



# CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Board of Directors

**Cory Bantilan** Chair, Santa Barbara County Water Agency  
**Derek Yurosek** Vice Chair, Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Vacant** Secretary, County of Ventura  
**Byron Albano** Treasurer, Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Jason Higbee** Cuyama Basin Water District  
**Steve Jackson** Cuyama Basin Water District

**Jimmy Paulding** County of San Luis Obispo  
**Katelyn Zenger** County of Kern  
**Matthew Young** Santa Barbara County Water Agency  
**Deborah Williams** Cuyama Community Services District  
**Jane Wooster** Cuyama Basin Water District

### AGENDA

July 9, 2025

Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the **Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center 4689 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254**. Participate via computer at: <https://msteams.link/4GXC> or by going to Microsoft Teams, downloading the free application, then entering Meeting ID: 211 568 992 705 Passcode: et2fD66g or enter or telephonically at (469) 480-3918 Phone Conference ID: 839 596 065#.

#### Teleconference Locations:

4689 CA-166 New Cuyama, CA 93254	210 Waterfall Rd. Templeton, CA 93465	2600 Sand Dunes Dr. Monterey, CA 93940
1115 Truxtun Ave., 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301	900 Truxtun Ave., Suite 220 Bakersfield, CA 93308	

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1. Call to Order (Bantilan) (1 min)
2. Roll Call (Blakslee) (1 min)
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Bantilan) (1 min)
4. Meeting Protocols (Blakslee) (2 min)
5. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report (Kelly) (3 min)
6. Elect Secretary (Bantilan) (1 min)

### CONSENT AGENDA

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.*

7. Approve May 7, 2025, and May 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Bantilan) (1 min)
8. Approve Payment of Bills for April and May 2025 (Blakslee) (1 min)
9. Approve Financial Reports for April and May 2025 (Blakslee) (1 min)

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

*All action items require a simple majority vote by default (50% of the vote). Items that require a super majority vote (75% of the weighted total) will be noted as such at the end of the item.*

10. Director Participation at SAC Meetings (Bantilan) (3 min)
11. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation
  - a) Approve CIMIS Station Setup Costs Presented by Sunridge Farms (Blakslee) (10 min)
  - b) Approve CIMIS Station Landowner Agreement (Blakslee) (10 min)
  - c) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area (Beck/Van Lienden) (45 min)
  - d) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Identifying Regions to Use for Evaluating Expanded Allocations and Overview and Evaluation Plan and Schedule (Beck/Van Lienden) (60 min)
  - e) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the CMA Allocation Exchanges Policy (i.e. Water Market) (Blakslee) (45 min)
  - f) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on CMA Carryover Policy (Blakslee) (45 min)
  - g) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Revising Sustainable Management Criteria at Opti Well No. 118 (Van Lienden) (10 min)
  - h) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Replacing Well 608 in the Representative Monitoring Network (Van Lienden) (10 min)

#### **REPORT ITEMS**

12. Administrative Updates
  - a) Report of the Executive Director (Blakslee) (5 min)
  - b) Report of the General Counsel (Hughes) (5 min)
13. Technical Updates
  - a) Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities (Van Lienden) (5 min)
  - b) Update on Grant-Funded Projects (Van Lienden) (5 min)
  - c) Update on April 2025 Groundwater Conditions Report (Van Lienden) (5 min)
14. Report of Ad Hoc Committees (1 min)
15. Directors' Forum (1 min)
16. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (5 min)
17. Correspondence (1 min)

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

18. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (15 min)  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
  - (a) Bolthouse Land Company, LLC, et al v. All Persons Claiming a Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (BCV-21-101927)
19. Adjourn (6:58 p.m.)

CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

**2025 Board Ad hocs**

<b>1</b>	<b>CIMIS Station Implementation Policy</b>	Burnes Bantilan Wooster
<b>2</b>	<b>Variance</b>	Albano Anselm Jackson Young
<b>3</b>	<b>Farm Unit Policy</b>	Albano Bantilan Yurosek
<b>4</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Budget</b>	Burnes Young Zenger
<b>5</b>	<b>Allocation Exchanges &amp; Carryover</b>	Higbee Jackson Williams Wooster

**Tech Forum Participants**

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Aman Singh Anthony Daus	GSI	Bolthouse / Grimmway
Mack Carlson	BHFS	Coalition of Landowners for Commonsense Groundwater Solution
Derrick Williams	Montgomery & Associates	Coalition of Landowners for Commonsense Groundwater Solution
Bob Abrams Sean Hartman	Aquilogic	BBK
Matt Klinchuch	Cuyama Basin Water District	Cuyama Basin Water District
Jeff Shaw John Fio Macy Frost Marco Maneta	EKI	Cuyama Basin Water District
Neil Currie	Cleath-Harris	Grapevine Capital
Matt Young Matt Scrudato	Santa Barbara County Water Agency	Santa Barbara County
Bianca Cabera Steve Johnson Jeff Helsley	Stetson Engineers	Sunrise Olive

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2025

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Directors

Bantilan, Cory – Chair  
Yurosek, Derek – Vice Chair  
Albano, Byron – Treasurer  
DeBranch, Brad – Alternate  
Higbee, Jason  
Jackson, Steve  
Reely, Blaine – Alternate  
Williams, Debbie  
Wooster, Jane  
Young, Matthew  
Zenger, Katelyn

Staff

Beck, Jim – Executive Director  
Bianchi, Grace – Project Coordinator  
Blakslee, Taylor – Assistant Executive Director  
Dominguez, Alex – Legal Counsel  
Van Lienden, Brian – Woodard & Curran

**1. Call to Order**

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Chair Cory Bantilan called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Ms. Bianchi called roll (shown above) and informed Chair Bantilan that there was a quorum of the Board.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Bantilan.

**4. Meeting Protocols**

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the meeting protocols.

Mr. Blakslee briefly introduced the new Cuyama Basin Water District Director.

**5. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report**

SAC Chair Brenton provided the report for the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting on

May 1, 2025:

*Last Thursday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m., the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) met at the Family Resource Center in a hybrid format, with all members present—four in-person and three attending remotely from locations posted on the agenda. GSA staff Taylor Blakeslee and Grace Bianchi were present in person; Brian Van Lienden and Alex Dominguez joined the meeting remotely. One stakeholder was present in the room and approximately two dozen stakeholders participated online. The meeting lasted just under two and a half hours.*

*A public comment was made by Committee Member Robbie Jaffe regarding a written inquiry she submitted at the February GSA meeting. She asked whether the GSP and its Sustainable Yield had been submitted to the court and whether the GSA was actively advocating for the GSP in adjudication proceedings. She also requested that the GSA begin updating the adjudication court postings on its designated webpage, which has not been updated in several years. Committee Member Jaffe expressed disappointment that her written request had not been acknowledged and emphasized the need for transparency with stakeholders who have supported the GSP's development over the past five years. She urged the GSA to be straightforward and informative with the community.*

*The SAC requested that the GSA provide a simple status update on the adjudication at a future SAC meeting, presented by legal counsel and based on publicly available information. Legal Counsel Alex Dominguez confirmed that Jaffe's letter was included in the March board packet and noted that the board does not respond to all correspondence it receives.*

*The February SAC meeting minutes were unanimously approved. The remainder of the meeting included discussions generally in support of staff recommendations.*

**9.c) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Potential Non-Reporting Pumpers**

*Staff explained that this was an initial report in an ongoing process to identify and address potential groundwater pumpers who have not reported usage. No landowners had yet been contacted, and no consumptive use calculations had been completed. This report was intended to promote transparency by presenting findings triggered by comparing land use datasets to identify possibly irrigated lands not currently reporting pumping.*

*The SAC helped staff interpret whether certain parcels were irrigated with groundwater or spring-fed surface water. Several landowners participated online and helped eliminate concern over a substantial portion of the approximately 900 acres initially flagged. Landowners expressed concern about being prematurely classified as "non-reporters" based on incomplete data. Taylor Blakeslee clarified that the results were preliminary and regretted any confusion or negative implications.*

*A significant portion of the discussion focused on the accuracy of the Land IQ dataset. Staff explained that some ground-truthing had been conducted from public roadways, especially along Highway 33 and in the central basin. Some of the parcels under review were located along those public roads. The SAC recommended that staff follow up directly with landowners using information provided during the meeting.*

**10. Report on Basin-Wide Pumping**

*Committee Member Jaffe asked for a comparison of groundwater pumping volumes inside the CMA versus the rest of the basin. Committee Member Lewis asked how the updated model had been recalibrated to more accurately reflect actual pumping. Brian Van Lienden responded that the model incorporated revised evapotranspiration (ET) rates by crop type and included*

updates to land use data that reflect dry farming practices. He stated the revised model now aligns more closely with reported pumping data.

Stakeholder Jane Wooster suggested that the spreadsheet column be renamed from "landowner" to "reporting entity" to reduce confusion between property owners and farm management groups. Staff agreed and confirmed the change had already been made for the GSA board packet.

**11. Report on 2024 Central Management Area Allocations**

Committee Member Jaffe raised the issue that the volume of water allocated appeared far greater than what was actually being pumped. Committee Member Haslett questioned the validity of the allocation methodology if only 57% of the allocated water was being used. Brian Van Lienden clarified that the 2024 allocations were based on the previous version of the model and that future allocations would reflect updates. He noted that the basin is still on a glide path to achieve sustainability by 2038.

Committee Member DeBranch commented that this disparity supports using historical use averages to balance out year-to-year variability. Committee Member Lewis noted that many small growers have perennial crops, which makes it more difficult to adjust or rotate fields between irrigated and fallowed use.

**12. Report on Historic (1998–2017) Modeled Pumping for All Parcels in the Basin**

The SAC viewed this report as a preliminary step toward basin-wide pumping allocations, which have been requested by some GSA board members. Committee Member Jaffe asked how historic pumping estimates were generated. Brian Van Lienden explained that the model uses Land IQ land use data and soil characteristics to estimate applied water by year. Committee Member Lewis stated that historic pumping figures reveal inequities in the basin and requested clarification on the sources and accuracy of historic land use data.

Brian clarified that all data was provided by Land IQ and derived from multiple satellite imagery sources—not solely Google Earth. He could not speak in detail about Land IQ's proprietary methodology.

Chair Kelly asked whether there was data on which parcels had active wells and whether modeled totals aligned with reported data. The SAC reiterated concerns about quality assurance and the need to validate modeled data with input from landowners and local knowledge. Members discussed the importance of creating a process to allow stakeholders to request variances or corrections.

For stakeholder accessibility, Chair Kelly requested that the historic use report be made publicly available in a searchable digital format.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Brenton Kelly  
SAC Chairperson

## CONSENT AGENDA

**6-8. Consent Agenda**

Chair Bantilan asked if any Directors wanted to move any of the consent items out to discuss in more detail.

Director Wooster commented on a correction to the minutes.

**MOTION**

Director Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda item nos. 6-9. The motion was seconded by Director Young. A roll call vote was made and the motion passed with 88%.

AYES: Albano, Bantilan, DeBranch, Higbee, Jackson, Reely, Williams, Wooster, Young, Zenger  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**9. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation**

**a. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Cash Flow**

Mr. Blakslee provided background on the budget, historical budget for fiscal years since 2020, and budget considerations. He provided a brief overview of the line items in the fiscal year budget.

Director Young asked about the portion of Hallmark’s budget allocated for addressing unreported pumpers.

Adam Lovgren noted that Sunridge is still working on refining their installation estimates. Mr. Blakslee recommended increasing the budget to \$60,000 for Item C5. CIMIS Station Installation to account for uncertainty in installation costs.

Director Young asked about the estimated cost for telemetry (\$73,000) and asked for clarity on cost savings.

Director Wooster asked about the purpose of transducers in place. Mr. Blakslee clarified that currently technical staff must go to monitoring wells to collect data and telemetry would allow the data to be collected remotely and potentially save money to collect data.

