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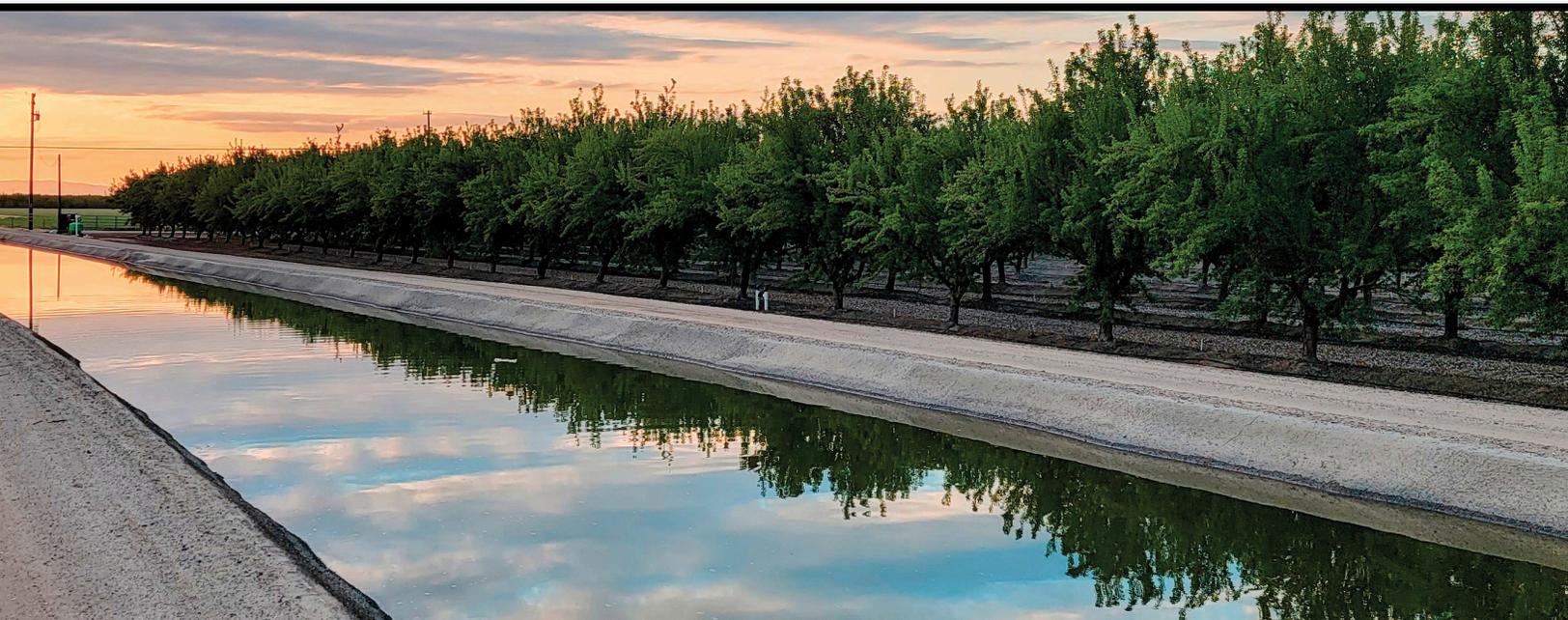
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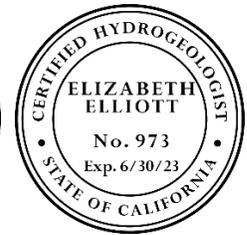
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Acronyms

AF	Acre-feet
AFY	Acre-feet per year
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
cfs	Cubic Feet per Second
CGPS	Continuously Operating Global Positioning System
CIMIS	California Irrigation and Management Information System
COC	Constituent of Concern
DBCP	Dibromochloropropane
DMS	Data Management System
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
MA	Management Area
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
OSU	Oregon State University
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
Tuolumne GSA	The County of Tuolumne GSA
µg/L	Micrograms per liter
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WY	Water Year (October 1 through September 30)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (STRGBA GSA) and the County of Tuolumne Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Tuolumne GSA) jointly prepared this Second Annual Report (Annual Report) for the Modesto Subbasin (5-22.02), addressing groundwater and surface water conditions during Water Year (WY) 2022. This Annual Report is being submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1, 2023, 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 2022.

This Annual Report includes an update of the local C2VSim™ model for WY 2022. This updated model provides the best available method for developing estimates of changes in groundwater in storage, groundwater extractions and surface water-groundwater interaction. Data from WY 2022 were collected from the same public and private sources that provided historical data through WY 2021 for the GSP and the First Annual Report. Updated components of the model include precipitation, evapotranspiration, land use, population, surface water operations, canal and reservoir recharge, groundwater pumping, stream inflow, and boundary conditions. Model results show that in WY 2022, the Modesto Subbasin experienced a decline in groundwater in storage of 172,200 AFY, primarily due to the critically dry hydrologic conditions. On average during WY 2022, deep percolation from rainfall and irrigation applied water (126,300 AFY) was the largest contributor of groundwater inflow to the Modesto Subbasin, while groundwater production (364,100 AFY) accounted for the largest outflow from the Modesto Subbasin.

Groundwater elevation data were compiled for this Annual Report for 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 2022 (**Appendix A**) and groundwater elevation contour maps were developed to illustrate seasonal low (Fall 2021) and seasonal high (Spring 2022) groundwater elevations during the reporting period.

Since the 2012-2016 drought, groundwater elevations 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 and WY 2022. Water levels in the western portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer have declined since post-drought recovery, while water levels in the eastern portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer are continuing to decline through WY 2022, with little to no post-drought recovery. Groundwater level trends in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer are less clear because of the lack of historical groundwater level data in the RMWs, but illustrate seasonal pumping fluctuations during WY 2022.

The hydrographs provided in **Appendix A** show available historical water levels from WY 1991 through the reporting period (WY 2022) 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. The Spring 2022 monitoring event was the first monitoring event following the adoption and submittal of the GSP and the adoption of monitoring protocols. As such, the Spring 2022 groundwater elevations were compared to the GSP sustainable management criteria (MTs and IMs) for analysis in this Annual Report.

Groundwater levels for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicator were below the MTs in 11 out of 58 wells measured in Spring 2022. Water levels were not below MTs in any wells in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and water levels in 1 out of 5 wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer were below the MT. Water levels in 10 out of 36 wells measured in the Eastern Principal Aquifer were below the MTs in Spring 2022. Groundwater levels for the interconnected surface water monitoring network were below the MTs in 3 out of 19 RMWs measured. The MT exceedances occurred in 2 out of 8 wells measured along the Stanislaus River and 1 out of 9 wells measured along the Tuolumne River. Water levels were not below the MTs in either well along the San Joaquin River. During the Spring 2022 monitoring event, groundwater elevations were above the Interim Milestones (IMs) in all of the wells.

Groundwater elevation contour maps show similar groundwater flow patterns in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Groundwater highs are present in the eastern Subbasin and from these highs, groundwater flows towards the central part of the Subbasin and then to the west-southwest, with a southerly component towards the Tuolumne River in the central and eastern Subbasin. There are localized groundwater depressions and mounds in the central and western Subbasin in the vicinity of the City of Modesto. From Fall 2021 to Spring 2022, groundwater elevations increased an average of 0.8 feet. The largest increase occurred in the eastern Subbasin at MW-10 (+3.7 feet), with other notable increases in wells near Riverbank, Oakdale and Waterford. **Figure ES-1** illustrates groundwater elevation contours in the Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifer during Spring 2022.

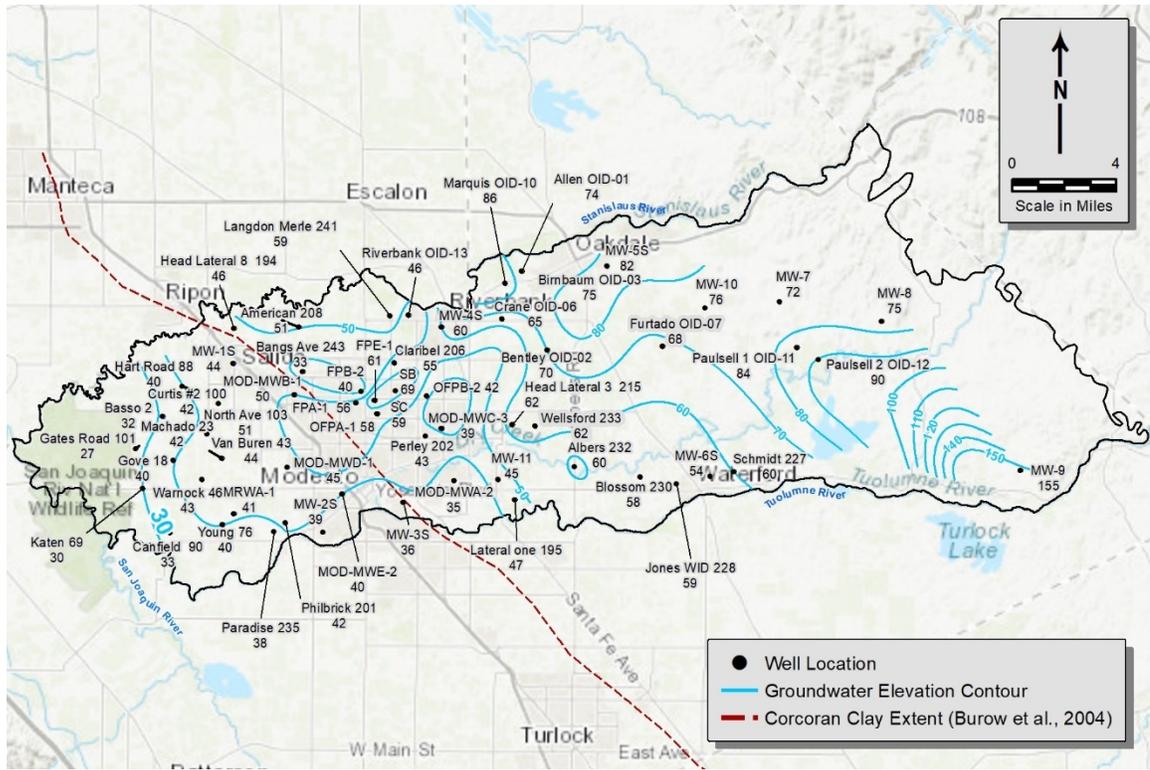


Figure ES-1 Groundwater Elevation Contours, Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers, Spring 2022

Based on the limited groundwater elevation data in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, groundwater flow direction in Fall 2021 was toward the south-southeast and the Tuolumne River, and to the northeast and the Stanislaus River. In Spring 2022, the groundwater elevation data are too similar for generating meaningful contours. From Fall 2021 to Spring 2022, groundwater elevations in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer decreased.

Total groundwater extractions in the Modesto Subbasin during WY 2022 were estimated to be 364,100 AFY. These estimates are based on directly measured groundwater extraction data collected by local water agencies and estimates for private pumping using the C2VSim™ model. During WY 2022, agricultural groundwater extraction accounts for 85% (310,800 AFY) of the total pumping in the Modesto Subbasin, while urban groundwater extraction accounts for the remaining 15% (53,300 AFY). Industrial water use is included in the urban water use for WY 2022. No known groundwater extraction is used for maintaining managed wetlands, used to supply managed recharge operations, or used for maintaining native vegetation in the Modesto Subbasin. **Figure ES-2** illustrates the distribution of groundwater extraction within the Modesto Subbasin during WY 2022. The pumping distribution generally corresponds to irrigated areas where demand is not met by surface water supplies.

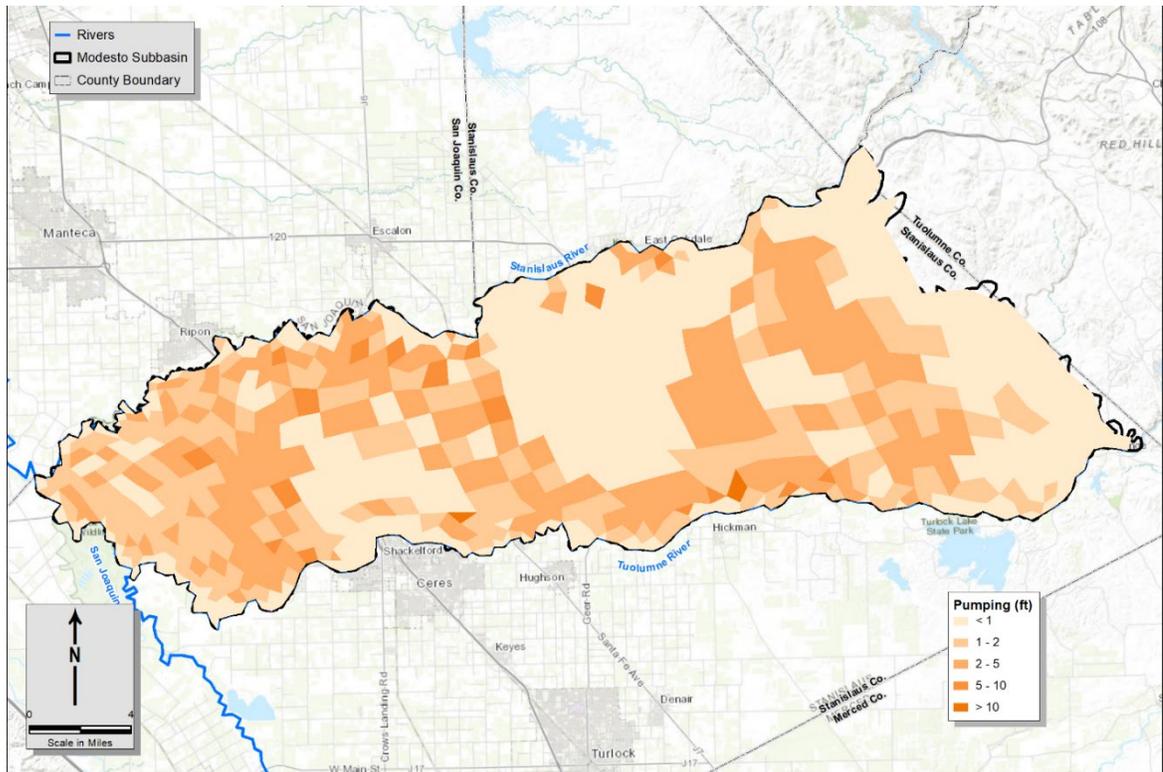


Figure ES-2 Groundwater Extractions, Modesto Subbasin WY 2022

Surface water supply in the Modesto Subbasin during WY 2022 was estimated to be 286,600 AFY. This surface water supply is comprised of Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) deliveries and riparian deliveries. Direct measurements of surface water deliveries were provided by MID and OID, while riparian deliveries off the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and San Joaquin rivers are estimated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) and the C2VSim™ model. **Figure ES-3** illustrates surface water deliveries in the Modesto Subbasin.

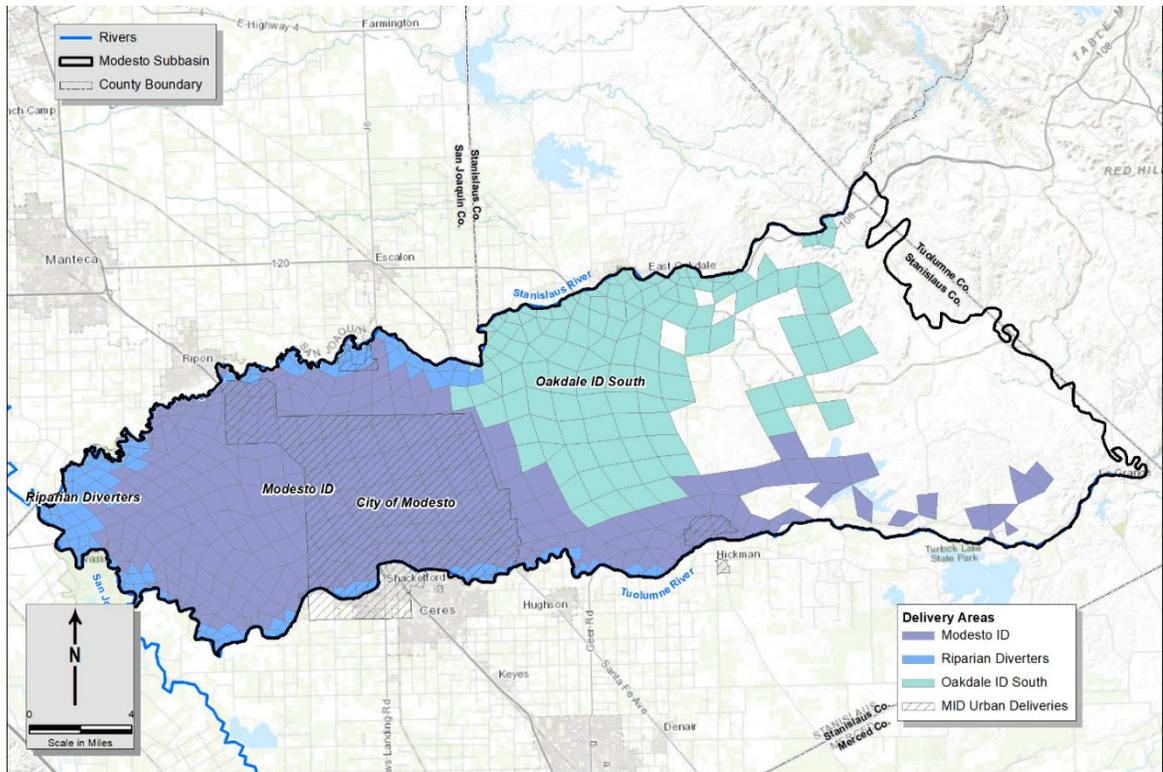


Figure ES-3 Surface Water Deliveries, Modesto Subbasin

During WY 2022, the total water use for the Modesto Subbasin was 650,700 AF. Groundwater extraction represents about 56% of the total supplies (364,100 AF), followed by surface water at 44% (286,600 AF). The total water supply for WY 2022 is summarized in **Table ES-1**.

Table ES-1: Total Water Use by Water Source for Water Year 2022 (in acre-feet)

	Groundwater ¹	Surface Water ²	Other	Total Water Use
2022	364,100	286,600	0	650,700
1. Includes "Agency" and "Private" pumping described in Section 4. 2. Includes "Measured" and "Estimated" surface water supplies described in Section 5.				

The total change in groundwater in storage during WY 2022 was estimated by the C2VSimTM model to be a decline of 172,200 AF. A change in groundwater in storage map for WY 2022 is provided as **Figure ES-4**. The figure shows that most of the Subbasin is losing storage during WY 2022, with higher rates of decline throughout MID and the Non-District

Areas, and with reduced impacts in parts of OID and along the eastern extent of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers.

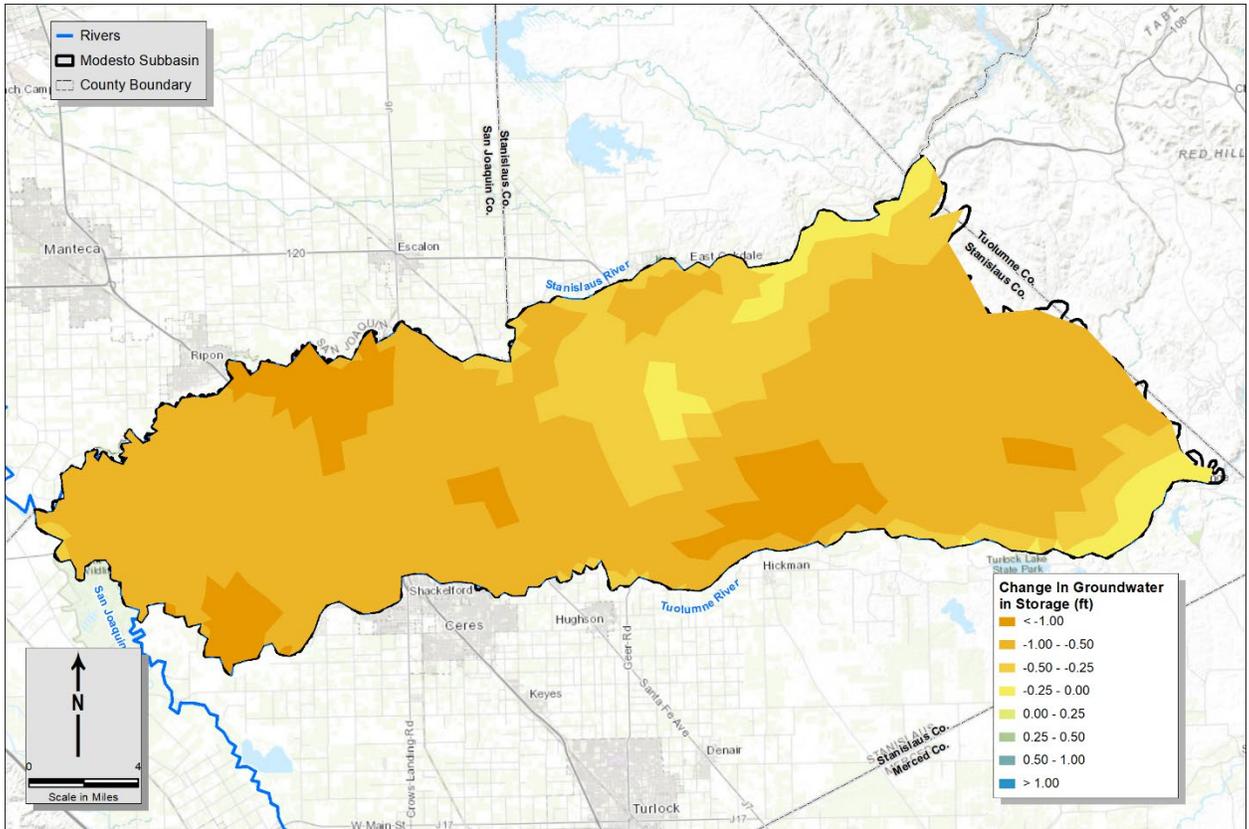


Figure ES-4 Change in Groundwater in Storage, Modesto Subbasin WY 2022

This Second Annual Report includes the first groundwater quality assessment following the baseline that was developed in the First Annual Report for WY 2021. The Modesto Subbasin GSP determined that an undesirable result for groundwater quality may be triggered when a Subbasin potable well in the monitoring network reports a new (first-time) exceedance of the MT (i.e., the primary or secondary California maximum contaminant level (MCL)), or a further exceedance of the MT, for any of the seven constituents of concern that results in increased operational costs and is caused by GSA management activities. The seven constituents of concern are arsenic, uranium, nitrate, 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), dibromochloropropane (DBCP), tetrachloroethene (PCE), and total dissolved solids (TDS).

Data collected during WY 2022 for the seven COCs were downloaded from the State Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA) Groundwater Information System through the State GeoTracker website. Water quality data collected during WY 2022 were compared to the baseline to determine if any new MCL exceedances,

or further increases above the MCL, occurred. Five COCs met this criteria: arsenic, uranium, nitrate, TCP, and TDS. There were no MCL exceedances, or further increases above the MCL, for DBCP and PCE. Based on an analysis of historical water quality trends and nearby water levels, it is concluded that MT exceedances were not caused by GSA management activities, and therefore did not meet the definition of undesirable results. **Figure ES-5** illustrates nitrate during WY 2022 in the Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers.

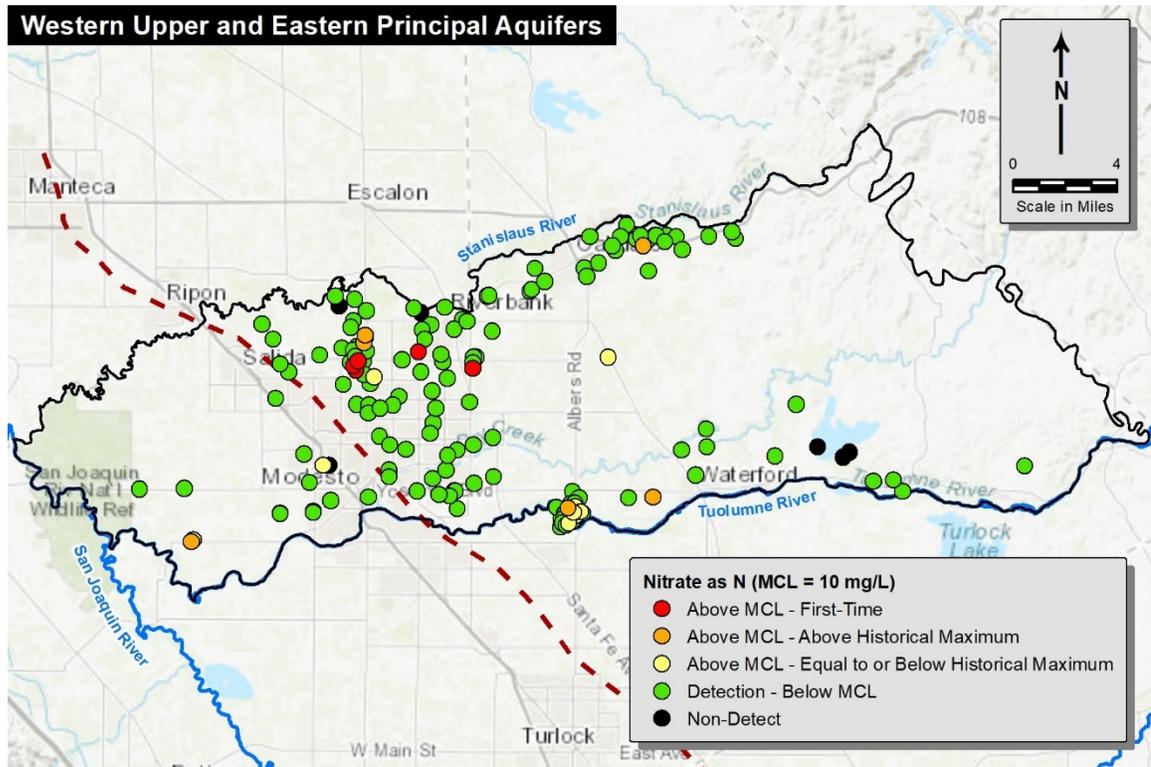


Figure ES-5 Nitrate in Groundwater, WY 2022

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 a screening tool to evaluate land subsidence. Groundwater levels in most of the monitoring network wells are above the MTs during WY 2022. Vertical displacement data collected using Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) by TRE Altamira Inc., under contract with DWR, indicates negative vertical displacement (indicating land subsidence) between 0 and -0.05 feet (0.6 inches) throughout most of the Subbasin. This is a relatively small amount and the mean amount is within the InSAR measurement error.

The C2VSimTM model was used to evaluate interconnected surface water during WY 2022. Model results show that during WY 2022, the Stanislaus River and the Tuolumne River are net losing streams and the San Joaquin River is a net gaining stream. Streamflow loss was 35,500 AFY along the Stanislaus River and 13,700 AFY along the Tuolumne River, while the

San Joaquin River gained approximately 12,500 AFY. During WY 2022, groundwater levels at 3 out of 19 RMWs in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water were below the MTS. Two of these RMWs 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.

This annual report provides an update on GSP implementation progress. Because of the timing of this Second Annual Report, the first several months of the reporting period (October 2021 through January 2022) occurred prior to completion and adoption of the GSP at the end of January 2022. However, GSP implementation activities have been prioritized since the GSP was submitted. The GSAs conducted the first GSP monitoring event in Spring 2022 and uploaded the water level data to the SGMA portal. The GSAs have continued public outreach with regular monthly STRGBA GSA meetings and the first of a series of three public meetings for landowners in the Non-District East Management Area. Since GSP submittal, the landowners in the Non-District East Management Area have been meeting on a regular basis to plan and develop water supply projects. In November 2022, the Stanislaus East Mutual Water Company was formed and currently represents 16,000 acres in the Non-District East Management Area. GSP Project #6, the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) In-lieu and Direct Recharge Project, is underway as well. This project consists of a 10-Year Out-of-District Water Sales Program in which over 6,000 irrigated acres in the Modesto Subbasin outside of OID's service area would purchase surplus surface water when available. OID, on behalf of the GSAs, also submitted a Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant application to DWR in December 2022, with a request of approximately \$18.6 million to fund design and construction of the expansion of OID's Paulsell Lateral. Should grant funds be awarded, OID's existing Paulsell Lateral would be expanded to increase the capacity of approximately 10 miles of open ditch, tunnel and culverts to increase flow from 30 cubic feet per second (cfs) up to 180 cfs thereby improving the level of service to OID's in-district lands and availability of surface water to surrounding out-of-district lands when available.

1 INTRODUCTION

Since the Modesto Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP or Plan) was submitted on January 31, 2022, the two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Subbasin have been implementing the GSP. An important part of GSP implementation is development of the GSP Annual Reports. The First GSP Annual Report was submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on March 31, 2022. This Second GSP Annual Report (Annual Report) is being submitted to the DWR by April 1, 2023, 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) 2022. The Modesto Subbasin and GSA boundaries are shown on **Figure 1-1**.

1.1 PURPOSE AND TIMING OF THE SECOND 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 water year. This Second Annual Report (2022 Annual Report) covers the preceding water year (WY) 2022, extending from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022 (reporting period). In addition, certain historical datasets are included to illustrate conditions prior to WY 2022. 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)).

Modesto Subbasin GSP implementation activities have been underway since the GSP was submitted. The STRGBA GSA and member agencies have made significant 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) ¹	Description
Modesto ID Management Area	101,914	Western and southwestern portions of the Subbasin; consistent with Modesto ID service area boundaries.
Oakdale ID Management Area	49,893	Northern and northeastern portions of the Subbasin; consistent with Oakdale ID service area boundaries.
Non-District East Management Area	77,218	Eastern Subbasin lands outside of Modesto ID and Oakdale ID boundaries.
Non-District West Management Area	15,777	Narrow rim of lands along the three river boundaries in the western Subbasin outside of irrigation district boundaries.

¹ Management Area acres are based on GIS, and the total Subbasin acres are within one percent, but not identical, to the Subbasin total in previous DWR Bulletin 118 descriptions. Nonetheless, Management Areas cover the entire Subbasin, and approximate acres are shown here for relative comparisons.

Surface water supplies are 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

The GSAs updated the local C2VSimTM model for WY 2022 for this Second Annual Report. 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 provides 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 compared to the sustainable management criteria.

Significant data compilation and analyses were conducted for this second 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 for WY 2022,
- update of C2VSim™ integrated water resources model for WY 2022,
- preparation of groundwater elevation hydrographs for RMWs from WY 1991 through WY 2022 and comparison to sustainable management criteria,
- development of groundwater elevation contour maps for the seasonal low (Fall 2021) and high (Spring 2022) groundwater levels in each principal aquifer,
- tabulation of groundwater extractions, surface water supply, and total water use data for WY 2022 using DWR water use templates,
- mapping of groundwater extractions illustrating volumes and general locations (using C2VSim™ results to prepare the required map),
- updated analysis of water budgets, including graphical representations of annual and cumulative changes in groundwater in storage from WY 1991 through WY 2022,
- map presentation of groundwater in storage for WY 2022,
- extended analysis (in addition to groundwater elevations) for three sustainability indicators including:
 - degraded water quality analysis for WY 2022,
 - land subsidence screening analysis of InSAR data for WY 2022,
 - interconnected surface water and streamflow depletion analysis using the updated C2VSim™ model for WY 2022
- 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, who cooperated to provide local data to support the Annual Report (see **Figure 1-3**). 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® 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 be uploaded to the DWR SGMA Portal.

1.3.3 Progress on Plan Implementation

As required by the regulations, **Section 11** describes progress on GSP implementation. The section includes a summary of GSP implementation support activities as well as activities regarding projects and management actions. As demonstrated by the descriptions, GSP implementation is well underway.

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 on GSP implementation. The model update is documented in **Section 2**.

1.5 LIMITATIONS

This Second GSP Annual Report presents inherent limitations because part of the Reporting Period (Fall 2021) occurred prior to completion and adoption of the GSP. Although most RMWs have a historical record, there are new monitoring wells in the monitoring networks that were installed during GSP preparation to support ongoing GSP monitoring. Accordingly, some RMWs have limited water level data. In addition, the GSP recognizes that the monitoring networks contain data gaps and present plans for addressing these in subsequent years of the GSP implementation period.

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

1.6 ANNUAL REPORT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL

As required in §353.4, this Second 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).

This 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.

This Annual Report was reviewed for GSA member agencies, stakeholders, and the public in a STRGBA GSA public meeting held on March 29, 2023, prior to submittal to DWR by the April 1, 2023, deadline.

2 C2VSimTM UPDATE (WATER YEAR 2022)

The C2VSimTM integrated surface water-groundwater model was developed as part of the Modesto Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan to simulate historical and projected hydrologic conditions for the surface, stream, and groundwater systems. The original model in the GSP included water years 1991-2015 and was updated last year through WY 2021, for the First Annual Report, and through WY 2022 for this Annual Report. For the 2022 update, data were collected from federal, state, and local sources. As a result of the model update, an extended historical water budget was generated, including refined estimates for stream-aquifer interaction, pumping, and change in groundwater in storage.

The extension 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 conditions and operations of the Subbasin following GSP adoption and submittal. The annual groundwater budget for water years 1991-2022 is presented in **Section** Error! Reference source not found..

Data Sources

Data were requested and received from the following entities within the Modesto 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)
- Oregon State University Climate Group (OSU)
- United States Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- 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 2022 Annual Report.

Precipitation: Monthly precipitation in 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.

Land Use: Each element within the C2VSim™ is comprised of some fraction of 24 land use categories, including 20 agricultural crops, refuge, native vegetation, riparian vegetation, and urban. For the 2022 update, spatial land use data was downloaded from the DWR SGMA Data Viewer and incorporated into IWFM.

Population: The population for each municipality was provided by that municipality for WY 2022. 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 by the US Census for 2022. For this model update, populations were projected based on historical trends and will be revised, if needed, when data becomes available.

Surface Water Operations: Monthly surface water flows were provided from October 2021 through September 2022 by Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Oakdale Irrigation District (OID). These operational flows included diversions, deliveries, spills, seepage, and evaporative losses. Non-district water, including riparian diversions and recycled water supplies were provided by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) and the City of Modesto, respectively.

Groundwater Pumping: Groundwater extractions from October 2021 to September 2022 were provided by the 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 a variety of operational parameters including land use, surface water availability, 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 associated with non-gauged tributaries within and adjacent to the Subbasin were estimated using a combination of the Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM) rainfall-runoff and small-watershed package.

Boundary Conditions: Biannual groundwater elevation contours were downloaded from DWR's SGMA Data Viewer for water year 2022 and used to update the groundwater

elevation boundary conditions in the model. As groundwater level contours are only available in semiannual intervals, intermediary months were estimated through linear interpolation.

2.2 MODELED RESULTS: WY 2022 GROUNDWATER BUDGET

Evaluation of the 2022 water year shows that the Modesto Subbasin experienced net 191,900 AF of inflows and 364,100 AF of outflows. Deep percolation from rainfall and irrigation applied water (126,300 AFY) is the largest contributor of groundwater inflow, followed by net-recharge from the canal and reservoir system (48,200 AFY), net-inflow from the stream system (36,800 AFY) and inflow from the Sierra Nevada foothills (4,200 AFY). Groundwater production (364,100 AFY) accounts for the greatest outflow from the Modesto Subbasin, followed by net-subsurface flow (23,600 AFY). In WY 2022, the Modesto Subbasin experienced a decline in groundwater in storage of 172,200 AFY. Details of the model results are provided in **Section** Error! Reference source not found..

3 GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS

Historical groundwater elevations for GSP monitoring wells in the Modesto Subbasin have been compiled for the 2022 Annual Report to provide the following:

- Water level hydrographs to illustrate long-term trends and fluctuations and to compare 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 2021 and Spring 2022).

3.1 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION MONITORING NETWORK

The Modesto Subbasin developed monitoring networks for the five sustainability indicators applicable to the Subbasin¹. 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. The GSP defined three principal aquifers for the Modesto Subbasin as listed in **Table 3-1**.

Table 3-1: 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

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 serve as a proxy for the reduction of groundwater in storage, and land subsidence

¹ 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).

indicators. **Figure 3-4** provides the groundwater elevation monitoring network for interconnected surface water.

Each RMW on the monitoring network maps (**Figures 3-1** through **3-4**) includes the MTs and 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 CASGEM², the City of Modesto, and previous USGS monitoring efforts.

Monitoring protocols adopted as part of the GSP require that water levels be measured within the two time periods established to capture the annual seasonal high and low water levels as follows:

- February 1st to April 15th, representing the seasonal high water levels.
- September 1st to November 30th, 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.

The reporting period for this Second Annual Report (WY 2022) includes water levels from Fall 2021 before the GSP, monitoring network, and monitoring protocols were adopted. The reporting period also includes the first GSP monitoring event following GSP adoption and submittal, which was conducted in Spring 2022. Groundwater elevations measured during these monitoring events are discussed in **Section 3.3** below.

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 2022), the natural hydrologic conditions for the associated water years have been tabulated. DWR 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

² California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program.

methodology for comparing water year types to the groundwater elevation hydrographs from WY 1991 through WY 2022 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 at MID’s weather station. Precipitation amounts from WY 1990 through WY 2022 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 the 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 3-2**.

Table 3-2: 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	2007	Critically Dry
1991	Critically Dry	2008	Critically Dry
1992	Critically Dry	2009	Below Normal
1993	Wet	2010	Above Normal
1994	Critically Dry	2011	Wet
1995	Wet	2012	Dry
1996	Wet	2013	Critically Dry
1997	Wet	2014	Critically Dry
1998	Wet	2015	Critically Dry
1999	Above Normal	2016	Dry
2000	Above Normal	2017	Wet
2001	Dry	2018	Below Normal
2002	Dry	2019	Wet
2003	Below Normal	2020	Dry
2004	Dry	2021	Critically Dry
2005	Wet	2022	Critically Dry
2006	Wet		

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 3-2** and on **Figure 3-5**, 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. WY 2021 and WY 2022 were critically dry years.

Because WY 2016 through WY 2022 follows a severe drought, groundwater levels were already at or near historical lows. Without consecutive wet years since WY 2016, groundwater elevations have not fully recovered, and in some areas, continue to decline.

3.3 GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS WY 1991 – WY 2022

Available water level data through WY 2022 from RMWs have been compiled in DWR water level templates and uploaded onto the SGMA portal. Water level data collected during the Fall 2022 monitoring event are included in the analysis for completeness but are not part of the current reporting period. All monitoring data have been stored in the Modesto Subbasin Data Management System (DMS).

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 GSP Annual Report for the Modesto Subbasin, the time period from WY 1991 through WY 2022 (reporting period) was chosen to meet GSP requirements and allow for consistent hydrograph development. As described previously, this 32-year period includes the historical GSP Study Period (WY 1991 – WY 2015) and subsequent years for C2VSimTM 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 2022 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 green 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 in the Subbasin throughout the historical study period were discussed in detail 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 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. Water level records in the eastern region of the Eastern Principal Aquifer indicate historical declining groundwater level trends since about the mid-2000s, with significant declines during the recent drought.

Since WY 2015, the end of the historical GSP Study Period, water levels in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer partially recovered and have been relatively stable or have declined again since that time (see hydrographs Canfield, Machado, and North Ave 103 on **Figure 3-6**). Similar patterns have persisted in WY 2022.

Water levels in the western region of the Eastern Principal Aquifer exhibit a similar pattern of post-drought recovery as the Western Upper Principal Aquifer. Water levels recovered somewhat after the drought but have since declined, and this declining trend has continued during WY 2022 (see Bangs and Cavil hydrographs, **Figure 3-6**). Water levels in the eastern portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer continued to decline through WY 2022 (see Furtado and Paulsell-2 hydrographs, **Figure 3-6**).

There are five RMWs in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer. Water levels measured in four of the five RMWs during WY 2022 exhibit seasonal pumping fluctuations (MW-1D, MW-2D, MOD-MWB-2, and MOD-MWD-3, see wells on **Figure 3-2**). In general, water levels were relatively low in Summer 2021, rebounded in Fall 2021, and then declined in Summer 2022 (see hydrographs in **Appendix A**). During WY 2022, the GSAs were able to gain access to USGS well MRWA-3, which was measured during the Spring 2022 monitoring event for the first time since 2010 (**Figure 3-2**).

3.3.3 Compliance with Sustainable Management Criteria

As mentioned previously, hydrographs in **Appendix A** and on **Figure 3-6** show 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. To provide context for these sustainable management criteria, **Table 3-3** summarizes how the MTs and MOs are defined for each applicable sustainability indicator in the GSP. The GSP provides the analysis and justification for the MTs and MOs, and how they are used to inform the definition of undesirable results for the Subbasin.

Table 3-3: Sustainable Management Criteria Summary

Sustainability Indicator	Minimum Thresholds (MTs)	Measurable Objectives (MOs)
Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels	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.
Reduction of Groundwater in Storage	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.)
Degraded Water Quality	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"> • Nitrate (as N) - 10 mg/L • Arsenic - 10 ug/L • Uranium - 20 pCi/L • Total dissolved solids (TDS) - 500 mg/L • Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) - 0.2 ug/L • 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP) - 0.005 ug/L • Tetrachloroethene (PCE) - 5 ug/L. 	Historical maximum concentration of each constituent of concern (COC) at each representative monitoring location.
Inelastic Land Subsidence	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.)
Interconnected Surface Water	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.

A mentioned previously, the WY 2022 reporting period for this Second Annual Report includes data from Fall 2021 – a time period before the final monitoring networks, protocols, and GSP had been adopted. As such, the Fall 2021 measurements pre-date the initiation of GSA management in the Subbasin. The Spring 2022 monitoring event was the first GSP monitoring event following GSP adoption and submittal; accordingly, it is the focus for evaluation of the sustainable management criteria.

A comparison of groundwater elevations in Spring 2022 to the sustainable management criteria is provided in **Table 3-4** on the following pages. Maps showing MT comparison during the Spring 2022 monitoring event for the groundwater elevation monitoring network in each principal aquifer and for the interconnected surface water monitoring network are shown on **Figures 3-7 through 3-10**.

Table 3-4: Comparison of Groundwater Elevations to Sustainable Management Criteria Modesto Subbasin

Local Well Name	Minimum Threshold (MT) (feet msl)	Interim Milestone (IM) (feet msl)	Spring 2022 Monitoring Event	
			Groundwater Elevation Below MT? (yes/no)	Groundwater Elevation Below IM? (yes/no)
Western Upper Principal Aquifer				
Canfield 90	32	--	no	--
Curtis #2 100	34	--	no	--
Gates Road 101	24	--	no	--
Hart Road 88	35	--	no	--
Katen 69	27	--	no	--
Machado 23	31	--	no	--
North Ave 103	41	--	no	--
Paradise 235	34	--	no	--
Philbrick 201	34	--	no	--
Van Buren 43	38	--	no	--
Warnock 46	35	--	no	--
Young 76	36	--	no	--
MOD-MWB-1	40	--	no	--
MOD-MWD-1	30	--	no	--
MRWA-2	36	--	no	--
MW-1S	33	--	no	--
MW-2S	34	--	no	--
Summary - Western Upper Principal Aquifer				
		Above	17	--
		Below	0	--
		Not Measured	0	--
		% Below (includes measured wells)	0%	--

Western Lower Principal Aquifer				
MOD-MWB-2	26	--	no	--
MOD-MWD-3	30	--	no	--
MRWA-3	28	--	no	--
MW-1D	14	--	no	--
MW-2D	35	--	Yes	--
Summary - Western Lower Principal Aquifer				
		Above	4	--
		Below	1	--
		Not Measured	0	--
		% Below (includes measured wells)	20%	--

Table 3-4: Comparison of Groundwater Elevations to Sustainable Management Criteria Modesto Subbasin

Local Well Name	Minimum Threshold (MT) (feet msl)	Interim Milestone (IM) (feet msl)	Spring 2022 Monitoring Event	
			Groundwater Elevation Below MT? (yes/no)	Groundwater Elevation Below IM? (yes/no)
Eastern Principal Aquifer				
Albers 232	60	--	no	--
Allen OID-01	72	61	no	no
American 208	48	--	no	--
Bangs Ave 243	32	--	no	--
Bentley OID-02	71	56	Yes	no
Birnbaum OID-03	72	61	no	no
Blossom 230	61	--	Yes	--
Cavil 214	53	--	NM	--
Claribel 206	49	--	no	--
Crane OID-06	66	55	Yes	no
Furtado OID-07	69	51	Yes	no
Head Lateral 3 215	56	--	no	--
Head Lateral 8 194	40	--	no	--
Jones WID 228	55	--	no	--
Langdon Merle 241	50	--	no	--
Lateral one 195	42	--	no	--
Marquis OID-10	85	78	no	no
Paulsell 1 OID-11	88	53	Yes	no
Paulsell 2 OID-12	94	58	Yes	no
Perley 202	36	--	no	--
Quesenberry 223	89	72	NM	NM
Riverbank OID-13	42	--	no	--
Schmidt 227	59	--	no	--
Wellsford 233	62	--	Yes	--
Wood 210	52	--	NM	--
MOD-MWA-2	30	--	no	--
MOD-MWC-3	40	--	Yes	--
FPA-2	38	--	no	--
OFPB-2	35	--	no	--
MW-3S	25	--	no	--
MW-3D	25	--	no	--
MW-4S	56	--	no	--
MW-5S	69	68	no	no
MW-6S	65	--	Yes	--
MW-7	75	40	Yes	no
MW-8	75	49	no	no
MW-9	150	138	no	no
MW-10	72	63	no	no
MW-11	35	--	no	--
Summary - Eastern Principal Aquifer				
		Above	26	13
		Below	10	0
		Not Measured	3	1
		% Below (includes measured wells)	28%	0%

Table 3-4: Comparison of Groundwater Elevations to Sustainable Management Criteria Modesto Subbasin

Local Well Name	Minimum Threshold (MT) (feet msl)	Interim Milestone (IM) (feet msl)	Spring 2022 Monitoring Event	
			Groundwater Elevation Below MT? (yes/no)	Groundwater Elevation Below IM? (yes/no)
Interconnected Surface Water				
San Joaquin River				
Canfield 90	33	--	no	--
Katen 69	27	--	no	--
Stanislaus River				
Allen OID-01	75	61	Yes	no
American 208	48	--	no	--
Birnbaum OID-03	74	61	no	no
Head Lateral 8 194	40	--	no	--
Langdon Merle 241	50	--	no	--
Marquis OID-10	86	78	Yes	no
Riverbank OID-13	42	--	no	--
MW-4S	56	--	no	--
Tuolumne River				
Jones WID 228	55	--	no	--
Lateral one 195	42	--	no	--
Paradise 235	34	--	no	--
Philbrick 201	38	--	no	--
Quesenberry 223	89	72	NM	NM
Schmidt 227	59	--	no	--
MW-2S	38	--	no	--
MW-3S	26	--	no	--
MW-6S	65	--	Yes	--
MW-9	150	138	no	no
Summary - Interconnected Surface Water				
San Joaquin River				
Above			2	--
Below			0	--
Not Measured			0	--
% Below (includes measured wells)			0%	--
Stanislaus River				
Above			6	3
Below			2	0
Not Measured			0	0
% Below (includes measured wells)			25%	0%
Tuolumne River				
Above			8	1
Below			1	0
Not Measured			1	1
% Below (includes measured wells)			11%	0%

Notes:

highlight: groundwater elevation is below (exceeds) the MT

MT: Minimum Threshold

NM: water level not measured

Groundwater levels for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicator were below the MTs in 11 out of 58 wells measured in Spring 2022. Water levels were not below MTs in any wells in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer (**Figure 3-7** and **Table 3-4**) and water levels in 1 out of 5 wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer were below the MT (MW-2D) (**Figure 3-8** and **Table 3-4**). Water levels in 10 out of 36 wells measured in the Eastern Principal Aquifer were below the MTs in Spring 2022 (**Figure 3-9** and **Table 3-4**). Three wells in the Eastern Principal Aquifer were not measured in Spring 2022. In general, the wells with MT exceedances in the Eastern Principal Aquifer are in the central and eastern regions of the aquifer.

Groundwater levels for the interconnected surface water monitoring network were below the MTs in 3 out of 19 wells measured (**Figure 3-10** and **Table 3-4**). The MT exceedances occurred in 2 out of 8 wells measured along the Stanislaus River (Marquis OID-10 and Allen OID-1) and 1 out of 9 wells measured along the Tuolumne River (MW-6S). One well along the Tuolumne River was not measured in Spring 2022. The MT exceedances in the interconnected surface water monitoring network occurred in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Water levels were not below the MTs in either well along the San Joaquin River.

Water levels were not measured in three RMWs because of obstructions: Cavil 214, Quesenberry 223, and Wood 210. The STRGBA GSA cleared the obstructions in Cavil 214 and Wood 210 since the Spring 2022 monitoring event. However, the GSA has not been able to clear the obstruction in Quesenberry 223 and is working to replace it with a different well.

As described in the GSP and indicated on **Figure 3-6**, groundwater elevations have 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, which is why Interim Milestones (IMs) were developed. During the Spring 2022 monitoring event, groundwater elevations were not below the Interim Milestones (IMs) in any of the wells (**Table 3-4**).

3.4 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION CONTOUR MAPS

Groundwater elevation data were used to develop water level contour maps for the principal aquifers in the Subbasin (see **Table 3-1** for a description of the Principal Aquifers in the Modesto Subbasin). The contour maps are based on groundwater elevation data from RMWs and supplemented by additional SGMA monitoring wells in the three principal aquifers. Data were compiled and contoured for both Fall 2021 and Spring 2022, as shown on **Figures 3-11** through **3-14**, to comply with GSP regulations; maps are described in subsequent sections below.

3.4.1 Groundwater Elevations and Flow for Fall 2021

Groundwater elevations measured in Fall 2021 represent seasonal lows during WY 2022. Water levels were measured in late October and November, at the end of the irrigation season. As mentioned previously, these measurements were taken prior to the completion of the GSP and the final monitoring network.

3.4.1.1 Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer

Groundwater elevation contours in Fall 2021 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the Eastern Principal Aquifer are illustrated on **Figure 3-11**. The two principal aquifers are separated by the eastern extent of the Corcoran Clay, indicated on **Figure 3-11** by the dashed red line.

Groundwater elevation measurements range from 90 feet above mean sea level (msl) in the eastern Subbasin near Modesto Reservoir to 25 feet msl in the northwest Subbasin. The contours indicate that groundwater highs are present in the eastern Subbasin north of Modesto Reservoir and east of the City of Oakdale. From these highs, groundwater flows towards the central part of the basin and then to the west-southwest into the western Subbasin. Groundwater flows south towards the Tuolumne River in portions of the central and western 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.

3.4.1.2 Western Lower Principal Aquifer

Groundwater elevations in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer in Fall 2021 are illustrated on **Figure 3-12**. During this time, groundwater elevation data were available in four monitoring wells located in the eastern region of the aquifer. Groundwater elevations in these wells range from 34 feet msl to 46 feet msl. Limited data indicates local groundwater flow directions toward the south-southeast and the Tuolumne River, and to the northeast and the Stanislaus River.

3.4.2 Groundwater Elevations and Flow for Spring 2022

Groundwater elevations measured in Spring 2022 represent seasonal highs during WY 2022. Water levels in most of the wells were measured in February and early March, prior to increases in groundwater production for summer irrigation.

3.4.2.1 Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer

Groundwater elevation contours in Spring 2022 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer are presented on **Figure 3-13**. During this time, groundwater elevation measurements ranged from 155 feet msl in the eastern Subbasin near the Tuolumne River to 27 feet msl in the northwestern Subbasin.

In general, groundwater elevations increased throughout the Subbasin from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022. For the 47 wells with measurements during both time periods, the average increase in groundwater elevation was 0.8 feet. The largest increase was observed in the eastern Subbasin (MW-10: +3.7 feet). Other notable increases occurred in wells located along the Stanislaus River from western Riverbank to south of Oakdale, and in Waterford.

Groundwater flow directions are similar to Fall 2021. Contours indicate that groundwater flow is predominantly towards the central portion of the eastern Subbasin and then to the west and southwest into the western Subbasin. The localized groundwater depressions and mounds in the City of Modesto area are more pronounced than in Fall 2021. Contours indicate steep gradients to the east of Modesto Reservoir based on the groundwater elevation at MW-9, which is a newly installed monitoring well that was not measured in Fall 2021. In the central region of the eastern Subbasin, groundwater elevations at MW-7, MW-8, and MW-10 are slightly lower than in other nearby wells, likely due to local irrigation pumping. The two wells north of Modesto Reservoir (Paulsell-1 and Paulsell-2) show little change in groundwater elevation from Fall 2021.

3.4.2.2 Western Lower Principal Aquifer

Groundwater elevations in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer for Spring 2022 are illustrated on **Figure 3-14**. During this time, groundwater elevation data are available in all five of the RMWs in this principal aquifer, but data are too similar for generating meaningful contours. Groundwater elevations in these wells are within six feet of each other, ranging from 31 to 37 feet msl.

Groundwater elevations decreased from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022 in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer. The maximum decrease of 15 feet was measured in MOD-MWB-2 and was likely due to local pumping. Due to the confined nature of this principal aquifer, water level fluctuations are expected to be greater than in the unconfined Western Upper Principal Aquifer for equivalent amounts of pumping. The remaining three wells with data measured during both Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 show a water level decrease ranging from 3 to 5 feet. MRWA-3 was measured in Spring 2022, but not in Fall 2021.

4 GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS

The volume of groundwater extraction in the Modesto Subbasin is provided for the preceding water year (WY 2022) 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 2022) 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™ 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™) for each model element based on factors including land use, evapotranspiration, surface water supply, population, and per-capita water use. Details about the C2VSim™ 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™ for water year 2021 can be found in **Figure 4-1**. These estimated data are expected to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy.

4.2 SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS WATER YEAR 2021

Using the methods described above, the total groundwater extractions in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2022 were tabulated. **Table 4-1** summarizes the Modesto Subbasin groundwater extractions by water use type and measurement method for WY 2022.

Table 4-1: Groundwater Extractions for Water Year 2022 (AF)

WY	Agricultural Production (Agency) ¹	Agricultural Production (Private) ²	Urban Production (Agency) ¹	Urban Production (Private) ³	Total
2022	48,200	262,600	37,300	16,000	364,100
<p>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.</p> <p>2. "Private Pumping" for the agricultural sector is estimated by C2VSimTM based on land use, evapotranspiration, and surface water data. See Section 2 – C2VSimTM Update (Water Year 2022). These estimated data are expected to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy.</p> <p>3. "Private Pumping" for the urban sector (primarily from domestic wells in rural regions) is estimated by C2VSimTM based on census data for population multiplied by a volumetric water use factor averaged from the urban regions. See Section 2 – C2VSimTM Update (Water Year 2022). These estimated data are expected to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy.</p>					

The data show that 364,100 AF of groundwater extractions occurred in WY 2022. 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 C2VSimTM groundwater model. The total agricultural groundwater extraction in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2022 is 310,800 AF which accounts for about 85% 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 C2VSimTM groundwater model. The total urban groundwater extraction in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2022 is 53,300 AF which accounts for about 15% 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 2022.
- 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**, 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 devices. The total groundwater extraction from metered data in the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2022 is 85,500 AF which accounts for about 23% 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™ model, an application of the IWFM software package (Dogrul, Kadir and Brush, 2017). The C2VSim™ 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™ model for the Modesto Subbasin for WY 2022 is 278,600 AF which accounts for about 77% 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™ provides 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 2022, a total groundwater extractions map was derived from the C2VSim™ simulation results. The specified metered pumping is directly input into C2VSim™, 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 85% 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 2022 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 2022 by water use sector (23 CCR §356.2(b)(2))
- **Part B. Groundwater Extraction Methods** - the volume of groundwater extractions for WY 2022 by different measurement methods (23 CCR §356.2(b)(2)).

Data summarized in **Table 4-1** 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 2022 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 2022 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.

5.1 SURFACE WATER DATA METHODS

Surface water supplies for the Subbasin for WY 2022 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 C2VSimTM 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 2022 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 Year 2022 (AF)

	Local Supply (Measured) ¹	Local Supply (Estimated) ²	Other Supply (Estimated)	Total
2022	228,700	57,900	0	286,600
<i>1. Includes Modesto ID and Oakdale ID deliveries to their respective agricultural and urban water users.</i>				
<i>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 C2VSimTM model.</i>				

- **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 2022, 286,600 AF 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 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 2022 is a critically dry 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 2022 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 2022 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 consists 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 2022 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 2022 groundwater extractions and surface water supplies as presented in **Sections 4** and **5**. The data show total water use for the Modesto Subbasin was 650,700 AF in WY 2022. The total water supply for water year 2022 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 2022, the groundwater supply totaled 364,100 AF representing about 56% of total supplies in WY 2022.
- **Surface water** includes surface water deliveries for all uses. In WY 2022, the surface water supply totaled 286,600 AF representing about 44% of total water supplies in WY 2022.
- **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 Year 2022 (AF)

	Groundwater ¹	Surface Water ²	Other	Total Water Use
2022	364,100	286,600	0	650,700
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 shows total water use for the Modesto Subbasin was 650,700 AF in WY 2022. 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 2022, agricultural water use totaled 573,300 AF, 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 2022, urban water use totaled 77,400 AF, 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 2022.
- **Managed Wetlands** would include groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries to manage local wetlands. In WY 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022, no known groundwater extractions or surface water deliveries were used for other uses in the Modesto Subbasin.

Table 6-2: Total Water Use by Sector for Water Year 2022 (AF)

	Agricultural	Urban	Other	Total Water Use
2022	573,300	77,400	0	650,700

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 2022 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 2022) 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

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 are based on the updated C2VSimTM model results. Between the Modesto GSP and the First Annual Report, the C2VSimTM model was used to estimate changes in groundwater storage for water years 1991-2021. The most recent update extends the simulation period though WY 2022 to support quantification of storage change for this Annual Report.

The methodology and data used to update the C2VSimTM for 2022 is consistent with the historical water budget analysis presented in the GSP. A summary of C2VSimTM 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 the 2022 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 2022. 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 32-year period from WY 1991 through WY 2022. 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, 2022, see **Table 3-2**) as follows:

- WY 2022, a critically dry year, had a **decline** of 172,200 AF.

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 3-2**, CDEC, 2022) are summarized as follows:

- WY 2022, a critically dry year, had a total groundwater use of 364,100 AF, of which 85% was for agricultural use and 15% for urban use.

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

Figures 7-3 through **7-6** show the total change of groundwater in storage for WY 2022 for the entire Subbasin and by principal aquifer in a spatial format as estimated by the C2VSim™ 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 generally losing storage, with higher rates of decline throughout MID and the Non-District Areas, and with reduced impacts in parts of OID and along the eastern (upstream) extent of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers (**Figure 7-3**). This trend is reflected in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer (**Figure 7-4**), where groundwater levels and aquifer storage show decline throughout the aquifer, with mitigated impacts near the San Joaquin River. The Western Lower Principal Aquifer (**Figure 7-5**), experienced greater declines in groundwater in storage than the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, with increased reductions along the southwestern boundary. There was also a reduction of groundwater in storage throughout the Eastern Principal Aquifer (**Figure 7-6**), with the highest losses within MID near Waterford, in the Non-District East, and to the east and north of the City of Modesto.

7.3.2 Accuracy of Change in Groundwater in Storage Maps

Using WY 1991 to WY 2015 as the base period, C2VSim™ results show declining groundwater levels and long-term reduction of groundwater storage. During this period,

C2VSim™ results show an average-annual decline in groundwater storage of 43,900 AFY. The GSP estimated these data to have a qualitative medium level of accuracy. Based on similar methodology and data, it is anticipated that simulated results for WY 2022 maintain comparable levels of uncertainty. For additional information regarding calibration and uncertainty in the C2VSim™ model, please refer to Appendix C of the Modesto Subbasin GSP.

8 GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING

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 levels or extractions 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, the GSP established a tracking and analysis process for inclusion in annual reports. The WY 2021 Annual Report provided a baseline for existing conditions in the Subbasin of which potential degradation would be evaluated in subsequent annual reports. This WY 2022 Annual Reports marks the first groundwater quality monitoring assessment.

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. Indicators of groundwater quality degradation are assessed in each Annual Report through a comparison with baseline values established in the WY 2021 Annual Report. In each annual report, any potable water supply well that is a potential indicator of groundwater degradation is individually examined to determine if its concentrations may be due to GSA management.

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. Rather, the analysis focuses on potential groundwater quality degradation in potable water supply wells caused by GSAs management of groundwater in the Subbasin. Tracking and analyses of the SWRCB-regulated data obtained from the GAMA (Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment) portal, and the data used in these analyses are updated annually.

As described in the Modesto Subbasin GSP, an undesirable result may occur if water quality degradation occurs in a potable well. The baseline monitoring network includes all available water quality data, including data collected from monitoring wells at regulated facilities. It is important to track all groundwater quality data in the Subbasin so that the GSAs are aware of groundwater quality conditions throughout the Subbasin.

8.1 APPROACH AND DATA COMPILATION

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 are 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, are 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. Starting with this Second Annual Report, each annual report compares measurements of each COC to the baseline conditions in all three principal aquifers established in the First Annual Report.

To establish baseline conditions in the First Annual Report, 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 began with the historical GSP study period (WY 1991 through WY 2015) and extended through WY 2021. The monitoring network for each constituent of concern is composed of the wells that were sampled for that constituent during WY 2021; those wells are the designated RMWs for water quality.

There are 361 RMWs for water quality. The RMWs include 177 public supply wells³ monitored by water suppliers and regulated by the Division of Drinking Water, 11 domestic wells monitored by the USGS under the GAMA program, 110 monitoring wells at regulated facilities overseen by the State Water Board, and 63 wells, mostly irrigation and domestic

³ 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.

wells, associated with regulatory water quality coalitions (such as under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) and monitored by Aglands. Of these wells, the 188 public supply wells and domestic wells are considered potable water supply wells that could potentially be indicators of groundwater quality degradation under the GSP.

All wells were classified by principal aquifer based on screen depth or well depth, depending upon data availability. 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, a generic designation for western wells that either lack screen information or are screened in both aquifers. The baseline value established for each well is the maximum concentration of a given constituent of concern from WY 1991 to WY 2021. A table summarizing these RMWs and their maximum concentration for each COC is provided in **Appendix B**.

In this Annual Report, water quality conditions during WY 2022 are compared to the baseline water quality conditions established in the First Annual Report. Data for WY 2022 was downloaded from GAMA for each COC. For each RMW, the maximum concentration for each COC during WY 2022 was compared to the MT. The maximum value during WY 2022 is listed in **Appendix B**.

A measurement in a potable water supply well is considered an indicator of groundwater degradation if it exceeds the MT for the first time at that well, or is larger than the maximum baseline concentration above the MT. If the baseline is greater than the MT, any new maximums are considered groundwater quality degradation indicators. For those wells, historical water quality data are analyzed, along with changes in water quality or water levels in nearby wells, to determine whether degradation is attributable to GSA management and is resulting in increased operational costs to well owners.

The Measurable Objective (MO) for water quality is defined by the historical maximum concentration of each constituent of concern at each representative monitoring location. The same monitoring data that was used to determine potential indicators of groundwater degradation will be used to calculate the MO. The percentage of RMWs below their MO, or their historical maximum concentrations, are reported for each constituent of concern.

8.2 GROUNDWATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

The groundwater quality monitoring network consists of publicly available data downloaded from GAMA through the State GeoTracker website. In WY 2022, 274 RMWs, out of the 361 RMWs in the baseline water quality network, had at least one measurement of a COC (**Figure 8-1**). The RMWs with WY 2022 data include 160 municipal wells, 18 domestic wells monitored through Aglands, and 96 monitoring wells at regulated facilities. Most of the WY 2022 RMWs are located in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. In total, 181 RMWs are in the Eastern Subbasin Principal Aquifer, 17 are in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, 63 are in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, and 13 are designated in the western principal

aquifers because their screen depths are unknown or they are screened across both aquifers.

The maximum values for each COC during WY 2022 were compared to the MT (the MCL for each COC) and the maximum historical values listed in **Appendix B. Figures 8-2 through 8-8** show the status of WY 2022 water quality, compared with baseline conditions. Each figure is divided by principal aquifer and shows the RMWs that were monitored for that constituent in WY 2022. **Figures 8-2 through 8-8** show both potable water supply wells and monitoring wells at regulated facilities. The monitoring wells at regulated facilities often occur in clusters. Some wells on the map may be obscured by the clusters due to the scale of the map.

In **Figures 8-2 through 8-8**, wells that reported a first-time exceedance of the MT (the MCL for each COC) in WY 2022 are shown as a red dot. Wells shown with an orange dot recorded a further exceedance of its MT in WY 2022. Potable water supply wells in these two categories (red and orange dots) are considered potential indicators of groundwater quality degradation in drinking water wells. Monitoring wells at regulated facilities with first-time MT exceedances or value above their historical maximum are not considered potential indicators of groundwater quality degradation that are the responsibility of the GSAs, given the non-potable nature of the wells, the ongoing remedial activities at the site, and regulation by state and local agencies with primary water quality authority.

Time-concentration plots for public supply wells with new (first-time) MCL exceedances or further exceedances of its MCL were developed and examined to see if concentrations began increasing prior to GSP implementation or if WY 2022 COC concentrations were a departure from previous trends. These time-concentration plots are provided in **Appendix C**, shown in the order in which they are discussed in the text. Hydrographs from local monitoring wells were also examined to see how groundwater levels are changing near these wells.

Wells shown on **Figures 8-2 through 8-8** as yellow, green, or black dots do not indicate groundwater quality degradation. The wells marked as yellow dots had a maximum concentration in WY 2022 greater than the MT but less than the historical maximum concentrations (not a further exceedance of its MCL). Wells shown as green dots had concentrations that were less than the MT. Wells shown with a black dot had concentrations below the detection limit (non-detect).

8.2.1 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 local industrial contamination at regulated facilities or 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).

In WY 2022, 63 RMWs reported arsenic measurements. As shown on **Figure 8-2**, most of these were in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Most of the RMWs monitored for arsenic are monitoring wells clustered at regulated facilities. Only four of the RMWs monitored for arsenic in WY 2022 were potable water supply wells, one well in each Principal Aquifer and one with unknown construction in the western principal aquifers. One potable water supply well and two monitoring wells at a regulated facility had a further exceedance of the MCL above the historical maximum in WY 2022 (orange dots), and two monitoring wells had a first-time MT exceedance in WY 2022 (red dots). In WY 2022, 87 percent of all RMWs sampled for arsenic reported maximum concentrations beneath their MO, or their maximum historical concentration.

Well 5000499-004, in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer, is the only potential indicator of water quality degradation for arsenic in WY 2022. The maximum WY 2022 concentration of arsenic at this well was 13 micrograms per liter (ug/L), above the well's historical maximum of 12 ug/L. Arsenic concentrations at this well have ranged from 10 to 12 ug/L since monitoring began in 2018 (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). Therefore, the maximum concentration is similar to historical concentrations. While this increase, from 12 to 13 ug/L, is small, more arsenic monitoring in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer is recommended, particularly given recent water level declines in this aquifer.

In WY 2022, 59 out of the 63 wells with arsenic measurements were from monitoring wells at regulated facilities. These wells are typically shallow and used to monitor a known contamination site, and thus representative of very localized groundwater conditions. Most of these wells occur in two clusters. One is a contamination site in the City of Modesto within the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the other is a landfill along the Tuolumne River in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Arsenic has been detected in these and other monitoring wells at both facilities at higher concentrations than seen in local potable wells and with variable trends.

8.2.2 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., 2020).

Wells are monitored for uranium less frequently than other COCs, so the uranium monitoring network is small. The baseline RMWs for uranium includes 26 wells, all municipal or domestic wells. In WY 2022, seven of these wells were sampled for uranium (**Figure 8-3**). In WY 2022, all but one RMW sampled for uranium reported maximum concentrations beneath their MO, or their maximum historical concentration.

One well, 5010010-146 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, had a further exceedance of its MCL, above its historical maximum (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). Its historical maximum 27.8 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) is very similar to its WY 2022 maximum (28 pCi/L). This exceedance may be due to rounding differences when the samples were reported and not statistically significant. The last two measurements in this well are below the historical average. Since 1992, uranium measurements at this well have fluctuated between values greater than the MCL of 20 pCi/L and concentrations less than 10 pCi/L. The WY 2022 concentration is consistent with historical fluctuations over the past thirty years.

8.2.3 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. Of all the COCs, nitrate by far has the most extensive water quality monitoring network in WY 2022.

Out of 282 RMWs in the monitoring network for nitrate, 204 were monitored in WY 2022 (**Figure 8-4**). Of these, 153 were municipal wells, 18 were domestic wells monitored through Aglands, and 33 were monitoring wells at regulated facilities. Most of the wells sampled for nitrate in WY 2022 were in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. In WY 2022, 87 percent of RMWs sampled for nitrate reported maximum concentrations below their MO, or their maximum historical concentration.

Five potable water supply wells reported first-time exceedances of the 10 mg/L MT in WY 2022 (red dots) and six potable water supply wells reported MT exceedances above the historical maximum (orange dots) (see the 11 time-concentration plots in **Appendix C**). One well at a regulated facility reported an MT exceedance above the historical maximum in WY 2022 (orange dot). The historical trends in nitrate concentrations and water levels at nearby wells are discussed below to assess if nitrate conditions could be linked to groundwater management.

Five of the wells that could be indicators of groundwater quality degradation occur as a cluster, in the Eastern Principal Aquifer north of the City of Modesto: 5000411-001 (further MT exceedance above historical maximum), 500457-002 (further MT exceedance above historical maximum), 5000189-003 (new MT exceedance), 5000189-004 (new MT exceedance), 5000189-006 (new MT exceedance) (see the first five time-concentrations plots for nitrate in **Appendix C**). Nitrate concentrations at these five municipal wells have historical increasing trends. Concentrations at 5000411-001 increased from 2002 to 2012 and leveled off near 10 mg/L until WY 2022, when it reported three consecutive 12 mg/L nitrate measurements in 2022. While the WY 2022 nitrate measurements are greater than the historical maximum concentration, this is not a significant change from previous concentrations. Additionally, the nearby wells have shown long-term, steady increases. Wells 5000189-003, 5000189-004, and 5000189-006 have seen steady increases in nitrate concentrations, with seasonality, since monitoring began in 2002. Nitrate concentrations in well 5000457-002 have been increasing since monitoring began in 2017. Hydrographs of the

nearby wells Riverbank OID-13, Claribel 206, and Bangs Ave 243 show that water levels near these wells have declined over the past ten years, but are above the MT during WY 2022 (**Appendix A**). It is unclear if the increasing nitrate concentrations are linked to the groundwater level declines.

Located about two miles east of the cluster of wells, Well 5010018-010 had a first-time exceedance of the MT in WY 2022 (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). Nitrate concentrations at this well in WY 2022 are much higher than previous readings. Concentrations in this well increased from about 4 to 7 mg/L from 2007 to 2018 and then remained stable until 2021. In WY 2022, 4 of the 5 nitrate concentrations measured in this well were greater than 15 mg/L. Well 5010018-010 is less than a mile from monitoring well Claribel 206, which shows a water level declining from 2008 to 2016 and then leveling off (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). The high nitrate concentrations in this well may be linked to groundwater level declines, the vertical migration of nitrate, or legacy loading. Nitrate concentrations in surrounding wells do not show a similar trend, and the surrounding monitoring wells did not report groundwater levels lower than the water level MTs. This increase in nitrate observed in Well 5010018-010 does not appear to be linked to any GSA management activities. Continued nitrate concentration monitoring in this area is recommended.

Two miles to the east of Well 5010018-010, Well 5000055-002 had a first-time exceedance of the MT in WY 2022 (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). This well has shown increasing nitrate concentrations since monitoring began in 2002, though in 2019 and 2021 concentrations were below 5 mg/L. Well 5000055-002 is about 0.5 miles west of monitoring well Cavil 214. The hydrograph from Cavil 214 shows that water levels dropped about 30 feet from 2012 to 2016, increased about 15 feet from 2016 to 2020, and then dropped 10 feet from 2020 through 2021. Cavil 214 was not monitored in Spring 2022, but its water level in Fall 2021 was above its MT.

In the Eastern Principal Aquifer east of Oakdale, Well 5000435-002 reported an MCL exceedance above its historical maximum (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). However, the new measurement was 24 mg/L, and the historical maximum was 23.9 mg/L, about the same. The nearby hydrograph for Birnbaum OID-03 shows that water levels in this area have declined about 25 to 30 feet since 2005, but remain above its MT in WY 2022. Nitrate concentrations at this well began increasing in 2017, prior to GSP implementation.

Well 5000530-004 is located in the southern portion of the Eastern Principal Aquifer, west of Waterford, and it reported a nitrate concentration above its historical maximum in WY 2022 (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). Nitrate levels in this well increased from less than 2 mg/L to slightly above 10 mg/L in 2018 and stayed near 10 mg/L for about 3 years. Starting in 2021, concentrations began increasing up to 17 mg/L. The nearby hydrographs for monitoring wells Blossom 230 and Jones WID 228 show declining water levels since about 1999. Water levels at Blossom 230 were below its MT in Spring 2022, and water levels at Jones WID 228 were above the MT in Spring 2022. The recent increases in nitrate concentrations may be due to legacy loading or from increased vertical migration of

shallow groundwater. Because of the recent increases, continued monitoring at this well is recommended.

