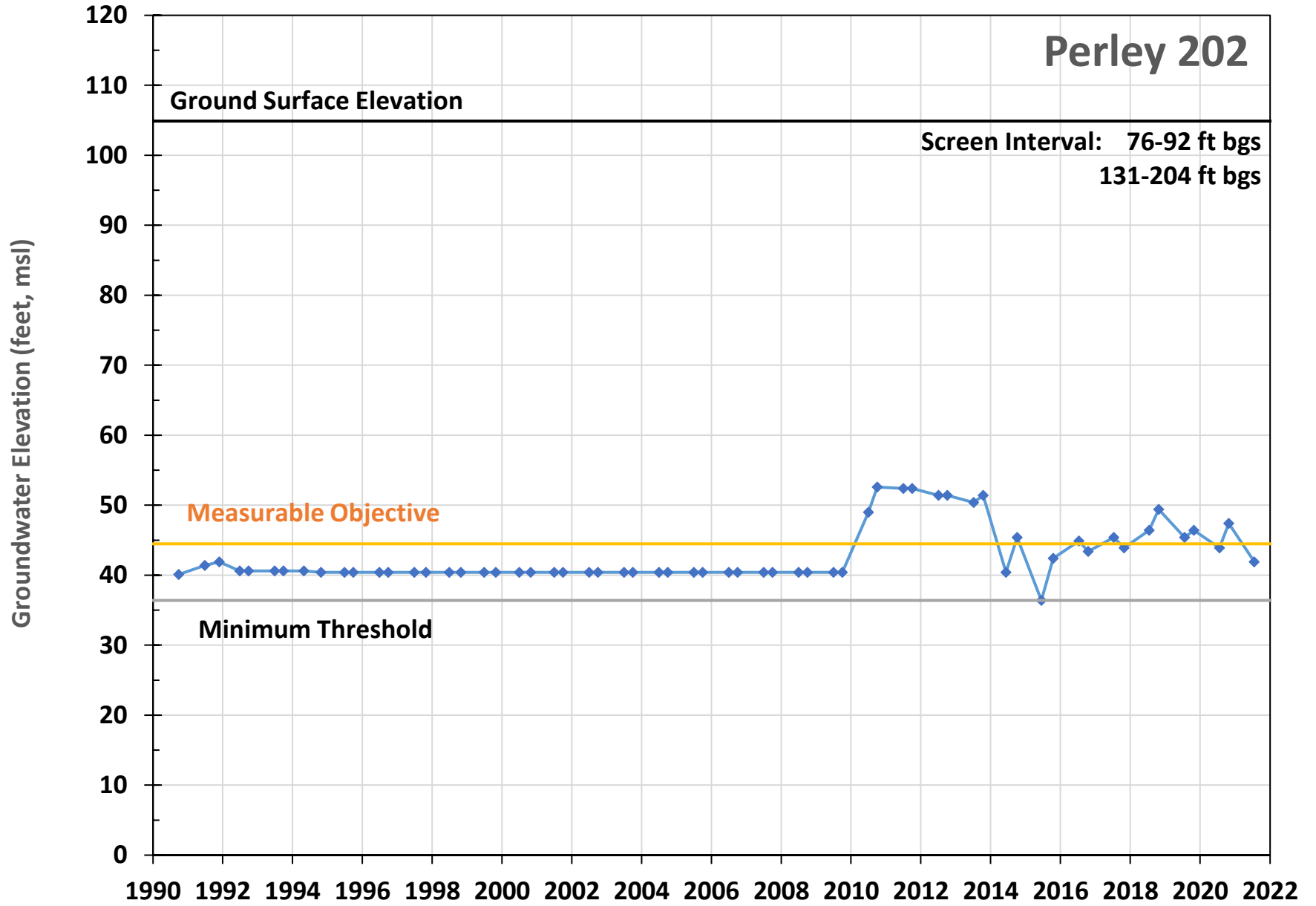


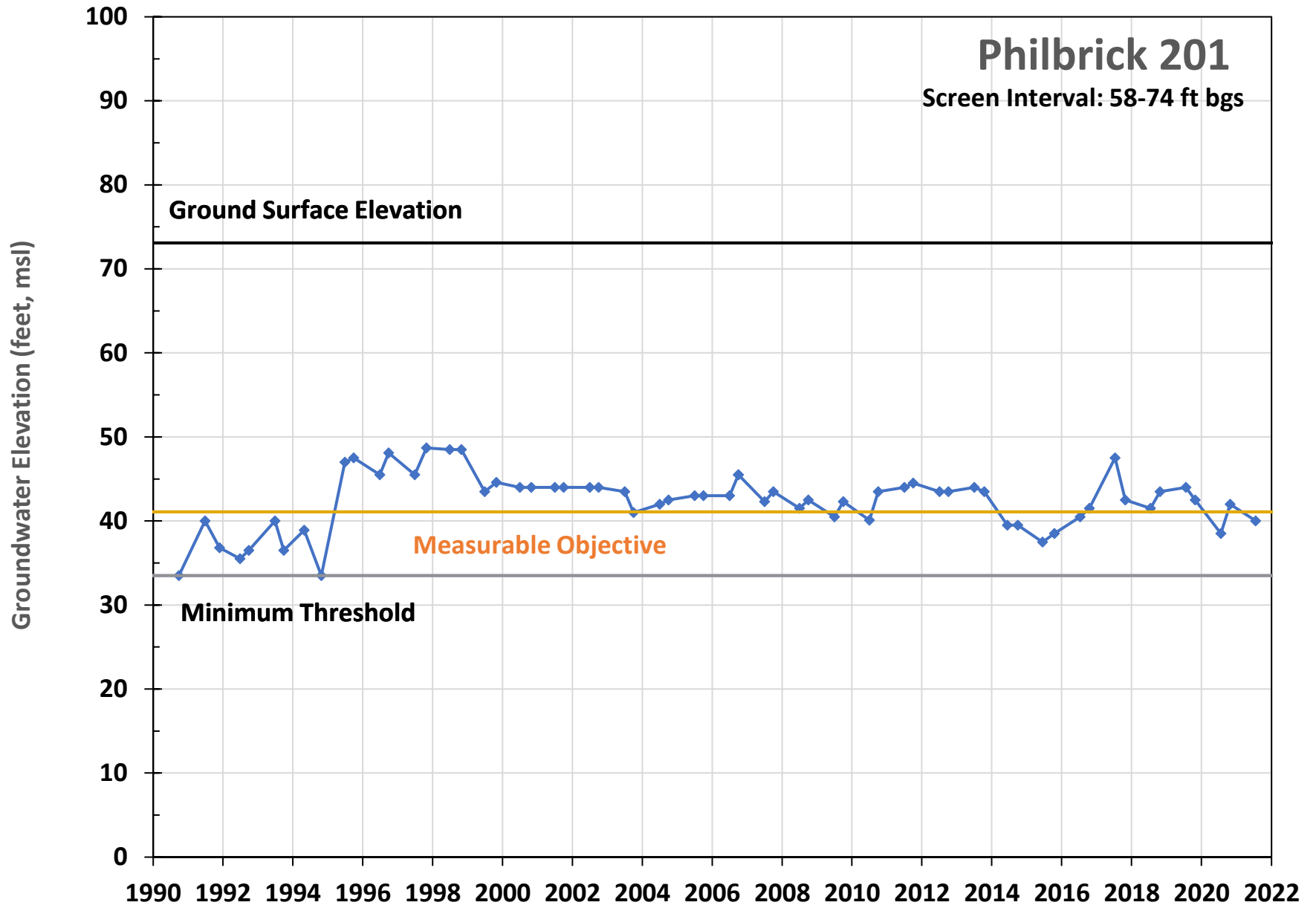
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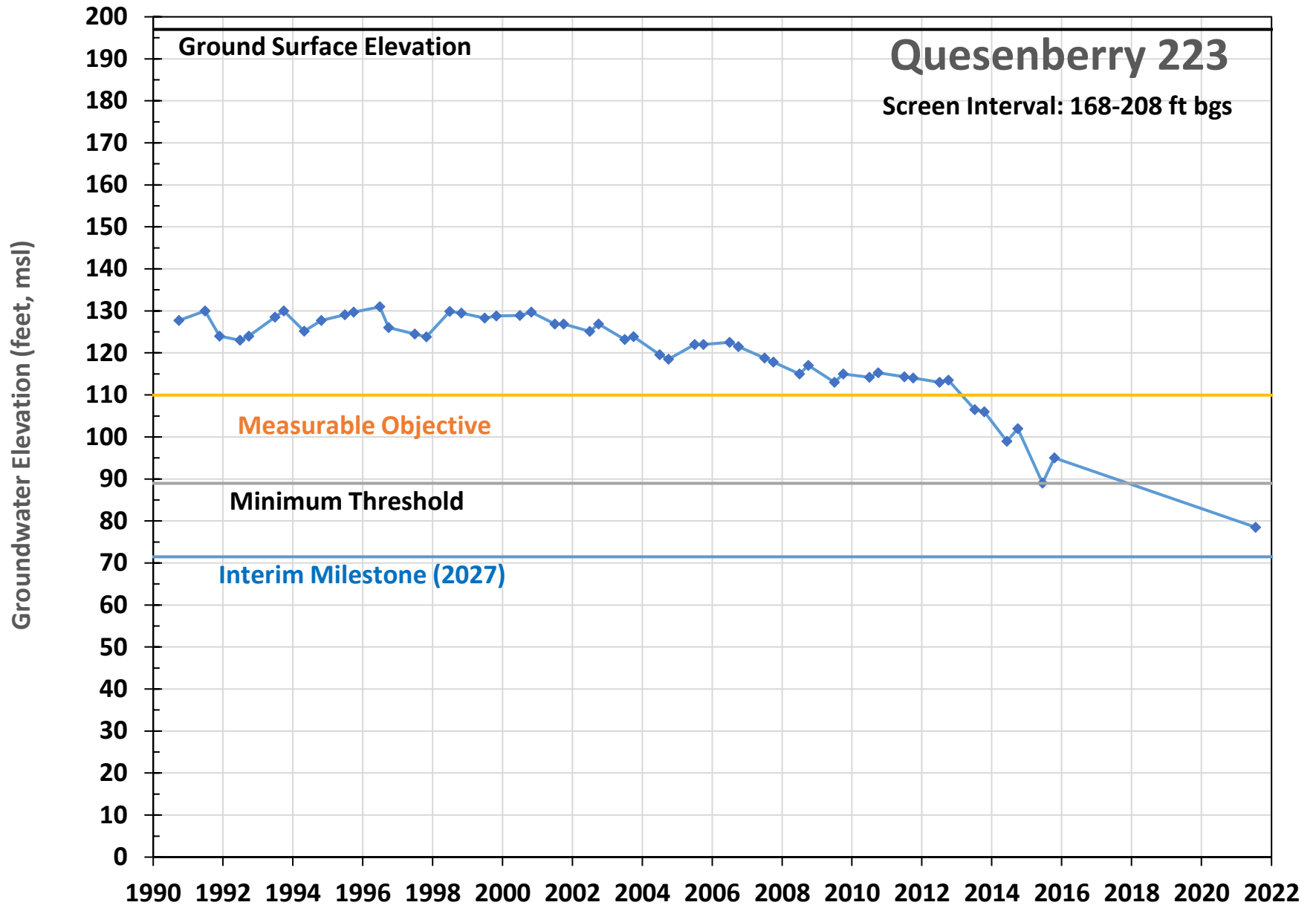


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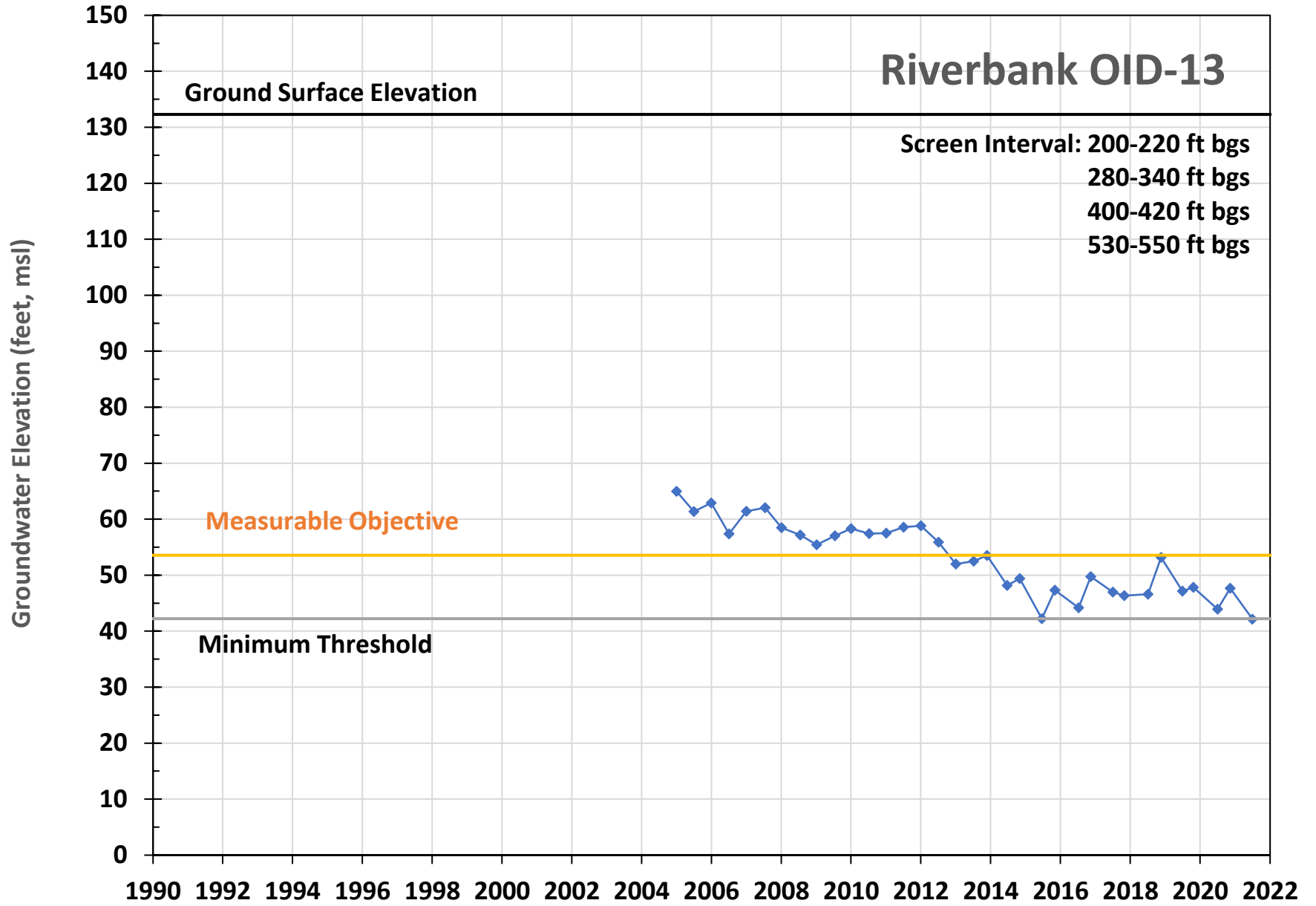