Mr. Blakslee commented that telemetry is required by Department of Water Resources (DWR) and he recommended waiting to do telemetry next year. Director Young requested that when telemetry is reviewed again that cost savings from not checking transducers.

Director Jackson supports looking at carryover and allocation exchanges during this fiscal year and shelve tiered allocations.

Director Yurosek commented that if tiered allocations are included in the budget, then he will not be voting for the budget.

Director Wooster on the challenges of advancing tiered allocation proposals due to the broad range of undefined approaches, including crop type, irrigation method, and property size.

Director Albano expressed concerns about carryover when historical pumping and allocations have not been ground-truthed.

Director Young commented on the implementation of expanded allocations in Ventucopa. He requested recommendations be presented to the board for feedback and approval in March before being included in the report submitted to DWR.

Mr. Blakslee commented that the Expanding Allocations outside MA (Project 4) and in Ventucopa (Project 5) could be performed sequentially or in parallel, but if Ventucopa was handled separately, the work would begin earlier than Item 4.

Director Young expressed concern with use of the word “region” for developing allocations as it could lead to additional costs.

Mr. Blakslee commented that there is some uncertainty about when the Interconnected Surface Waters (ISW) guidance document will be provided by DWR.

Director Albano supported the removal of the ISW project from the budget due to uncertainty around DWR guidance.

Mr. Van Lienden recommended postponing work on Item 8c until Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) and the monitoring network are better defined.

Stakeholder Adam Lovgren suggested that when reviewing the draft budget, staff provide budget outlook for the following year. Mr. Beck responded that it would be cost-prohibitive, and it would require staff to provide a greater level of detail that would increase costs to the GSA.

Director Albano asked about reallocating budget to other areas, and whether such reallocation requires board approval. Mr. Beck responded that the board has historically managed budgets at the contractor level rather than siloing funds within individual contracts, with flexibility to shift funds as needed and updates provided through monthly budget reports.

Legal Counsel Joe Hughes commented that the budget serves as the board’s formal approval for how public funds will be spent over the year. If something arises that wasn’t included in the approved budget, it must come back to the board for separate review and appropriation.

Director Zenger is in support of Director Jackson’s earlier comment, to move forward with the first two projects (carryover and expanding allocations) for this fiscal year and delay tiered allocations.

Director Albano commented that in the past when the GSA has tried to look into expanded allocations, there is push back from stakeholders when staff defines different regions.

Director Yurosek commented that if the GSA is going to put a moratorium on new wells, then there should be coordination with the counties.

Mr. Blakslee commented on current policies and regulations that may impact the development of new wells.

Legal Counsel Joe Hughes noted that a prior executive order (from the Newsom administration) temporarily required such demonstrations for new wells, and some counties are still working to incorporate similar requirements locally. He added that there can be communication between the county and GSA so that when new well developments are posted then the landowner can reach out to the GSA.

Chair Bantilan and Director Albano raised concerns about enforcement and how the GSA would actually verify or restrict future use.

Mr. Beck recommended removing the approval of item 6 and if needed staff can come back to the board with a task order to be approved.

Director Albano asked about the status of the adjudication. Legal Counsel Joe Hughes responded that it is almost complete through phase 2 and phase 3 will not have as much involvement with the GSA. He added that \$100,000 for legal costs should be sufficient.

Chair Bantilan asked why Santa Barbara Canyon Fault (SBCF) investigation was included. Mr. Beck responded that the fault investigation is included to help inform the understanding in the basin and impact project 4 and 5.

Director Young asked whether the cost could be reduced if the work was done on private land instead of Caltrans right-of-way.

Jim Strandberg from Woodard & Curran commented on the cost of SBCF. He noted that the estimated cost is half of the previous study. He noted that the Caltrans encroachment permit, and flaggers can attribute to the high costs. He noted that doing this on private properties can reduce costs significantly, however, previously landowners were not willing to allow technical staff on their property. He estimated it would be around \$40,000-\$50,000 and approximately 6 months.

Director Yurosek commented that extraction fee shouldn't be used to have large reserves and suggested setting a lower fee.

Summary of board discussion for budgeted projects:

- **Tiered Allocations (Project 3)** was removed at the board's direction.
- **Expanding Allocations outside the MA (Project 4) and in Ventucopa (Project 5)**
  - Move forward with both 4 and 5.
  - Begin with discussion on regions for expanding allocations outside the MA
  - The board agreed that staff could begin analysis of Ventucopa sooner, using prior water year data while waiting for newer monitoring results.
- **Telemetry Installations** were deferred to a future year due to overlapping efforts by DWR.
- **Developing a Policy to Prevent Increased Groundwater Use (Project 7)** was removed with

the option to bring it back later in the fiscal year for separate approval.

- Board requested a refined scope and cost when presented for approval.
- **ISW Update (Project 8)** was removed due to lack of finalized DWR guidance.
- **Santa Barbara Canyon Fault Study** (previously priced at \$167,000) was retained in the budget, with board discussion confirming its value despite cost concerns. Staff and board members agreed to continue seeking access across private lands to potentially reduce costs.
  - Staff to contact nearby landowner regarding access for the study.

Stakeholder Adam Lovgren expressed concern that the line items are not shown in detail and when rates increase landowners will want to understand cost accounting. He commented in favor of a \$5 fee.

**MOTION**

Director Yurosek made a motion to the Fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and cash flow as presented. Director Williams seconded, a roll call vote was made and passed with 89%.

- AYES: Albano, Bantilan, Higbee, Klinchuch, Reely, Young, Yurosek, Williams, Wooster, Zenger
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

**b. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Consultant Task Orders for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Mr. Blakslee reviewed the consultant task orders from Hallmark Group and Woodard & Curran for fiscal year 2025-2026. He noted that staff can update task orders to reflect the approved budget.

**MOTION**

Director Williams made a motion to approve the consultant task orders as provided in the approved budget. Director Young seconded, a roll call vote was made and passed with 89%.

- AYES: Albano, Bantilan, Higbee, Klinchuch, Reely, Young, Yurosek, Williams, Wooster, Zenger
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

**c. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Potential Non-reporting Pumpers**

Mr. Blakslee provided background information on the nonreporting pumping. Adriana Joosep from Land IQ provided background information on the Land IQ irrigation status methods.

Mr. Blakslee reviewed each of the twenty parcels and the SAC recommendation for each parcel. He clarified that in some cases, the staff was still working with Land IQ to confirm

whether parcels were irrigated using groundwater or alternative sources.

## REPORT ITEMS

**10. Report on Basin-Wide Pumping**

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the 2024 basin-wide pumping data that was requested by the board at the March 5, 2025, Board Meeting.

There were no comments on this item.

**11. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on 2024 Central Management Area Allocation Use**

Mr. Blakslee provided the final the 2024 Central Management Area (CMA) Allocations and reported that 57% of total allocations were used.

There were no comments on this item.

**12. Report on Historic (1998-2017) Modeled Pumping for All Parcels in the Basin**

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the modeled pumping for all parcels, which was requested by the board at the March 5, 2025, Board Meeting.

There were no comments on this item.

**13. Administrative Updates**

**a. Report of the Executive Director**

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the budget to actuals for the GSA and for consultants for 2024 and 2025.

**b. Report of the General Counsel**

Nothing to report.

**14. Technical Updates**

**a. Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities**

Mr. Van Lienden noted that updates on GSP Activities, which are provided in the Board packet.

**b. Update on Grant-Funded Projects**

Mr. Van Lienden briefly provided an overview on grant-funded projects, which is provided in the board packet.

**15. Report of Ad Hoc Committees**

Nothing to report.

**16. Directors' Forum**

Nothing to report.

**17. Public comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

**18. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**19. Closed Session**

At 6:03 PM, the Board adjourned to closed session. At 6:49 PM, the Board returned from closed session at which time Legal Counsel reported to the public that there was no reportable action.

**20. Adjourn**

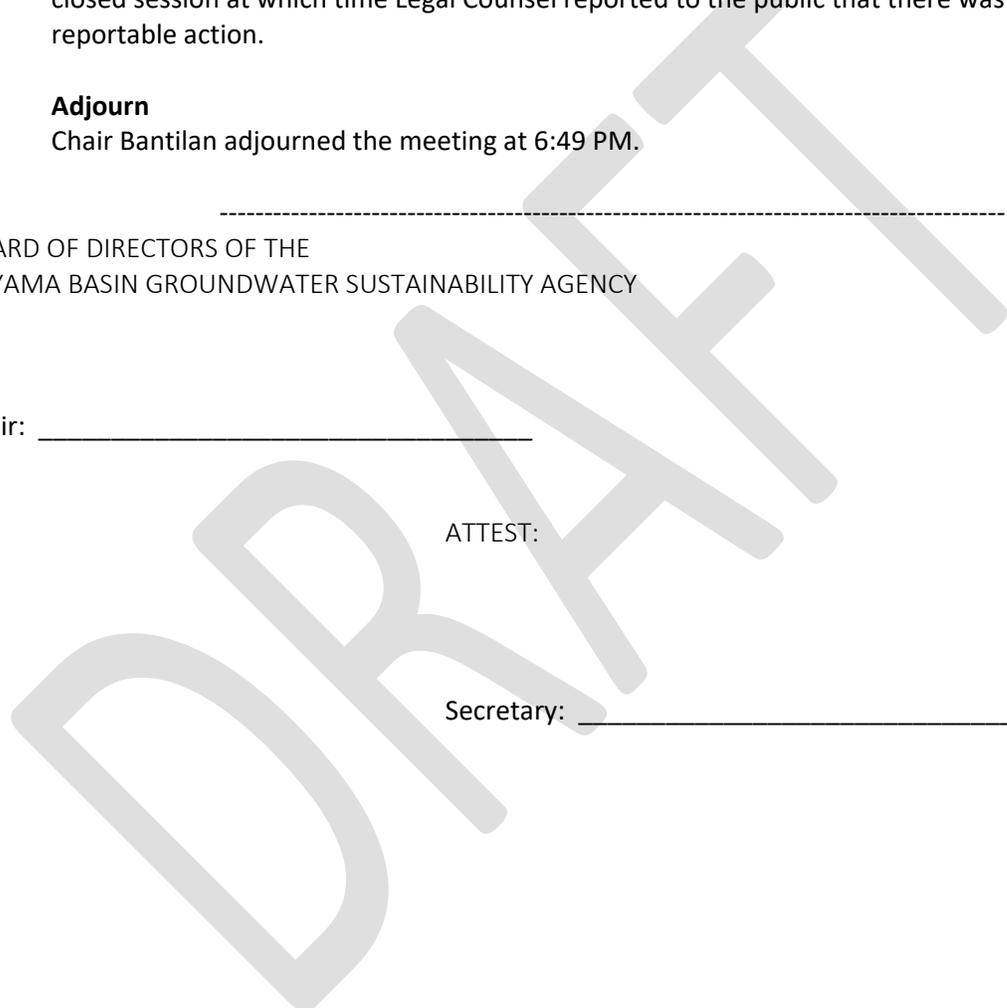
Chair Bantilan adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board of Directors Special Meeting

May 22, 2025

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Directors

Bantilan, Cory – Chair  
Yurosek, Derek – Vice Chair  
Albano, Byron – Treasurer  
Higbee, Jason  
Jackson, Steve  
Reely, Blaine – Alternate  
Williams, Deborah  
Wooster, Jane  
Young, Matthew  
Zenger, Katelyn

Staff

Beck, Jim – Executive Director  
Bianchi, Grace – Project Coordinator  
Blakslee, Taylor – Assistant Executive Director  
Dominguez, Alex – Legal Counsel  
Van Lienden, Brian – Woodard & Curran

**1. Call to Order**

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Chair Cory Bantilan called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Ms. Bianchi called roll (shown above) and informed Chair Bantilan that there was a quorum of the Board.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Bantilan.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**4. Groundwater Extraction Fee**

Mr. Taylor Blakslee provided an overview of the groundwater extraction fee hearing.