In the western region of the Western Upper Principal Aquifer, well 5000409-001 had a maximum nitrate concentration of 17 mg/L during WY 2022 (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). The historical maximum at this well was 12 mg/L, and nitrate concentrations increased near the end of WY 2021 and during WY 2022. While the hydrographs from nearby monitoring wells Young 76 and Canfield 90 do not show significant recent declines, water levels in this area have declined since their peak during post-drought recovery. Water levels in Young 76 and Canfield 90 were above their MTs during WY 2022. It is unclear if the high nitrate concentration observed at this well is an anomalously high fluctuation or if it is related to recent groundwater level declines. The most recent concentration in the well has fallen below historical high levels. Continued monitoring is encouraged in this area.

In the Western Principal Aquifers, Well 500372-003 had a nitrate concentration of 16 mg/L, above its historical maximum of 15 mg/L (see the time-concentration plot in **Appendix C**). Nitrate concentration measurements at this well were less than 3 mg/L during 2007 through 2017. In 2018, nitrate concentrations increased to 10 mg/L and have continued to increase. Nitrate concentrations in this well have continued their historical increasing trend and are not likely related to any GSA management activities.

In summary, nitrate concentrations in 11 of the potable water supply wells either exceeded the MT for the first time in WY 2022 or had a further exceedance of the MCL above its historical maximum. Of these, nine wells had increasing nitrate trends prior to GSP implementation, suggesting that the increasing nitrate levels are due to pre-existing conditions, such as the ongoing migration of nitrate from shallower portions of the aquifer. Three of the wells showed a distinct increase in nitrate during WY 2022: 5010018-010 in the Eastern Principal Aquifer southeast of Riverbank, 5000435-002 in the Eastern Principal Aquifer near Waterford, and 5000409-001 in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer. While it can take years or even decades for nitrate used in agricultural processes to reach deeper portions of the aquifer, increased pumping or wells screened across multiple aquifers can transport nitrate more quickly. Continued monitoring of both water quality and water levels in regions near these three wells is recommended.

8.2.4 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 for TCP contains 147 wells that were tested for TCP in WY 2021. Of these, 79 RMWs (37 potable water supply wells and 42 monitoring wells) were sampled in WY 2022 (**Figure 8-5**). In WY 2022, 89 percent of RMWs sampled for TCP reported maximum concentrations beneath their MO, or their maximum historical concentration.

A first-time exceedance of the MT was observed at one municipal well (red dot), and a further MT exceedance above its historical maximum was observed at four municipal wells (orange dots) (see five time-concentration plots in **Appendix C**). Two monitoring wells reported a first-time exceedance (red dots), and two monitoring wells reported a further MT exceedance above its historical maximum (orange dots). Every well with a first-time MT exceedance or a further MCL exceedance above its historical maximum was in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Time-concentration plots in **Appendix C** for TCP are shown with logarithmic Y axes because the TCP range can vary by orders of magnitude. Non-detections are shown on the X axis as white dots.

The municipal well 5010010-192 in the southern portion of the City of Modesto, reported a TCP concentration of 0.017 ug/L in October 2021, above its historical maximum of 0.01 ug/L. This well is sampled monthly, and all subsequent readings in WY 2022 were less than the previous maximum TCP concentration.

Between the City of Modesto and Riverbank, four municipal wells reported TCP concentrations that were new MT exceedances or a further MT exceedance above its historical maximum. Well 5010029-002, along the Stanislaus River, reported a first-time TCP detection in June 2022 (0.0079 ug/L) and two subsequent detections in July (0.072 ug/L) and August (0.027 ug/L). To the south, Well 5010029-010 reported 0.011 ug/L, above the historical maximum of 0.010 ug/L. Since TCP monitoring in this well began in 2020, most TCP measurements have been relatively consistent, at or slightly below 0.01 ug/L. Further to the south, a TCP measurement of 0.068 ug/L was measured in August 2022 at Well 5000411-003, above the historical maximum of 0.053 ug/L. Similarly, an increasing trend has not been observed in this well since TCP was first detected in 2018, and TCP was not detected in May and June 2022. At well 5000249-004, the most western of these four wells, TCP concentrations show an increasing trend since 2018. The monitoring well closest to well 5000249-004, Bangs Ave 243, indicates declining groundwater levels from 2013 to 2016 and again from 2019 to 2022, but water levels were above its MT in WY 2022.

The TCP trends observed at these four municipal wells between Modesto and Riverbank do not suggest that management actions since GSP implementation have led to increased TCP concentrations, but they do suggest a need for further TCP monitoring in this region. Prior to WY 2022, well 5010029-002 did not have any TCP detections, and in WY 2022 there were three measurements above the MT. For two of the wells, TCP concentrations have been consistently detected or have consistently high concentrations for several years, and the concentrations fluctuate. For 5000249-004, the TCP concentrations were increasing prior to GSP implementation. These TCP concentration fluctuations and increases since 2018 may signify that shallow, poor-quality groundwater is being transported to deeper parts of the aquifer, although the closest monitoring well, Langdon Merle 241, has shown somewhat

stable groundwater levels since 2017. The increasing nitrate concentrations observed at municipal wells in this region may also suggest increased transport of shallow, poor-quality groundwater.

As evidenced by numerous monitoring wells, the GSAs are aware that TCP has been detected at two regulated facilities in the Subbasin including a landfill near the Tuolumne River (L10005824413), and a site east of Modesto (SL205833043). These and other regulated facilities are being monitored under the requirements of state and local agencies with the primary responsibility to regulate groundwater quality.

8.2.5 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.

There were 117 baseline wells that were monitored for DBCP in WY 2021. As shown on **Figure 8-6**, 53 of these wells were sampled during WY 2022 (15 municipal wells and 38 monitoring wells). There were no wells with first-time MT exceedances or further exceedances of the MT above the historical maximum. In WY 2022, 98 percent of all RMWs sampled for DBCP reported maximum concentrations beneath their MO, or their maximum historical concentration.

8.2.6 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.

In WY 2022, 71 out of the 142 baseline wells for PCE were sampled (**Figure 8-7**). Most of the wells sampled (65) were monitoring wells at regulated facilities, and 6 were municipal supply wells. There were no wells with first-time MT exceedances or further exceedances of the MT above the historical maximum. Every RMW sampled for PCE in WY 2022 reported maximum concentrations lower than the MO.

8.2.7 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. Shallow groundwater is more vulnerable to salinization, and in the Modesto Subbasin, shallow groundwater generally has a higher TDS concentration than in lower portions of the principal aquifers. Elevated concentrations of TDS in shallow

groundwater can occur from irrigation return flow percolating through sandy soil but can also be related to wastewater discharge or managed aquifer recharge using more saline water. 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.

The baseline monitoring network for TDS contains 107 wells, consisting of 67 monitoring wells and 40 municipal wells. In WY 2022, 61 of these wells were sampled (**Figure 8-8**). Only 2 of the wells sampled were municipal wells, and 59 were monitoring wells at regulated facilities, shown in clusters in **Figure 8-8**. In WY 2022, 98 percent of the wells sampled for TDS were below its MO, or their maximum historical concentration.

Every well with an MCL exceedance in WY 2022 was a monitoring well at a regulated facility. No potable water supply wells had first-time MCL exceedances or further exceedances of the MCL above its historical maximum.

8.3 LIMITATIONS

The water quality monitoring network contains several limitations, including the distribution of wells and the disproportionate number of monitoring wells for particular constituents; nonetheless, it makes best use of a wide variety of existing water quality data collected under a regulated program and approved protocols. The limitations are discussed below.

For every COC but nitrate in WY 2022, most of the RMWs monitored were monitoring wells at regulated facilities. Many municipal wells in the Subbasin may not monitor and report every COC each year, particularly for less common contaminants like DBCP or TCP. In contrast, many of the monitoring wells measure and report these constituents monthly. While regulated facilities can affect basin-wide water quality, measurements from their monitoring wells are often more representative of local conditions than basin-wide water quality. They are also often more shallow than municipal, agricultural, and even domestic wells. However, the information from these monitoring wells at regulated facilities provides valuable information to the GSAs with regards to the potential for spreading contaminants with groundwater extractions.

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 GAMA database, than wells that have never previously reported a high arsenic concentration.

Finally, WY 2022 represents the first year where groundwater quality degradation has been evaluated. It is difficult to identify the relationship between water quality and GSA

management since GSP submittal in January 2022. It takes time for water levels to respond to management activities including projects and management actions once they come online. In addition, contaminant transport from shallow to deep groundwater can take years or even decades. Similarly, it could take years for any water quality changes to affect deep municipal wells.

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 valuable information on the potential for degradation of groundwater quality in the Subbasin.

9 SUBSIDENCE MONITORING

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 declining groundwater levels 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 in the Subbasin 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 2022 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 Spring 2022, the first GSP monitoring event. As mentioned above, the western 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, the water levels at one out of five wells in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer (below the Corcoran Clay) were below its MT in Spring 2022. The well with the MT exceedance, MW-2D, is a Proposition 68 monitoring well constructed in Spring 2021, and as a result, water level data are limited. Without historical data, it is difficult to determine an accurate MT at this location.

As described below, additional datasets did not indicate the presence of inelastic land subsidence in this area, or in any other areas of the Subbasin, during WY 2022. However, additional monitoring is necessary to better understand conditions in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer.

9.2 INSAR DATA SCREENING

InSAR vertical displacement data during WY 2022 are presented on **Figure 9-1**. The figure illustrates that negative vertical displacement (indicating land subsidence) was indicated during WY 2022 throughout most of the Subbasin, between 0 and -0.05 feet (0.6 inches)

(light orange shading). The actual maximum measured vertical displacement was -0.038 feet (-0.46 inches). As shown on **Figure 9-1**, positive vertical displacement (land surface rise) between 0 and 0.05 feet (0.6 inches) was indicated during WY 2022 in localized spots in the eastern Subbasin, along the eastern Subbasin boundary, and in one localized spot in the western Subbasin (grey shading).

A recent study conducted by Towill, Inc. and TRE Altamira, Inc., under contract with DWR, showed that InSAR vertical displacement data is highly accurate in most areas. The study compared vertical displacement ground surface elevation data from InSAR to continuously operating global positioning system (CGPS) base stations (Towill, 2021). The study found that the two data sets had a high degree of correlation and concludes that InSAR data accurately measured vertical displacement in California's ground surface to within 18 mm (0.7 inches) between January 1, 2015, and October 1, 2020 (equivalent to about 0.12 inches per year).

During WY 2022, the mean measured subsidence was 0.009 feet (0.11 inches). Therefore, the land subsidence indicated during WY 2022 is relatively small with the mean within the InSAR measurement error.

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 2022, the average measurements at Stations CMOD and P306 were 1.79 millimeters (mm) and 20.04 mm, respectively, indicating a positive vertical displacement (rise in ground surface and no indication of land subsidence). Local Stations P260 and P781 were inactive during WY 2022 and no vertical displacement data were measured. A rise in the ground surface can be related to tectonic processes or land use activities.

Both the InSAR data and the GPS measurements indicate an absence of significant land subsidence in the Subbasin during WY 2022.

10 INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER MONITORING

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

In **Section 3.3.3**, Spring 2022 groundwater elevations in the RMWs are compared to the sustainable management criteria for interconnected surface water (**Table 3-4, Figure 3-10**). As described previously, water levels at 3 out of 19 RMWs were below the MTs. Two of these wells are along the Stanislaus River within the OID Management Area (Allen OID-1 and Marquis OID-10). One well is along the Tuolumne River within the MID Management Area (MW-6S). No wells along the San Joaquin River had water levels below the MTs during WY 2022. One well along the Tuolumne River (Quesenberry 223) was not measured due to an obstruction in its casing.

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. The First Annual Report included water budgets and streamflow depletion estimates for WY 2016 through WY 2021. As explained in **Section 2**, the C2VSimTM water budget has been updated for WY 2022 for this Annual Report.

As reported in the First Annual Report, from WY 2016 to WY 2021 streamflow depletions averaged approximately 26,000 AFY for the Stanislaus River and approximately 17,000 AFY for the Tuolumne River. During this time, the San Joaquin River gained approximately 11,500 AFY from the Modesto Subbasin.

Streamflow depletion estimates for WY 2022 are provided below in **Table 10-1**.

Table 10-1: Streamflow Depletion Estimates WY 2022

Water Year	Net Gain to Groundwater from Streamflow (AFY)		
	Stanislaus River	Tuolumne River	San Joaquin River
2022	35,500	13,700	-12,500

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).

As shown on **Table 10-1**, streamflow depletion has continued during WY 2022 along the Stanislaus River (35,500 AFY) and the Tuolumne River (13,700 AFY). Similarly, the San Joaquin River continues to gain from the Modesto Subbasin (12,500 AFY).

During WY 2022, streamflow depletion along the Stanislaus River is approximately 37 percent more than the average from WY 2016 to WY 2021 (26,000 AFY). Streamflow depletion along the Stanislaus River has increased since WY 2020 (18,084 AFY) in response to persistent dry conditions. As indicated on **Figure 3-5**, WY 2020 through WY 2022 have been dry or critically dry water year types.

Streamflow depletion along the Tuolumne River during WY 2022 is approximately 20 percent less than the average from WY 2016 to WY 2021 (17,000 AFY). Similar to the Stanislaus River, streamflow depletion has increased since WY 2020. In WY 2020, the Stanislaus River was a net gaining stream (-10,015 AFY) and became a net losing stream in WY 2021 (4,033 AFY).

The increase in streamflow depletion in WY 2022 along both the Stanislaus River and Tuolumne River is likely due to the persistent dry conditions and water level declines. These data support the use of water levels as a proxy for monitoring interconnected surface water; the local model allows these values to be consistently quantified.

During WY 2022, the San Joaquin River gained close to the average amount from WY 2016 to WY 2021 (11,500 AFY). Since WY 2016, the San Joaquin River has been a consistently gaining stream, except during WY 2017, the wettest year since the end of the historical study period, when it lost approximately 2,000 AFY.

The combination of groundwater elevation monitoring and updates to the C2VSimTM 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

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 in **Section 3**, including a comparison of groundwater elevations to sustainable management criteria in **Table 3-4**, maps showing where MT exceedances occurred (**Figures 3-7** through **3-10**), and the hydrographs, which also show MTs and MOs, in **Appendix A**.

11.1.1 Implementation of GSP Monitoring Network

The first GSP monitoring event was conducted during this reporting period, in Spring 2022. 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 the Spring 2022 monitoring event, groundwater levels were measured in 58 of the 61 RMWs. Water levels were not measured in three RMWs because of obstructions: Cavil 214, Quesenberry 223, and Wood 210. The STRGBA GSA has cleared the obstructions in Cavil 214 and Wood 210 since the Spring 2022 monitoring event. However, the GSA has not been able to clear the obstruction in Quesenberry 223. Consequently, the GSA is working to replace Quesenberry 223 with a different well in the monitoring network.

As a result of an access agreement between the USGS and the STRGBA GSA, water levels were measured by the GSA in the USGS monitoring wells during the Spring 2022 monitoring event. This access agreement will also provide the GSA with future access to the USGS wells.

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 are implemented. 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 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.

As summarized in **Table 3-4** and shown on the hydrographs in **Appendix A**, groundwater levels were above the IMs in all of the RMWs during the Spring 2022 monitoring event.

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 2022 are below the MTs in 11 out of 58 wells measured in the monitoring network for chronic lowering of groundwater levels. One of these is in the Western Lower Principal Aquifer and the remaining ten are in the Eastern Principal Aquifer. Three of the wells that exceeded the MTs are new Proposition 68 wells constructed in Spring 2021 (MW-2D, MW-6S and MW-7), and water levels in these wells will become better understood as future monitoring events provide additional data. As stated previously, water level measurements in three RMWs were not obtained because of obstructions.

As explained in the GSP, the sustainable management criteria for chronic lowering of groundwater levels are used as a proxy for monitoring 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 2022, the InSAR vertical displacement data indicated minor land subsidence in the Modesto Subbasin. Data available at two GPS stations indicate a slight rise in ground surface at those locations.

Groundwater levels in 3 out of 19 wells measured in the monitoring network for interconnected surface water were below the MTs in Spring 2022. Two of these wells are along the Stanislaus River and one is along the Tuolumne River. As described above, one well in this monitoring network (Quesenberry 223) was not measured in Spring 2022 because of an obstruction. As mentioned previously, the GSAs are looking for a well to replace Quesenberry 223 in the monitoring network because the obstruction has not been cleared.

This annual report provides an update on the degraded water quality sustainability indicator for WY 2022. As discussed in **Section 8**, a baseline monitoring network was established in the First Annual Report based on water quality data collected from WY 1991 through WY 2021. Water quality data collected from baseline monitoring network wells during WY 2022

for the seven constituents of concern were downloaded from the GAMA database through the State GeoTracker website. There were 274 wells in the baseline monitoring network that were sampled for one or more of the constituents of concern during WY 2022. Both new (first time) MCL exceedances and further exceedances of the MCL occurred and are discussed in **Section 8**. These new MCL exceedances and further exceedances of the MCL do not appear to be related to GSP activities including projects or management of groundwater levels since the GSP was submitted in January 2022.

11.2 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

The regulations require a description of progress made on GSP implementation occurring during the reporting period (WY 2022). Because of the timing of this Second Annual Report, the first several months of the reporting period (October 2021 through January 2022) occurred prior to completion and adoption of the GSP at the end of January 2022. However, GSP implementation activities have been prioritized since the GSP was submitted.

In addition to the details on local GSP implementation described in this section, the GSAs and associated member agencies in the Subbasin conducted the first GSP monitoring event in Spring 2022 and uploaded the water level data from this monitoring event to the SGMA Portal before the July 1, 2022, deadline. The GSAs also collaborated and contributed to this Second GSP Annual Report.

During WY 2022, 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.

In January 2023, Stanislaus County hosted the first of a series of three public meetings for landowners in the Non-District East MA. The purpose of the first meeting was to present and discuss the governance structure in the Modesto Subbasin, groundwater conditions, the GSP projects and management actions, and provide an update on recent and ongoing efforts that the GSAs are taking to achieve groundwater sustainability.

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 planning and developing future water supply projects. In November 2022, the Stanislaus East Mutual Water Company was formed and currently represents approximately 16,000 acres in the Non-District East MA.

GSP Project #6, the Oakdale Irrigation District In-lieu and Direct Recharge Project, is underway. This project consists of a 10-Year Out-of-District Water Sales Program in which over 6,000 irrigated acres in the Modesto Subbasin outside of OID's service area would purchase surplus surface water when available. OID plans to provide up to 20,000 AF of water to landowners in the Modesto Subbasin. OID is securing contracts with participants to

commit to an annual purchase of a minimum of 1.5 AF per irrigated acre. There are existing out-of-district service connections to approximately 1,800 irrigated acres in the Modesto Subbasin. Over the next two years, it is anticipated that OID turnouts and private landowner conveyance systems will be completed such that all program lands can receive surplus surface water for irrigation. In addition, OID proposes to expand OID's existing Paulsell Lateral to increase the capacity of approximately 10 miles of open ditch, tunnel and culverts to increase flow from 30 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 180 cfs. OID, on behalf of the GSAs, submitted a Round 2 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant application to DWR in December 2022, with a request for approximately \$18.6 million to fund project design and construction.

Both of these projects are In-lieu recharge projects that will increase delivery of surface water to the Non-District East MA, thereby reducing the demand for groundwater pumping. These projects focus on the Non-District East MA to address the most significant area of groundwater level declines in the Subbasin.

11.4 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The Modesto Subbasin GSP includes six management actions including improvements to the monitoring network. As reported in the First Annual Report, between February and June 2021, 17 monitoring wells were constructed at 11 locations throughout the Subbasin using Proposition 68 grant funding from DWR. In October 2022, the project, which was funded by Grant Agreement 4600012653 between DWR and the City of Modesto, was completed.

Management actions will be implemented on an as-needed basis; no management actions are being proposed for implementation at this time.

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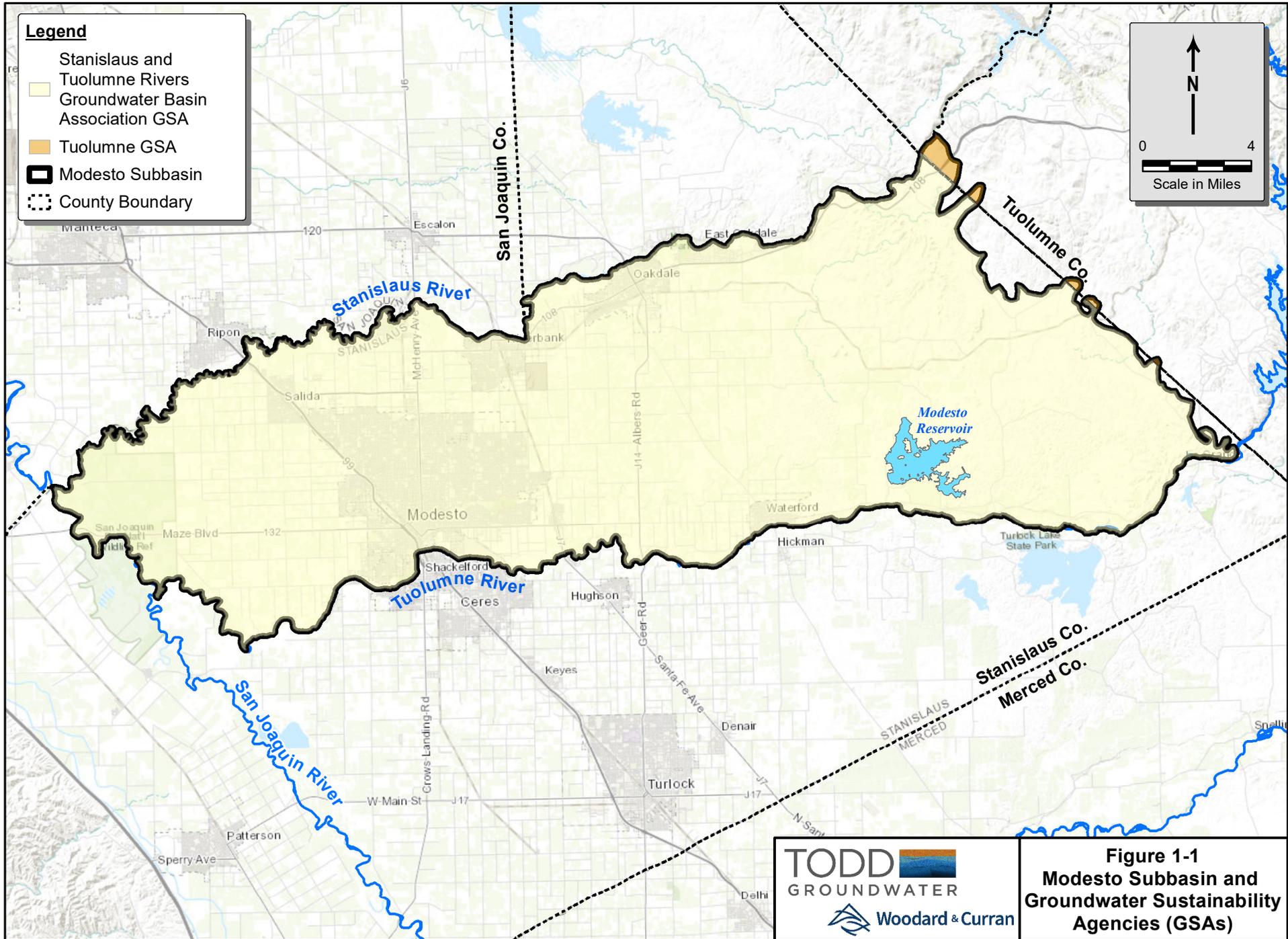
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FIGURES



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

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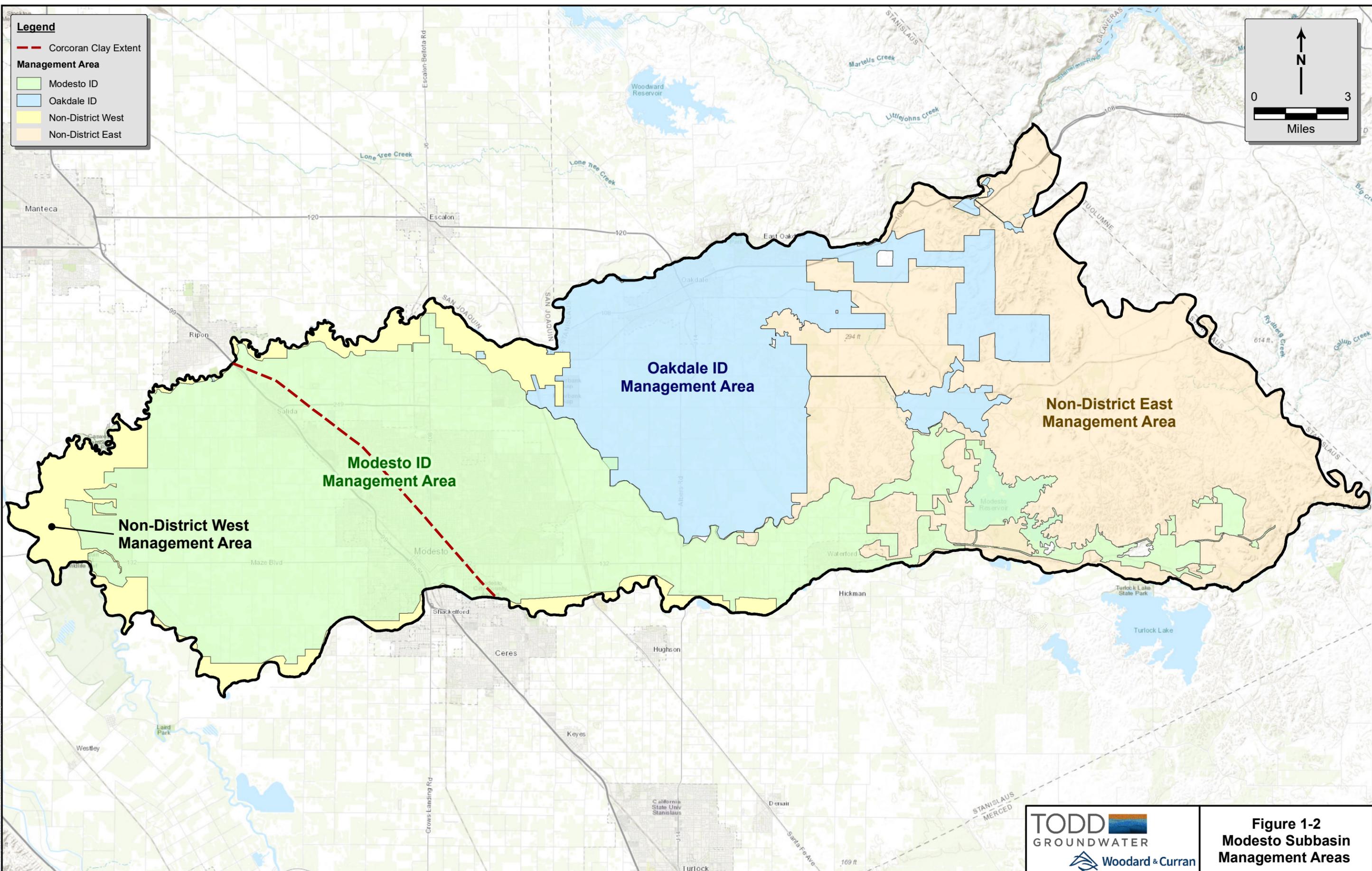
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Figure 1-1
Modesto Subbasin and
Groundwater Sustainability
Agencies (GSAs)



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

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Oakdale ID Management Area

Modesto ID Management Area

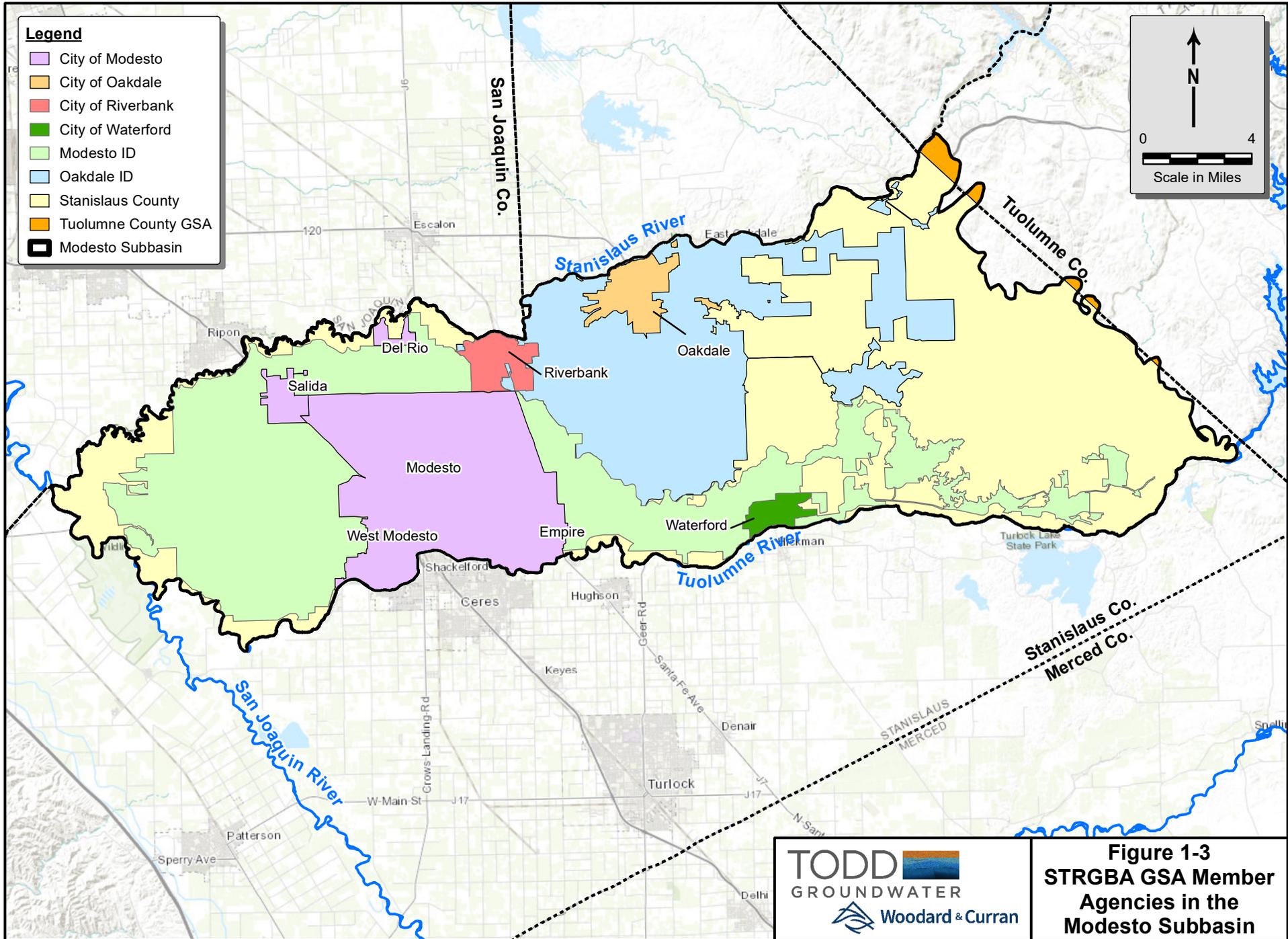
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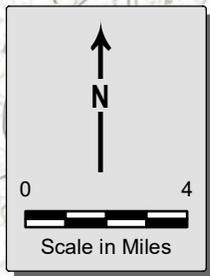
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**Figure 1-2
Modesto Subbasin
Management Areas**

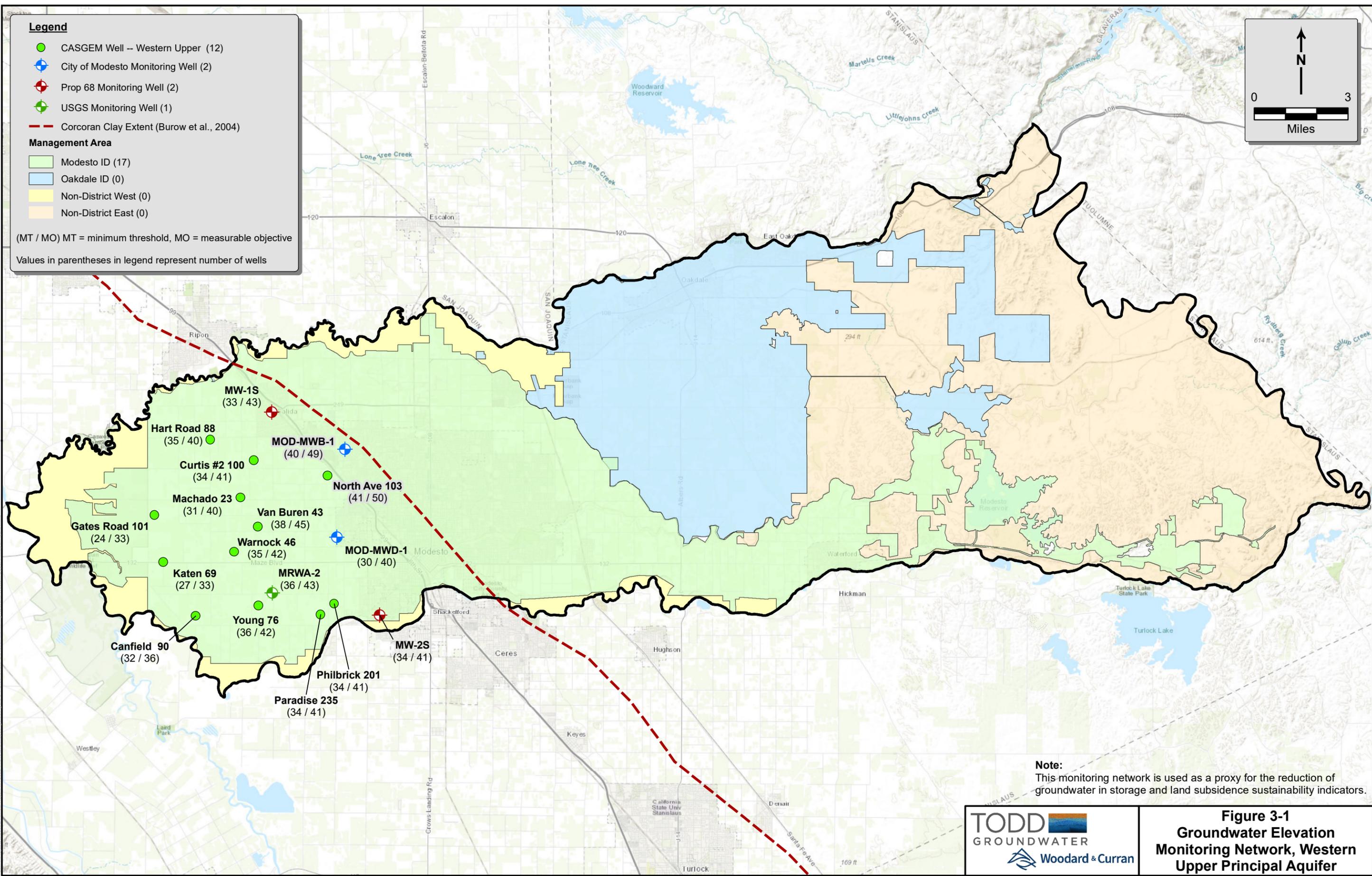


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 - Modesto Subbasin



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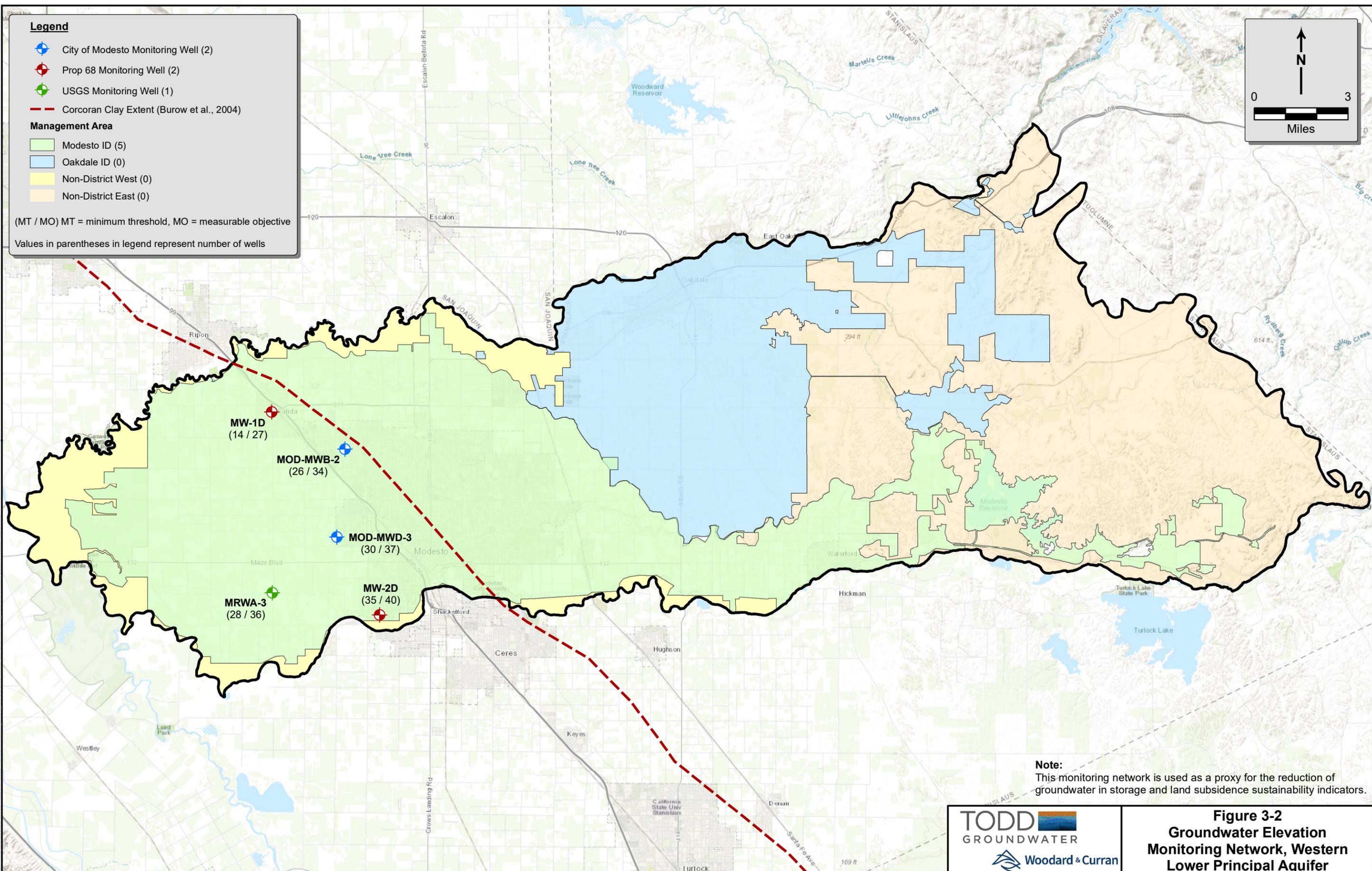
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STRGBA GSA Member
Agencies in the
Modesto Subbasin



Note:
 This monitoring network is used as a proxy for the reduction of groundwater in storage and land subsidence sustainability indicators.



Figure 3-1
Groundwater Elevation
Monitoring Network, Western
Upper Principal Aquifer



Legend

- ◆ City of Modesto Monitoring Well (2)
- ◆ Prop 68 Monitoring Well (2)
- ◆ USGS Monitoring Well (1)
- - - Corcoran Clay Extent (Burow et al., 2004)

Management Area

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- Oakdale ID (0)
- Non-District West (0)
- Non-District East (0)

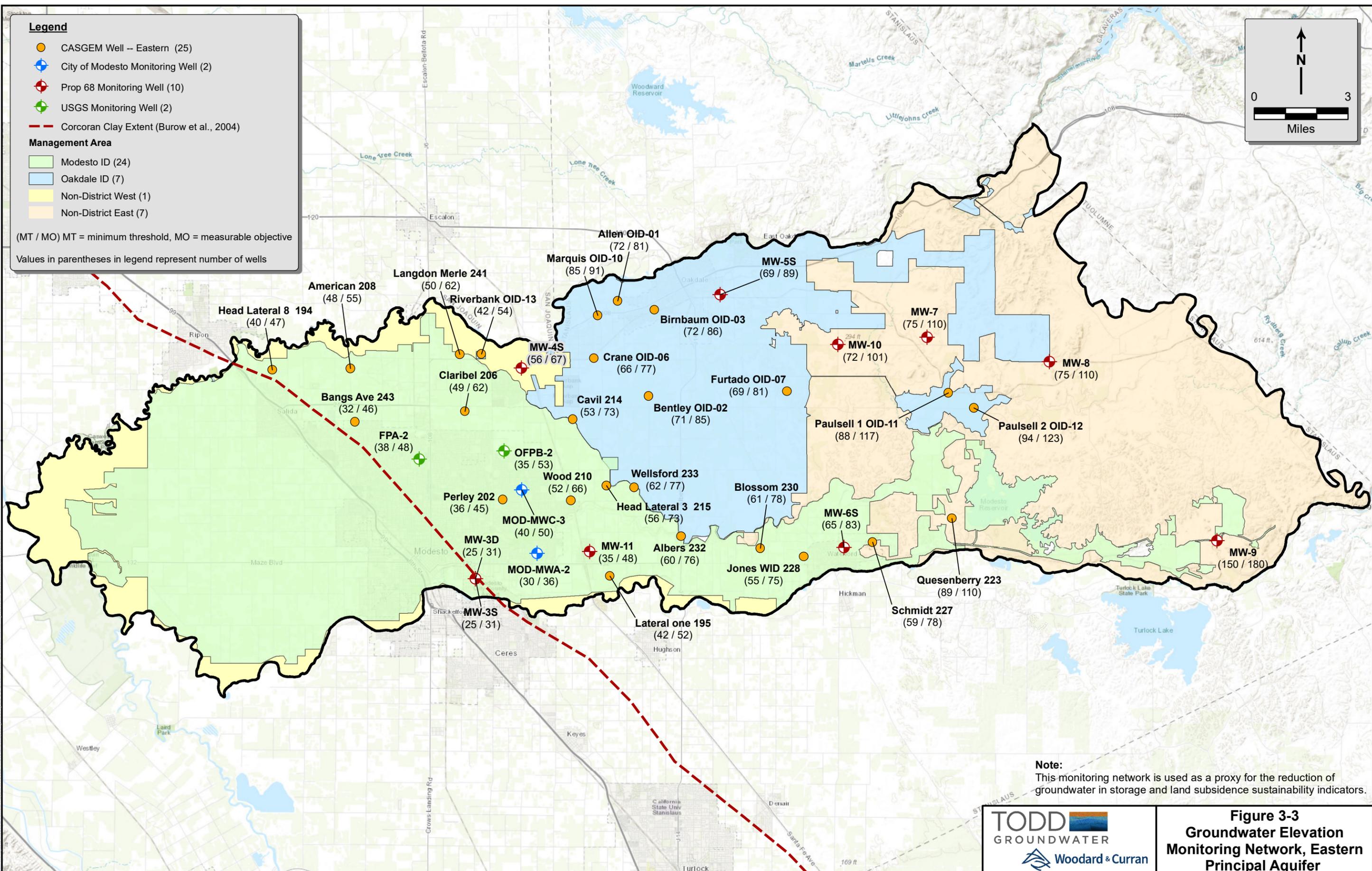
(MT / MO) MT = minimum threshold, MO = measurable objective
 Values in parentheses in legend represent number of wells

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Figure 3-2
Groundwater Elevation
Monitoring Network, Western
Lower Principal Aquifer



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)

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

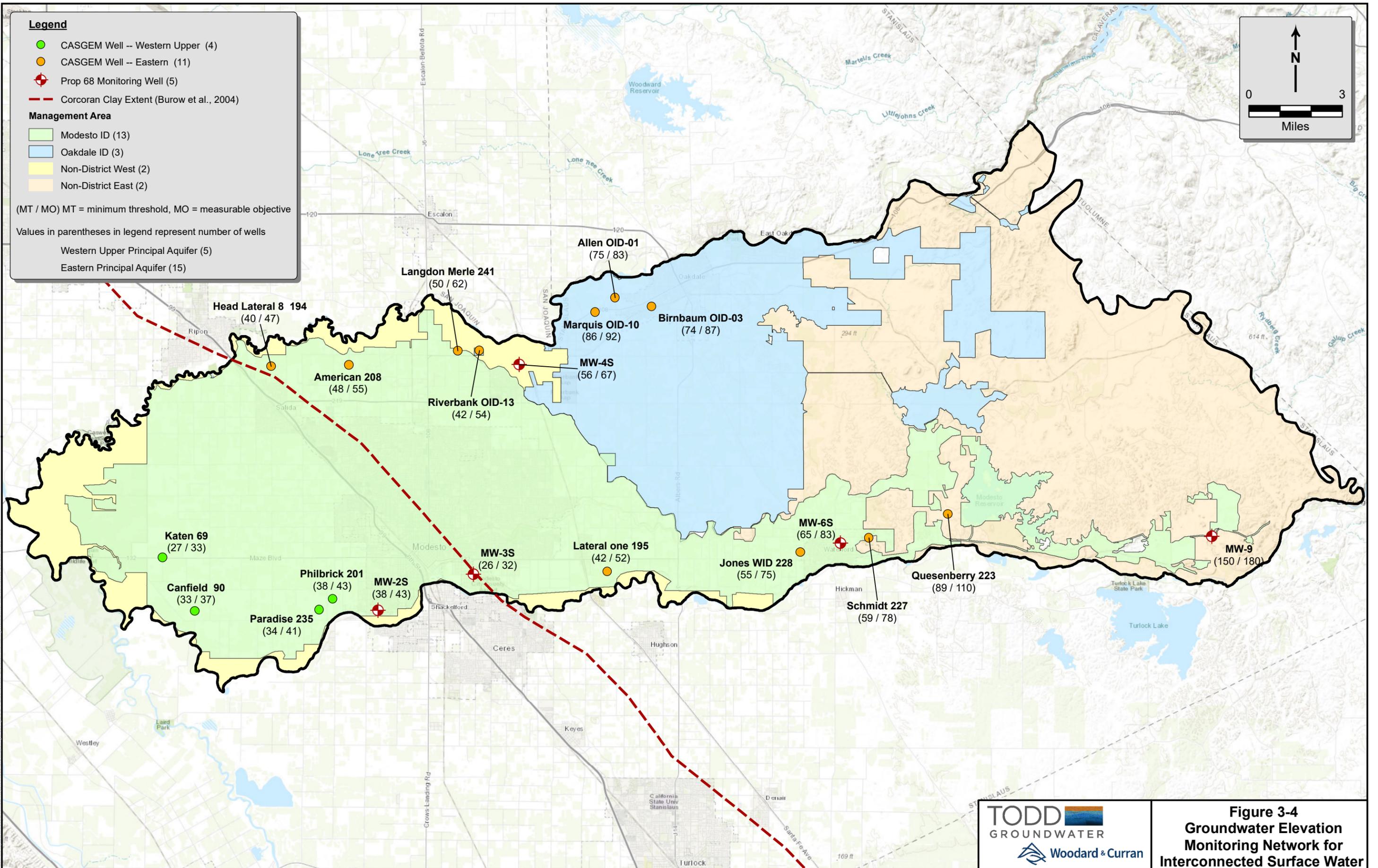
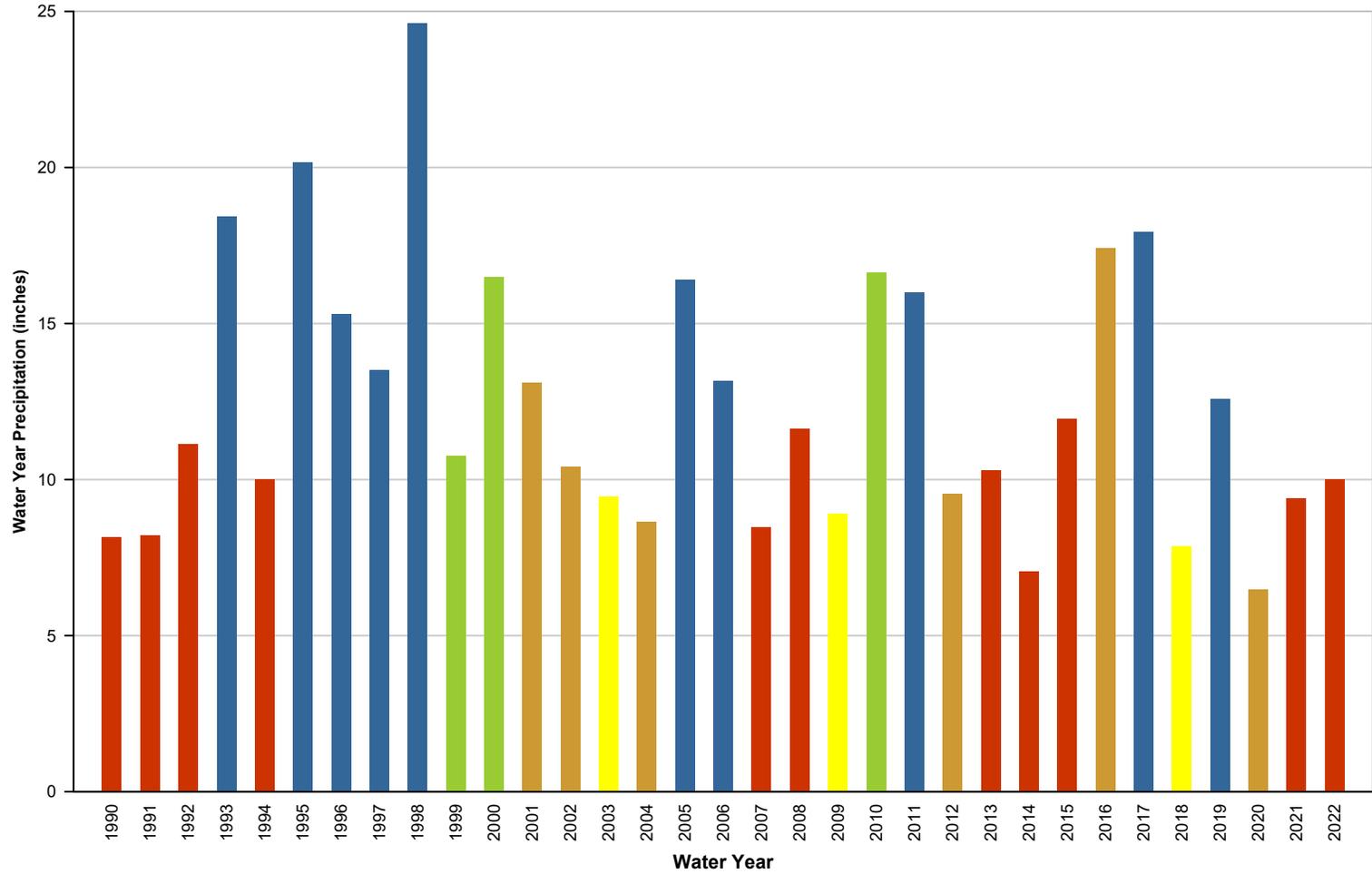


Figure 3-4
Groundwater Elevation
Monitoring Network for
Interconnected Surface Water



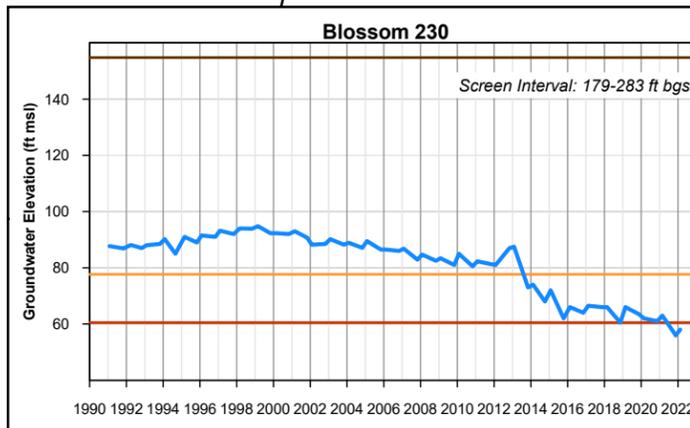
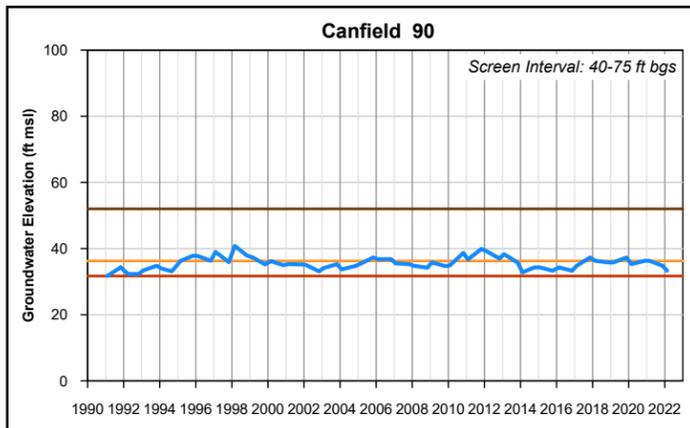
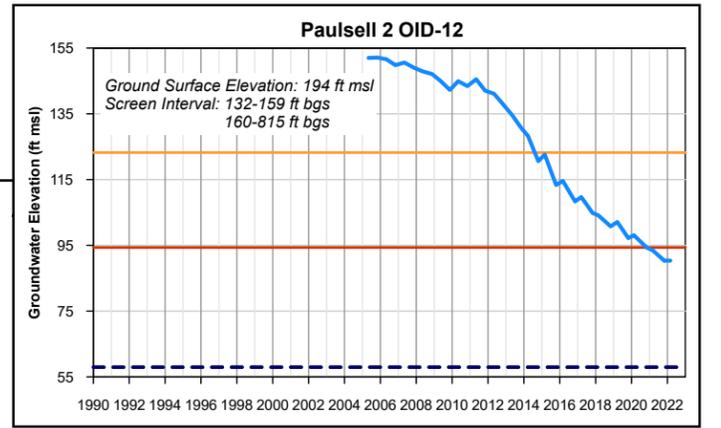
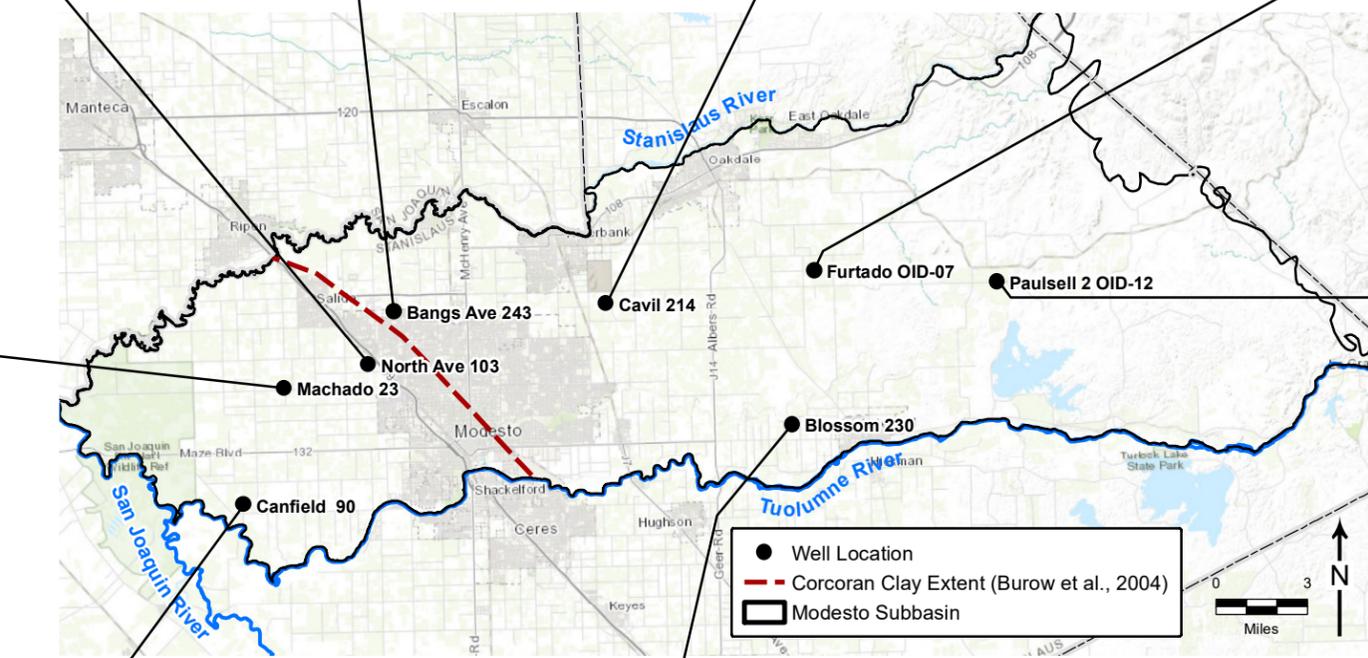
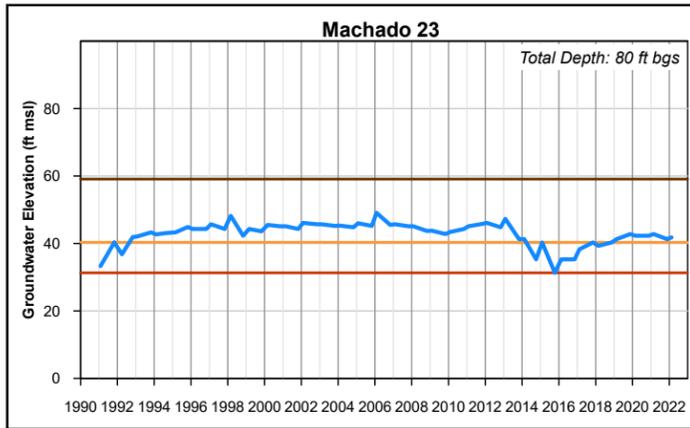
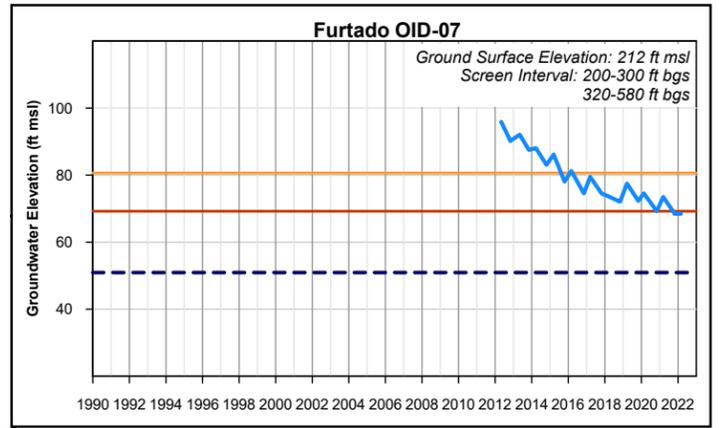
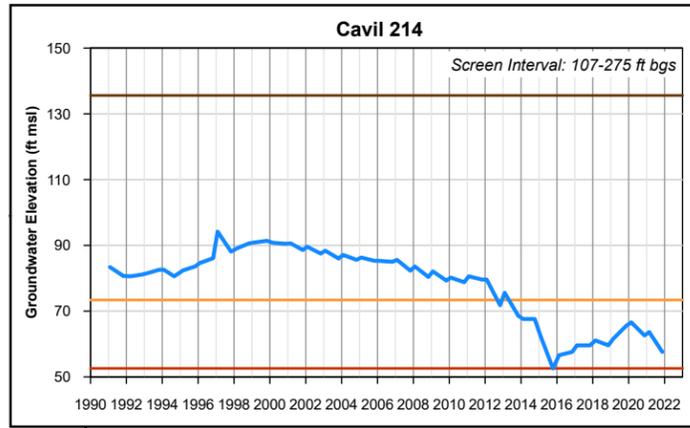
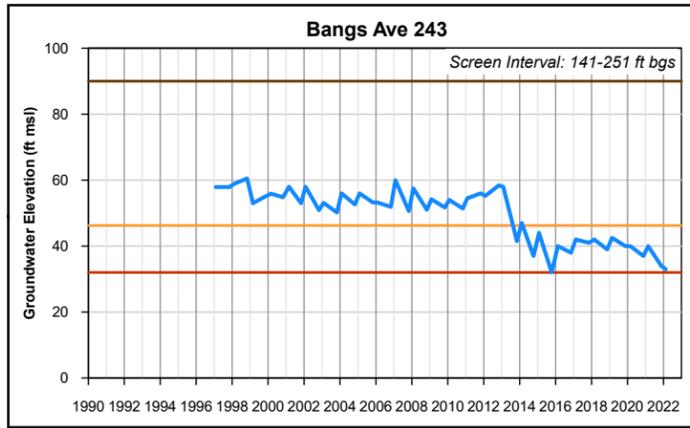
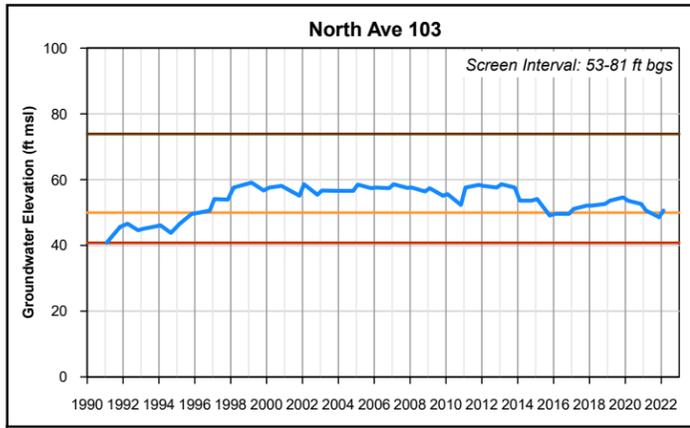
Water Year Type

- 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.



**Figure 3-5
 Annual Precipitation
 and Water Year Type
 WY 1990-2022**



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



Figure 3-6
Example Hydrographs
Across Subbasin

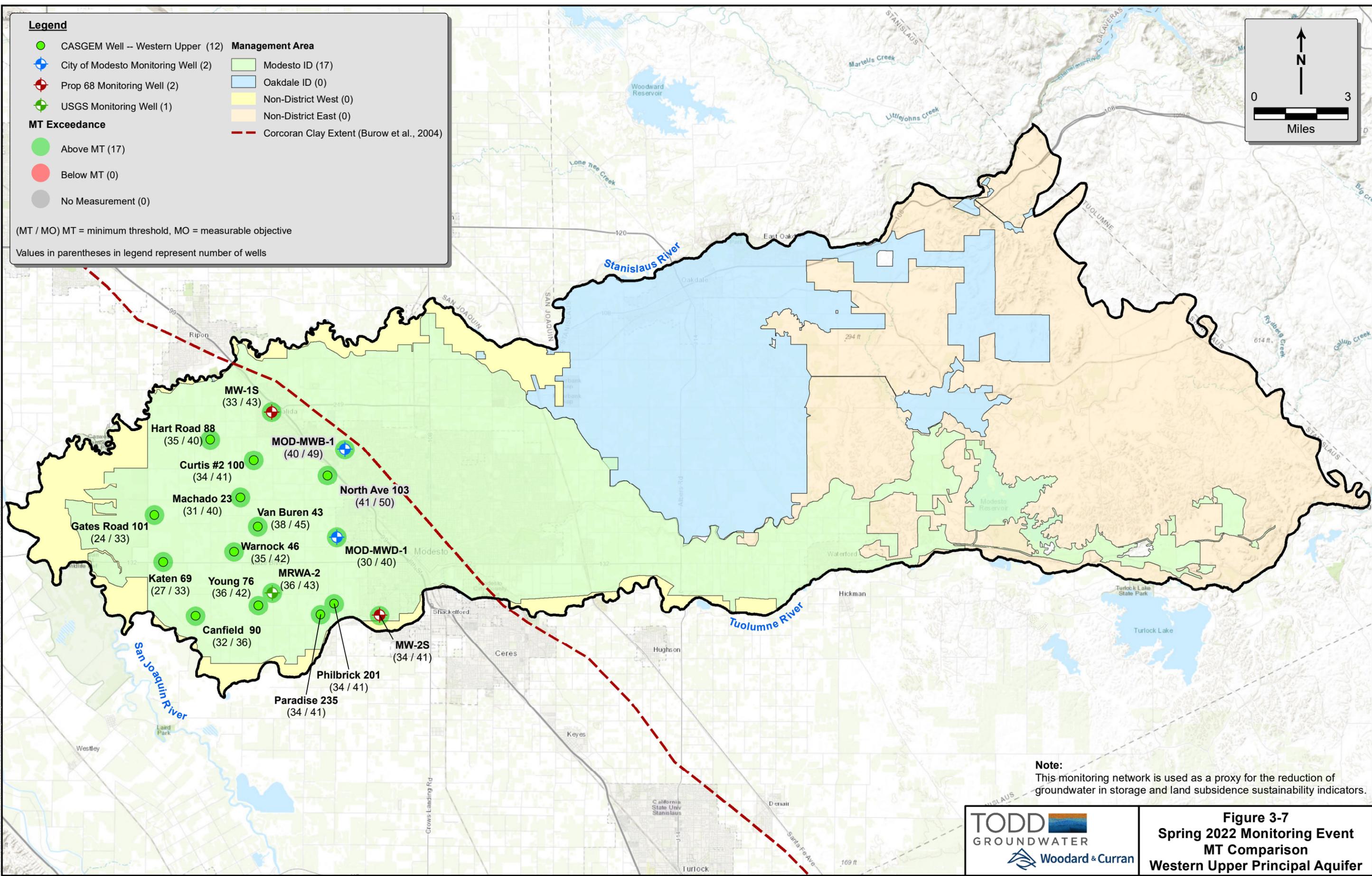
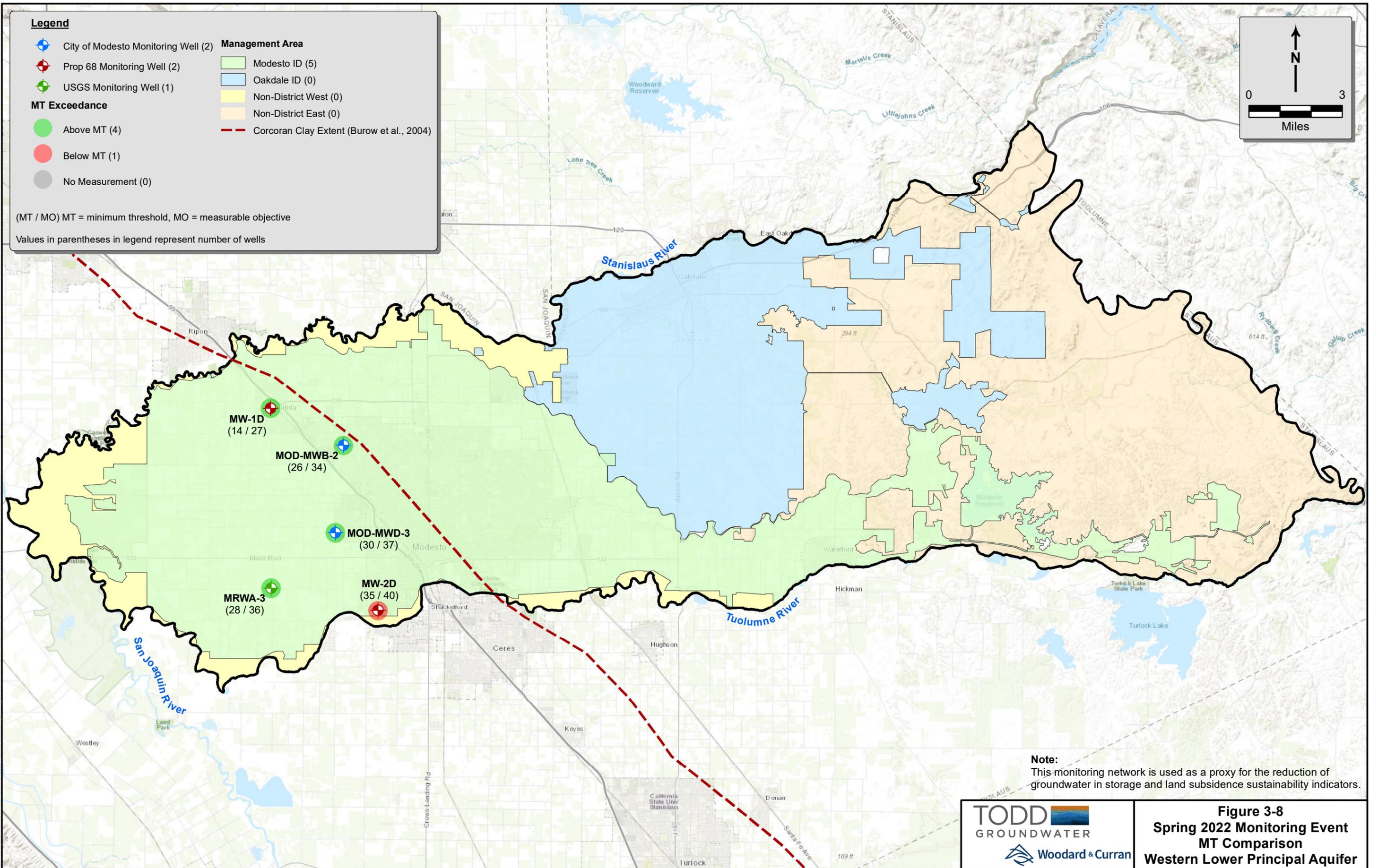


Figure 3-7
 Spring 2022 Monitoring Event
 MT Comparison
 Western Upper Principal Aquifer



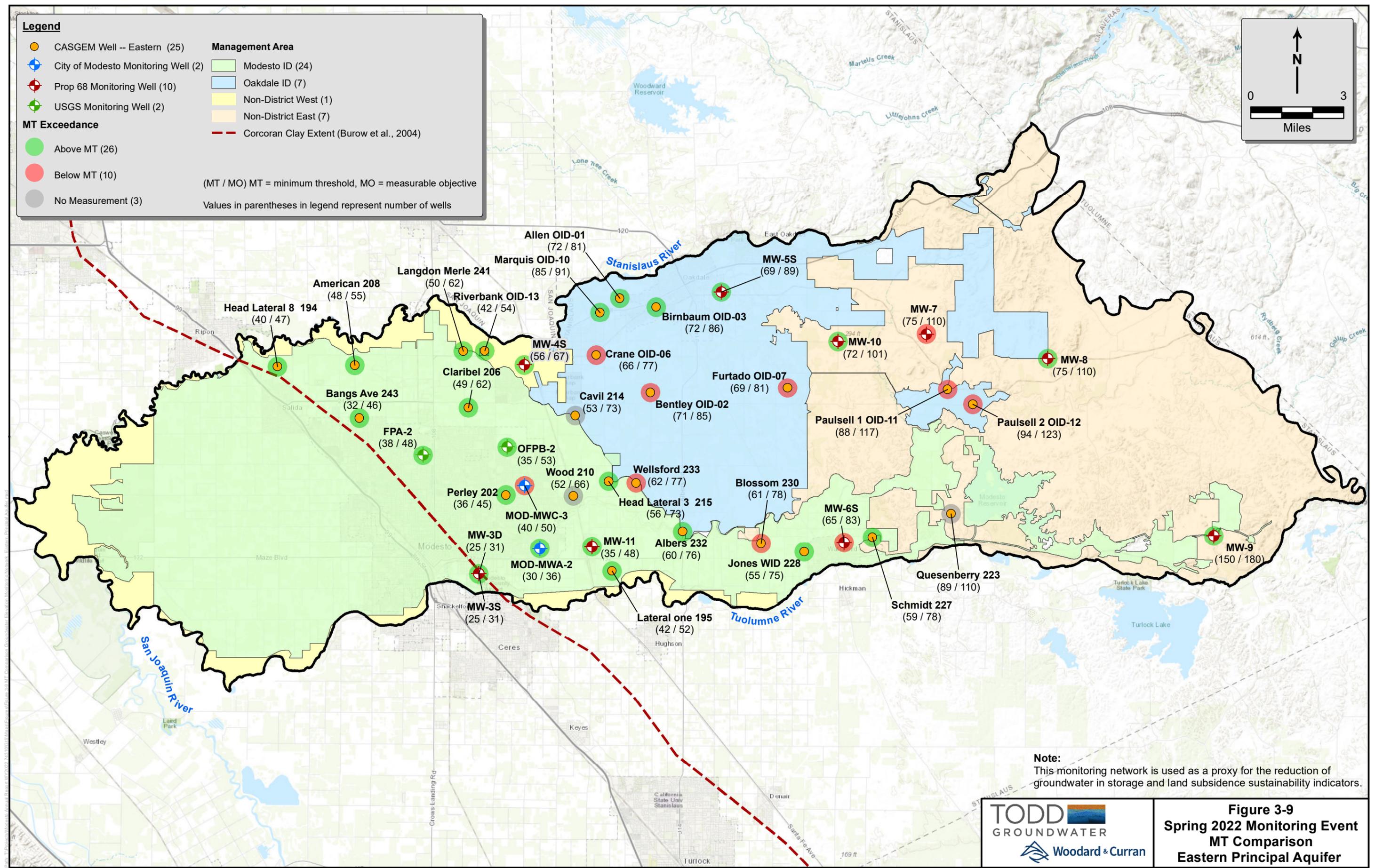
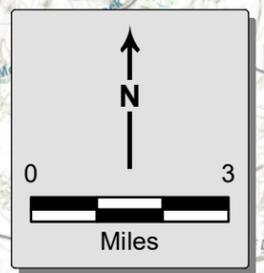
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MT Exceedance