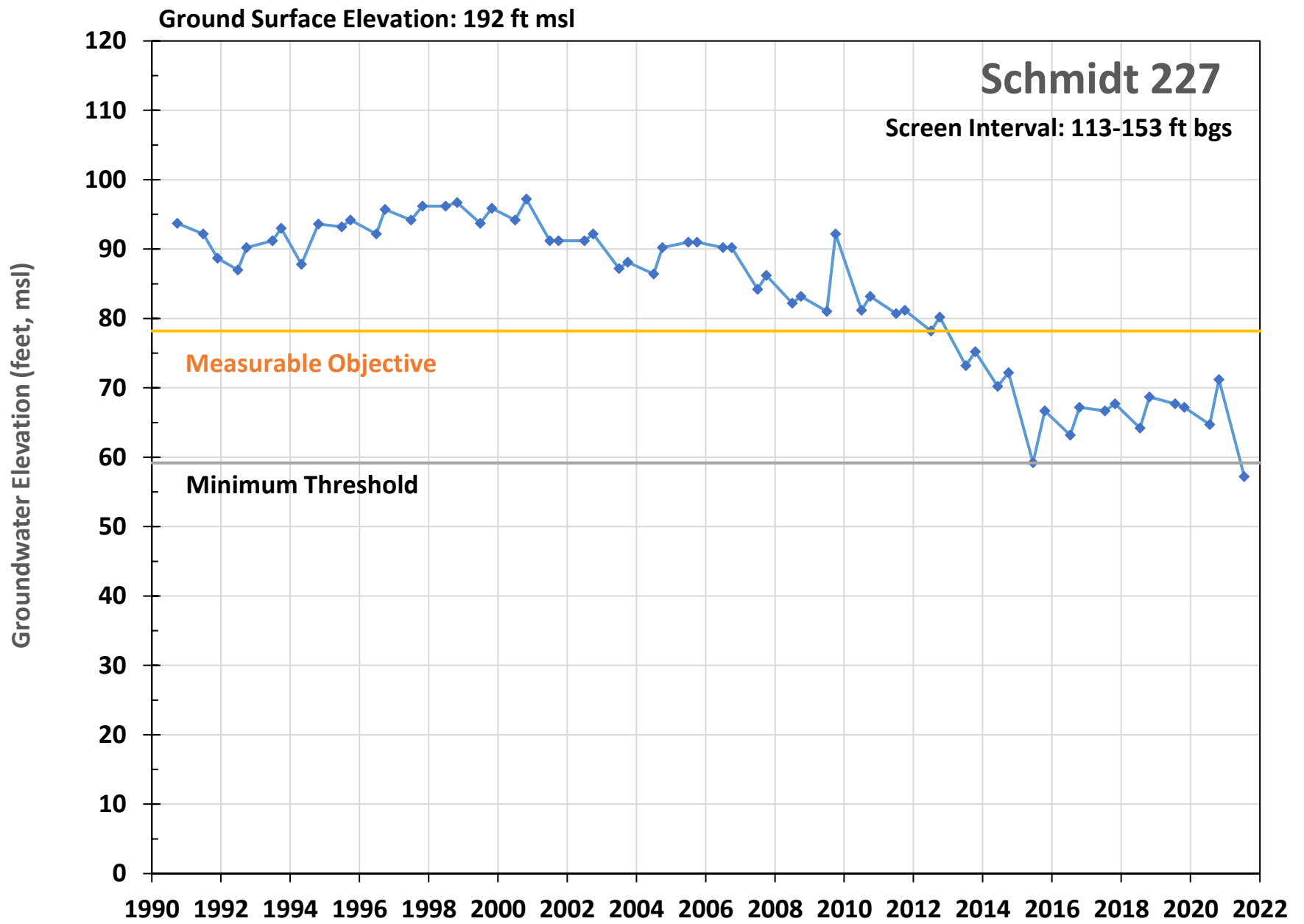


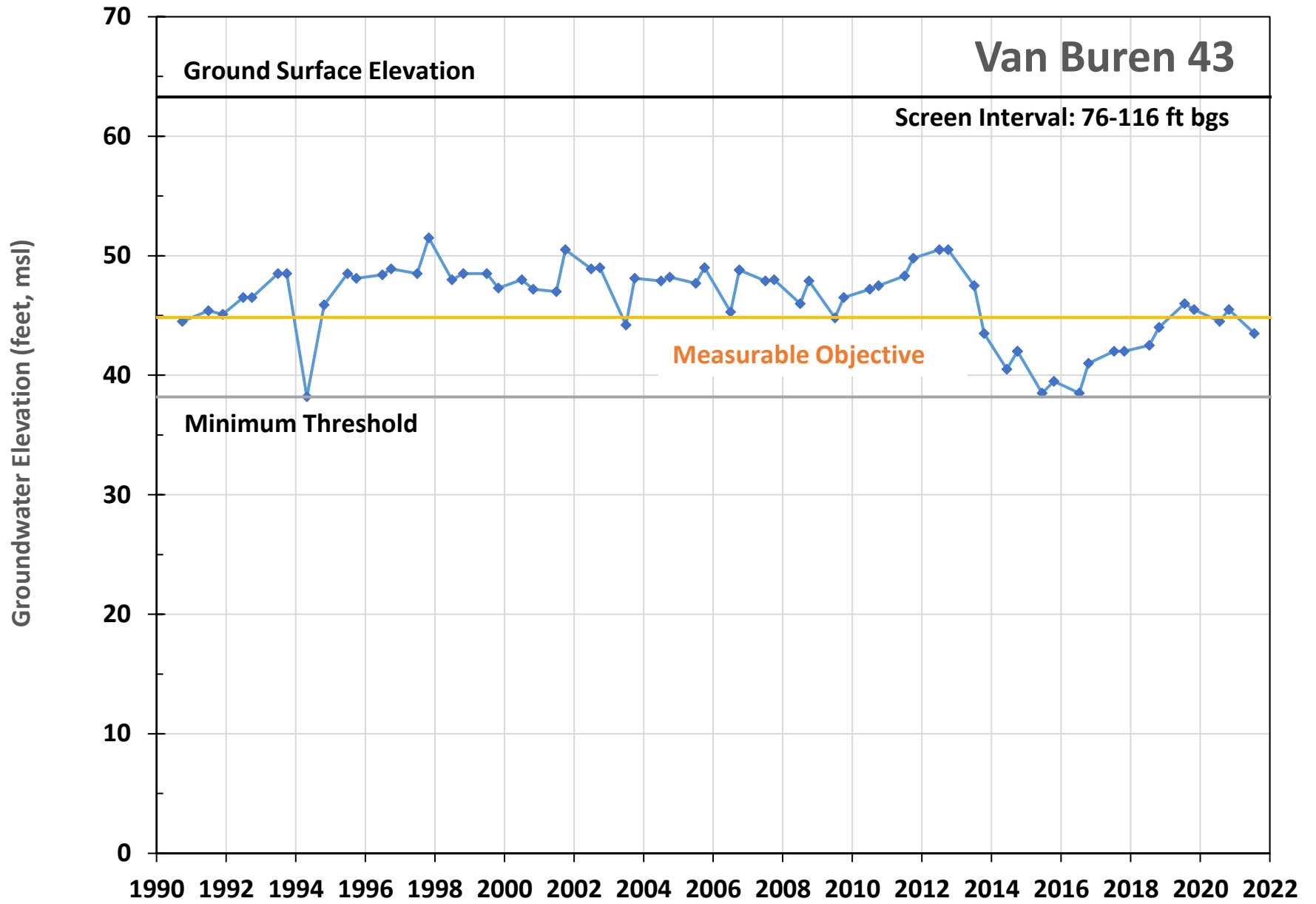




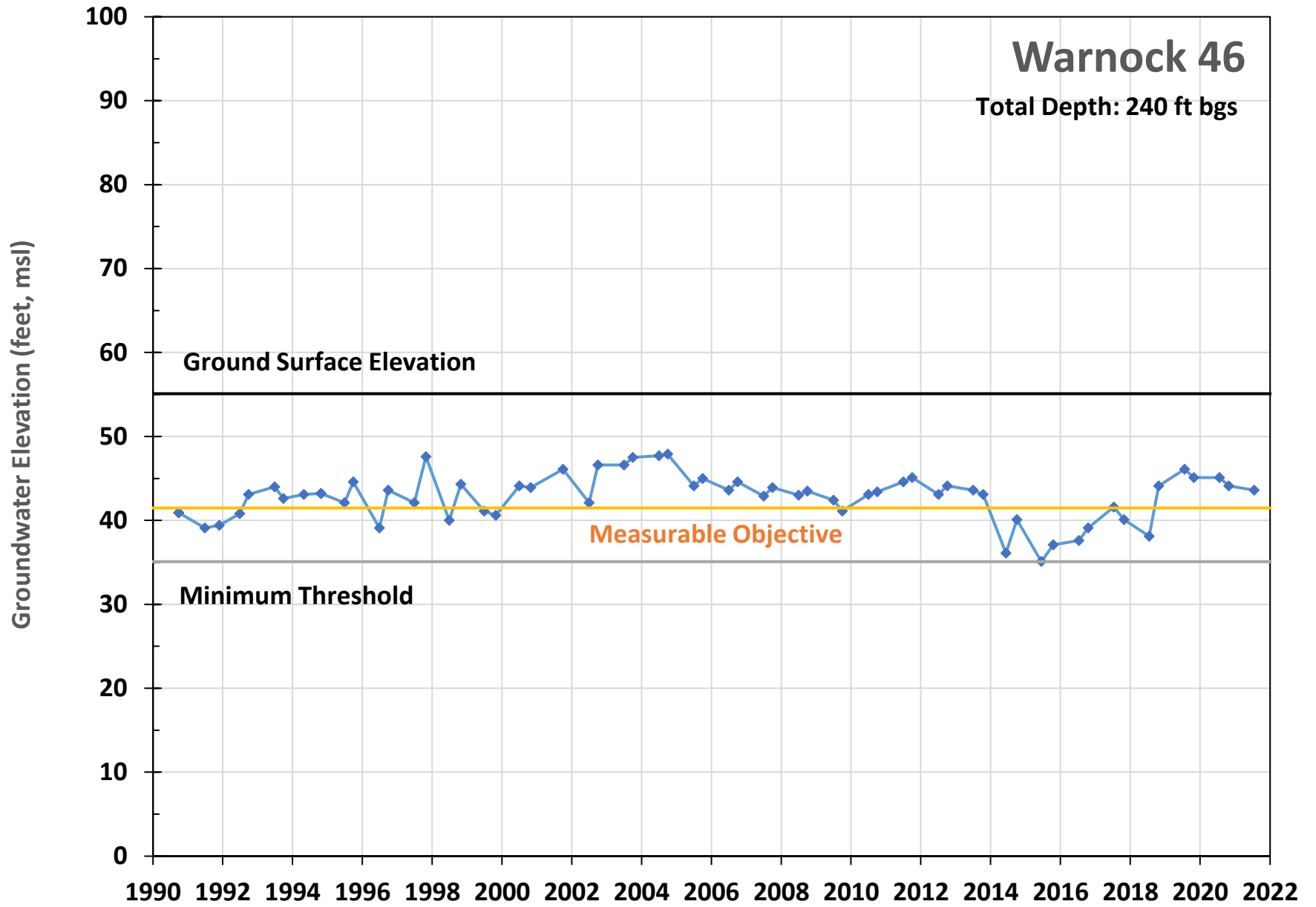
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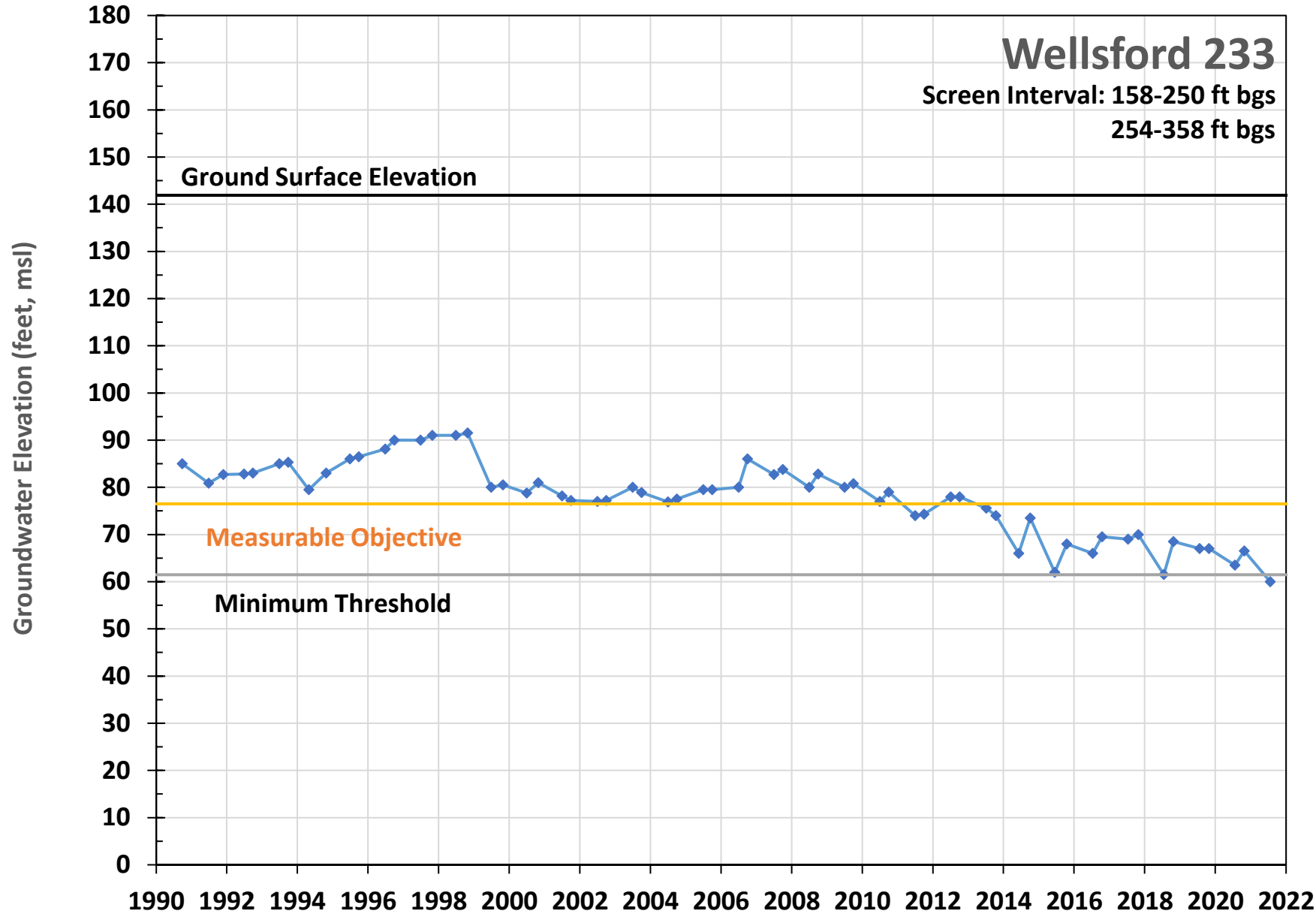




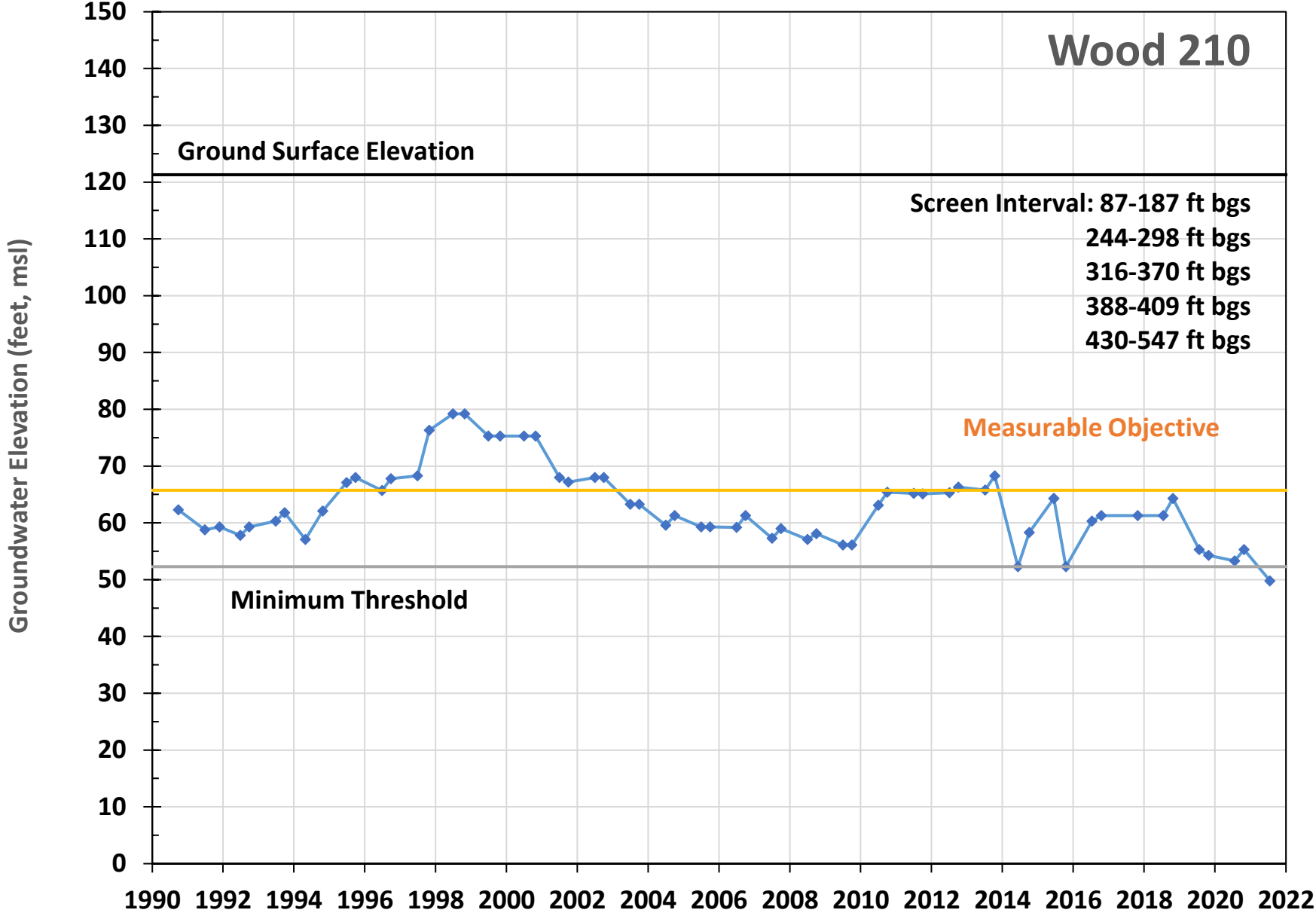


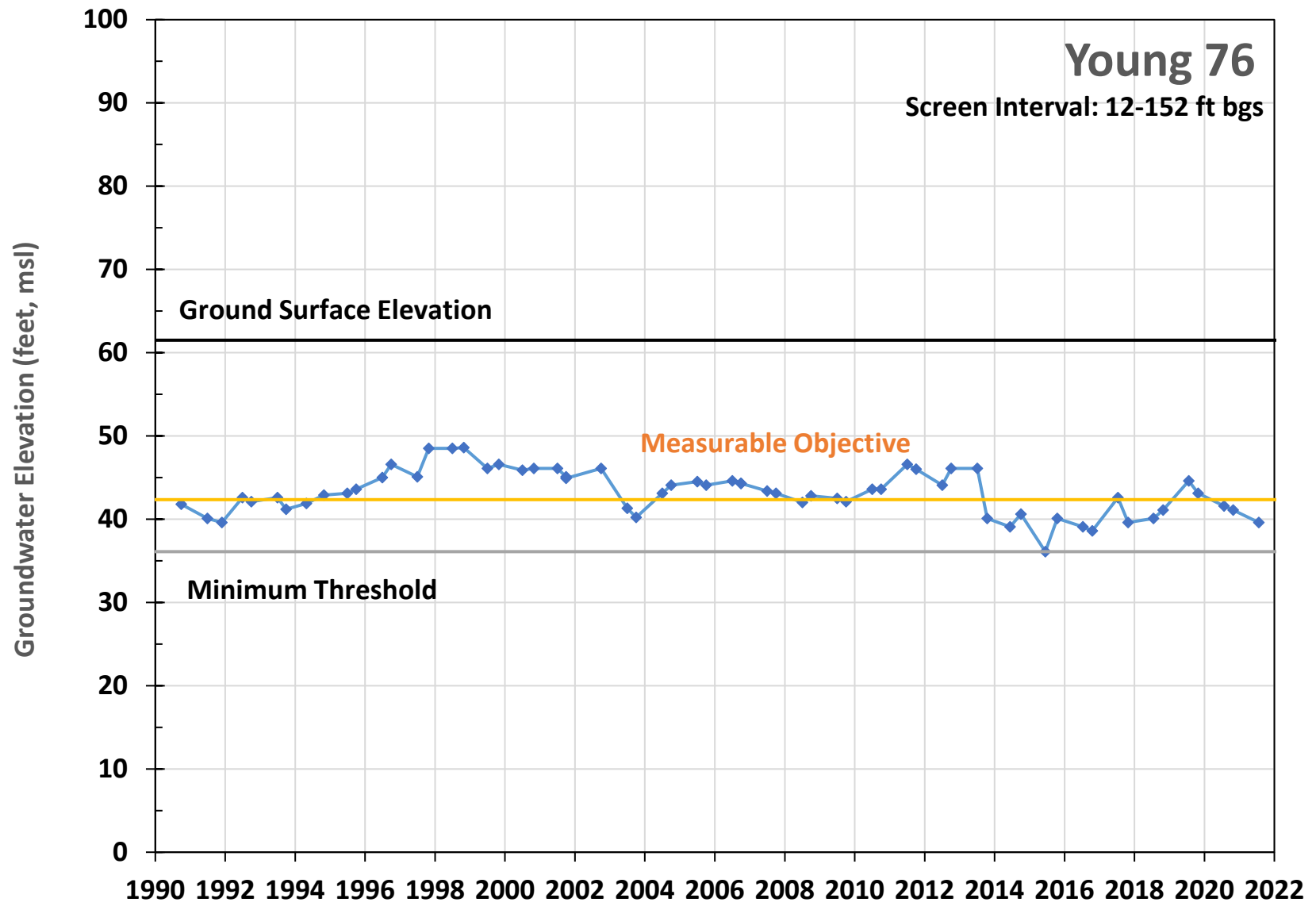
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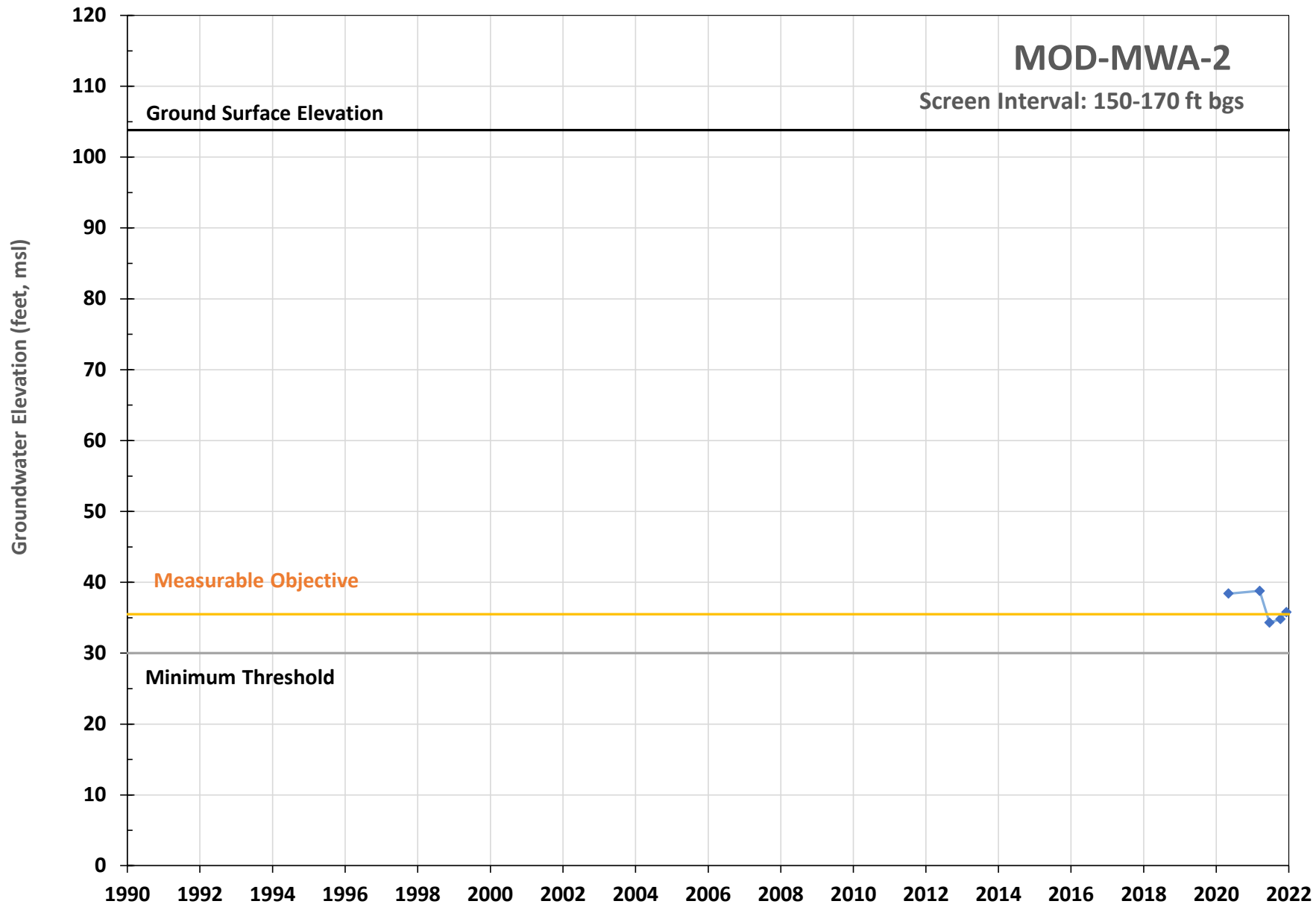


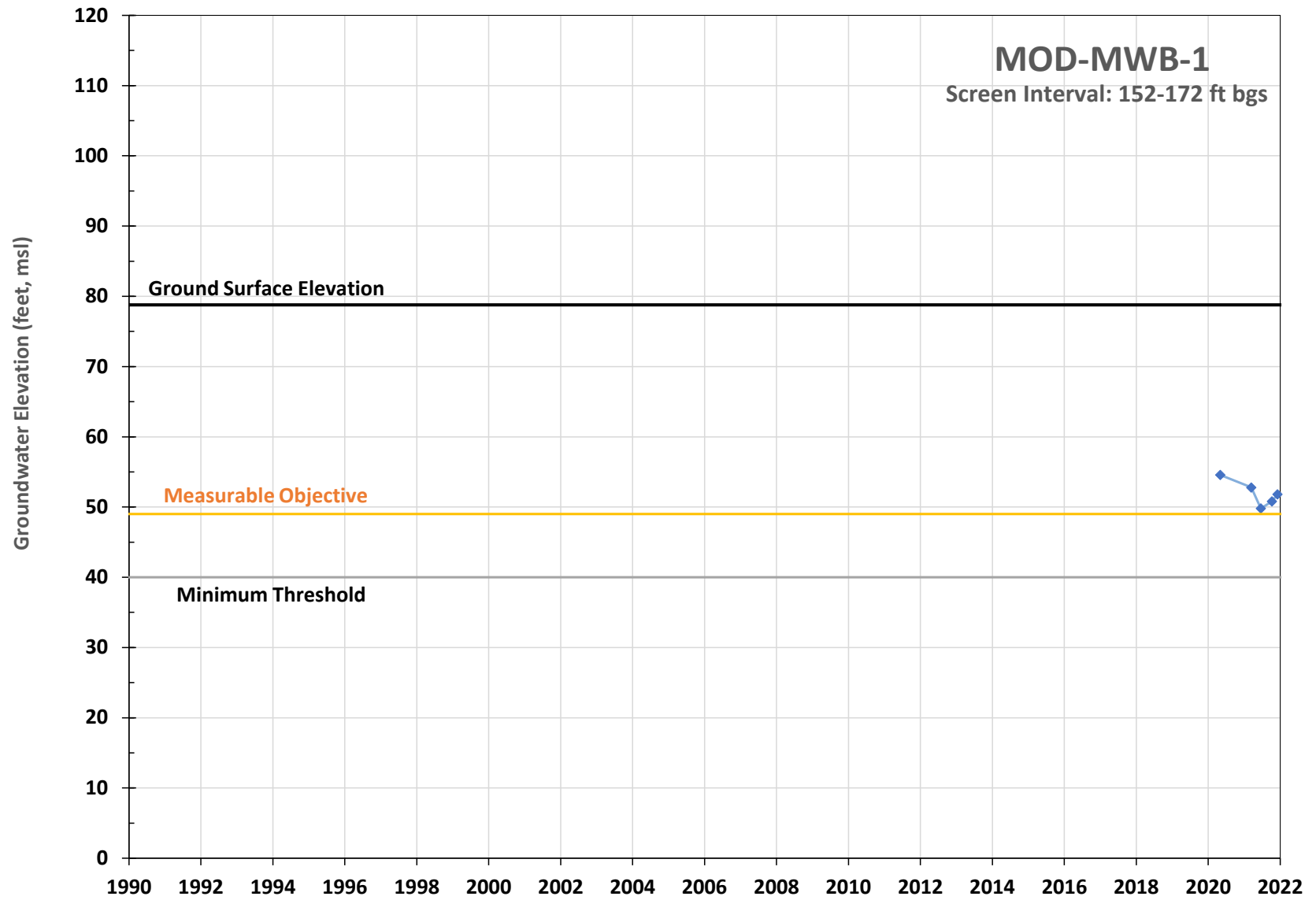
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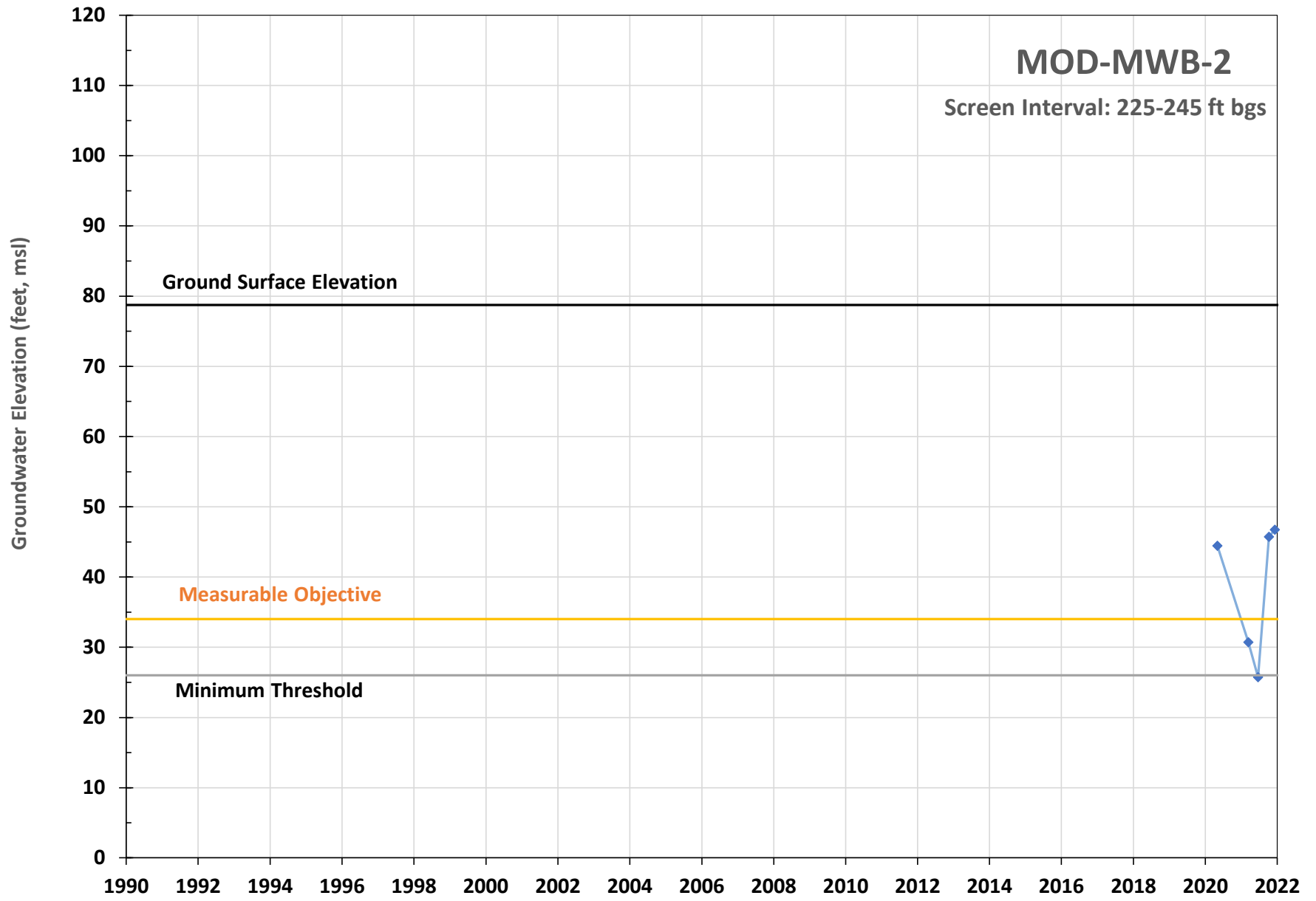