Stakeholder Blaine Morris commented on the water justice fellows supported by Blue Sky and Quail Springs that celebrates Cuyama’s water. She thanked the board for their work navigating water sustainability and managing the budgets.

**5. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2025-051 Setting a Groundwater Extraction Fee for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Authorize Invoicing of Landowners**

Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the resolution that is being considered for approval. He noted the fee strategy discussed with the board last year.

Director Jackson asked what the ending cash balance will be based on the \$10 that previously.

Director Young asked how much the fee escalated with \$5 for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Blakslee reported that a \$5 fee for this fiscal year 2025-2026 results in a \$38 fee the following year. He reported that \$10 fee results in a \$35 fee in the following year.

Director Wooster commented that she thought the board agreed to a \$10 fee during the CBGSA Board meeting on May 7, 2025.

Director Yurosek commented that he believed the board agreed to a \$5 fee. He noted that the fee is to irrigated landowners.

Director Albano commented that he believed the board agreed to a \$5, but he would prefer a \$10 fee.

**MOTION**

Director Yurosek made a motion to set the groundwater extraction fee for fiscal year 2025-2026 at \$5. The motion was seconded by Director Jackson. A roll call vote was made and the motion passed with 89%.

- AYES: Albano, Bantilan, Higbee, Jackson, Reely, Williams, Wooster, Young, Yurosek, Zenger
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

**CLOSED SESSION**

**6. Closed Session**

At 5:00 PM, the Board adjourned to closed session. At 5:27 PM, the Board returned from closed session at which time Legal Counsel reported to the public that there was no reportable action.

**7. Adjourn**

Chair Bantilan adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

DRAFT



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 8

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Approve Payment of Bills for April and May 2025

**Recommended Motion**

Approve payment of the bills for April and May 2025 in the amount of \$173,768.

**Discussion**

Consultant invoices for the months of April and May 2025 are summarized below for consideration of Board approval.

Expense	April	May	Totals
Woodard & Curran – Technical Services	\$40,949	\$45,627	\$ 86,576
Hallmark – Executive Director services	\$21,300	\$20,582	\$ 41,882
Klein DeNatale Goldner – Legal services	\$11,378	\$22,701	\$ 34,079
Provost & Pritchard – Quarterly groundwater levels	\$10,526	\$705	\$ 11,231
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$84,153</b>	<b>\$ 89,615</b>	<b>\$173,768</b>



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 9

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Approve Financial Reports for April and May 2025

**Recommended Motion**

Approve financial reports for April and May 2025.

**Discussion**

The Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's financial report for April 2025 is provided as **Attachment 1** and the financial report for May 2025 is provided as **Attachment 2**.

The reports include:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Receipts and Disbursements
- A/R Aging Summary
- A/P Aging Summary
- Statement of Operations with Budget Variance
- 2024/2025 Operating Budget



# **Cuyama Basin GSA**

## **Financial Statements**

**April 2025**

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of April 30, 2025

	Apr 30, 25	Apr 30, 24	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
Chase - General Checking	1,622,741	1,392,243	230,498	17%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	1,622,741	1,392,243	230,498	17%
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>				
Accounts Receivable	239,732	1,961,263	-1,721,531	-88%
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	239,732	1,961,263	-1,721,531	-88%
<b>Other Current Assets</b>				
Grant Retention Receivable	556,342	0	556,342	100%
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	556,342	0	556,342	100%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	2,418,815	3,353,506	-934,691	-28%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,418,815</b>	<b>3,353,506</b>	<b>-934,691</b>	<b>-28%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>Accounts Payable</b>				
Accounts Payable	361,147	1,718,100	-1,356,953	-79%
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	361,147	1,718,100	-1,356,953	-79%
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>				
New/Repl Well Deposits	3,100	2,000	1,100	55%
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	3,100	2,000	1,100	55%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	364,247	1,720,100	-1,355,853	-79%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	364,247	1,720,100	-1,355,853	-79%
<b>Equity</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	2,346,115	2,080,948	265,167	13%
<b>Net Income</b>	-291,548	-447,542	155,994	35%
<b>Total Equity</b>	2,054,567	1,633,406	421,161	26%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>2,418,815</b>	<b>3,353,506</b>	<b>-934,691</b>	<b>-28%</b>

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Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2025	1207	U.S. Geological Survey		13,150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2025	1208	Woodard & Curran Inc		162,791.68
Bill Pmt -Check	03/24/2025	1209	In-Situ, Inc.	0.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	03/24/2025	1210	Insurica		21,420.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/14/2025	1211	In-Situ, Inc.		29,909.26
Payment	04/29/2025	SB County Direct Dep	Groundwater Extraction Fees:Duncan Family Farms	382,423.82	
<b>Total Chase - General Checking</b>				<b>5,003,695.24</b>	<b>3,568,240.59</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>5,003,695.24</b>	<b>3,568,240.59</b>

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA  
A/R Aging Summary  
As of April 30, 2025**

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	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
Department of Water Resources Groundwater Extraction Fees	0	0	0	0	197,246	197,246
Duncan Family Farms	0	0	0	0	42,486	42,486
<b>Total Groundwater Extraction Fees</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42,486</u>	<u>42,486</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>239,732</b></u>	<u><b>239,732</b></u>

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA  
A/P Aging Summary  
As of April 30, 2025**

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	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>&gt; 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HGCPM, Inc.	21,300	19,744	0	25,848	0	66,892
Klein DeNatale Goldner	11,378	8,883	0	12,109	0	32,369
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	10,526	2,369	0	312	0	13,207
U.S. Geological Survey	0	13,150	0	0	0	13,150
Woodard & Curran Inc	40,949	127,975	0	66,605	0	235,529
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>84,152</u></b>	<b><u>172,121</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>104,874</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>361,147</u></b>

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Statement of Operations with Budget Variance**  
July 2024 through April 2025

	Jul '24 - Apr 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Direct Public Funds</b>				
Groundwater Extraction Fees	171,177	175,000	-3,823	98%
Grant Reimbursements	1,817,670	1,333,000	484,670	136%
GWE Late Fees	602	0	602	100%
<b>Total Direct Public Funds</b>	1,989,450	1,508,000	481,450	132%
<b>Total Income</b>	1,989,450	1,508,000	481,450	132%
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
<b>Technical Consulting</b>				
Adjudication Support	81,639	0	81,639	100%
Monitoring Network Enhancements	649,523	497,383	152,140	131%
GSP Implementation - W&C	112,126	179,374	-67,248	63%
Stakeholder Engagement	125,782	100,450	25,332	125%
Technical Support for DWR	3,195	17,500	-14,305	18%
Outreach	7,560	26,618	-19,058	28%
Grant Proposals	0	36,750	-36,750	0%
Grant Administration	88,930	88,750	180	100%
Improve Basin Water Use Info	38,508	63,000	-24,493	61%
Project & Mgmt Action Impl	170,360	112,000	58,360	152%
5 Year GSP Update - Technical	351,785	309,802	41,983	114%
Fault Investigation	121,661	121,867	-206	100%
Well Permit Review - Technical	0	10,500	-10,500	0%
GSP Development	0	35,000	-35,000	0%
<b>Total Technical Consulting</b>	1,751,068	1,598,994	152,074	110%
<b>Other Technical Consulting</b>				
Monitoring Network	67,332	56,668	10,664	119%
Stream Gauge Maintenance	39,450	42,487	-3,037	93%
<b>Total Other Technical Consulting</b>	106,782	99,155	7,627	108%
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	1,857,849	1,698,149	159,700	109%
<b>Total COGS</b>	1,857,849	1,698,149	159,700	109%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	131,600	-190,149	321,749	-69%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>General and Administrative</b>				
<b>Executive Director</b>				
Board Meetings	116,325	100,000	16,325	116%
Consult Mgmt and GSP Devel	50,856	61,316	-10,460	83%
Financial Information Coord	45,894	39,655	6,239	116%
Funding - GWE Fees	6,338	1,800	4,538	352%
Outreach	17,556	9,873	7,683	178%
Adjudication Support	2,700	1,782	918	152%
Management Area Admin	9,638	10,837	-1,200	89%
5-Year GSP Update - Admin	0	16,775	-16,775	0%
Water Use Enforcement	88	21,170	-21,083	0%
Well Permit Review - Admin	0	1,666	-1,666	0%
Travel and Direct Costs	3,244	4,078	-834	80%
<b>Total Executive Director</b>	252,638	268,952	-16,314	94%

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Statement of Operations with Budget Variance**  
July 2024 through April 2025

	Jul '24 - Apr 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Other Administrative</b>				
Legal	132,909	208,334	-75,425	64%
Insurance Policies	21,420	17,000	4,420	126%
Audit Fees	9,500	10,000	-500	95%
Bank Service Fees	95	0	95	100%
Printing and Copying	3,513	4,000	-487	88%
Other Admin Expense	2,531	200	2,331	1,265%
Postage	543	0	543	100%
Contingency	0	16,666	-16,666	0%
<b>Total Other Administrative</b>	<u>170,510</u>	<u>256,200</u>	<u>-85,690</u>	<u>67%</u>
<b>Total General and Administrative</b>	<u>423,148</u>	<u>525,152</u>	<u>-102,004</u>	<u>81%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>423,148</u>	<u>525,152</u>	<u>-102,004</u>	<u>81%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-291,548</u>	<u>-715,301</u>	<u>423,753</u>	<u>41%</u>
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**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**FY 24/25 Budget**  
 July 2024 - June 2025

	<b>Jul '24 - Jun 25</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Direct Public Funds</b>	
Groundwater Extraction Fees	175,000
Grant Reimbursements	1,670,000
<b>Total Direct Public Funds</b>	1,845,000
<b>Total Income</b>	1,845,000
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
<b>Technical Consulting</b>	
Monitoring Network Enhancements	497,383
GSP Implementation - W&C	215,250
Stakeholder Engagement	114,450
Technical Support for DWR	21,000
Outreach	30,410
Grant Proposals	44,100
Grant Administration	105,000
Improve Basin Water Use Info	75,600
Project & Mgmt Action Impl	134,400
5 Year GSP Update - Technical	309,802
Fault Investigation	121,867
Well Permit Review - Technical	12,600
GSP Development	42,000
<b>Total Technical Consulting</b>	1,723,862
<b>Other Technical Consulting</b>	
Monitoring Network	68,000
Stream Gauge Maintenance	56,650
<b>Total Other Technical Consulting</b>	124,650
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	1,848,512
<b>Total COGS</b>	1,848,512
<b>Gross Profit</b>	-3,512
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>General and Administrative</b>	
<b>Executive Director</b>	
Board Meetings	110,990
Consult Mgmt and GSP Devel	73,578
Financial Information Coor	47,587
Funding - GWE Fees	5,830
Outreach	11,847
Adjudication Support	2,138
Management Area Admin	13,005
5-Year GSP Update - Admin	20,131
Water Use Enforcement	25,400
Well Permit Review - Admin	2,000
Travel and Direct Costs	4,894
<b>Total Executive Director</b>	317,400
<b>Other Administrative</b>	
Legal	250,000
Insurance Policies	17,000
Audit Fees	10,000
Printing and Copying	4,000
Other Admin Expense	200
Contingency	20,000
<b>Total Other Administrative</b>	301,200
<b>Total General and Administrative</b>	618,600
<b>Total Expense</b>	618,600
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-622,112
<b>Net Income</b>	-622,112