- Above MT (26)
- Below MT (10)
- No Measurement (3)

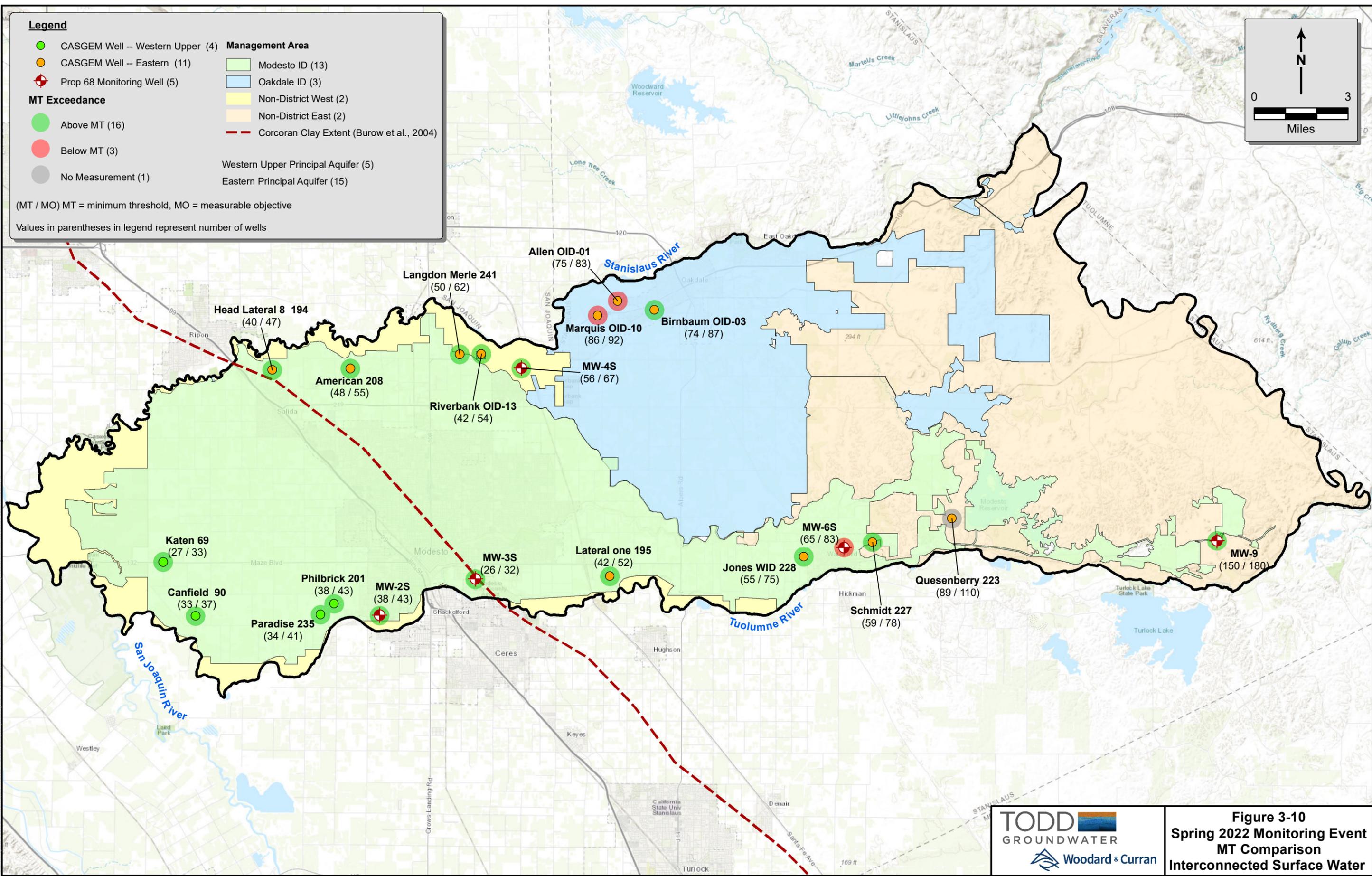
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Note:
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Figure 3-9
Spring 2022 Monitoring Event
MT Comparison
Eastern Principal Aquifer



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● CASGEM Well -- Western Upper (4)	Management Area
● CASGEM Well -- Eastern (11)	Modesto ID (13)
⊕ Prop 68 Monitoring Well (5)	Oakdale ID (3)
MT Exceedance	Non-District West (2)
● Above MT (16)	Non-District East (2)
● Below MT (3)	Corcoran Clay Extent (Burow et al., 2004)
● No Measurement (1)	Western Upper Principal Aquifer (5)
	Eastern Principal Aquifer (15)

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

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Allen OID-01 (75 / 83)
 Langdon Merle 241 (50 / 62)
 Head Lateral 8 194 (40 / 47)
 American 208 (48 / 55)
 Riverbank OID-13 (42 / 54)
 Marquis OID-10 (86 / 92)
 Birnbaum OID-03 (74 / 87)
 MW-4S (56 / 67)
 Katen 69 (27 / 33)
 Canfield 90 (33 / 37)
 Philbrick 201 (38 / 43)
 Paradise 235 (34 / 41)
 MW-2S (38 / 43)
 MW-3S (26 / 32)
 Lateral one 195 (42 / 52)
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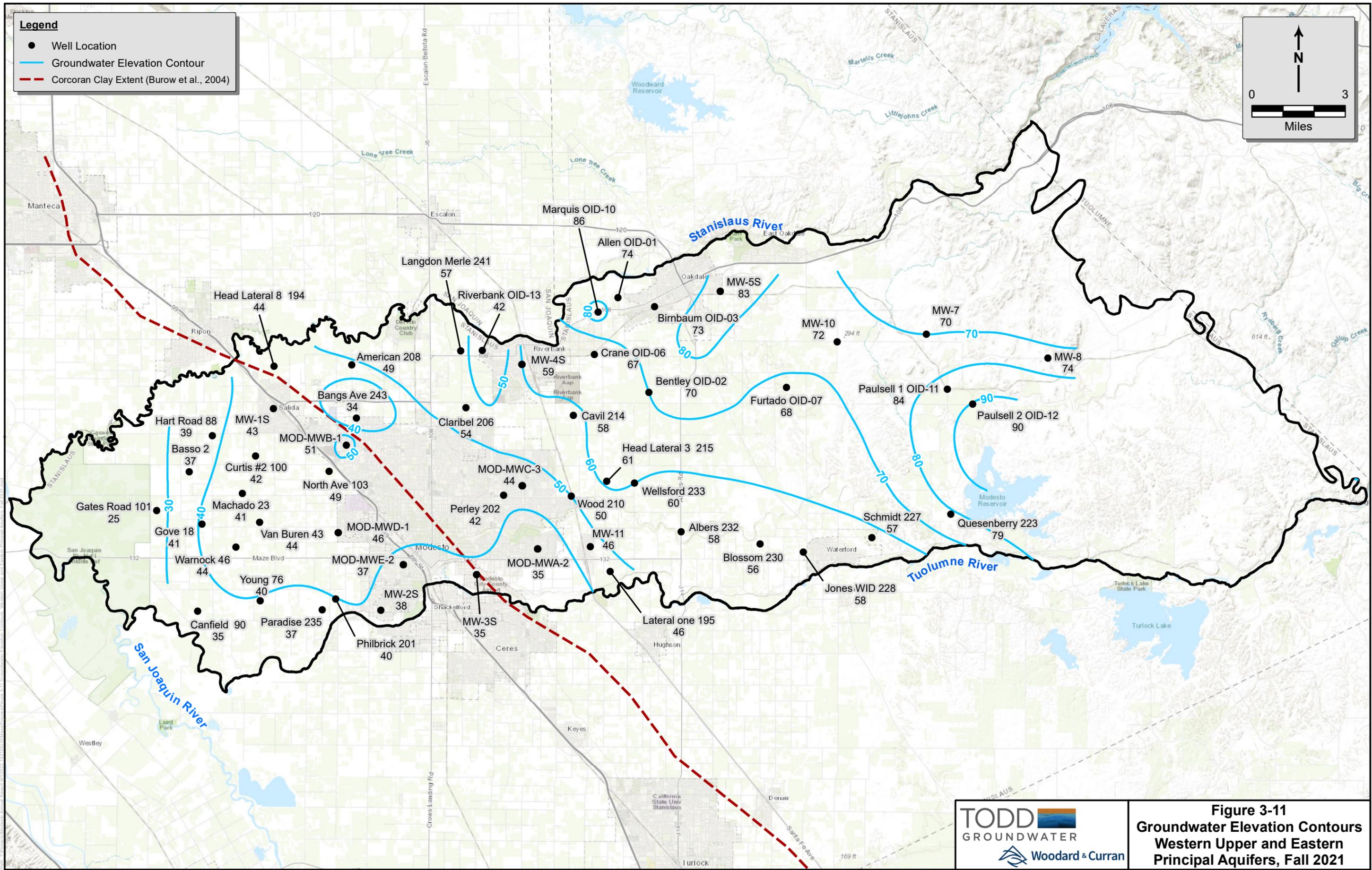
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Figure 3-10
 Spring 2022 Monitoring Event
 MT Comparison
 Interconnected Surface Water

Legend

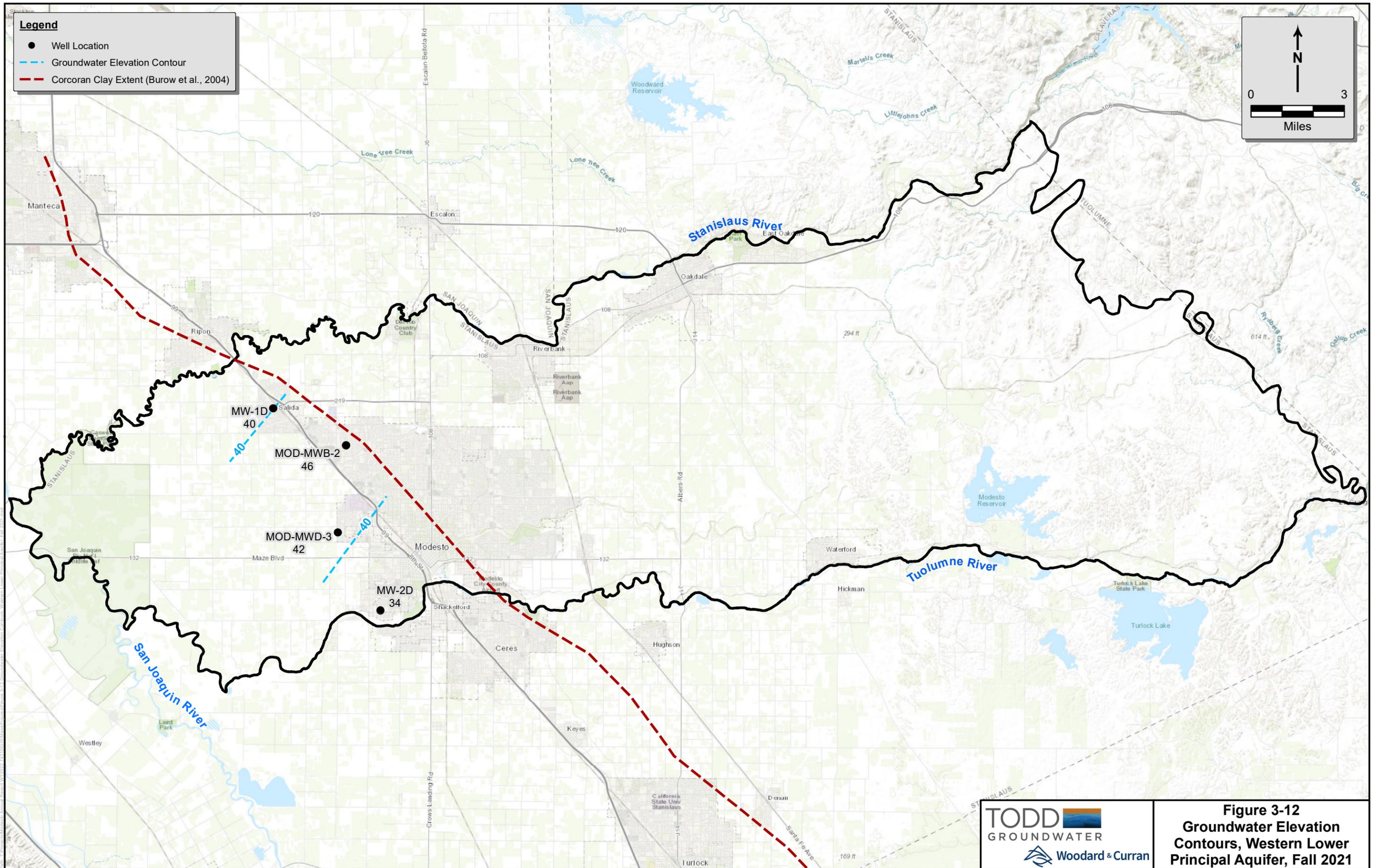
- Well Location
- Groundwater Elevation Contour
- - - Corcoran Clay Extent (Burow et al., 2004)

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Figure 3-11
Groundwater Elevation Contours
Western Upper and Eastern
Principal Aquifers, Fall 2021



Legend

- Well Location
- - - Groundwater Elevation Contour
- - - Corcoran Clay Extent (Burow et al., 2004)

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Figure 3-12
Groundwater Elevation
Contours, Western Lower
Principal Aquifer, Fall 2021

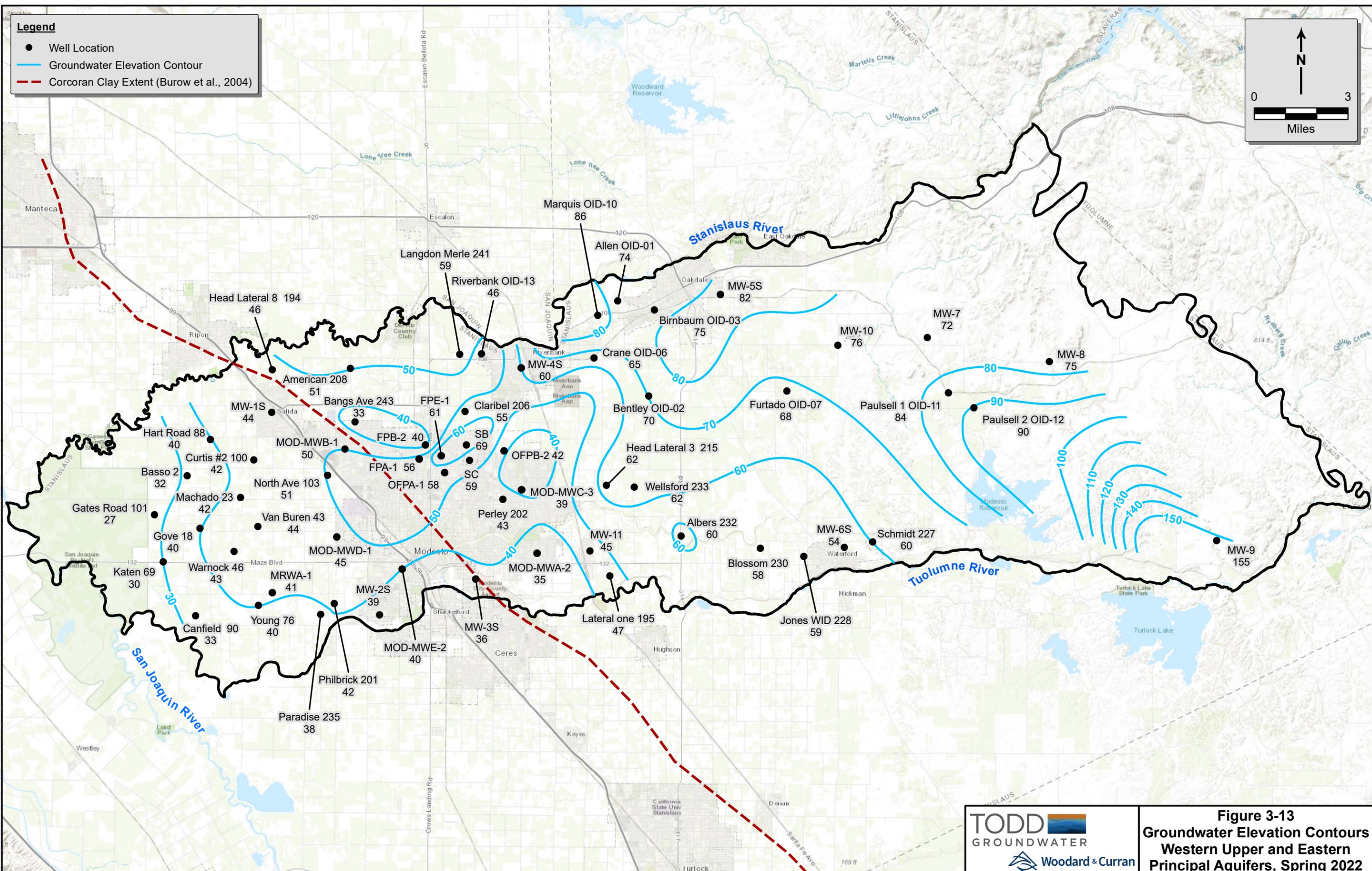


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Groundwater Elevation Contours
Western Upper and Eastern
Principal Aquifers, Spring 2022

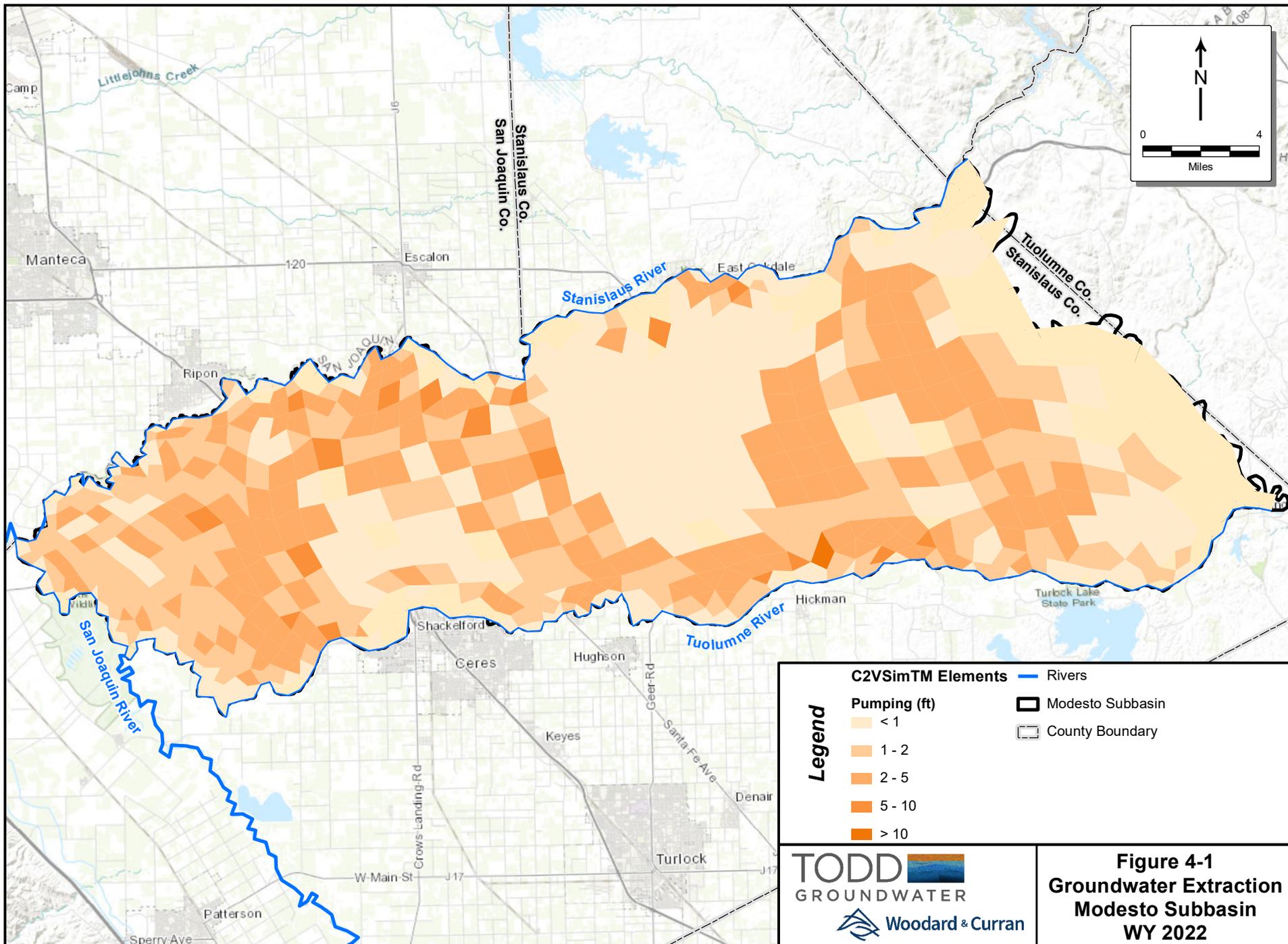
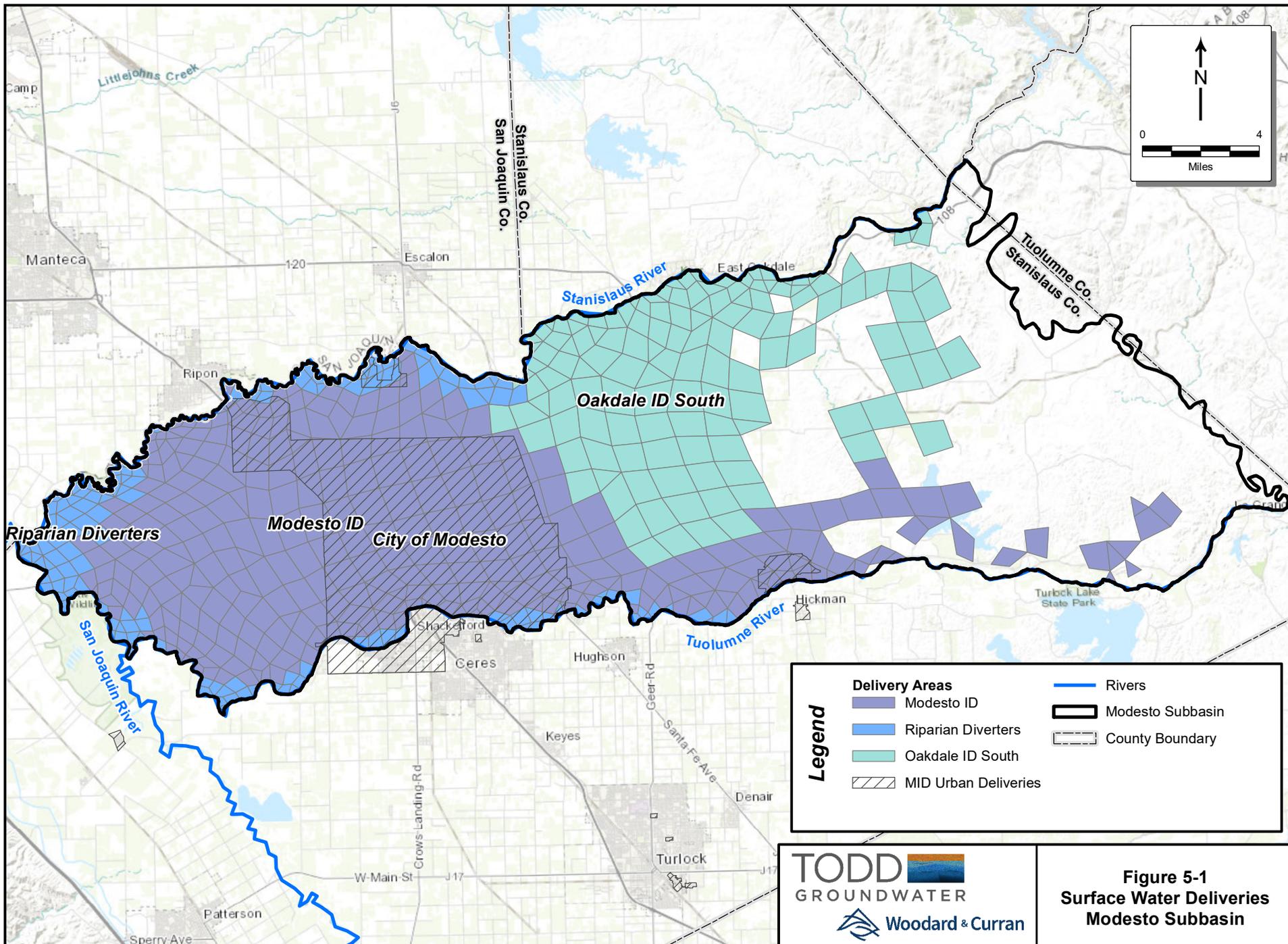


Figure 4-1
Groundwater Extraction
Modesto Subbasin
WY 2022



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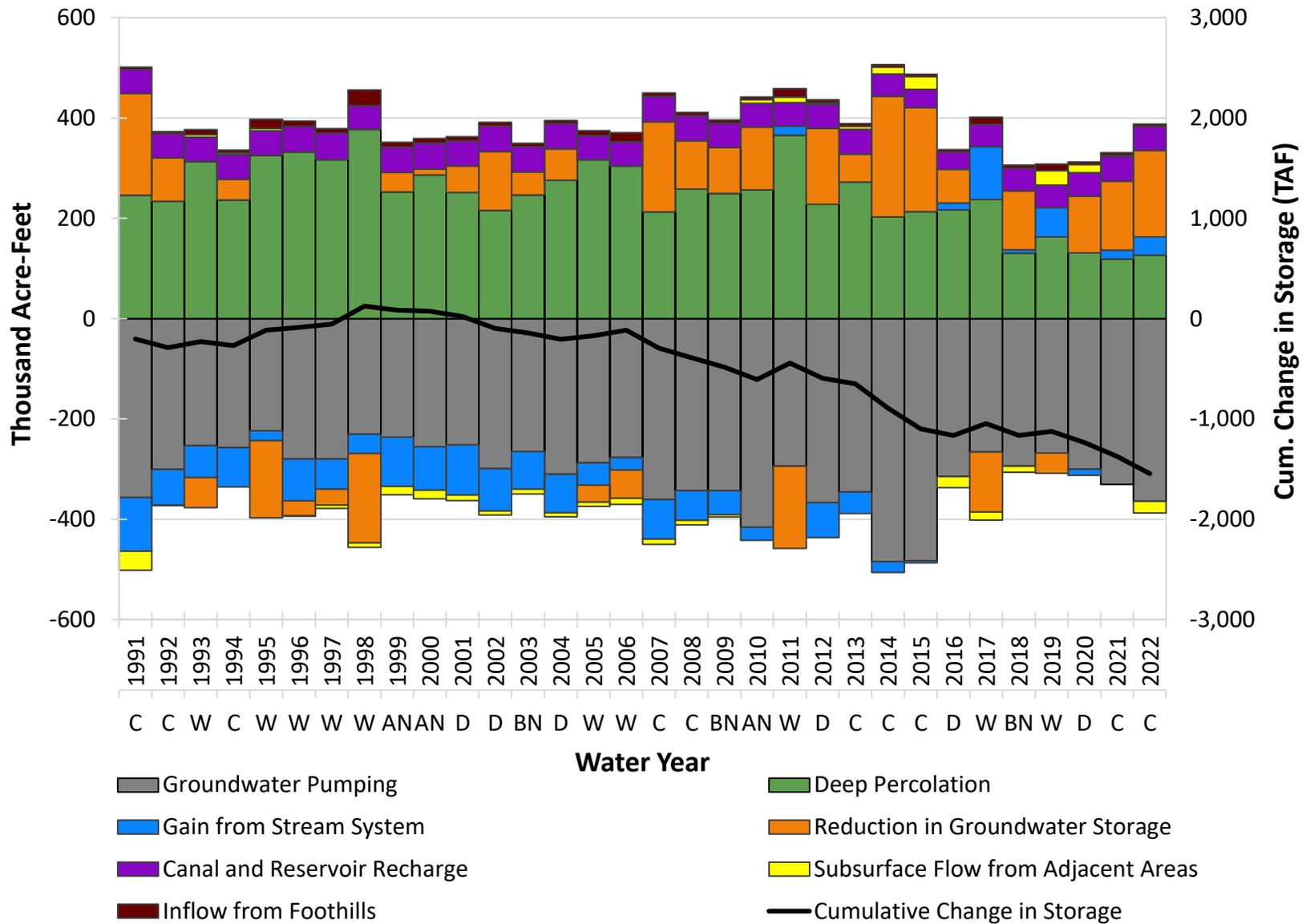
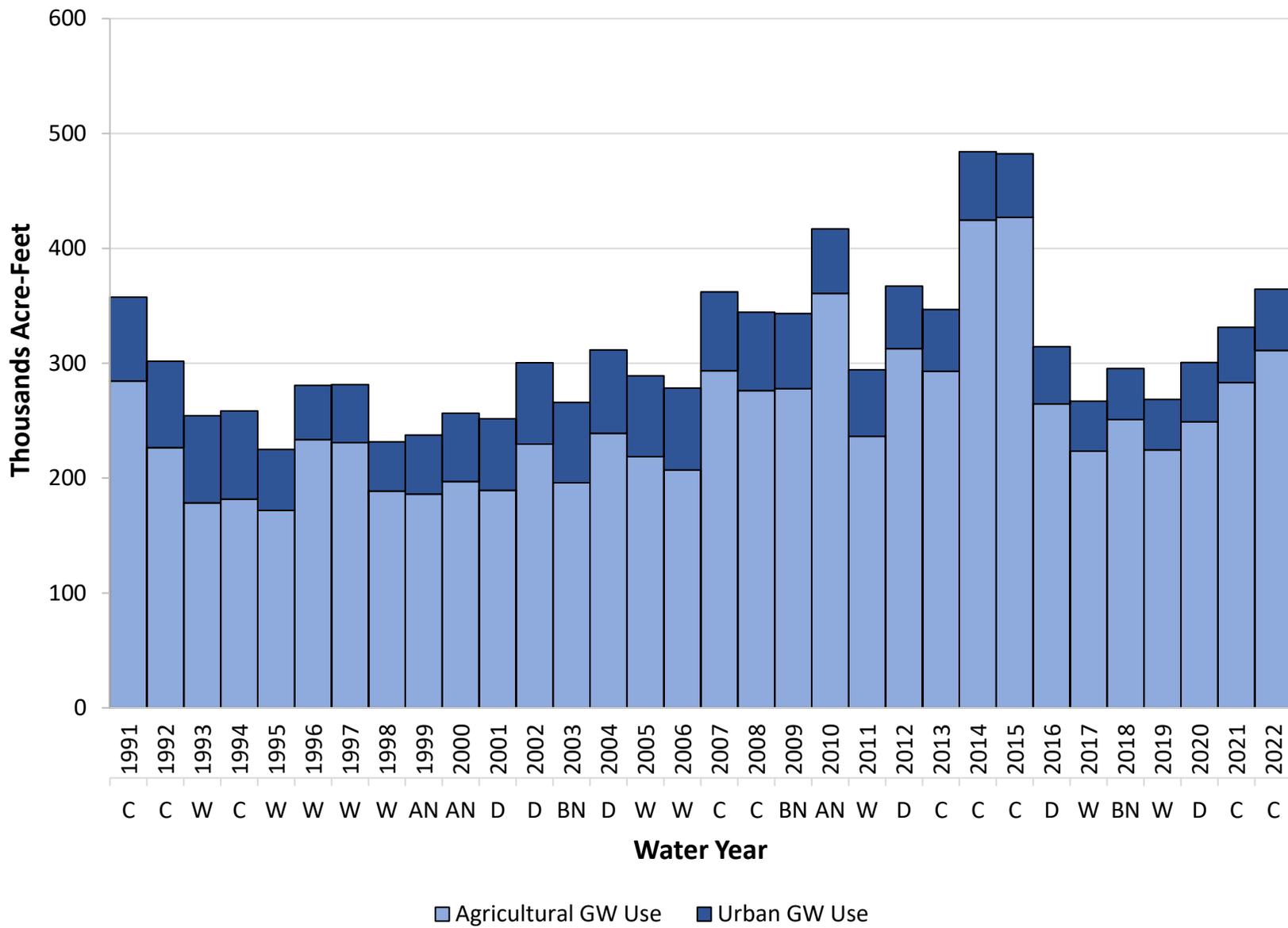


Figure 7-1
Groundwater Budget
Modesto Subbasin
WY 1991 - 2022

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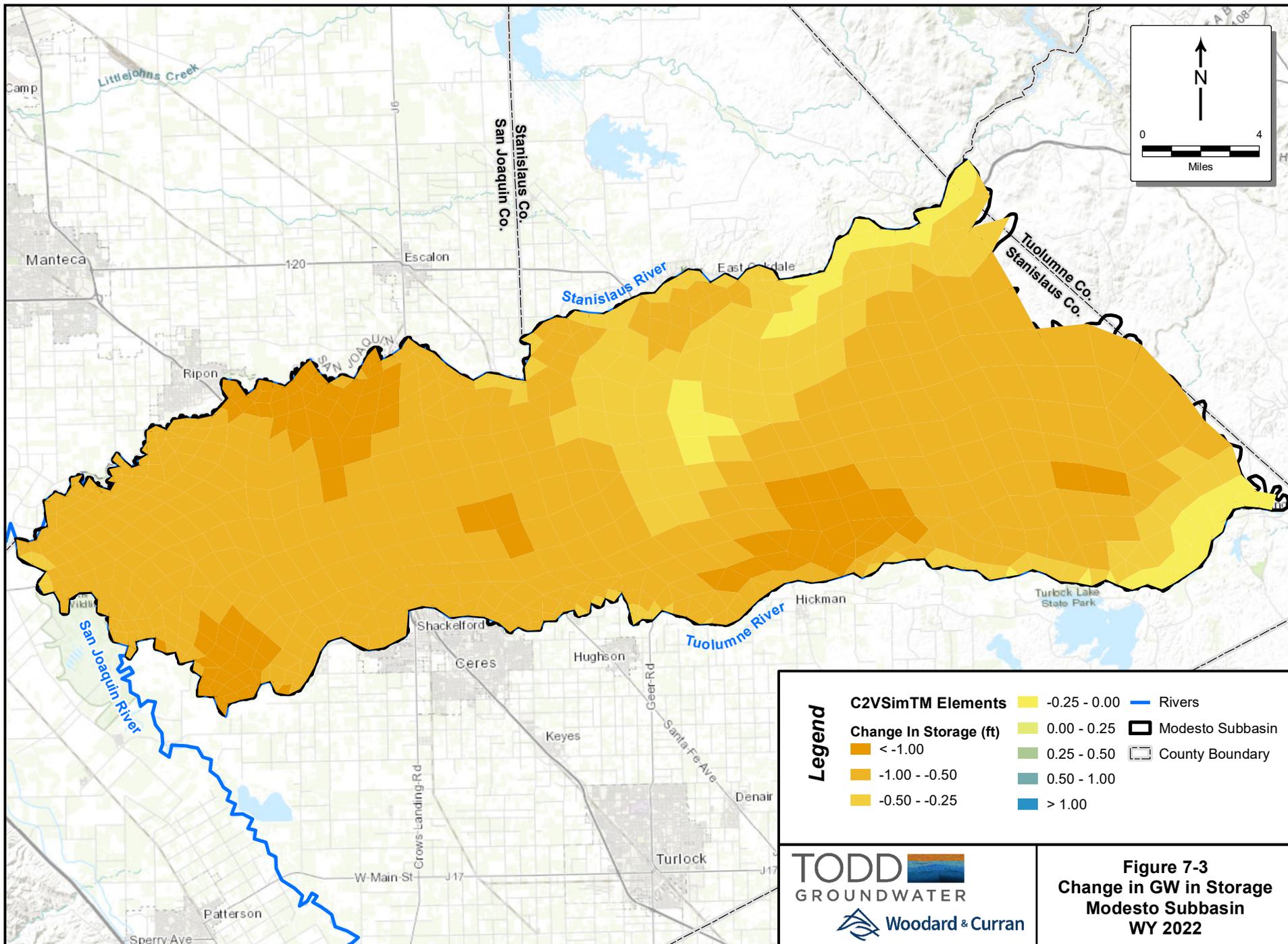


Water Year

■ Agricultural GW Use ■ Urban GW Use



Figure 7-2
Groundwater Use
Modesto Subbasin
WY 1991 - 2022



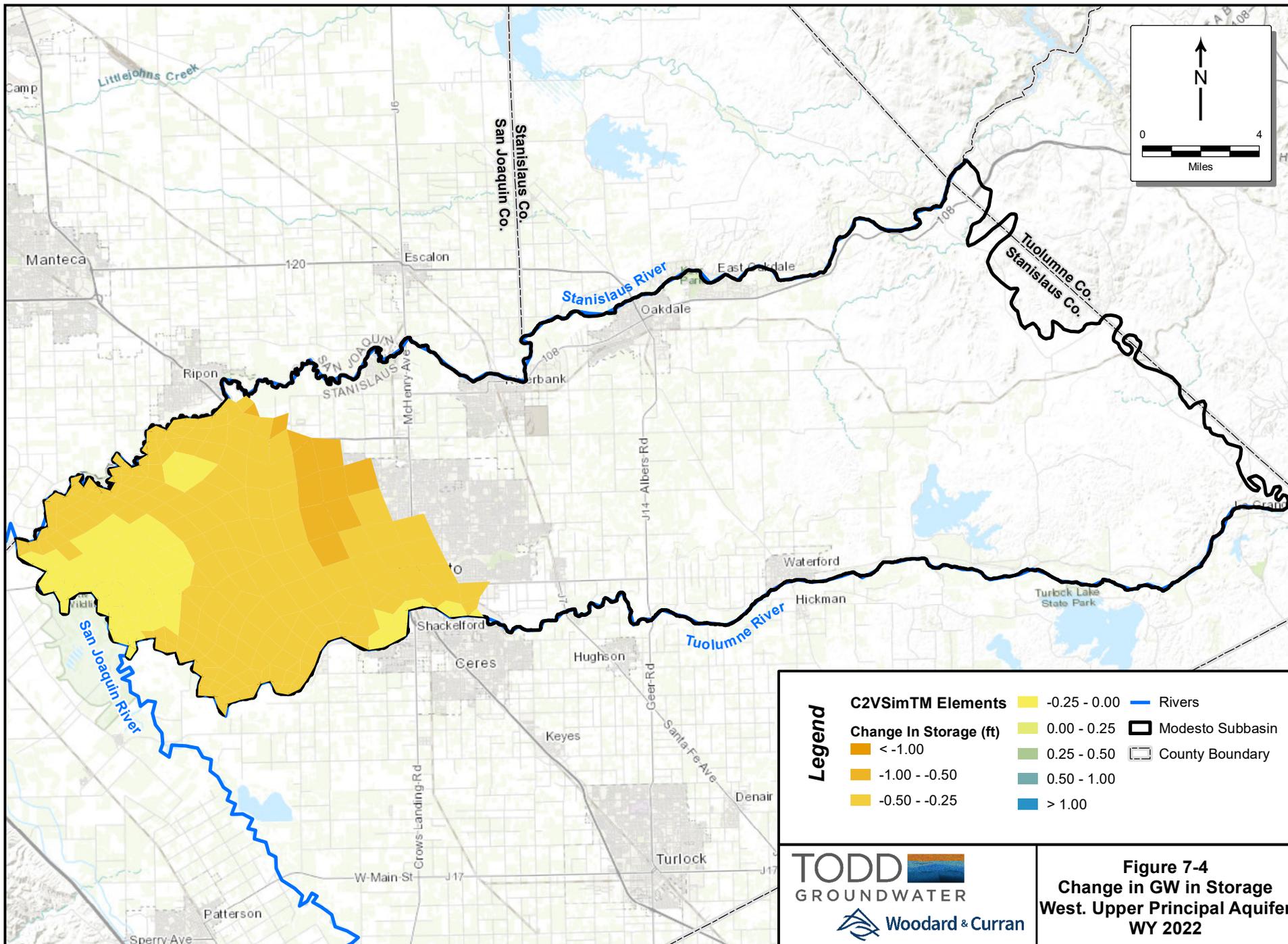
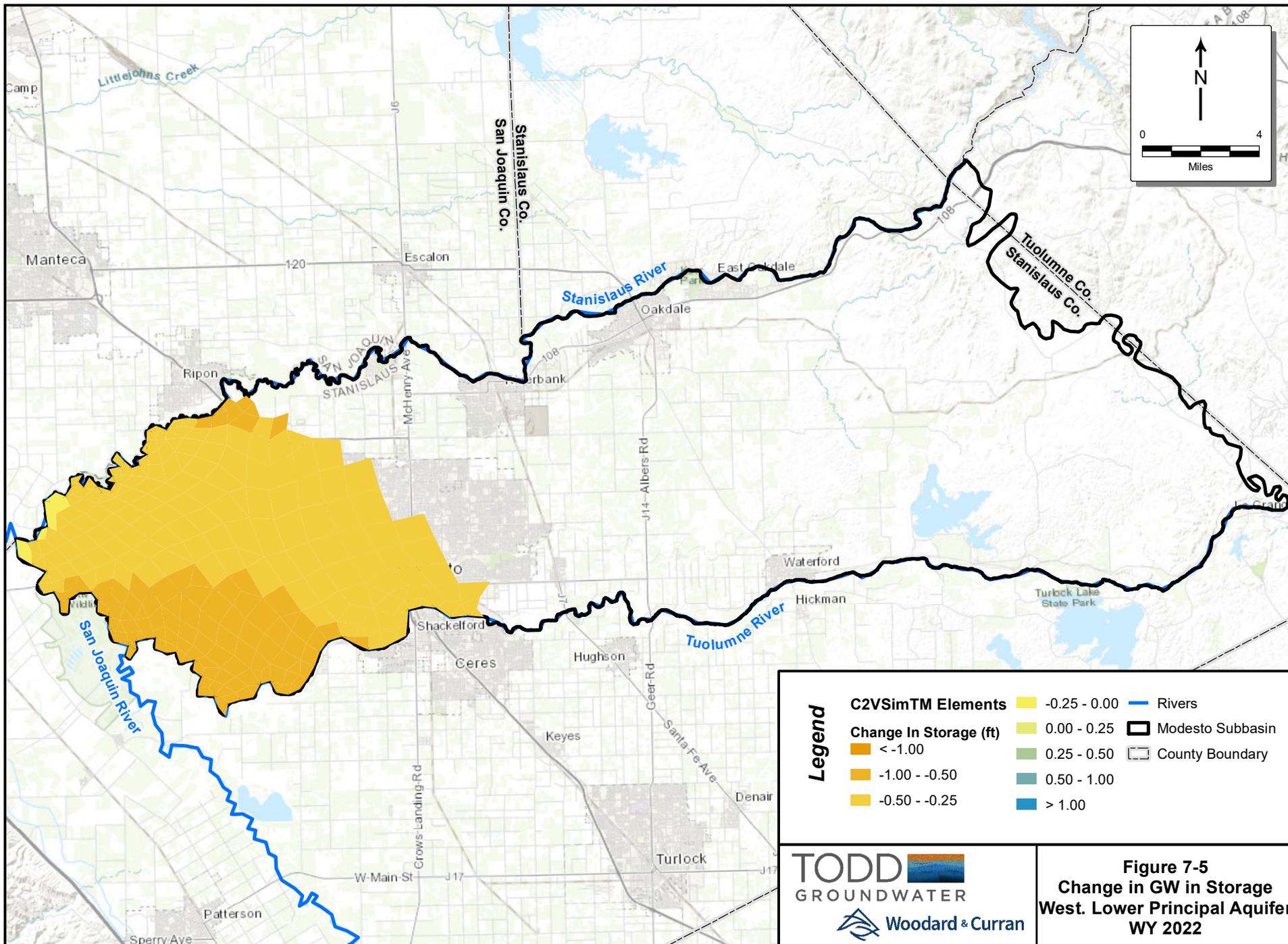
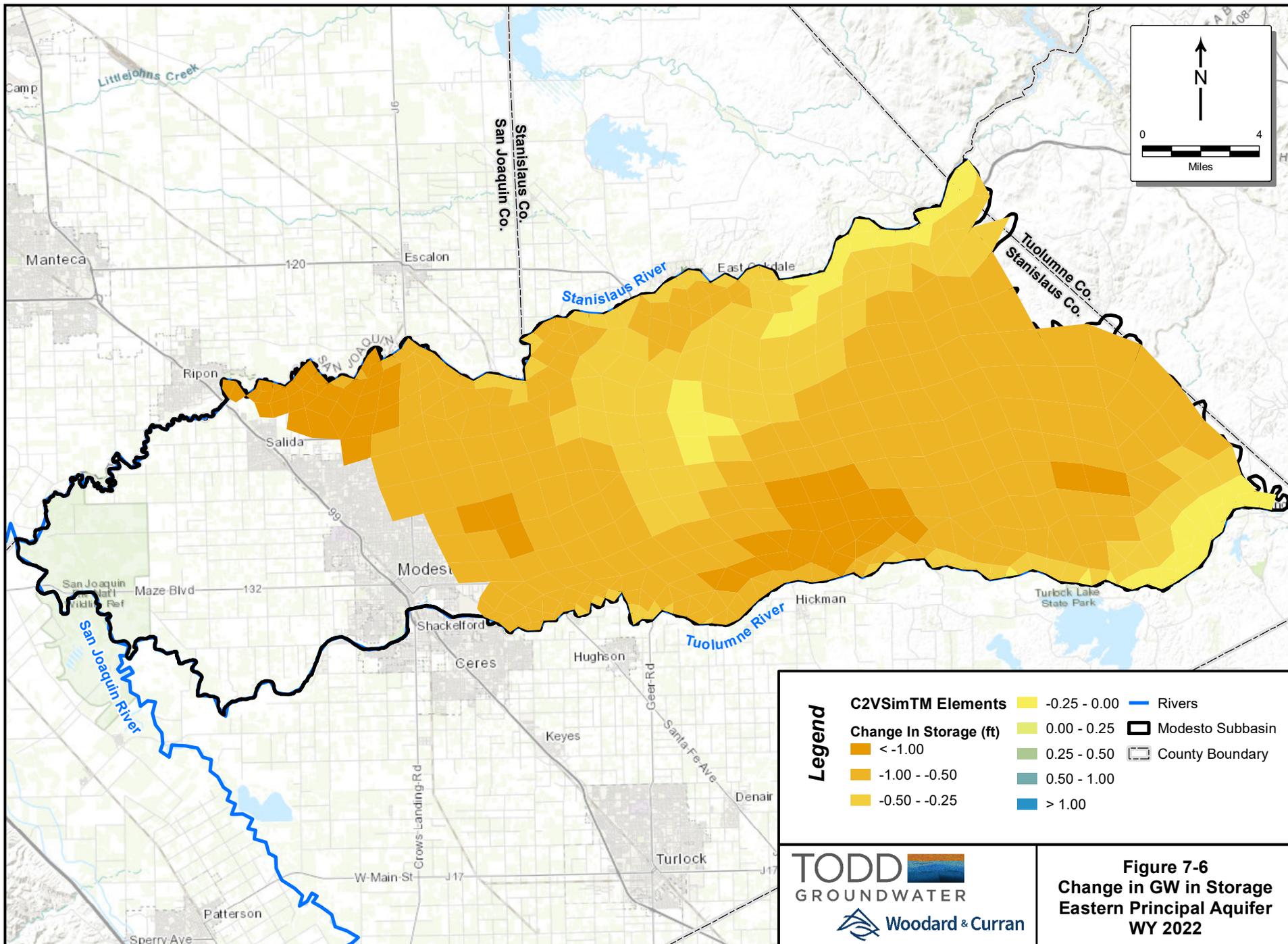
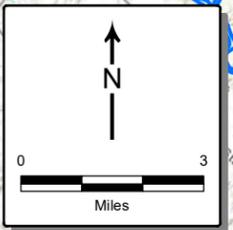
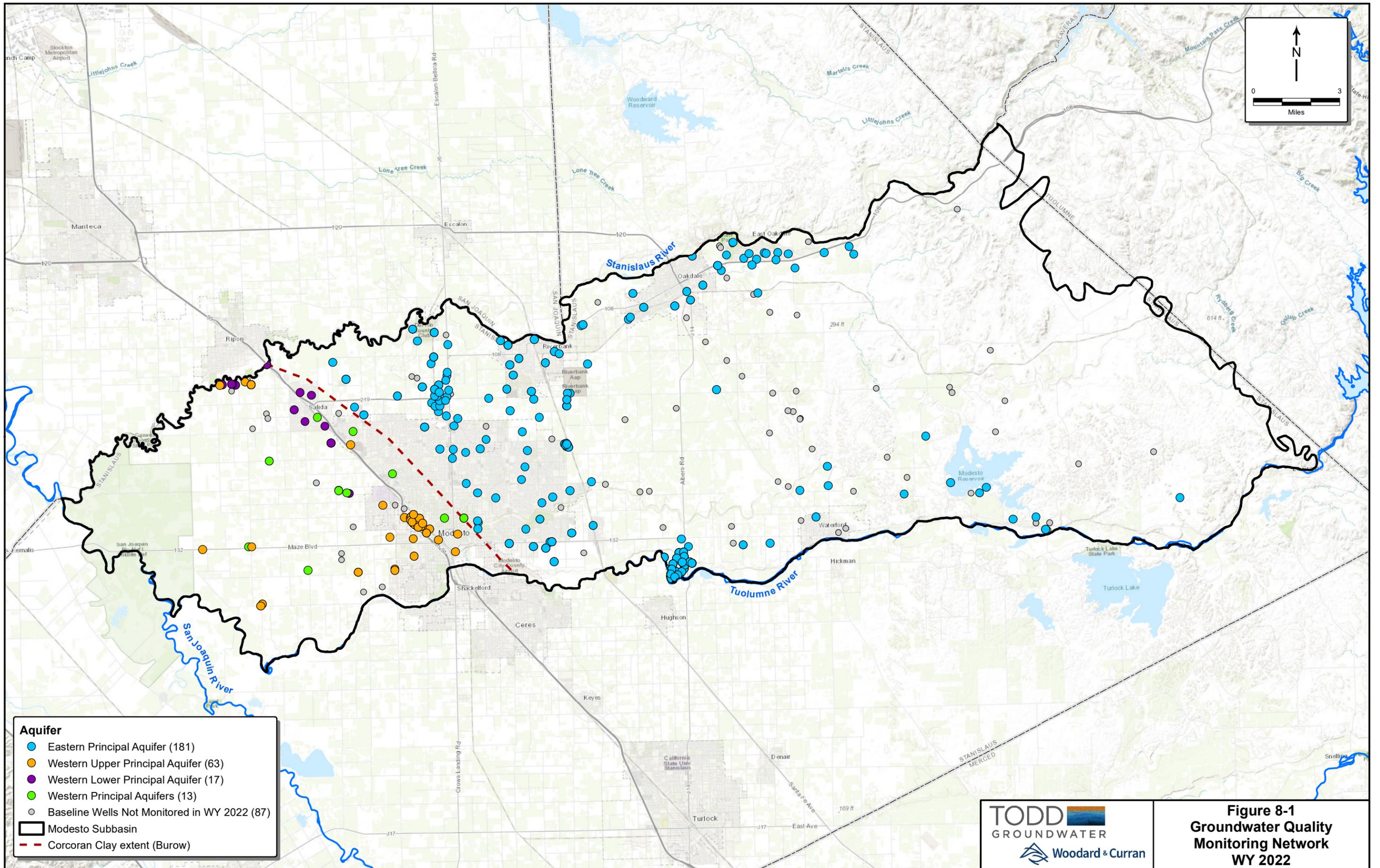


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Change in GW in Storage
West. Upper Principal Aquifer
WY 2022







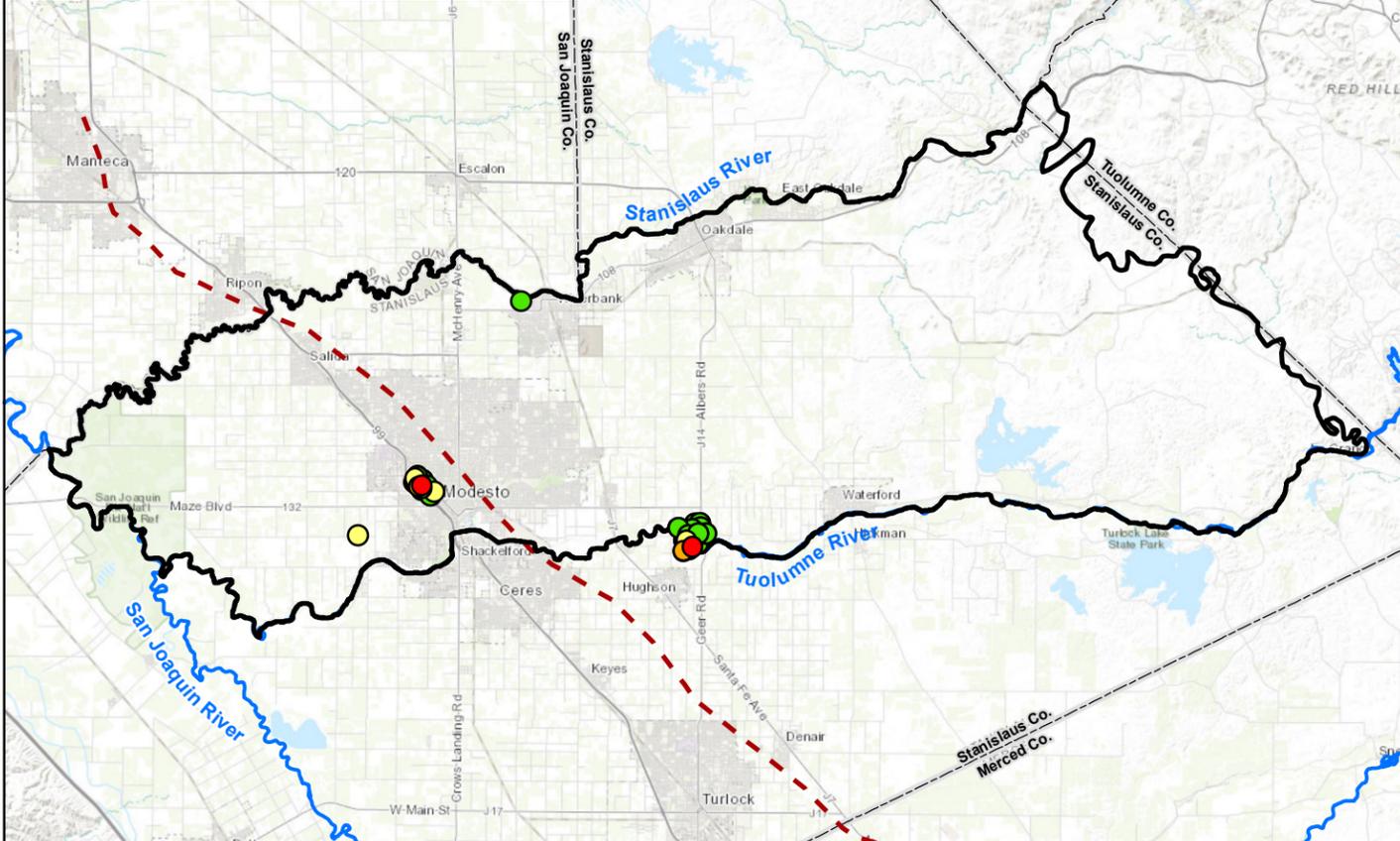
Aquifer

- Eastern Principal Aquifer (181)
- Western Upper Principal Aquifer (63)
- Western Lower Principal Aquifer (17)
- Western Principal Aquifers (13)
- Baseline Wells Not Monitored in WY 2022 (87)
- Modesto Subbasin
- Corcoran Clay extent (Burow)

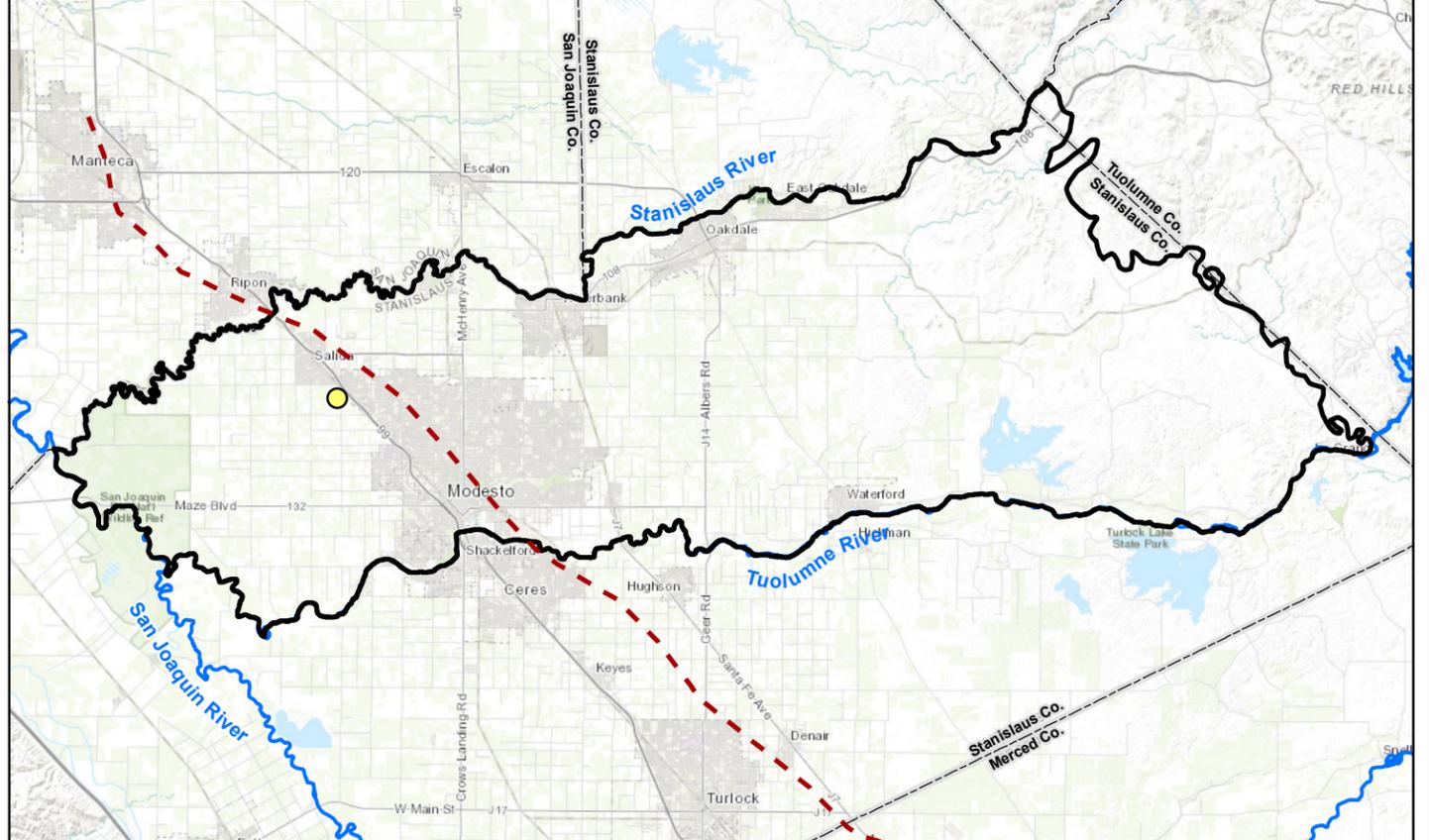
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Figure 8-1
Groundwater Quality
Monitoring Network
WY 2022

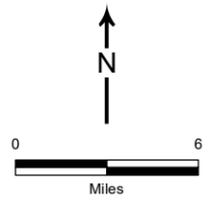
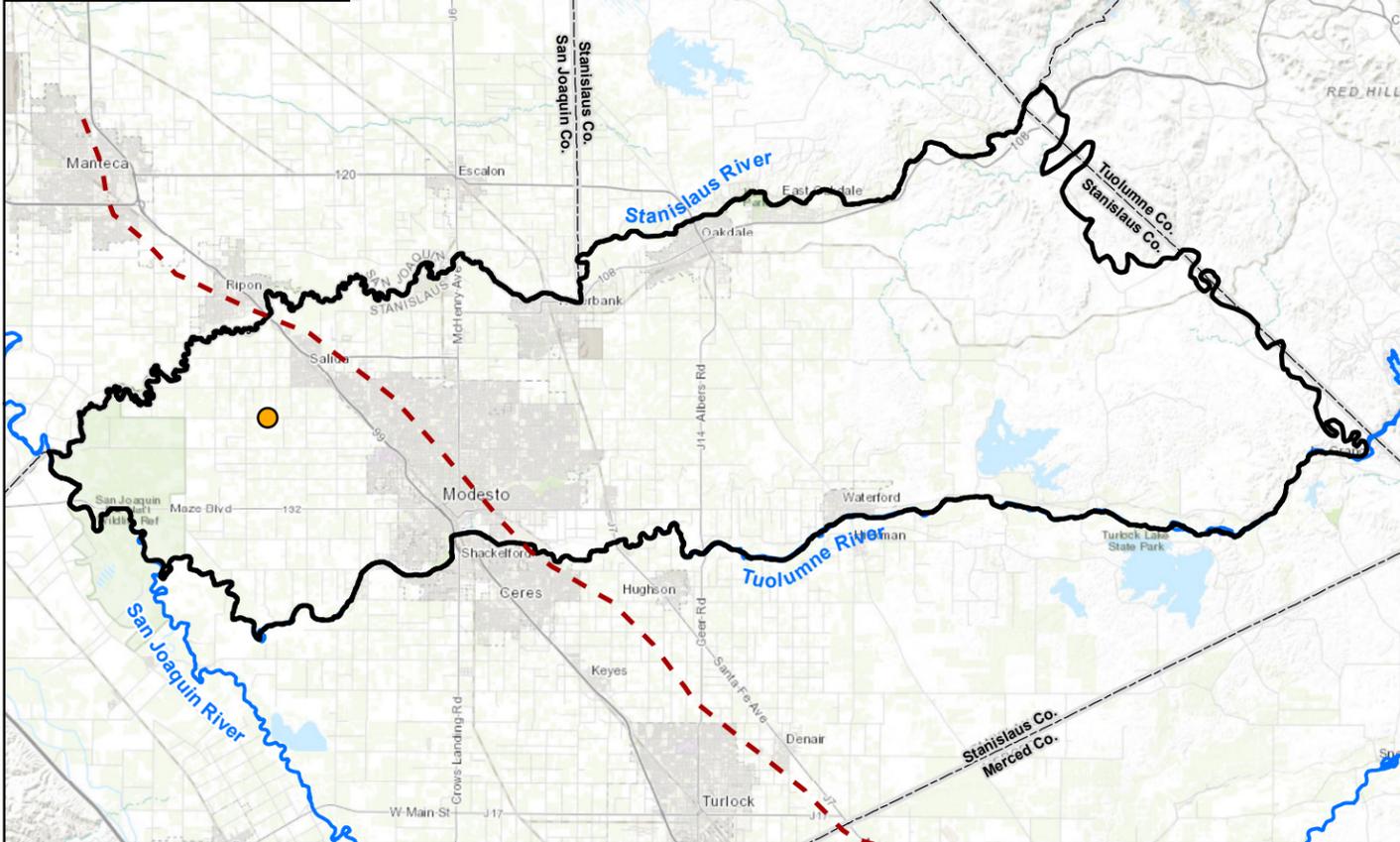
Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers



Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers

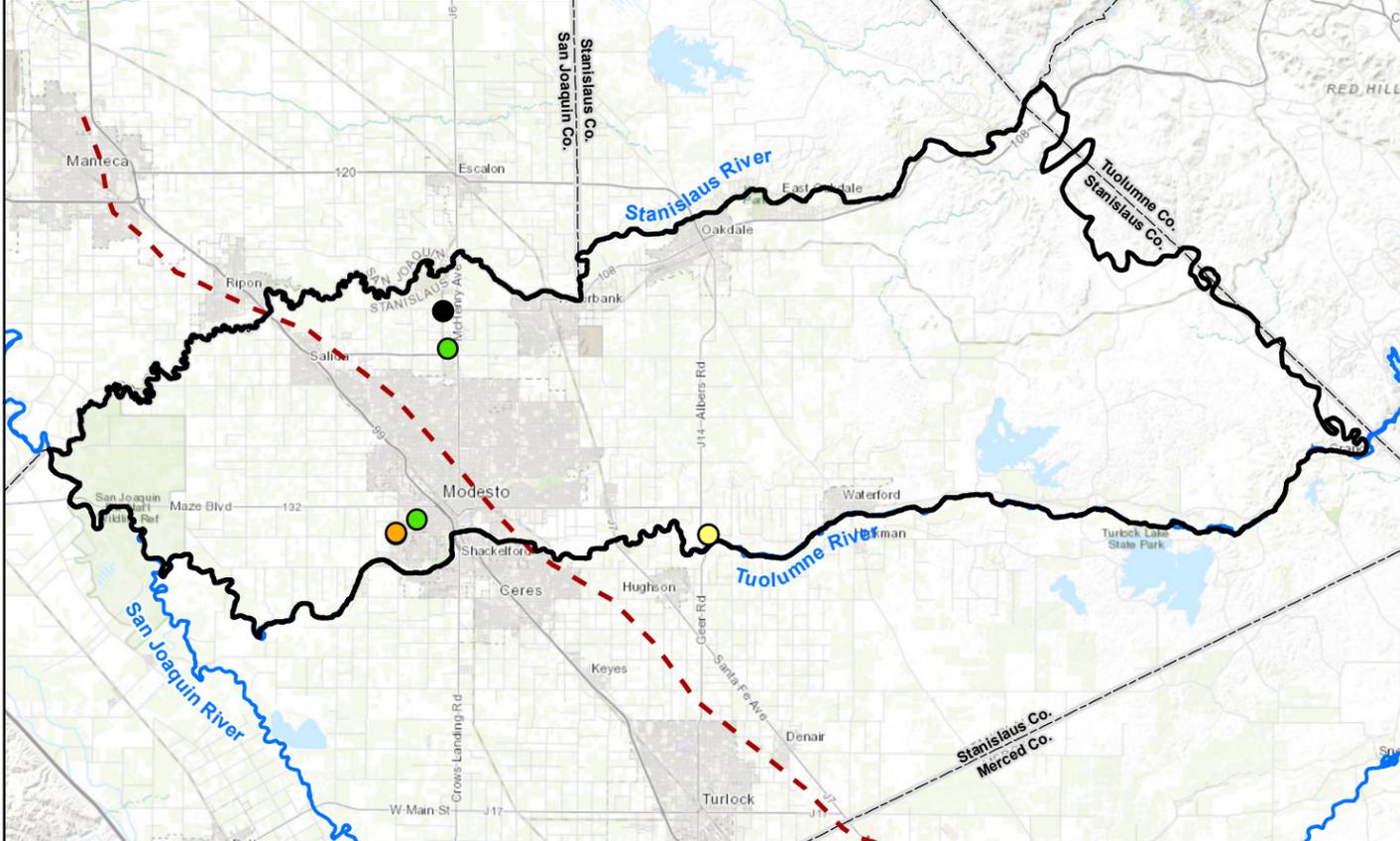


- Arsenic (MCL = 10 ug/L)**
- Above MCL - First-Time (2)
 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (3)
 - Above MCL - Equal to or Below Historical Maximum (8)
 - Detection - Below MCL (50)
 - Non-Detect (0)

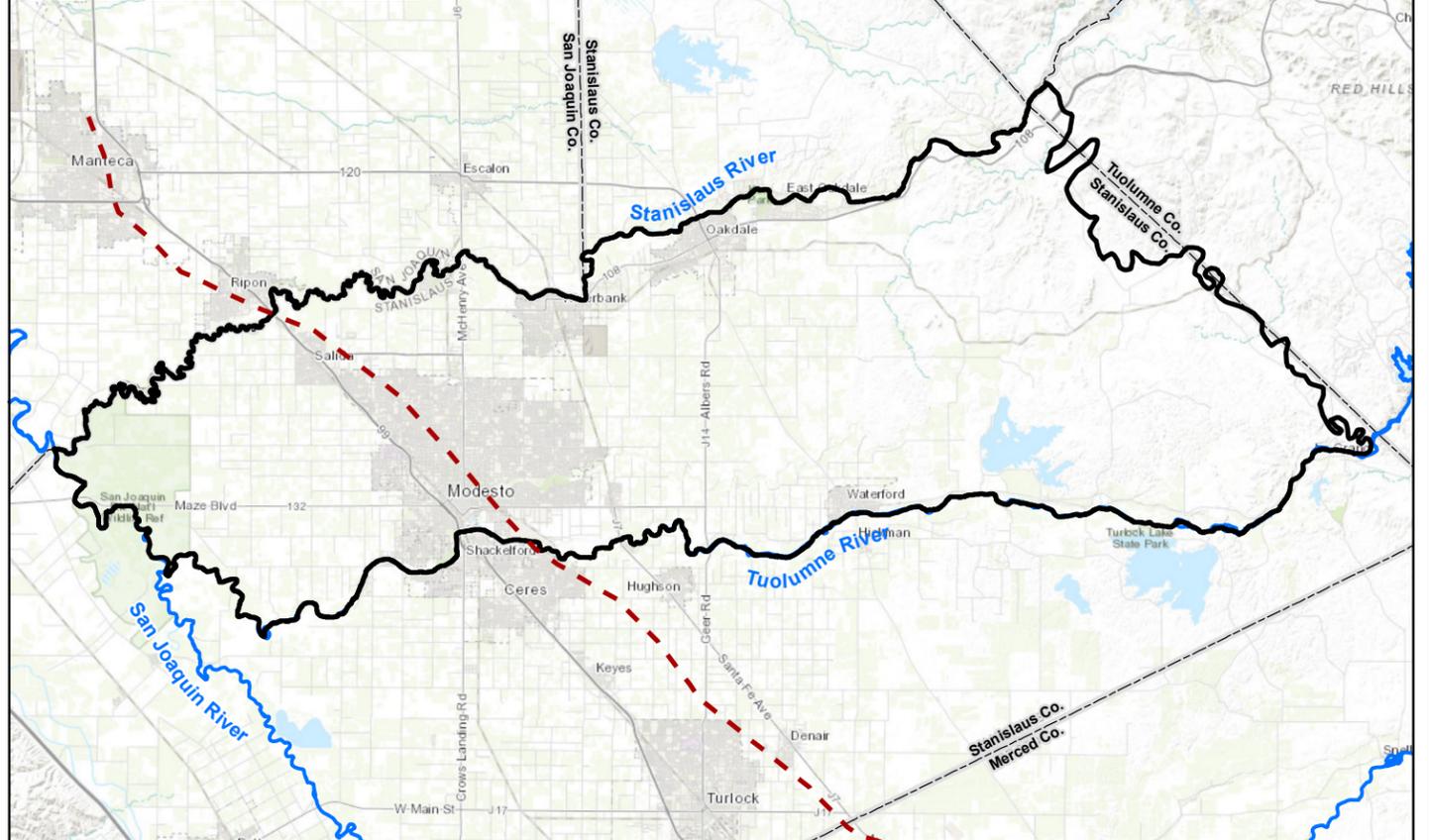


Figure 8-2
Arsenic in Groundwater
WY 2022

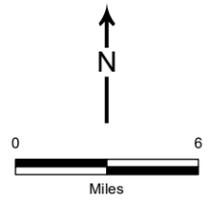
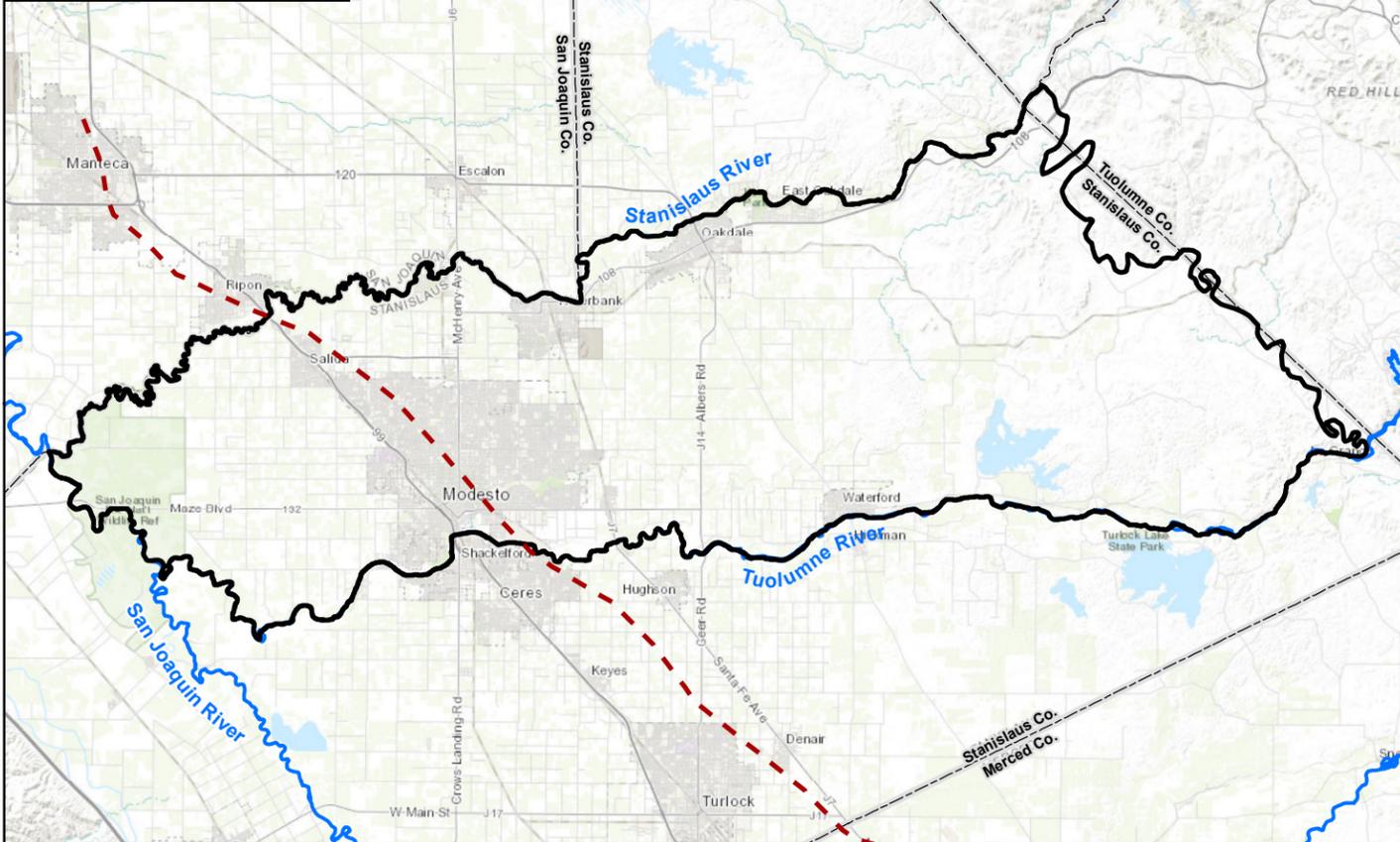
Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers



Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers

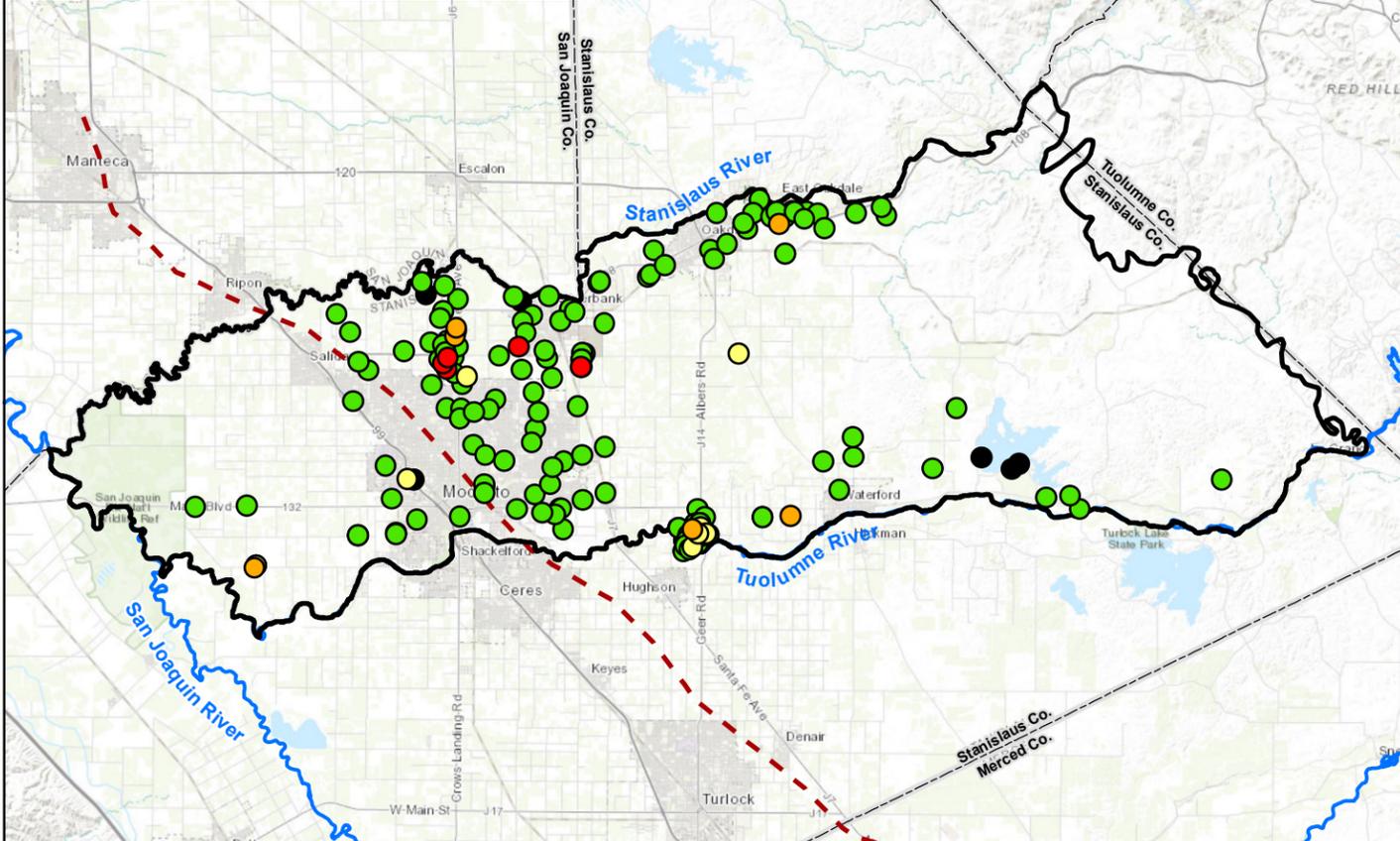


- Uranium (MCL = 20 pCi/L)**
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 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (1)
 - Above MCL - Equal to or Below Historical Maximum (1)
 - Detection - Below MCL (4)
 - Non-Detect (1)

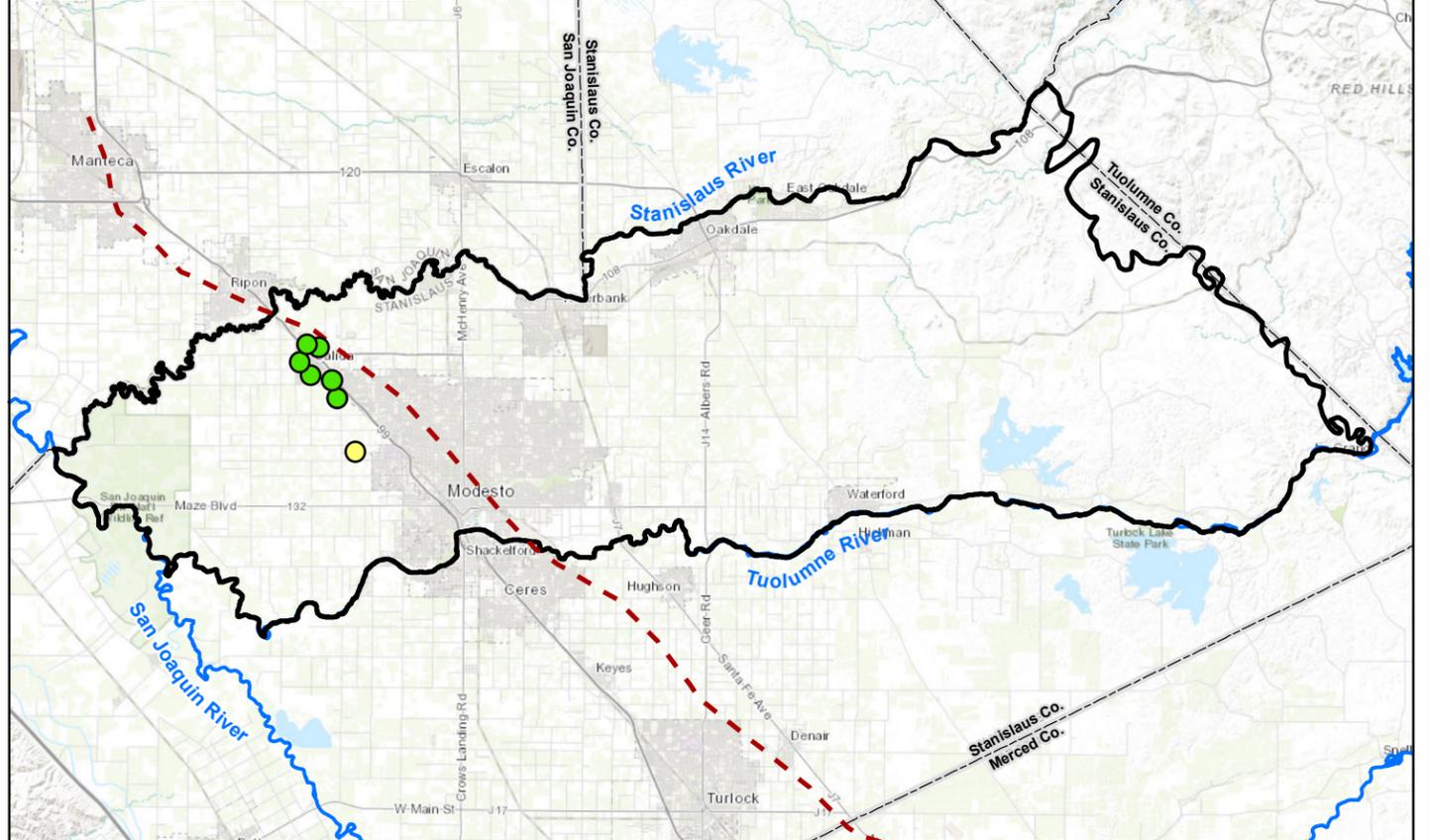


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Uranium in Groundwater
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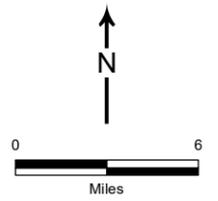
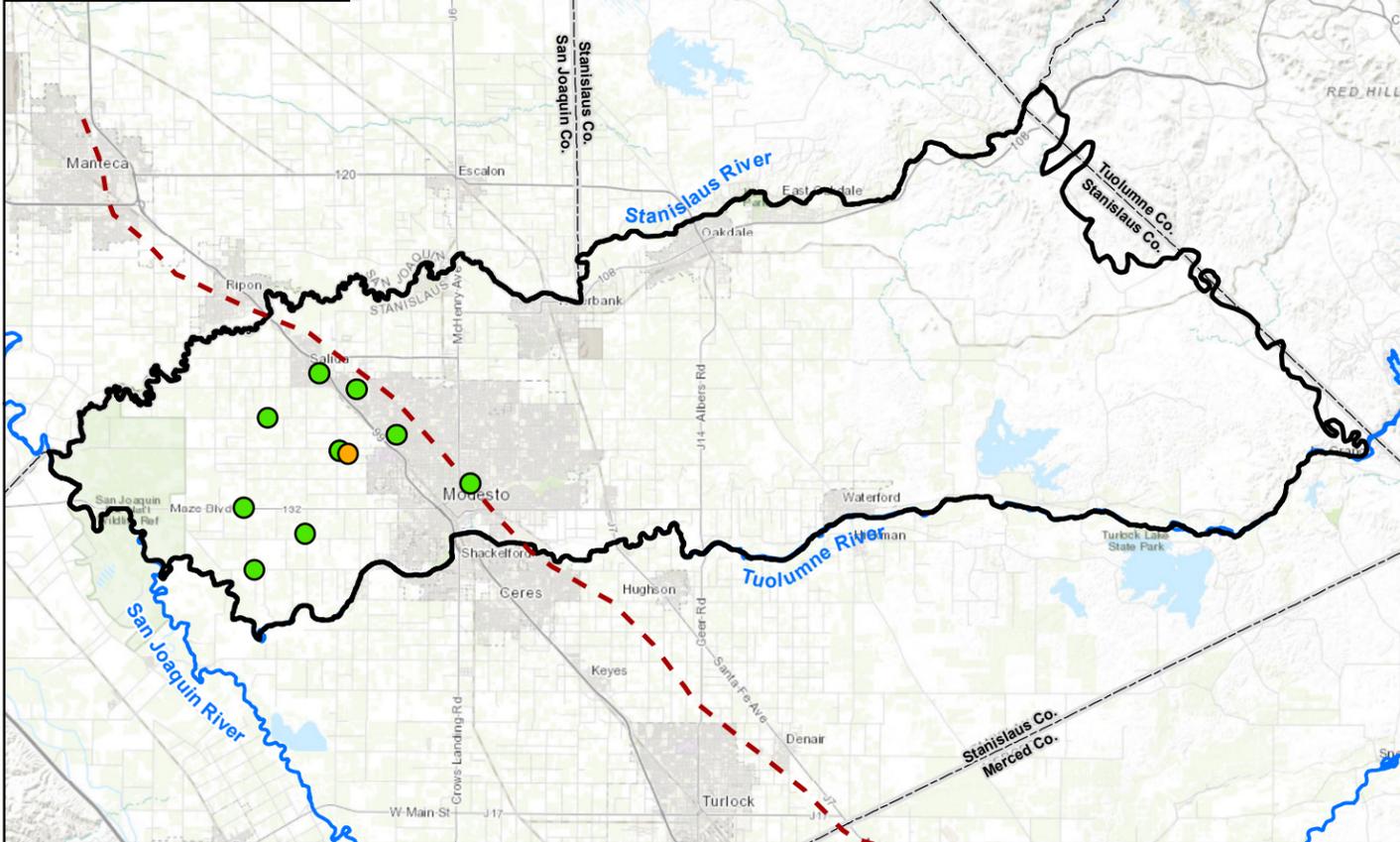
Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers



Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers

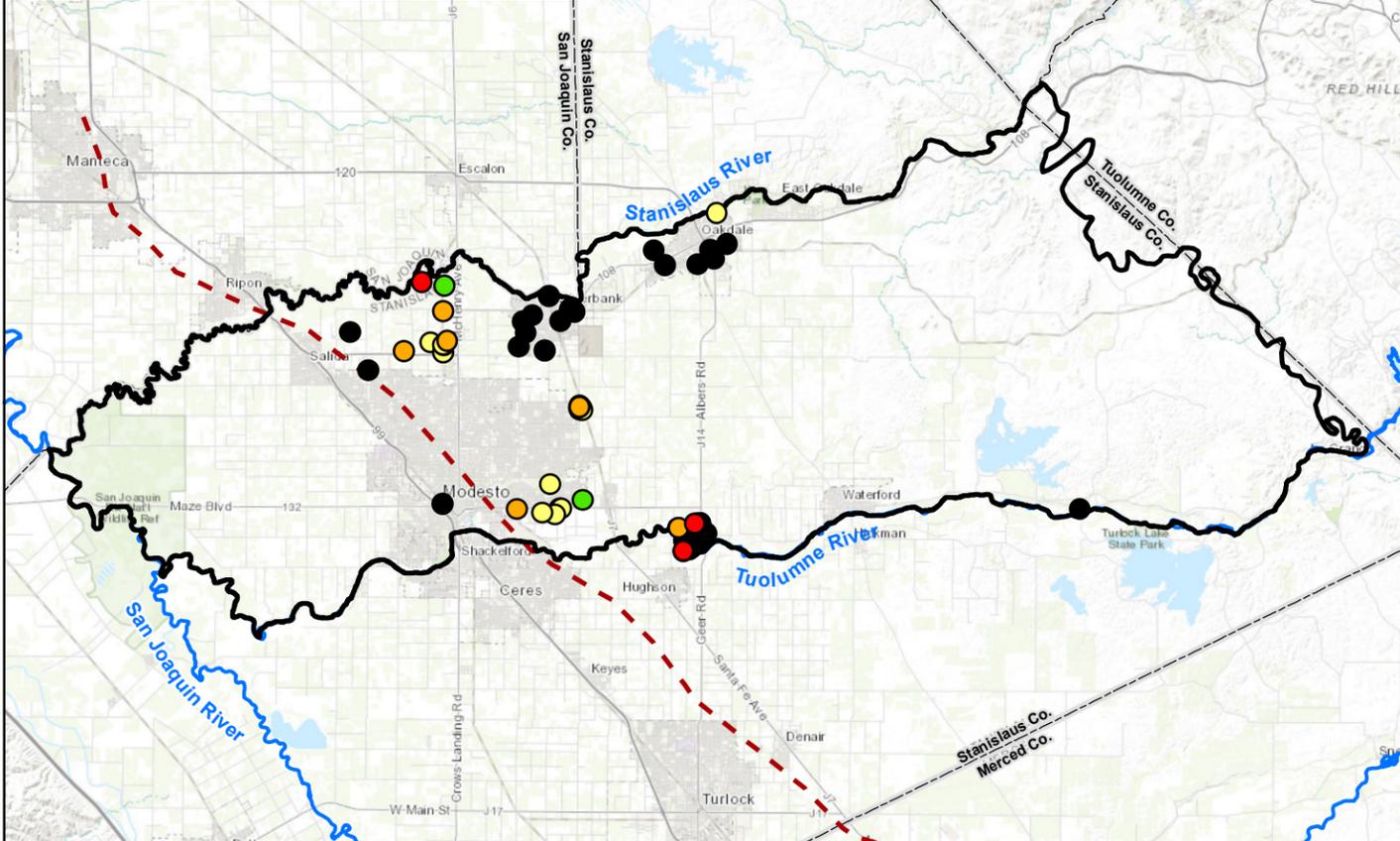


- Nitrate as N (MCL = 10 mg/L)**
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 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (7)
 - Above MCL - Equal to or Below Historical Maximum (10)
 - Detection - Below MCL (175)
 - Non-Detect (7)

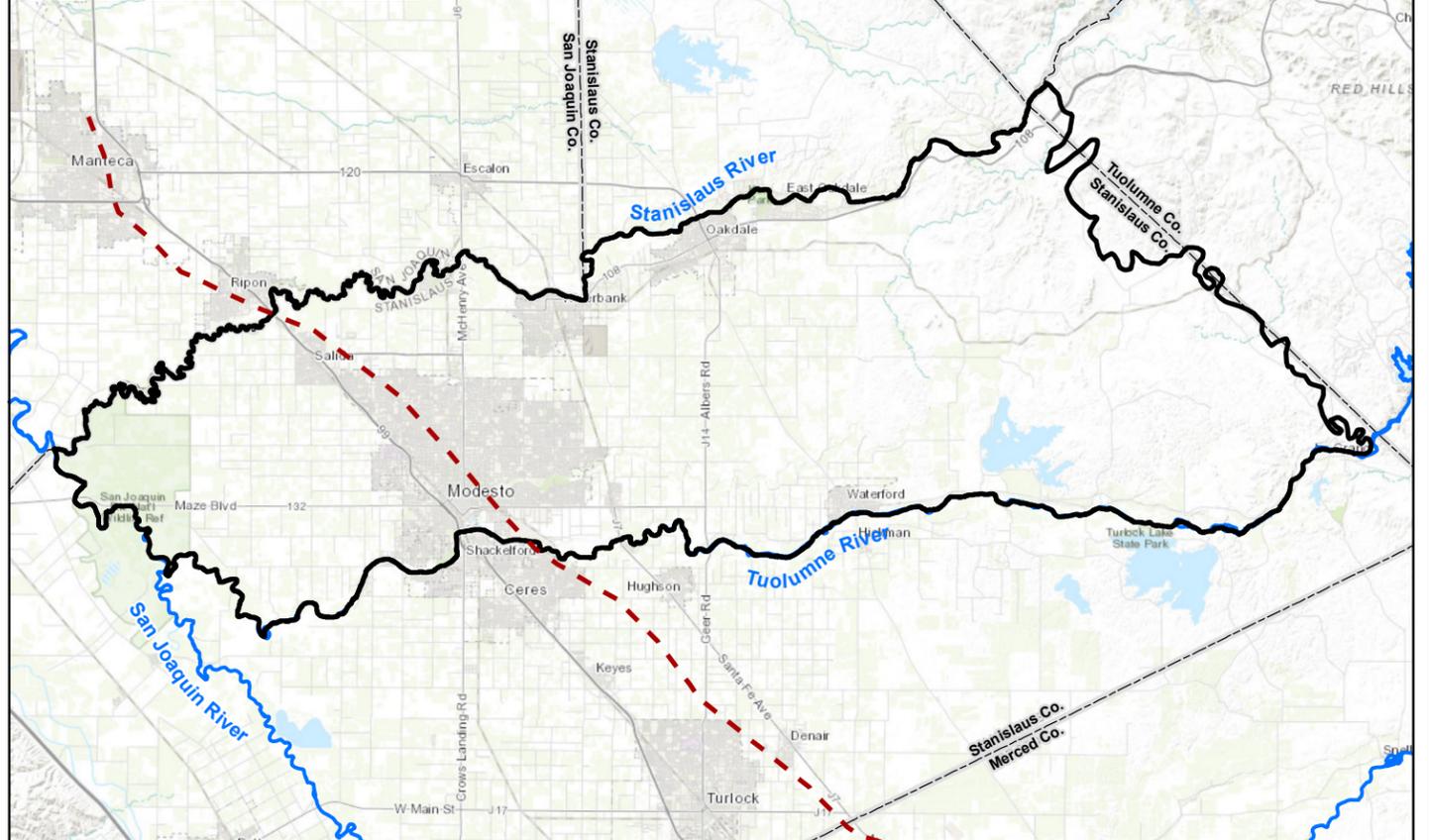


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Nitrate in Groundwater
WY 2022

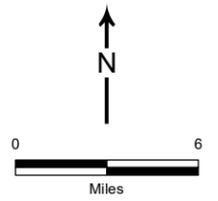
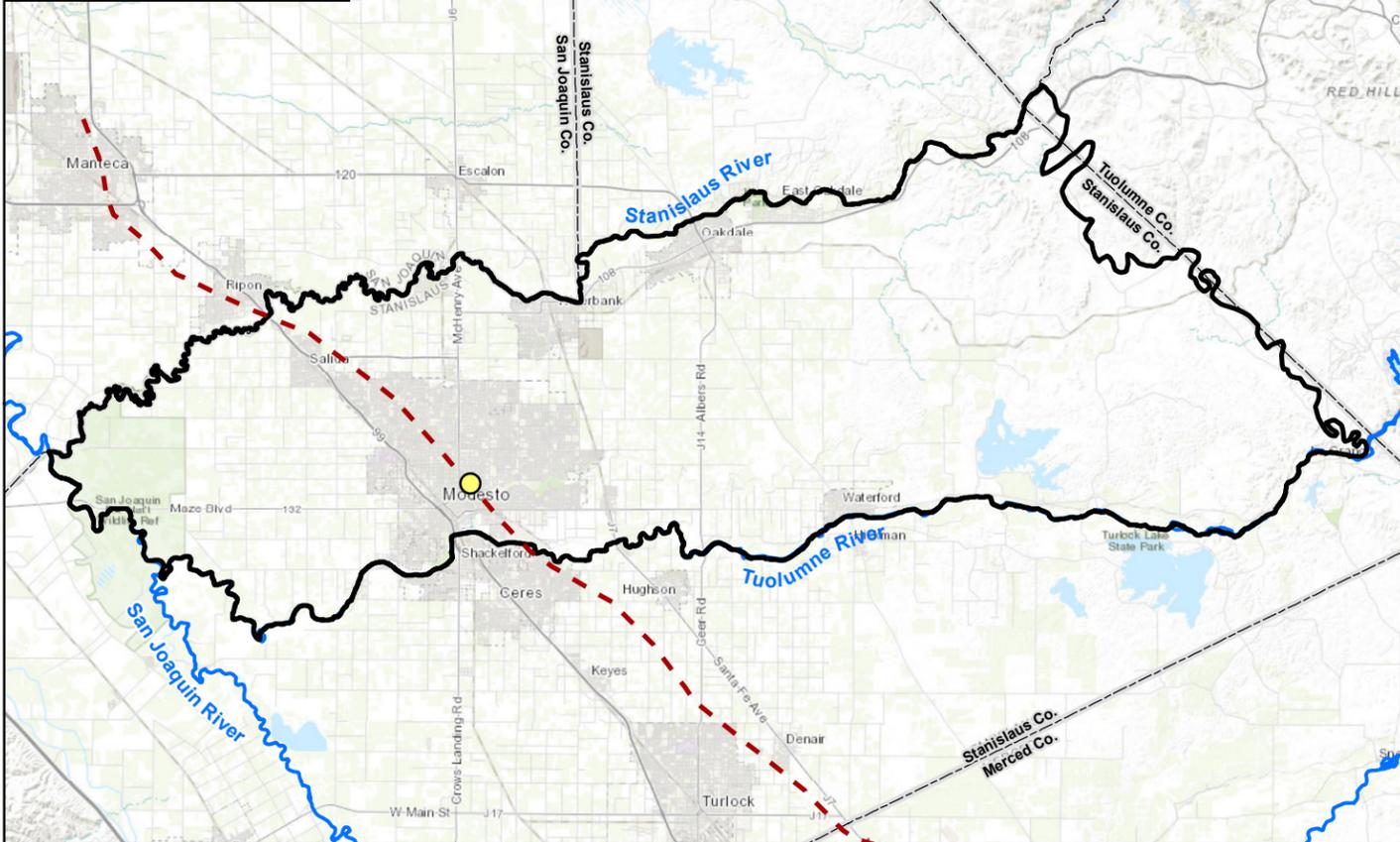
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Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers

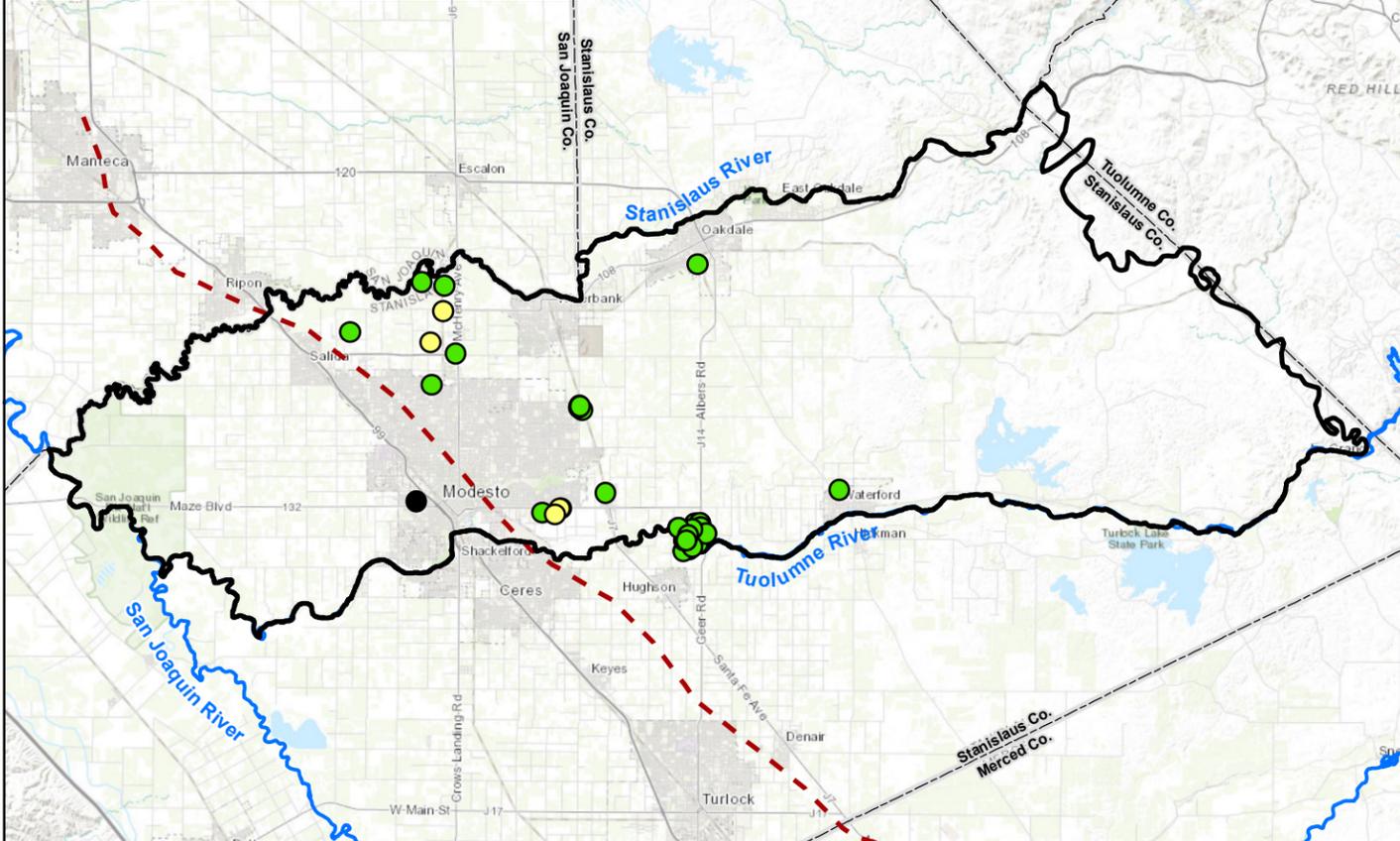


- 1,2,3-TCP (MCL = 0.005 ug/L)**
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 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (6)
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 - Detection - Below MCL (2)
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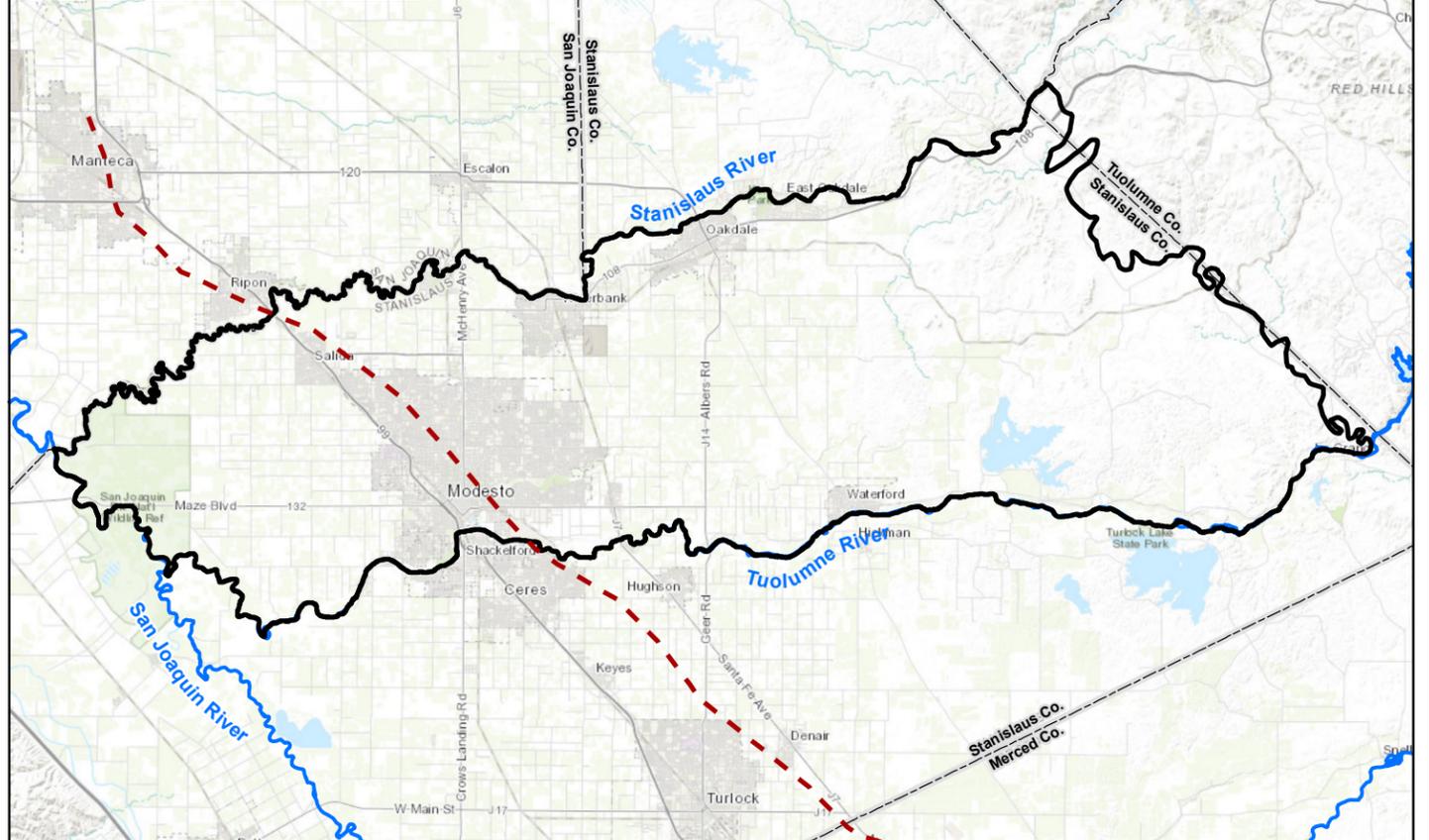


**Figure 8-5
TCP in Groundwater
WY 2022**

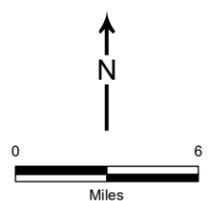
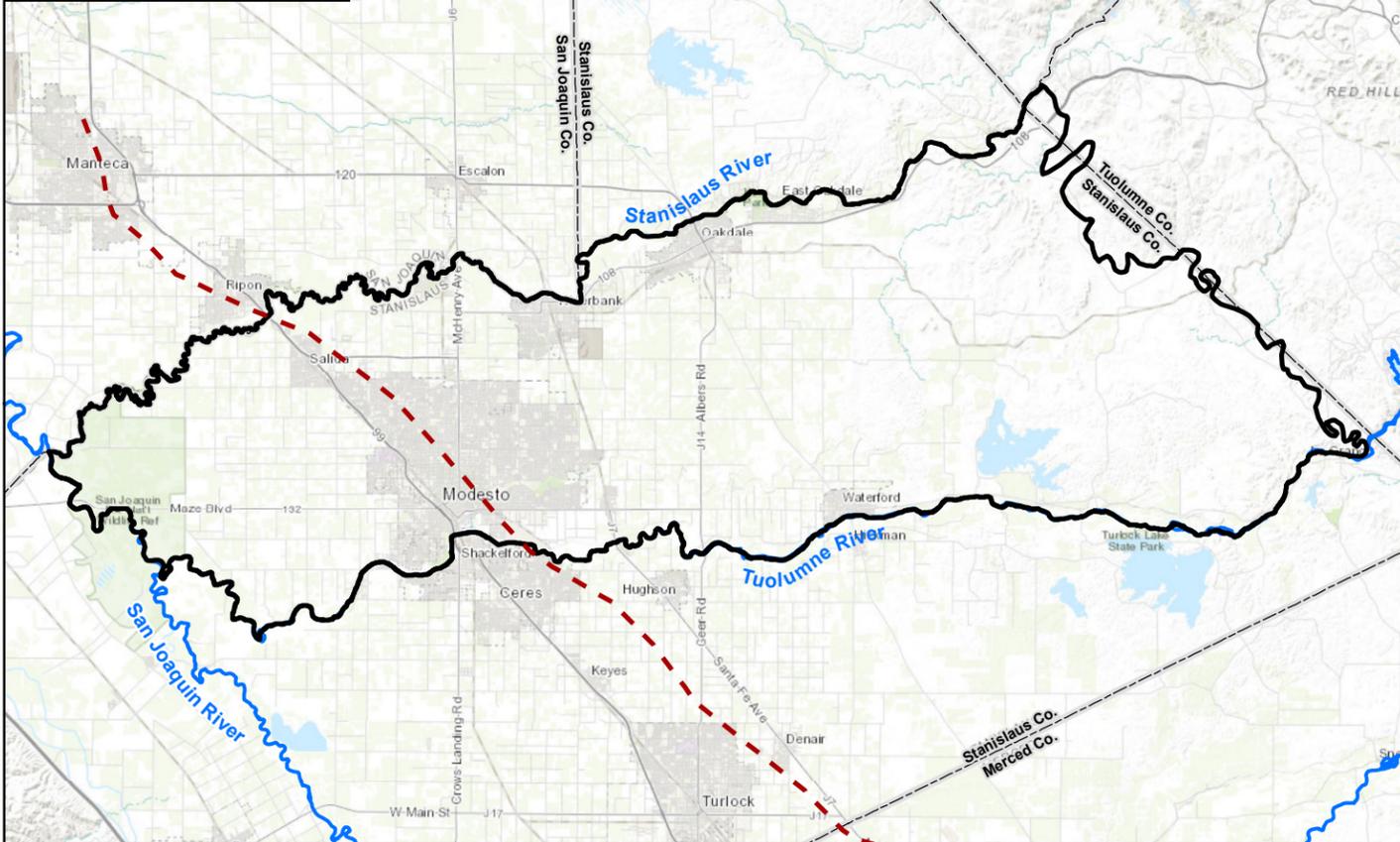
Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers



Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers

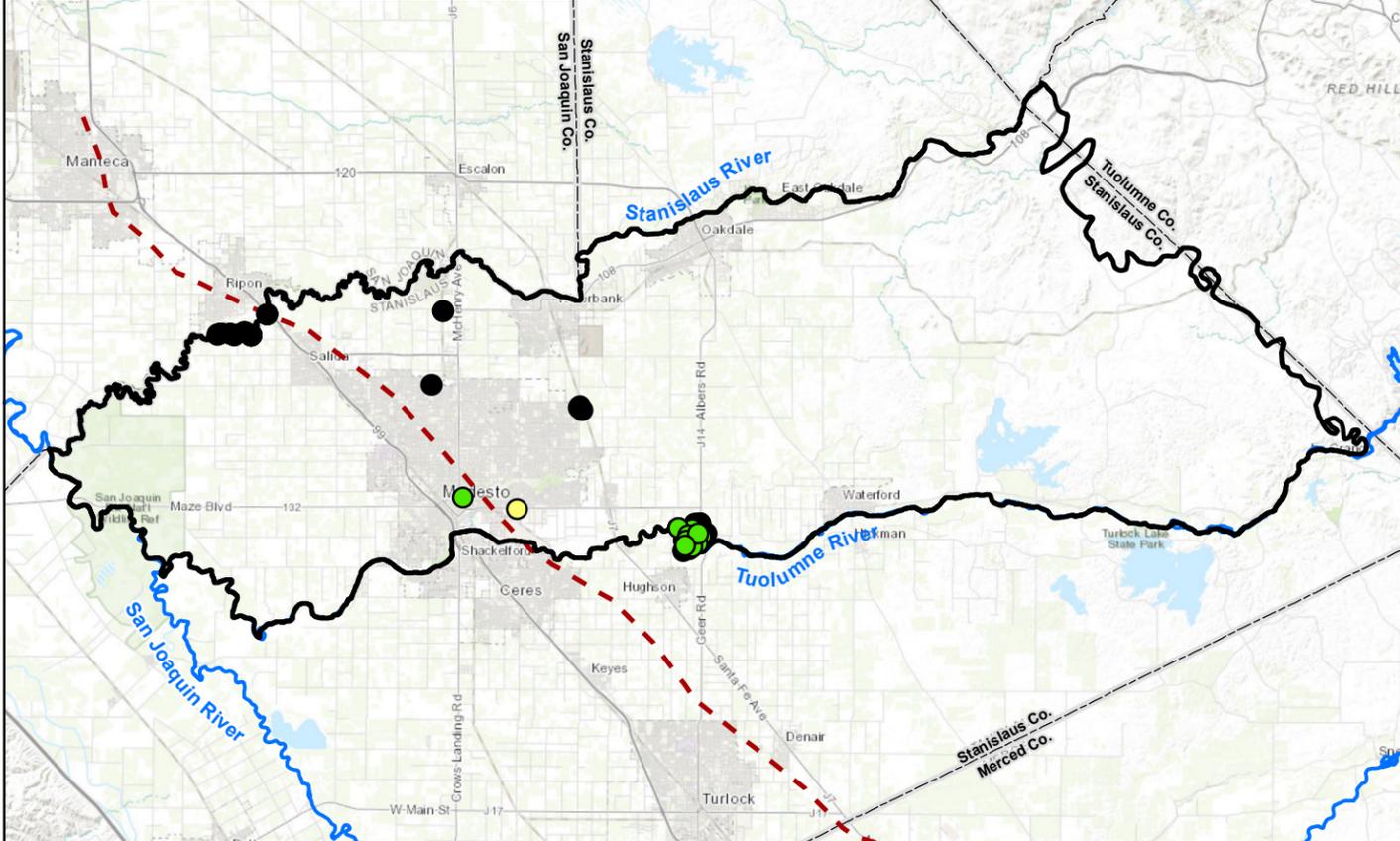


- DBCP (MCL = 0.2 ug/L)**
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 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (0)
 - Above MCL - Equal to or Below Historical Maximum (4)
 - Detection - Below MCL (44)
 - Non-Detect (5)

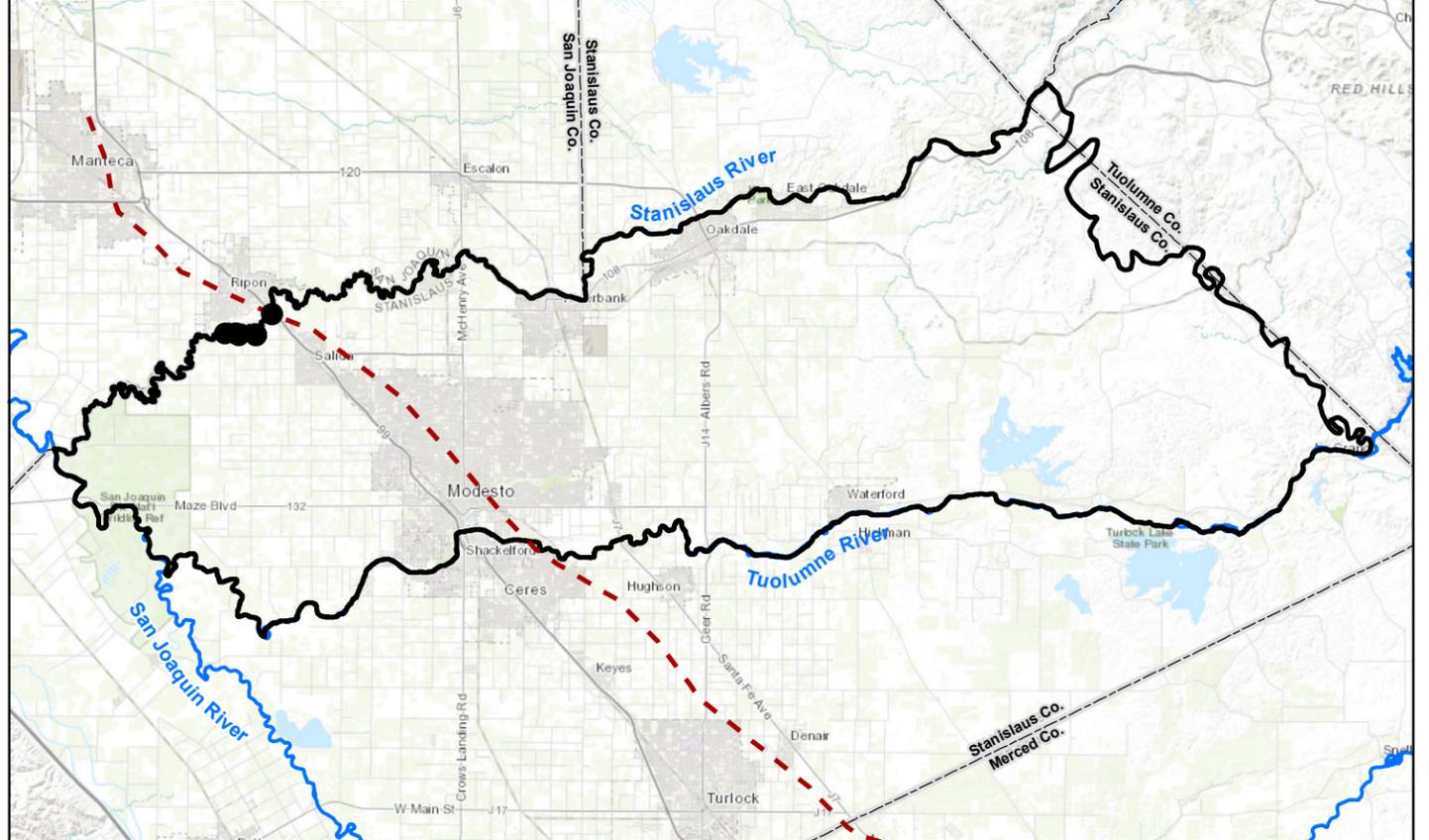


**Figure 8-6
DBCP in Groundwater
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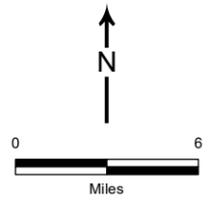
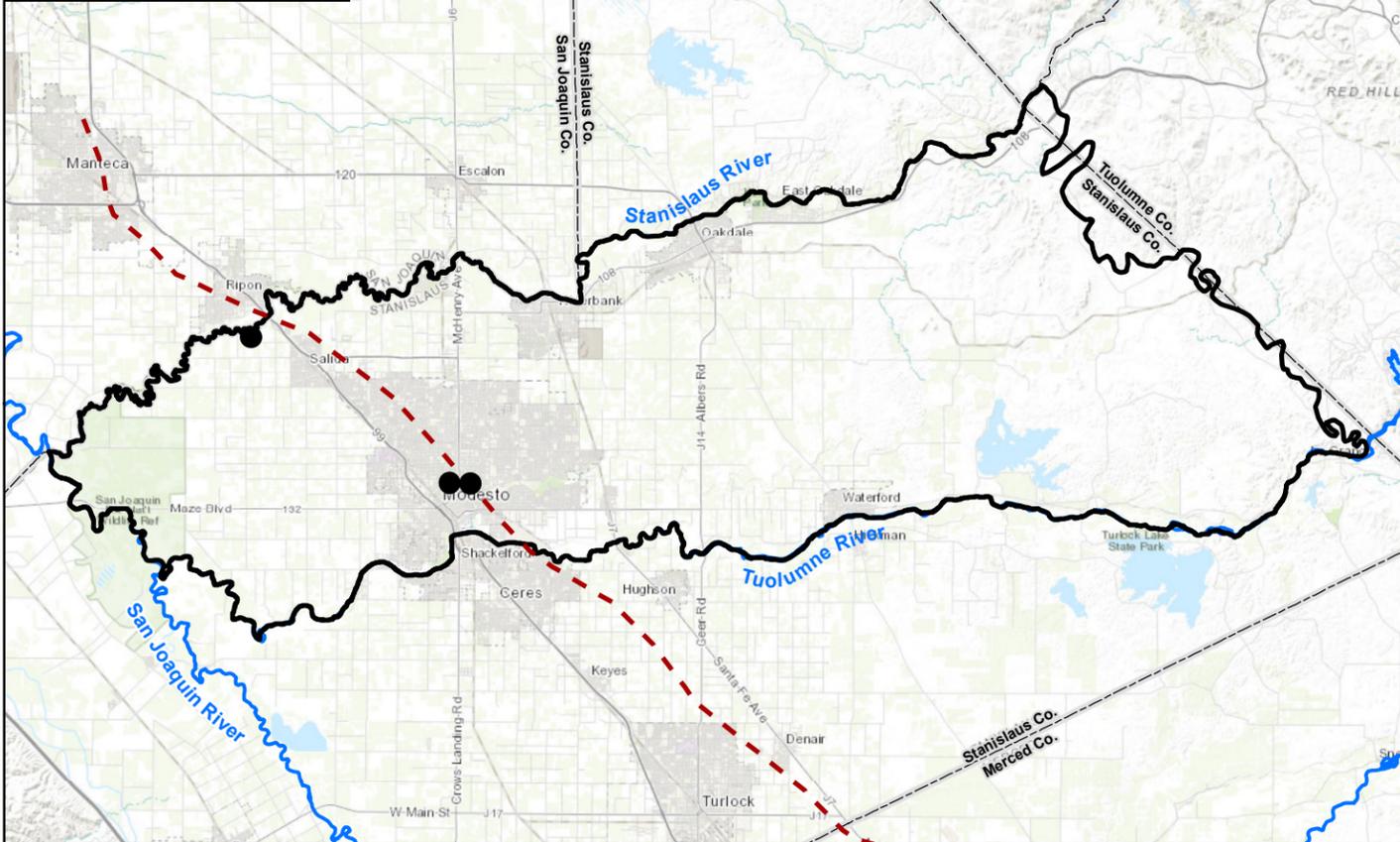
Western Upper and Eastern Principal Aquifers



Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers

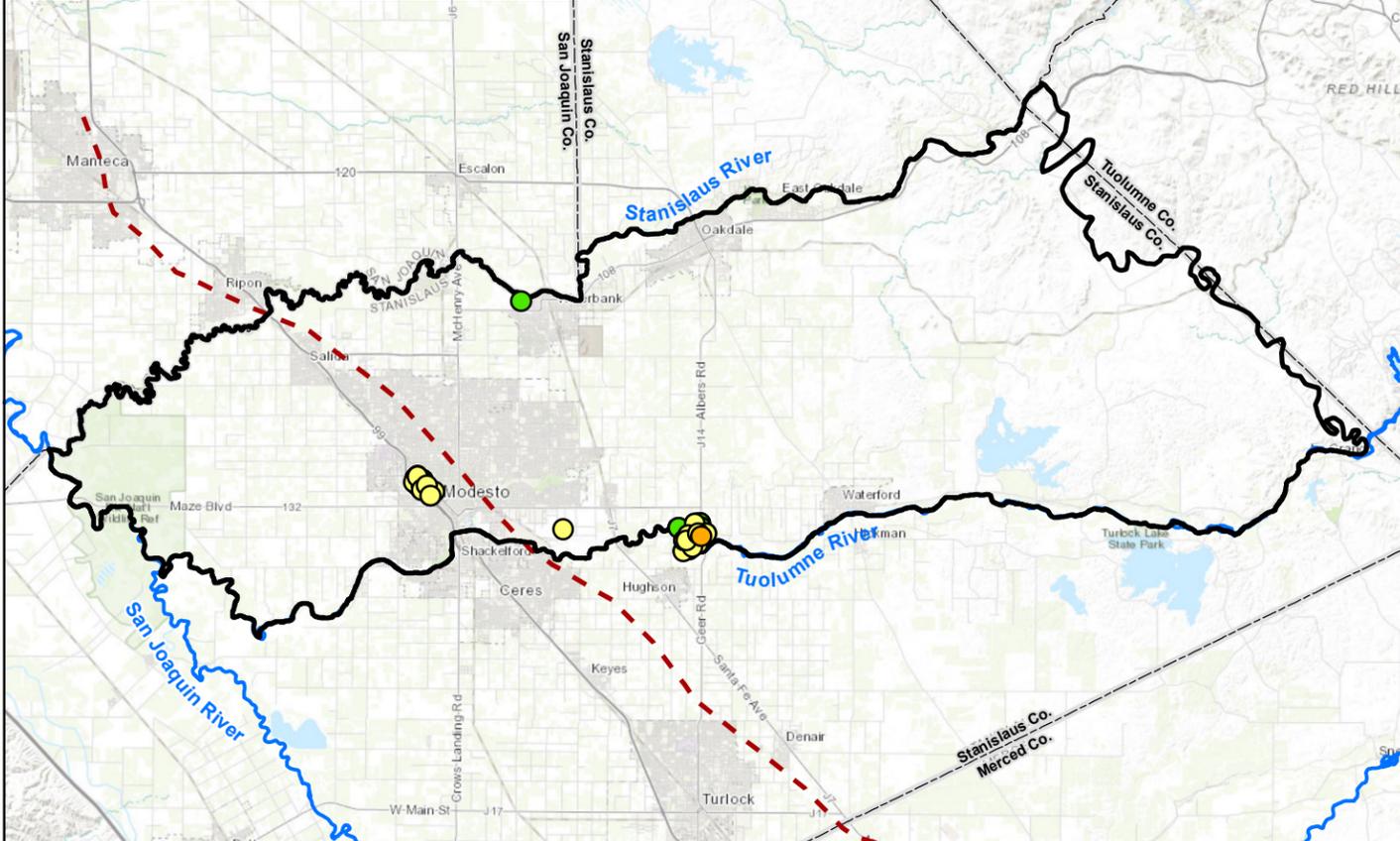


- PCE (MCL = 5 ug/L)**
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 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (0)
 - Above MCL - Equal to or Below Historical Maximum (1)
 - Detection - Below MCL (15)
 - Non-Detect (55)

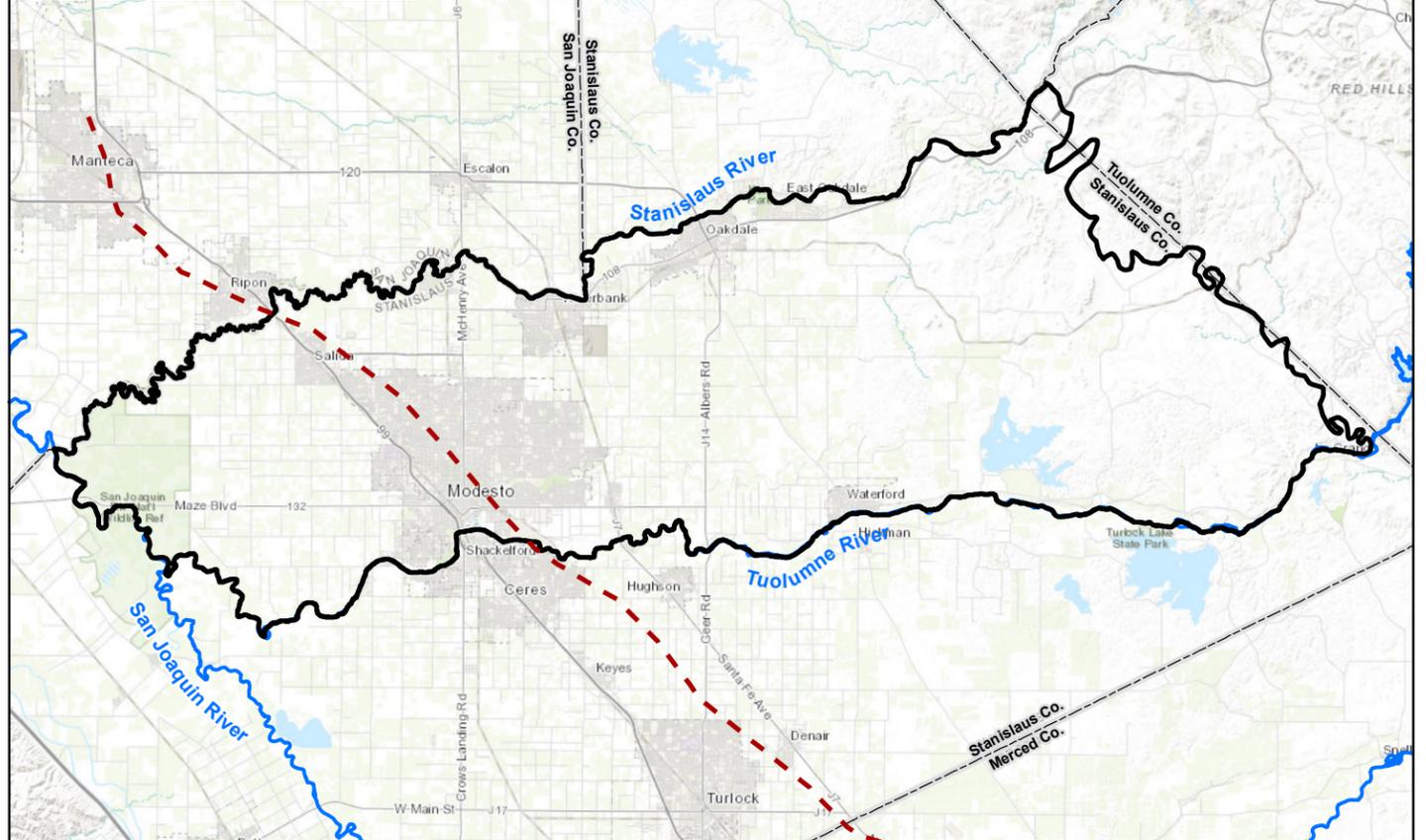


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PCE in Groundwater
WY 2022

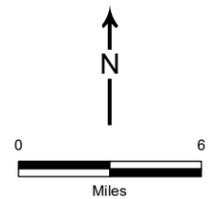
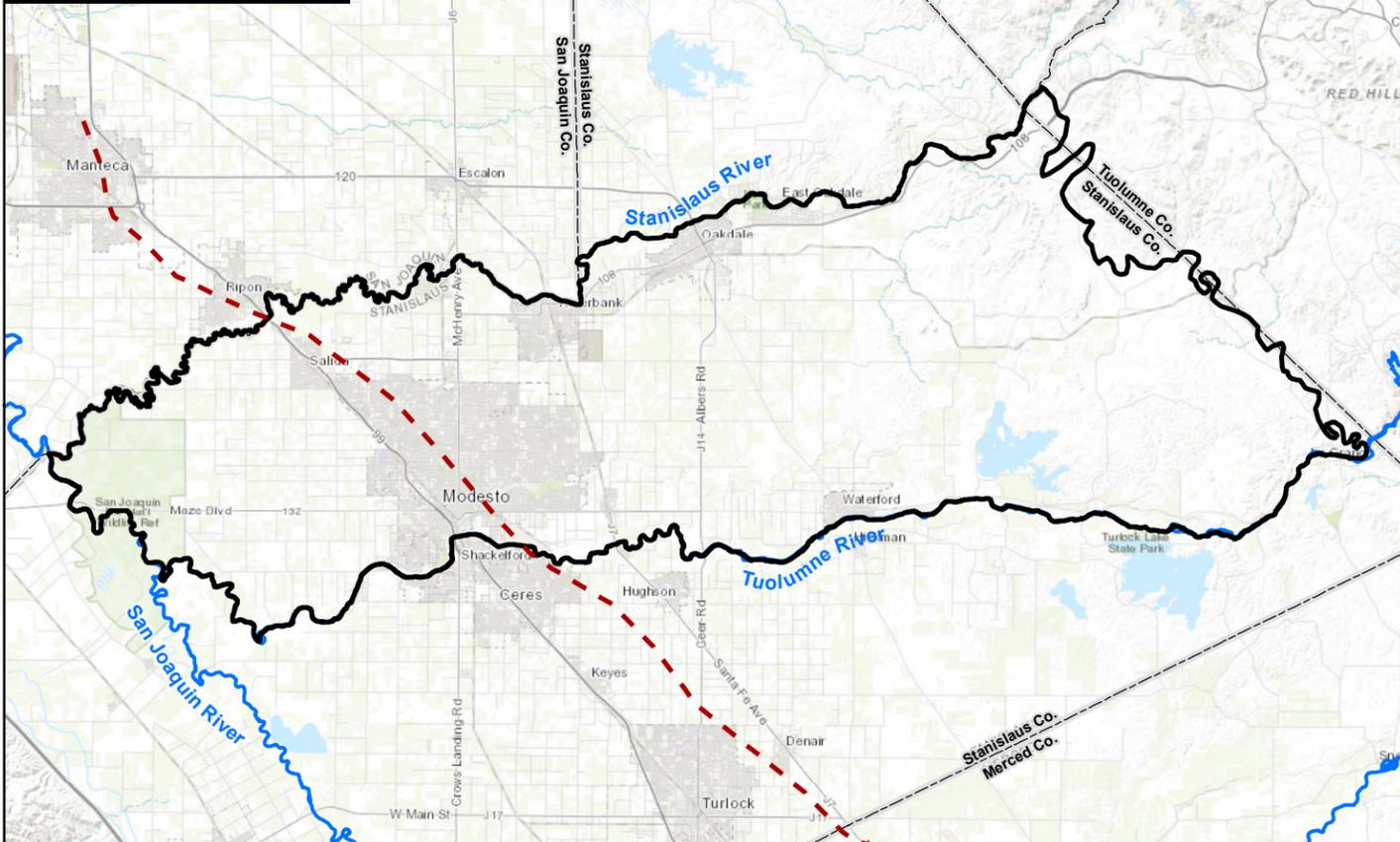
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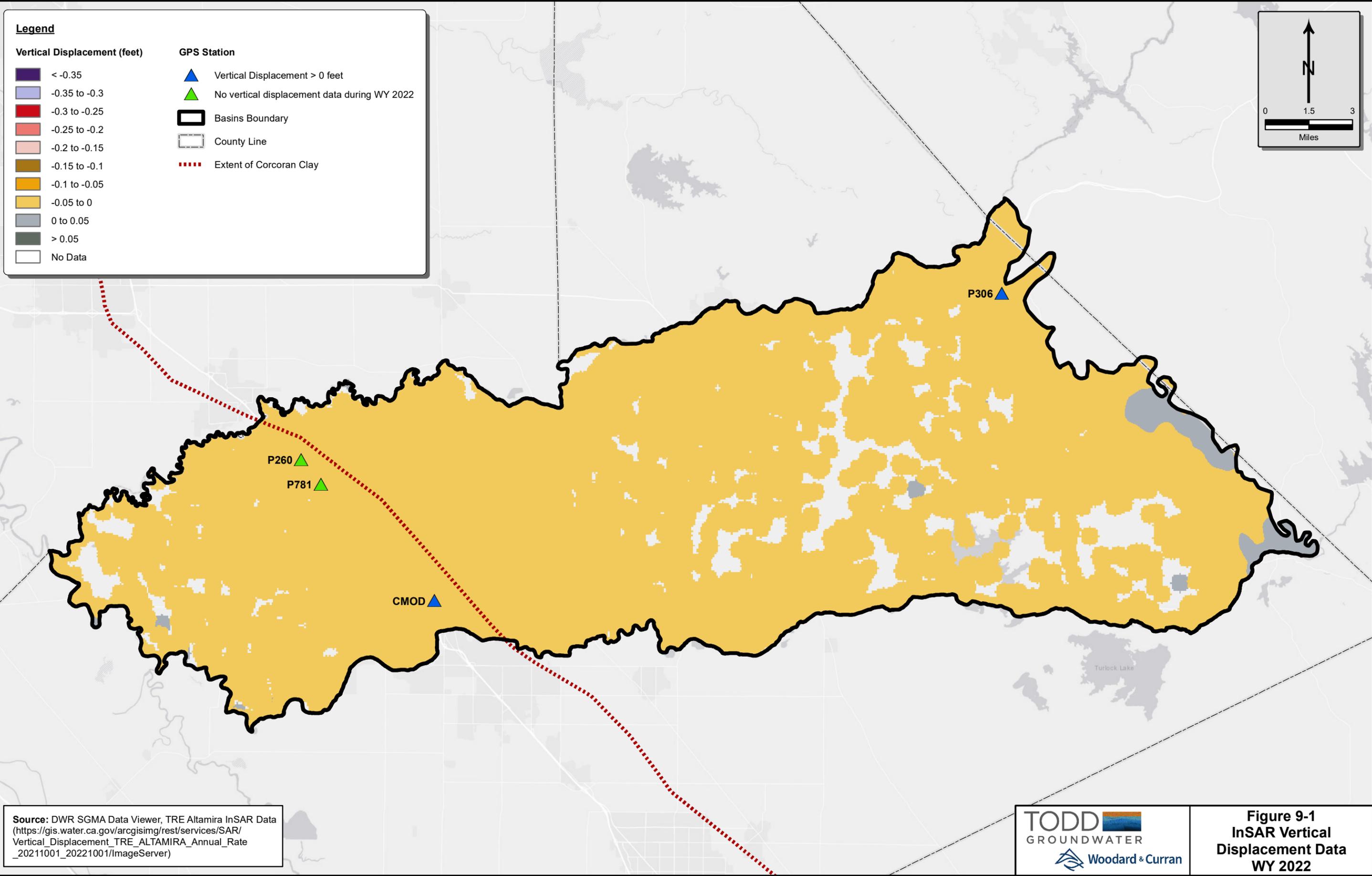
Western Lower Principal Aquifer



Western Principal Aquifers



- TDS (MCL = 500 mg/L)**
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 - Above MCL - Above Historical Maximum (1)
 - Above MCL - Equal to or Below Historical Maximum (29)
 - Detection - Below MCL (31)
 - Non-Detect (0)



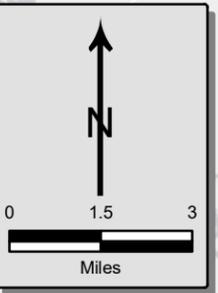
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Vertical Displacement (feet)

- < -0.35
- 0.35 to -0.3
- 0.3 to -0.25
- 0.25 to -0.2
- 0.2 to -0.15
- 0.15 to -0.1
- 0.1 to -0.05
- 0.05 to 0
- 0 to 0.05
- > 0.05
- No Data

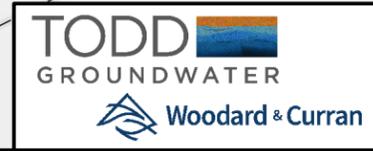
GPS Station

- Vertical Displacement > 0 feet
- No vertical displacement data during WY 2022
- Basins Boundary
- County Line
- Extent of Corcoran Clay