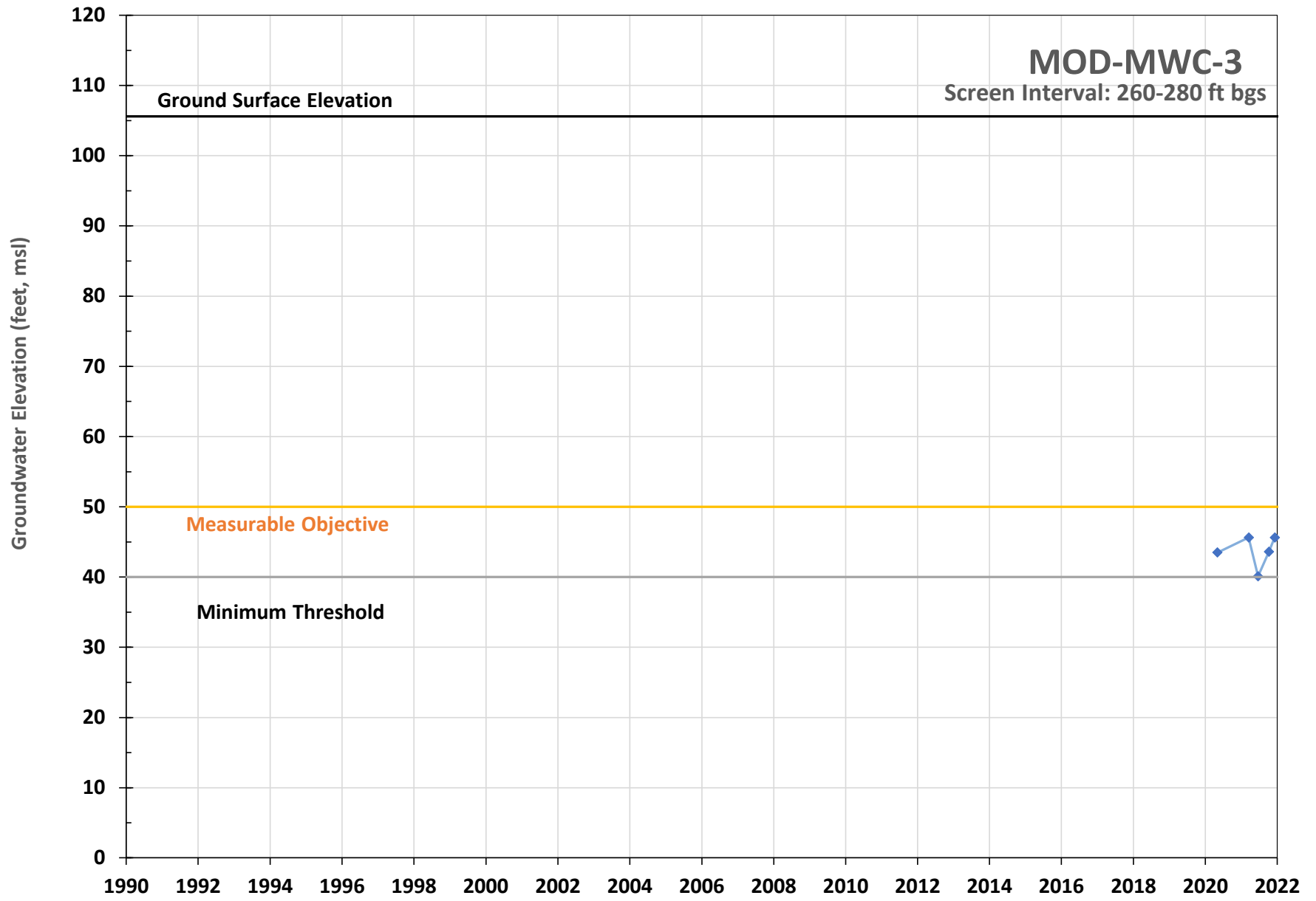




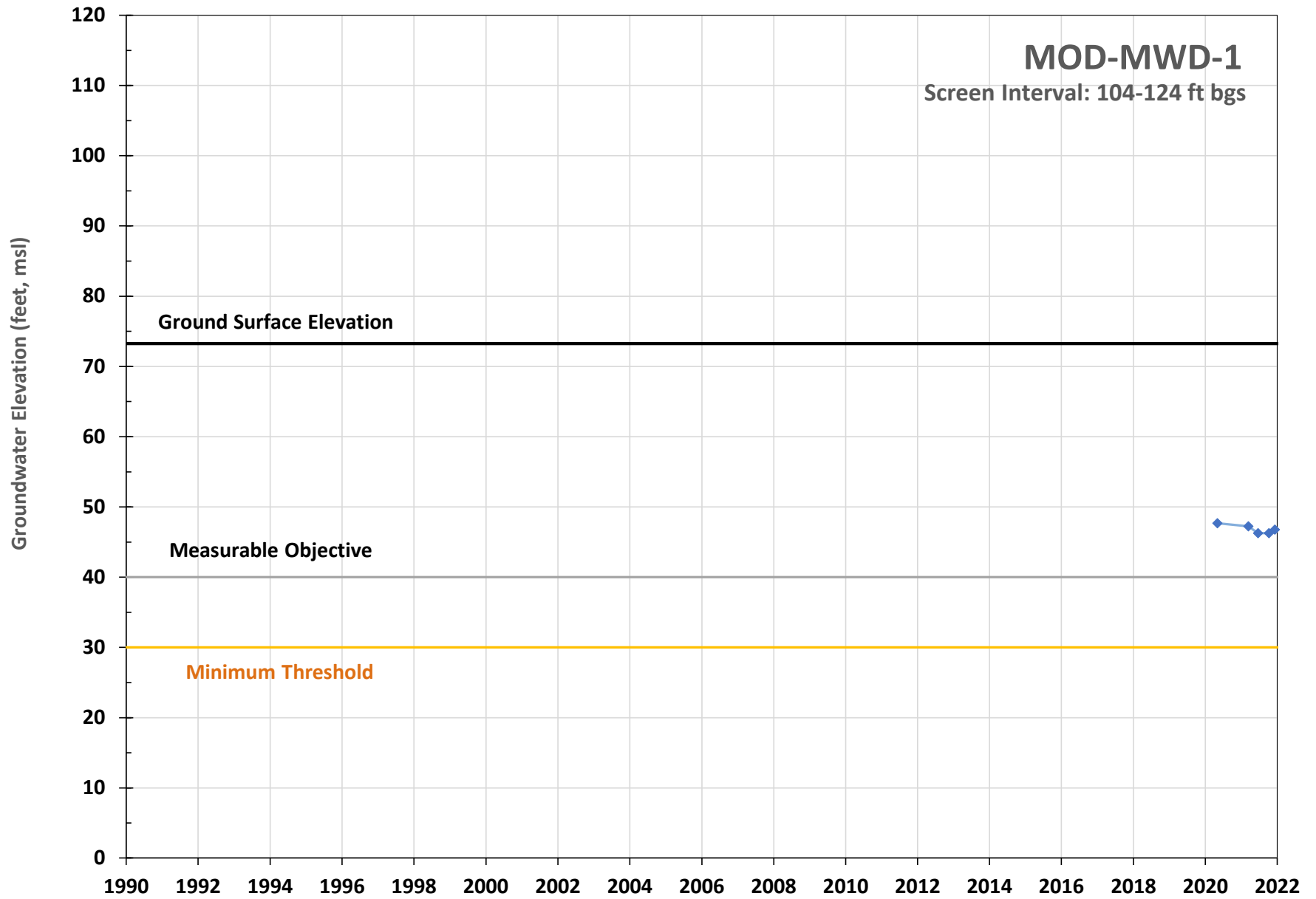


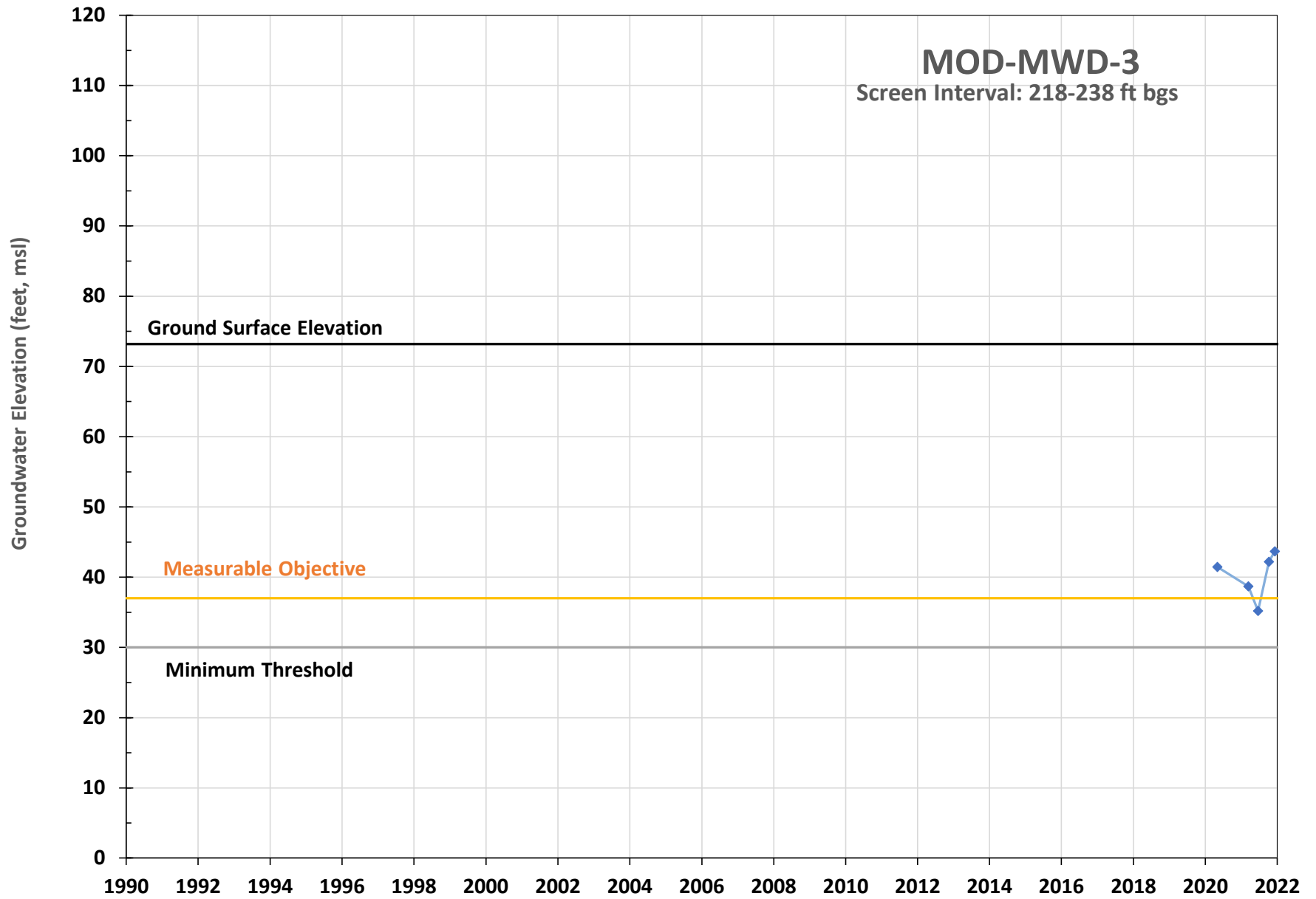


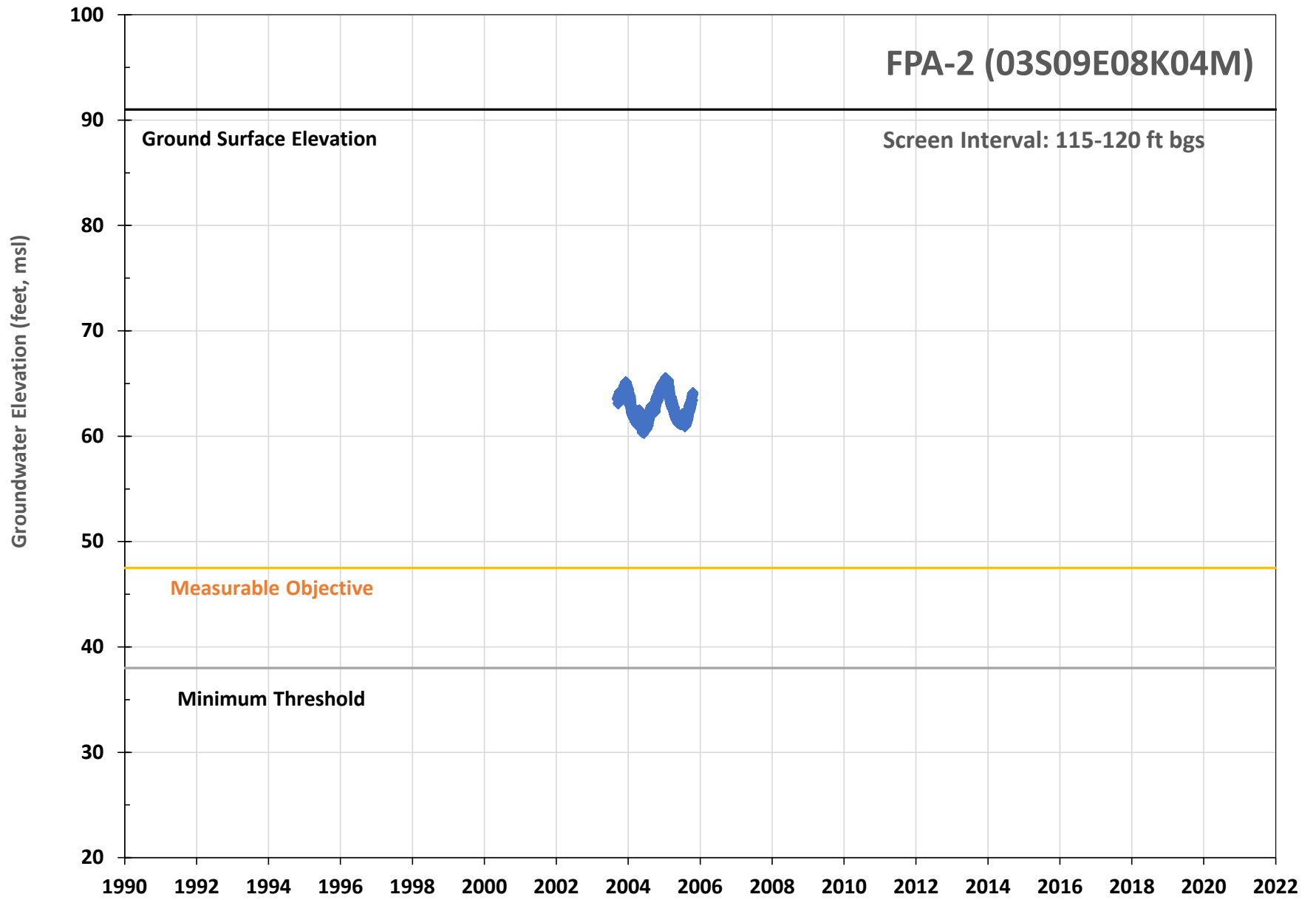






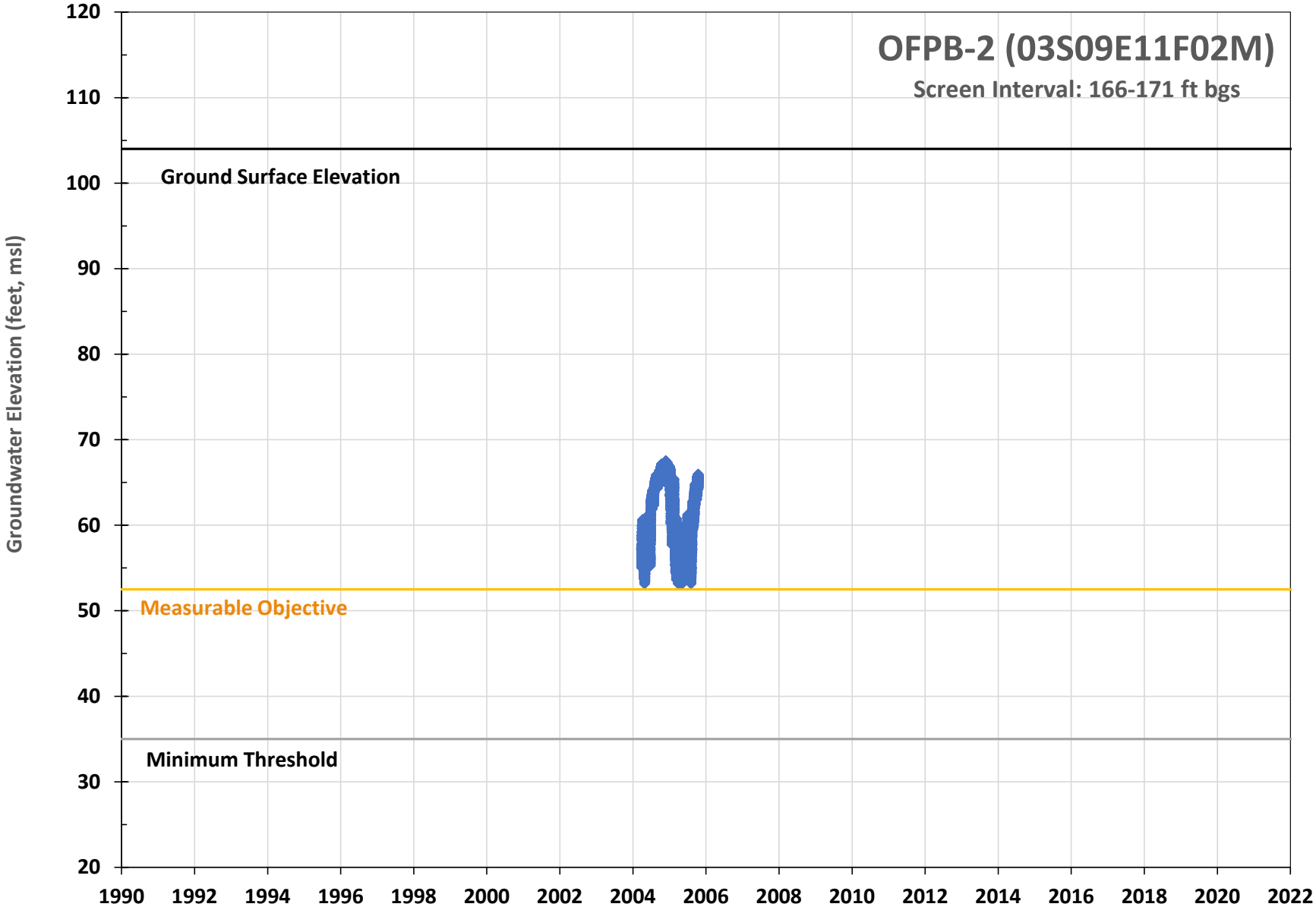






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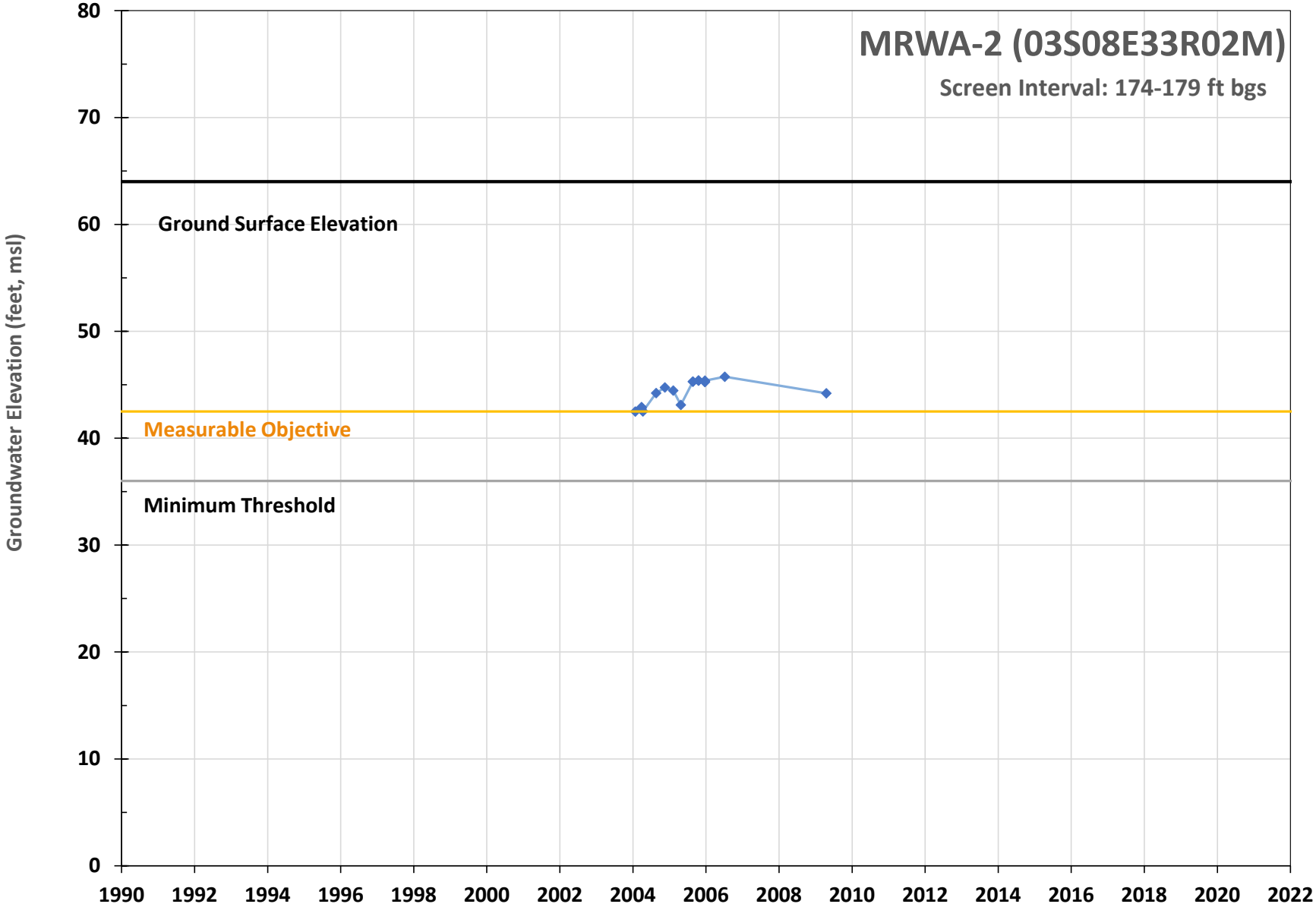
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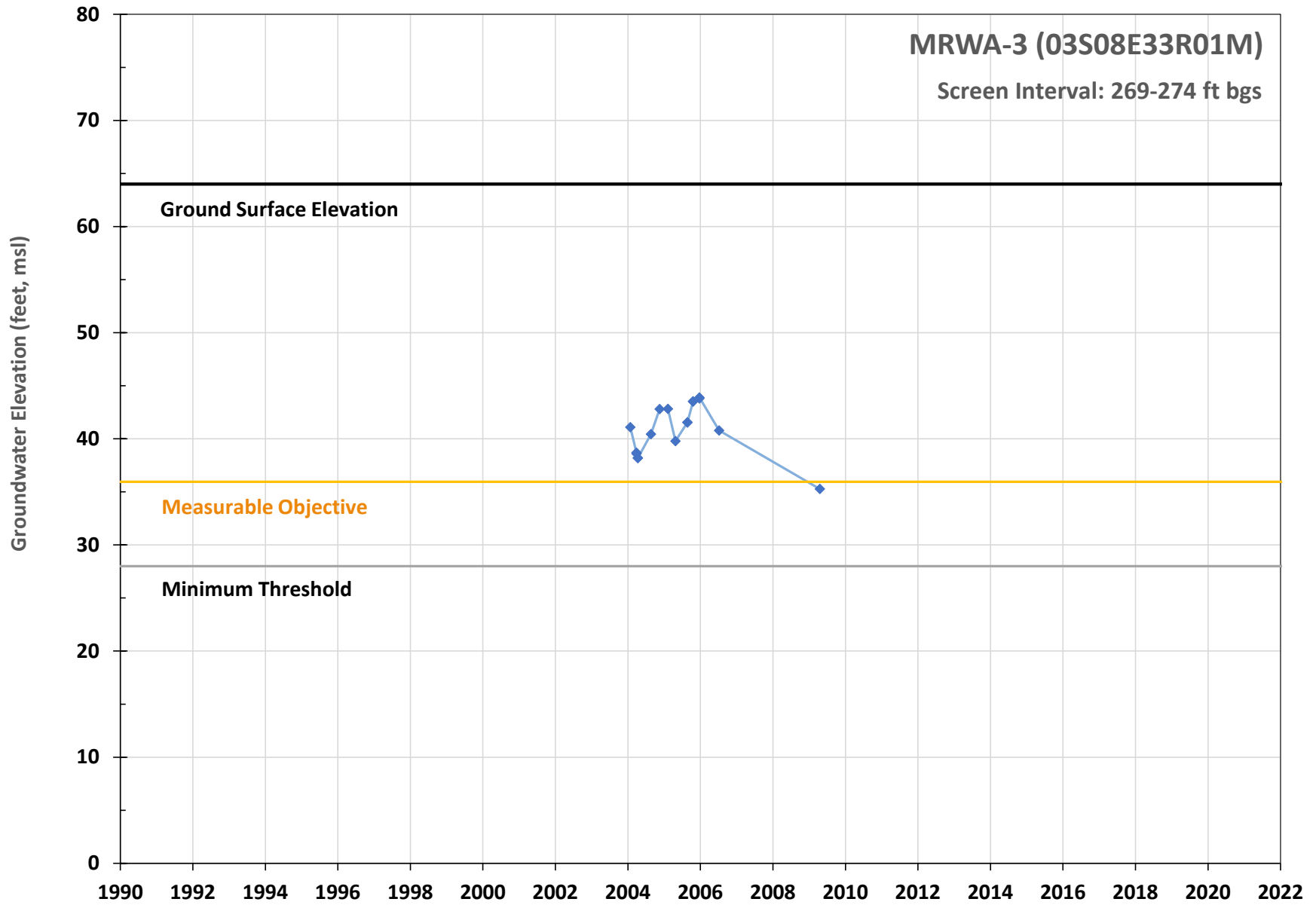