Note: The FY24/25 Budget Includes Woodard & Curran Contract Amendments 1 and 2



# **Cuyama Basin GSA**

## **Financial Statements**

**May 2025**

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of May 31, 2025

	May 31, 25	May 31, 24	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
Chase - General Checking	1,345,747	145,905	1,199,841	822%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	1,345,747	145,905	1,199,841	822%
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>				
Accounts Receivable	420,247	2,132,440	-1,712,193	-80%
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	420,247	2,132,440	-1,712,193	-80%
<b>Other Current Assets</b>				
Grant Retention Receivable	556,342	0	556,342	100%
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	556,342	0	556,342	100%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	2,322,335	2,278,345	43,990	2%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,322,335</b>	<b>2,278,345</b>	<b>43,990</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>Accounts Payable</b>				
Accounts Payable	173,767	1,013,124	-839,357	-83%
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	173,767	1,013,124	-839,357	-83%
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>				
New/Repl Well Deposits	3,100	1,900	1,200	63%
Deferred Revenue - GWE Fees	180,515	171,177	9,338	6%
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	183,615	173,077	10,538	6%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	357,382	1,186,201	-828,819	-70%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	357,382	1,186,201	-828,819	-70%
<b>Equity</b>				
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,346,115	2,080,948	265,167	13%
Net Income	-381,162	-988,804	607,642	62%
<b>Total Equity</b>	1,964,953	1,092,144	872,809	80%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>2,322,335</b>	<b>2,278,345</b>	<b>43,990</b>	<b>2%</b>

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Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2025	1205	Klein DeNatale Goldner		24,097.40
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2025	1206	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		40,656.75
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2025	1207	U.S. Geological Survey		13,150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2025	1208	Woodard & Curran Inc		162,791.68
Bill Pmt -Check	03/24/2025	1209	In-Situ, Inc.	0.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	03/24/2025	1210	Insurica		21,420.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/14/2025	1211	In-Situ, Inc.		29,909.26
Payment	04/29/2025	SB County Direct Dep	Groundwater Extraction Fees:Duncan Family Farms	382,423.82	
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1212	HGCPM, Inc.		45,592.32
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1213	Klein DeNatale Goldner		20,991.50
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1214	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		312.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1215	U.S. Geological Survey		13,150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1216	Woodard & Curran Inc		112,941.25

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Receipts and Disbursements**  
As of May 31, 2025

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Debit	Credit
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1217	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group		2,368.90
Bill Pmt -Check	05/07/2025	1218	Woodard & Curran Inc		81,638.75
Total Chase - General Checking				5,003,695.24	3,845,235.31
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>5,003,695.24</b>	<b>3,845,235.31</b>

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**CUYAMA BASIN GSA  
A/R Aging Summary  
As of May 31, 2025**

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
Department of Water Resources	0	0	0	0	197,246	197,246
Groundwater Extraction Fees						
Yeguada Trujillo	0	165	0	0	0	165
Double H Farming, LLC	0	568	0	0	0	568
Anderson Development	0	204	0	0	0	204
Duncan Family Farms	0	263	0	0	42,486	42,749
CCSH Farms	0	535	0	0	0	535
Buck, Ann	0	558	0	0	0	558
Bosma and Ricci	0	123	0	0	0	123
Apache Canyon Ranch, Inc	0	1,698	0	0	0	1,698
Perkins Ranch	0	1,746	0	0	0	1,746
Bolthouse Land Co, LLC	0	46,701	0	0	0	46,701
Brodiaea, Inc	0	4,770	0	0	0	4,770
Cheng, Ceferino	0	658	0	0	0	658
Cuyama Community Svcs Dist	0	794	0	0	0	794
Cuyama Dairy Farm	0	1,712	0	0	0	1,712
Cuyama Orchards, Inc	0	5,603	0	0	0	5,603
E & B Natural Resources Mgmt Corp	0	121	0	0	0	121
Feinstein Investments	0	2,724	0	0	0	2,724
Grimmway Enterprises, Inc	0	66,897	0	0	0	66,897
Harrington Farms	0	813	0	0	0	813
JHP Global, Inc	0	1,772	0	0	0	1,772
Karam Pistachio Farm	0	2,559	0	0	0	2,559
Kern Ridge Growers, LLC	0	7,751	0	0	0	7,751
Lear Real Estate Ent LLC	0	2,304	0	0	0	2,304
Lee, Jennifer	0	159	0	0	0	159
Lewis, David	0	216	0	0	0	216
Lucky Dog Ranch, LLC	0	1,750	0	0	0	1,750
Highland Vineyard SB, LLC	0	7,732	0	0	0	7,732
Sunridge Nurseries, Inc	0	2,314	0	0	0	2,314
Sunrise Olive Ranch, LLC	0	9,126	0	0	0	9,126
The Ranch	0	93	0	0	0	93
Tri-County Pistachios	0	5,450	0	0	0	5,450
Triangle E. Farms	0	2,637	0	0	0	2,637
<b>Total Groundwater Extraction Fees</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>180,515</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,486</b>	<b>223,001</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>180,515</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>239,732</b>	<b>420,247</b>

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**A/P Aging Summary**  
As of May 31, 2025

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	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>&gt; 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HGCPM, Inc.	20,582	0	21,300	0	0	41,881
Klein DeNatale Goldner	22,701	0	11,378	0	0	34,078
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	705	0	10,526	0	0	11,231
Woodard & Curran Inc	45,627	0	40,949	0	0	86,576
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,615</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,152</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>173,767</b>

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Statement of Operations with Budget Variance**  
July 2024 through May 2025

	Jul '24 - May 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Direct Public Funds</b>				
Groundwater Extraction Fees	171,177	175,000	-3,823	98%
Grant Reimbursements	1,817,670	1,333,000	484,670	136%
GWE Late Fees	602	0	602	100%
<b>Total Direct Public Funds</b>	1,989,450	1,508,000	481,450	132%
<b>Total Income</b>	1,989,450	1,508,000	481,450	132%
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
<b>Technical Consulting</b>				
Adjudication Support	81,639	0	81,639	100%
Monitoring Network Enhancements	652,225	497,383	154,842	131%
GSP Implementation - W&C	114,551	197,312	-82,761	58%
Stakeholder Engagement	133,475	107,450	26,025	124%
Technical Support for DWR	4,526	19,250	-14,724	24%
Outreach	7,560	28,514	-20,954	27%
Grant Proposals	0	40,425	-40,425	0%
Grant Administration	99,624	105,000	-5,376	95%
Improve Basin Water Use Info	42,854	69,300	-26,447	62%
Project & Mgmt Action Impl	186,115	123,200	62,915	151%
5 Year GSP Update - Technical	351,785	309,802	41,983	114%
Fault Investigation	122,341	121,867	474	100%
Well Permit Review - Technical	0	11,550	-11,550	0%
GSP Development	0	38,500	-38,500	0%
<b>Total Technical Consulting</b>	1,796,695	1,669,553	127,142	108%
<b>Other Technical Consulting</b>				
Monitoring Network	68,037	62,334	5,703	109%
Stream Gauge Maintenance	39,450	42,487	-3,037	93%
<b>Total Other Technical Consulting</b>	107,487	104,821	2,666	103%
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	1,904,181	1,774,374	129,807	107%
<b>Total COGS</b>	1,904,181	1,774,374	129,807	107%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	85,268	-266,374	351,642	-32%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>General and Administrative</b>				
<b>Executive Director</b>				
Board Meetings	130,350	100,000	30,350	130%
Consult Mgmt and GSP Devel	52,294	67,447	-15,153	78%
Financial Information Coor	47,556	43,621	3,935	109%
Funding - GWE Fees	7,488	4,800	2,688	156%
Outreach	18,463	10,860	7,603	170%
Adjudication Support	2,938	1,960	978	150%
Management Area Admin	9,638	11,921	-2,284	81%
5-Year GSP Update - Admin	0	18,453	-18,453	0%
Water Use Enforcement	88	23,285	-23,198	0%
Well Permit Review - Admin	0	1,833	-1,833	0%
Travel and Direct Costs	3,709	4,486	-777	83%
<b>Total Executive Director</b>	272,522	288,666	-16,144	94%

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**Statement of Operations with Budget Variance**  
July 2024 through May 2025

	Jul '24 - May 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Other Administrative</b>				
<b>Legal</b>	155,139	229,167	-74,028	68%
<b>Insurance Policies</b>	21,420	17,000	4,420	126%
<b>Audit Fees</b>	9,500	10,000	-500	95%
<b>Bank Service Fees</b>	95	0	95	100%
<b>Printing and Copying</b>	4,124	4,000	124	103%
<b>Other Admin Expense</b>	3,088	200	2,888	1,544%
<b>Postage</b>	543	0	543	100%
<b>Contingency</b>	0	18,333	-18,333	0%
<b>Total Other Administrative</b>	193,909	278,700	-84,791	70%
<b>Total General and Administrative</b>	466,431	567,366	-100,936	82%
<b>Total Expense</b>	466,431	567,366	-100,936	82%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-381,162	-833,740	452,578	46%
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-381,162</u>	<u>-833,740</u>	<u>452,578</u>	<u>46%</u>

**CUYAMA BASIN GSA**  
**FY 24/25 Budget**  
 July 2024 - June 2025

	Jul '24 - Jun 25
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Direct Public Funds</b>	
Groundwater Extraction Fees	175,000
Grant Reimbursements	1,670,000
<b>Total Direct Public Funds</b>	1,845,000
<b>Total Income</b>	1,845,000
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
<b>Technical Consulting</b>	
Monitoring Network Enhancements	497,383
GSP Implementation - W&C	215,250
Stakeholder Engagement	114,450
Technical Support for DWR	21,000
Outreach	30,410
Grant Proposals	44,100
Grant Administration	105,000
Improve Basin Water Use Info	75,600
Project & Mgmt Action Impl	134,400
5 Year GSP Update - Technical	309,802
Fault Investigation	121,867
Well Permit Review - Technical	12,600
GSP Development	42,000
<b>Total Technical Consulting</b>	1,723,862
<b>Other Technical Consulting</b>	
Monitoring Network	68,000
Stream Gauge Maintenance	56,650
<b>Total Other Technical Consulting</b>	124,650
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	1,848,512
<b>Total COGS</b>	1,848,512
<b>Gross Profit</b>	-3,512
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>General and Administrative</b>	
<b>Executive Director</b>	
Board Meetings	110,990
Consult Mgmt and GSP Devel	73,578
Financial Information Coor	47,587
Funding - GWE Fees	5,830
Outreach	11,847
Adjudication Support	2,138
Management Area Admin	13,005
5-Year GSP Update - Admin	20,131
Water Use Enforcement	25,400
Well Permit Review - Admin	2,000
Travel and Direct Costs	4,894
<b>Total Executive Director</b>	317,400
<b>Other Administrative</b>	
Legal	250,000
Insurance Policies	17,000
Audit Fees	10,000
Printing and Copying	4,000
Other Admin Expense	200
Contingency	20,000
<b>Total Other Administrative</b>	301,200
<b>Total General and Administrative</b>	618,600
<b>Total Expense</b>	618,600
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-622,112
<b>Net Income</b>	-622,112

Note: The FY24/25 Budget Includes Woodard & Curran Contract Amendments 1 and 2



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11a

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Landowner CIMIS Station Installation Proposal

### **Recommended Motion**

Approve the CIMIS station installation proposal from Sunridge Nurseries.

### **Discussion**

The Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) grant-funded projects include funding for California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) weather stations, to improve estimates of reference evapotranspiration in the model and expand spatial coverage of reference evapotranspiration across the basin.

On November 4, 2024, CBGSA board approved the recommendations from the CIMIS Station Board Ad hoc (Directors Bantilan, Burnes, and Wooster), which include:

- The GSA will fund initial and O&M costs related to CIMIS station installation
- Water use to maintain CIMIS area is exempt from groundwater extraction fees and calculations for groundwater allocations
- Develop a maintenance contract with the landowner to allow direct billing for station setup and O&M costs.

Sunridge Nurseries has been identified as a willing program participant and has provided a proposal (**Attachment 1**) to install the irrigation system necessary to maintain the vegetation required for operation of a CIMIS station. An additional \$5,000 is needed for fescue seed and seeding labor across six acres, bringing the total project cost to \$63,000.