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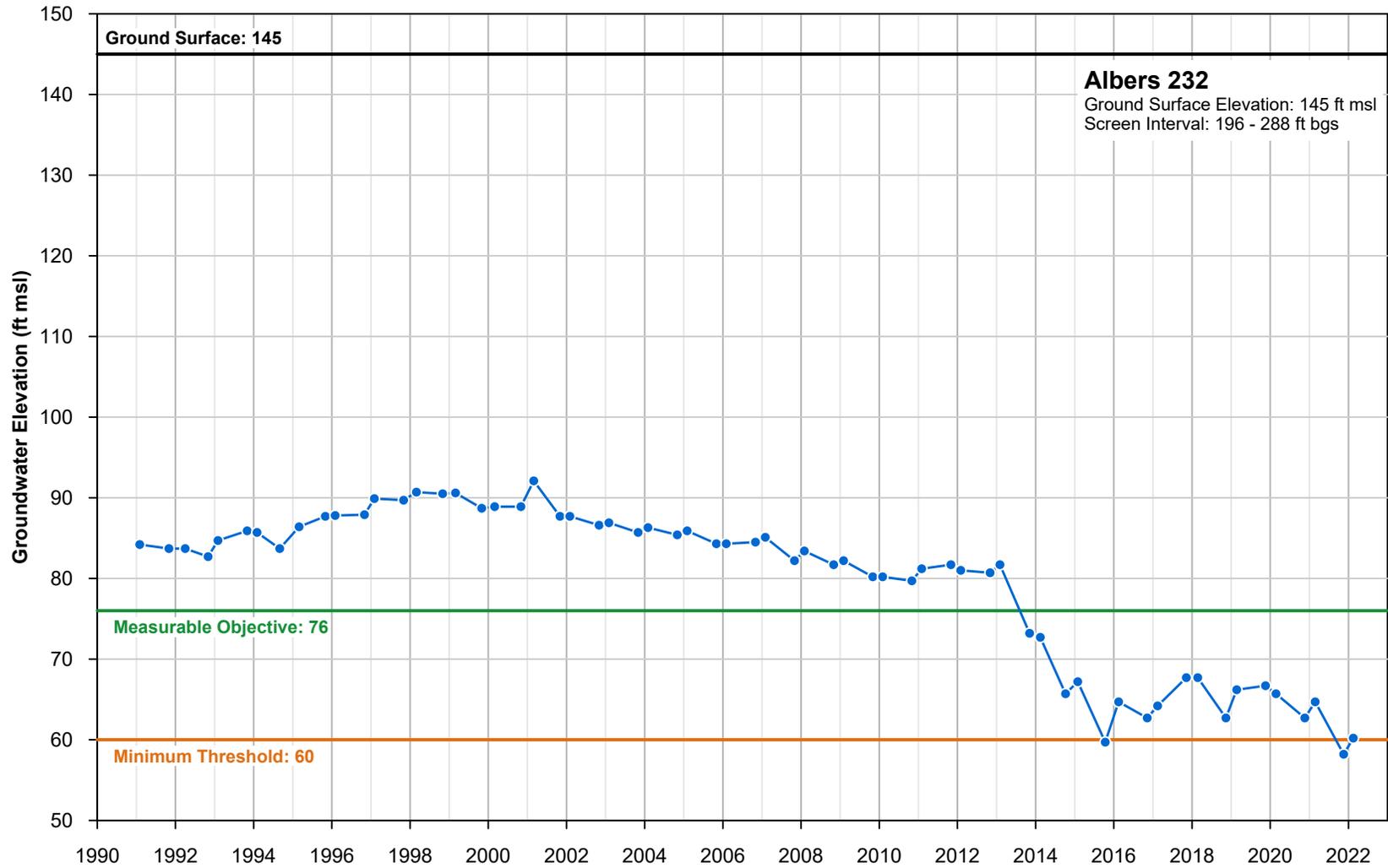
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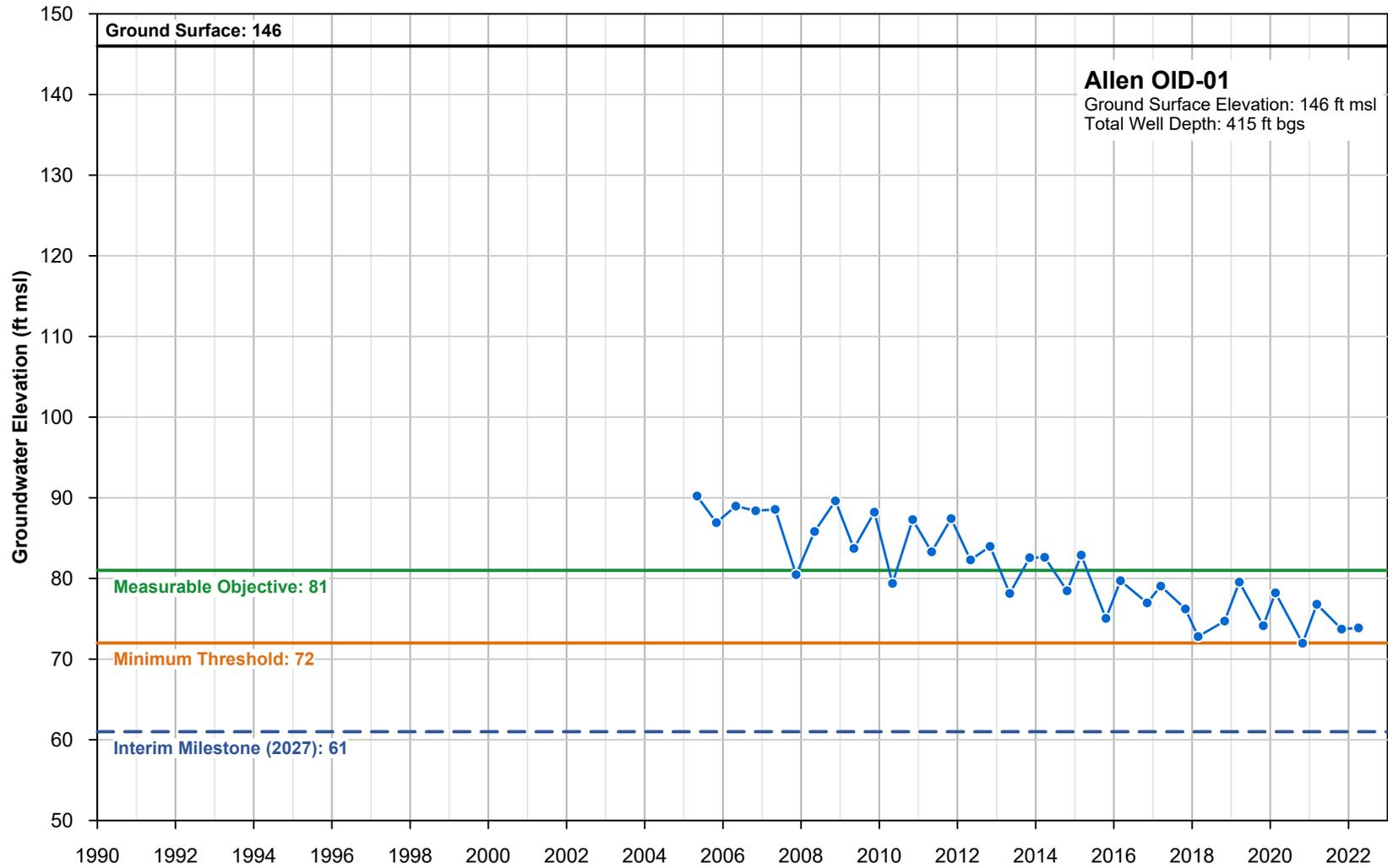
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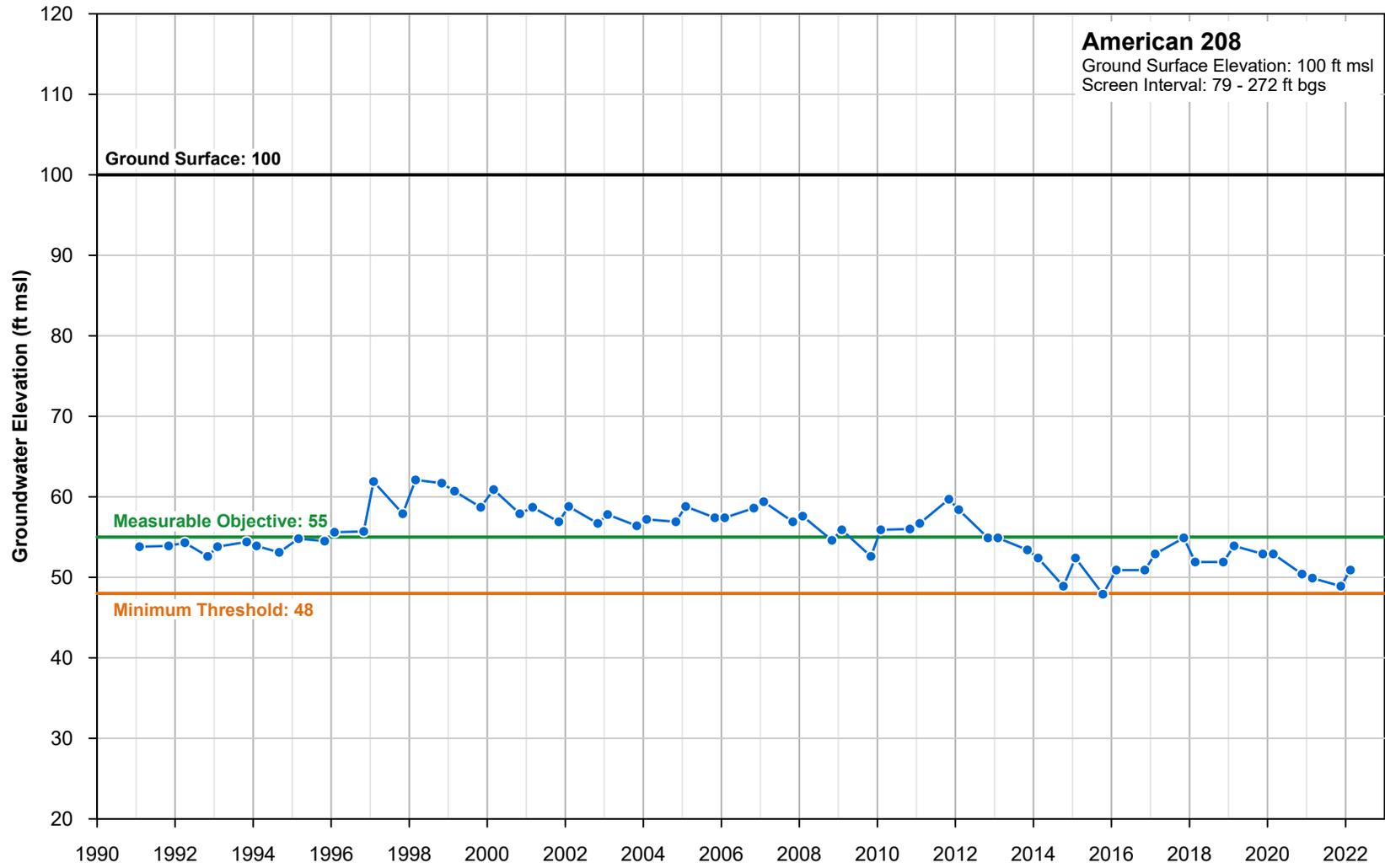
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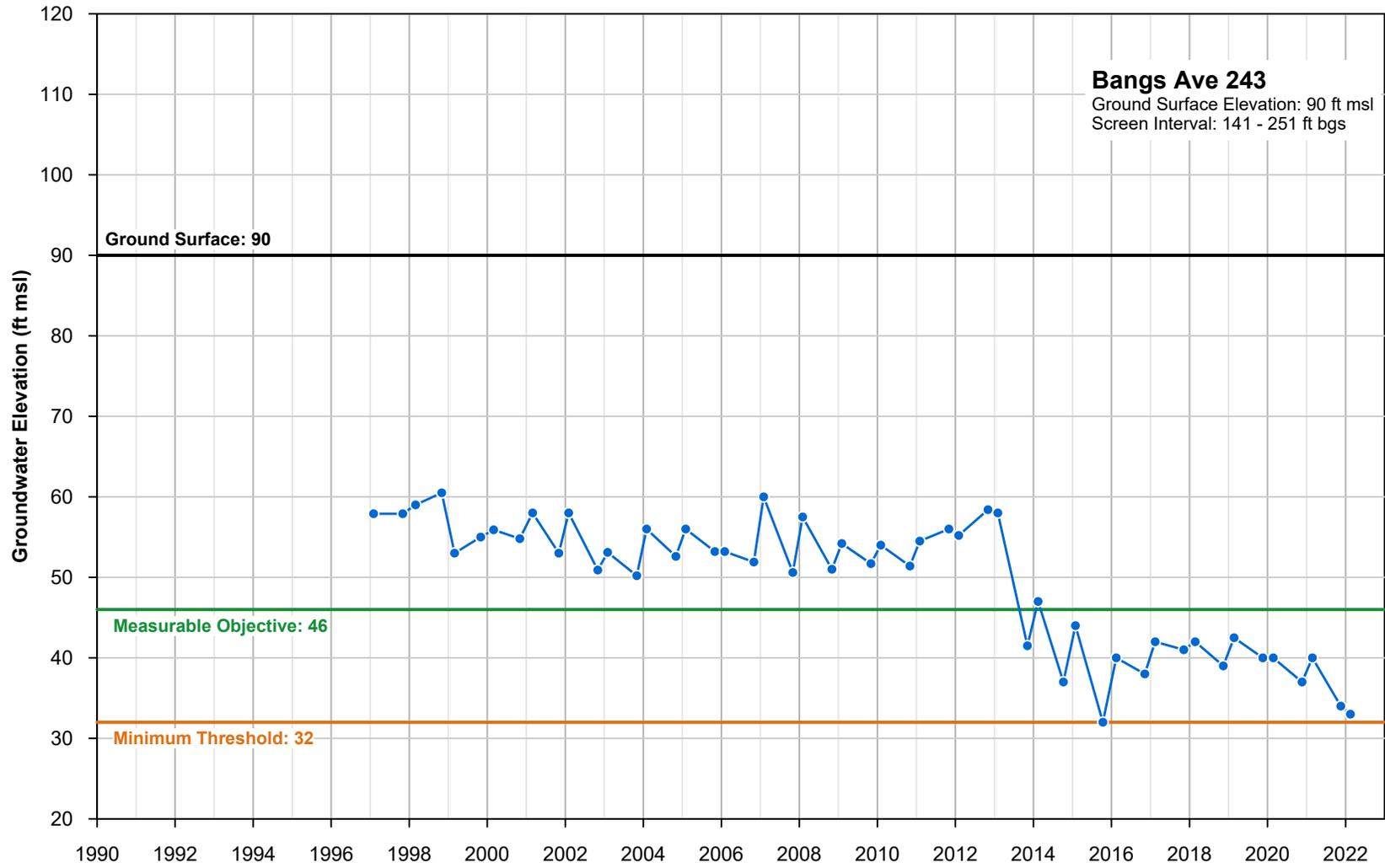
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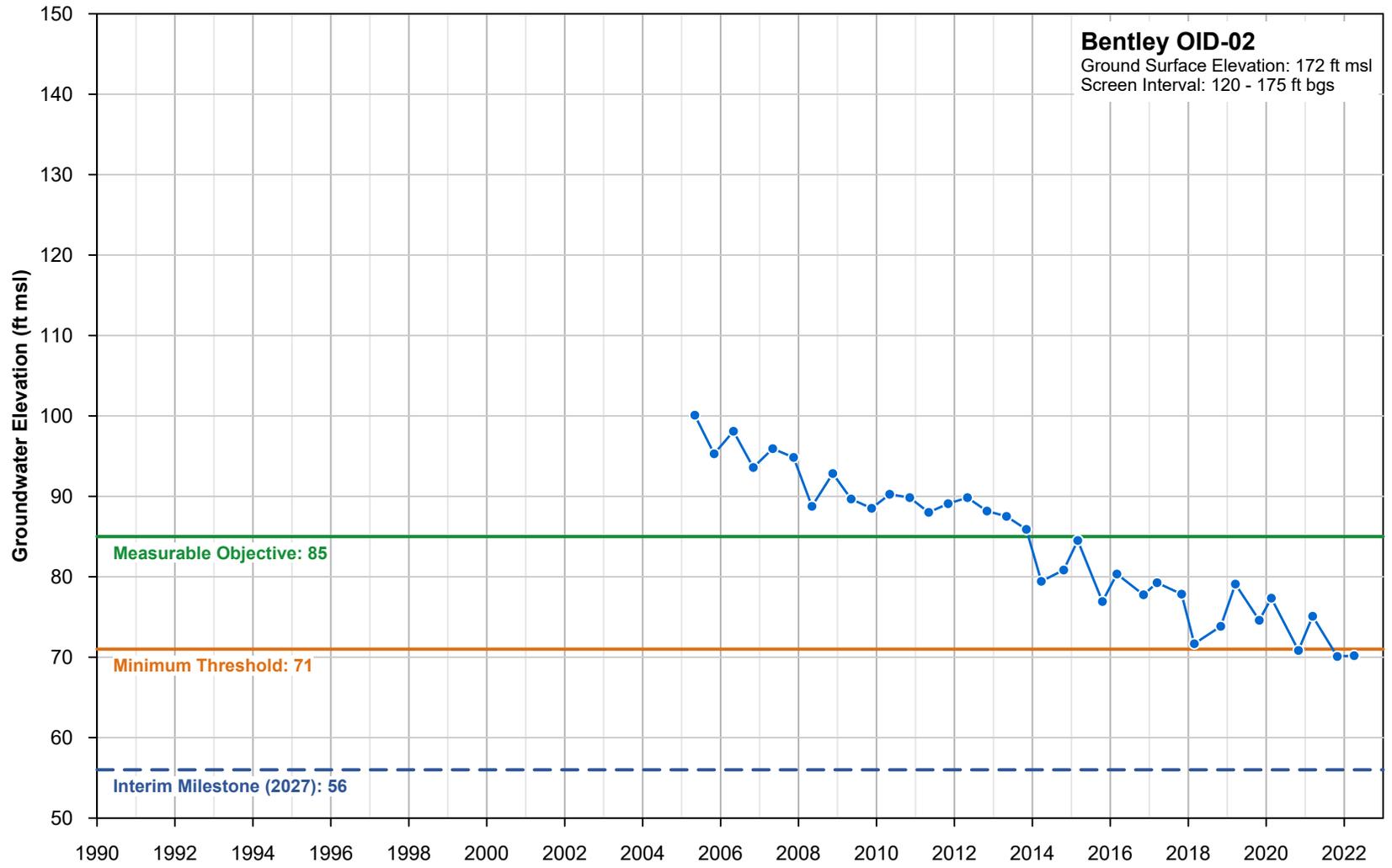
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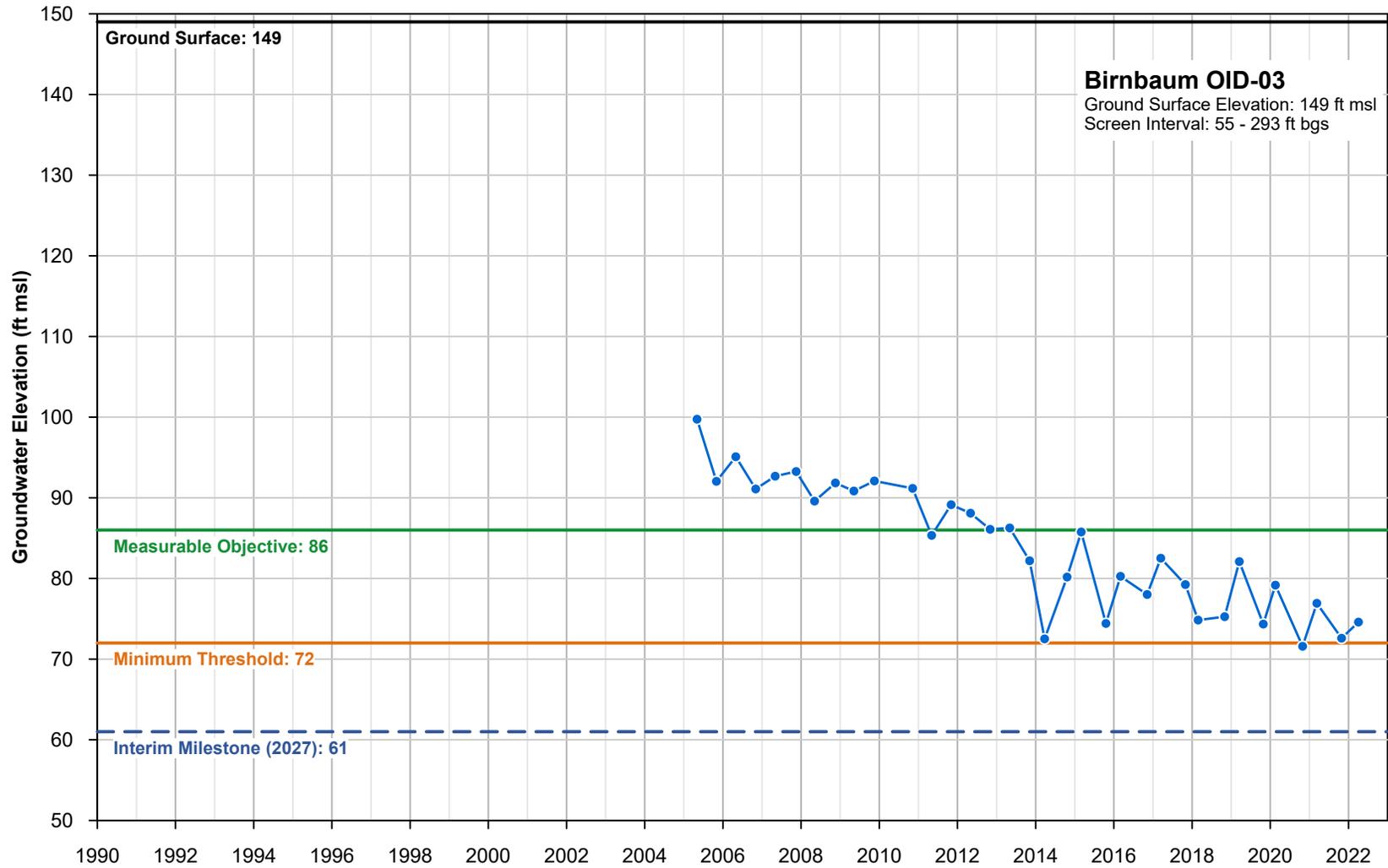