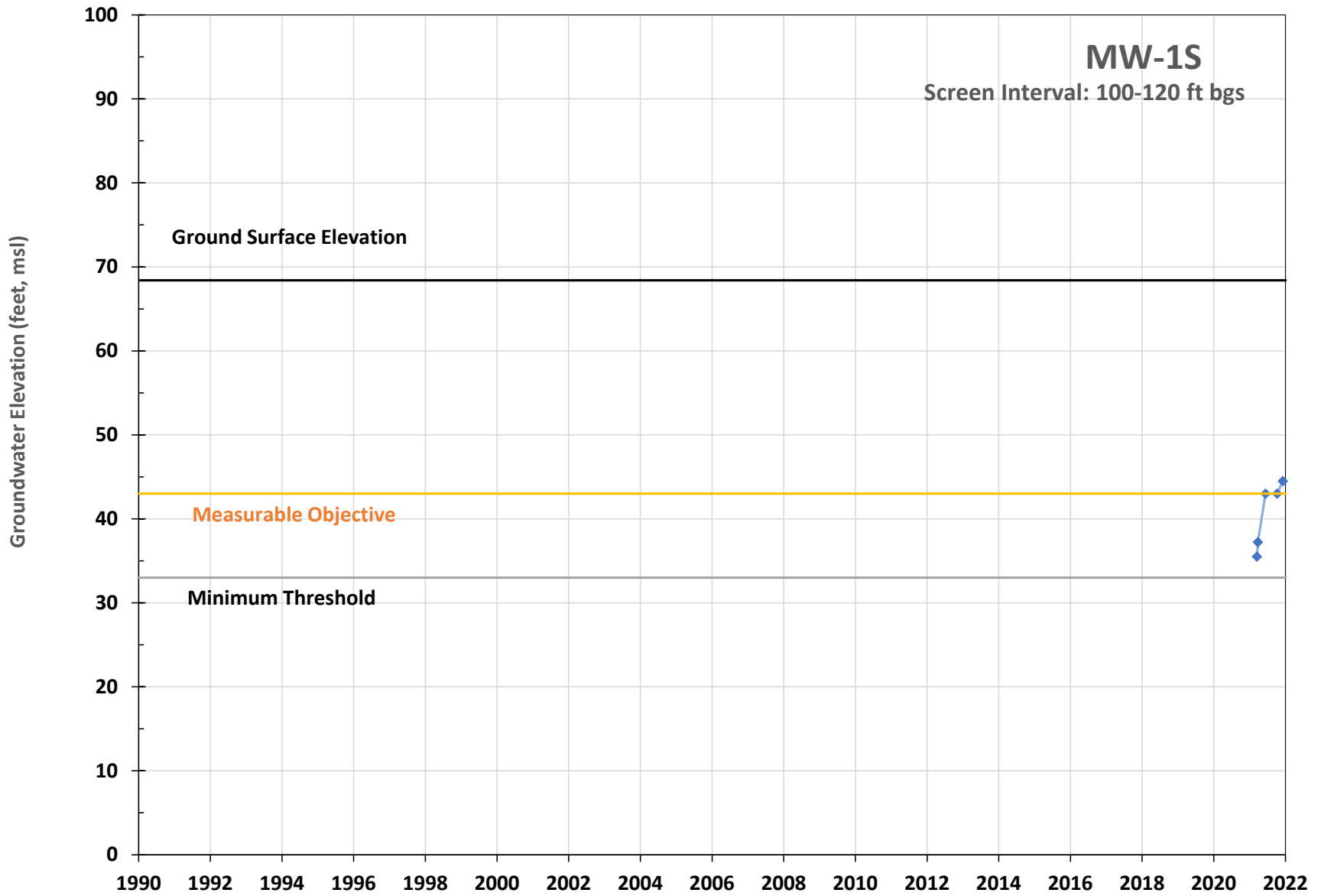


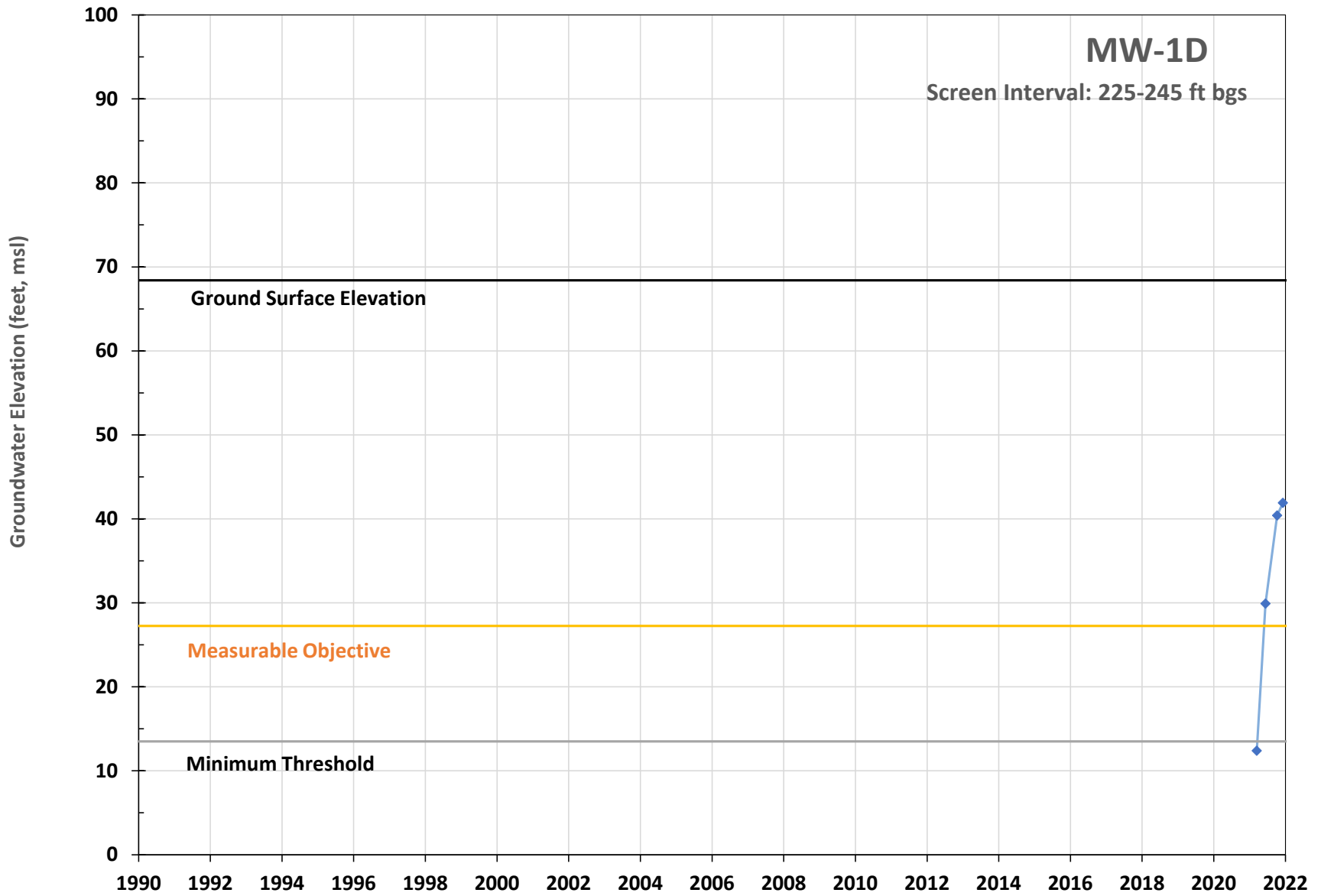
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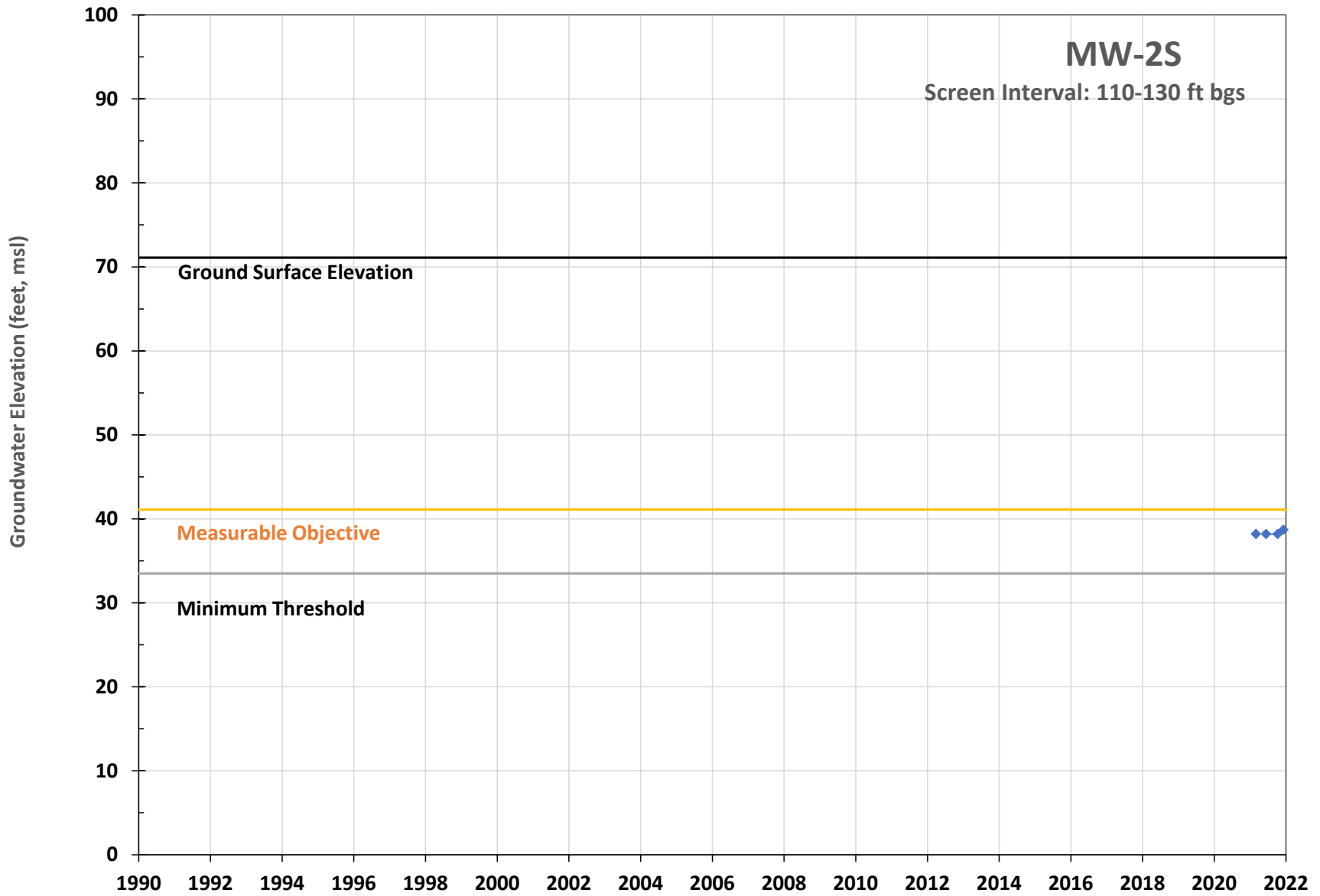