Staff is requesting board review and authorization to approve the installation proposal from Sunridge Nurseries if under \$63,000.





TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11b

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on CIMIS Agreement

**Recommended Motion**

Approve the CIMIS station agreement.

**Discussion**

The Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) has received grant funding to support the installation of California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) weather stations. These stations will improve reference evapotranspiration (ET) estimates in the basin's groundwater model and expand spatial coverage of reference ET across the basin.

To proceed with station installation, an agreement between DWR, CBGSA, and the landowner is provided as **Attachment 1** for Board review and approval.

CIMIS Station Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

## REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF A CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM STATION

This revocable License Agreement (“Agreement”) for a California Irrigation Management Information System Station (“CIMIS Station”) is entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Effective Date”), by and between \_\_\_\_\_, [enter type of entity if applicable] hereinafter (“COOPERATOR”), \_\_\_\_\_, [enter type of entity if applicable] hereinafter (“LANDOWNER”), and the California Department of Water Resources, a department of the State of California’s Natural Resources Agency hereinafter (“DWR”). DWR, LANDOWNER, and COOPERATOR are hereinafter at times collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

### RECITALS

A. LANDOWNER owns the real property APN \_\_\_\_\_ located in or near \_\_\_\_\_ (City name if within City or delete) \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of California (“Property”). The Property is shown in Exhibit A.

B. Under this Agreement, LANDOWNER is granting DWR and COOPERATOR permission to construct, install, operate, maintain, and administer a computerized CIMIS Station to collect weather information necessary for estimating reference crop water use under local conditions. The CIMIS Station will be placed on a portion of the Property (“SITE”). The approximate dimensions of the SITE are \_\_\_\_ ft by \_\_\_\_ ft. The SITE’s location and boundaries on the Property and CIMIS Station equipment location within the SITE are shown on Exhibit B.

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

### AGREEMENT

#### 1. Grant of License.

LANDOWNER hereby grants to DWR, COOPERATOR and their employees, agents and contractors a License to enter upon and use the Property as set forth in Section 2. This Agreement is revokable by any Party pursuant to paragraph 4 below.

#### 2. Use of Property.

DWR and COOPERATOR may perform the Work (defined below) on the SITE and may enter, exit, and travel across the Property as set forth on Exhibit B for purposes of accessing the SITE and performing the Work. The “Work” consists of (1) constructing and installing CIMIS Station at the SITE and (2) operating, maintaining, repairing, and/or obtaining data from the CIMIS Station. Specific Work items and the allocation of responsibility for performing them are described in Section 3.

The Work will be performed in the location within the SITE where the CIMIS Station equipment is to be installed as shown on Exhibit B. LANDOWNER will allow DWR and COOPERATOR to pass over certain other portions of the Property shown on Exhibit B as may be reasonably necessary only for entrance to and/or exit from the SITE to perform the activities provided in this Agreement. LANDOWNER will provide DWR and COOPERATOR with any keys necessary or allow DWR and COOPERATOR to place locks in a chain configuration with existing locks in order to gain vehicle access to SITE. DWR and COOPERATOR shall close all gates behind them while visiting the SITE.

### 3. Work Items and Division of Work Between DWR and COOPERATOR

- (a) DWR and COOPERATOR will be responsible for the following:
- (i) DWR will install the CIMIS Station at the SITE, with programming identical to the existing programming used in DWR's CIMIS network; will calibrate and program all CIMIS Station equipment; will be responsible for monthly service charges for cellular modem communication service to the CIMIS Station; will assist Parties to troubleshoot problems with the CIMIS Station; will perform semiannual maintenance visits to the CIMIS Station for quality control purposes; will program the CIMIS main computer to call the CIMIS Station automatically every day, check and flag data by a quality control program, calculate reference evapotranspiration (ET<sub>o</sub>), and store data (both hourly and daily) in the computer's database; will make the CIMIS Station data available publicly through the CIMIS Website, FTP, or Web API;
  - (ii)     (DWR or COOPERATOR)     will provide all equipment necessary for a complete CIMIS Station, and replacement equipment as needed to operate, maintain, and repair the CIMIS Station for the duration of the CIMIS station activity.
  - (iii) COOPERATOR will be responsible for monthly maintenance and repair of the CIMIS Station equipment using maintenance procedures provided by DWR and will assist DWR to troubleshoot problems with the CIMIS Station when needed.
  - (iv)     (DWR or COOPERATOR)     will install a fence around the CIMIS Station equipment at a minimum size of sixteen feet by sixteen feet, if DWR determines necessary to exclude livestock or unauthorized people.
  - (v) If DWR determines it is needed and as appropriate, COOPERATOR will delegate at least one employee to take one or more of the CIMIS-related courses sponsored by DWR at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo or comparable trainings. Cal Poly offers courses through its Irrigation Training & Research Center (ITRC). The most important courses are listed under Landscape Water Management and Ag Irrigation System Evaluation on the ITRC website, <http://www.itrc.org/classes.htm>.
  - (vi) DWR will bear all costs of performing the activities it is responsible for above and COOPERATOR will bear all the costs of performing the activities it is responsible for above.
- (b) LANDOWNER will:
- (i) Ensure the SITE is well-irrigated (low plant water stress) perennial grass and agrees to maintain this land use configuration for the term of this Agreement.
  - (ii) Maintain the perennial grass within the SITE at a height of 3 to 6 inches by such practices as mowing and cattle grazing.

- (iii) Provide water and ensure the irrigation system for the SITE does not directly impact the CIMIS station sensors in any way.
- (iv) Allow CIMIS Station equipment unobstructed and unrestricted exposure to wind and solar radiation within the SITE.
- (v) LANDOWNER shall bear all costs of performing the activities set forth in 3(b).

#### **4. Term**

The term will begin on the Effective Date and end thirty (30) calendar days after any Party provides written notice to the other Parties of this Agreement's termination.

#### **5. Repair**

To the extent any Party is the direct cause of damage to the Property, such Party shall, within a reasonable amount of time following the discovery thereof, repair any damage. The repair shall return the Property to the condition it was in immediately preceding the occurrence of any such damage.

#### **6. CIMIS Station Removal at Termination**

Within thirty (30) calendar days of termination of this Agreement, DWR and COOPERATOR shall remove their respective installations of the CIMIS Station appurtenances and shall engage in reasonable efforts to restore the portion of the SITE disturbed by the CIMIS Station to its condition preceding installation of the CIMIS Station, normal wear and tear excepted.

#### **7. Indemnification**

Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each other Party and its employees, contractors, agents, representatives, transferees, successors, assigns, or invitees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, or demands, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees (collectively, a "Loss"), arising out of or in any way connected to each of their and their respective contractors', representatives', heirs', successors', assigns', or invitees' use of the Property, such indemnity being to the extent of Loss caused by their or their contractors', representatives', heirs', successors', assigns', or invitees' willful misconduct or active negligence.

#### **8. Notices**

All notices given pursuant to this Agreement must be in writing and by electronic mail delivered to the addresses set forth below, promptly followed by personal delivery, U.S. Mail or established express delivery service, such as Federal Express, with postage or delivery charge prepaid, return receipt requested, and addressed to the persons and addresses designated below. All notices shall be effective upon receipt.

**DWR:**

Name and title  
Company or Agency  
Address  
City, CA ZIP Code  
Phone Number  
Email

**Cooperator:**

Name and title  
Company or Agency  
Address  
City, CA ZIP Code  
Phone Number  
Email

**Landowner:**

Name and title  
Company or Agency  
Address  
City, CA ZIP Code  
Phone Number  
Email

**9. Execution in Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, which together shall constitute one agreement with the same effect as if the Parties had signed the same signature page. The Parties further agree that electronic signatures shall have the same force and effect as manual signatures.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

**COOPERATOR**

Approval Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ricardo Trezza  
CIMIS Program Supervisor

Approval Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fahmi H. Kassis  
Right of Way Agent

Accepted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linus A. Paulus  
Chief, Acquisition and Appraisal Section

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory, title  
Company or Agency

**LANDOWNER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory, title  
Company or Agency

**EXHIBIT A**  
**The Property**

**EXHIBIT B**

**Location and Boundaries of SITE Along with Access Route(s)**

**EXHIBIT C**

**Regional Description of the Property**



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11c

FROM: Taylor Blakslee and Brian Van Lienden

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area

**Recommended Motion**

Board feedback requested.

**Discussion**

At the May 7, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, the board identified four priority opportunities for staff to pursue during fiscal year 2025–2026. One of these was to evaluate groundwater allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area, with direction for staff to develop a detailed approach.

A proposed plan outlining the technical tasks, coordination steps, and a draft schedule for the evaluation is provided as **Attachment 1**. Staff is requesting Board feedback on whether to proceed with the proposed timeline and begin developing a recommendation for expanding allocations in Ventucopa.

## Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

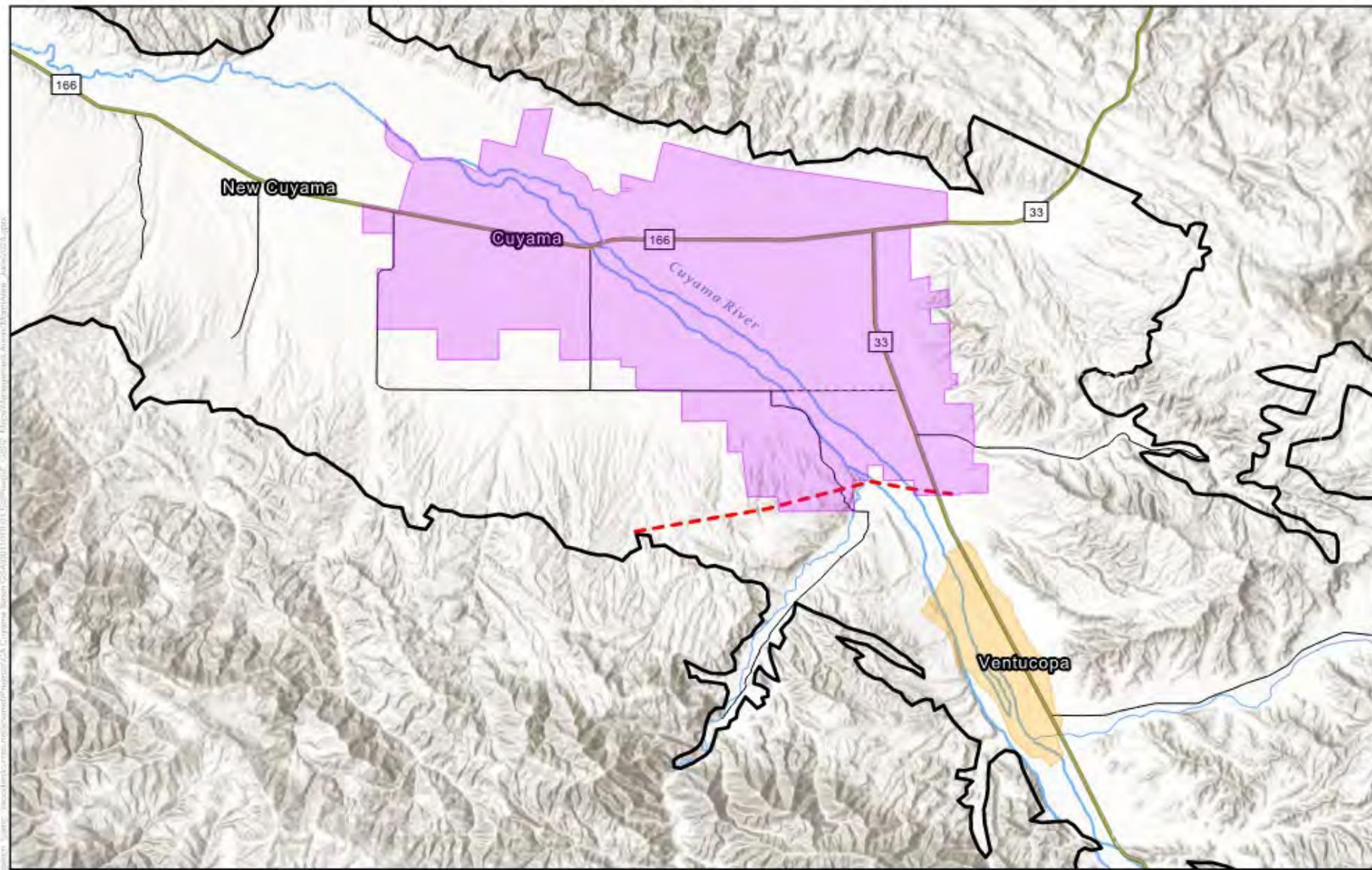
# Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area