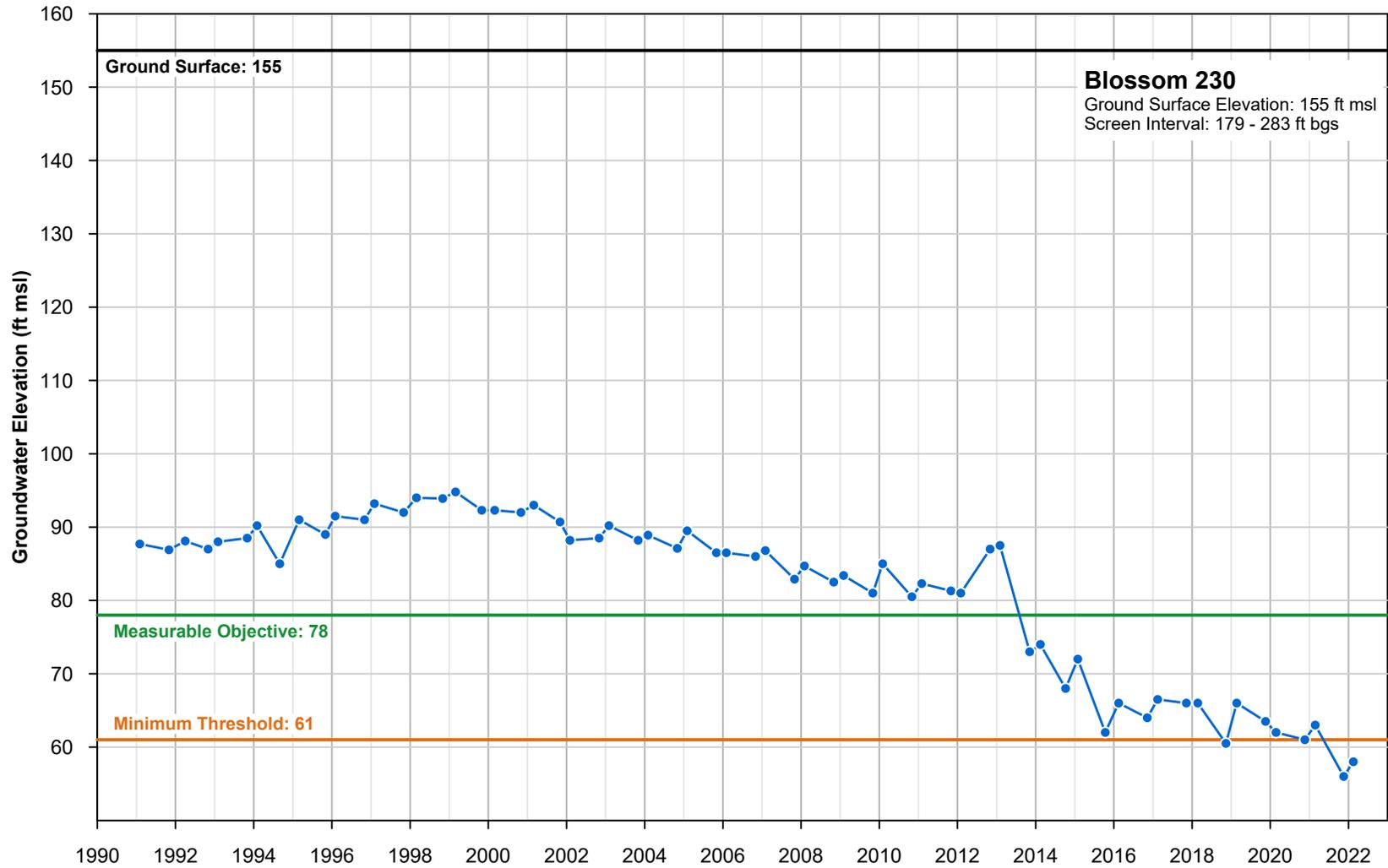


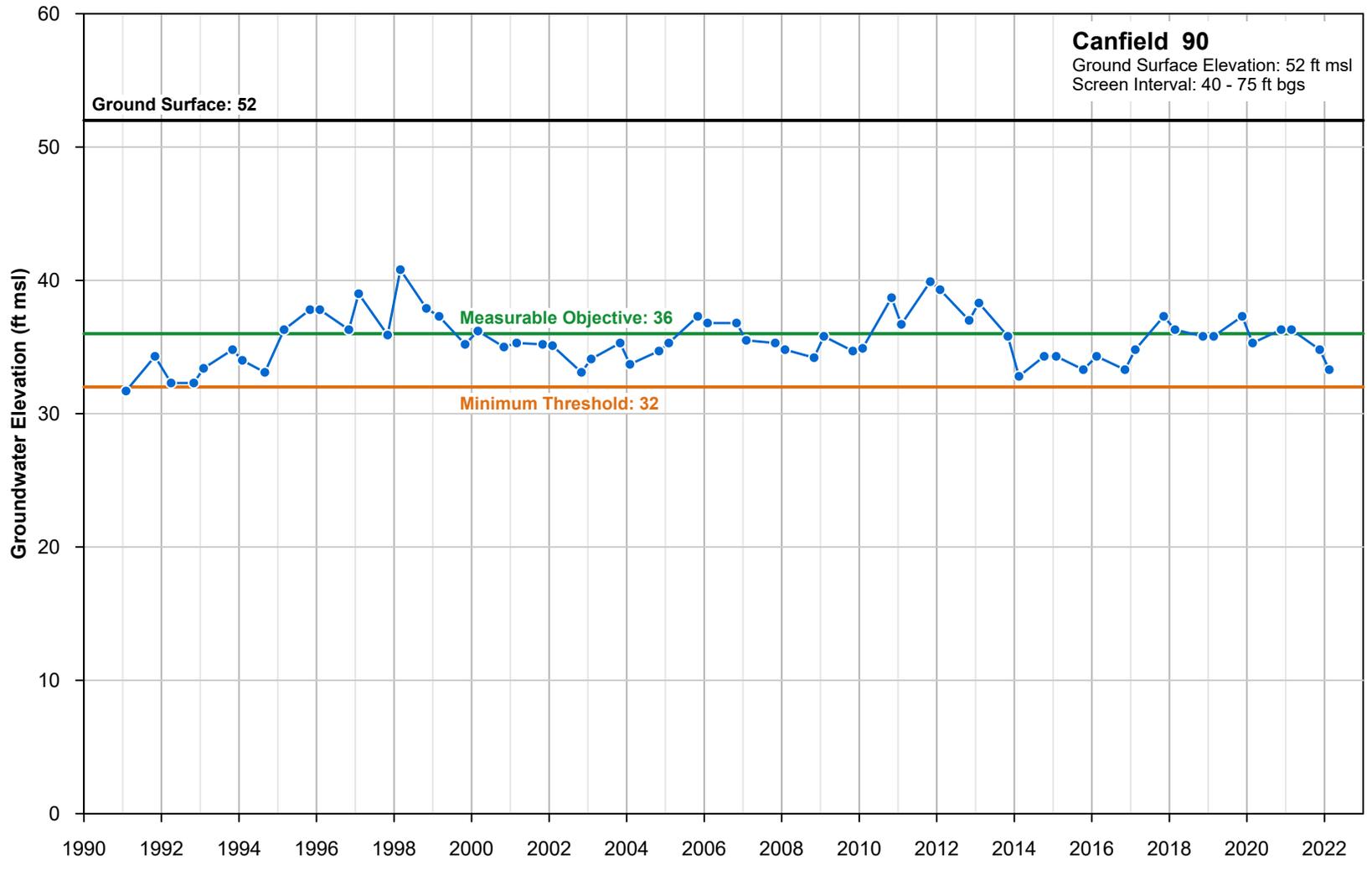


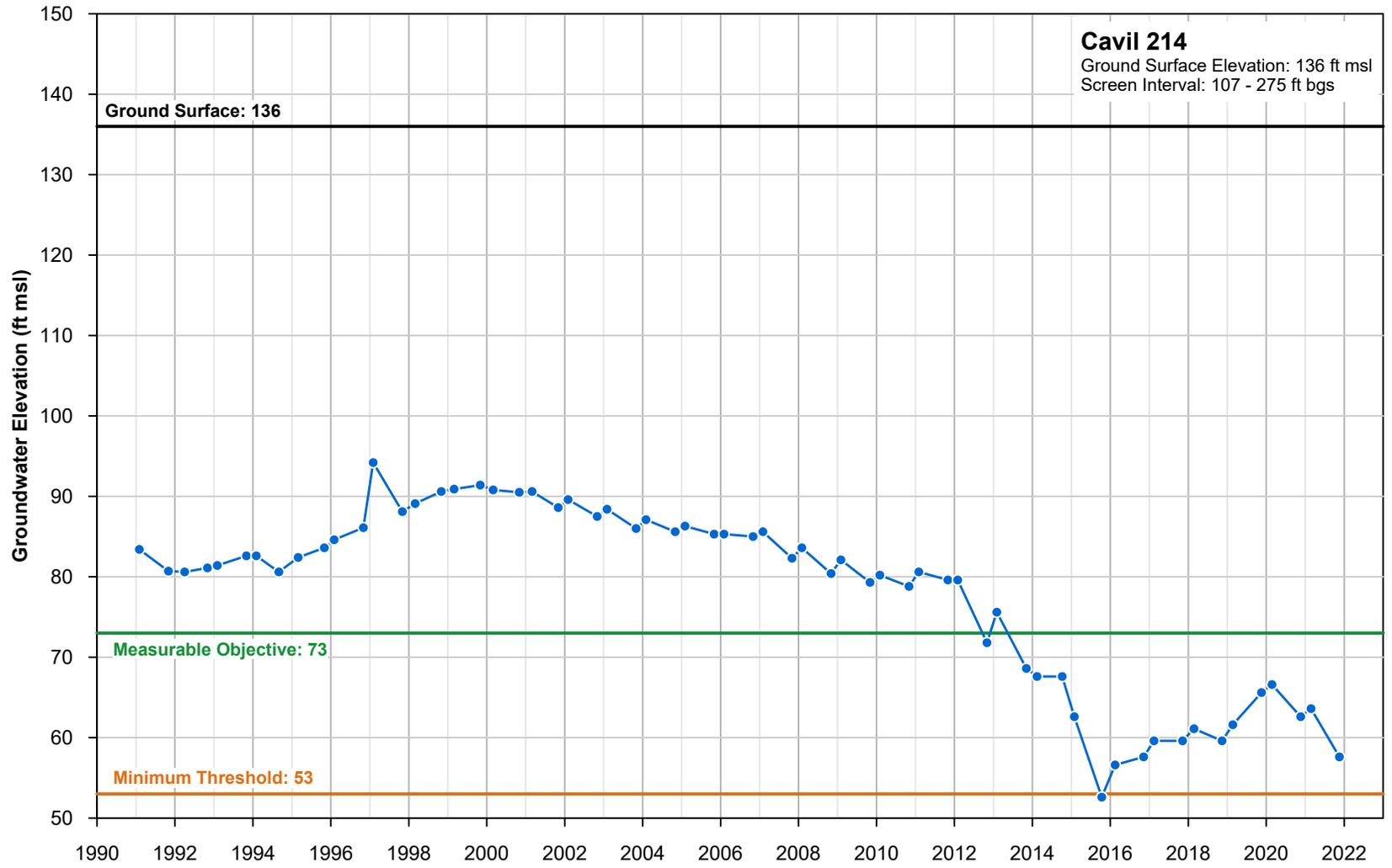


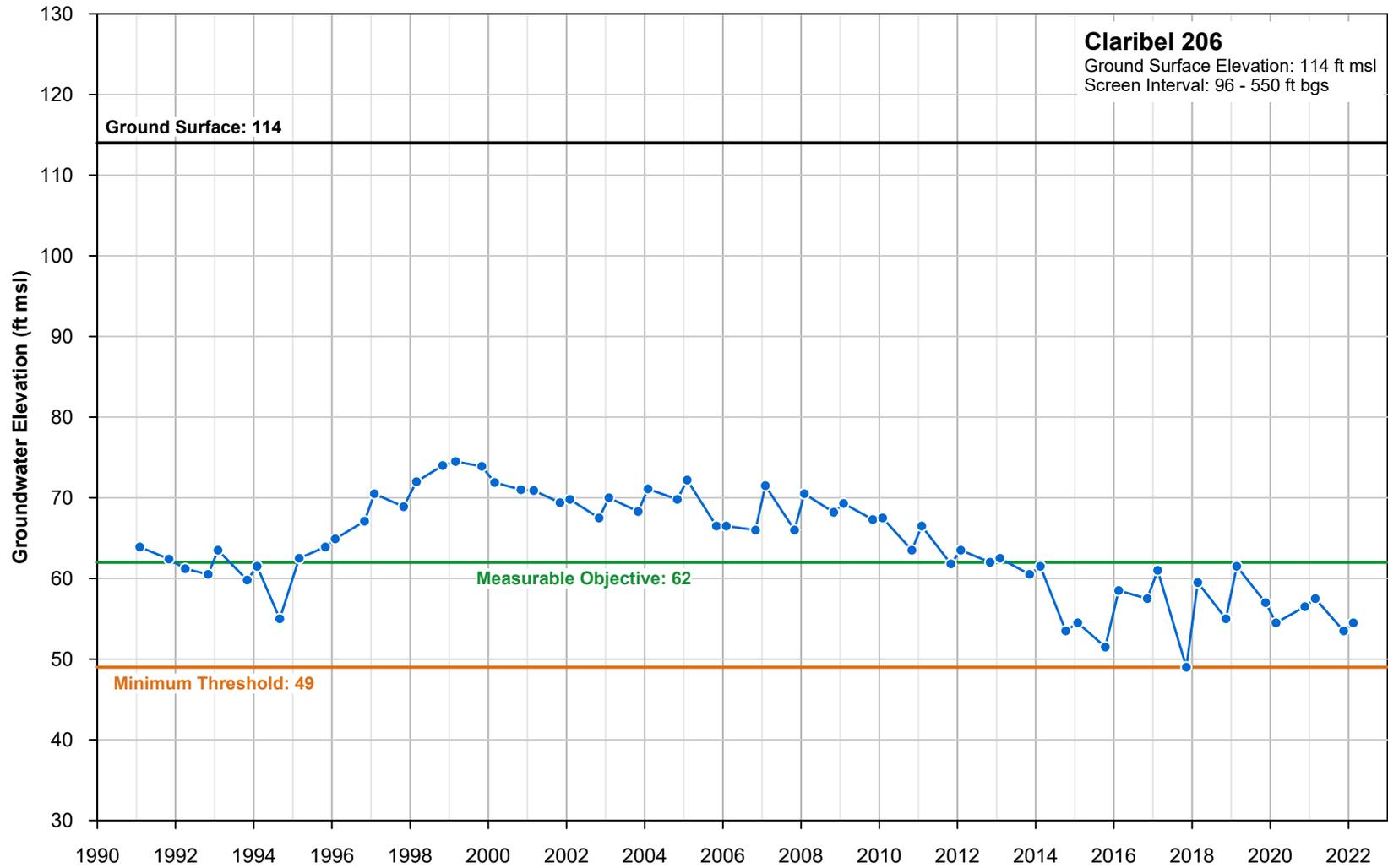


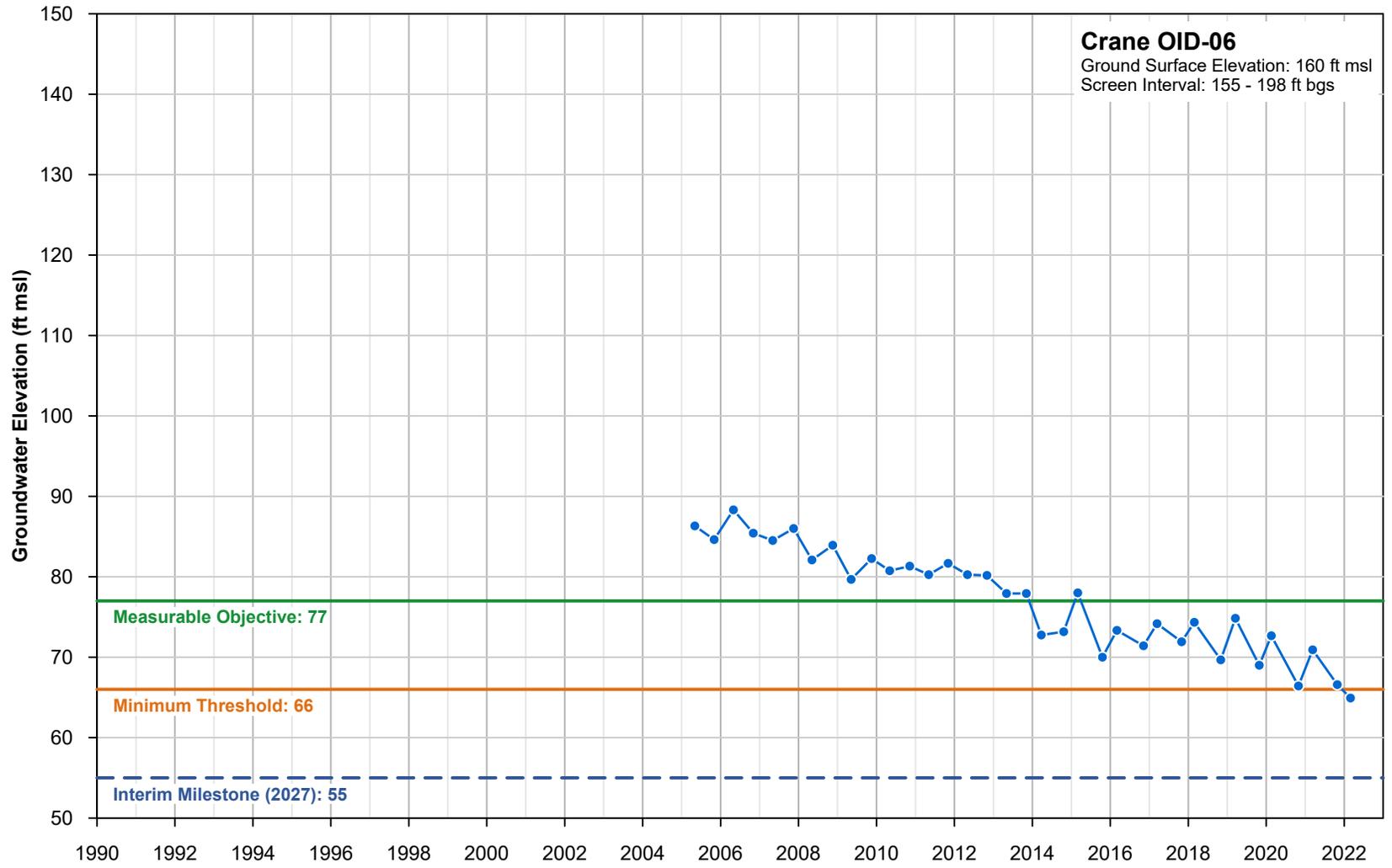


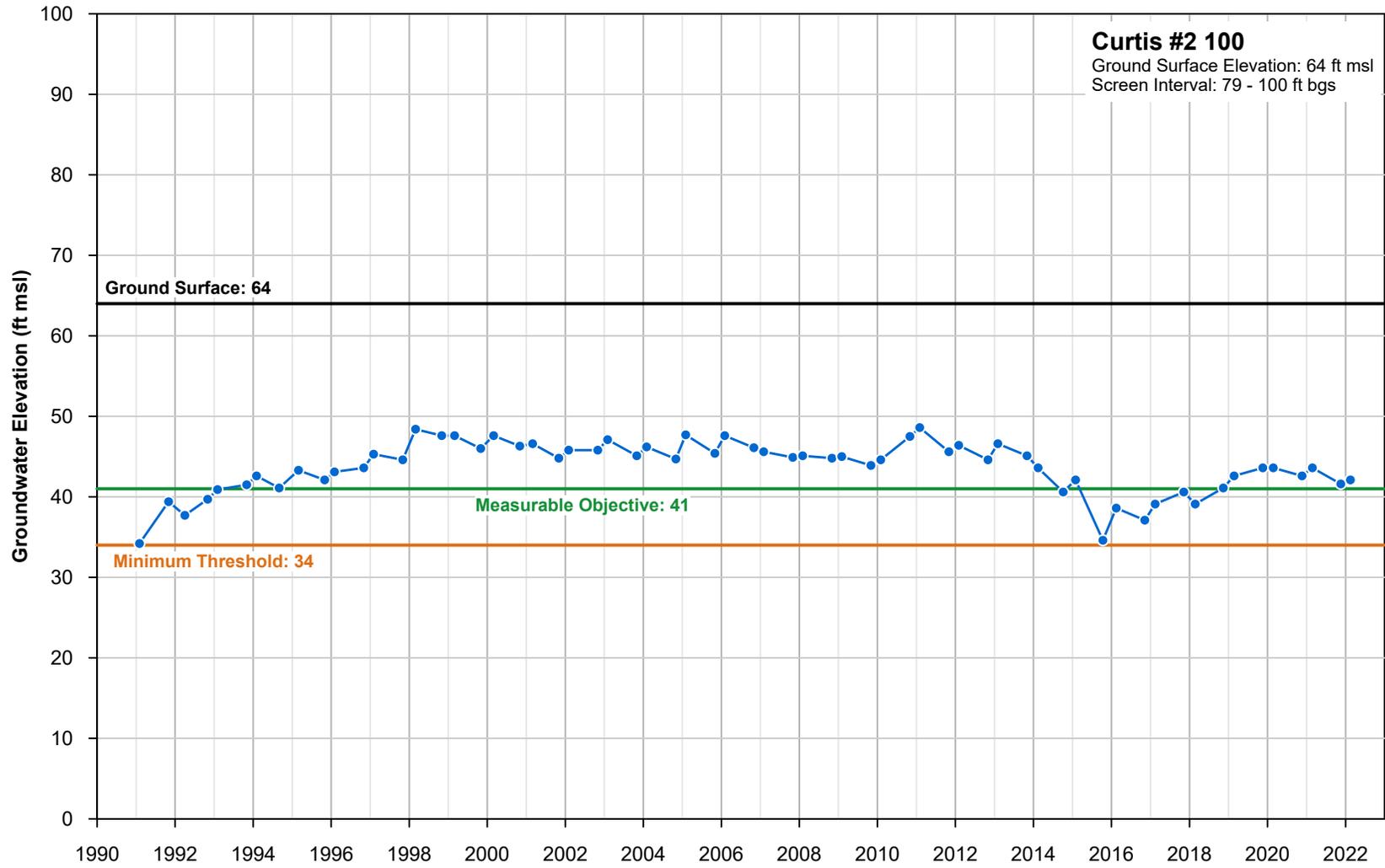


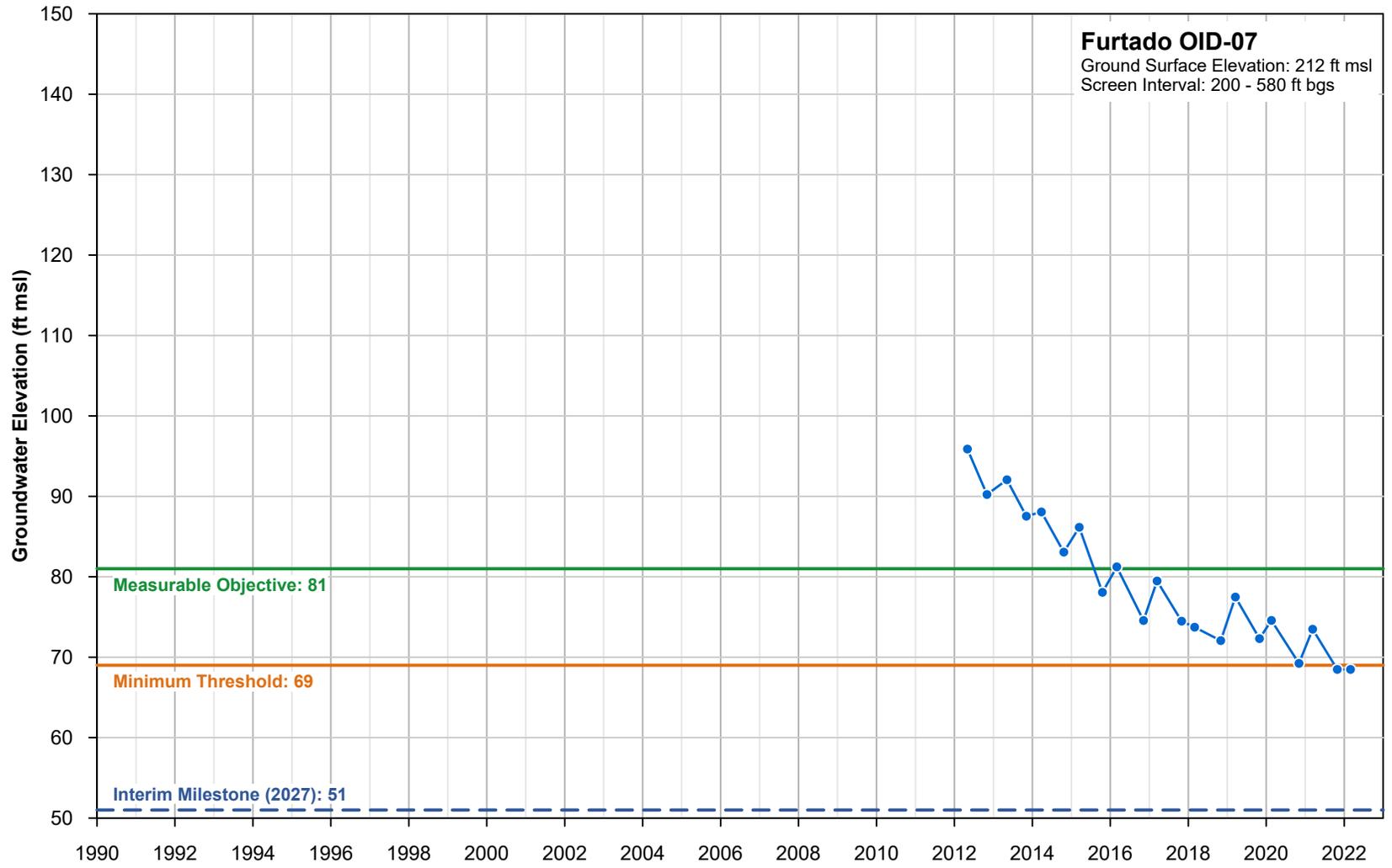


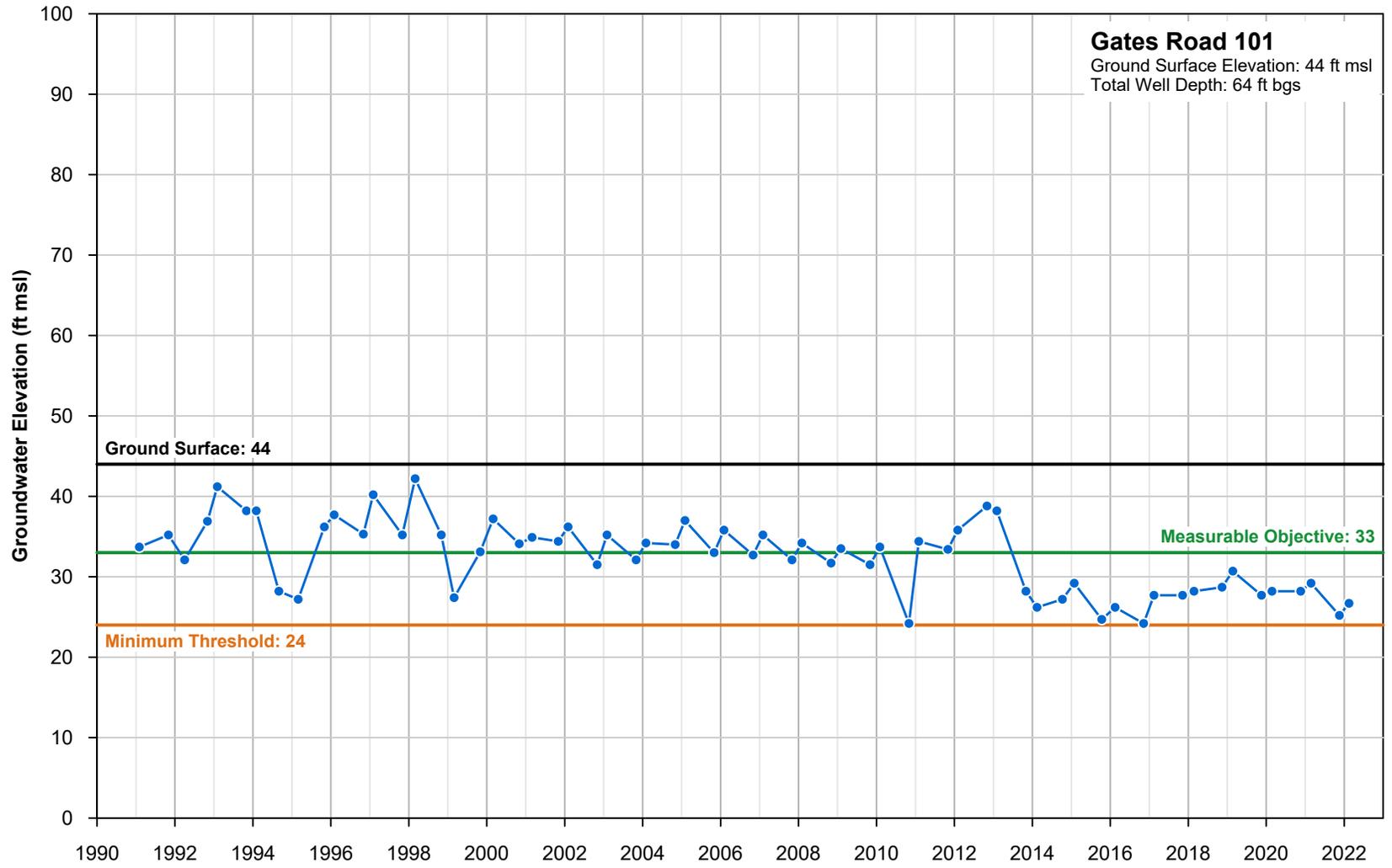


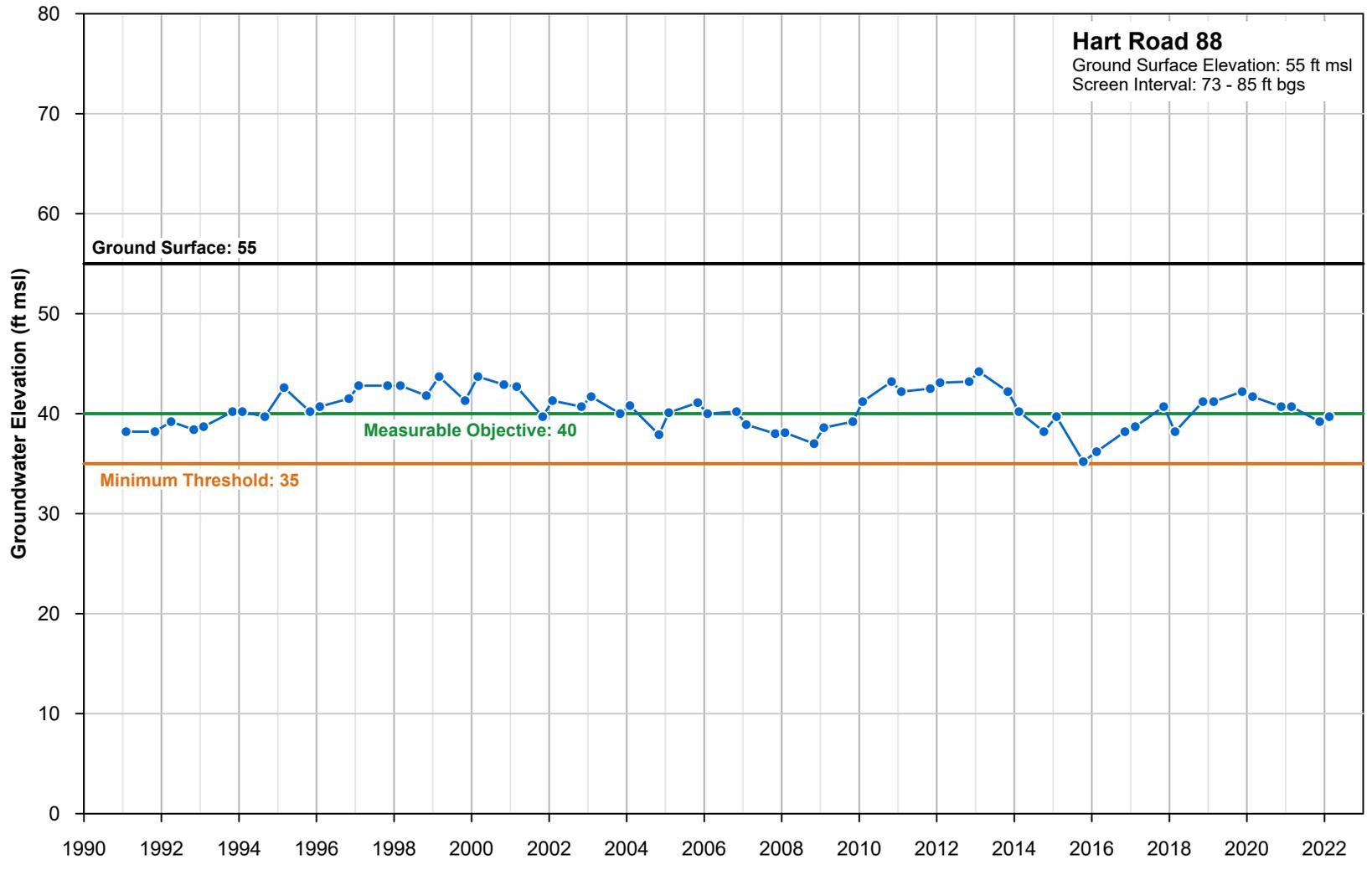


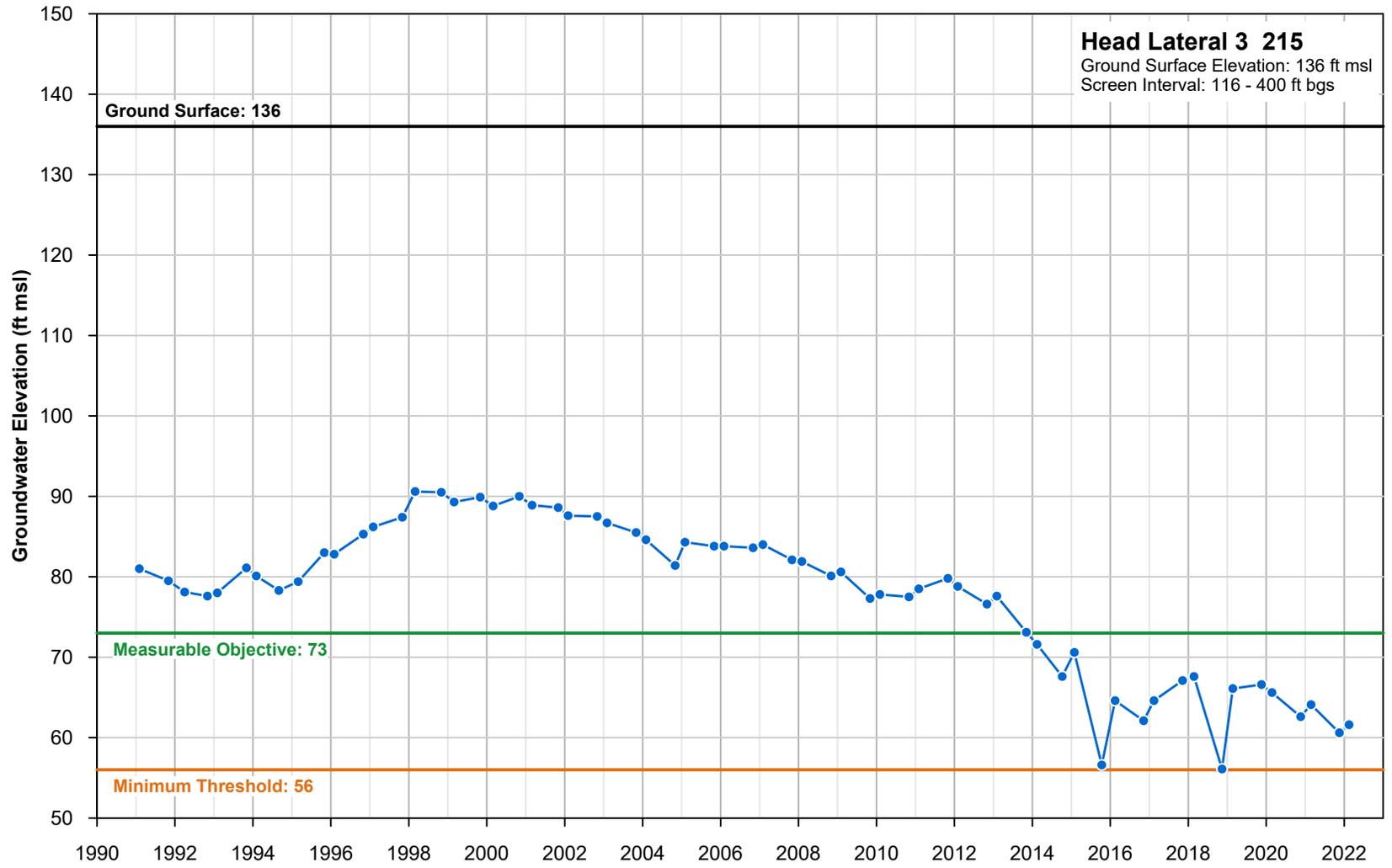


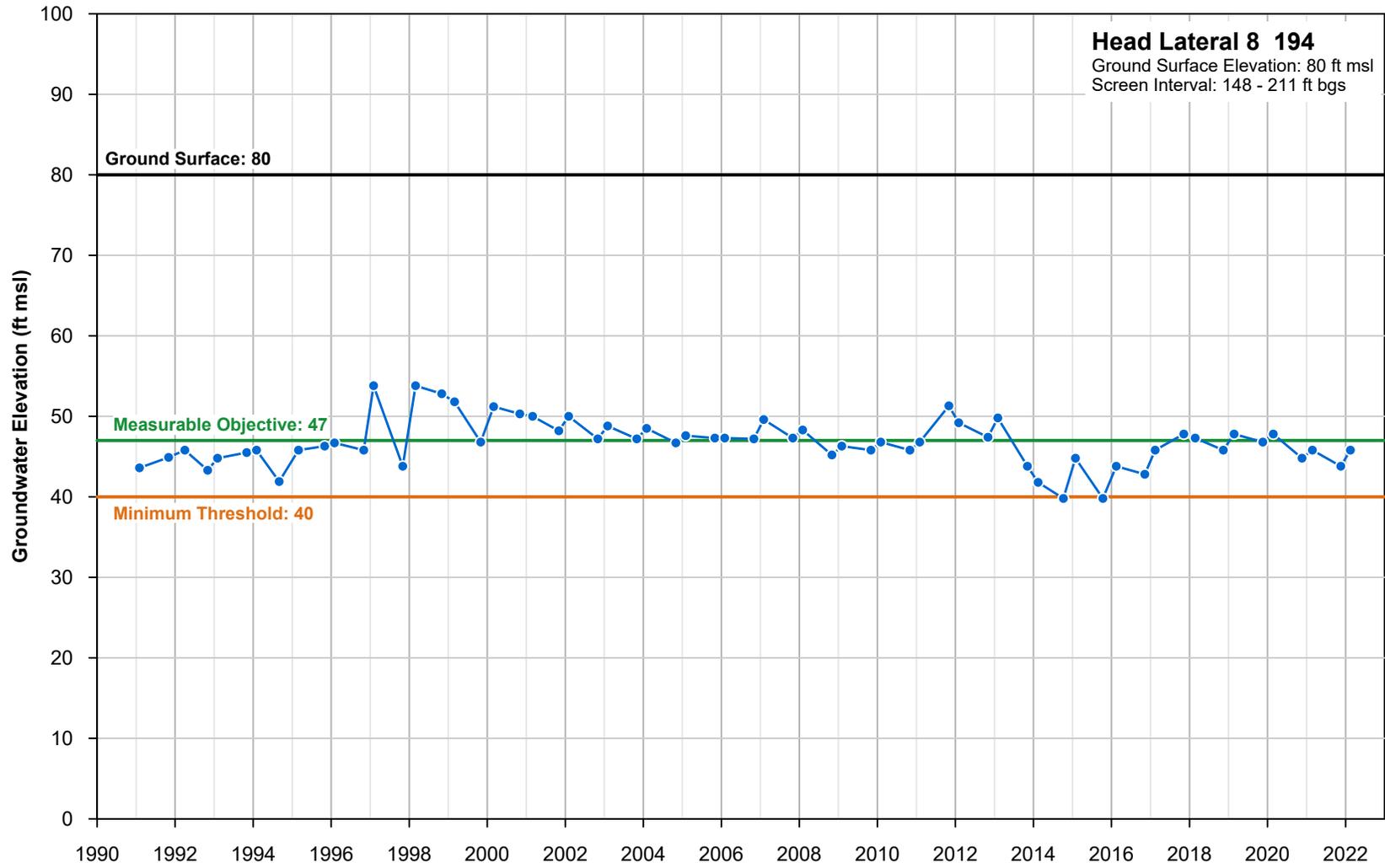


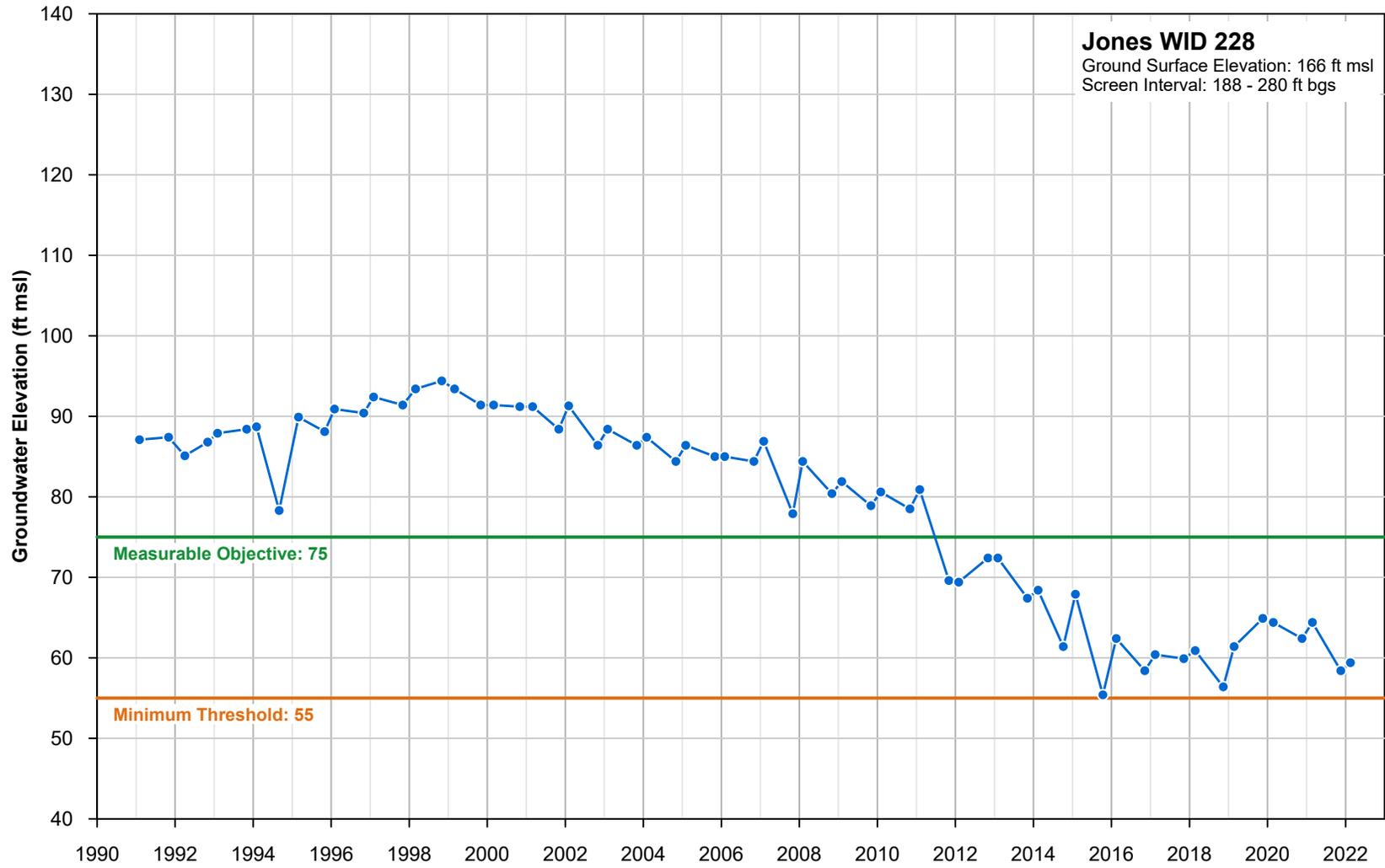


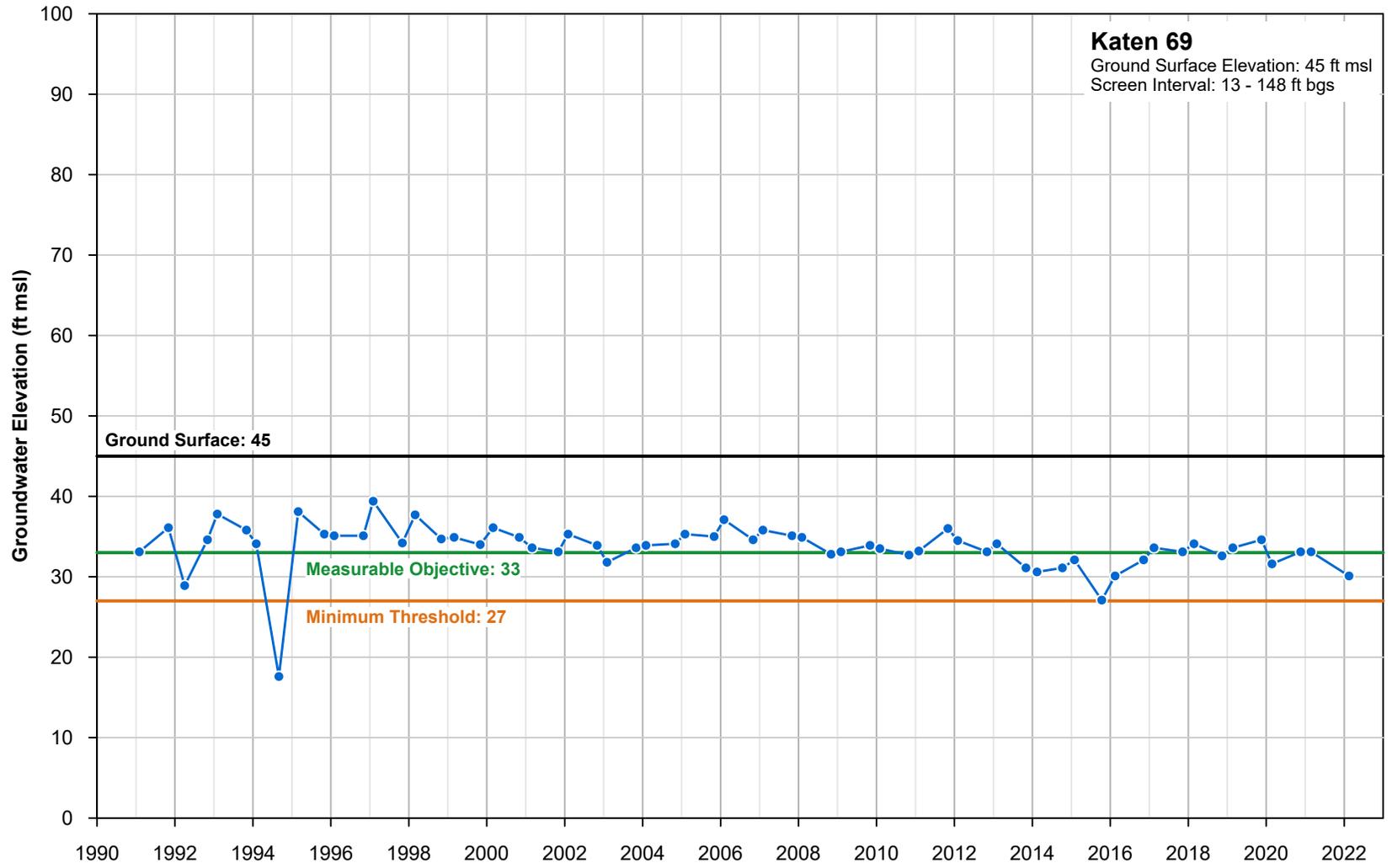


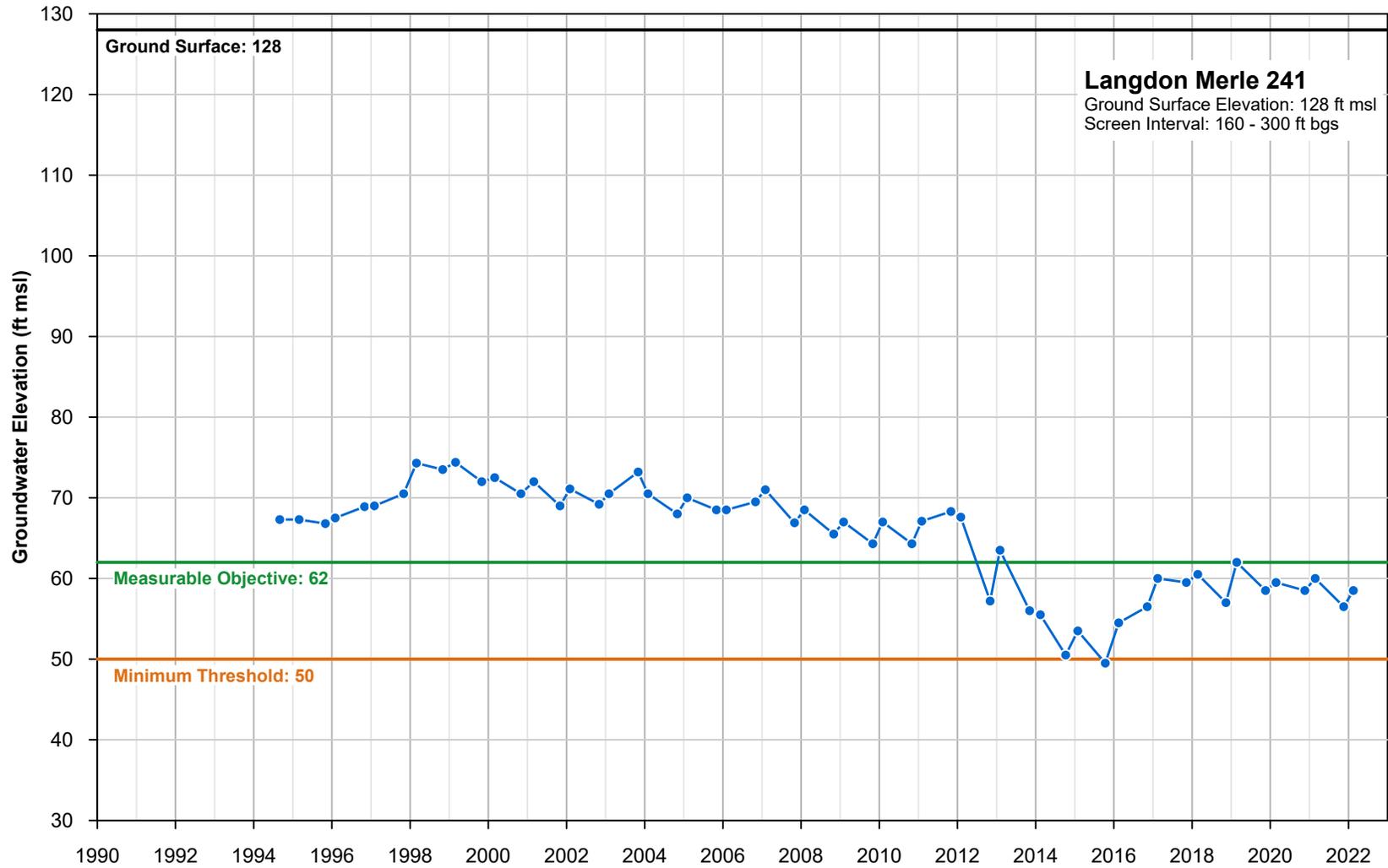


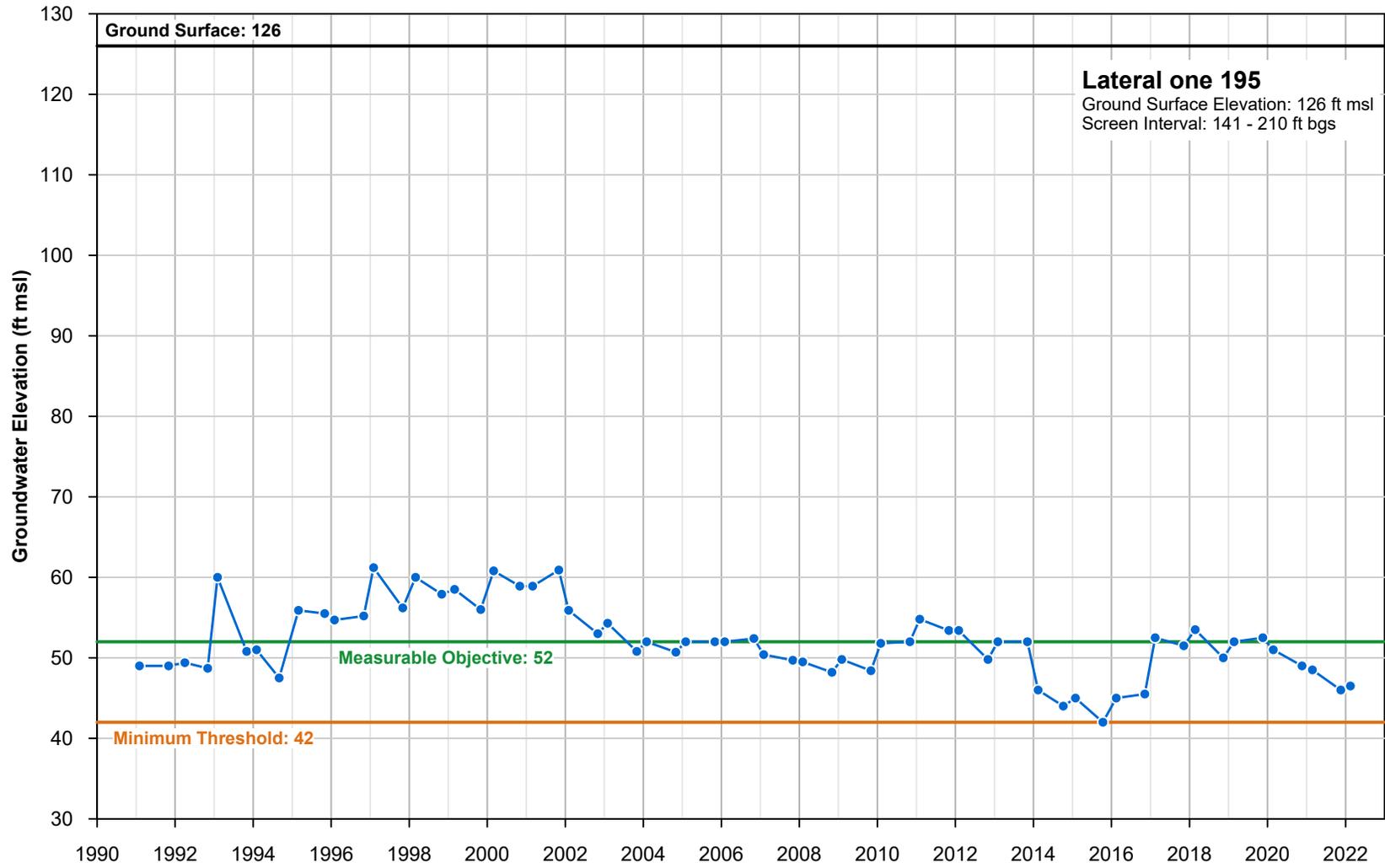


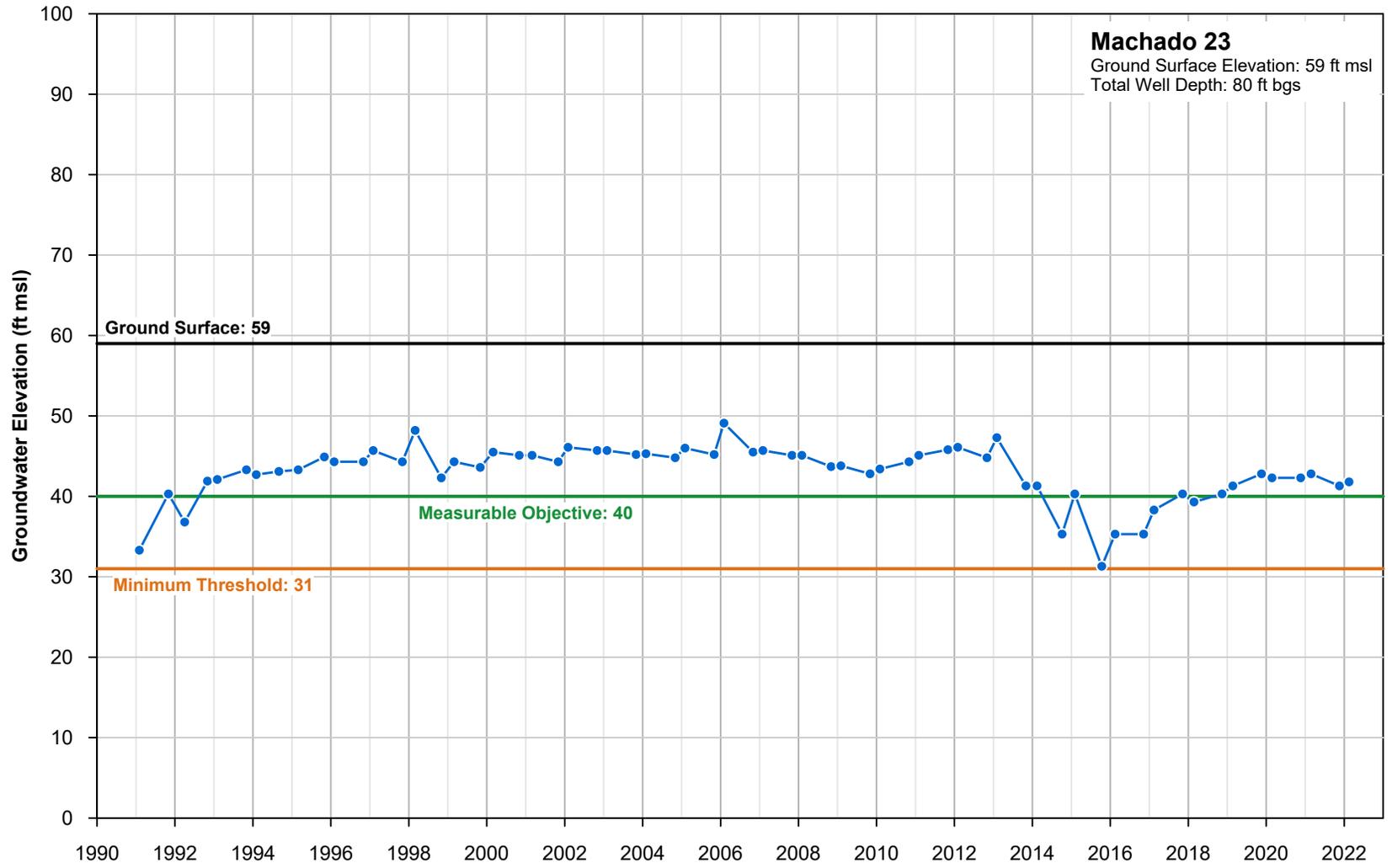


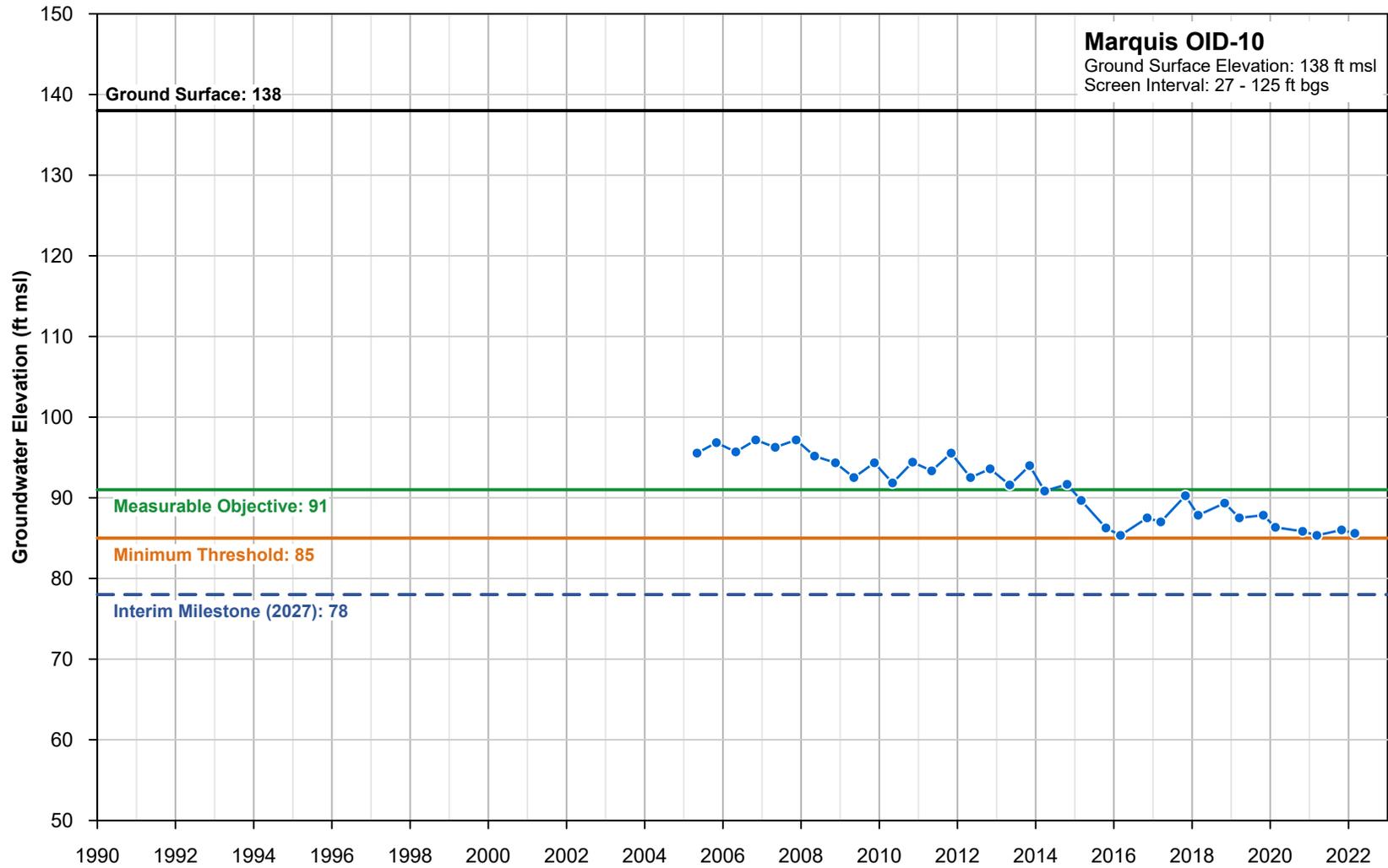


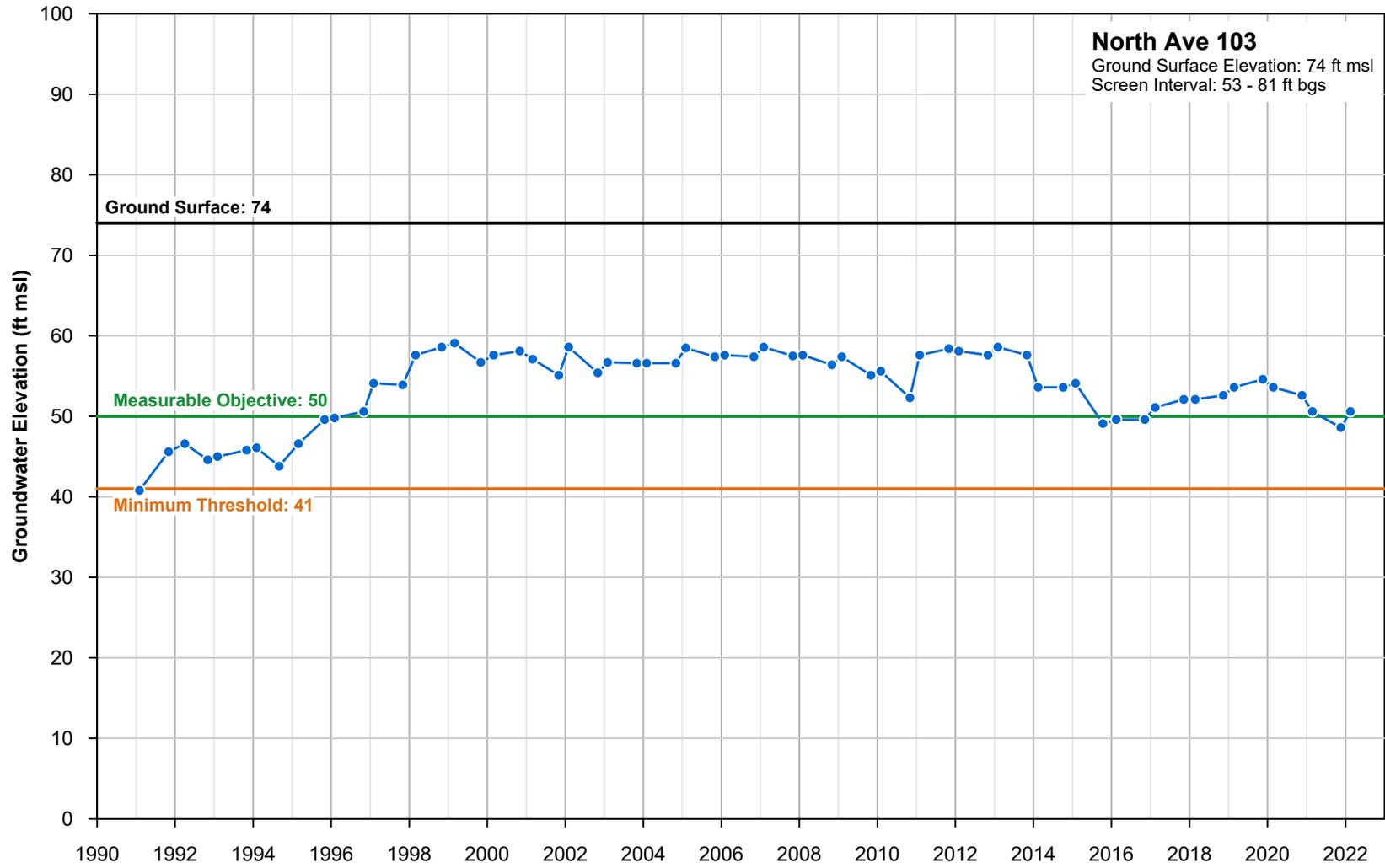


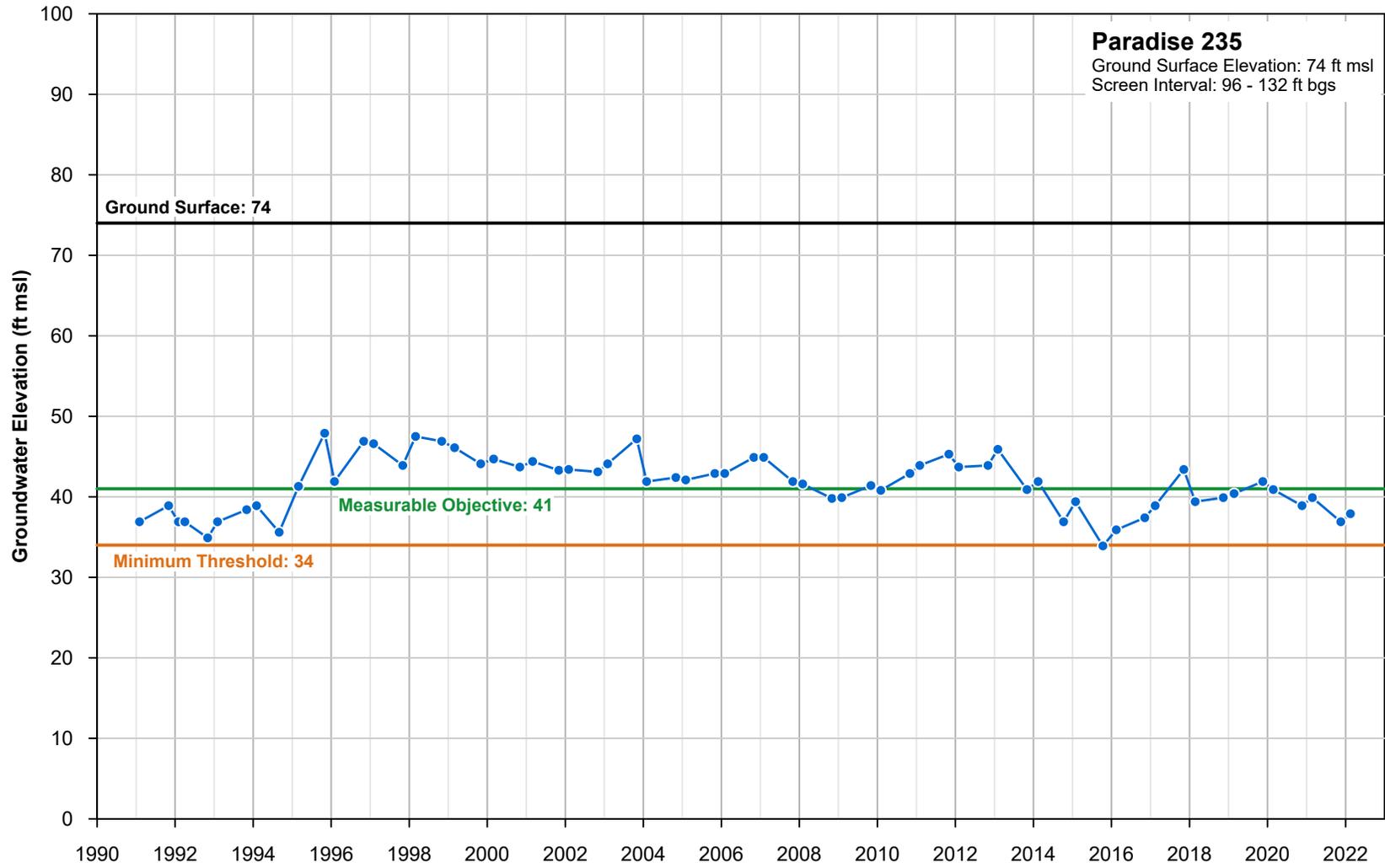


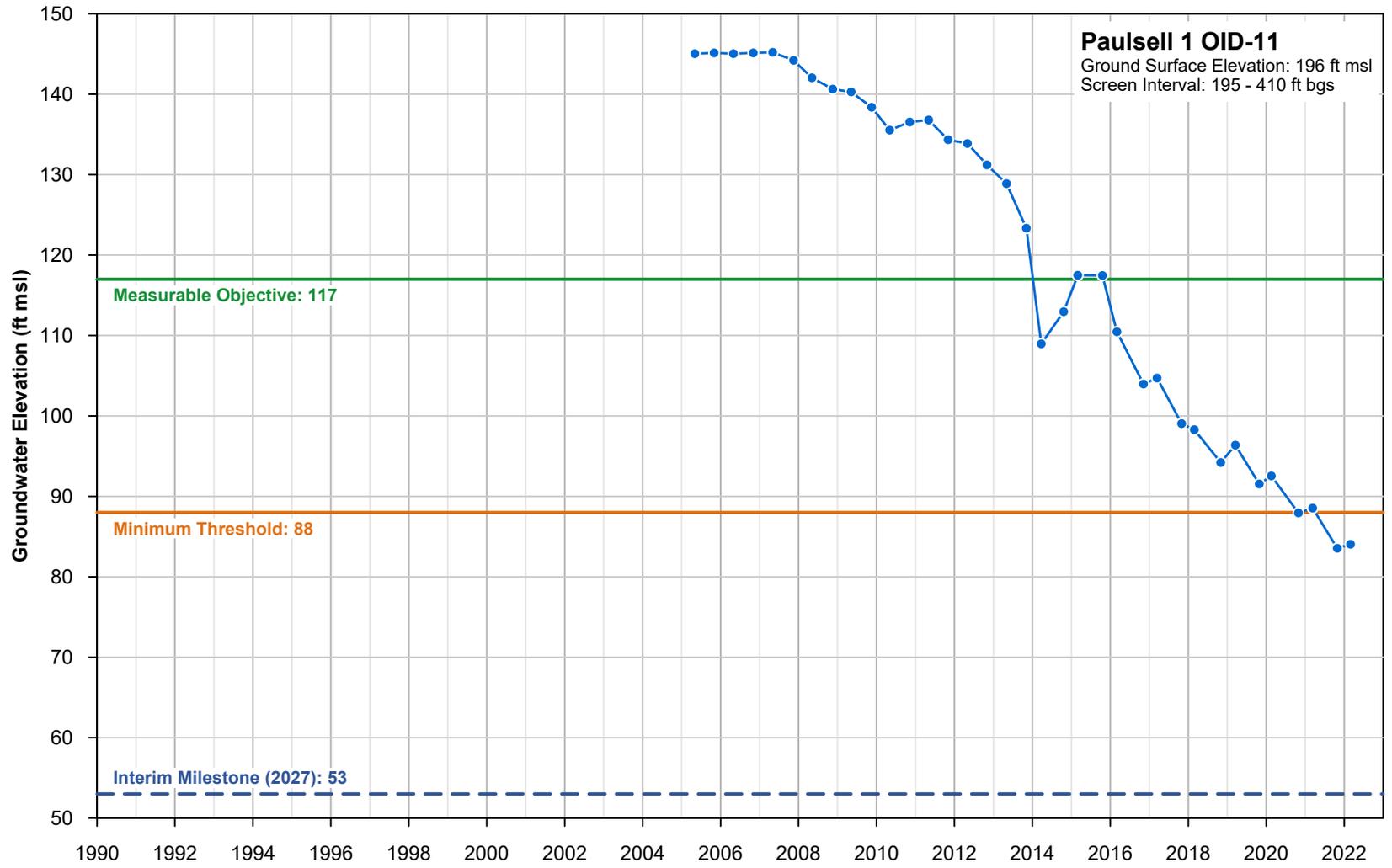


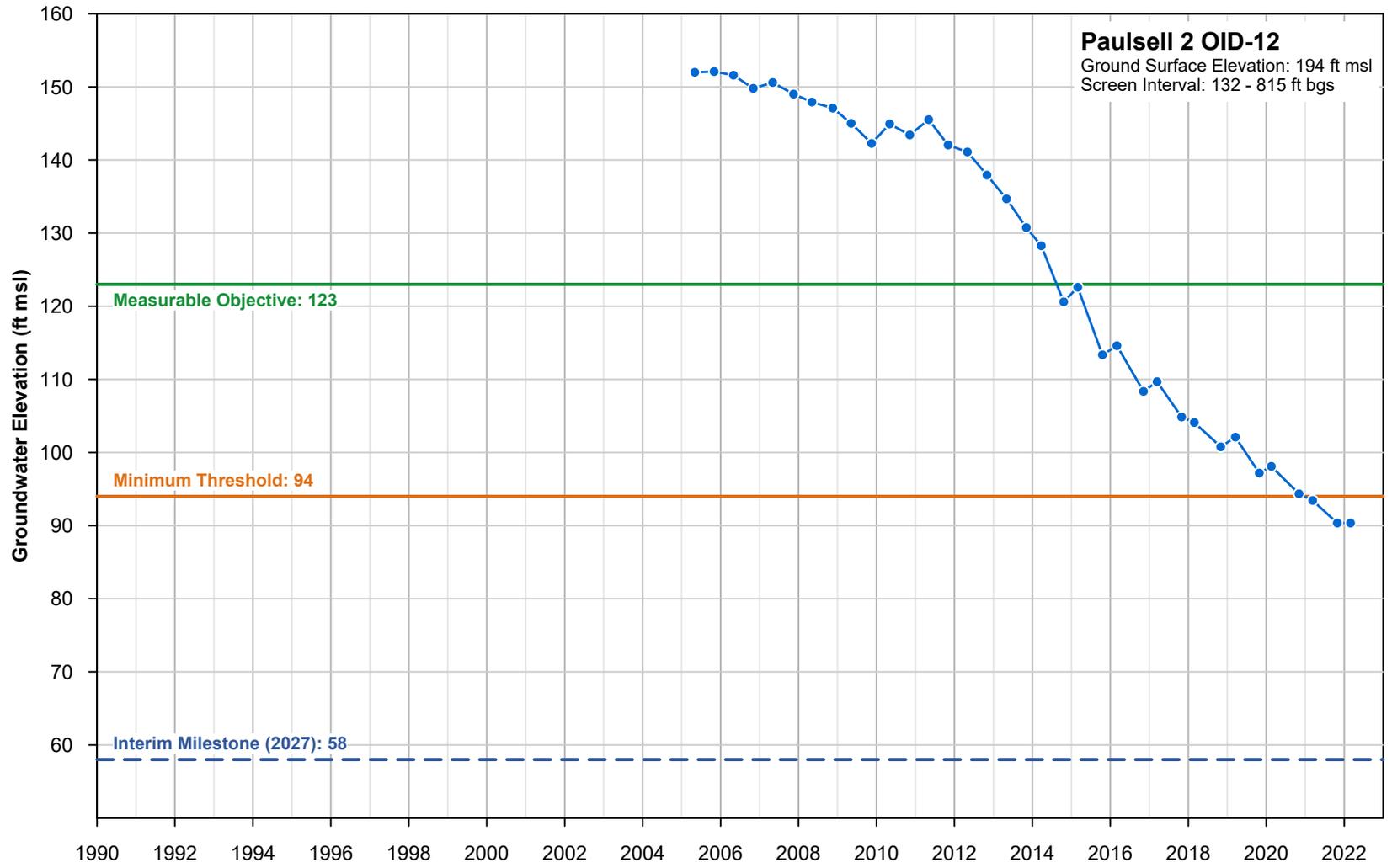


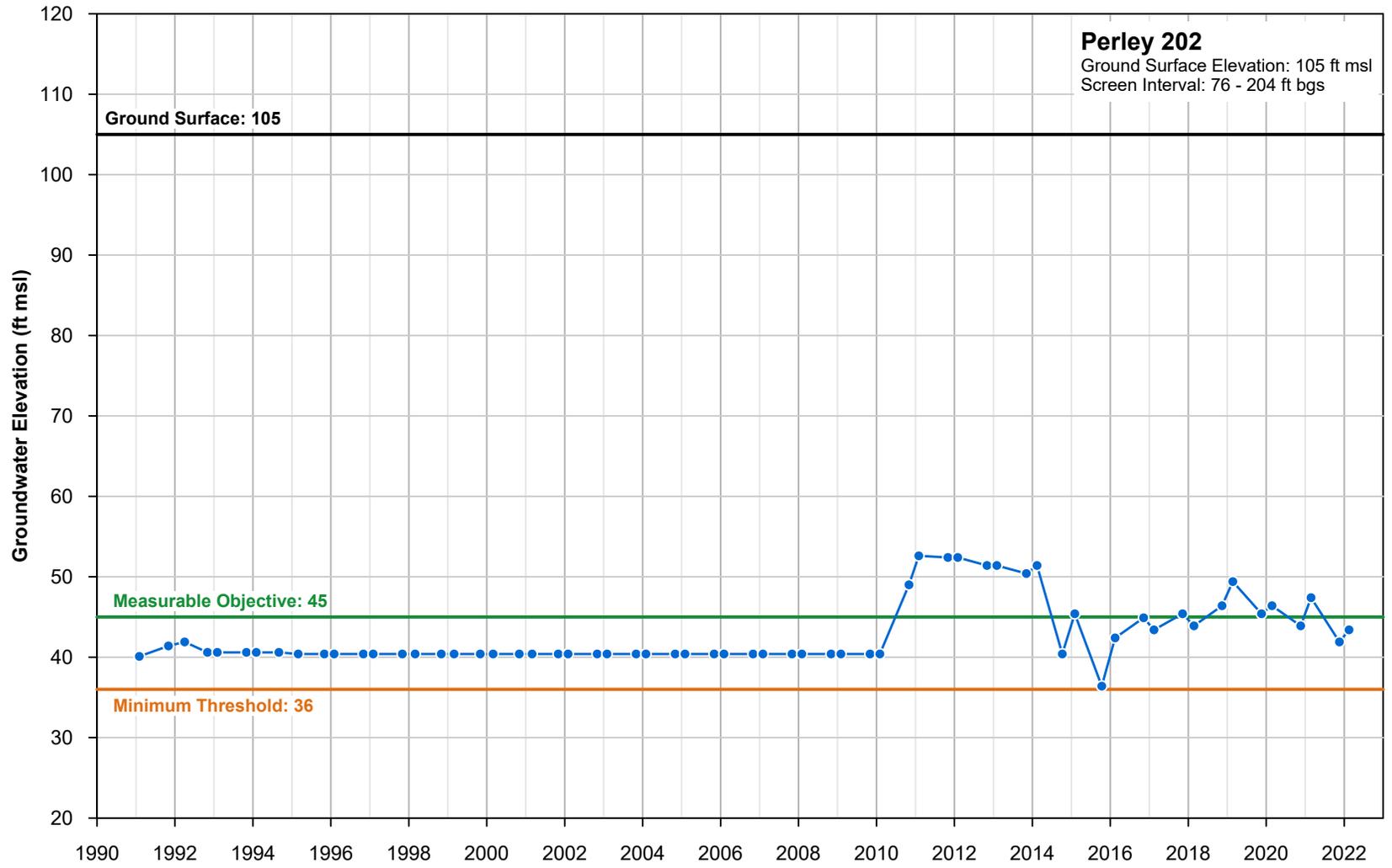


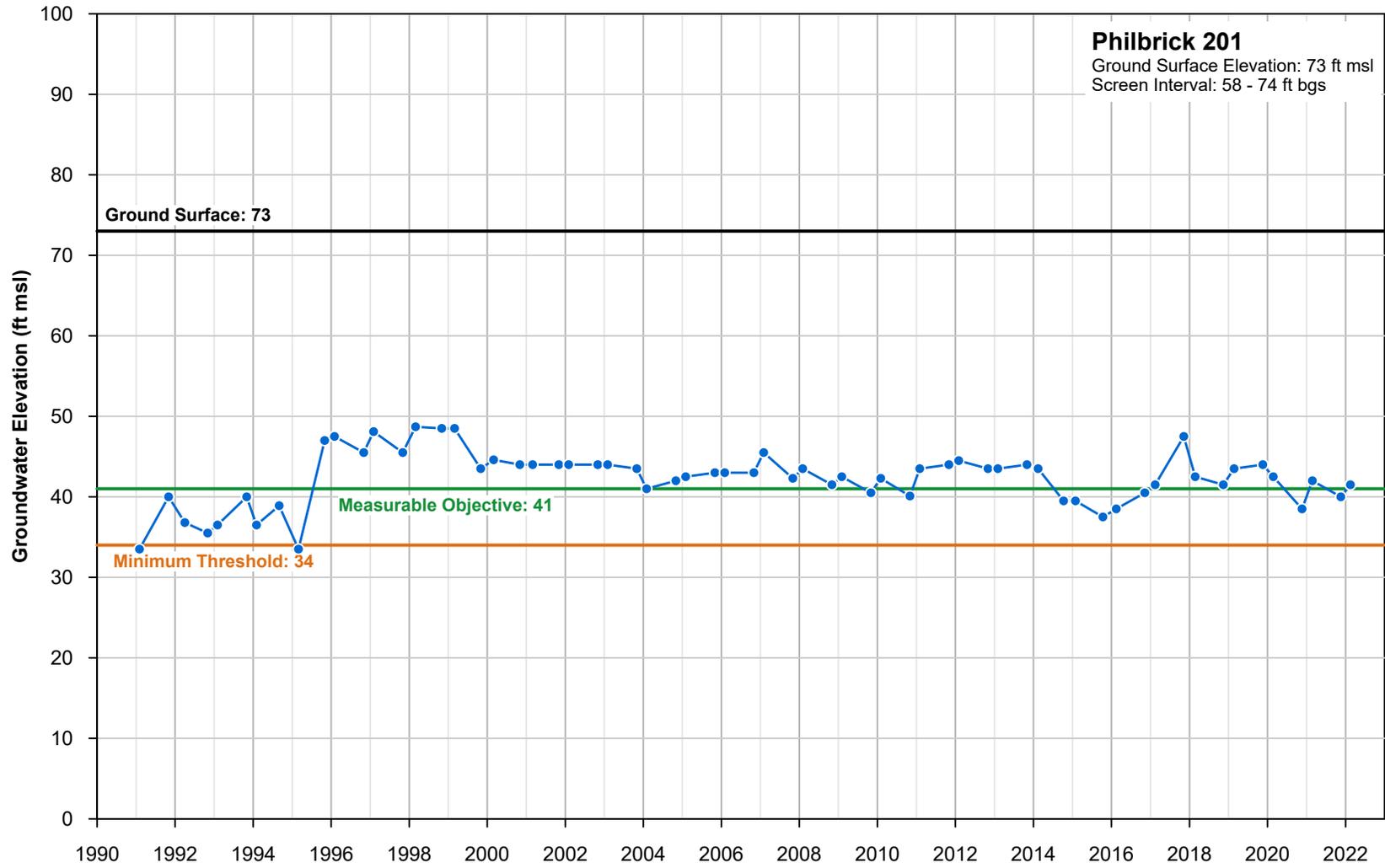


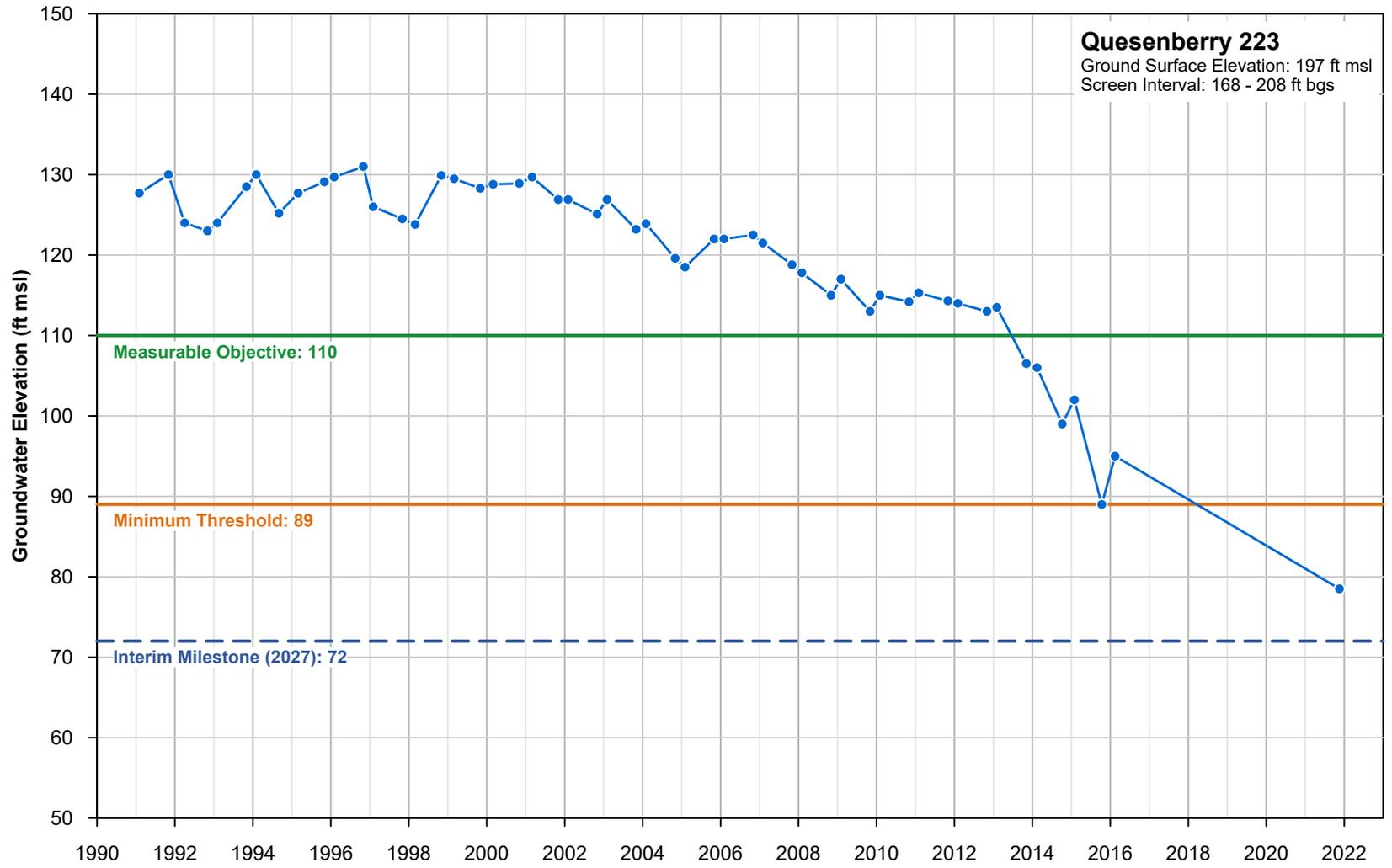


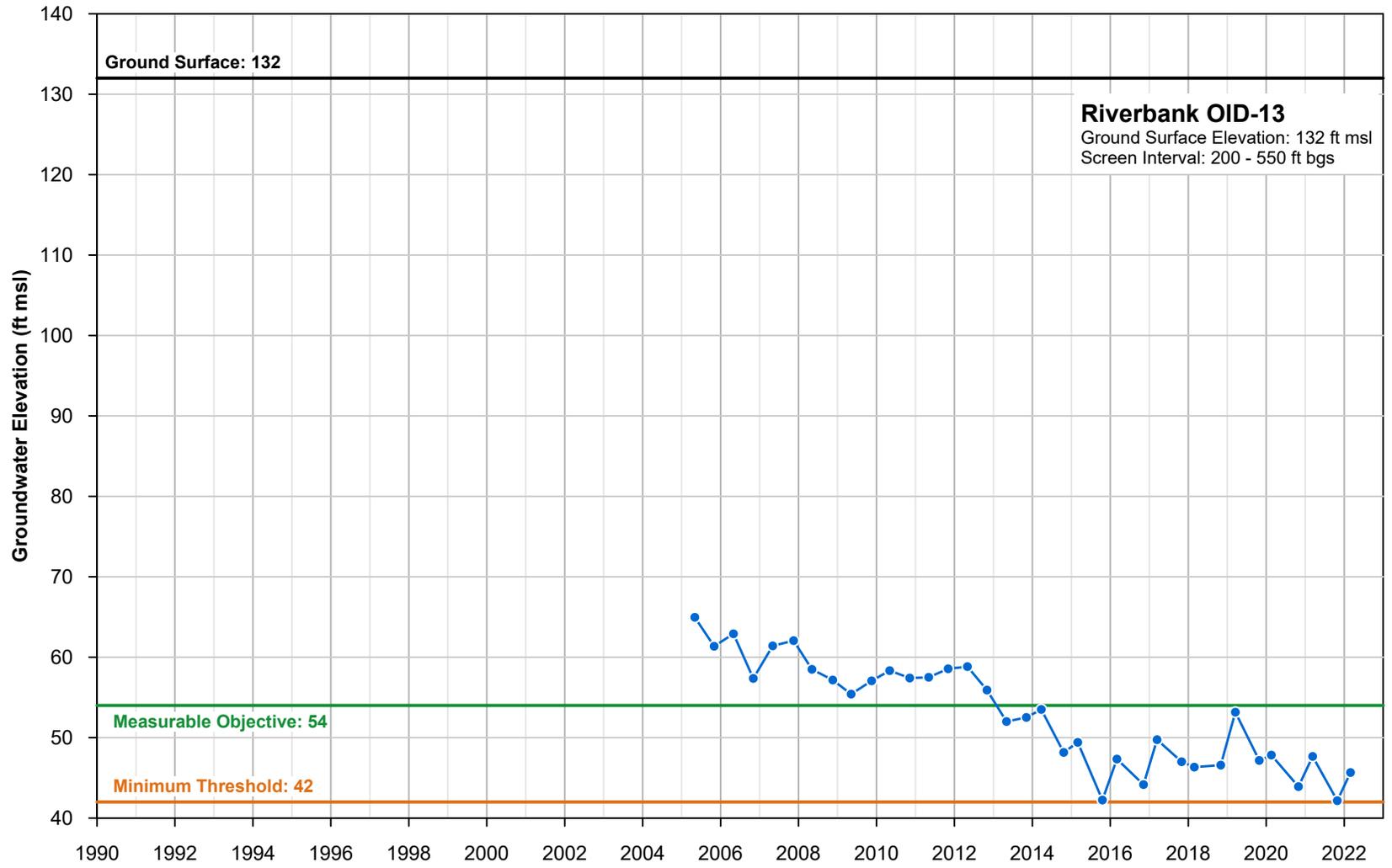


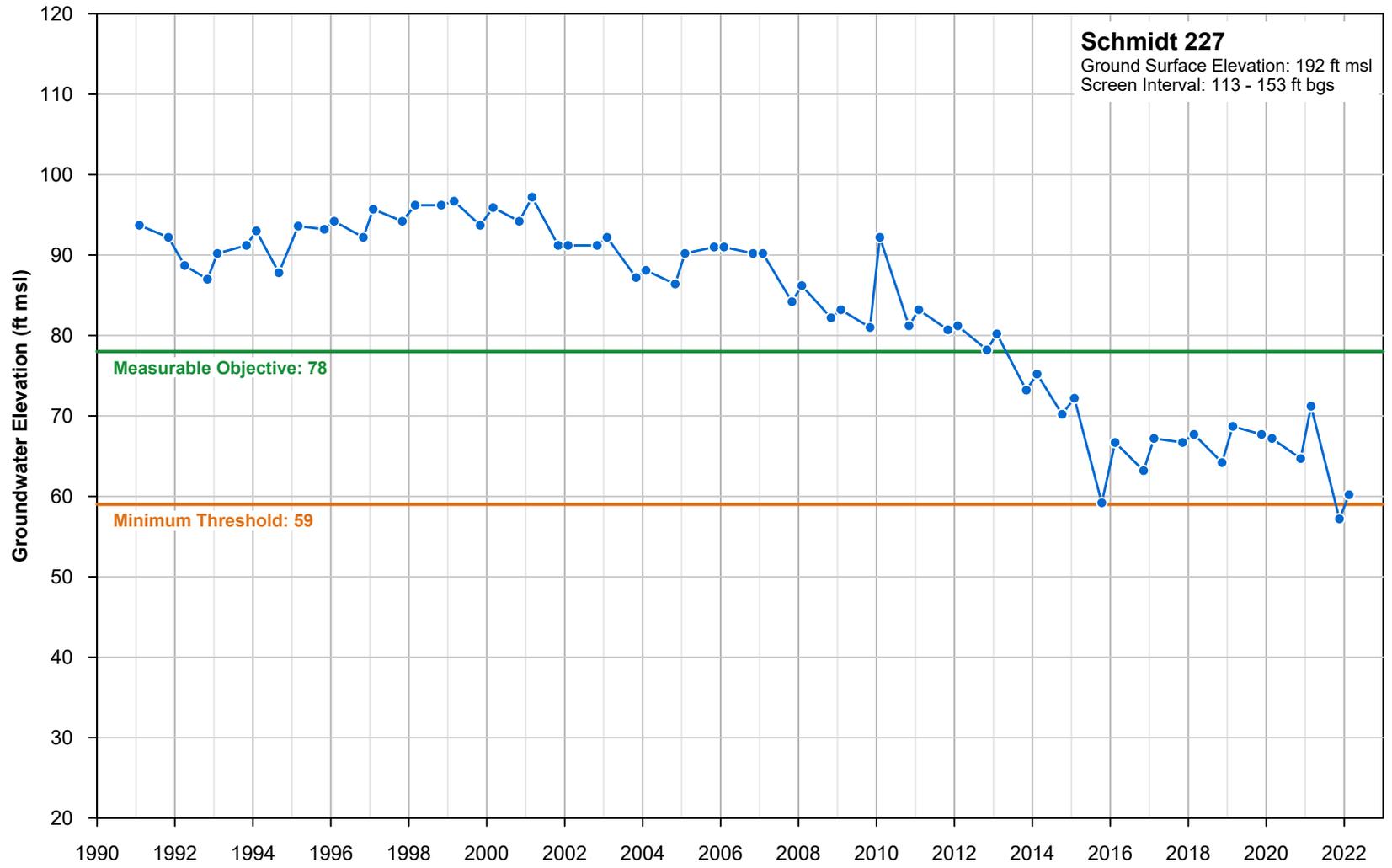