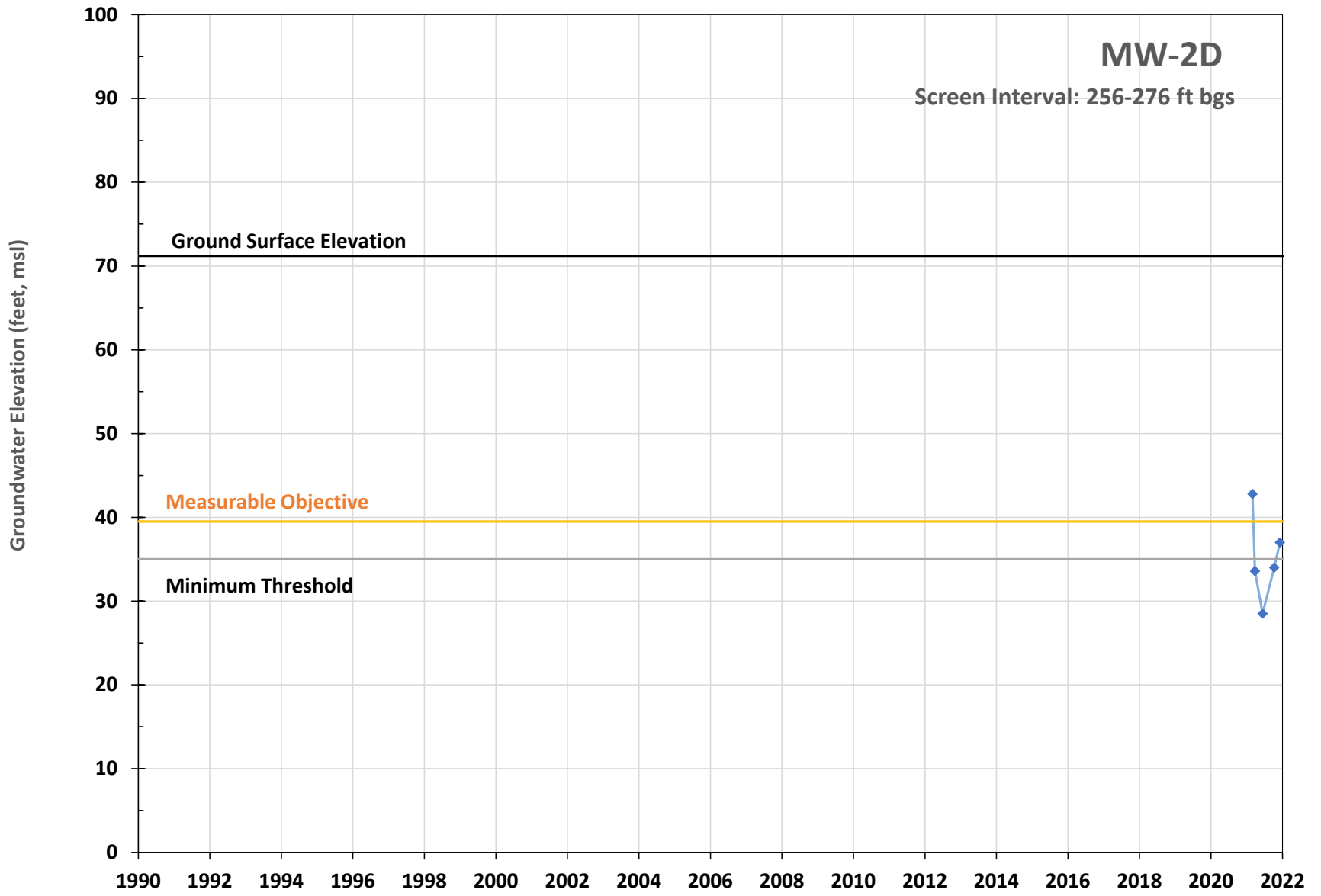


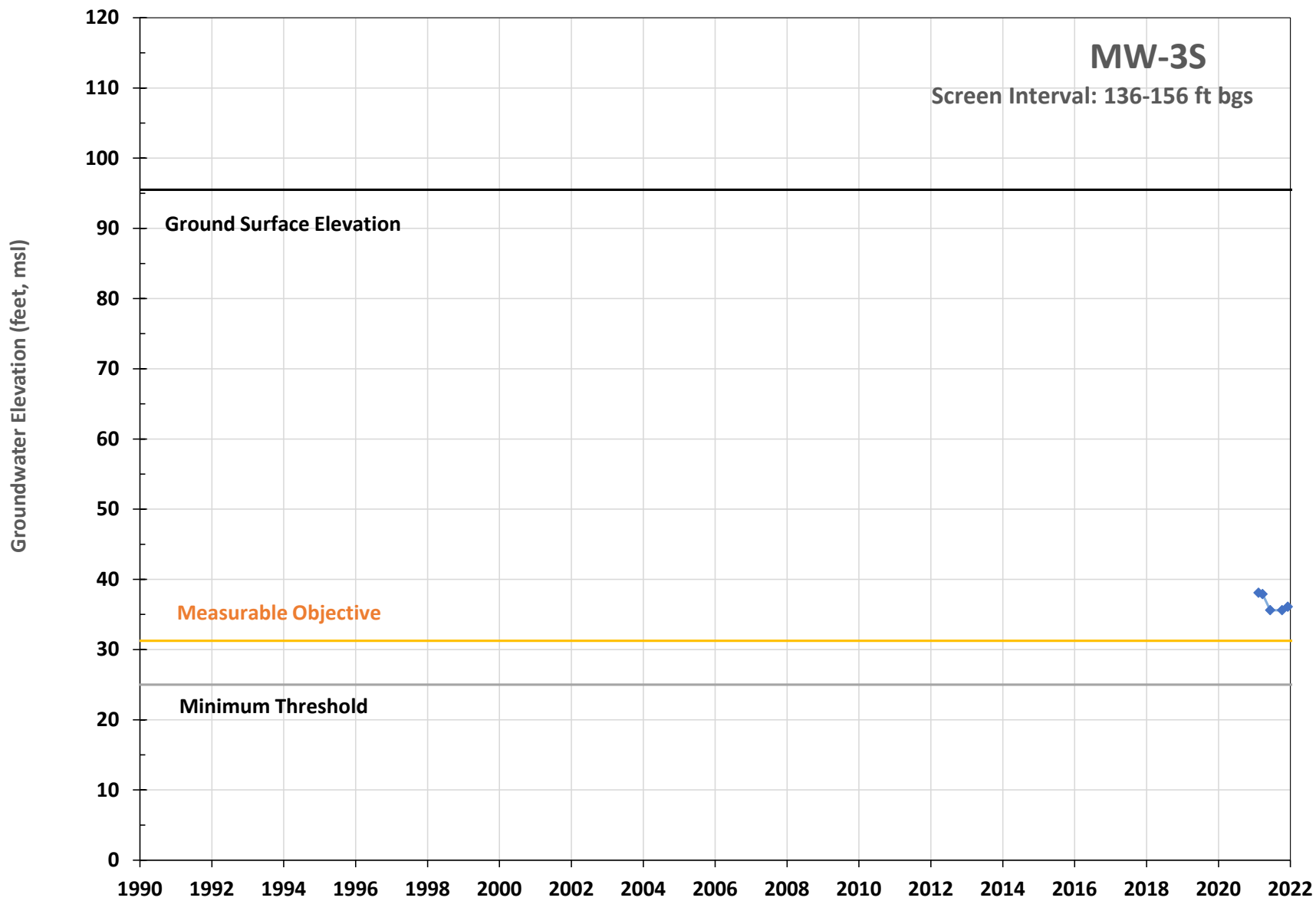


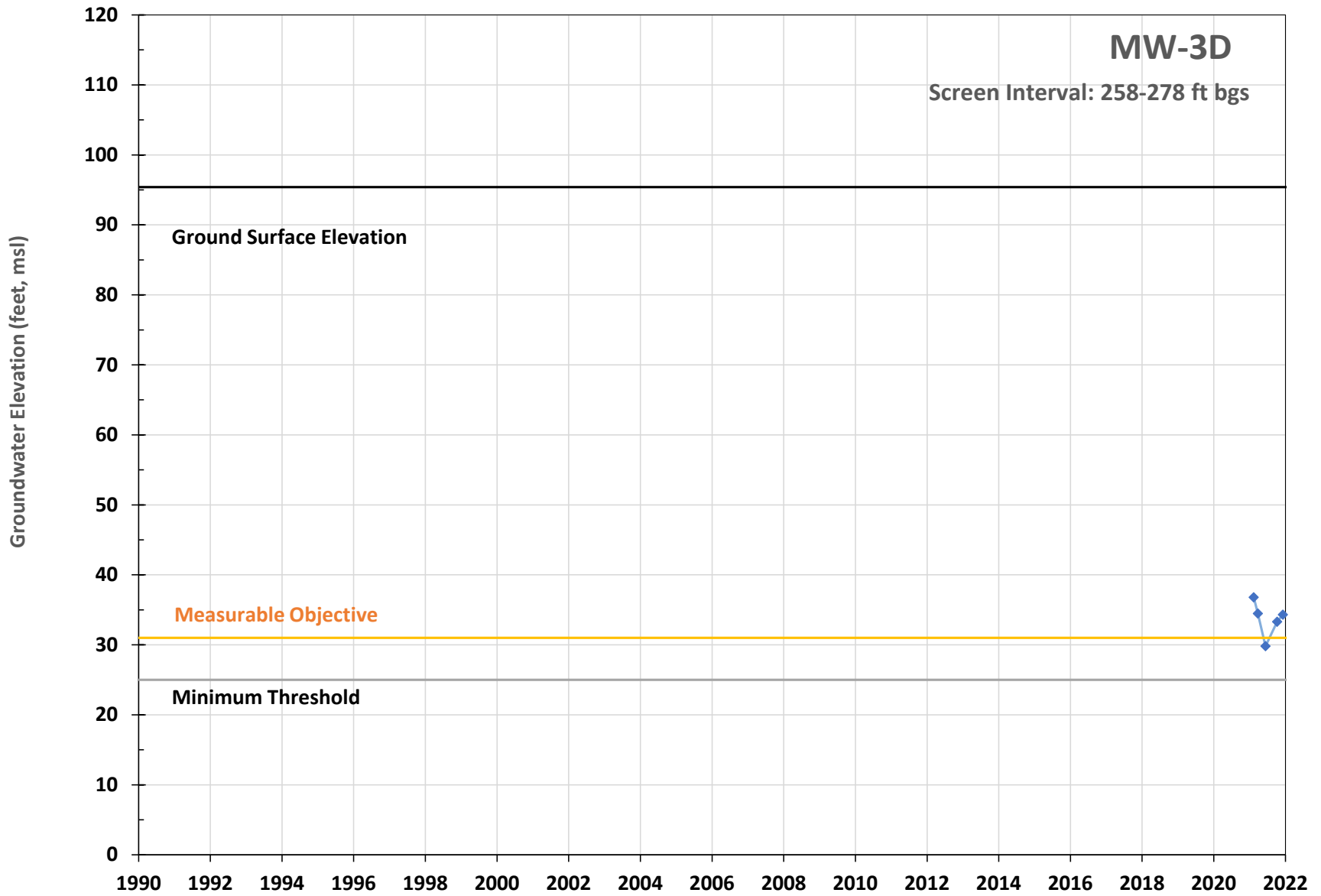




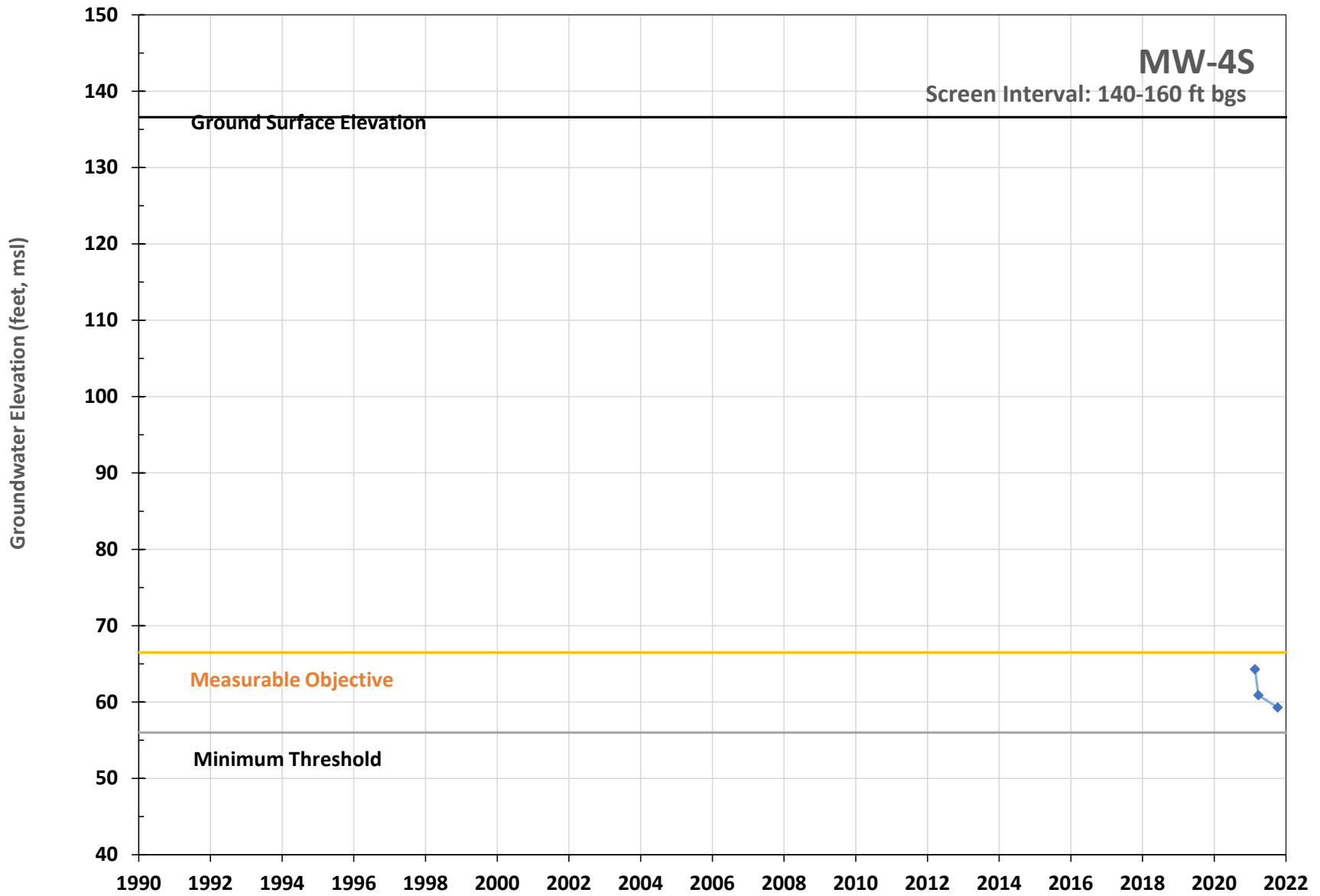








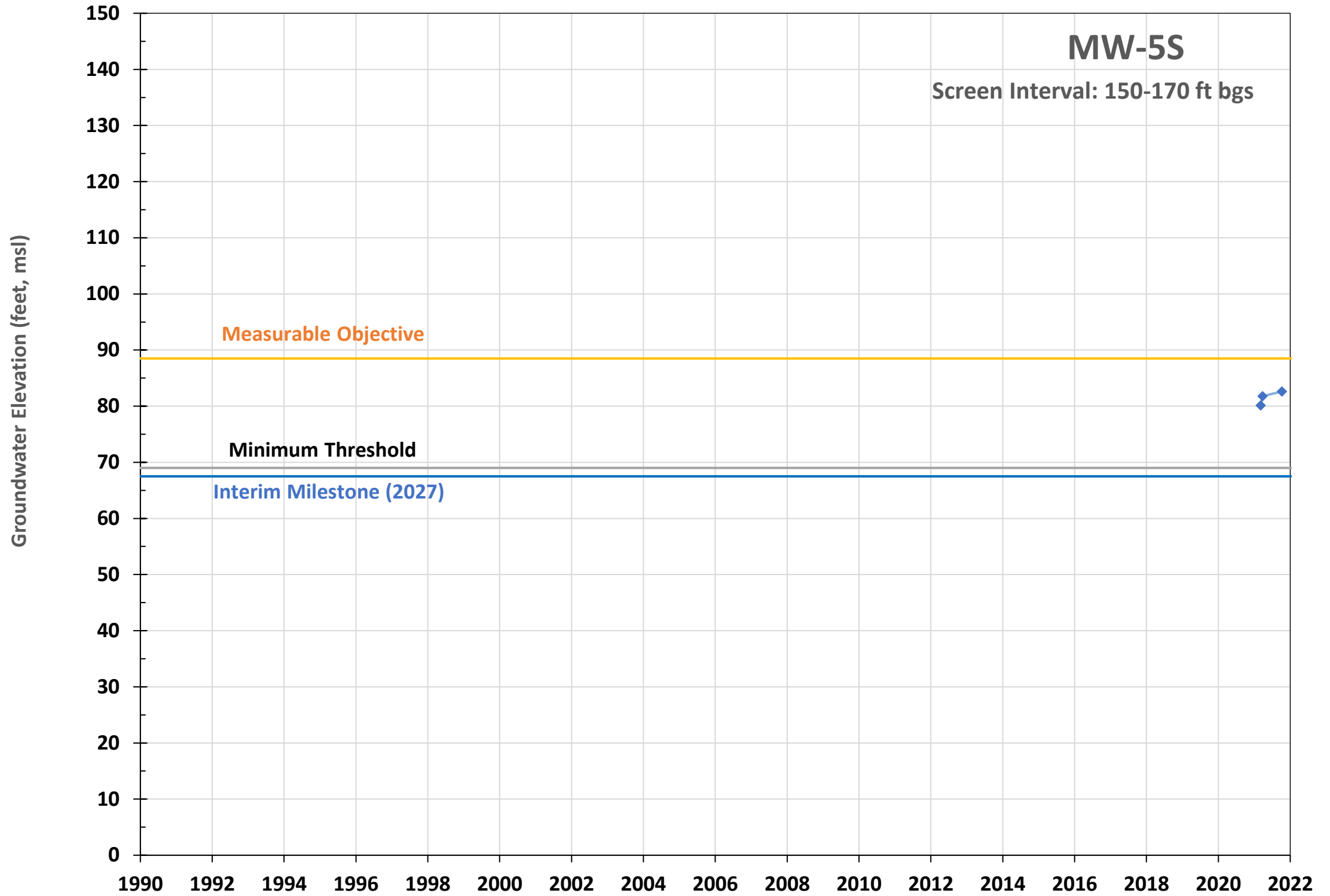




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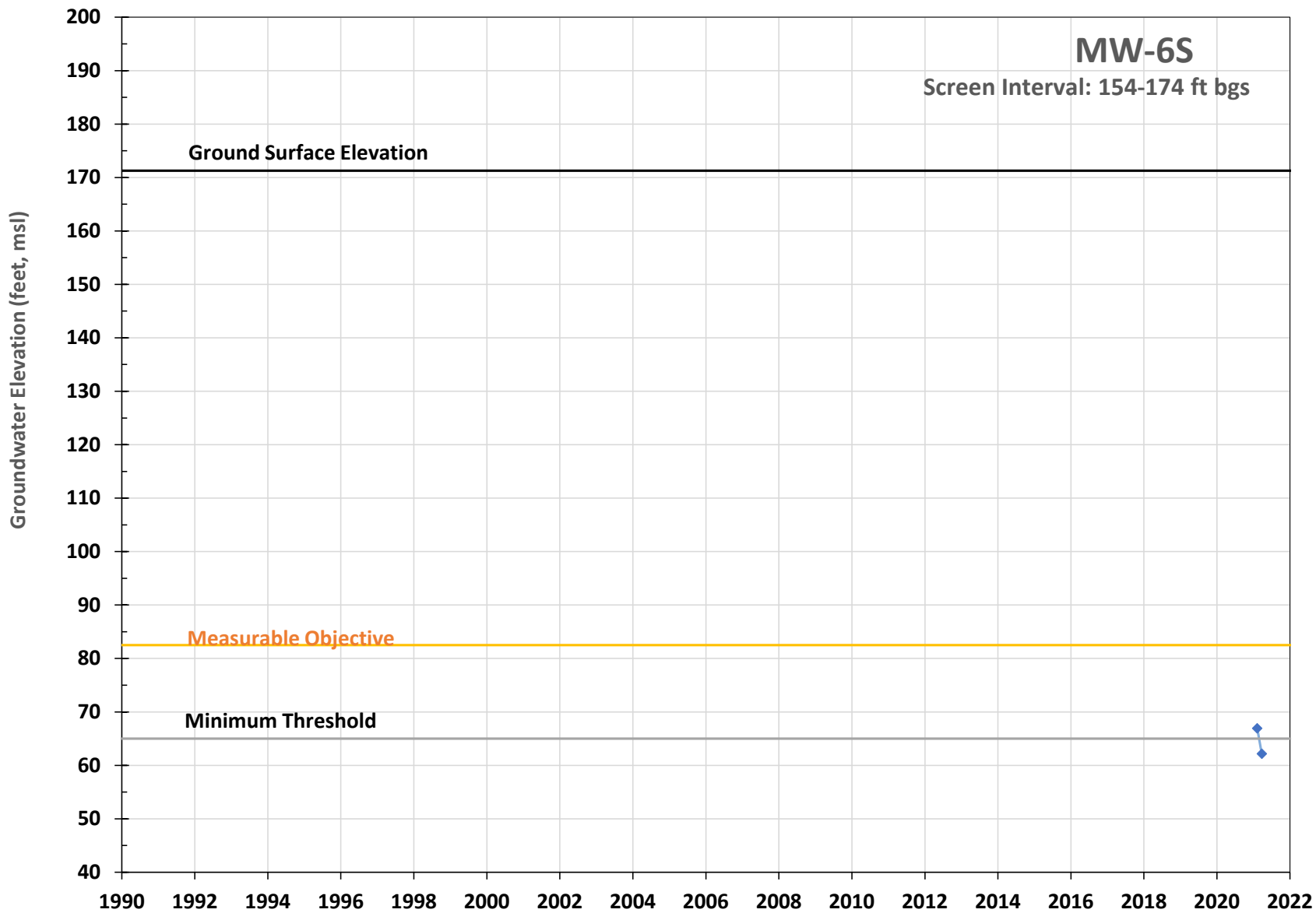
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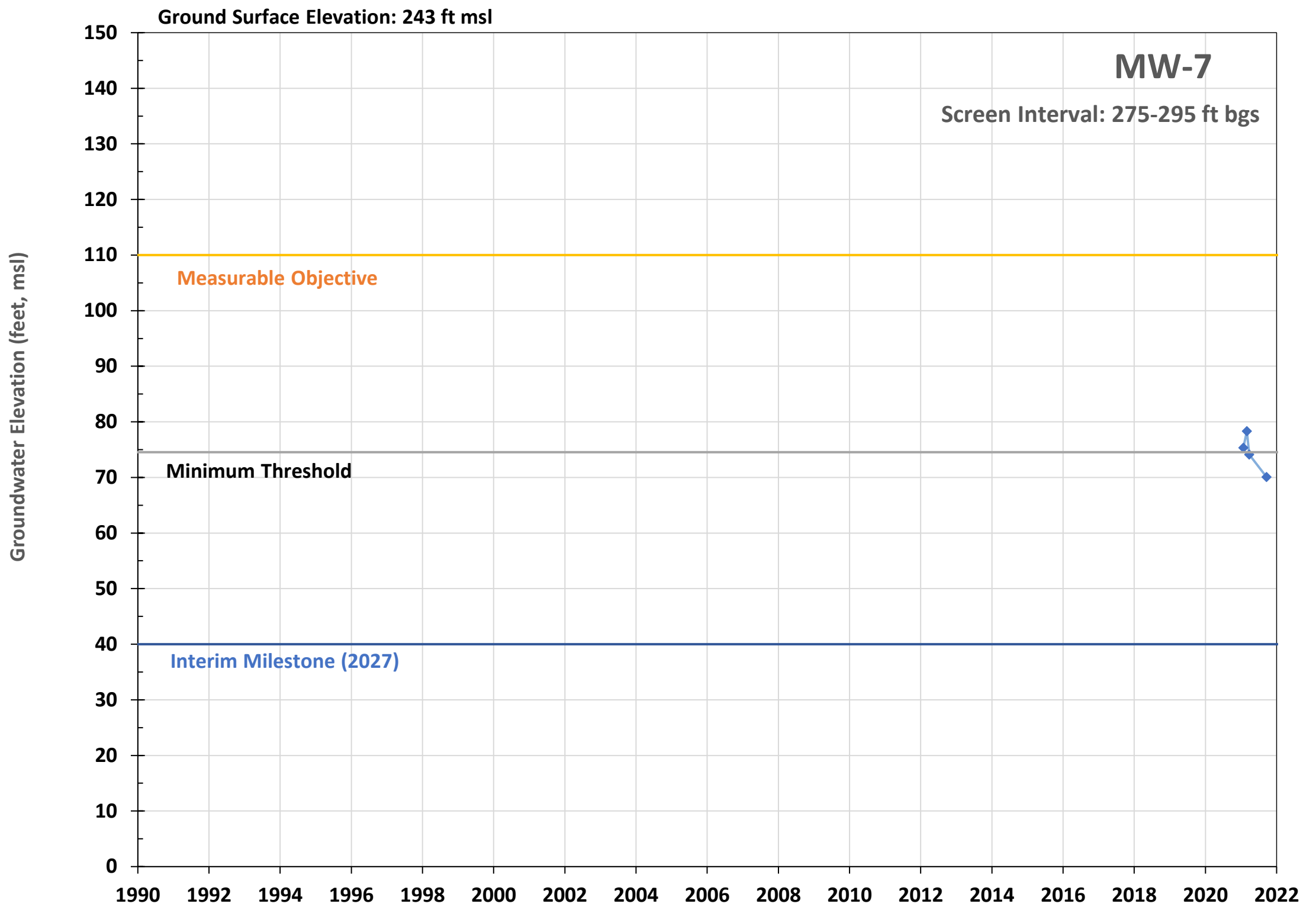


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Minimum Threshold

Interim Milestone (2027)



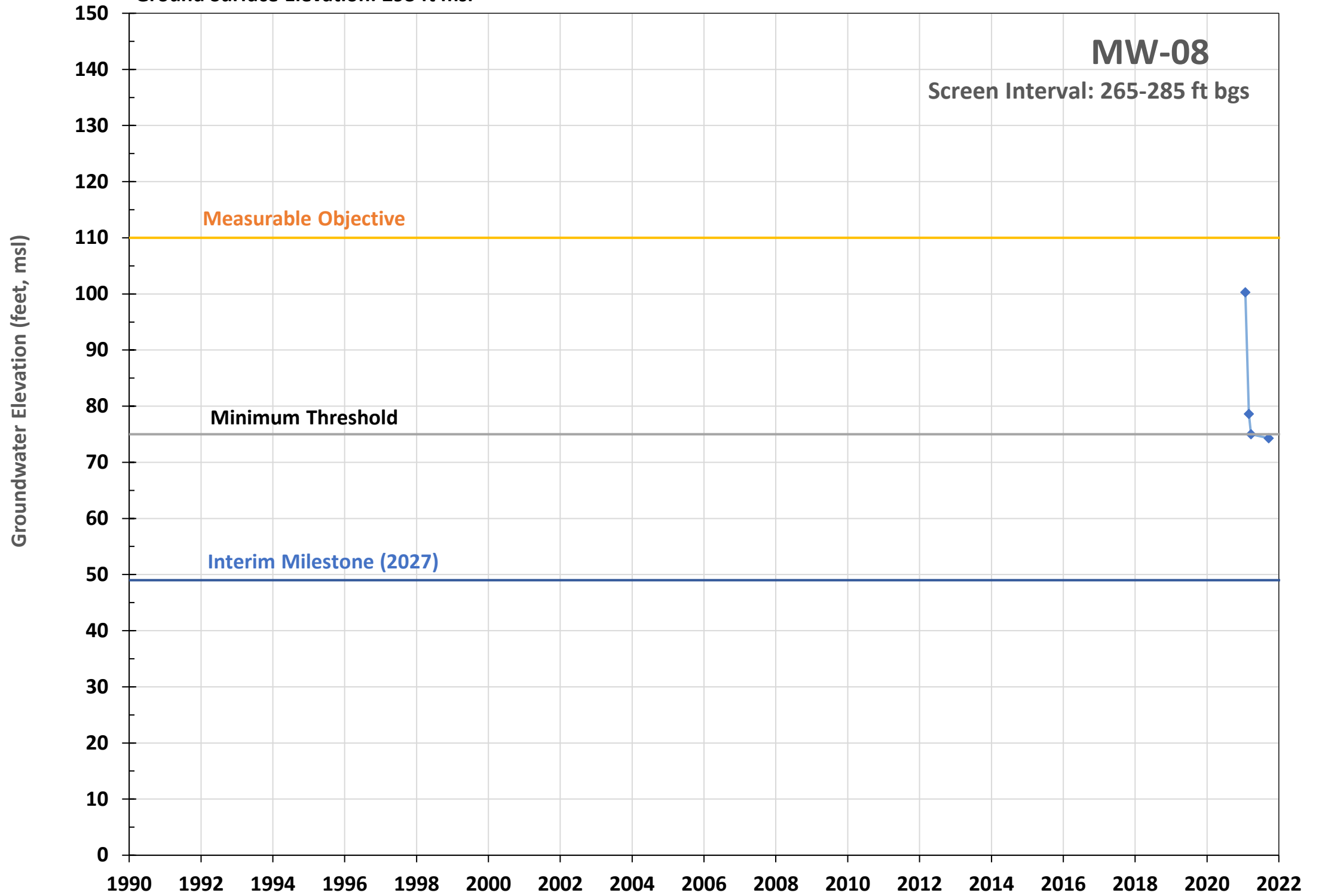


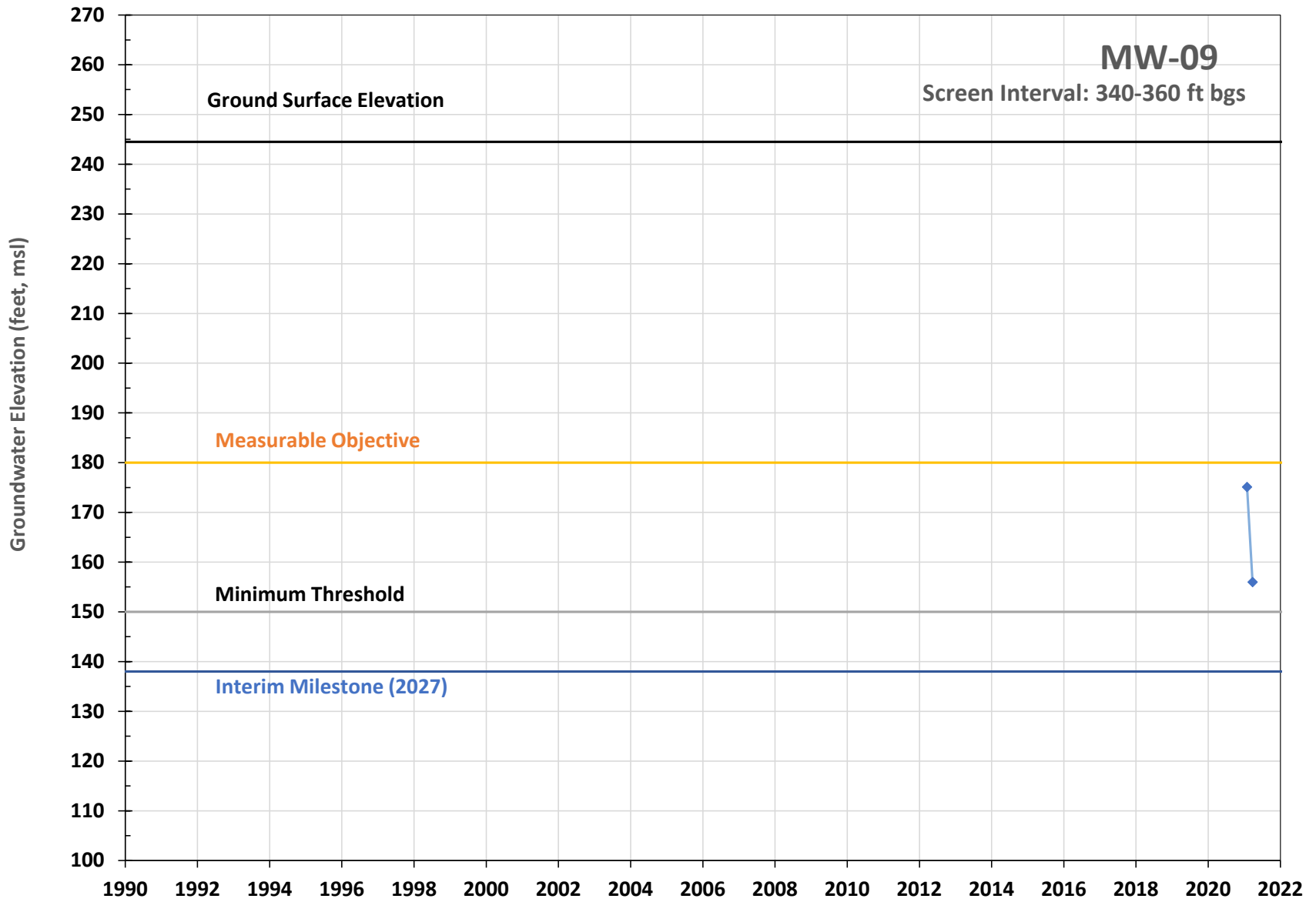


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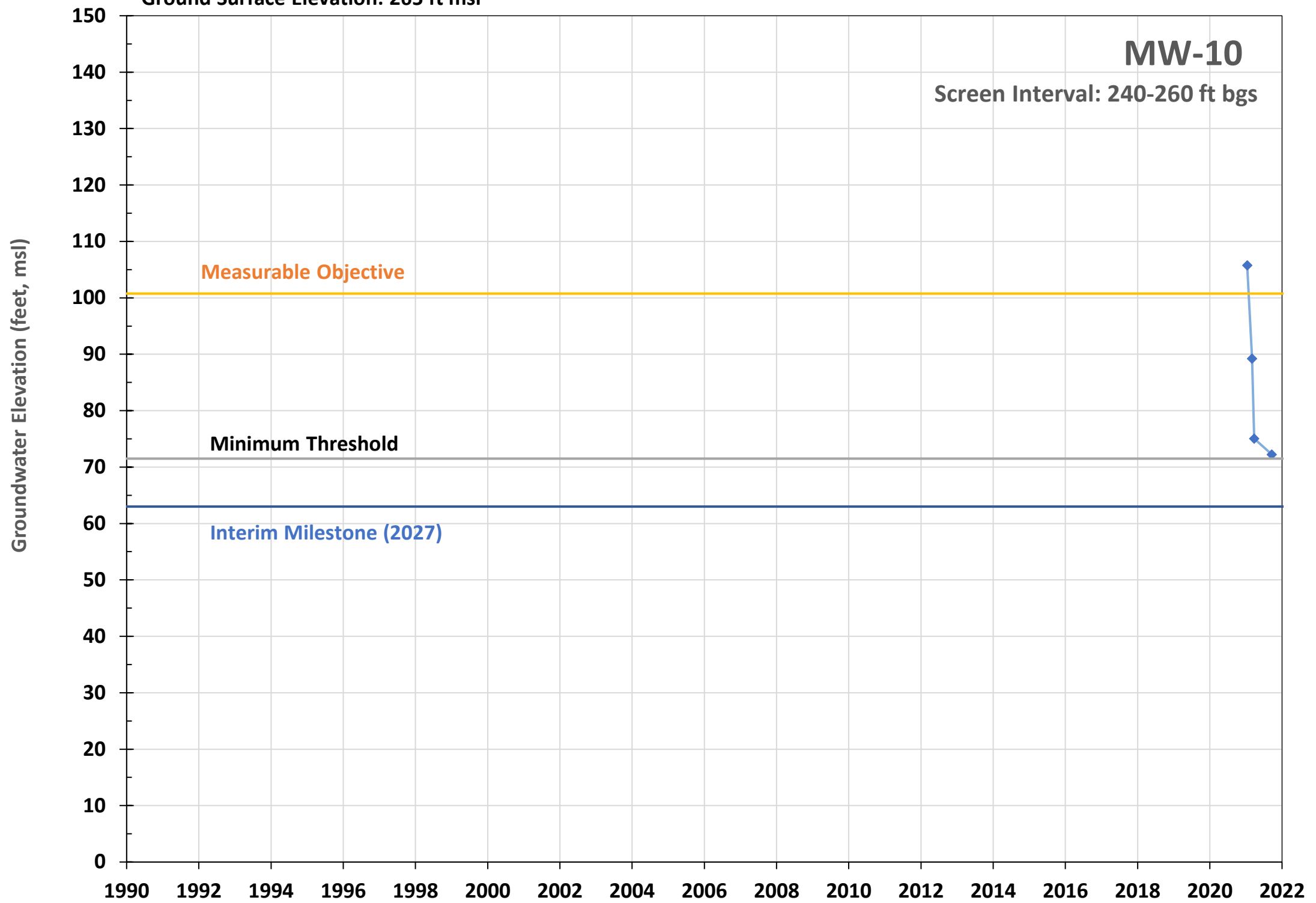




Ground Surface Elevation: 265 ft msl

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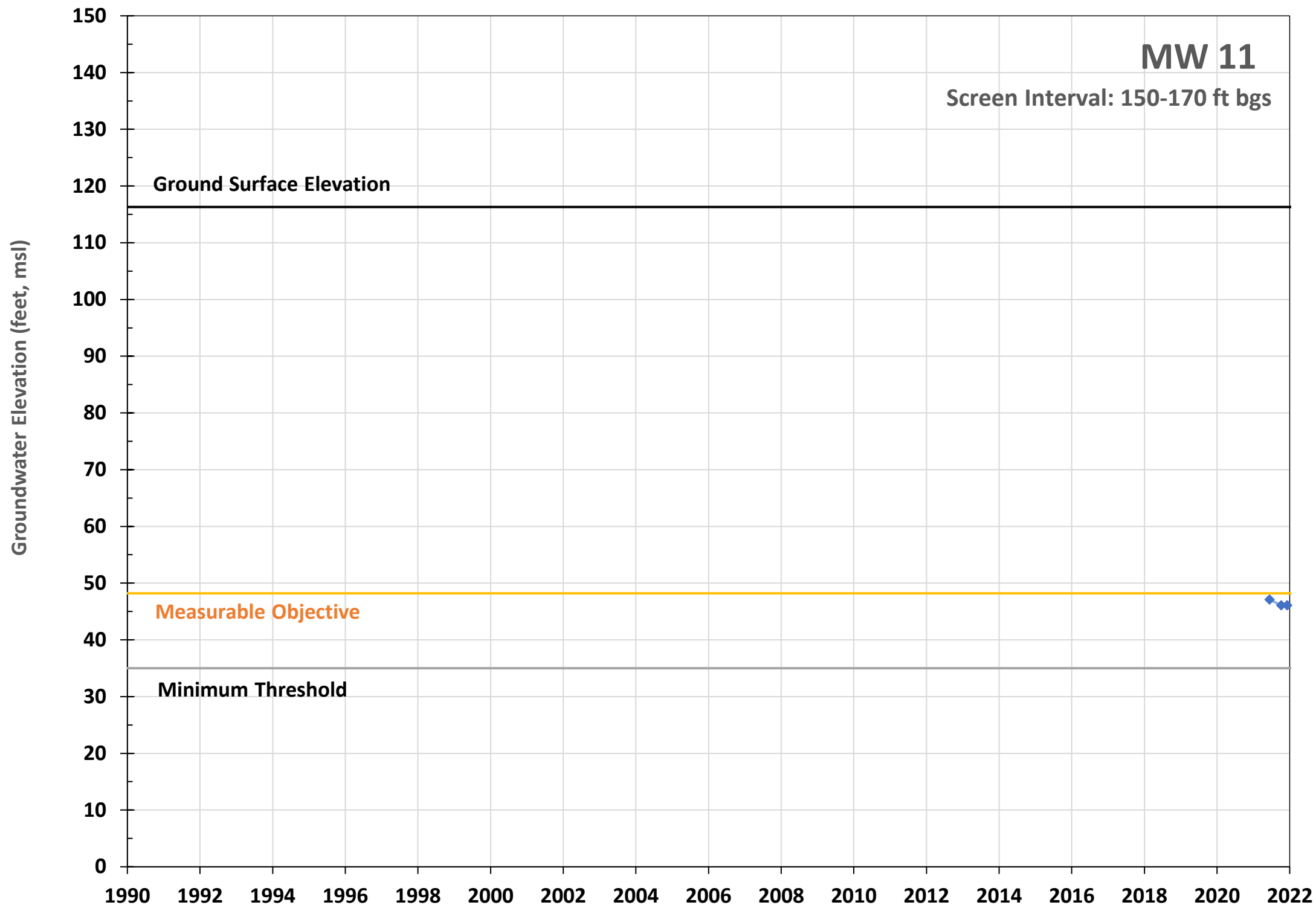
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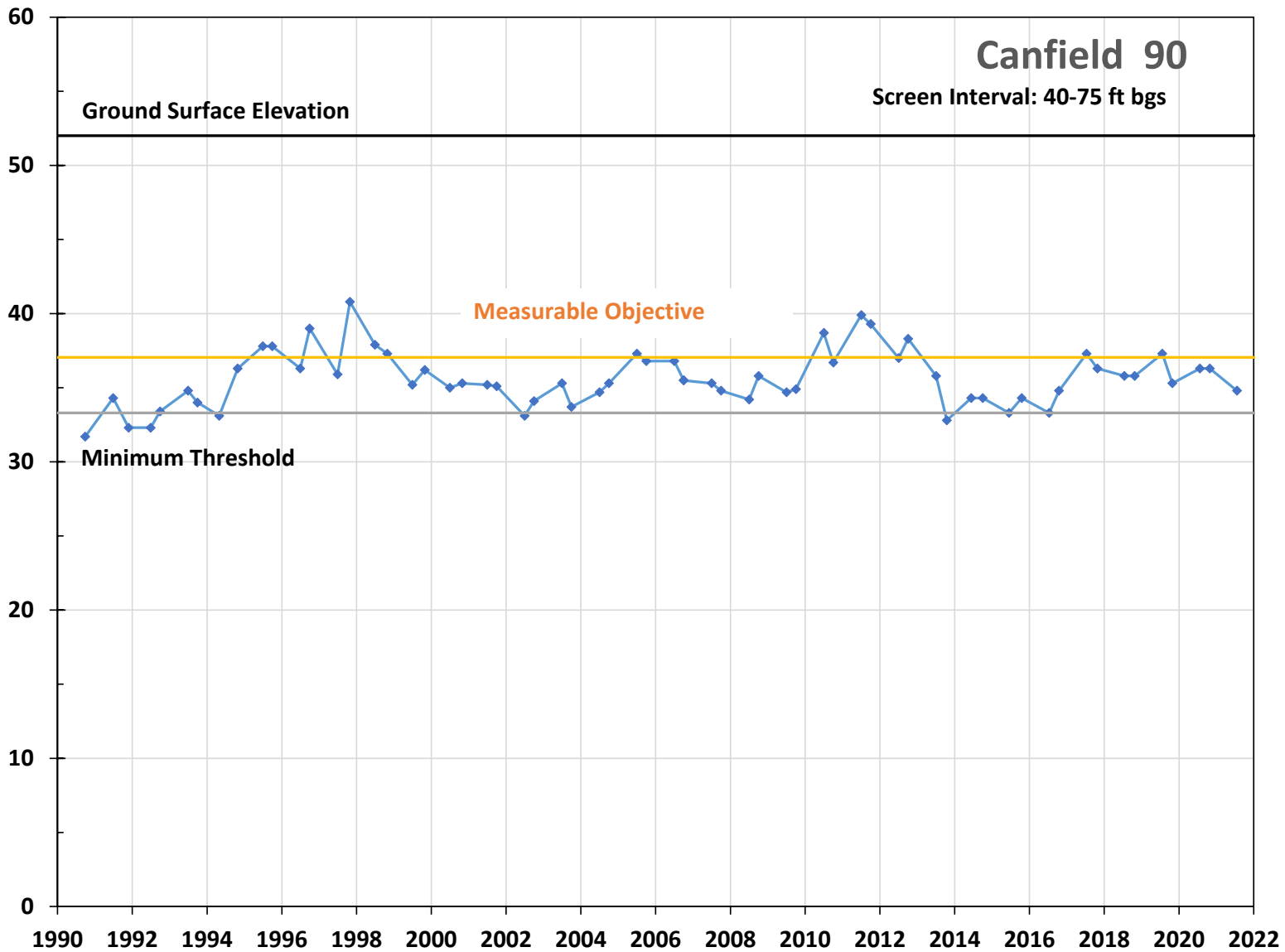