Jim Beck / Brian Van Lienden



# Background

- On March 5, 2025, the CBGSA Board provided direction on GSA project prioritization to include in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget
- On May 7, 2025, the CBGSA Board adopted the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, which included the following projects:
  - Evaluate expanding allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area
  - Evaluate expanding allocations outside the Central Management Area (CMA)
  - Consider implementing a CMA allocation exchanges policy (i.e. water market)
  - Consider implementing a CMA carryover policy



**Figure 7-1: CBGSA Management Areas**

Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin

Legend

- Central Management Area
- Ventucopa Management Area
- Highway
- Local Road
- Town
- Creek
- Cuyama River
- Cuyama Basin



0 0.5 1 2 Miles

Map Created: January 2025

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# Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations in the Ventucopa Management Area

- **Objective:** Develop a recommendation for whether the allocations should be expanded to the Ventucopa management area or if additional data and/or model recalibration is needed in the next fiscal year

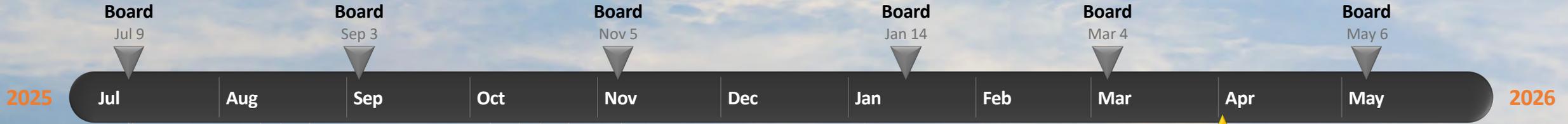
# Proposed Process to Assess Available Data and Current Model

- Determine if current data and model are adequate to assess if allocations are needed:
  - Assess data availability: develop a list of data needed and data available in the Ventucopa Management Area and identify data gaps and assess potential impact to model
  - Assess model performance: present comparisons of modeled vs measured groundwater levels and modeled water budgets for the 1998-2024 water years
- Consider options for evaluation of potential allocations:
  - Use current data and model to evaluate potential allocations
  - Perform a model re-calibration with currently available data (including current SBCF study)
  - Develop additional data before performing a model re-calibration availability of data to perform model re-calibration

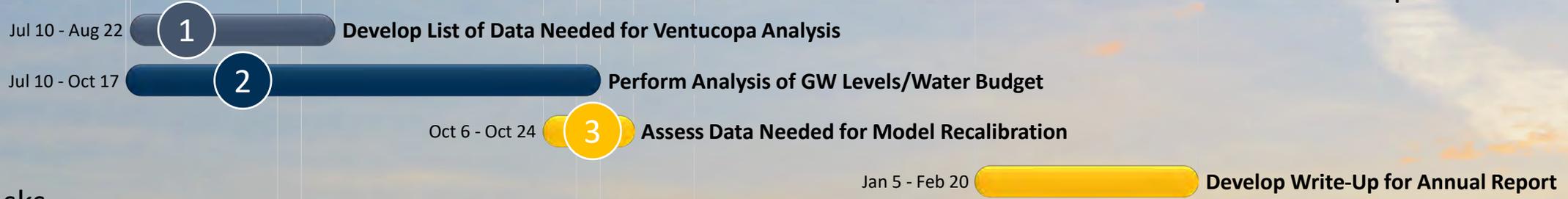
# Ventucopa Management Area

## Draft Plan/Timeline for Assessing the Implementation of Allocations

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Development



★  
Apr 1  
Annual Report Due



### Tasks

Meetings Aug 11 - Aug 15 **Tech Forum & Ad hoc** 5 days

Oct 13 - Oct 17 **Tech Forum & Ad hoc** 5 days

Nov 5 - Nov 6 **Board Direction on Approach and AR Write-Up** 1 day



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11d

FROM: Taylor Blakslee and Brian Van Lienden

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Identifying Regions to Use for Evaluating Expanded Allocations and Overview and Evaluation Plan and Schedule

**Recommended Motion**

Board feedback requested.

**Discussion**

At the May 7, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, the board identified four priority opportunities for staff to pursue during fiscal year 2025–2026. One of these was to evaluate groundwater allocations outside the existing Management Area (MA).

In response, staff developed a preliminary framework and a draft plan and schedule for evaluating conditions outside the MA. Staff have provided potential options for regions for the expanding allocations analysis in **Attachment 1**.

Staff is requesting Board feedback on regions to use for evaluating allocations outside the management area, the draft plan, and schedule.

## Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Identifying Regions to Use for Evaluating Expanded Allocations and Overview and Evaluation Plan and Schedule

Jim Beck / Brian Van Lienden



# Plan and Timeline to Evaluate Allocations Outside the Existing Management Areas

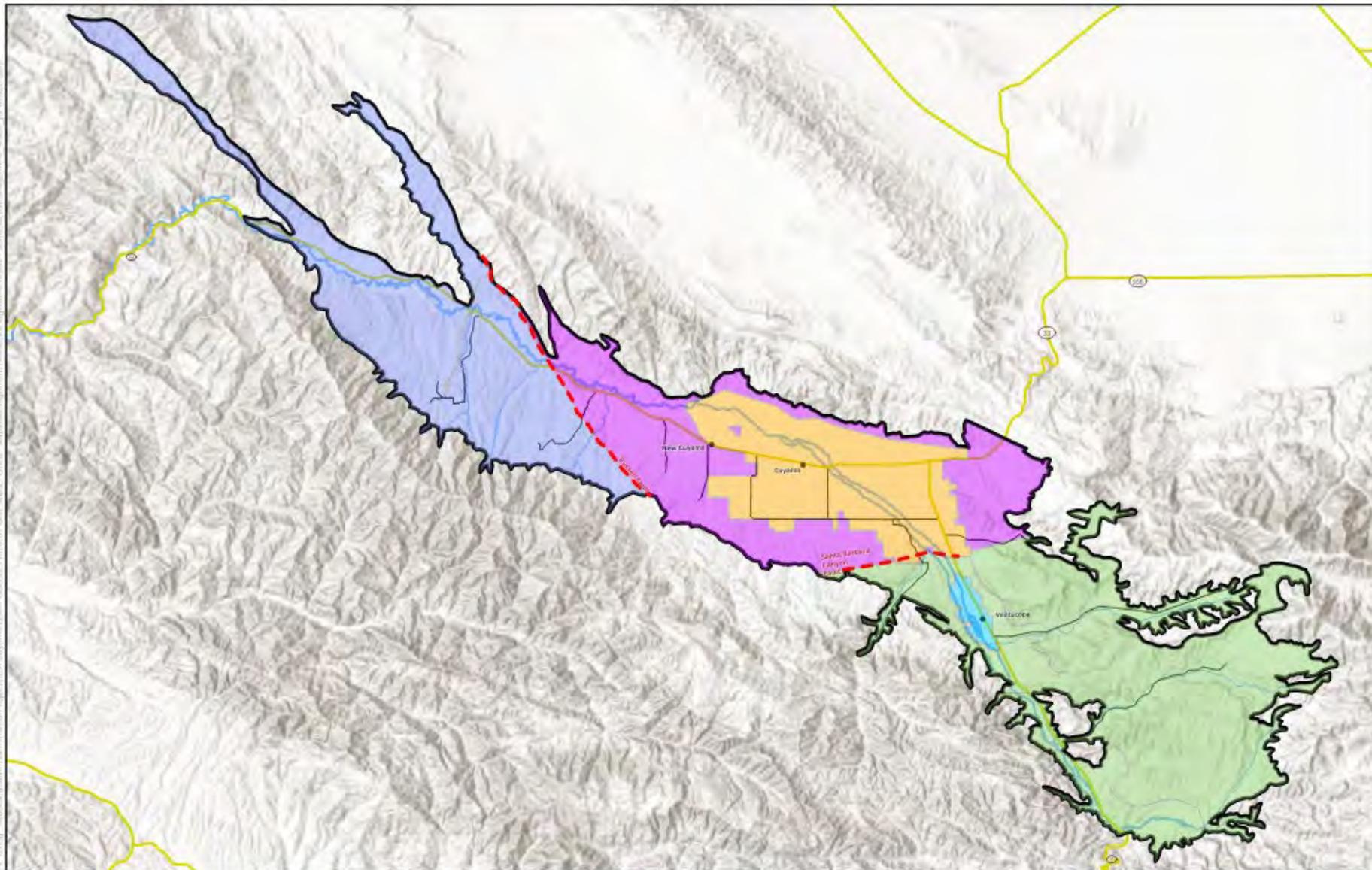
- **Objective:** Develop a recommendation for whether the allocations should be expanded outside the existing management areas or if additional data and/or model recalibration is needed in the next fiscal year

# Proposed Process to Assess Available Data and Current Model

- Determine if current data and model are adequate to assess if allocations are needed:
  - Determine regions to use for analysis of data and model in areas outside of current management areas
  - Assess data availability: develop a list of data needed and data available outside the existing management areas and identify data gaps and assess potential impact to model
  - Assess model performance: present comparisons of modeled vs measured groundwater levels and modeled water budgets for the 1998-2024 water years
- Consider options for evaluation of potential allocations:
  - Use current data and model to evaluate potential allocations
  - Perform a model re-calibration with currently available data
  - Develop additional data before performing a model re-calibration availability of data to perform model re-calibration

# Identifying Regions to Use for Evaluating Expanded Allocations

- Staff is not looking for direction on regions to use for allocation of the sustainable yield at this time
- Staff is seeking direction on which regions the Board would like to see analyzed as they consider potential options for allocations outside of the existing management areas
- The following maps present a sub-division of the basin by current management areas and major geologic features



**Potential Regions for Consideration**

**Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin**

**Legend**

- Region
- CMA and Farming Units Boundary
- Central Region
- Southeast of Santa Barbara Canyon Fault
- Ventucopa Management Area
- West of Russell Fault
- Fault
- Highway
- Local Road
- Town
- Creek
- Cuyama River
- Cuyama Basin



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# Potential Options for Regions to Use in Analysis

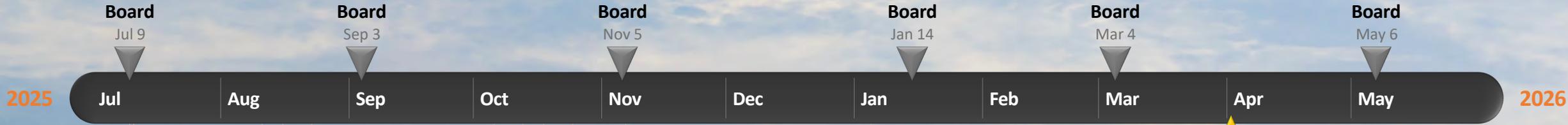
1. Use two existing Management Areas (CMA/Ventucopa) and rest of basin only (3 analysis regions)
2. Use existing MAs and key geologic features shown in map on previous slide (5 analysis regions)
3. Option 2 with other potential basin sub-regions based on hydrology, topography or other geologic features (5+ analysis regions)

**What option would the SAC/Board like staff to move forward with for the analysis?**

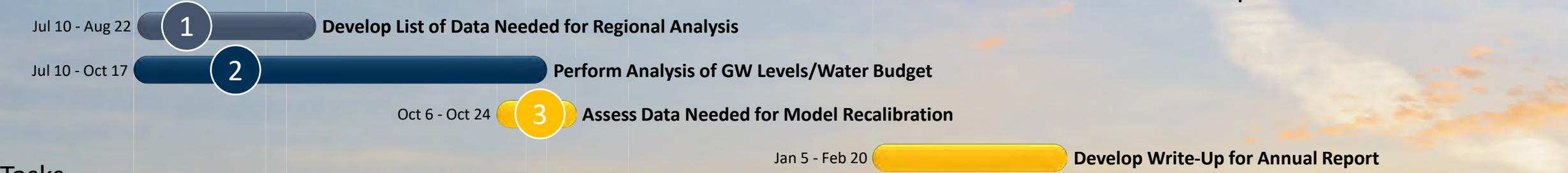
# Outside Central Management Area

## Draft Plan/Timeline for Assessing the Implementation of Allocations

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Development



★  
Apr 1  
Annual Report Due



### Tasks



### Meetings





TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11e

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the CMA Allocation Exchanges Policy (i.e. Water Market)

**Recommended Motion**

Board feedback requested.