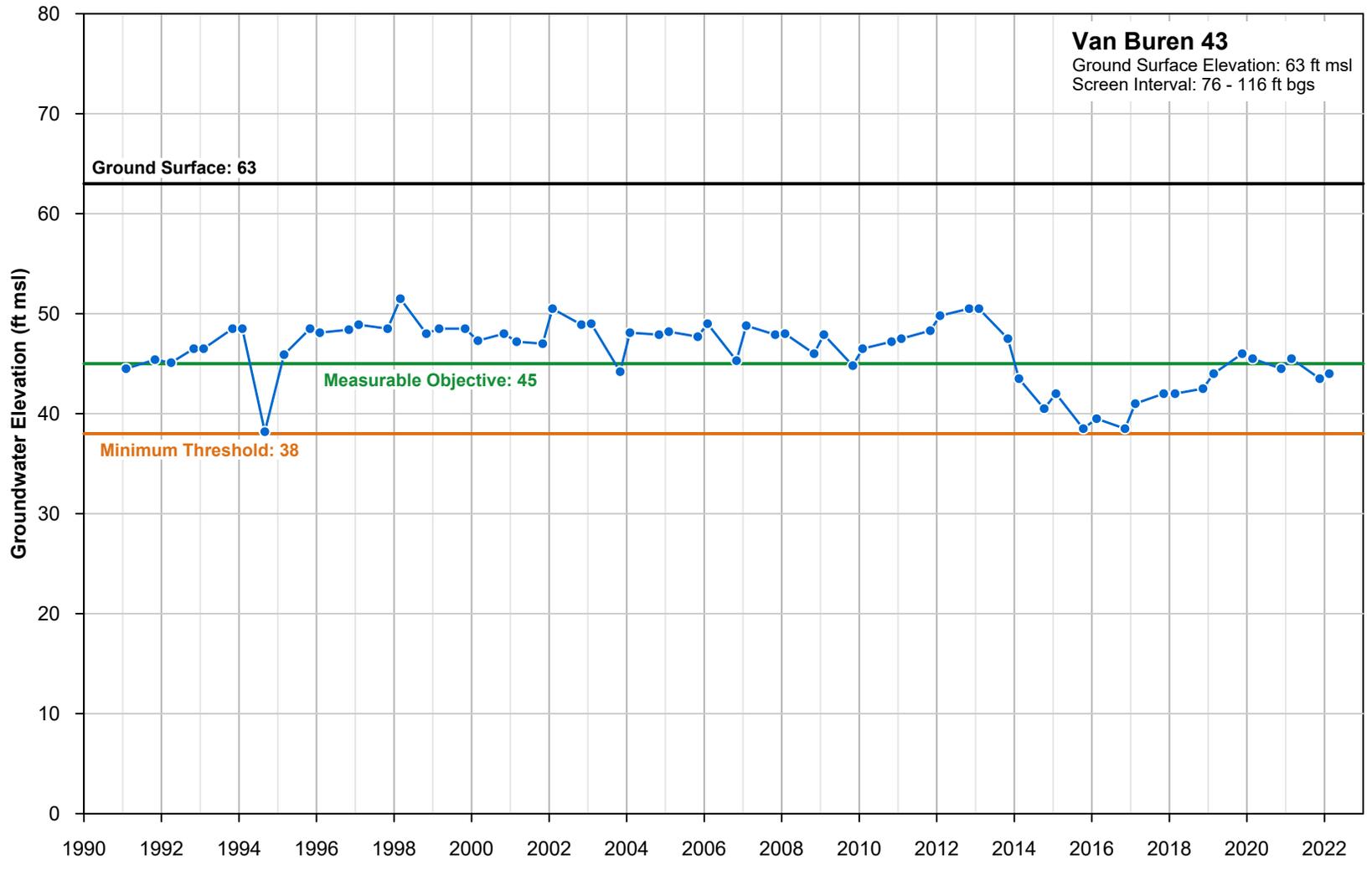


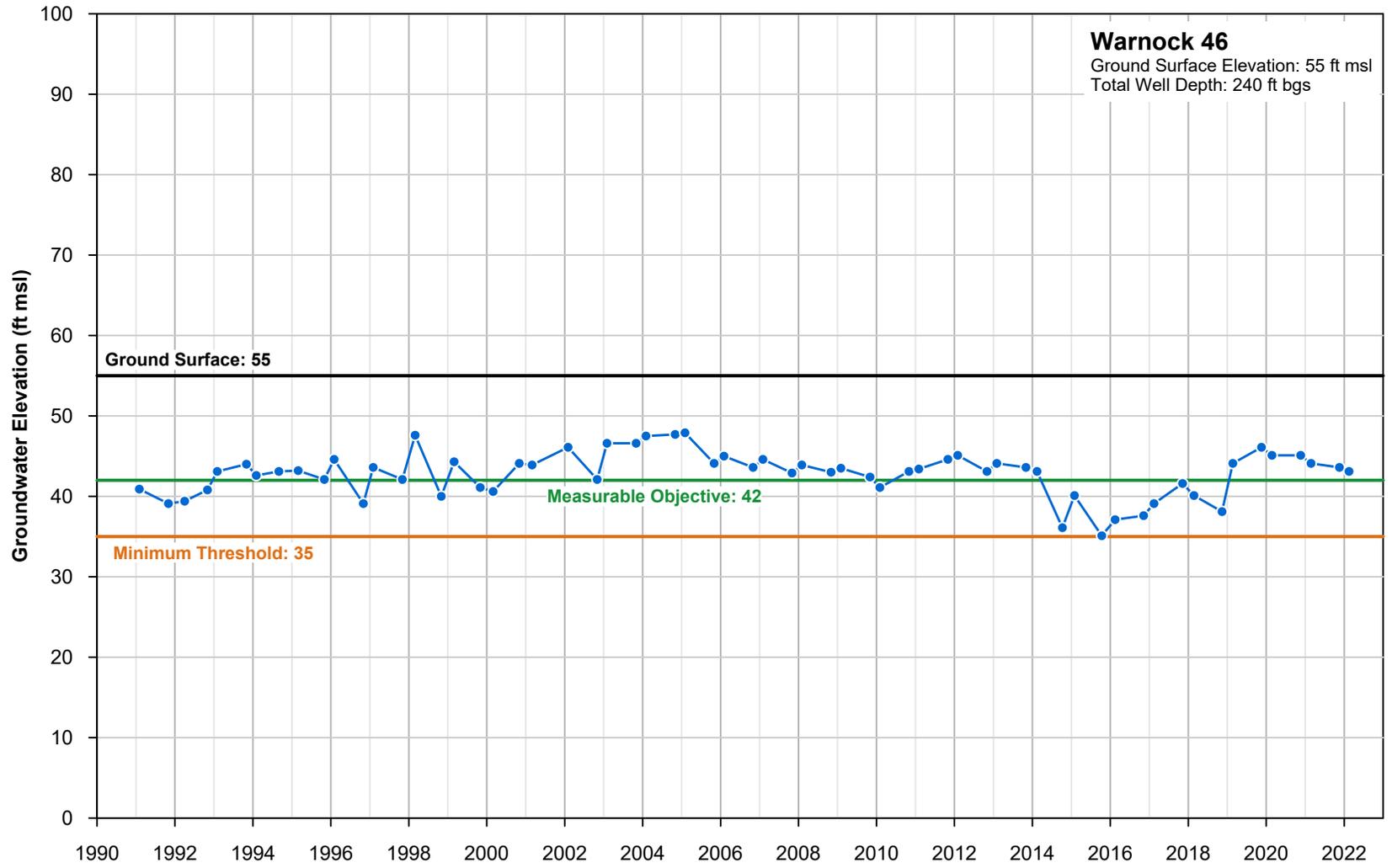


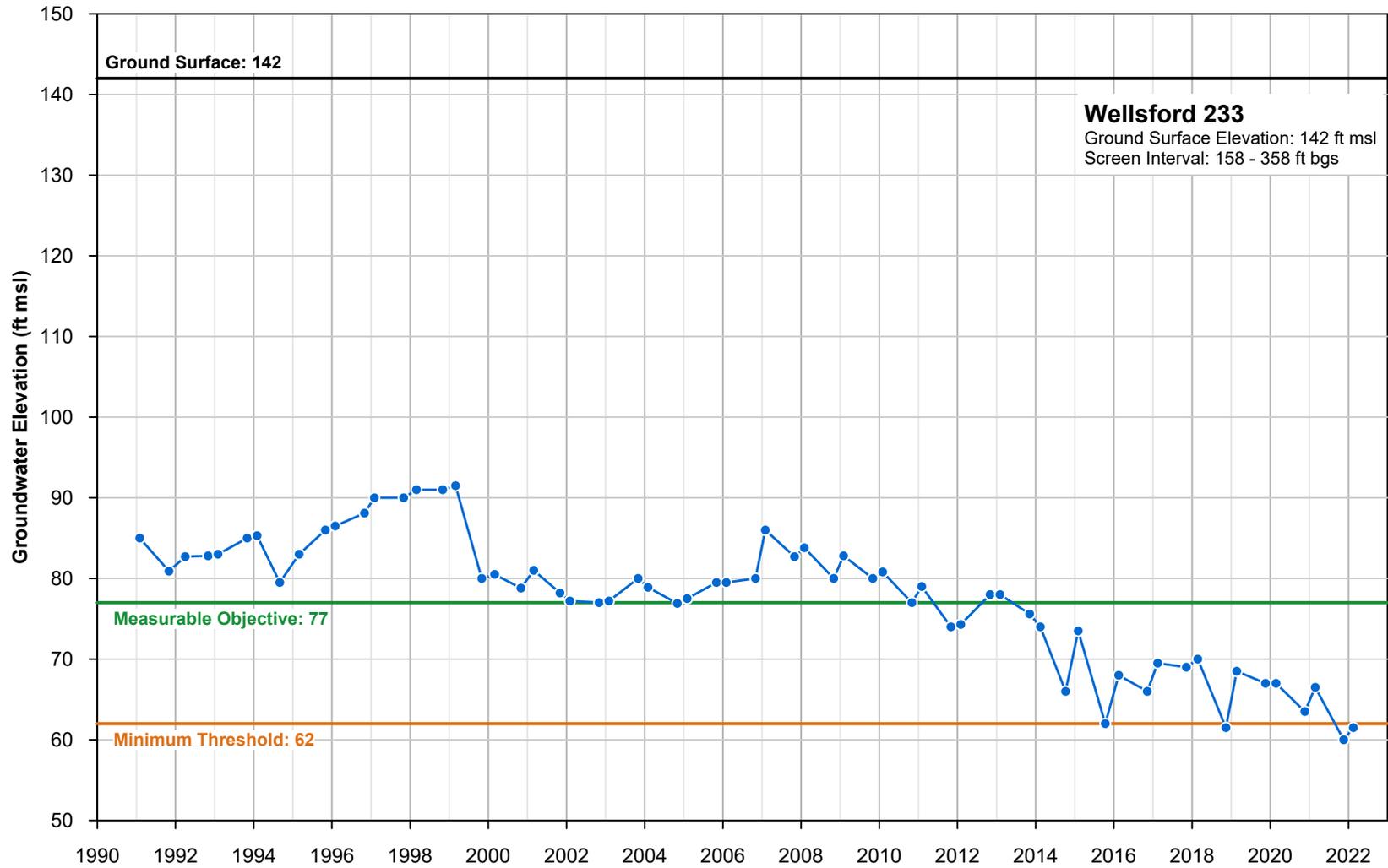


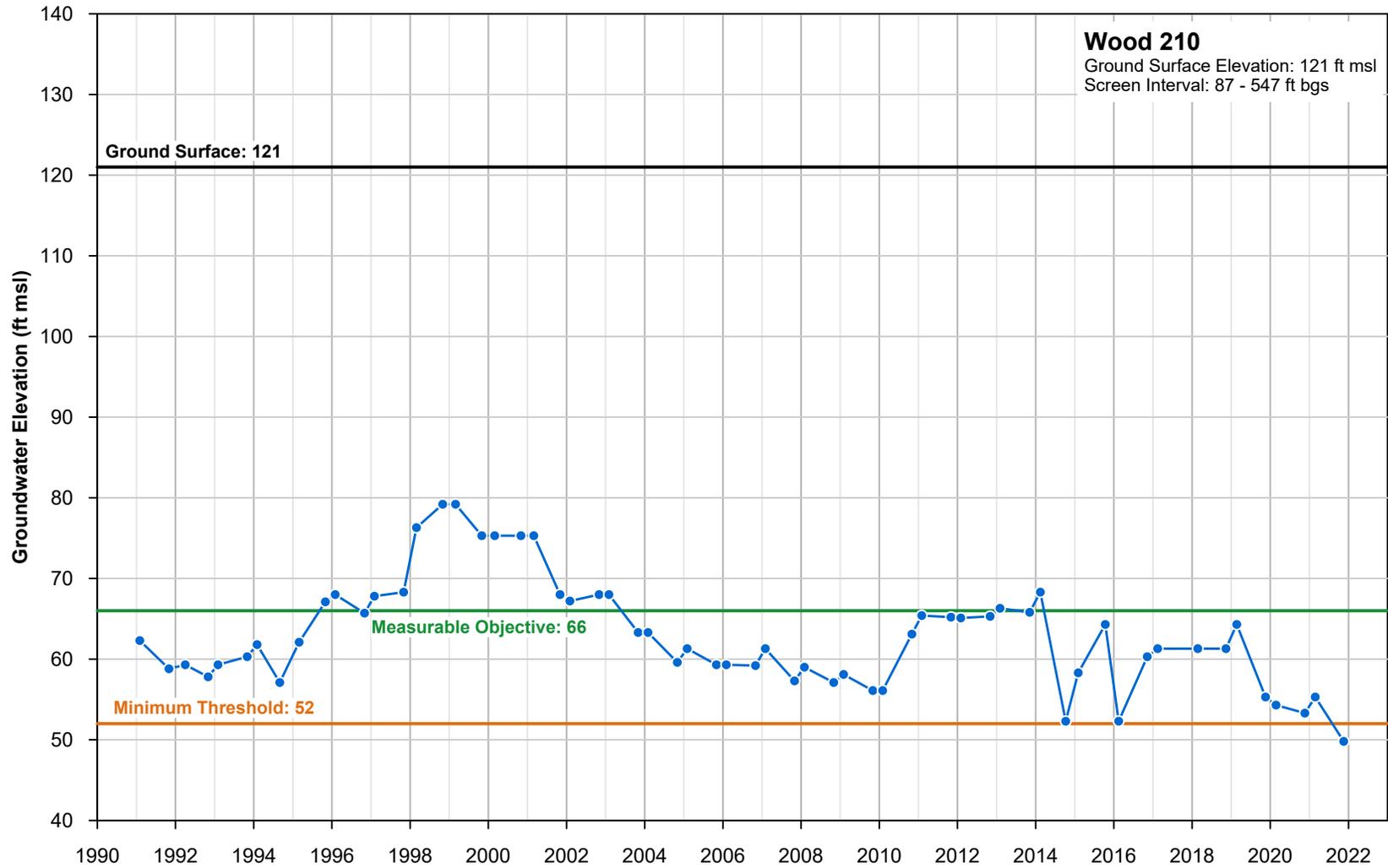


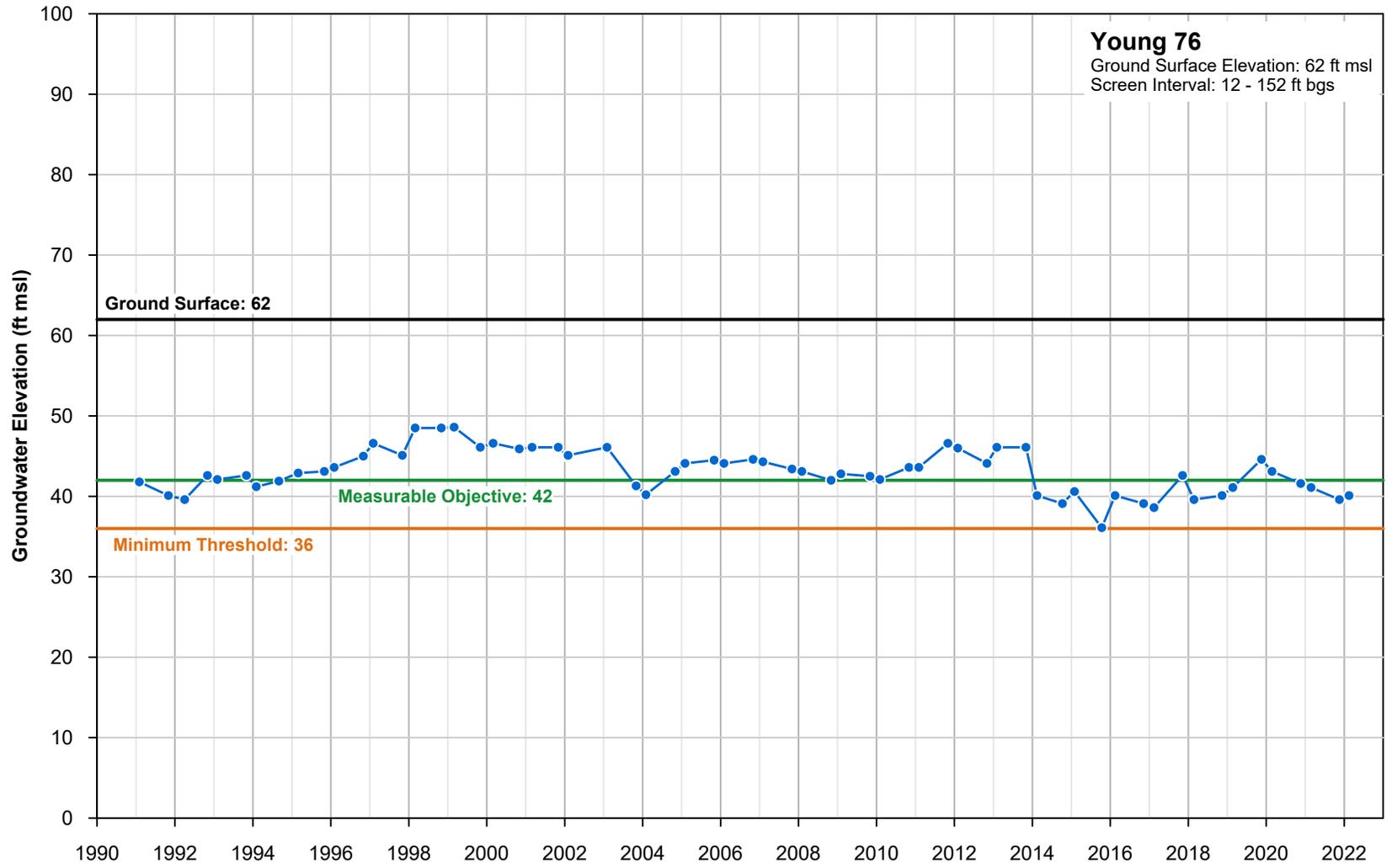


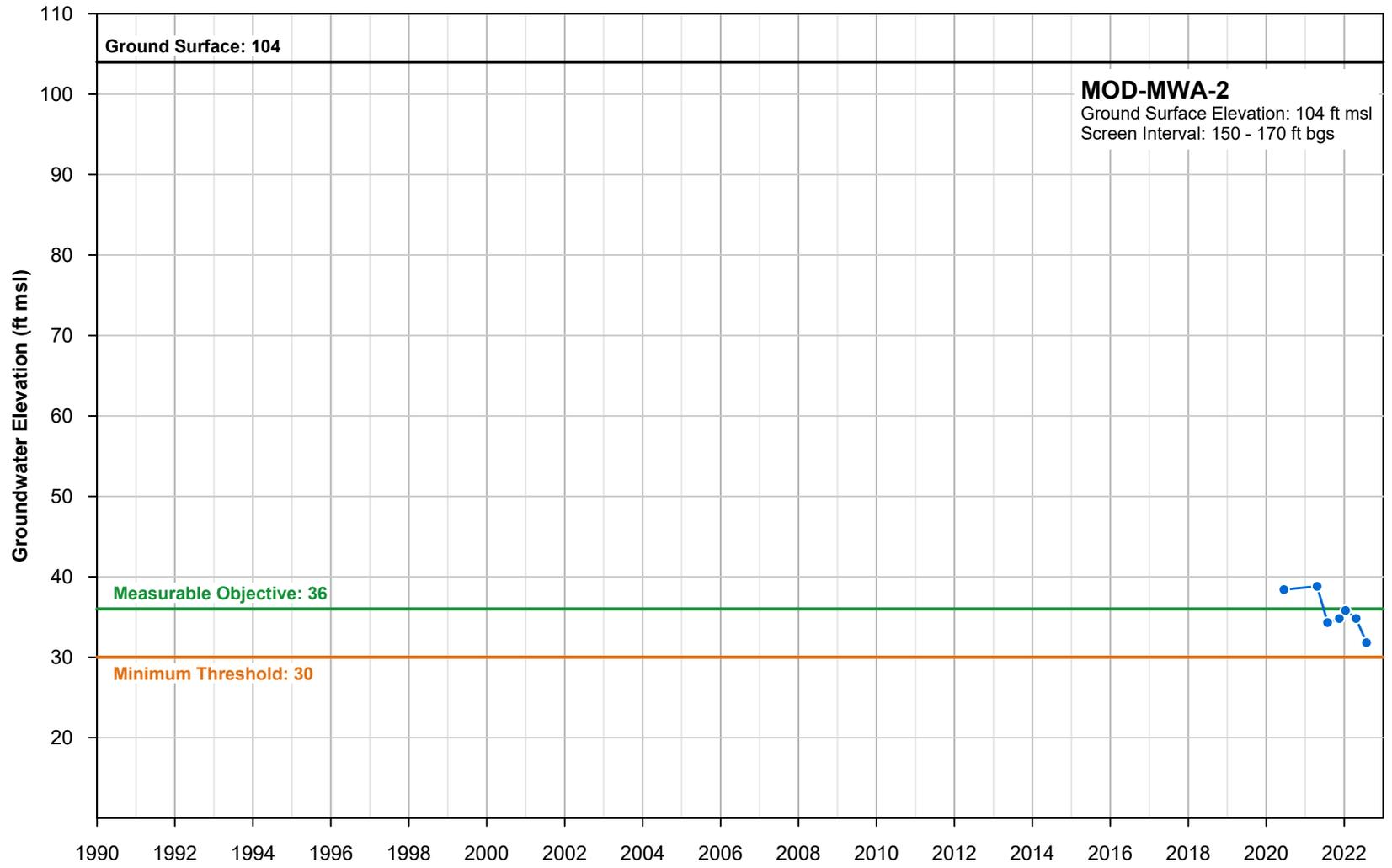


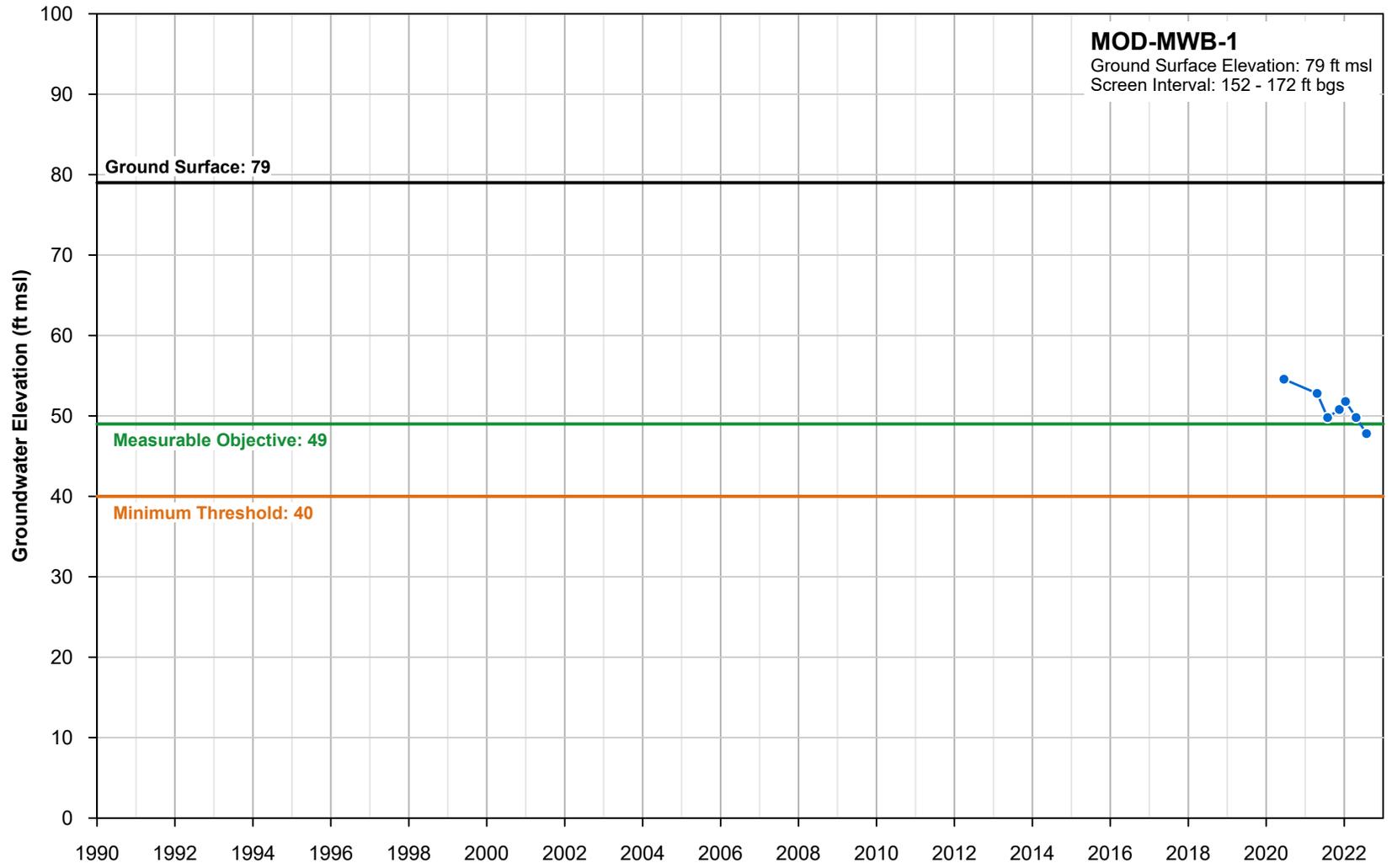


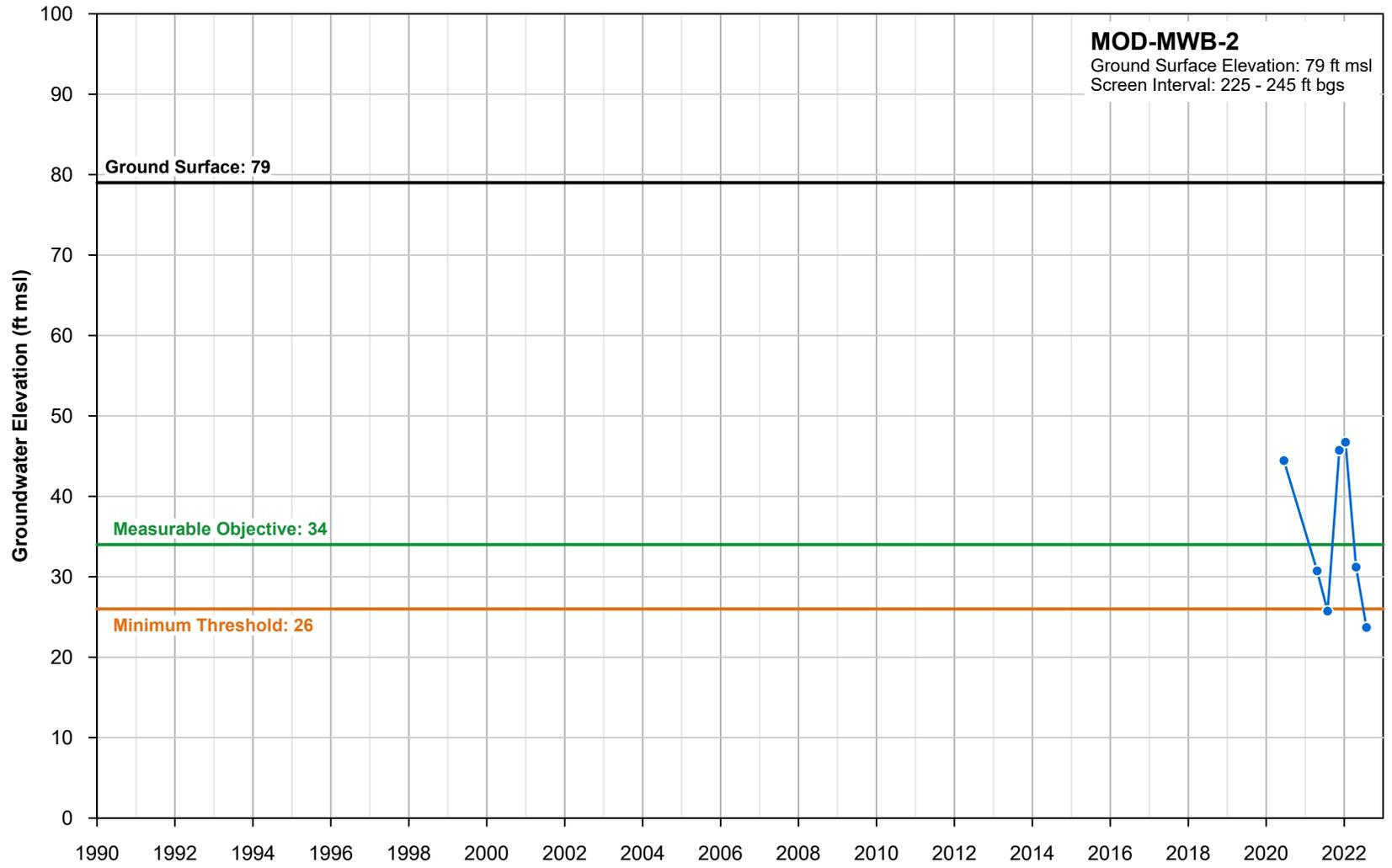


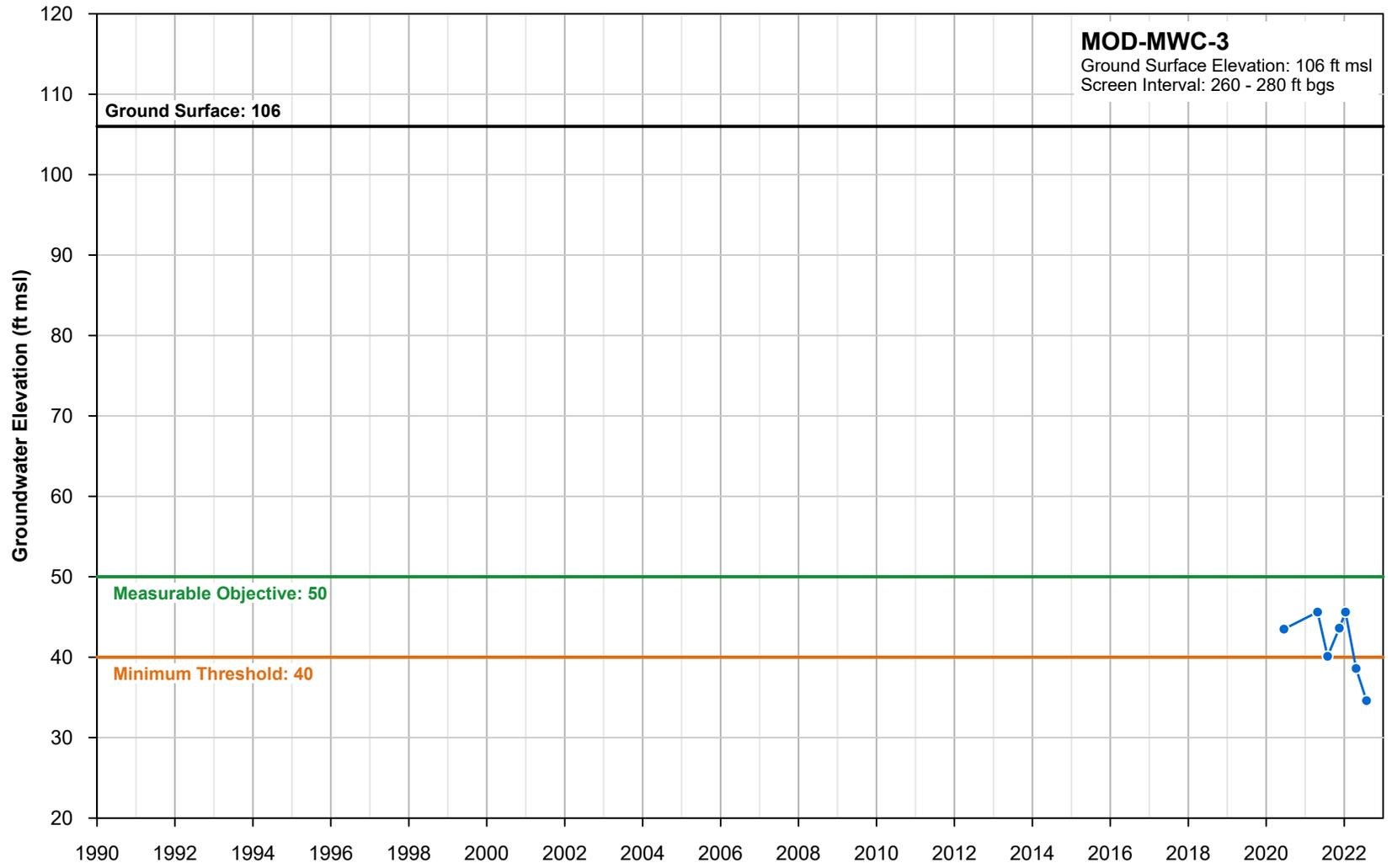


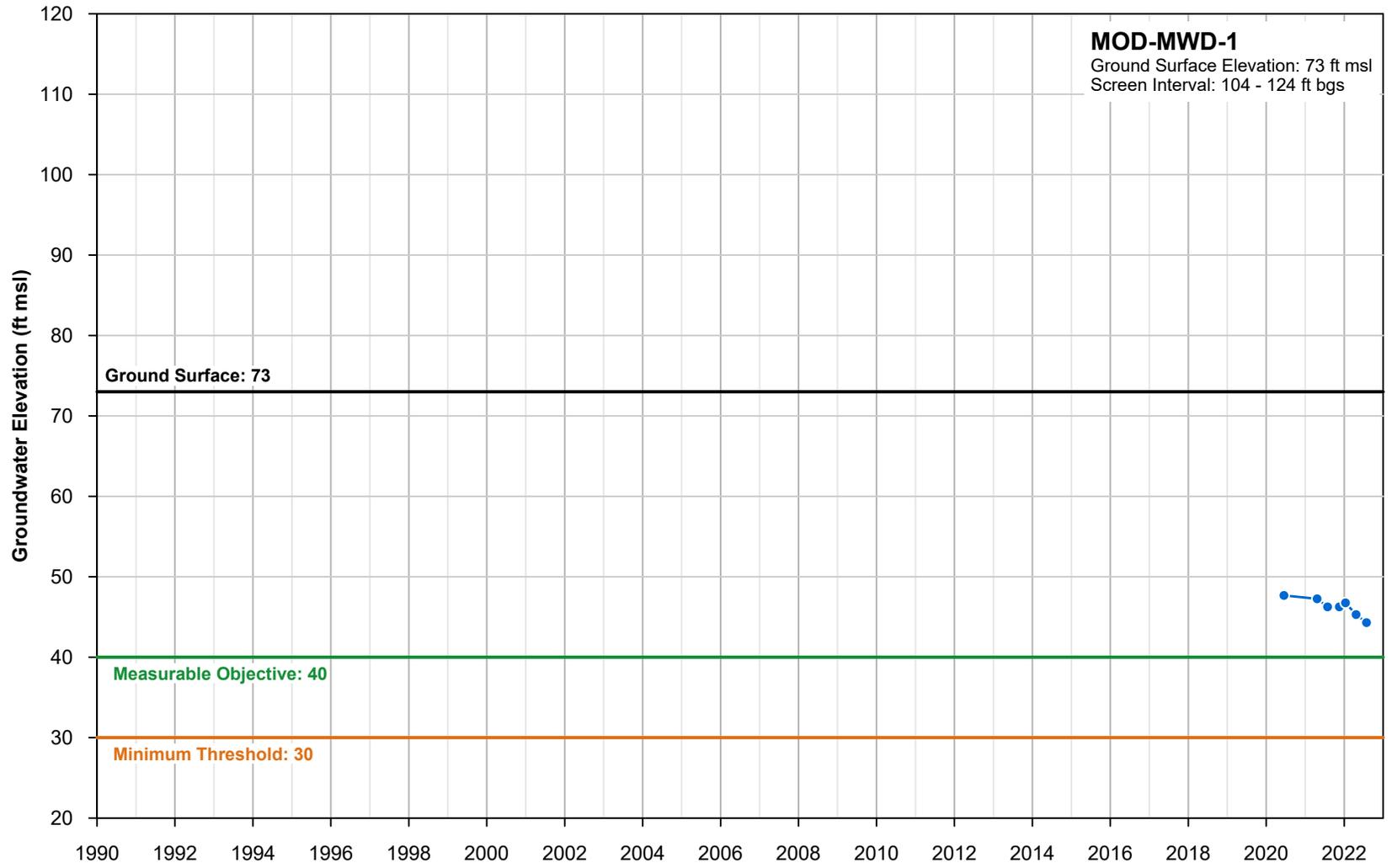


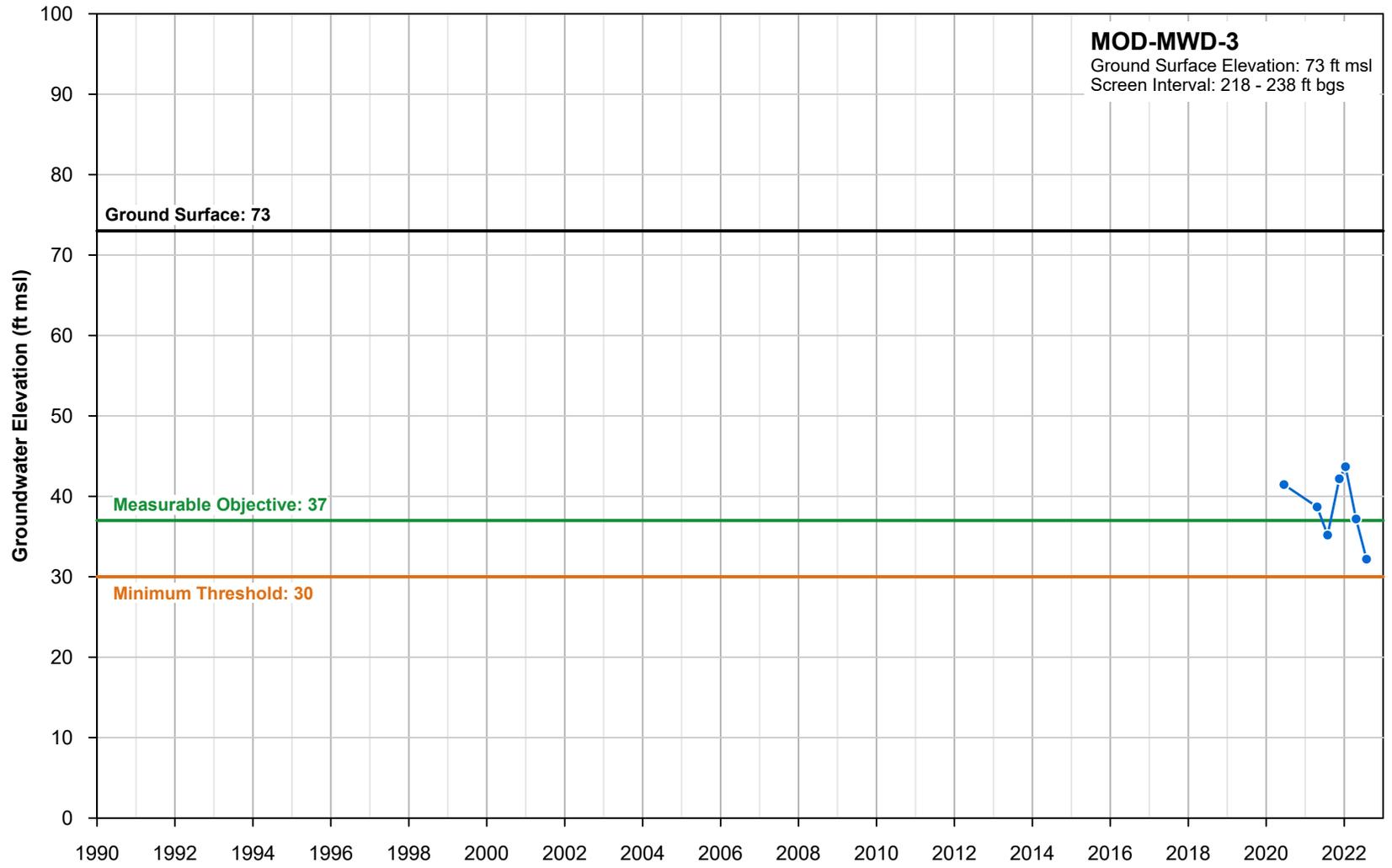


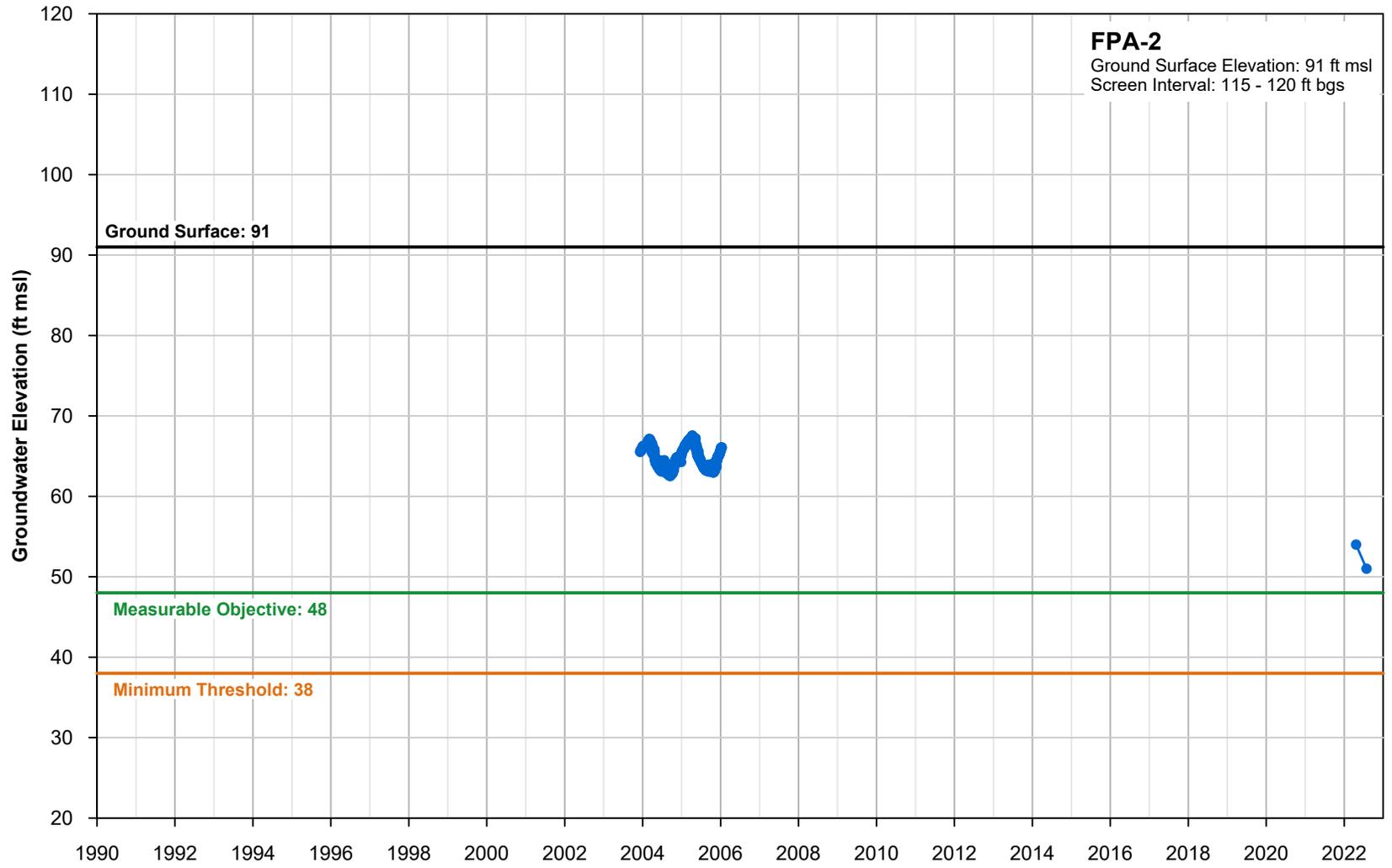


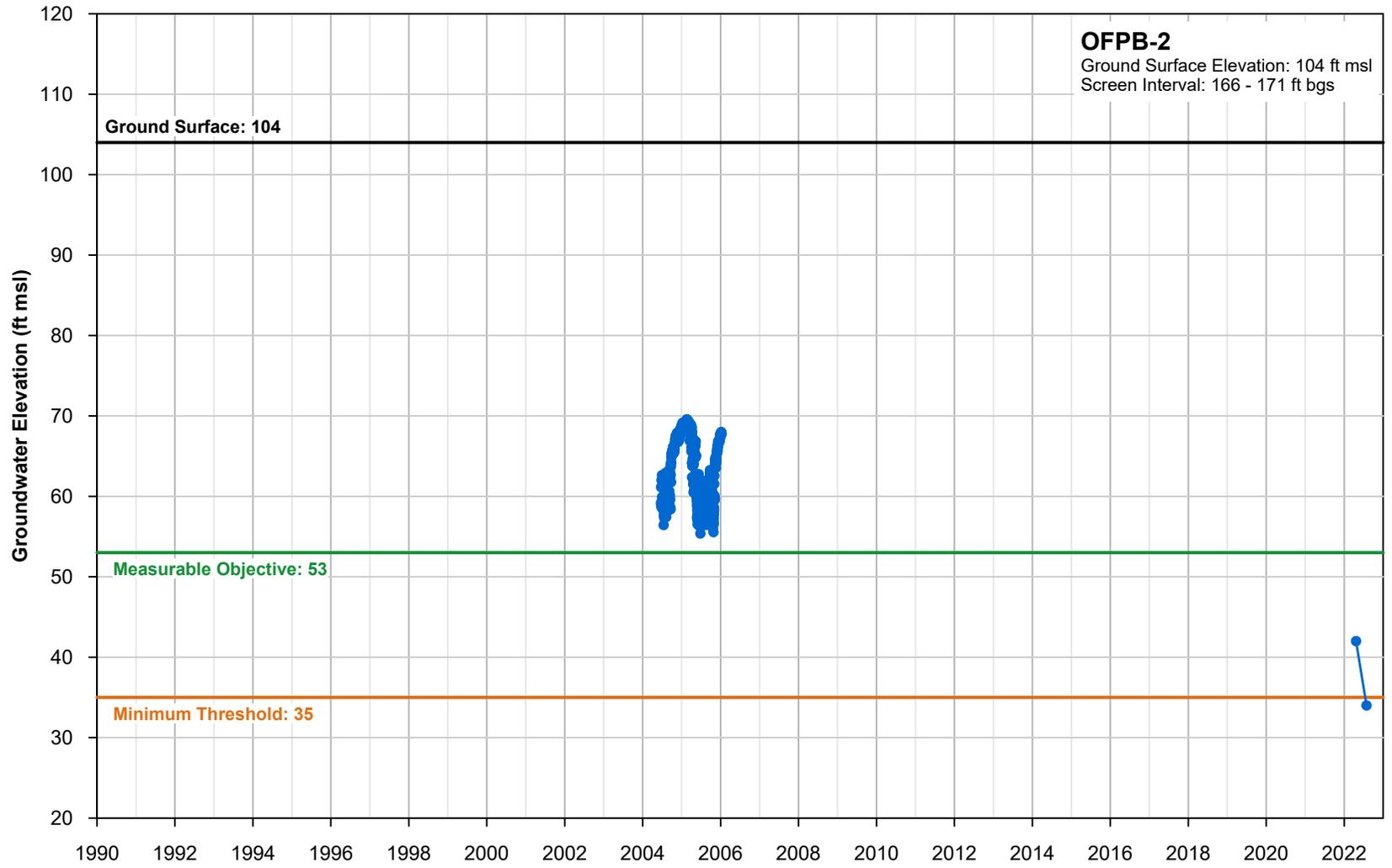


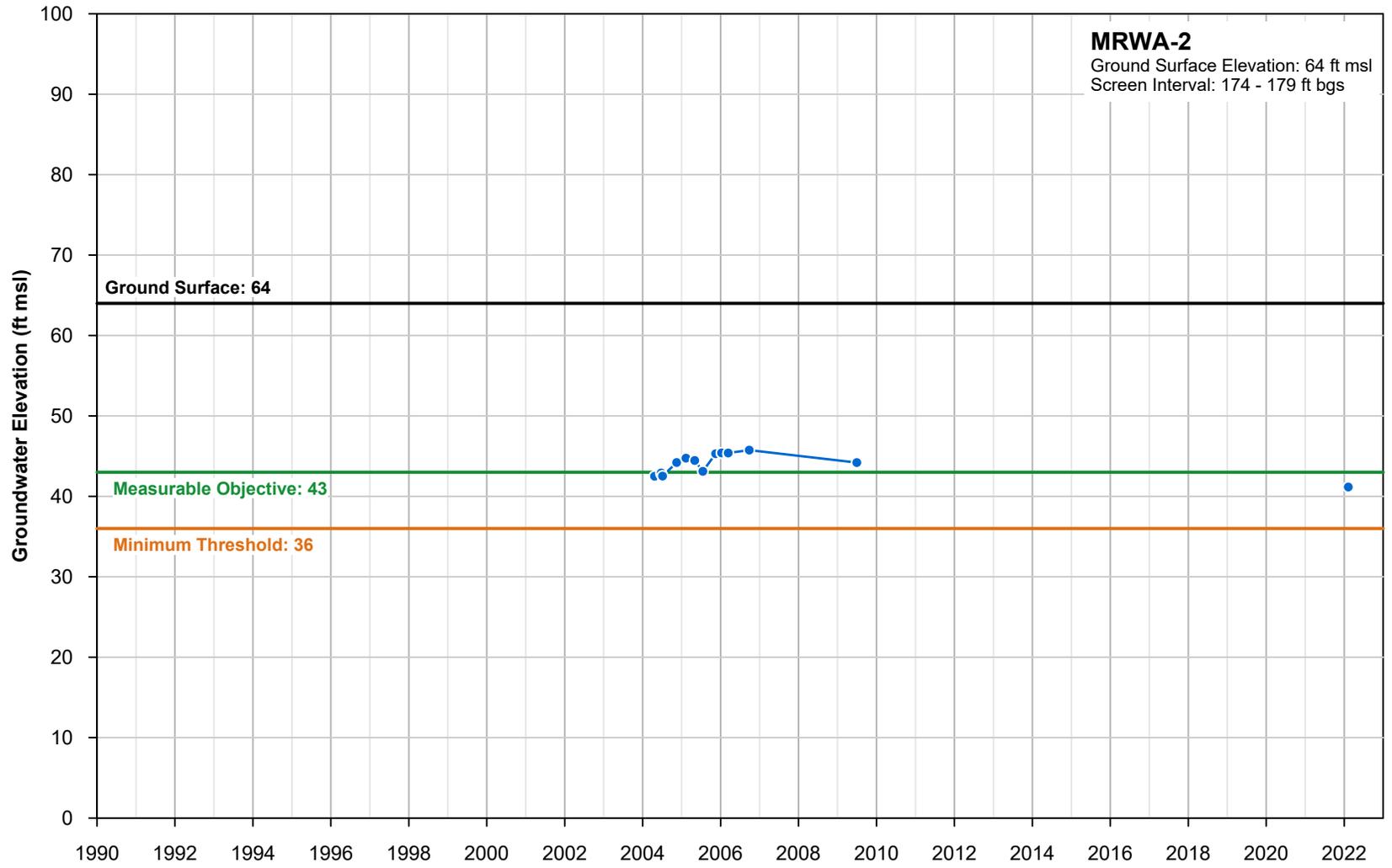


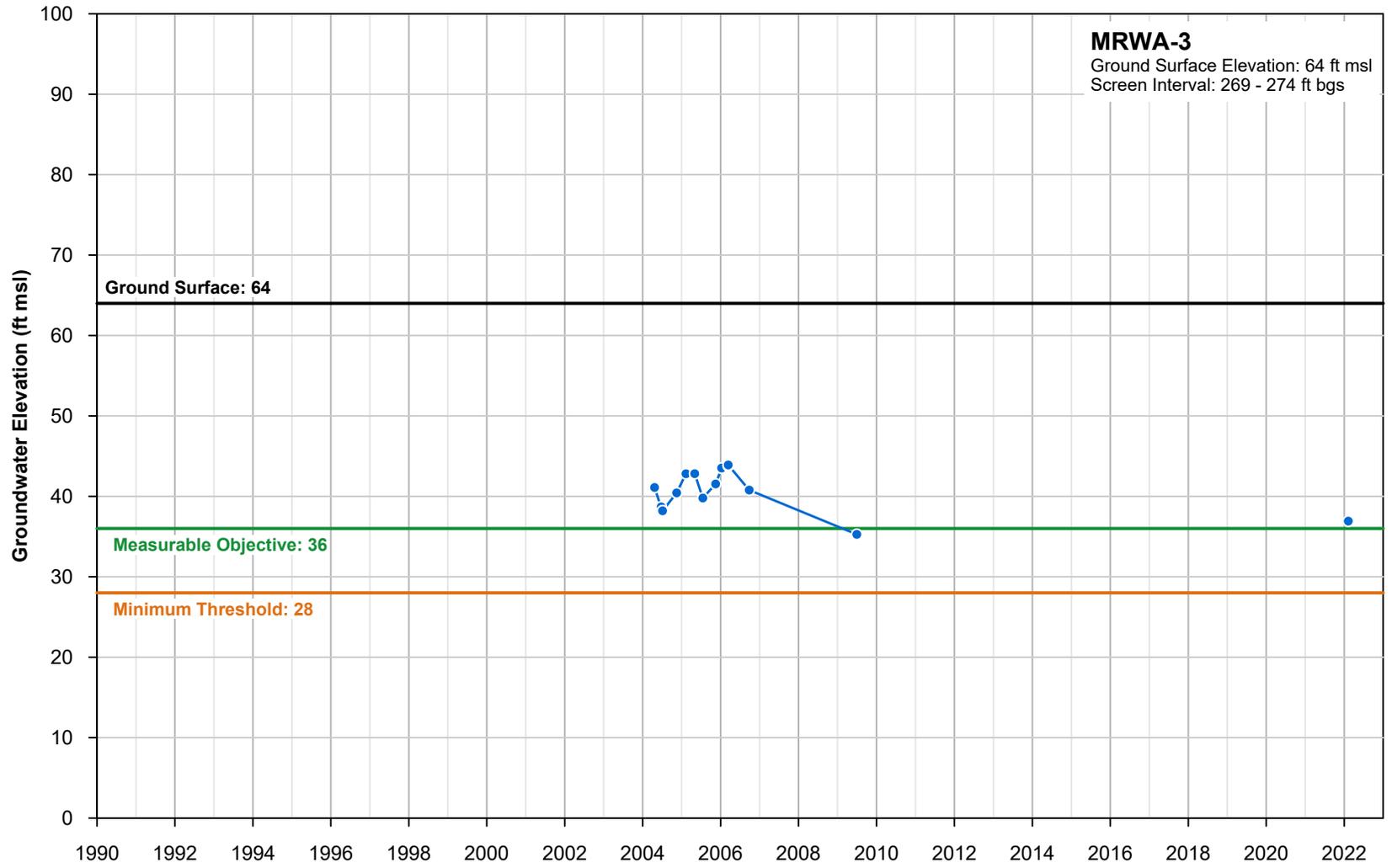


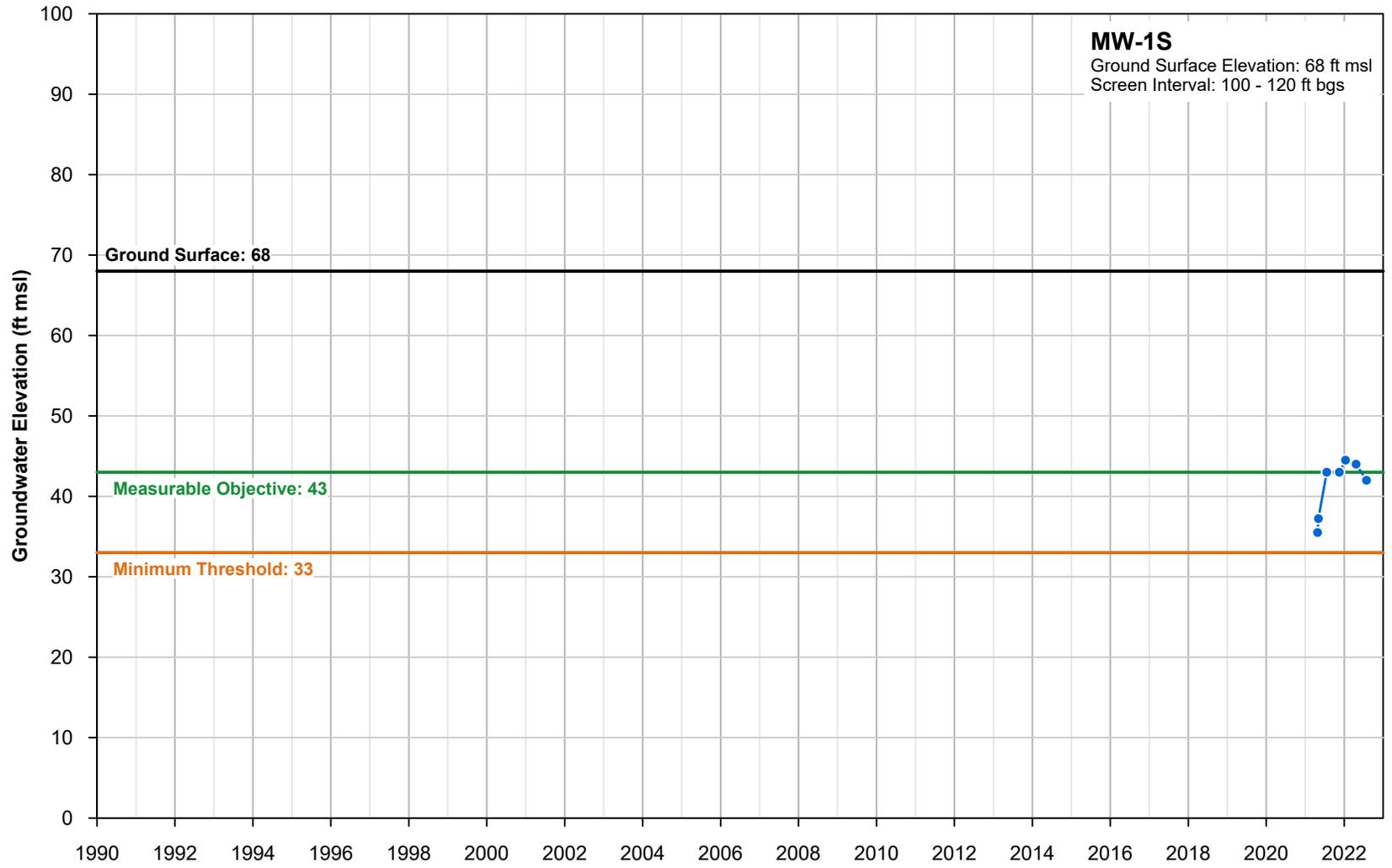


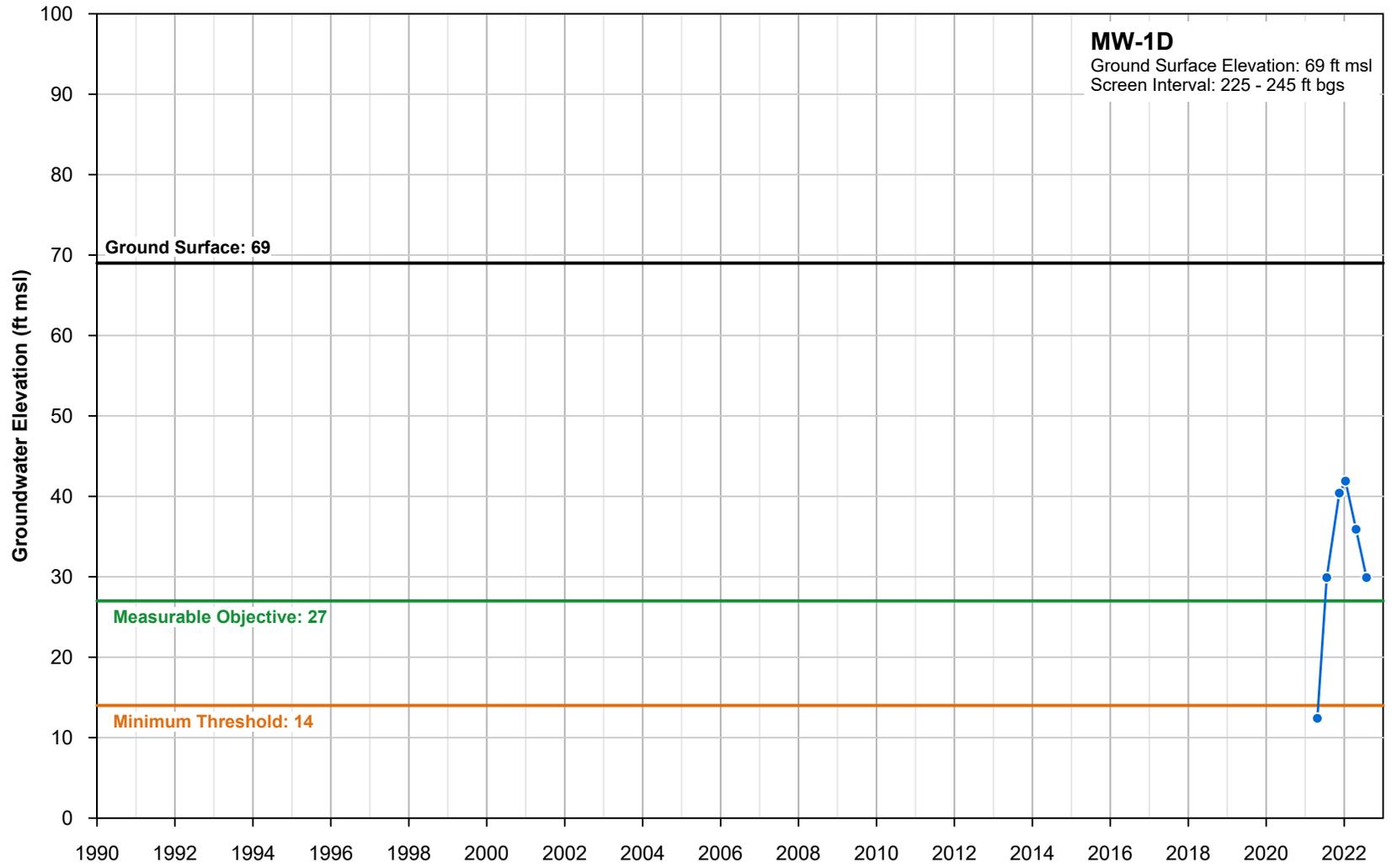


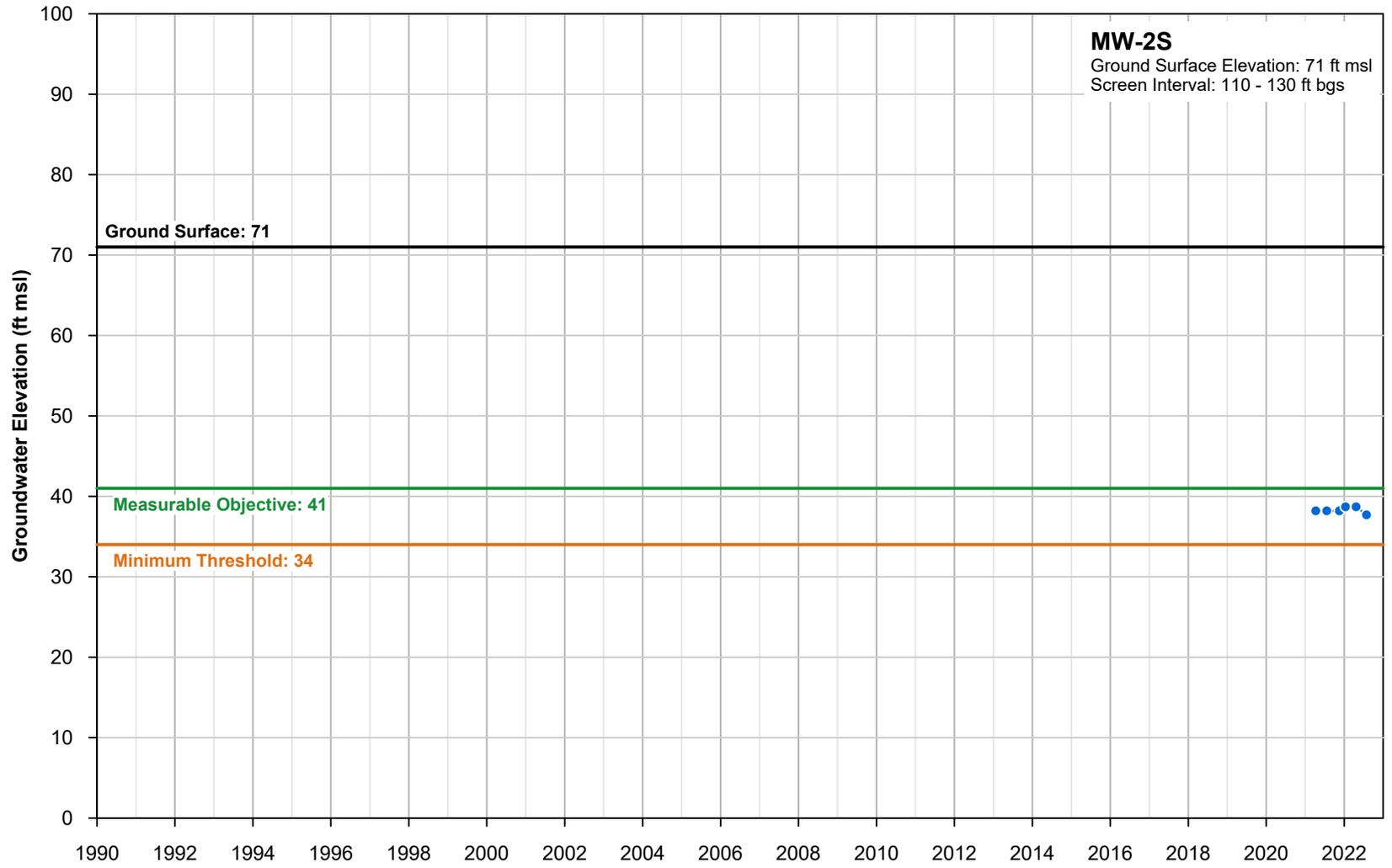


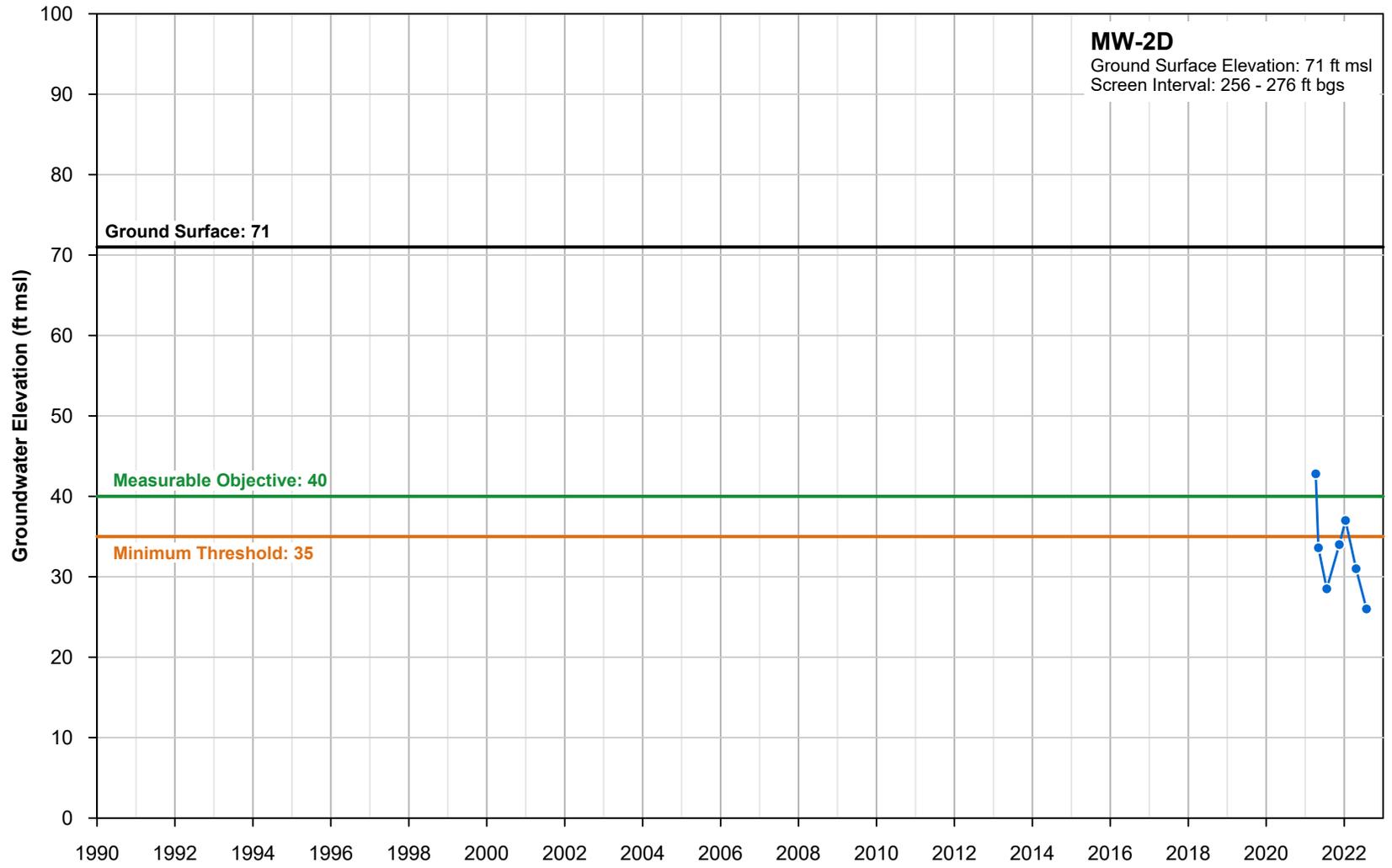


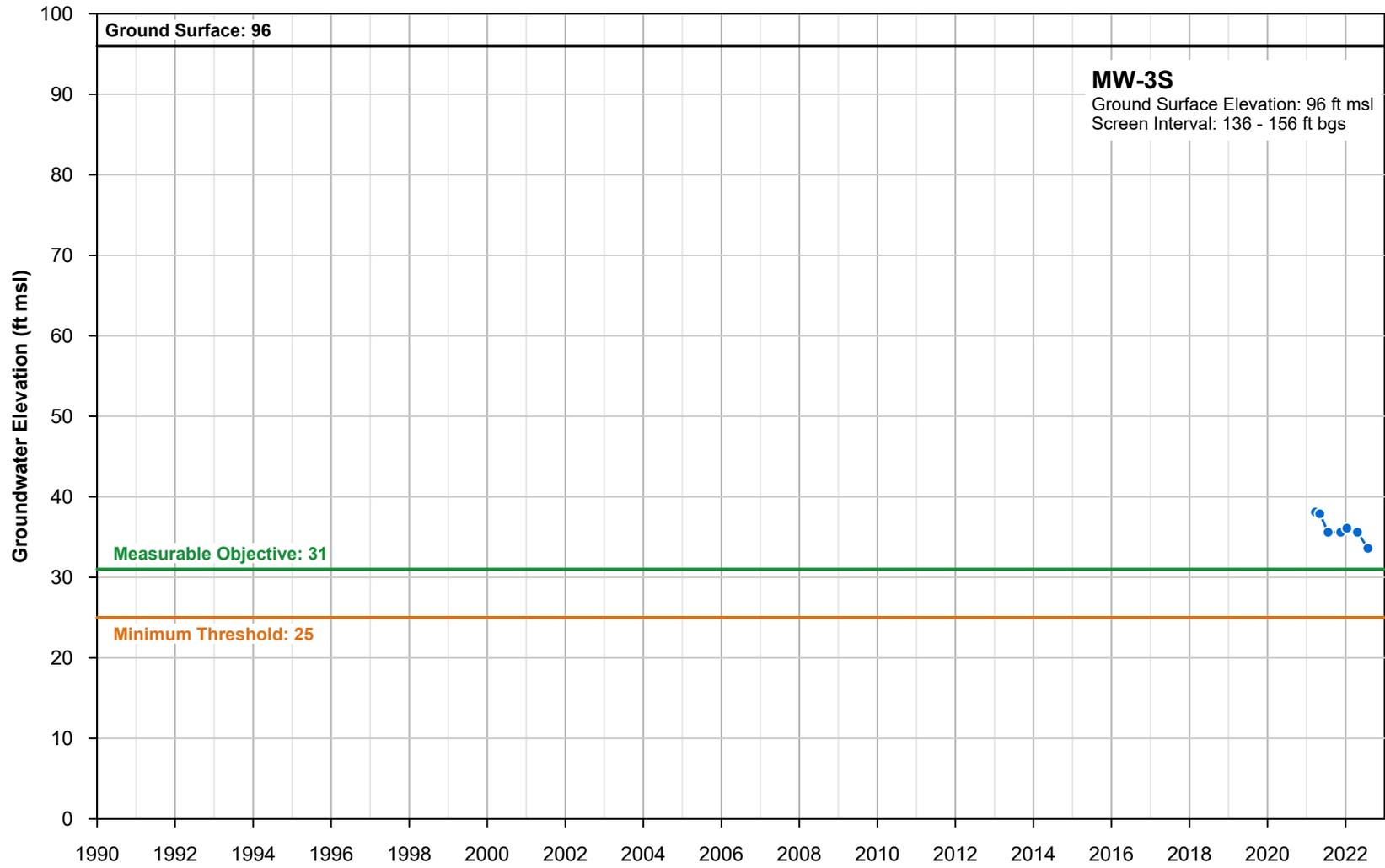


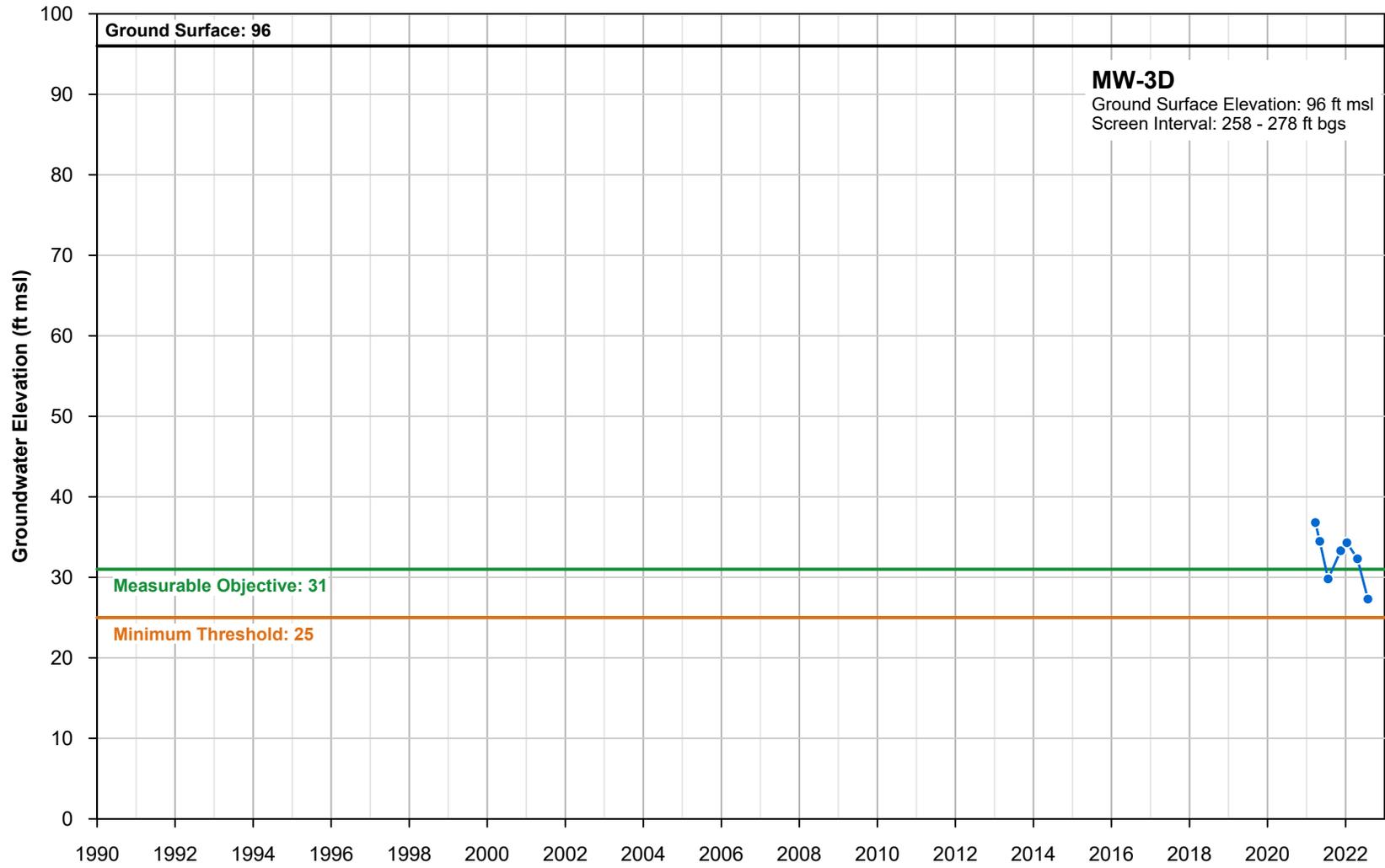


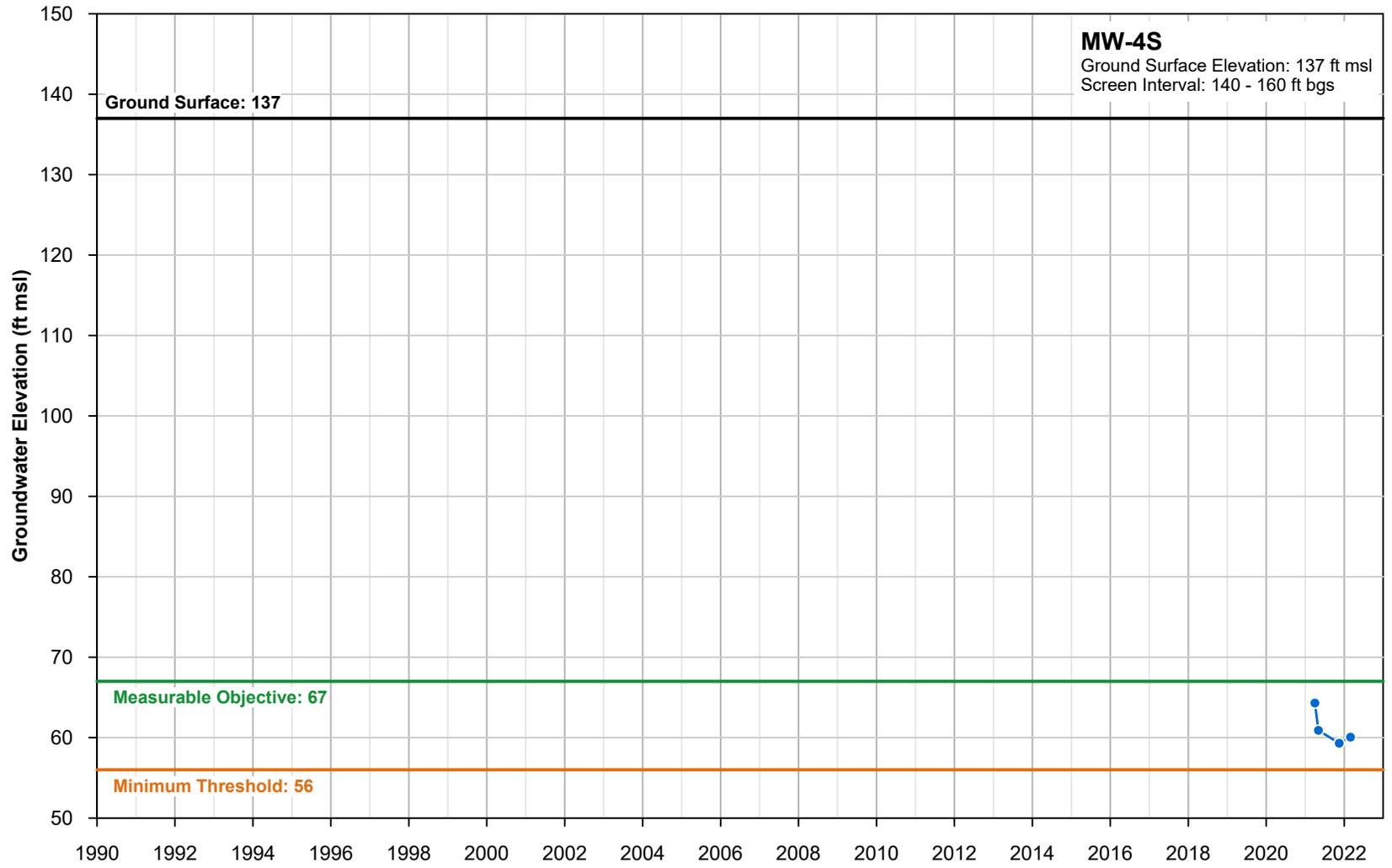


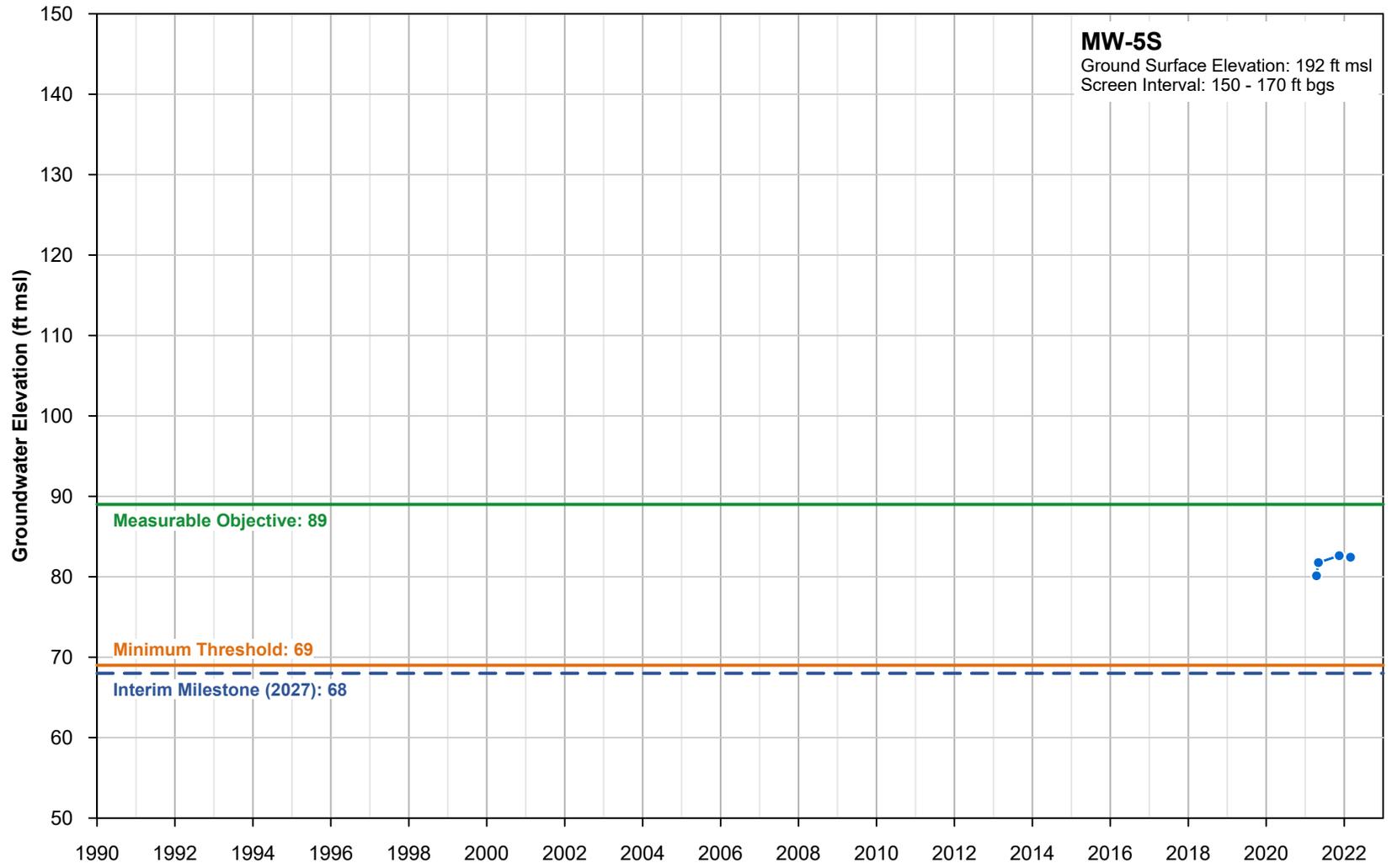


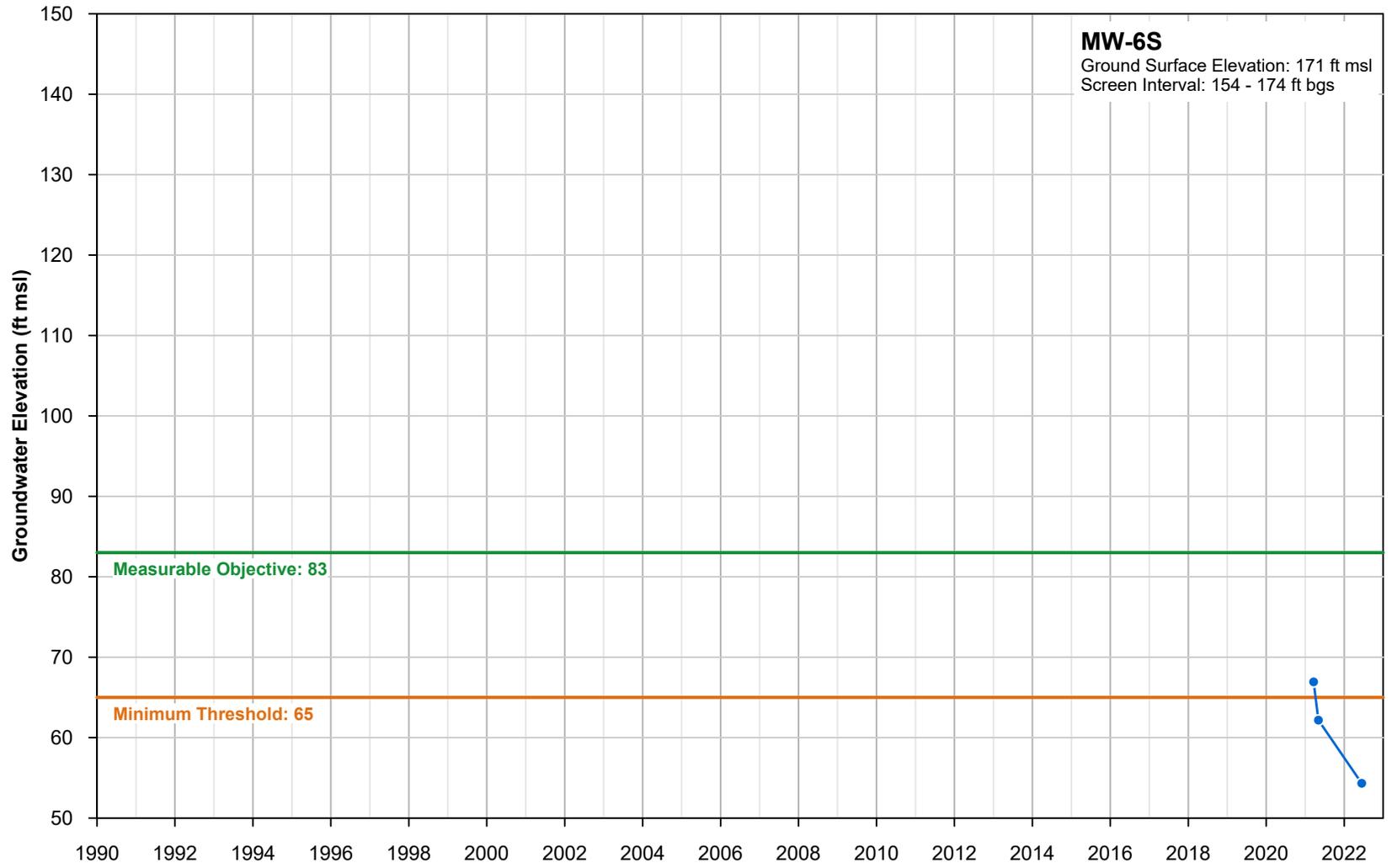


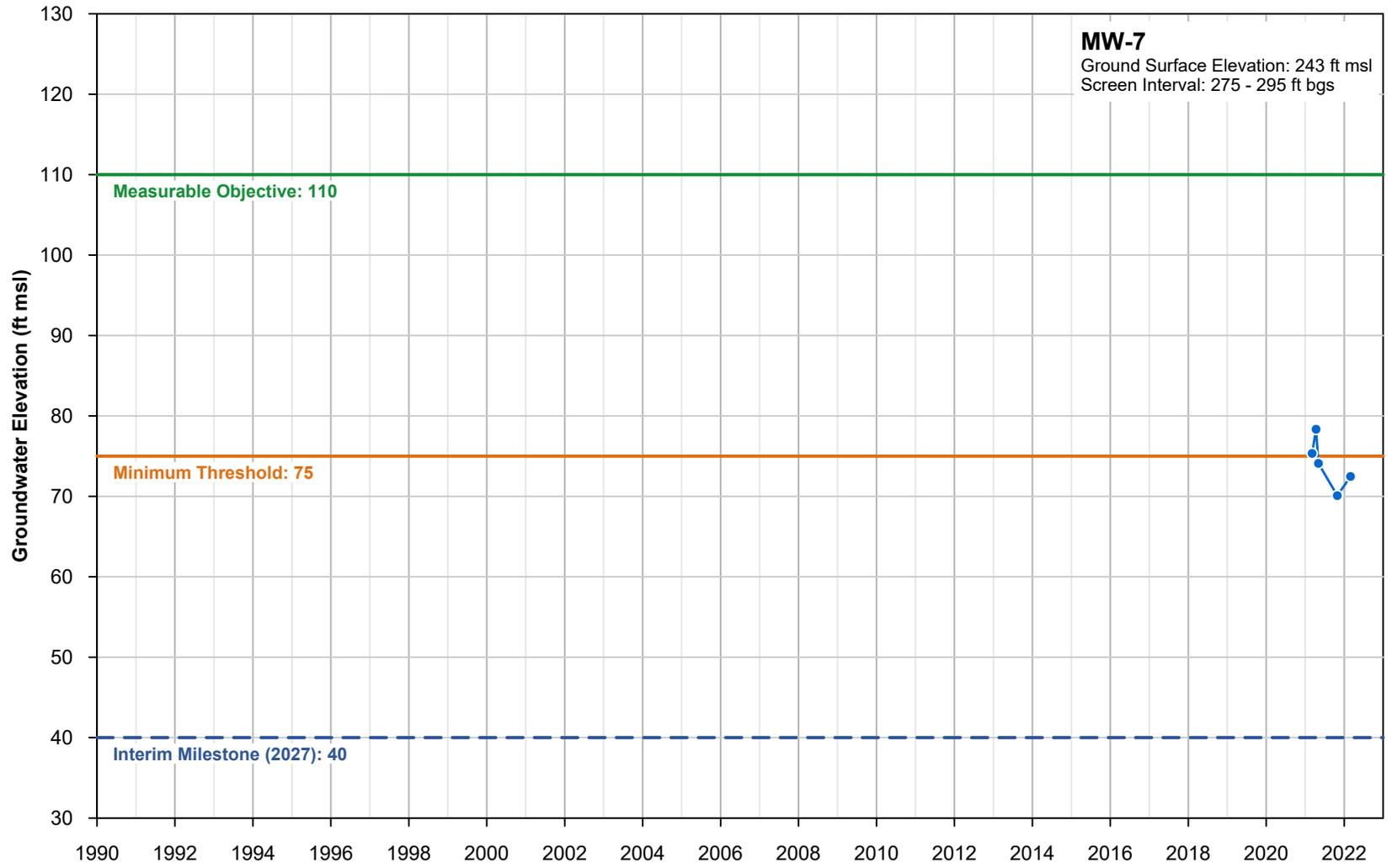


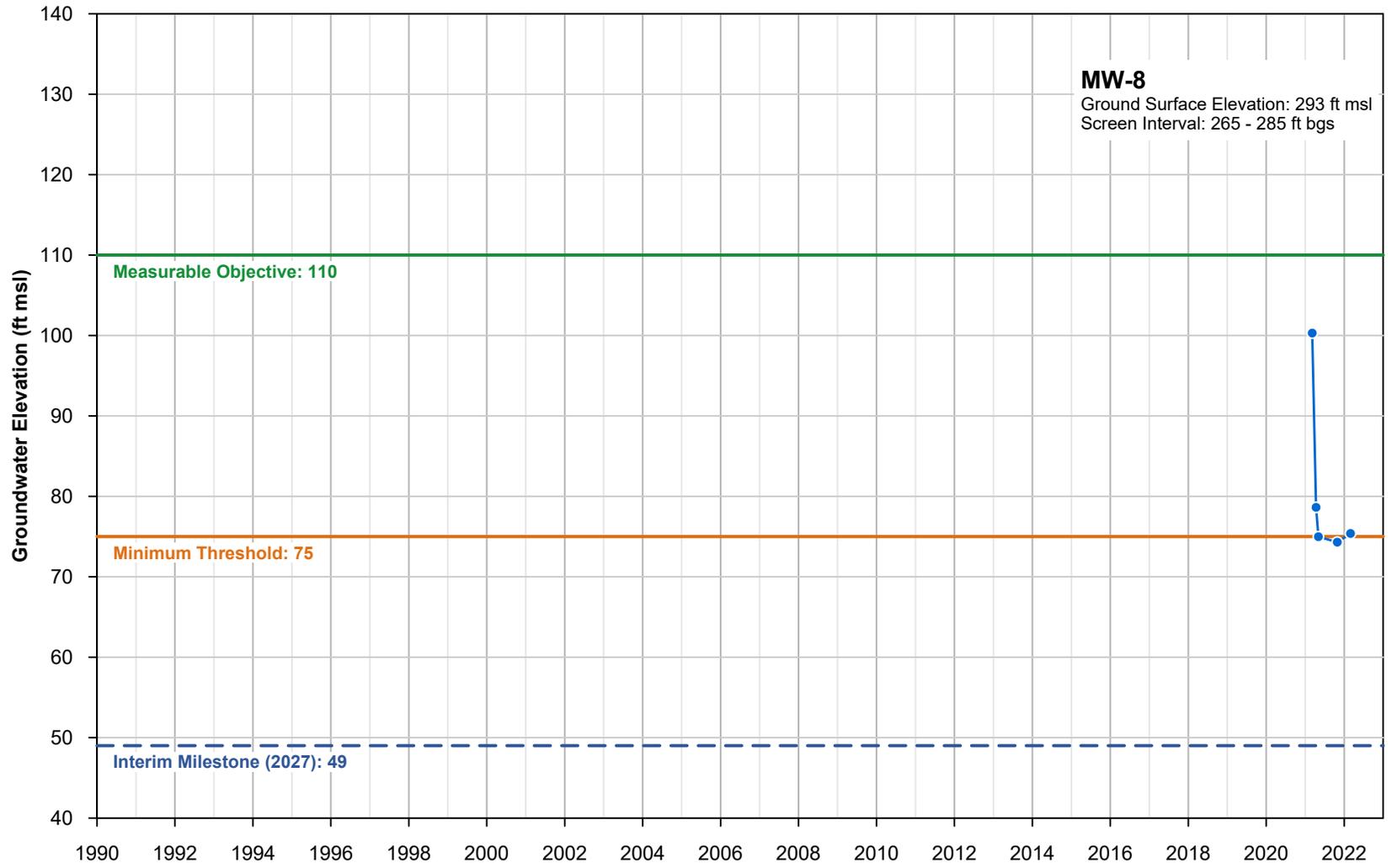