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Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water**

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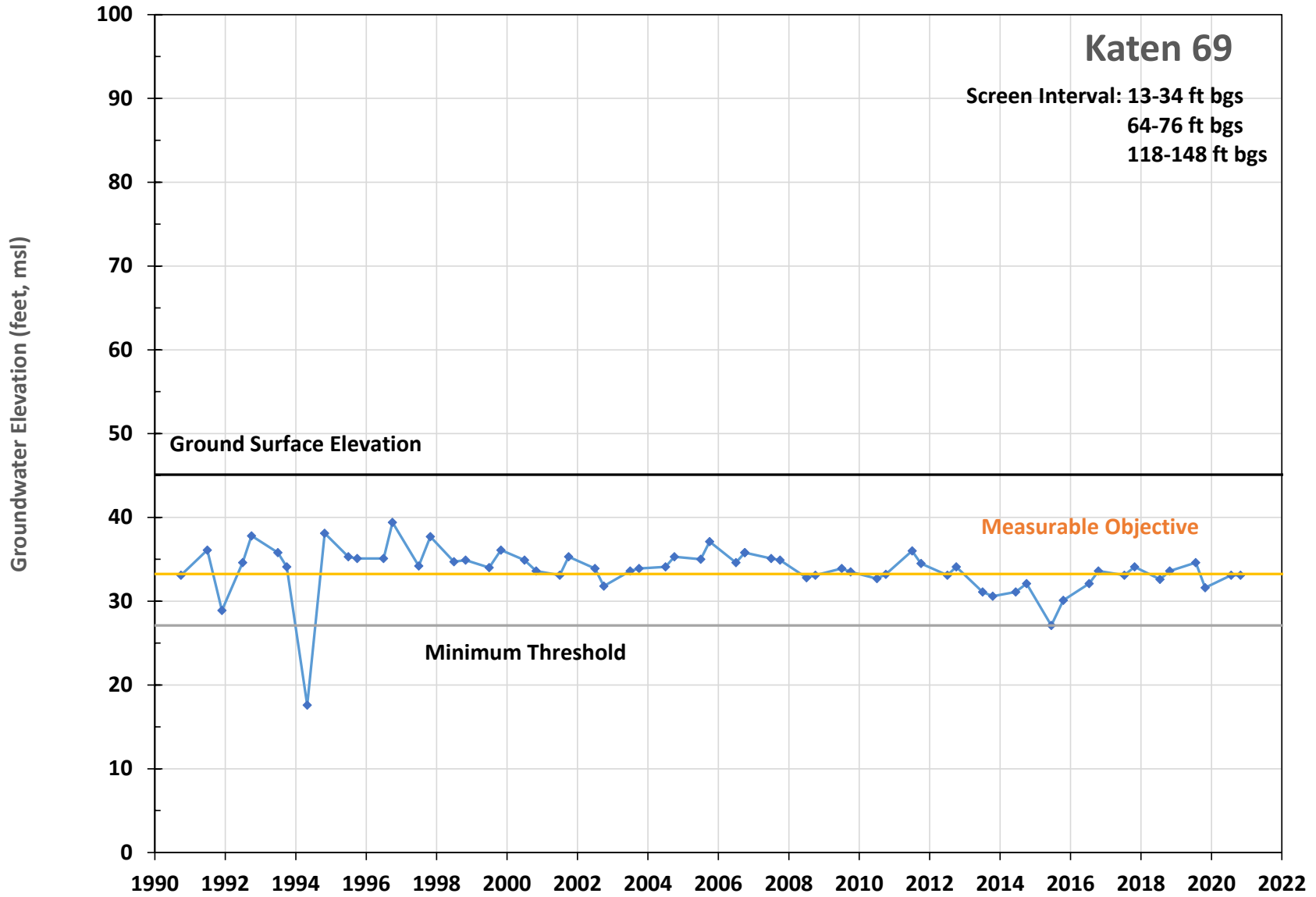
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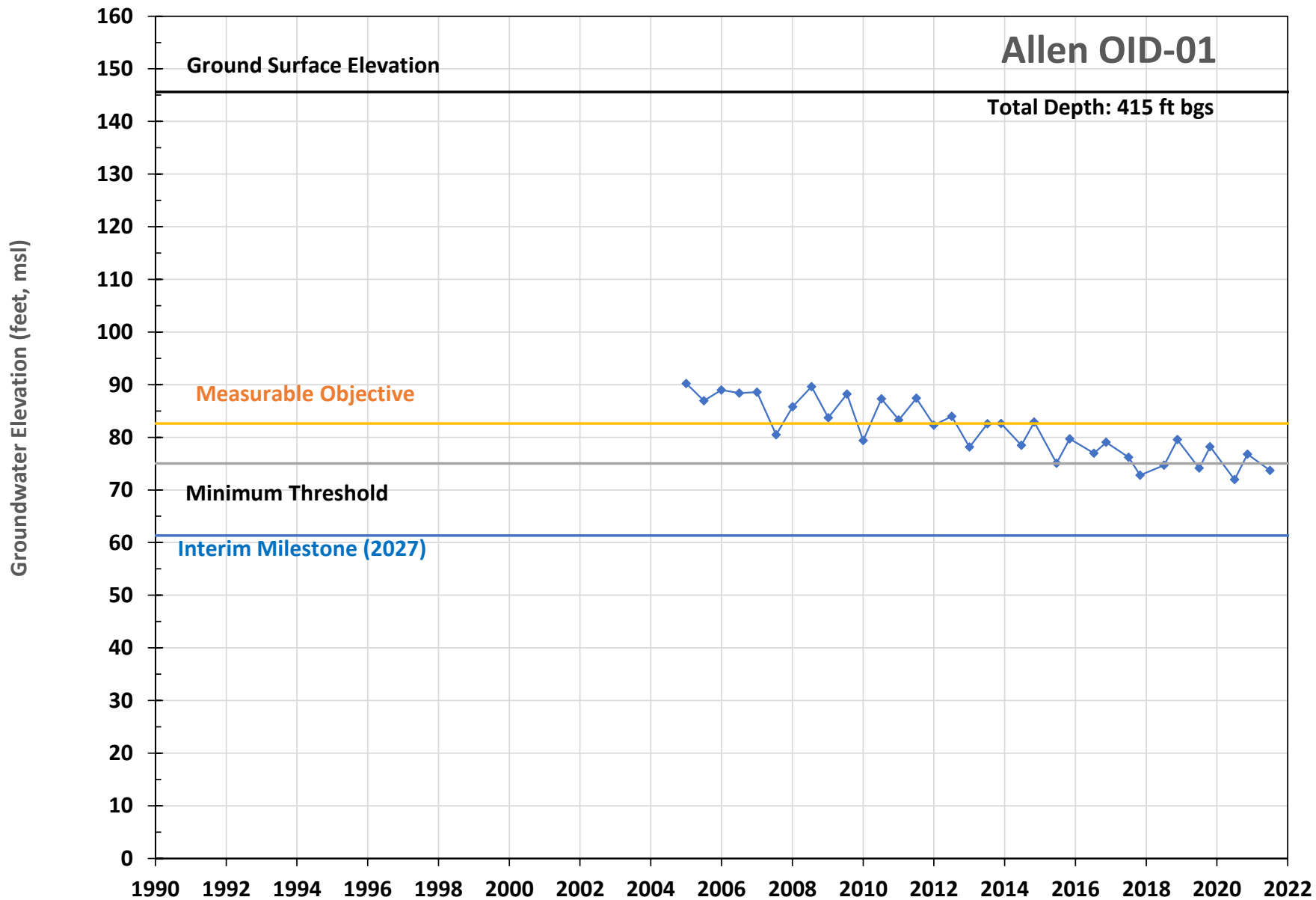
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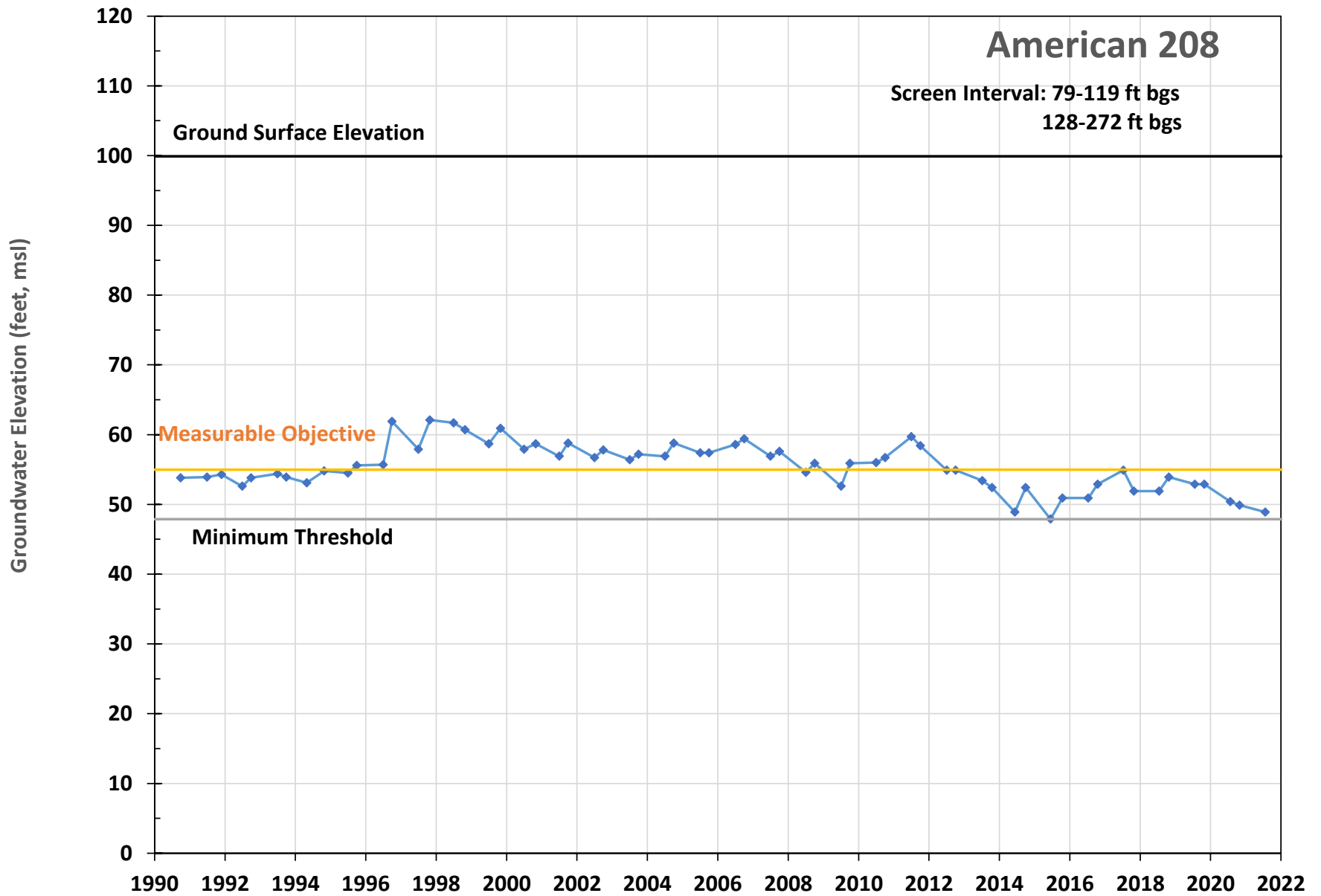
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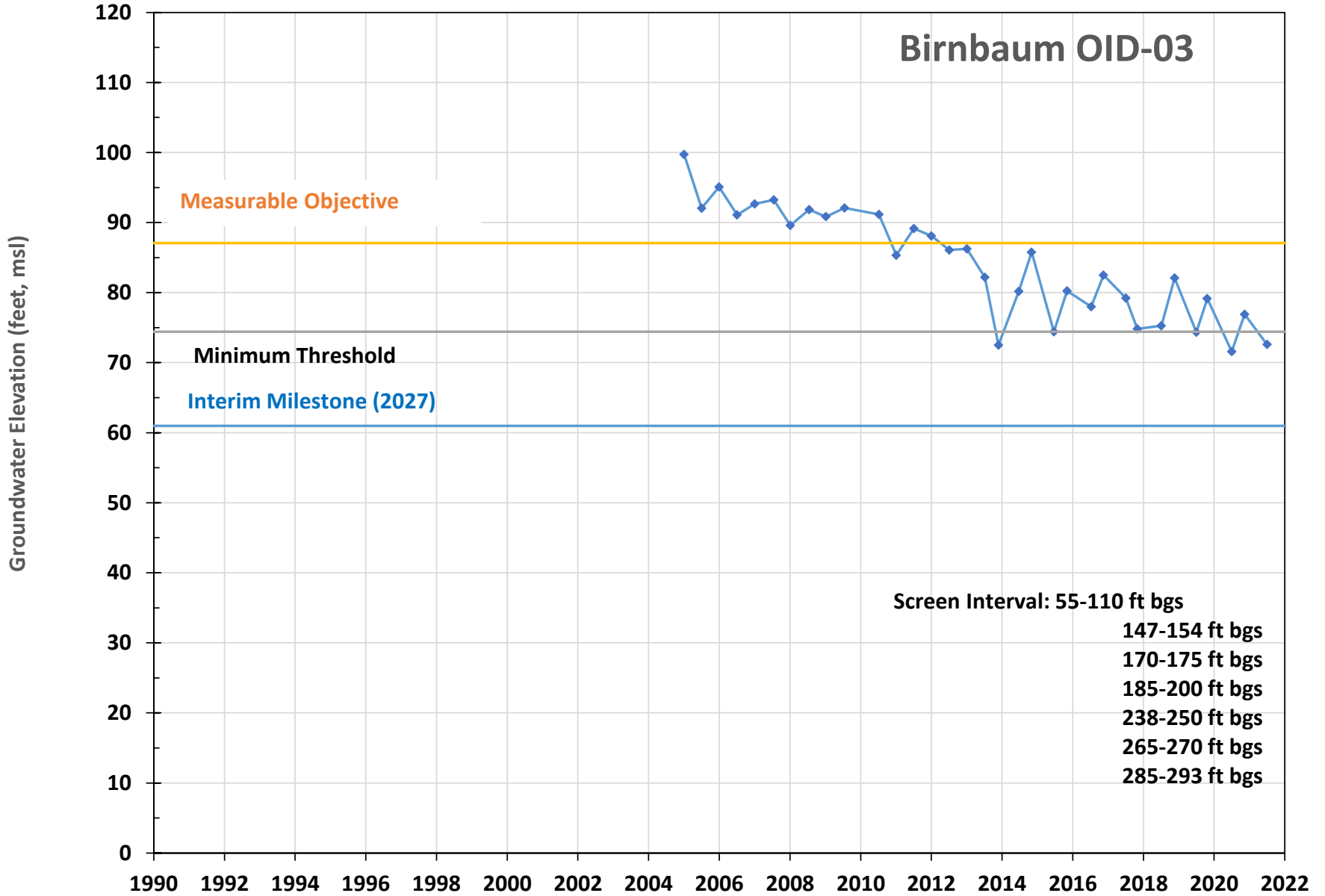






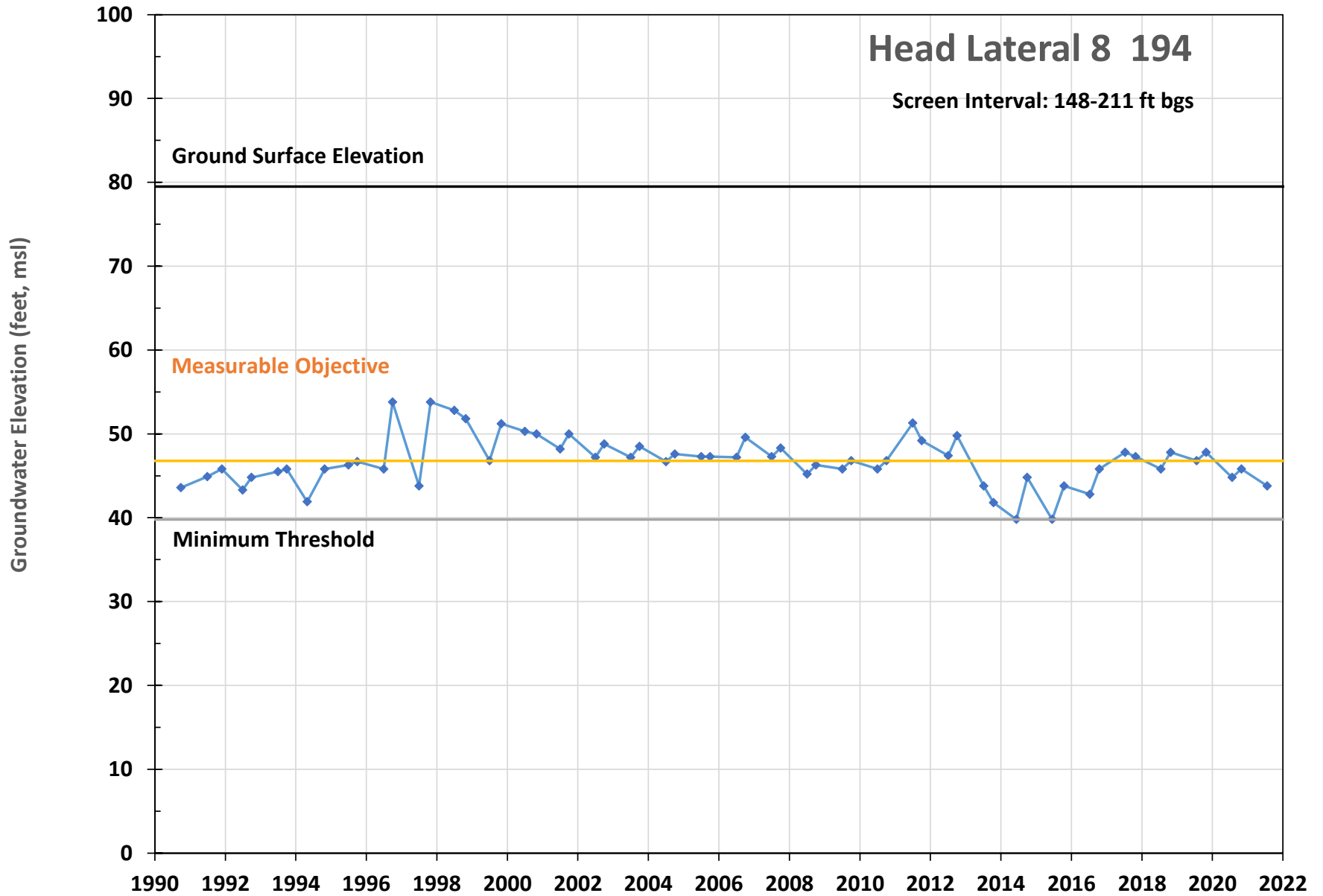
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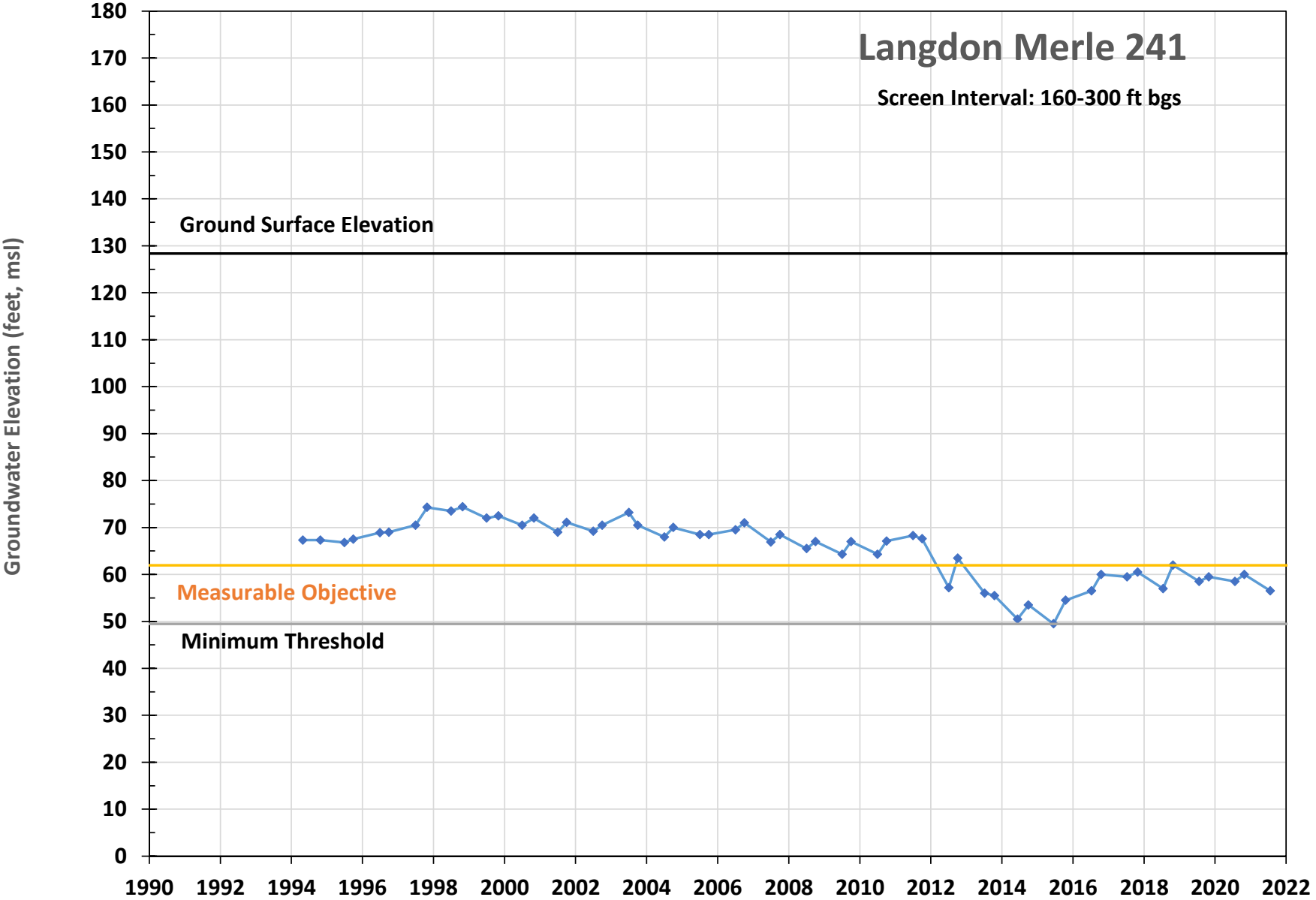
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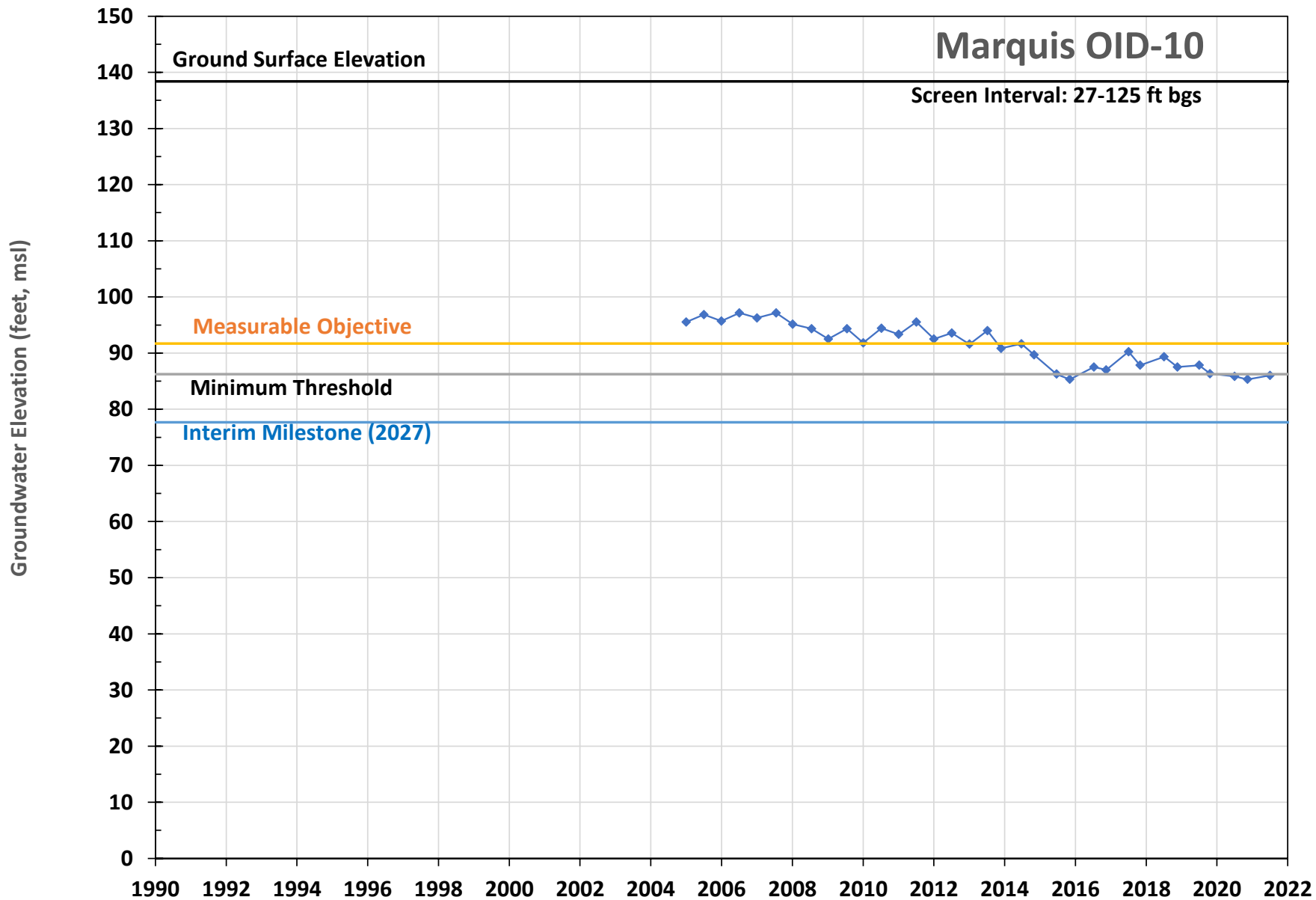