**Discussion**

On March 5, 2025, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Board provided direction on GSA project priorities to include in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. On May 7, 2025, the CBGSA Board adopted the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, which included potentially developing and implementing an allocation exchange (i.e. water market) in the Central Management Area (CMA). In response, a Board ad hoc committee (Directors Higbee, Jackson, Williams, and Wooster) convened on June 18, 2025, to review draft policy considerations for potentially developing an allocation exchange program.

An overview of key policy consideration and potential implementation schedule are provided at **Attachment 1**. Staff is requesting Board feedback on these preliminary considerations to inform the development of a potential allocation exchange program.

# Allocation Exchanges Key Policy Considerations for Cuyama Basin GSA

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## Background

On March 5, 2025, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Board provided direction on GSA project prioritization to include in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. On May 7, 2025, the CBGSA Board adopted the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, which included potentially developing and implementing an allocation exchange (i.e. water market) in the Central Management Area (CMA). A Board ad hoc was formed (Directors Higbee, Jackson, Williams, and Wooster) and met on June 18, 2025, to review the below draft policy considerations for potentially developing an allocation exchange program.

## Potential Implementation Schedule

During the January 15, 2025, CBGSA Board meeting, several 2025-2029 CMA groundwater allocation variance requests were considered by the Board. Specifically, a motion was made for landowner David Lewis to “grant a one-year variance (for 2025) of up to 120 AF for David Lewis to continue his current farming practices and **give time for the Board to consider policies to address these issues on a long-term basis as soon as possible.**”

During this meeting several Directors commented that a potential water market or groundwater allocation exchange program may provide a mechanism to address David Lewis’ water shortage.

Since Mr. Lewis’ variance was only granted for one year (i.e. 2025), a CMA groundwater allocation program would need to be developed and implemented in 2025, if this is meant to be a tool to address Mr. Lewis issue.

## Allocation Exchange Policy Considerations

1. Trading System Type
  - a. Free Market
    - i. Landowner to landowner
    - ii. Landowner sets price
    - iii. GSA involved to confirm seller has the water to sell and record sale
  - b. Turnback Pool
    - i. Landowners contribute unused allocations to central pool managed by the GSA
    - ii. GSA announces available pool
    - iii. GSA sets the price or auctions water
2. Landowner Participation Eligibility
  - a. Landowner to be in good financial standing with the GSA?
3. Trading Rules
  - a. Who can trade?

- i. Any landowner in the CMA in good financial standing with the GSA.
  - b. How much can be traded?
    - i. Only the 2040 sustainable yield?
    - ii. The entirety of a landowner's allocation?
  - c. Trade Limitations
    - i. Only trade within similar hydrogeologic areas?
    - ii. Limit trade distance? (x miles)
    - iii. Only trade down gradient?
    - iv. MTs may prevent excessive water extractions from a localized area
  - d. What is the trade timeframe?
    - i. Allow trades throughout the year?
    - ii. Establish a limited window to allow trades?
  - e. Single, or Multi-Year Trades
    - i. Restrict to single year trades?
    - ii. Allow multi-year trades (up to 5 years)
  - f. Should the GSA charge a set up or admin fee?
    - i. Fox Canyon charges:
      1. One-time enrollment fees are \$700 for the first well and \$300 for each additional well.
      2. Both buyer and seller pay a fee of 2% for each trade to the Exchange Administrator for administrative costs (4% total).
- 4. Protection for Small Users
  - a. Should the GSA reserve allocations for small pumpers, or cap trade volumes to prevent market dominance?
  - b. Require sellers to reasonably demonstrate the water can be put to beneficial use? (e.g. crop factors x years of trade, etc.)
- 5. Tracking/Transparency
  - a. Use a simple water accounting system (spreadsheet) to track trades and usage.
  - b. Should trade records be private or summarized for public reporting?
- 6. Approval Process
  - a. Staff-administered and/or board approval process?
  - b. Require a basic transfer form signed by both parties



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11f

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on CMA Carryover Policy

**Recommended Motion**

Board feedback requested.

**Discussion**

As part of the fiscal year 2025–2026 budget adopted on May 7, 2025, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) board included the potential development of groundwater carryover program as part of the fiscal year project priorities. In response, a Board ad hoc committee (Directors Higbee, Jackson, Williams, and Wooster) met on June 18, 2025, to review draft policy considerations for a potential groundwater carryover program. The key considerations for establishing a carryover program in the Central Management Area are outlined in **Attachment 1**.

Staff are requesting Board feedback on these policy considerations and the potential implementation schedule.

# Carryover Key Policy Considerations for the Cuyama Basin GSA

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## Background

On March 5, 2025, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Board provided direction on GSA project prioritization to include in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. On May 7, 2025, the CBGSA Board adopted the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, which included potentially developing and implementing a groundwater carryover program in the Central Management Area (CMA). A Board ad hoc was formed (Directors Higbee, Jackson, Williams, and Wooster) and met on June 18, 2025, to review the below draft policy considerations for potentially developing a groundwater carryover program.

## Potential Implementation Schedule

The Board has expressed interest in considering the development of a carryover policy in the past, but may be developed during Fiscal Year 2025-2026, or deferred to a later time at the Board's discretion.

## Carryover Policy Considerations

1. Term
  - a) Annual, or multi-year (up to 5 years)?
  - b) Forfeited if not used within 5 years.
2. What Qualifies as Carryover Water
  - a) Any unused allocation at the end of the year?
  - b) Only unused water that is less than or equal to the 2040 sustainable yield?
3. Landowner Participation Eligibility
  - a) Landowner to be in good financial standing with the GSA?
4. Leave-Behind Factor
  - a) Consider annual factor for losses (e.g., 5–10% of carryover lost annually).
5. Priority of Use
  - a) Define the order: typically, carryover is used before current-year allocation.
6. Transferability of Carryover
  - a) Can carryover water be traded like current-year allocation?
7. Tracking/Transparency
  - a) Use a simple water accounting system (spreadsheet) to track carryover and usage.
  - b) Should carryover records be private or summarized for public reporting?
8. Approval Process
  - a) Staff-administered and/or board approval process?



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11g

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Revising Sustainable Management Criteria at Opti Well No. 118

**Recommended Motion**

Approve revision of Minimum Threshold for Well No. 118 from 40 feet to 72 feet depth to water.

**Discussion**

Monitoring Well No. 118 currently has a Minimum Threshold (MT) for Depth to Water (DTW) set at 40 feet, based on surrounding well data. Further review indicates that one of the nearby wells used to inform the original threshold may have been misclassified or is no longer reliable. Additional details and staff recommendation are provided in **Attachment 1**.

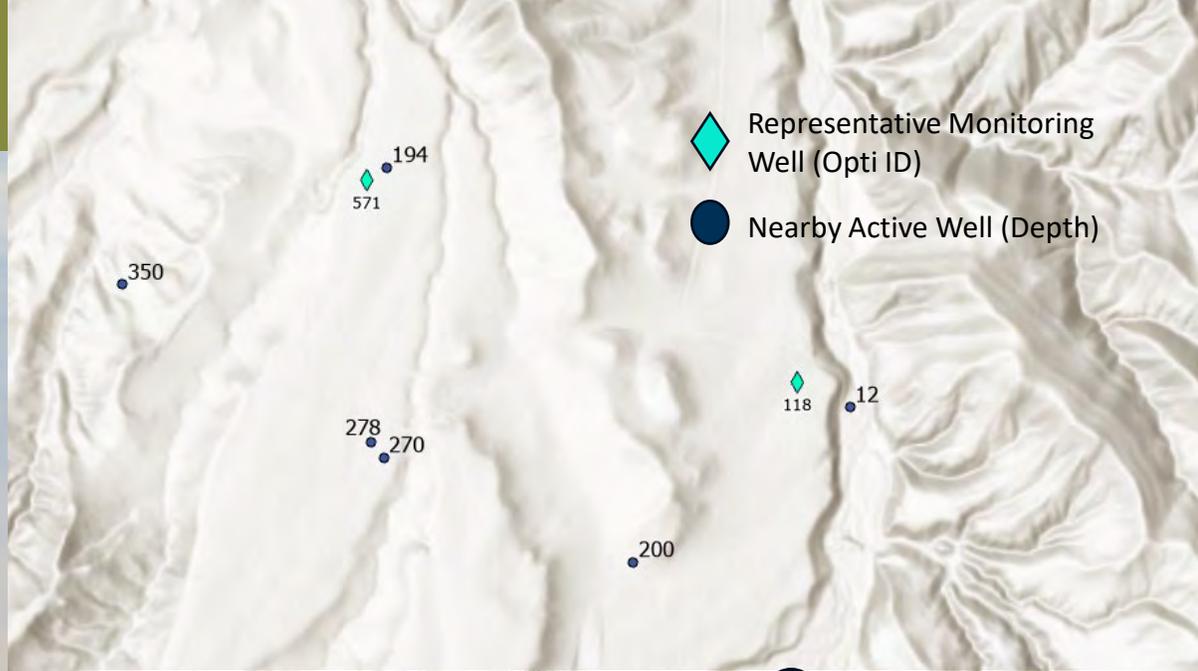
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Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Revising Sustainable Management Criteria at Opti Well No. 118  
Brian Van Lienden



# Revising Sustainable Management Criteria at Opti Well No. 118

- Minimum Threshold (MT) is currently **40 feet Depth to Water (DTW)** based on well protection depth criteria
- Well protection depth estimate was skewed by the presence of a shallow (12-foot depth) nearby well in the database
  - This well depth is likely to be erroneous (or the well is actually dry)
- If nearby well is removed, then the revised MT would be **72 feet DTW** based on deepest historical measurement (+ buffer) criteria
- **Does the SAC/Board approve revising the Minimum Threshold to 72 feet (DTW)?**





TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 11h

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Replacing Well 608 in the Representative Monitoring Network

**Recommended Motion**

Approve replacing Well 608 with newly installed well in the representative monitoring network.

**Discussion**

In 2024, Opti Well 608 was destroyed, and groundwater level measurements have since been collected from a newly installed nearby well, as summarized in **Attachment 1**.

Staff is requesting SAC/Board direction on updating the Representative Monitoring Network to reflect the new well.