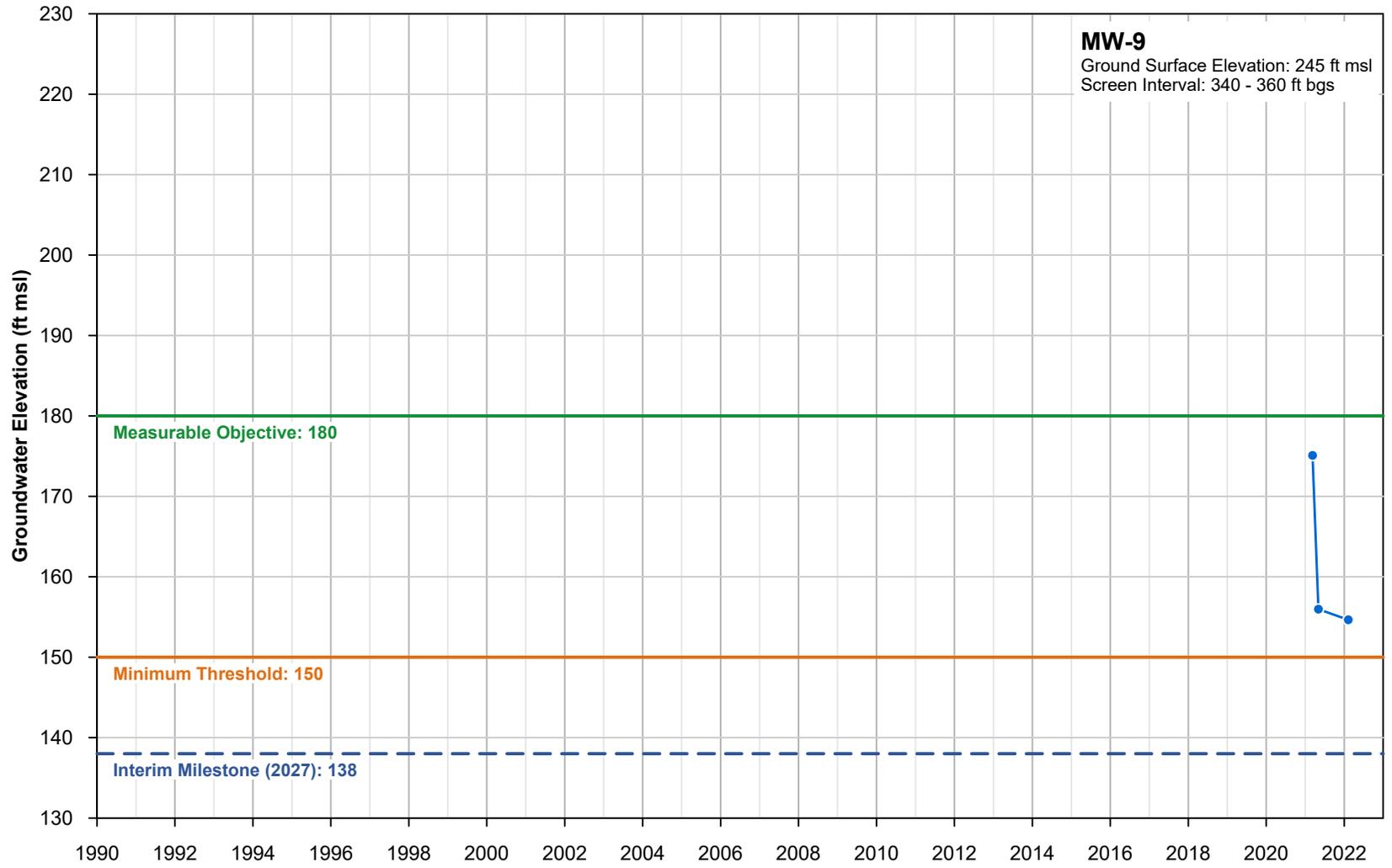


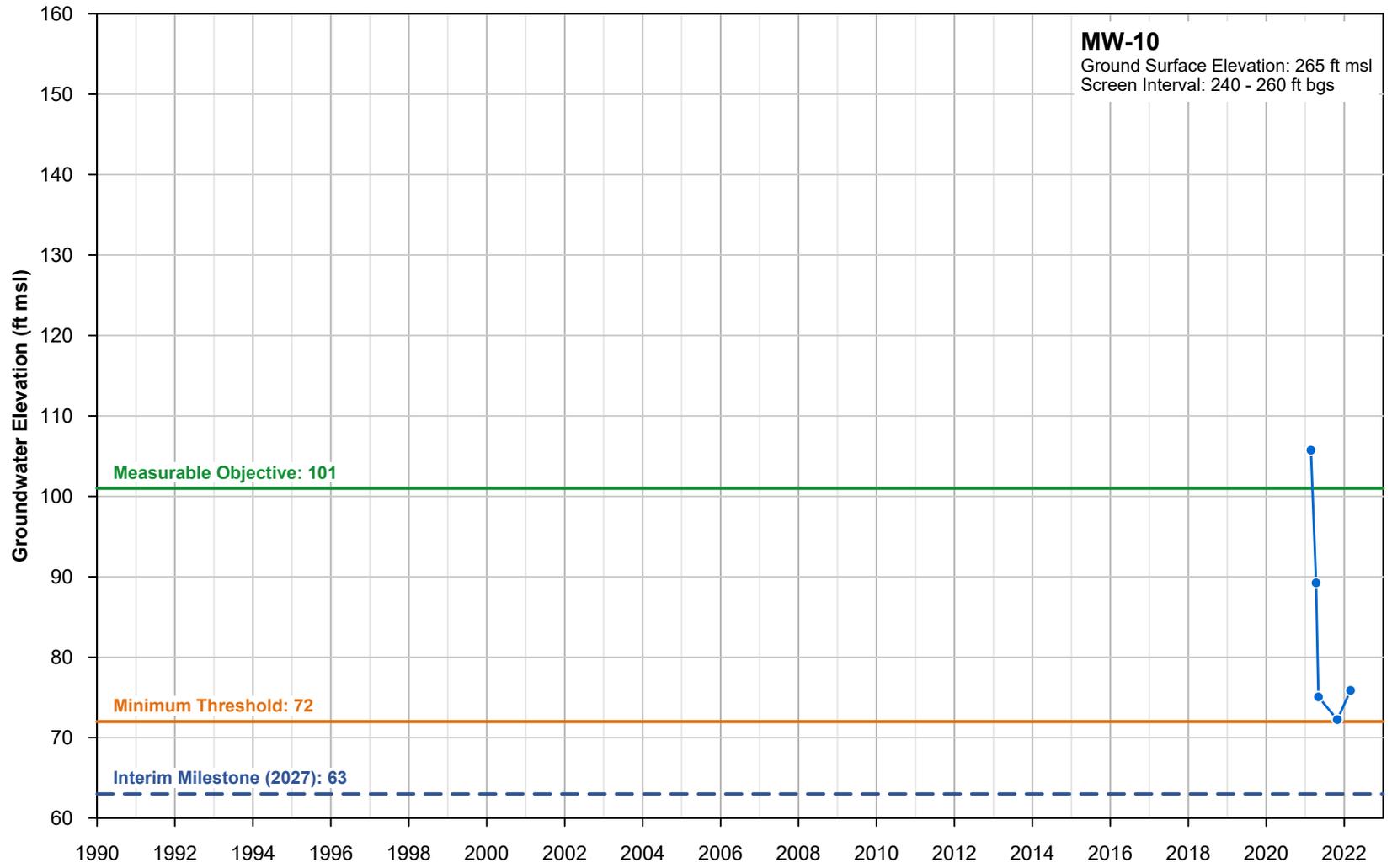


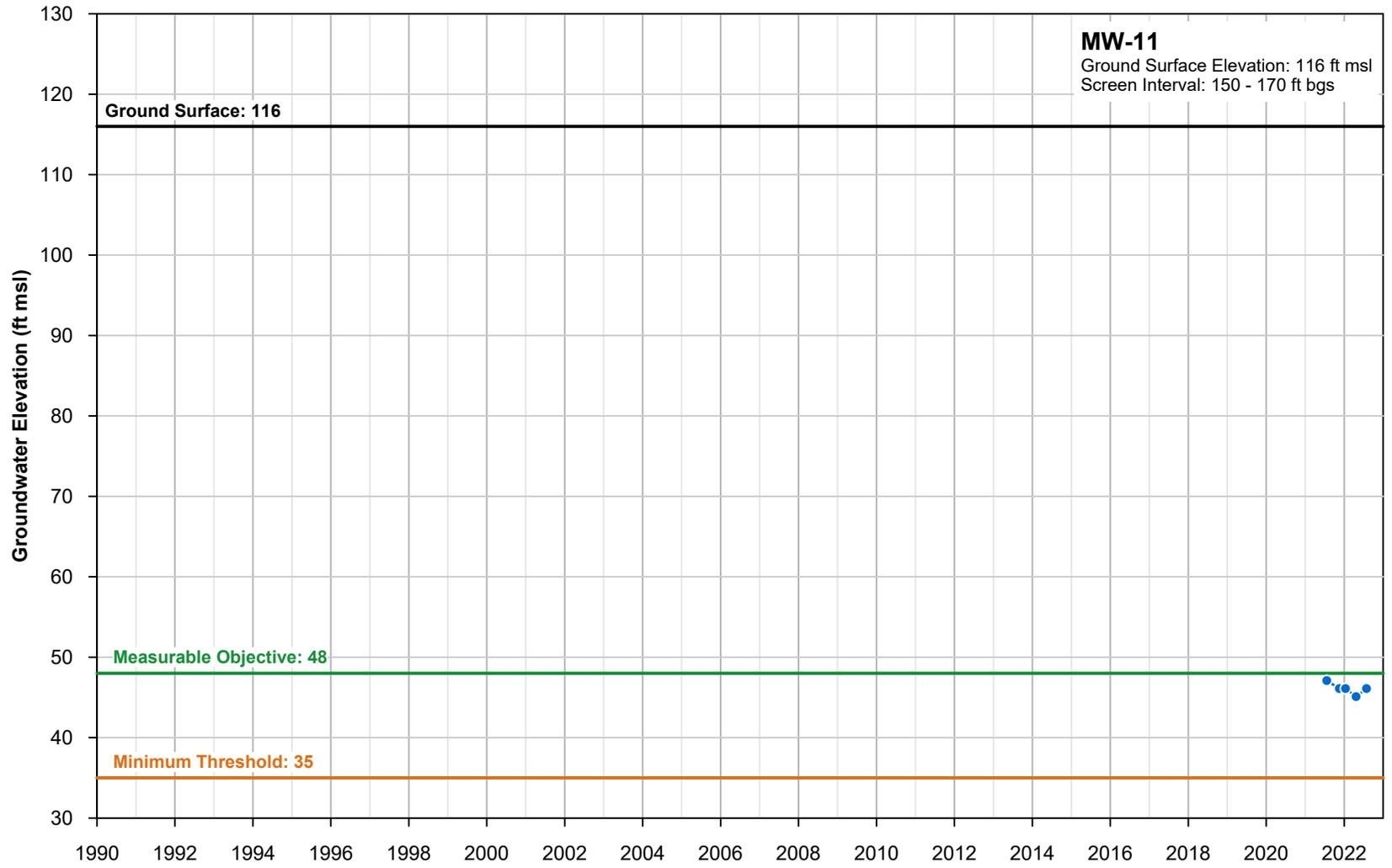




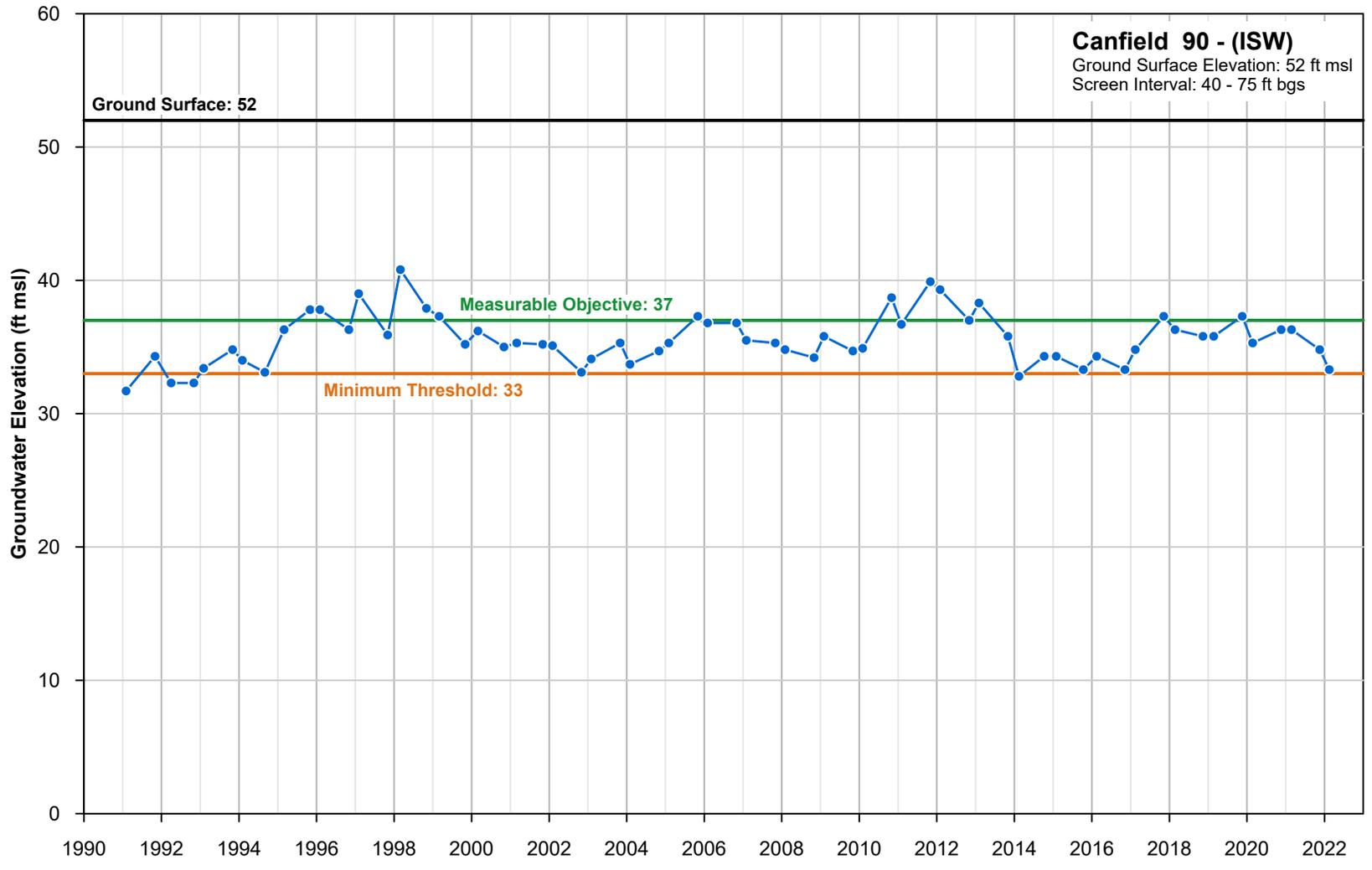


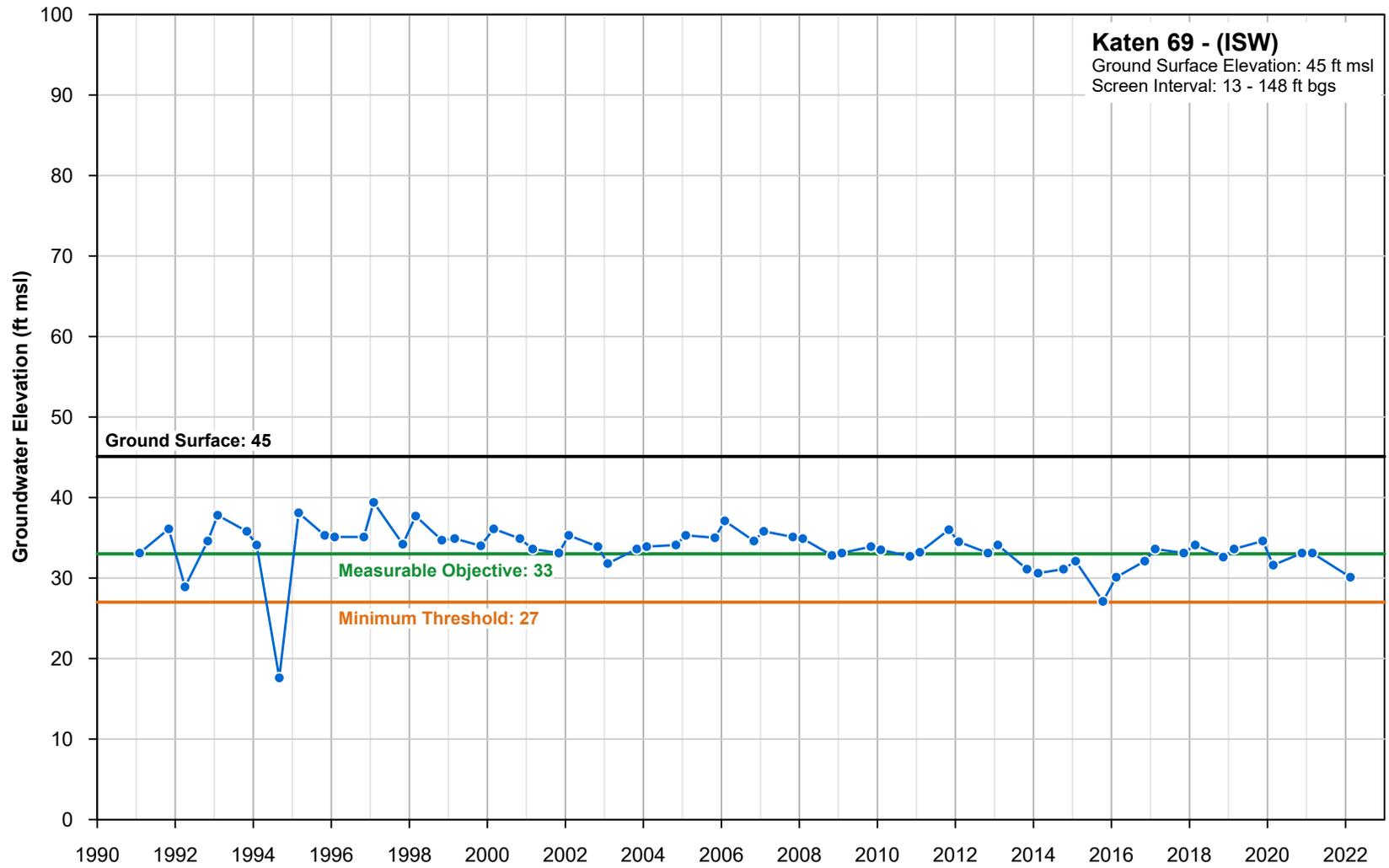


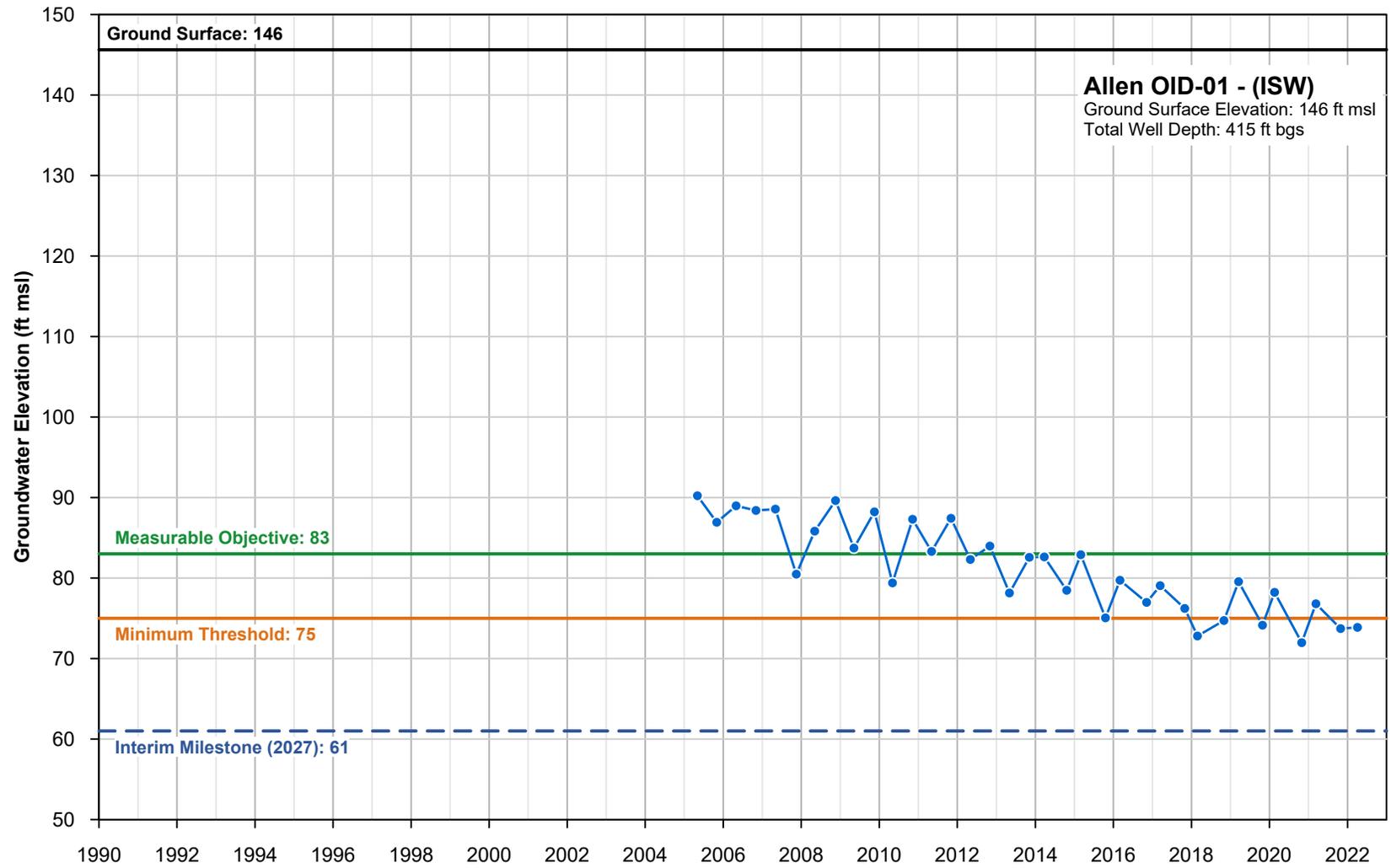


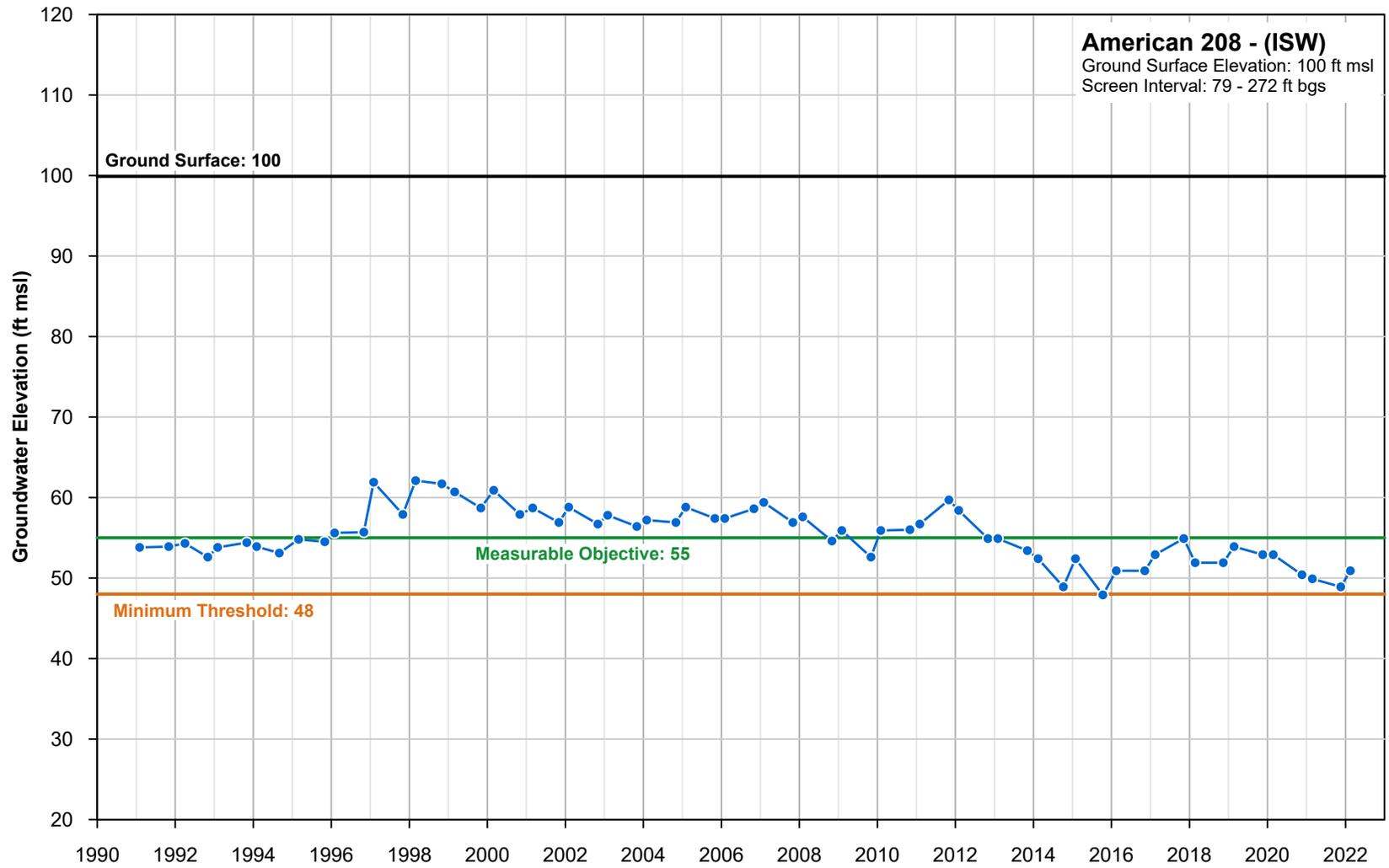


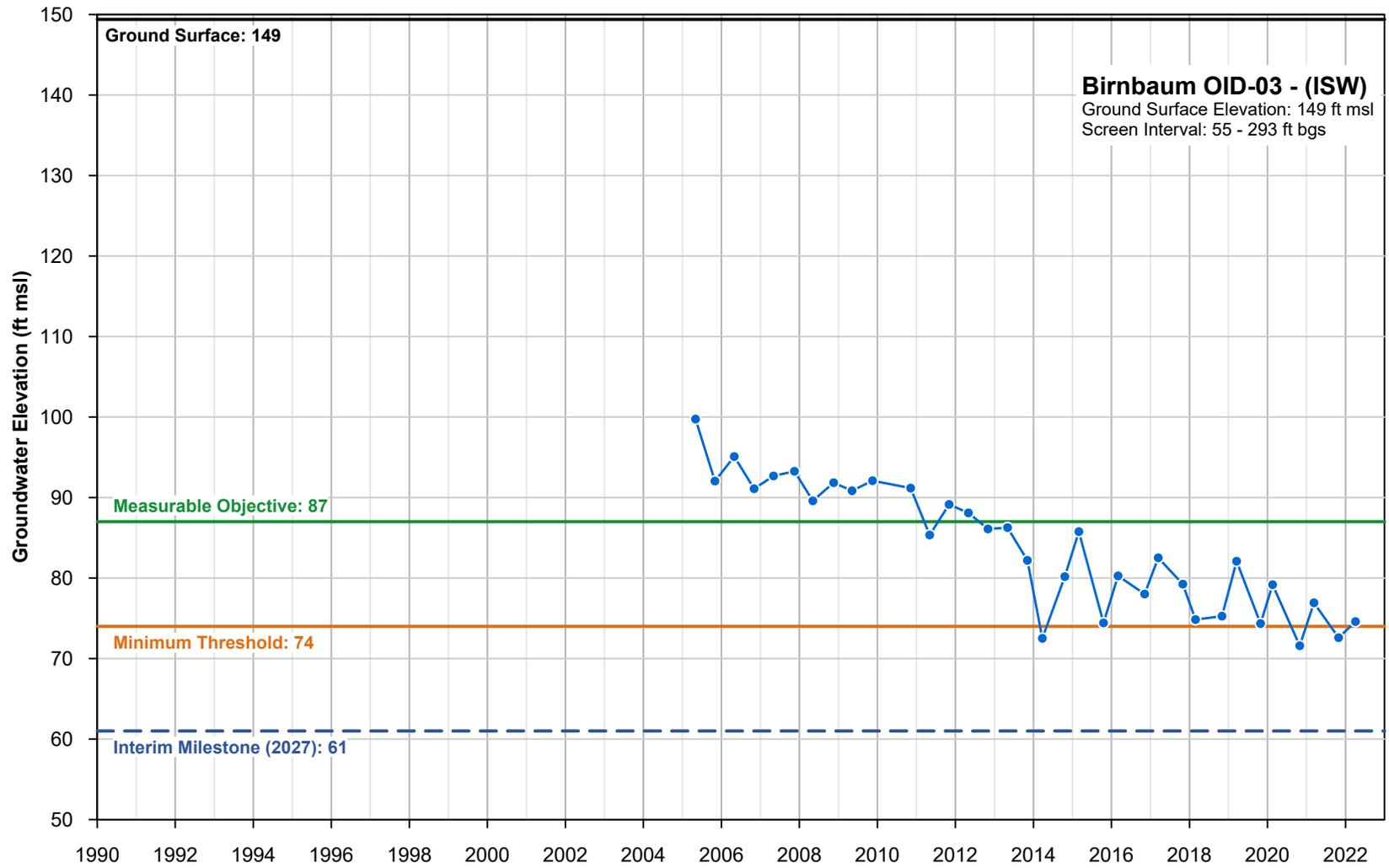
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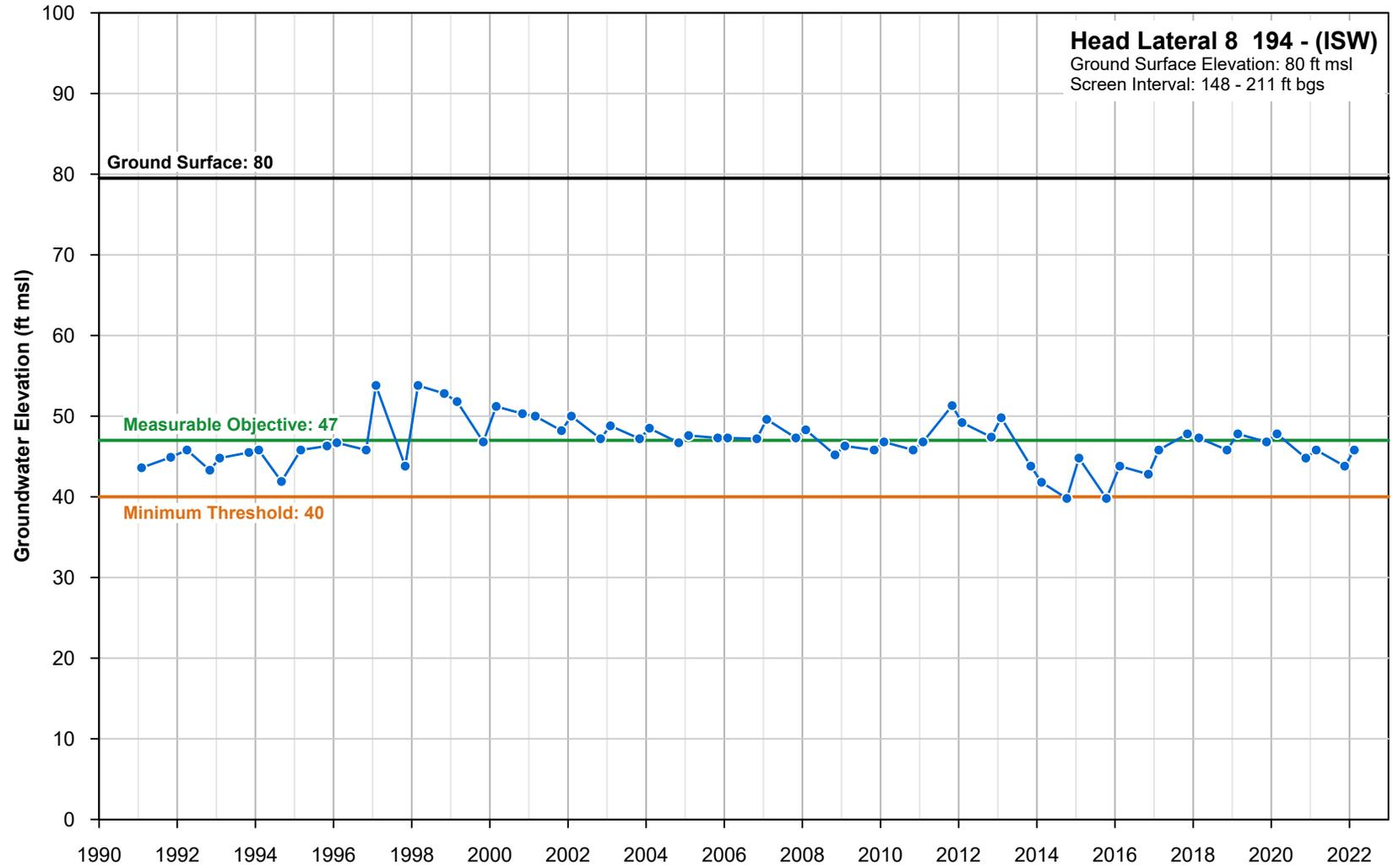


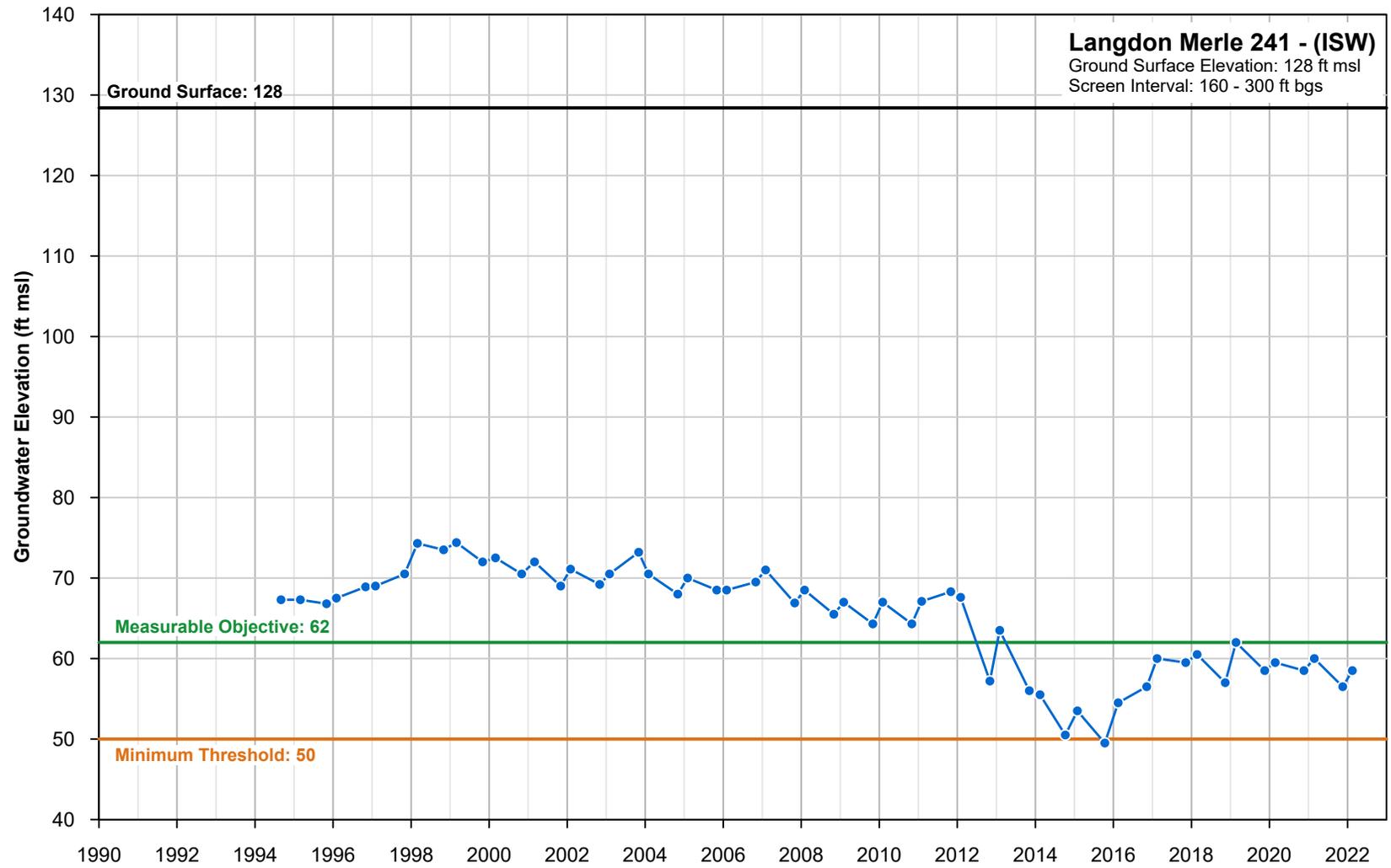


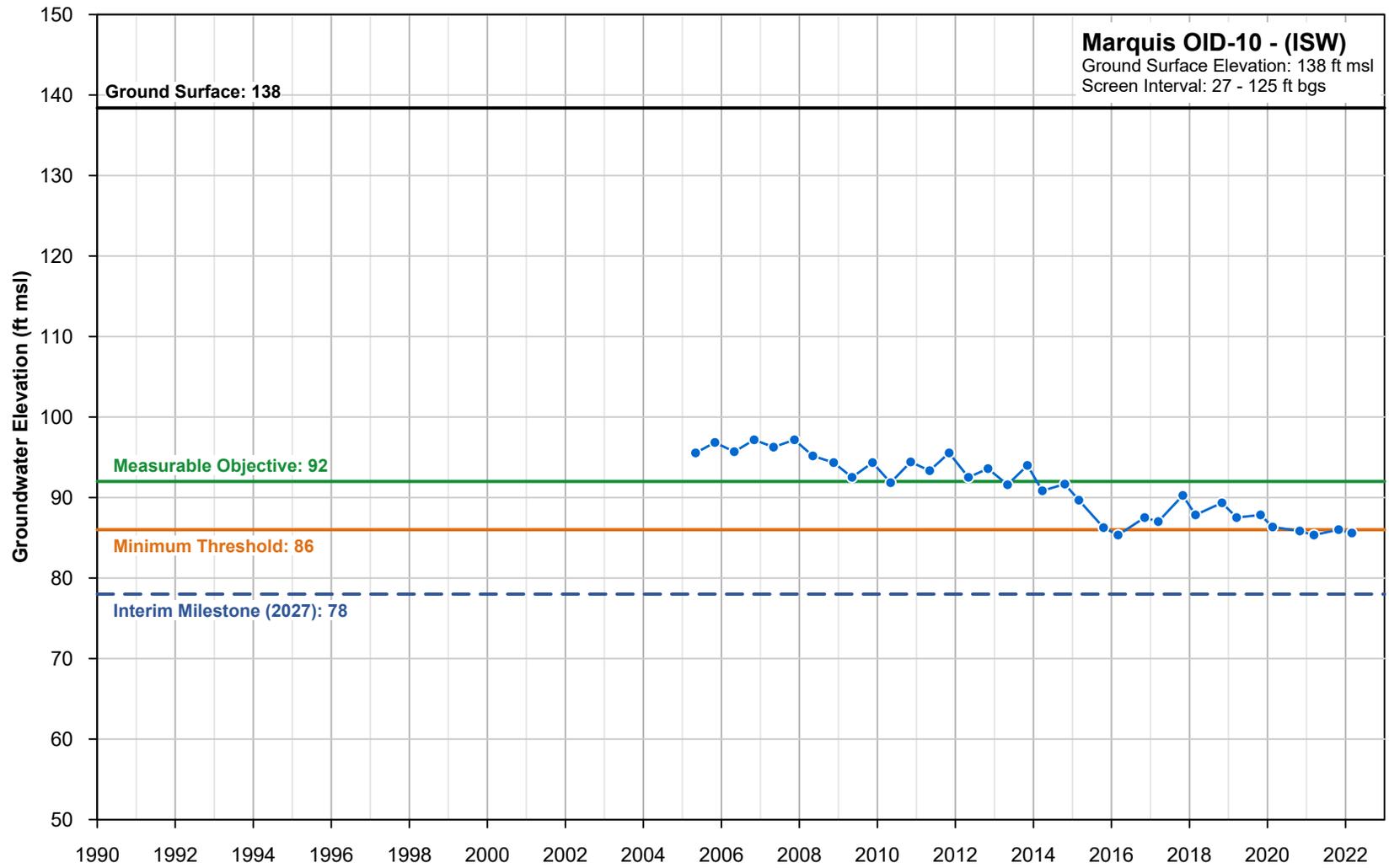


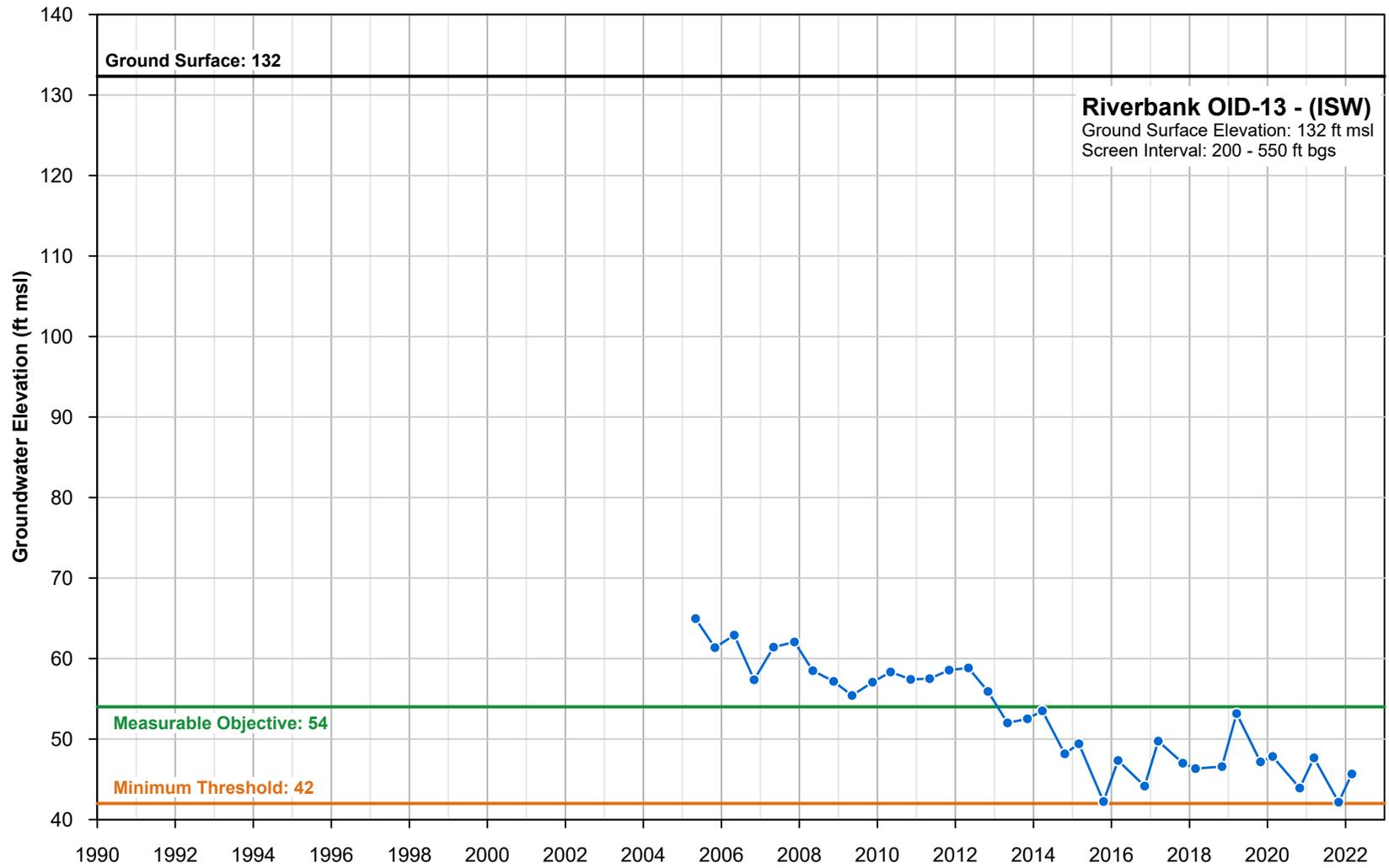


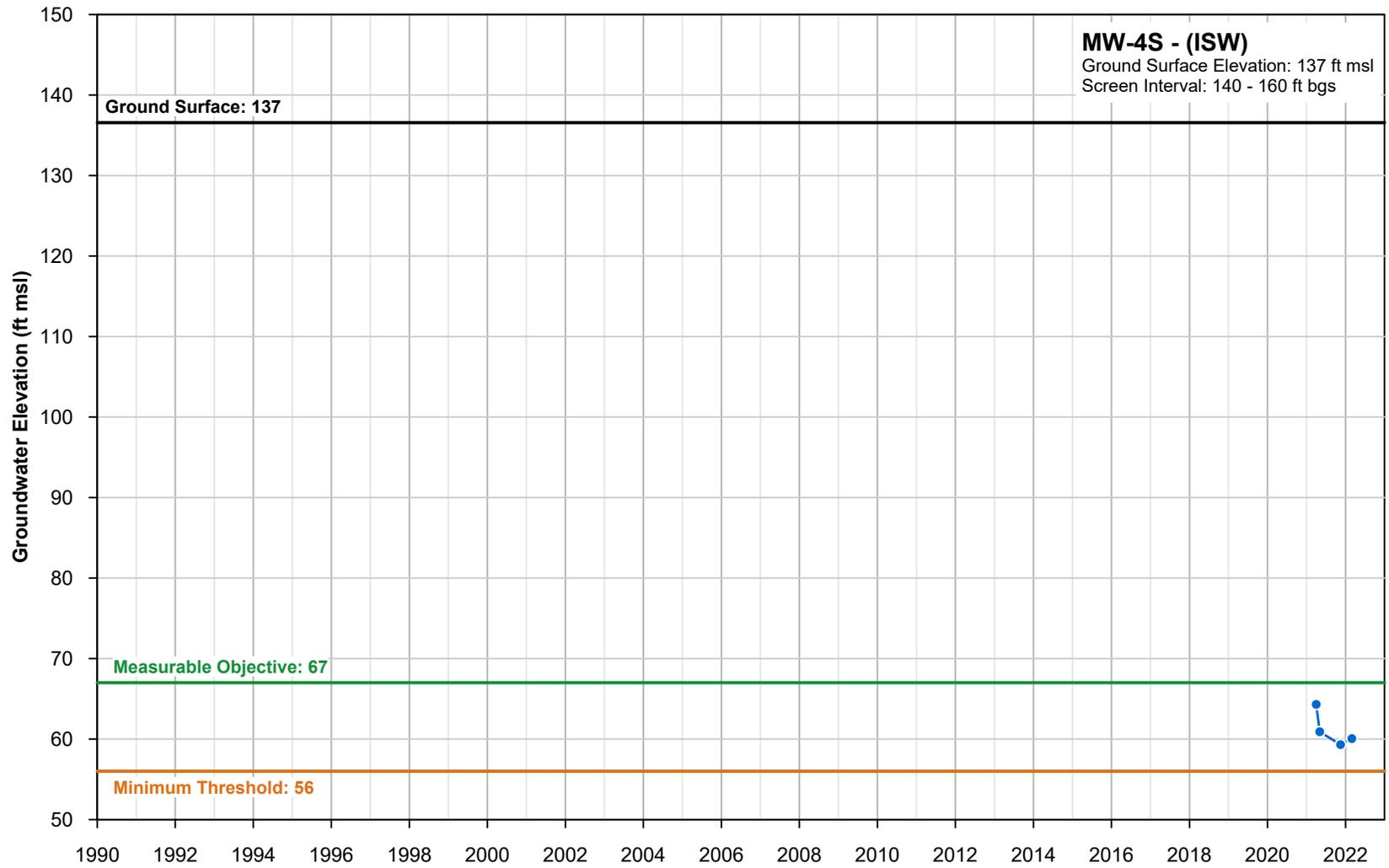


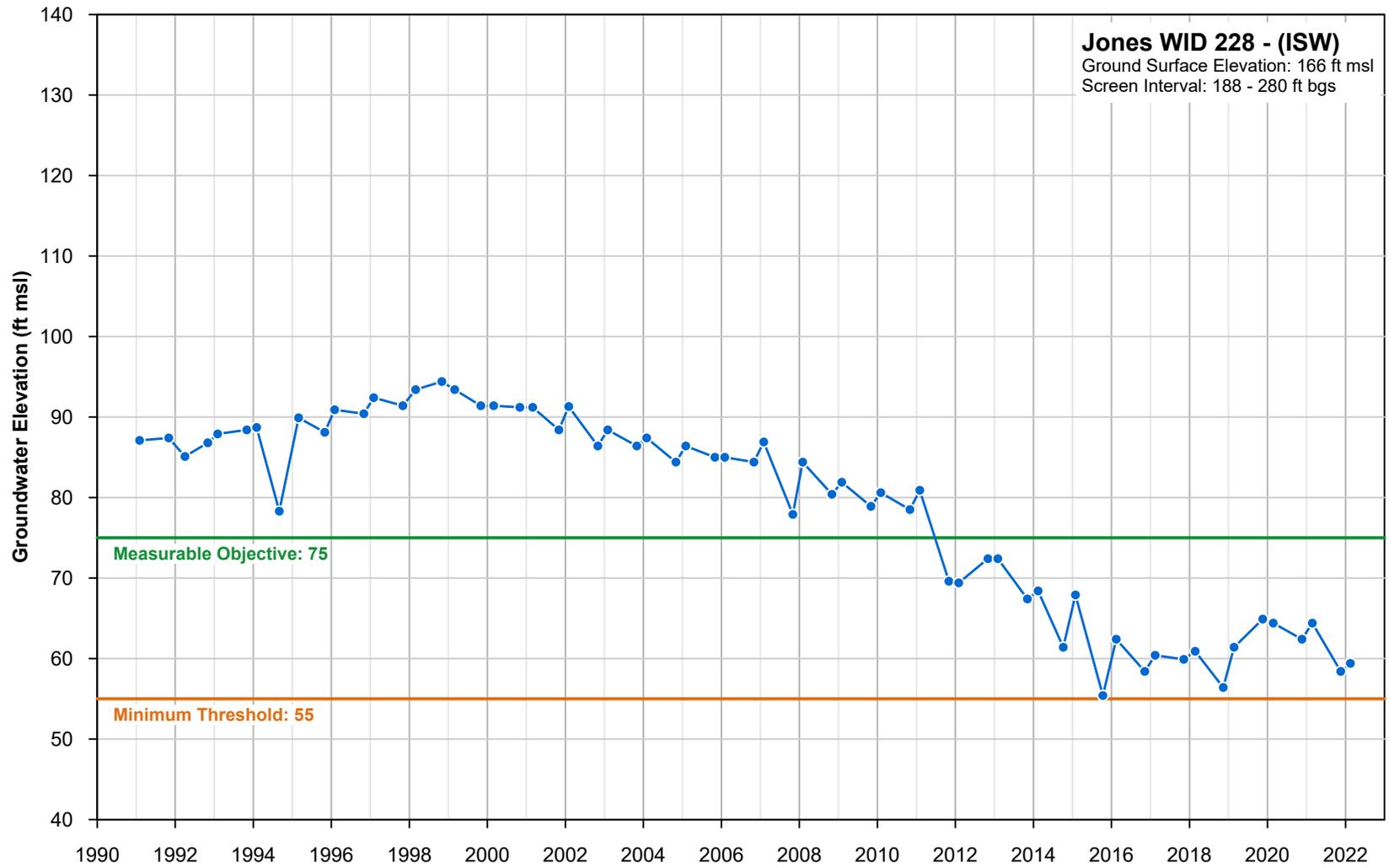


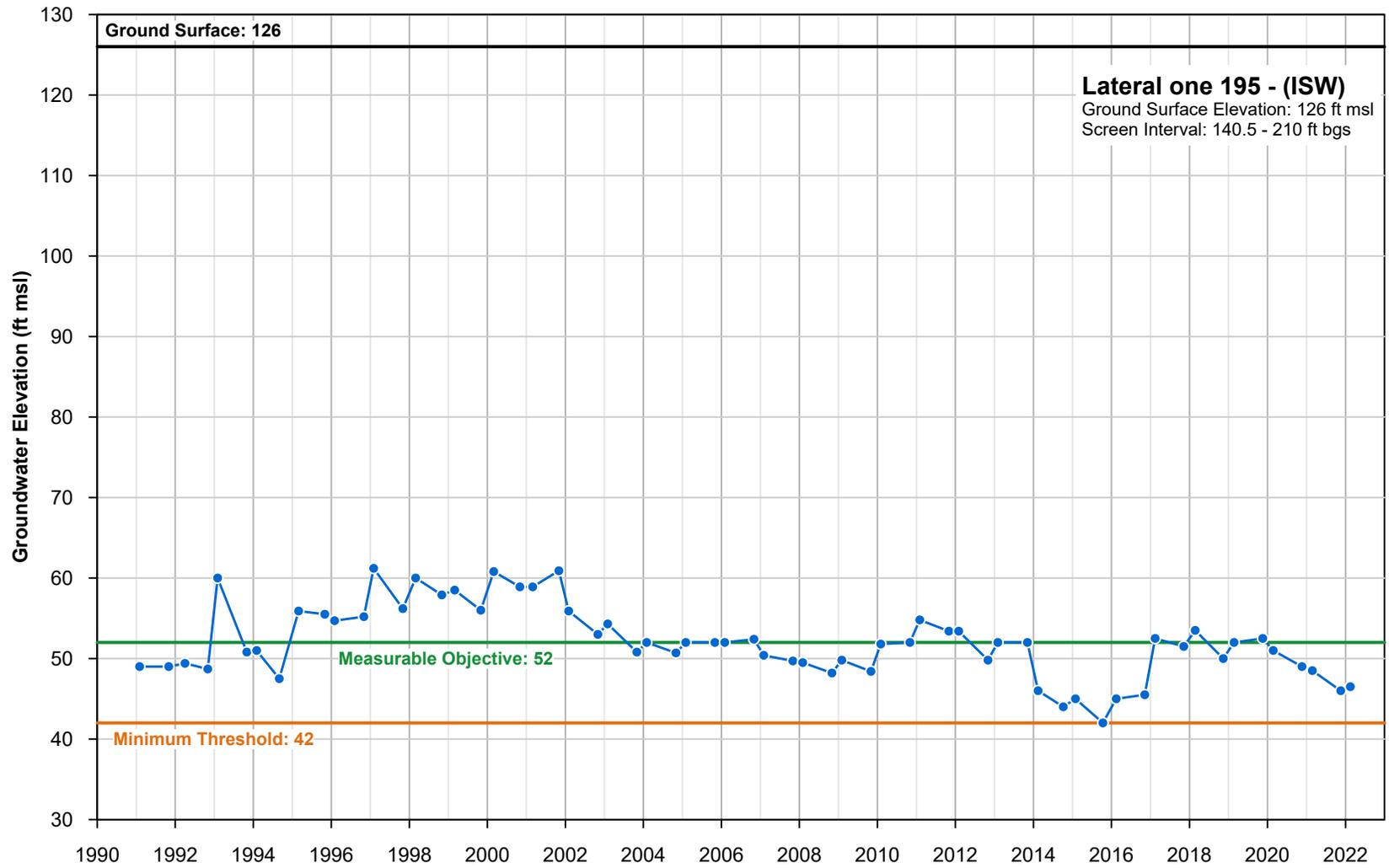


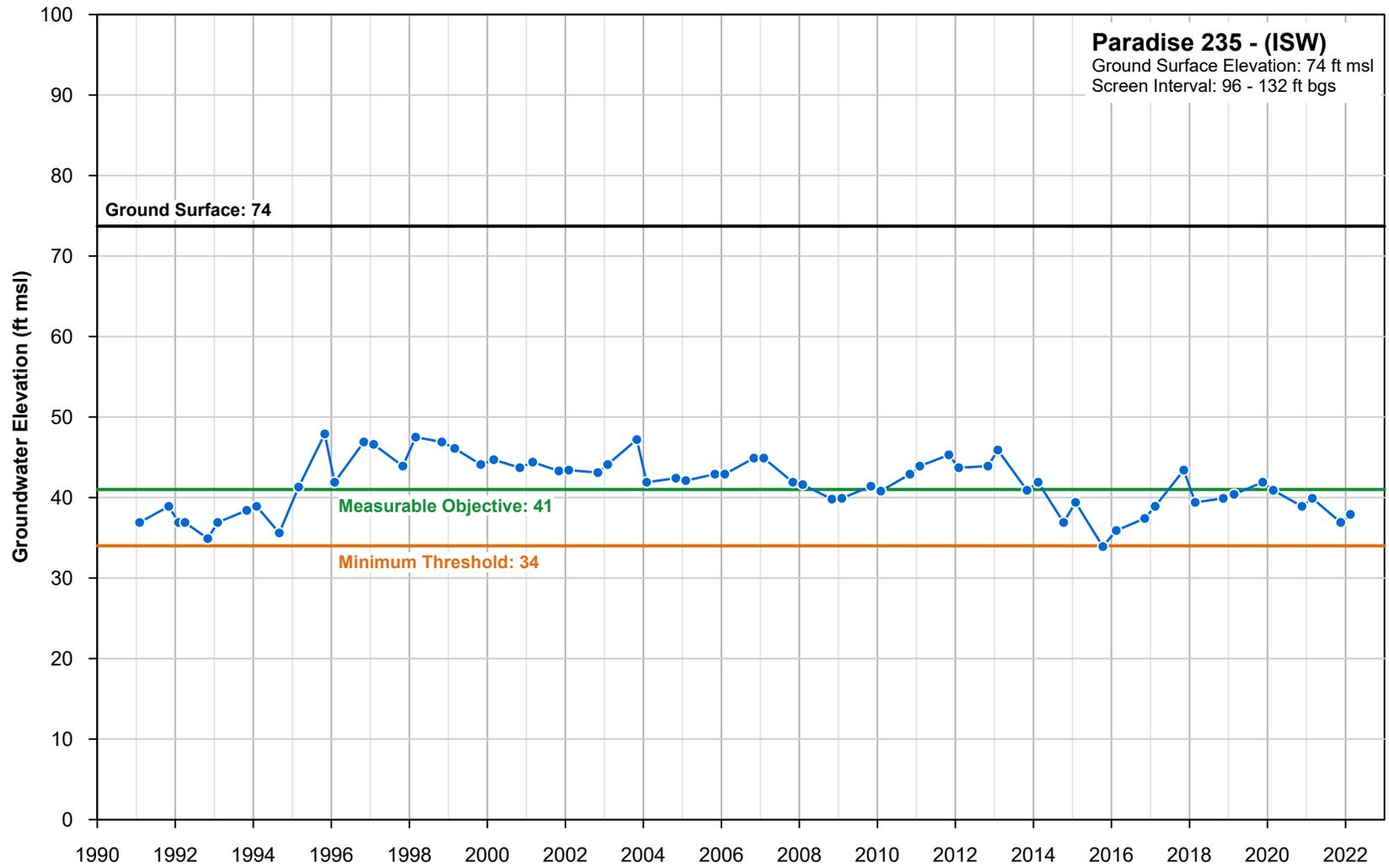


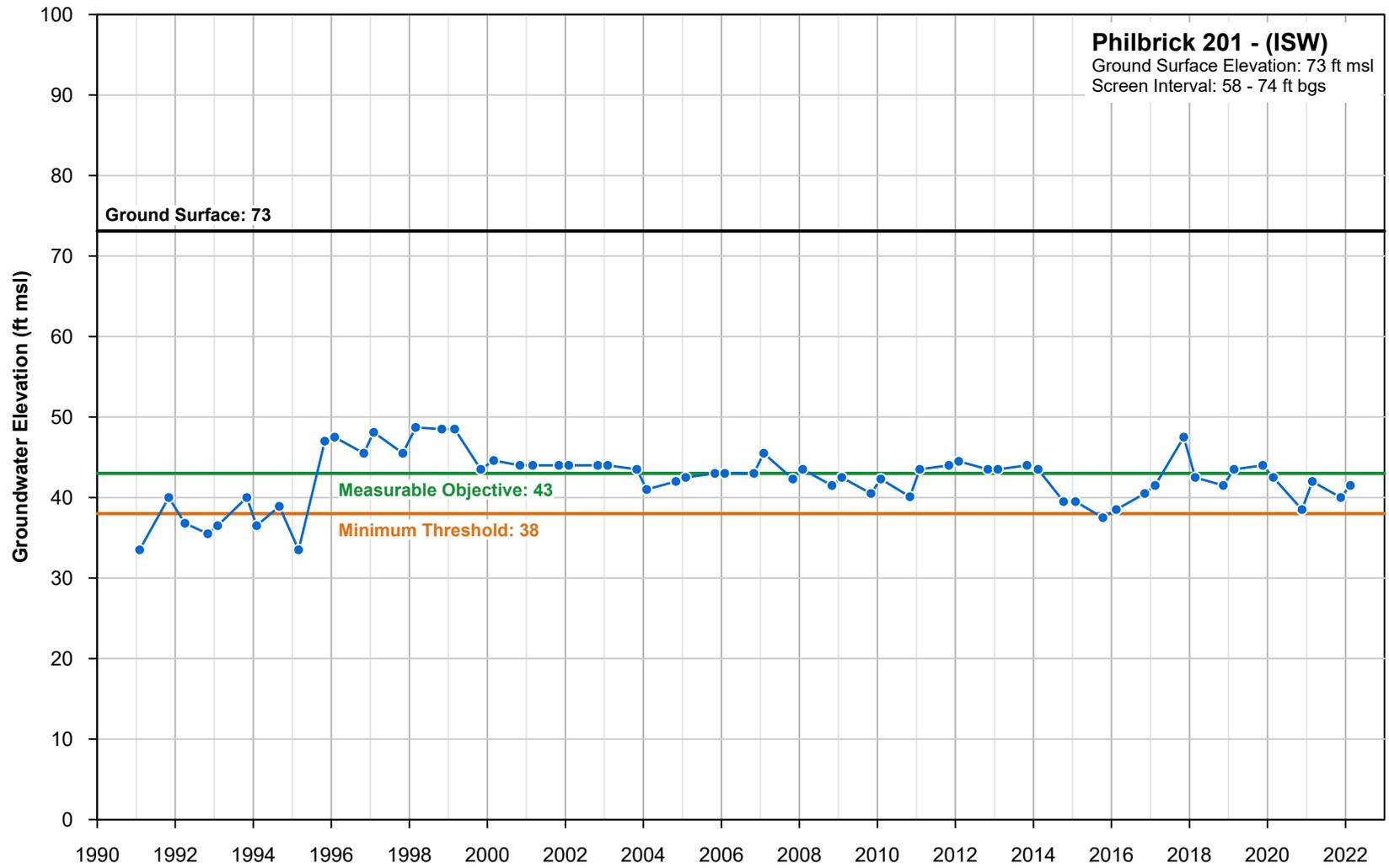


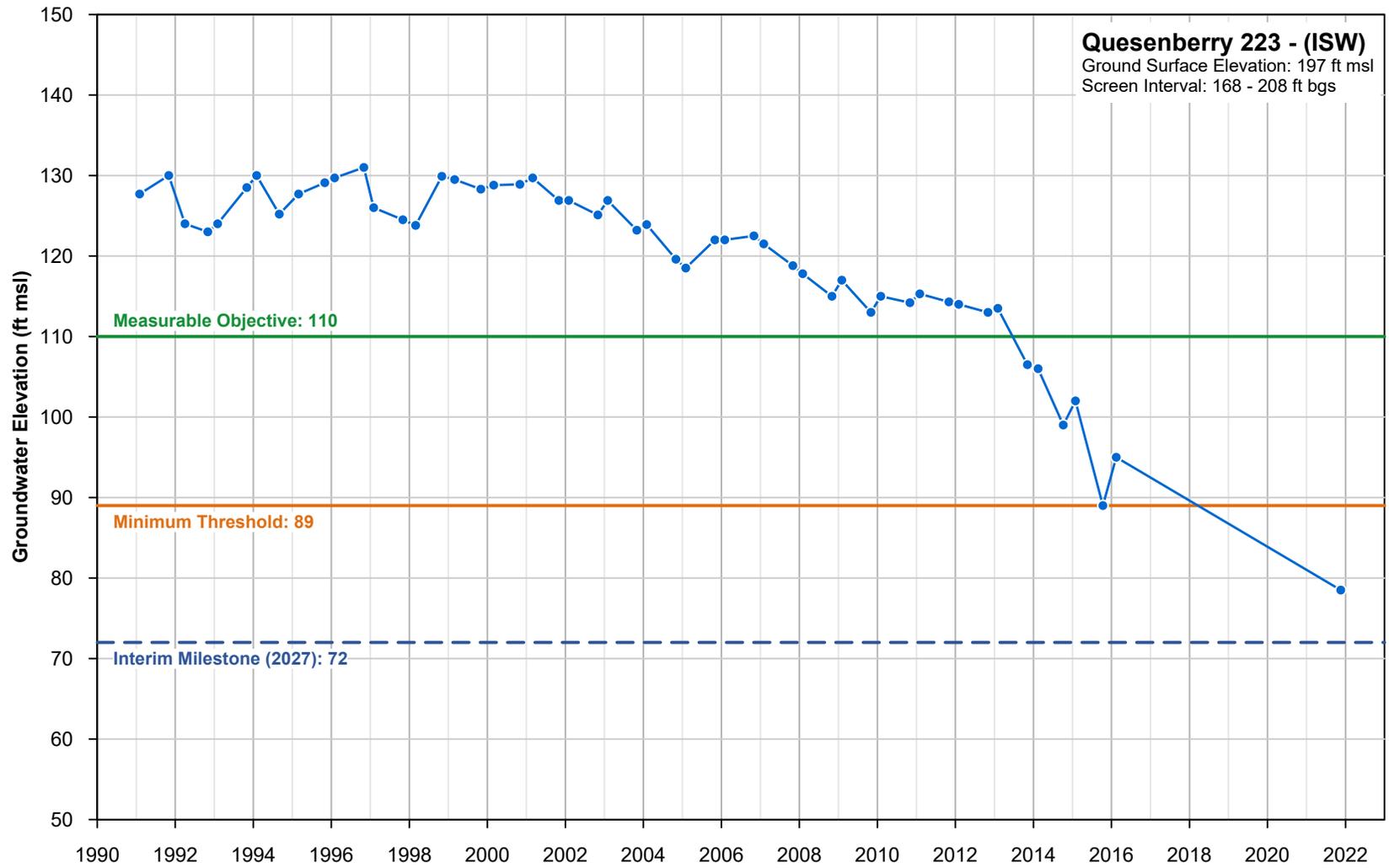


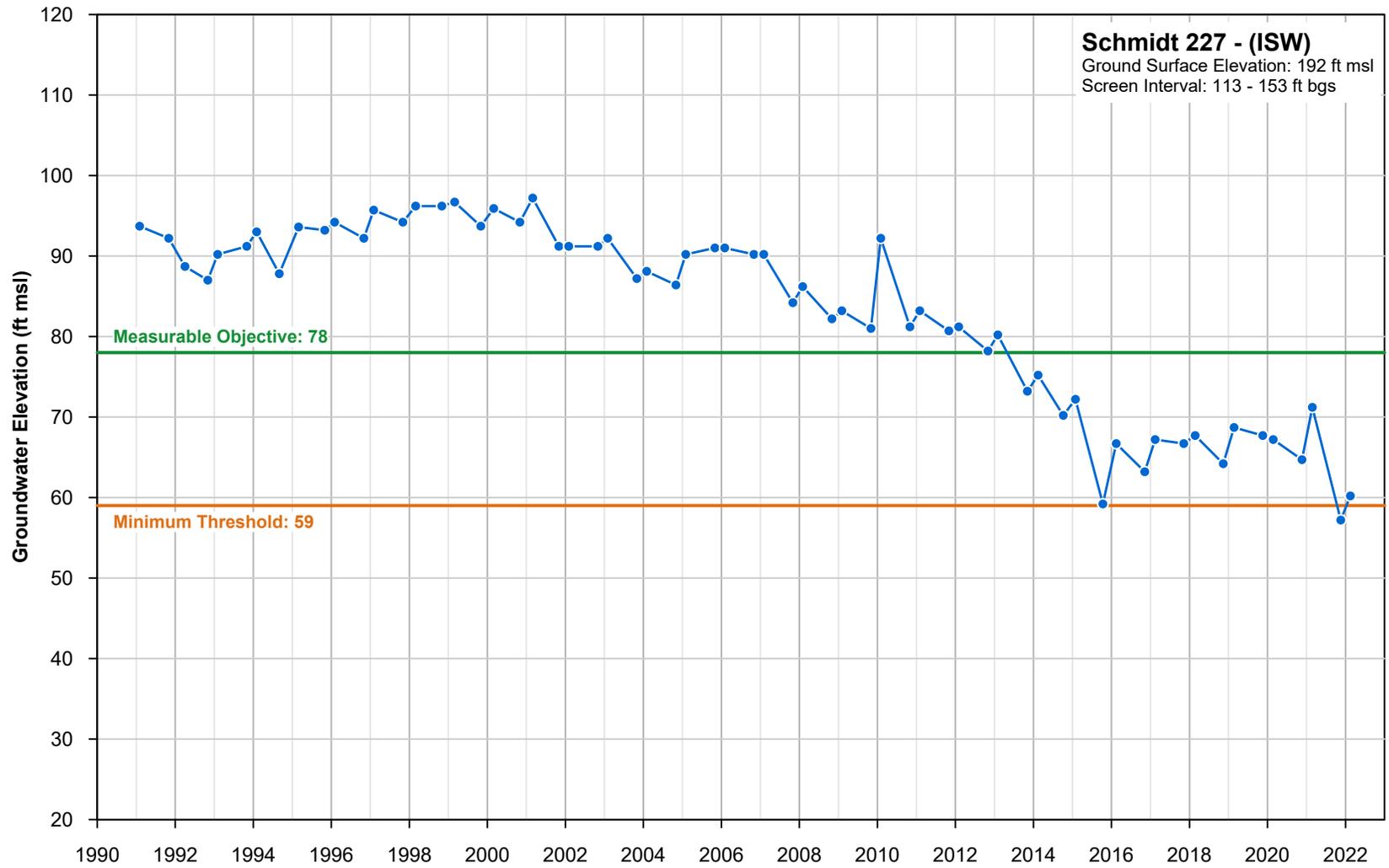


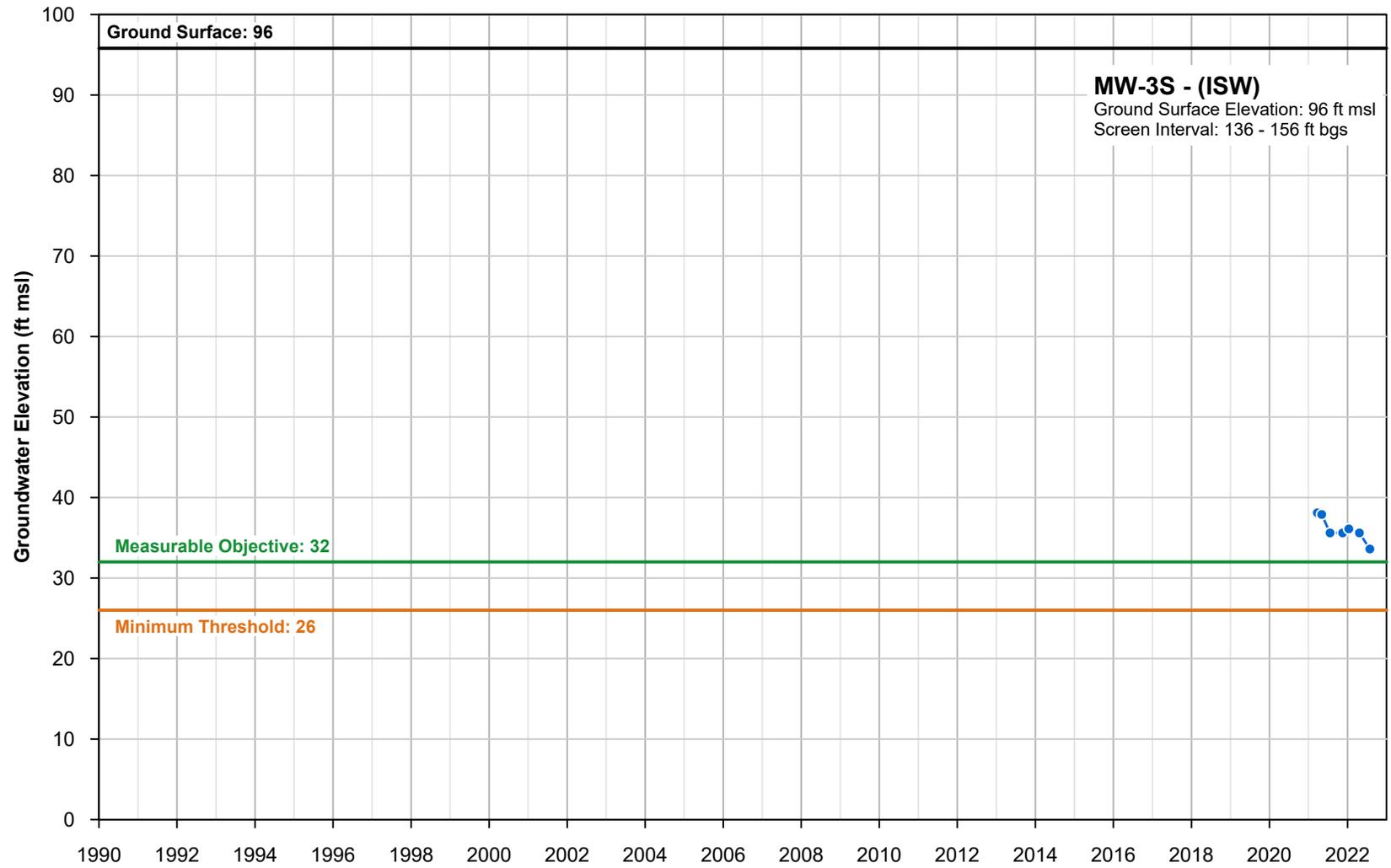


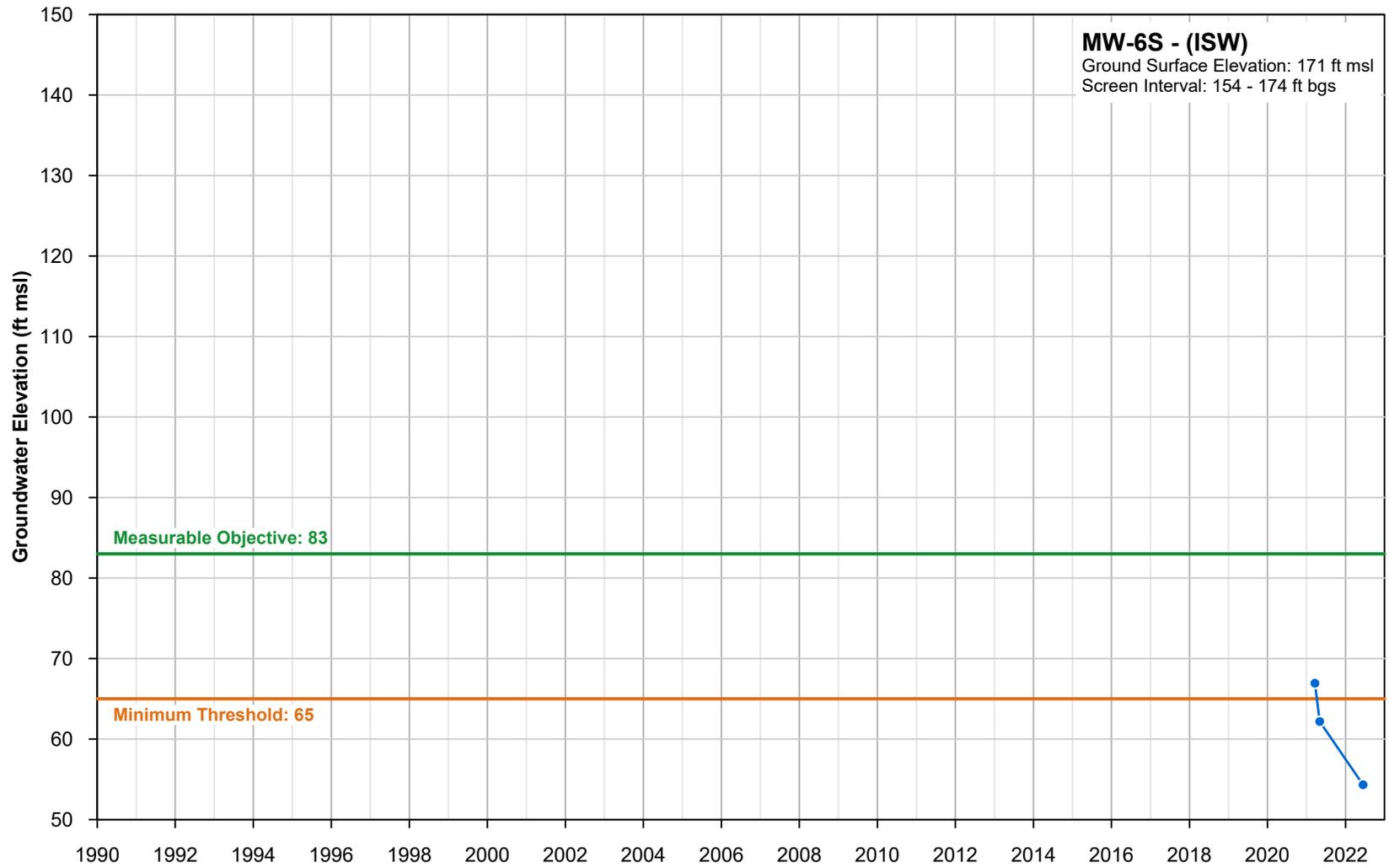


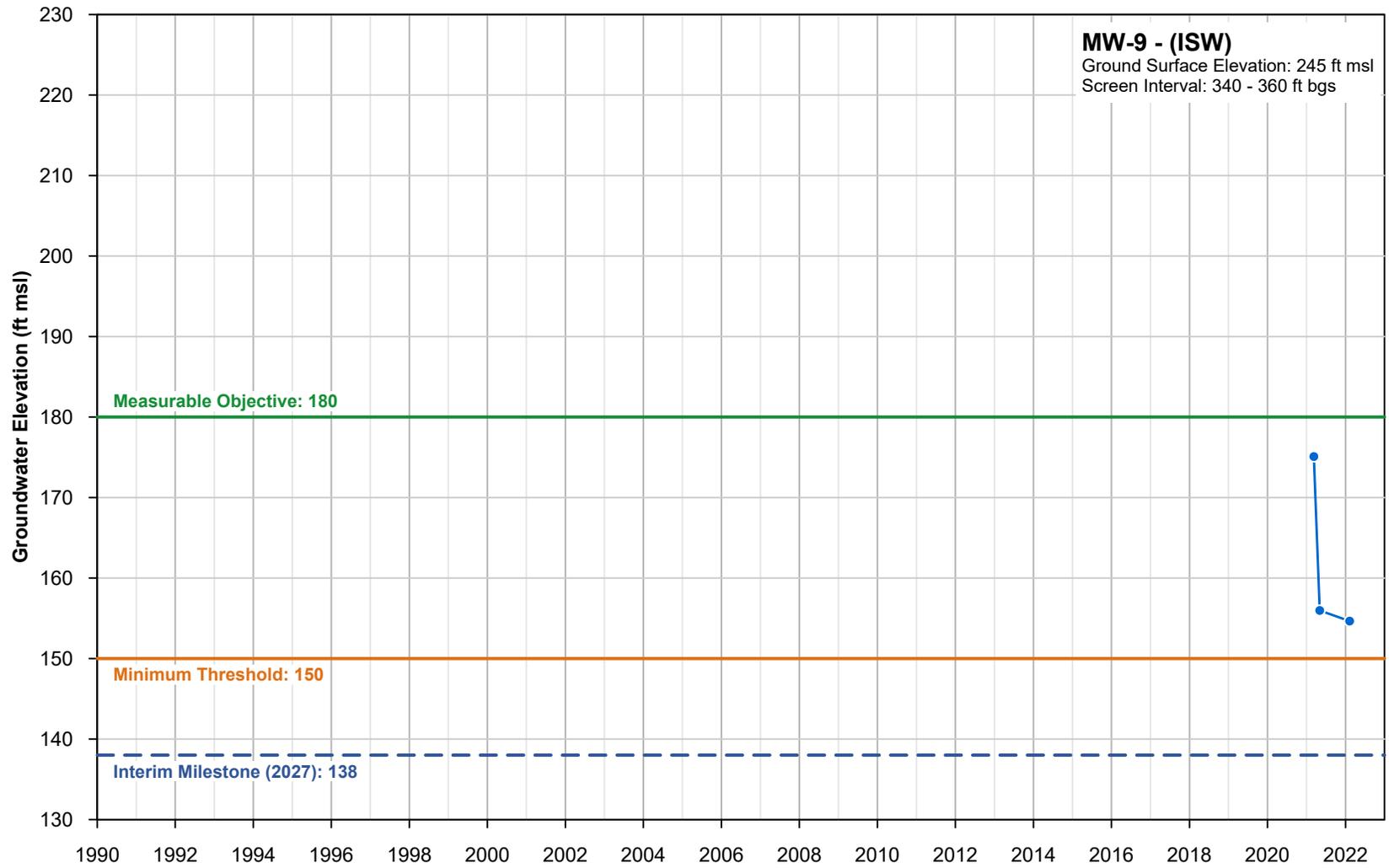












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Water Quality Time-Concentration Plots