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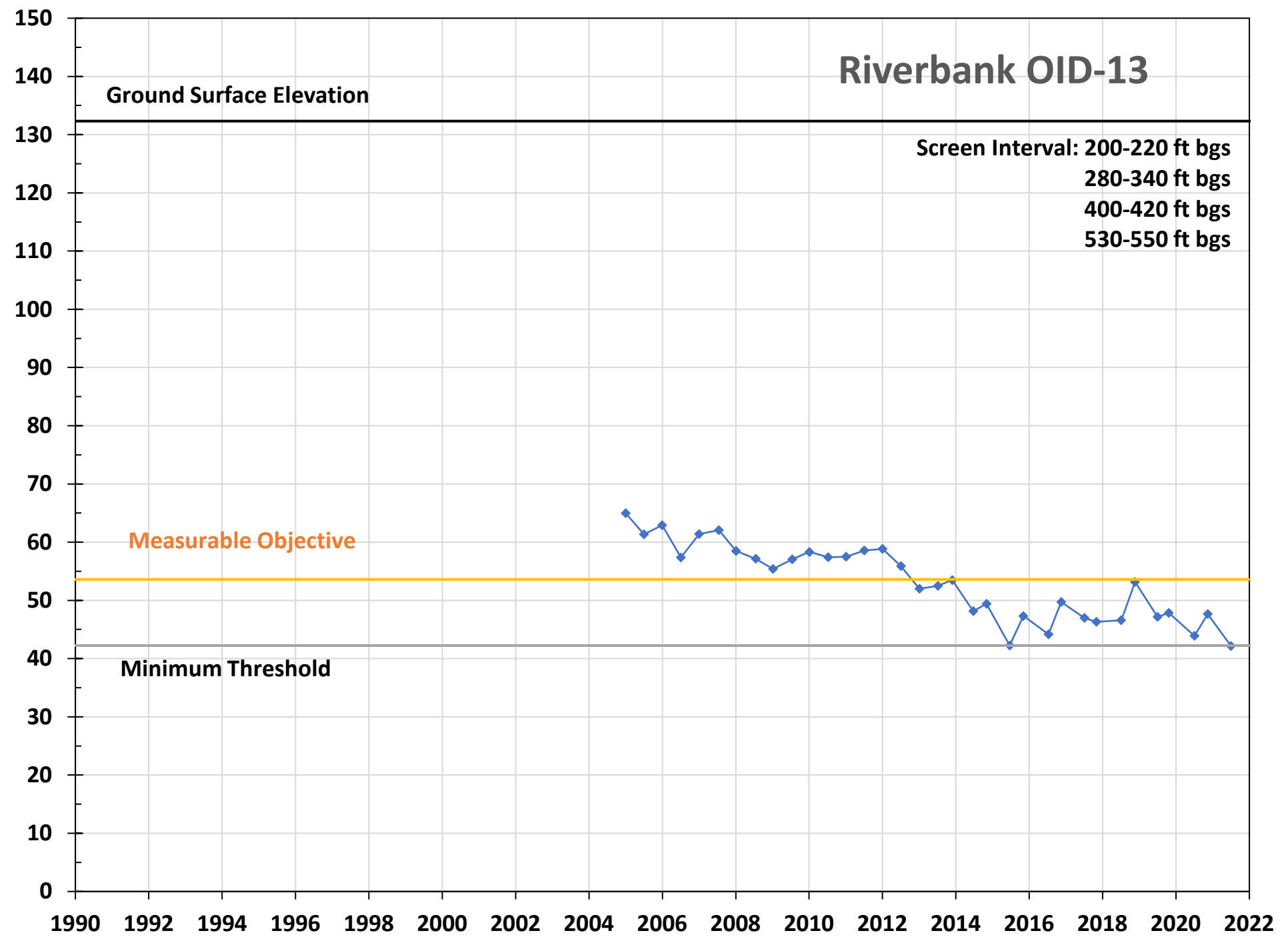
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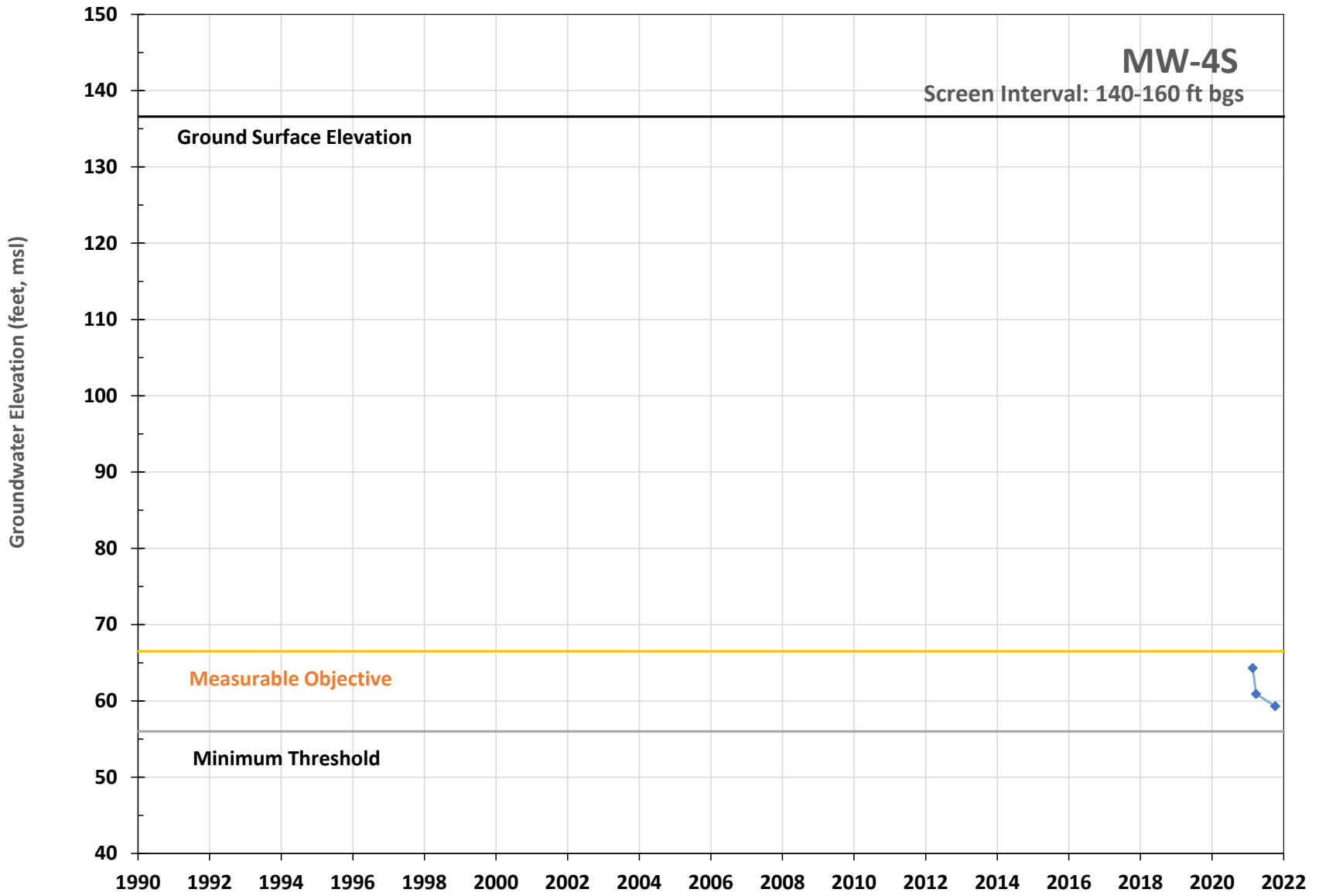


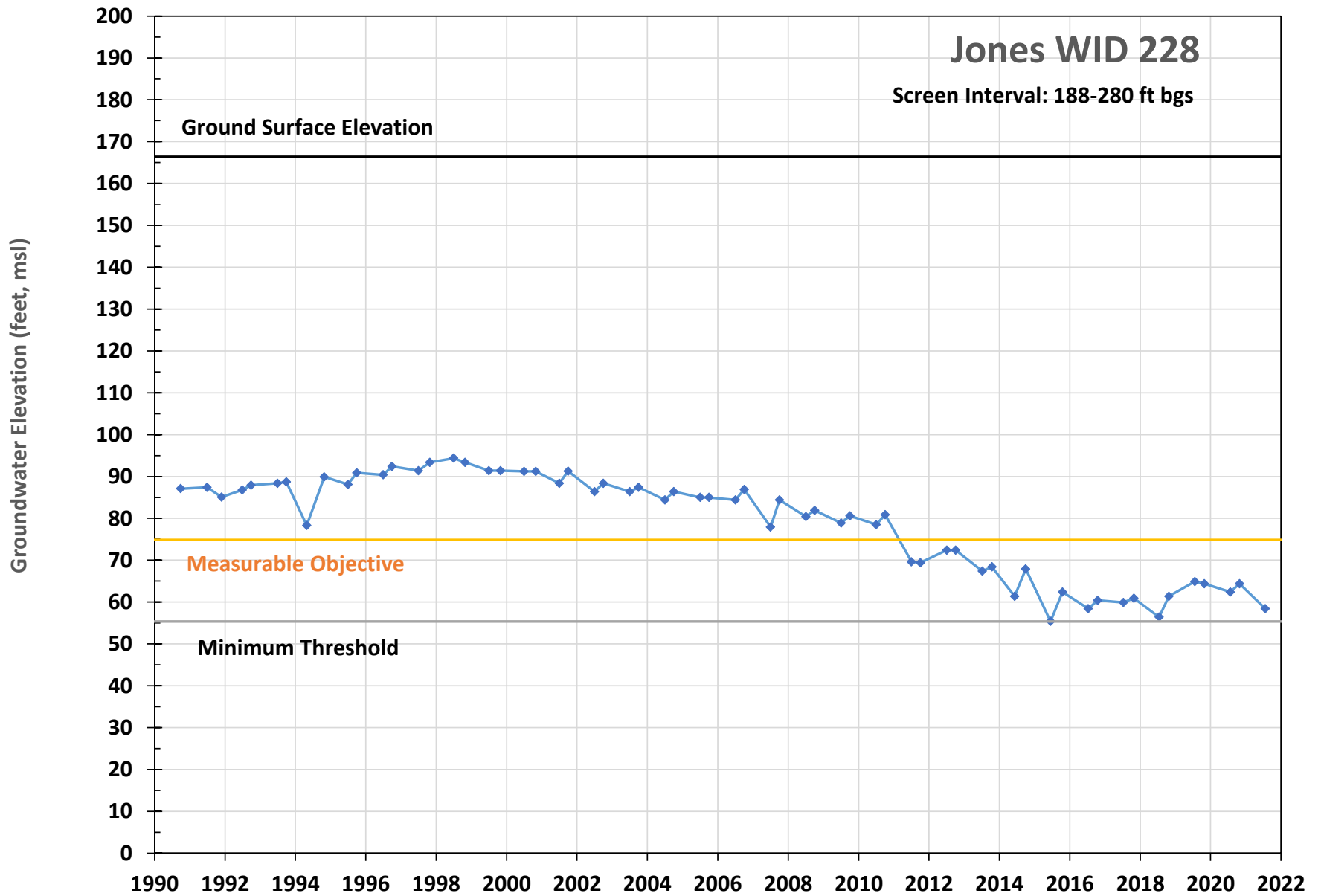


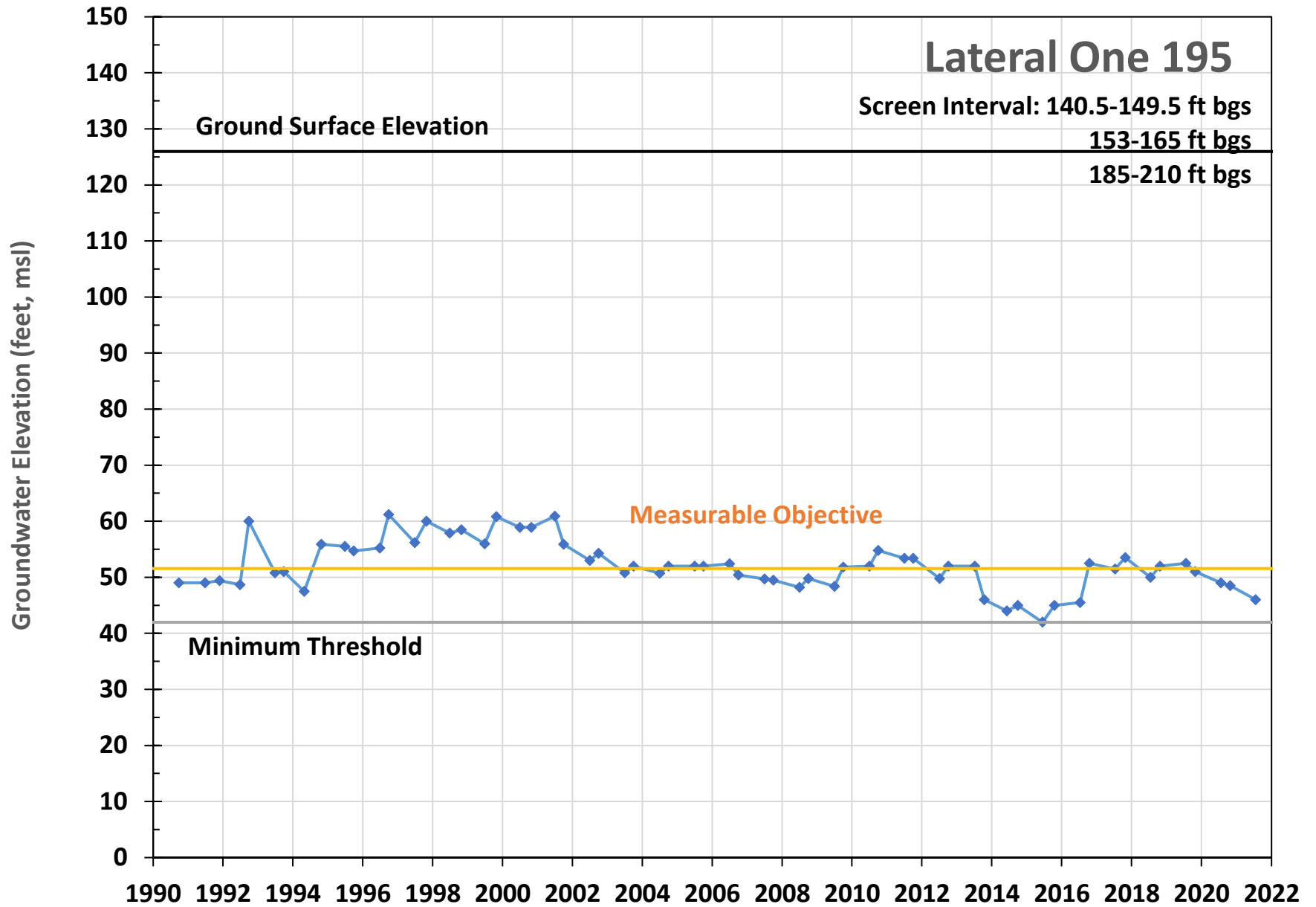


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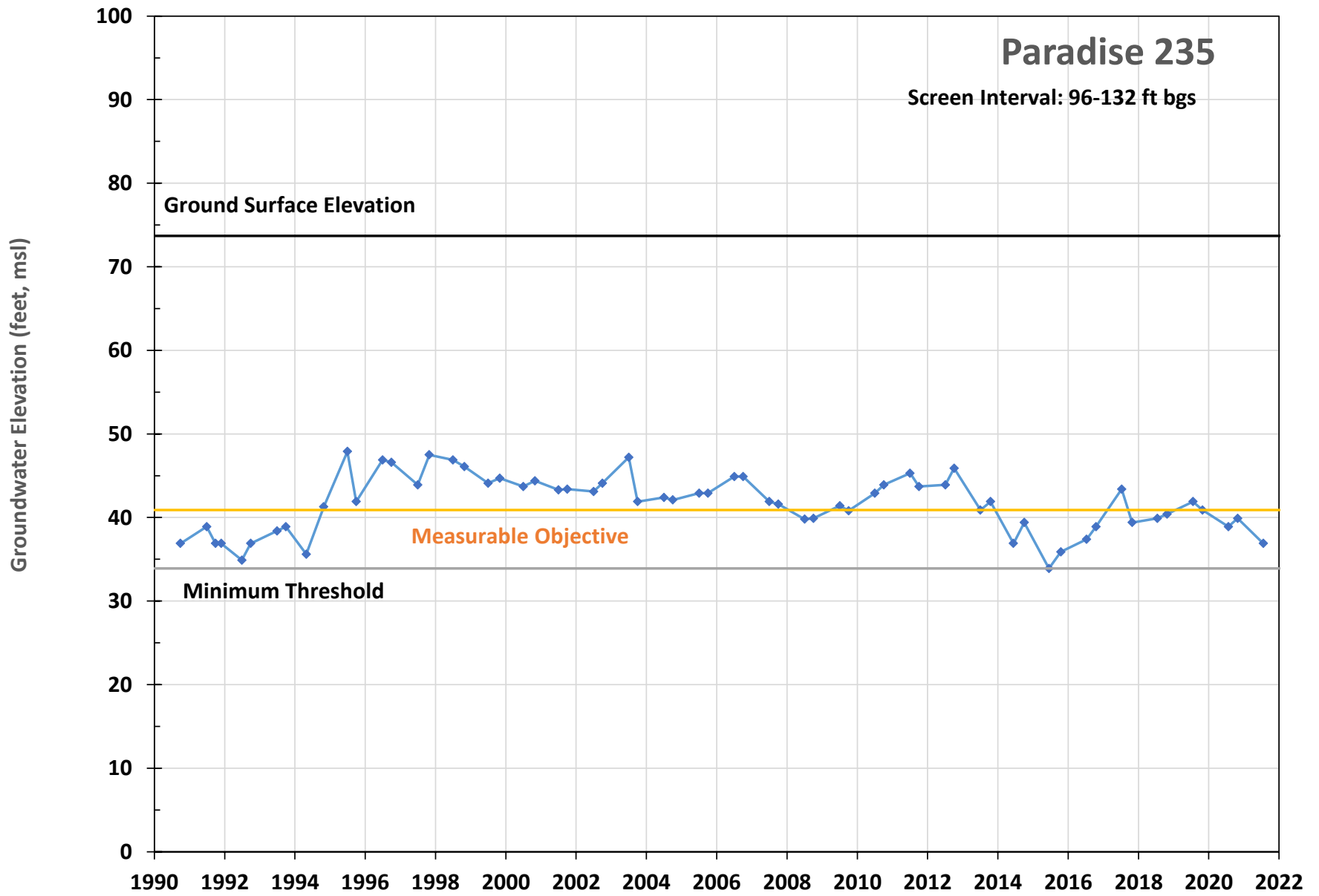






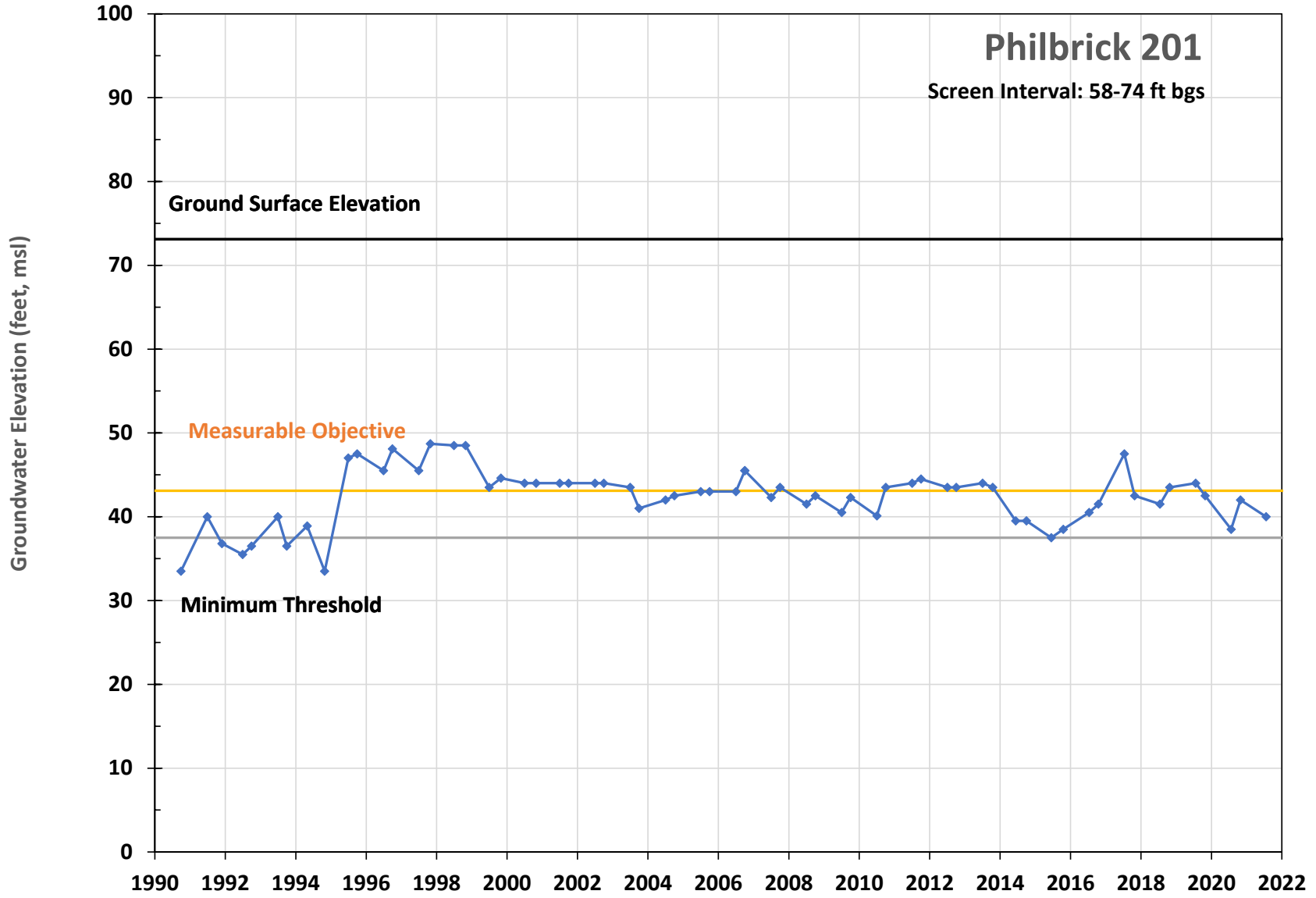


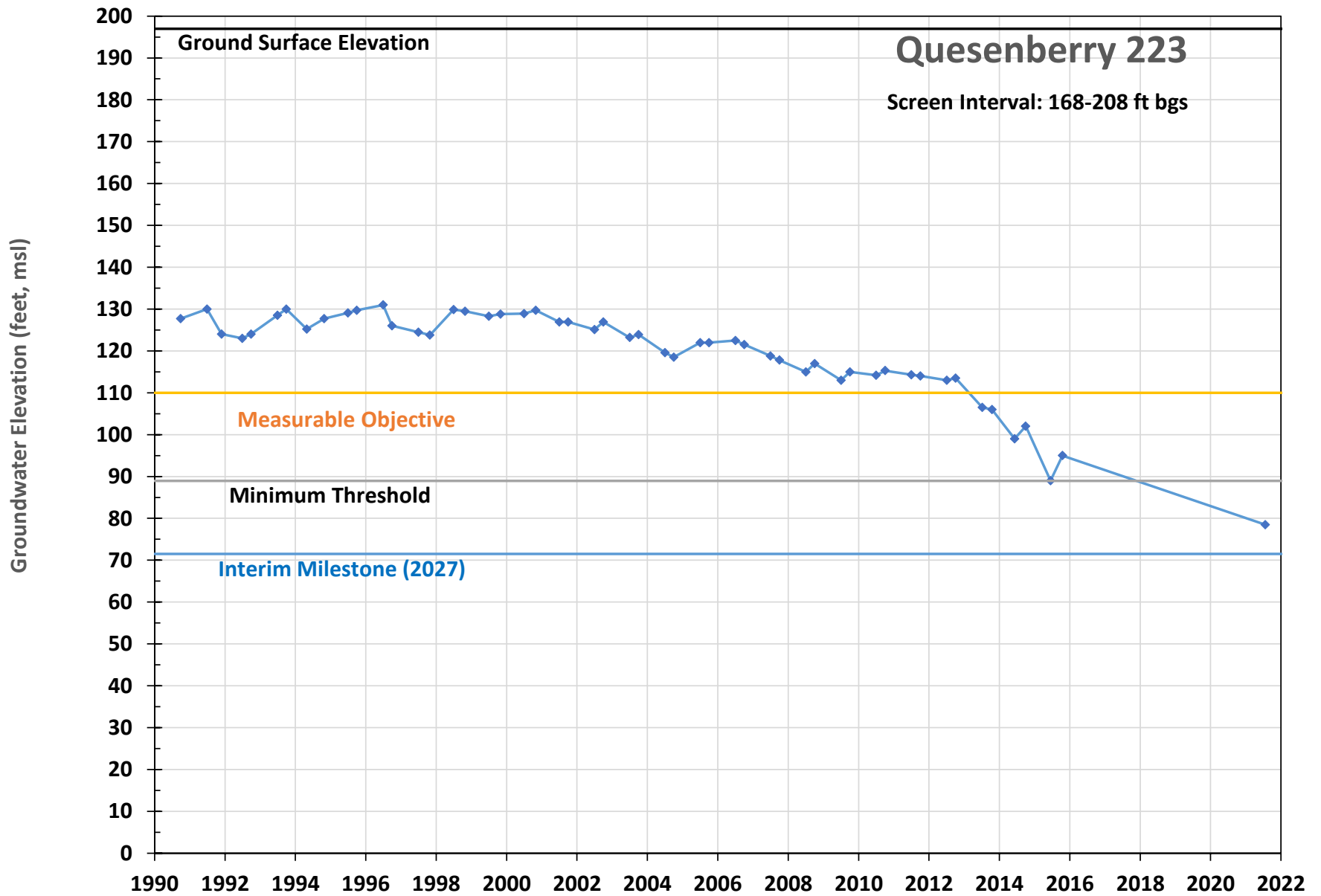




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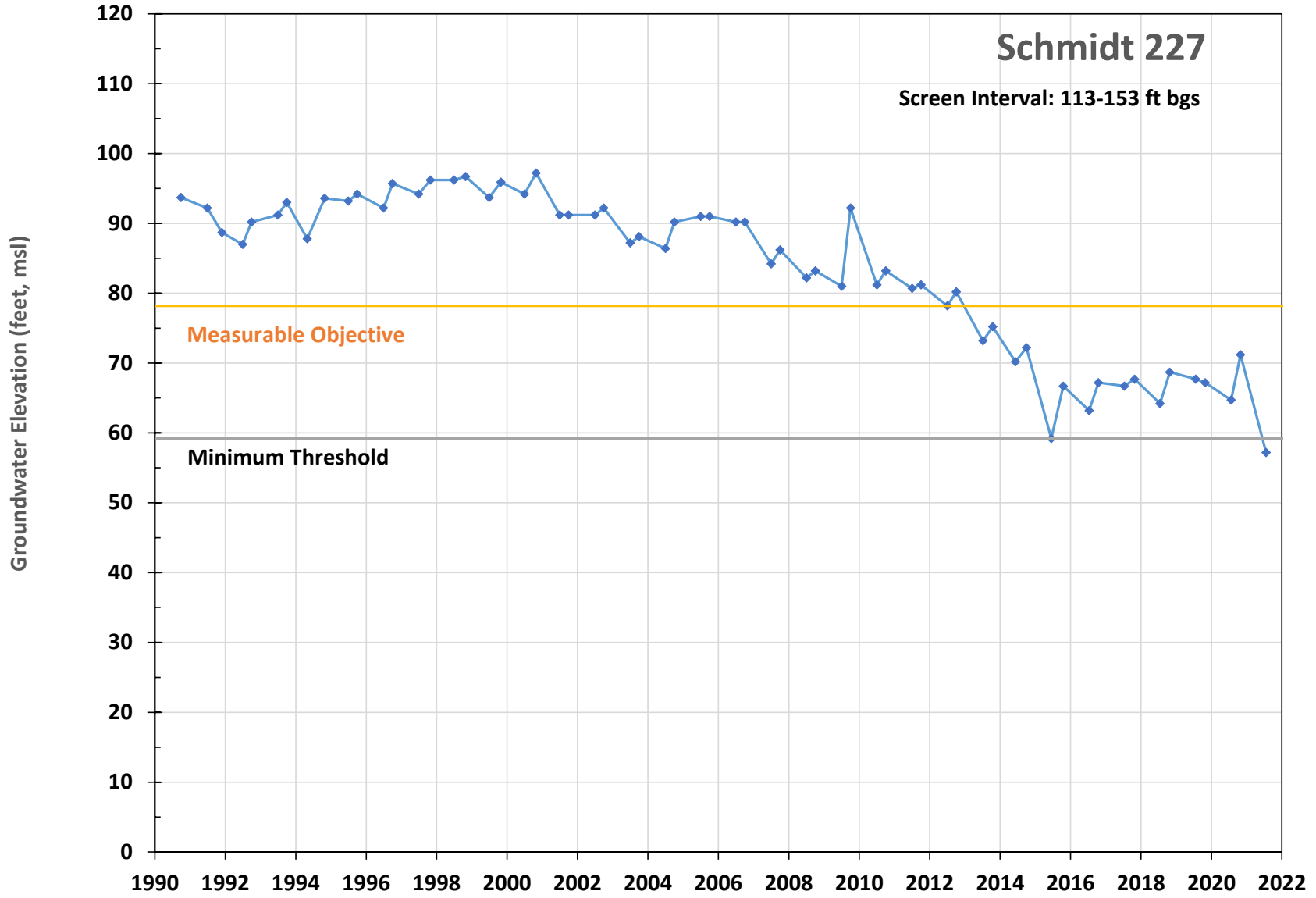


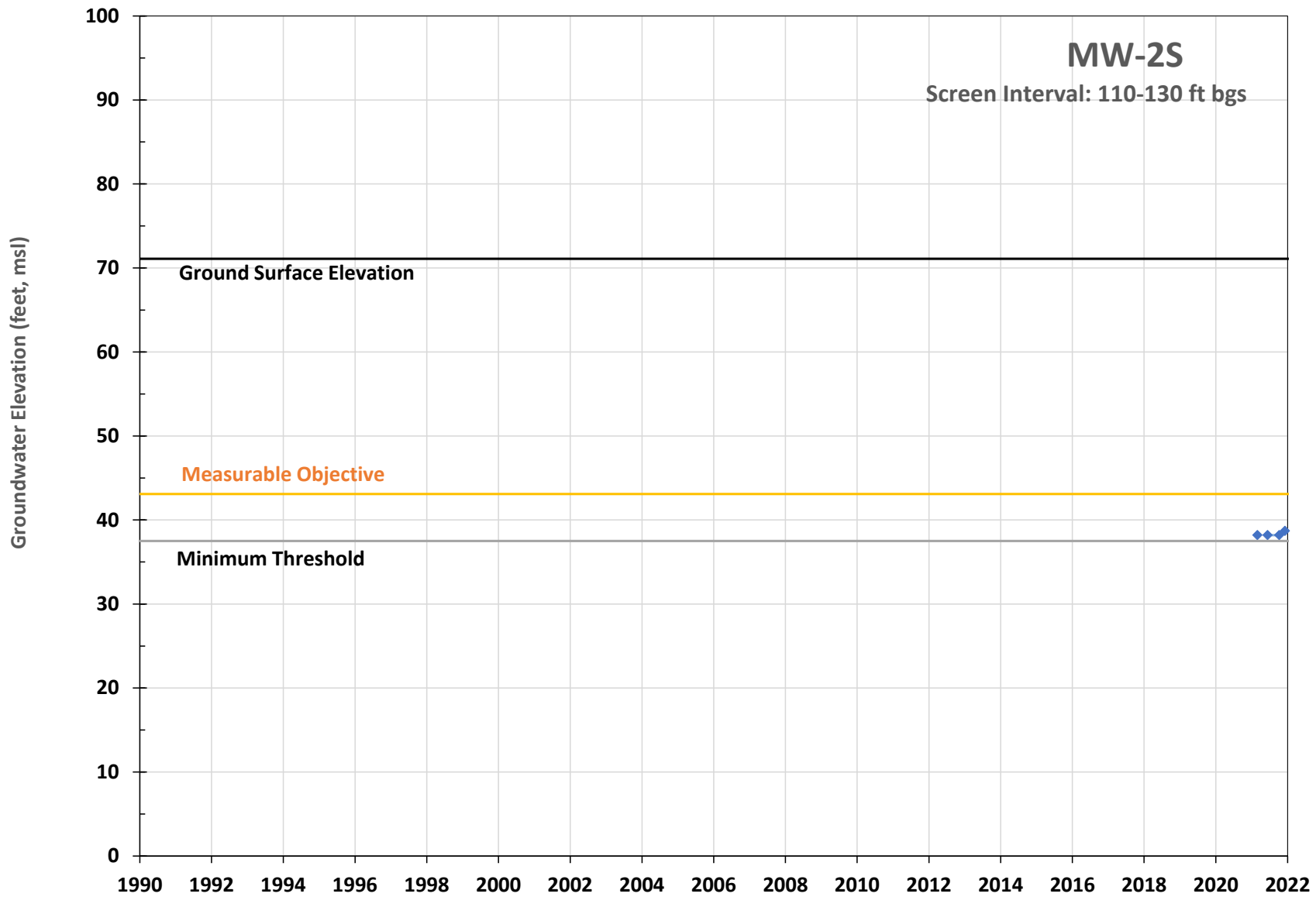


Ground Surface Elevation: 192 ft msl

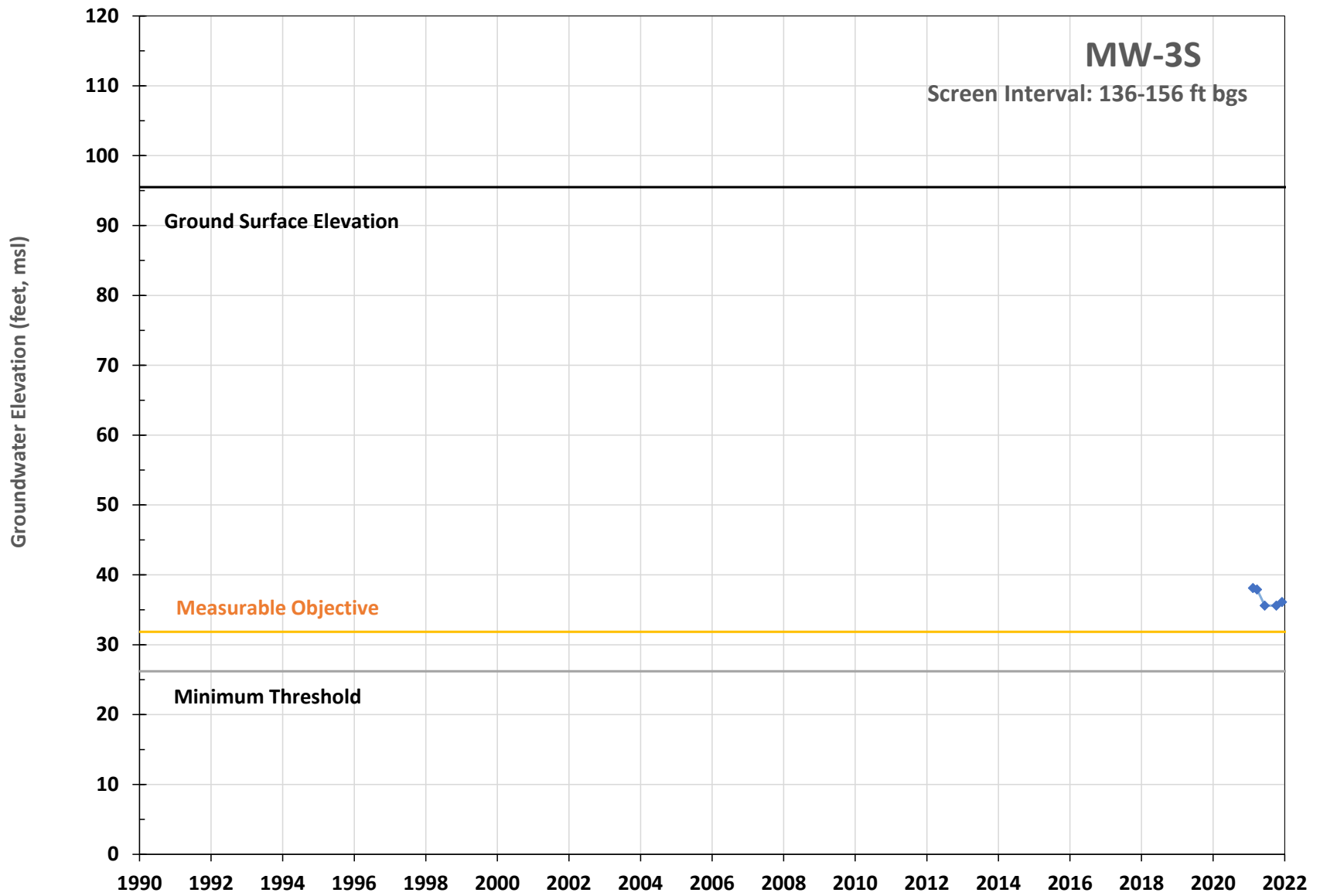
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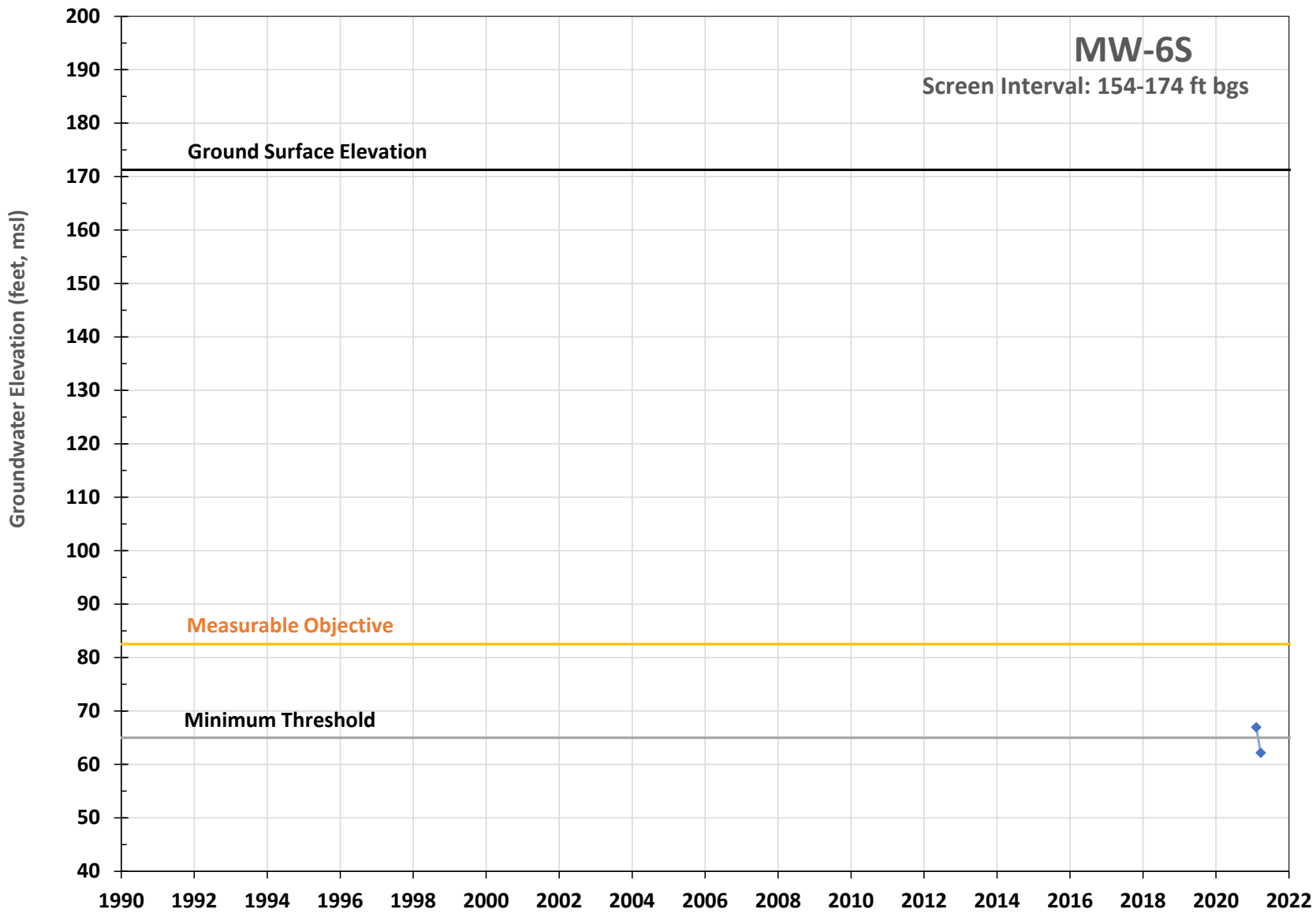
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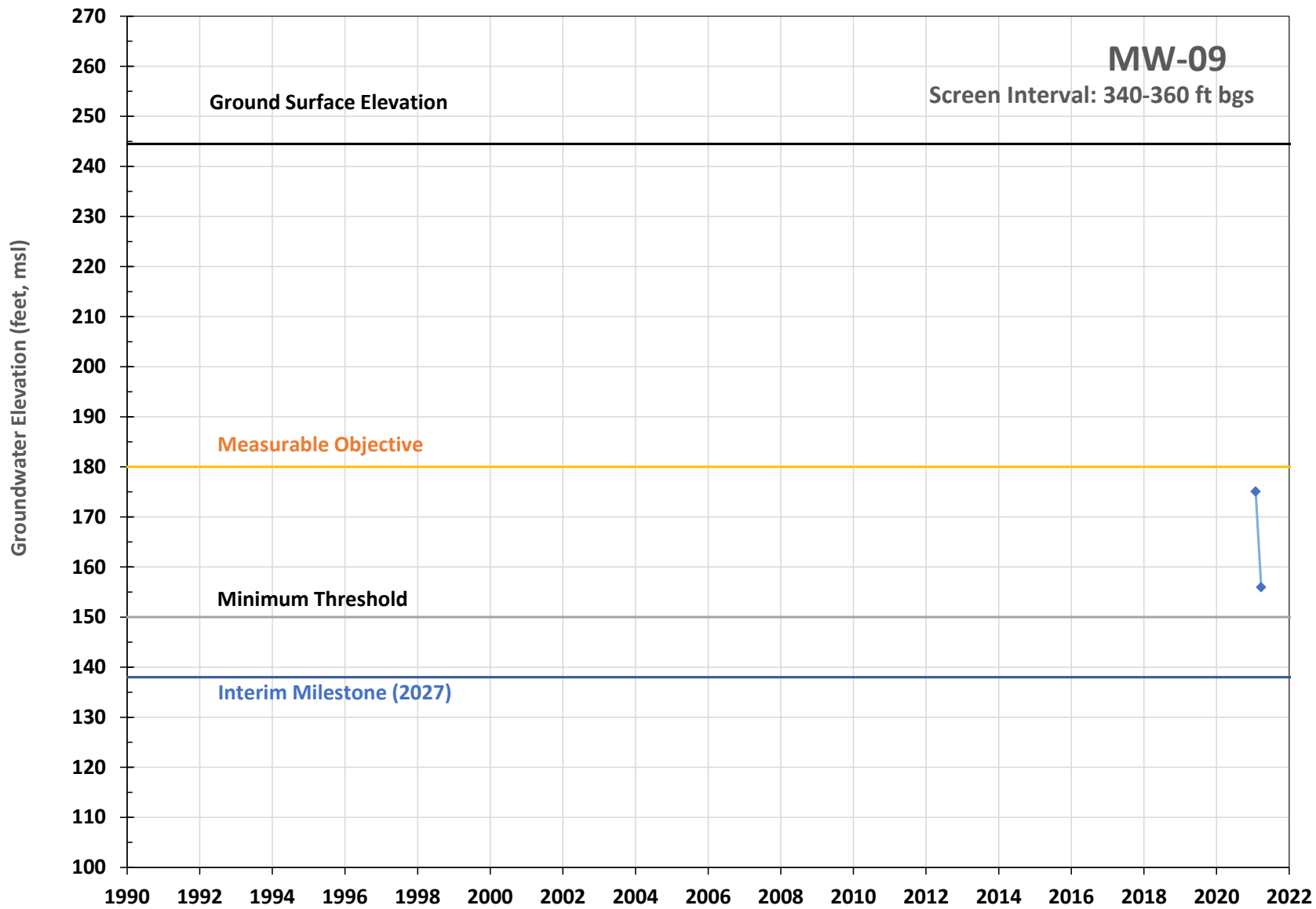












# **APPENDIX B**

## **Water Quality Monitoring Network**

### **Water Year 2021**

Appendix B Groundwater Quality Monitoring Network

Well ID	Latitude	Longitude	Principal Aquifer	Well Type	Dataset Name <sup>1</sup>	Alternative Well ID	Alternative Well ID 2	Maximum Concentration, WY 1991-2021, and Date of Maximum Concentration													
								Arsenic		DBCP		Nitrate as N		PCE		TCP		TDS		Uranium	
								Max Conc (ug/L)	Date	Max Conc (ug/L)	Date	Max Conc (mg/L)	Date	Max Conc (ug/L)	Date	Max Conc (ug/L)	Date	Max Conc (mg/L)	Date	Max Conc (pCi/L)	Date
5000013-001	37.78530	-120.81297	Eastern	Municipal	DHS	5000013-001	WELL 01					3.80	3/8/2019								
5000013-002	37.78609	-120.81264	Eastern	Municipal	DHS	5000013-002	WELL 02- 2709 OAKHURST					1.60	3/25/2020								
5000014-001	37.78058	-120.79294	Eastern	Municipal	DHS	5000014-001	WELL#1					8.00	2/14/2017								
5000014-002	37.74884	-120.88009	Eastern	Municipal	DHS	5000014-002	WELL#2					3.00	3/8/2019								
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SL185742938-M-109	37.64763	-121.01610	Western Upper	Monitoring	EDF	M-109	M-109	170.00	1/27/2014									3300.00	1/20/2020		
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5000067-001	37.71702	-121.01164	Eastern	Municipal	DHS	5000067-001	WELL 03			0.60	6/17/2004	6.80	6/18/2015			0.31	6/18/2015				
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5000117-001	37.77475	-120.82256	Eastern	Municipal	DHS	5000117-001	DOMESTIC WELL					9.10	6/8/2015								
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