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Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Replacing Well  
608 in the Representative Monitoring Network

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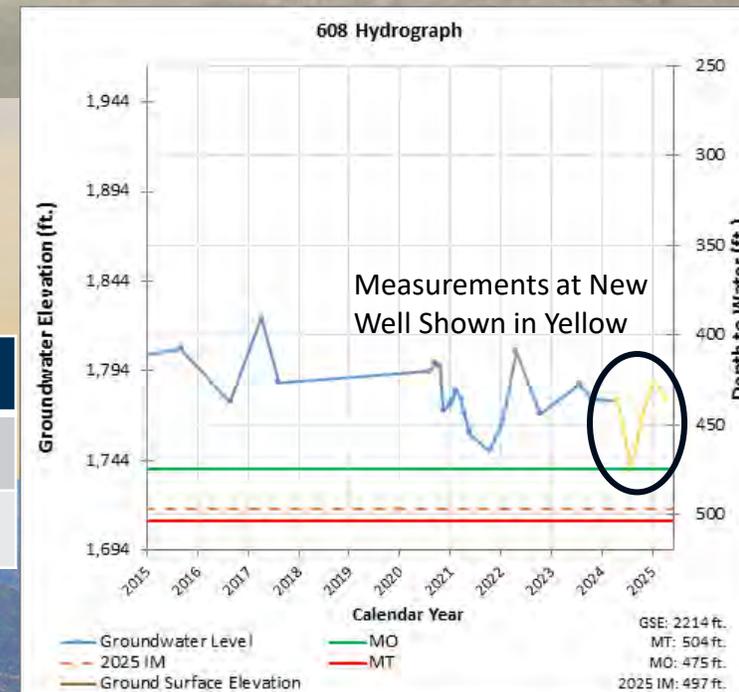


# Replacing Well 608 in the Representative Monitoring Network

- Opti Well 608 was destroyed in early 2024
- Since April 2024, Provost & Pritchard has taken measurements at a newly installed nearby well in its place
- **Does the SAC/Board approve replacing Well 608 with the newly installed well in the representative monitoring network?**
  - Minimum Threshold (MT) and Measurable Objective (MO) would be unchanged in terms of elevation
  - Depth to Water MT and MO would be adjusted by 0.4 feet due to the difference in ground surface elevation



	Well 608	New Well
Well Depth	745 ft	1,177 ft
Perforation	305'-745'	562'-1177'





TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 13a

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities

**Recommended Motion**

None – information only.

**Discussion**

Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) activities and consultant Woodard & Curran's (W&C) accomplishments are provided as **Attachment 1**.

# May-Jun Accomplishments

- ✓ Finalized fault investigation report and posted on Cuyama Basin website (<https://cuyamabasin.org/resources.html#basin-reports>)
- ✓ Developed approaches for pumping allocation evaluation options
- ✓ Developed April 2025 Groundwater Conditions Report
- ✓ Performed DMS data updates
- ✓ Installed transducers in newly installed wells
- ✓ Finalized amendment for grant agreement and prepared grant invoice submittal



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 13b

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on Grant-Funded Projects

**Recommended Motion**

None – information only.

**Discussion**

An update on Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) grant-funded projects is provided as **Attachment 1**.

# Updates on Grant Funded Projects

- Grant amendment to extend agreement to December 2025 was approved to allow for completion of CIMIS station installation
  - Work on other technical grant components complete as of the end of June 2025
- Technical Work Updates:
  - Cloud seeding report has been posted on the Cuyama Basin website here: <https://cuyamabasin.org/resources.html#basin-reports>
  - Transducers have been installed in newly installed wells



TO: Board of Directors  
Agenda Item No. 13c

FROM: Brian Van Lienden, Woodard & Curran

DATE: July 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on April 2025 Groundwater Conditions Report

**Recommended Motion**

None – information only.

**Discussion**

The quarterly Groundwater Conditions– Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin April 2025 report is summarized as **Attachment 1** and the detailed report is provided as **Attachment 2**.

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Update on Quarterly Groundwater Conditions Report

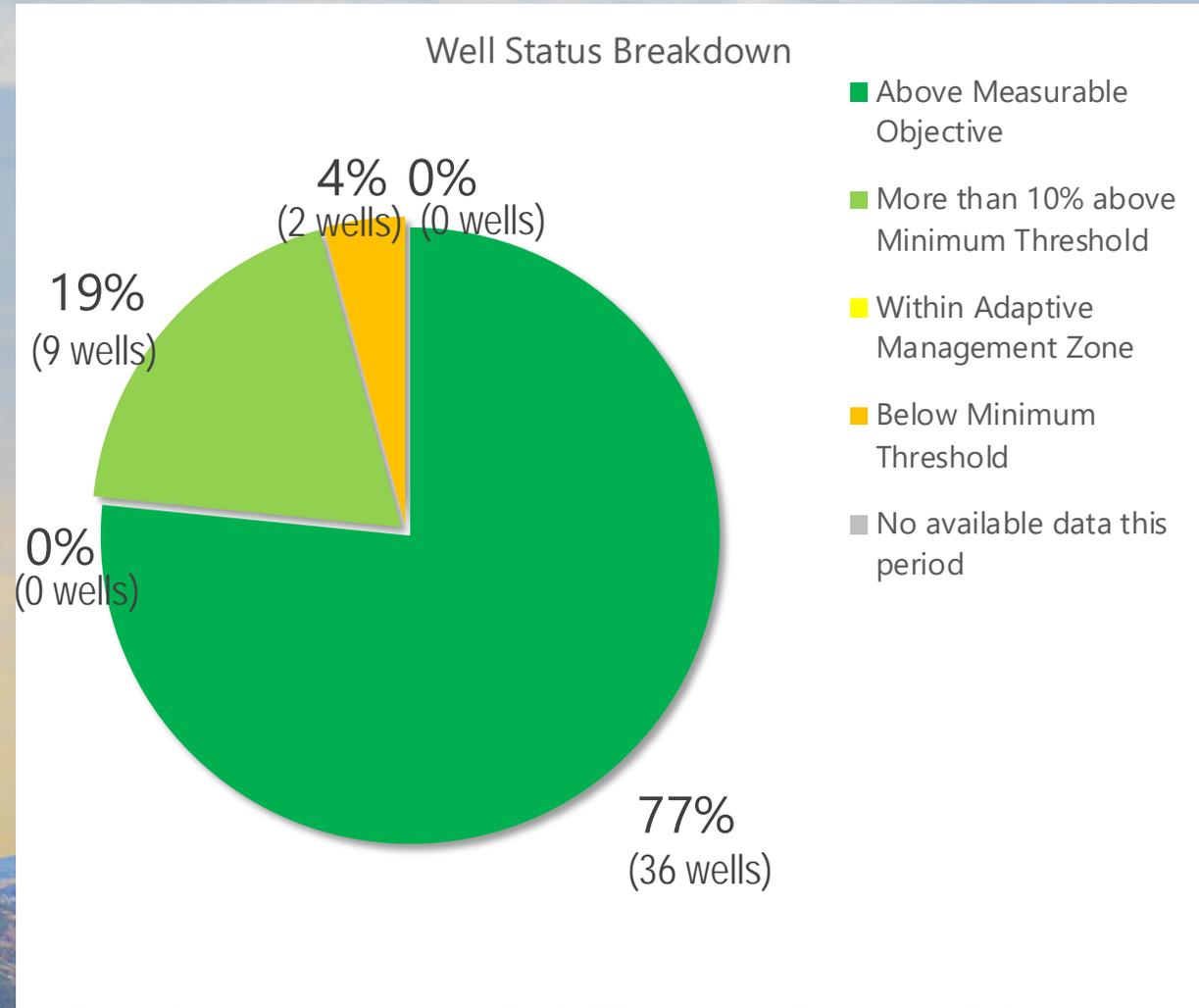


# Groundwater Levels Monitoring Network – Summary of Current Conditions

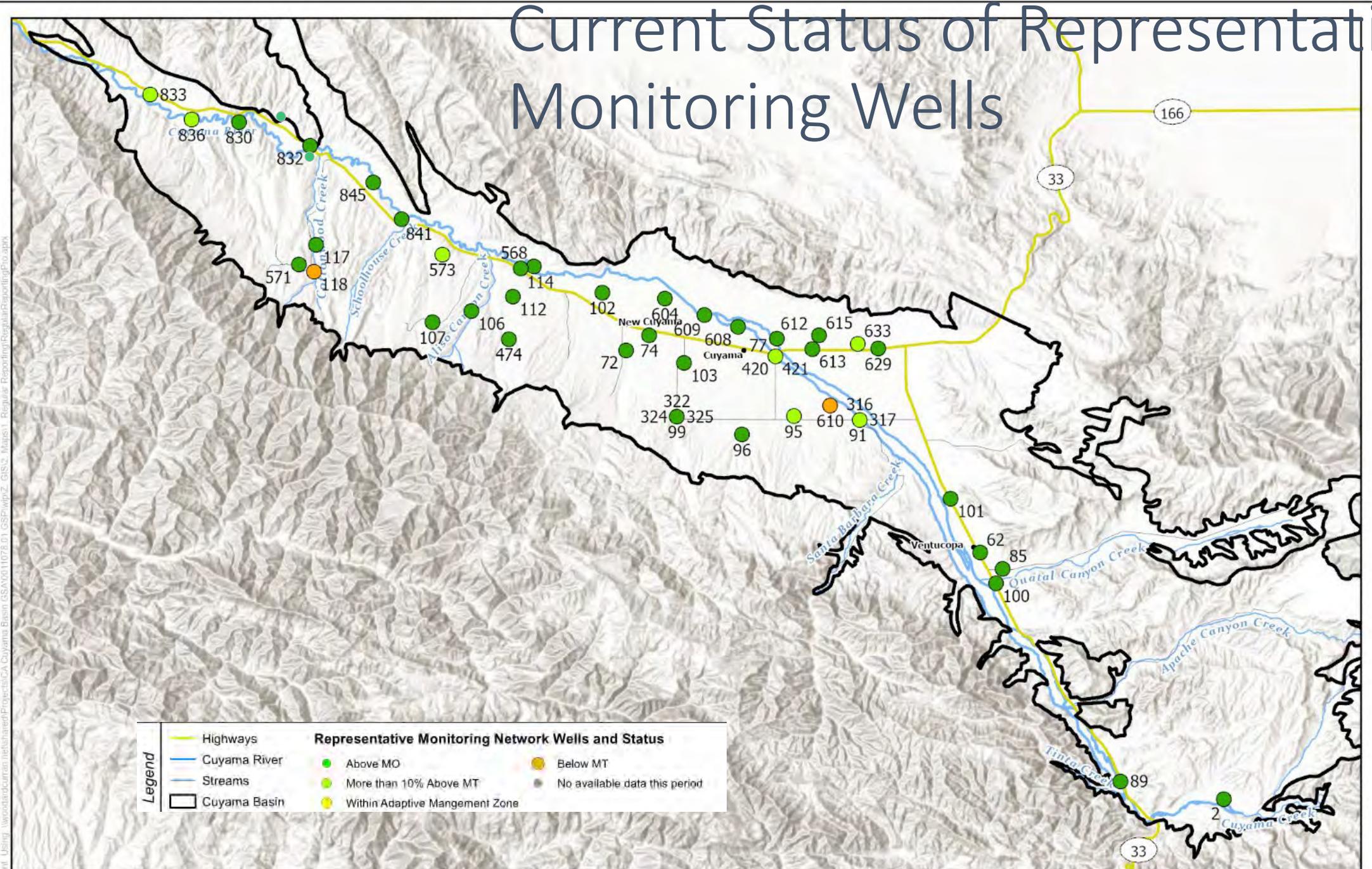
- Monitoring data from October 2024, January 2025, and April 2025 for representative wells is included in the Groundwater Conditions report
- All 47 representative monitoring wells have levels data at least once in the previous 12 months
- 2 wells were below the updated minimum threshold based on latest measurement since July 2024

# Summary of Groundwater Well Levels as Compared To Sustainability Criteria

- 2 wells are currently below the updated minimum threshold (MT)
  - 2 wells (4%) have been below the MT for at least 24 months
  - 0 wells dropped below the MT in April 2025
  - 0 wells moved above the MT in April 2025

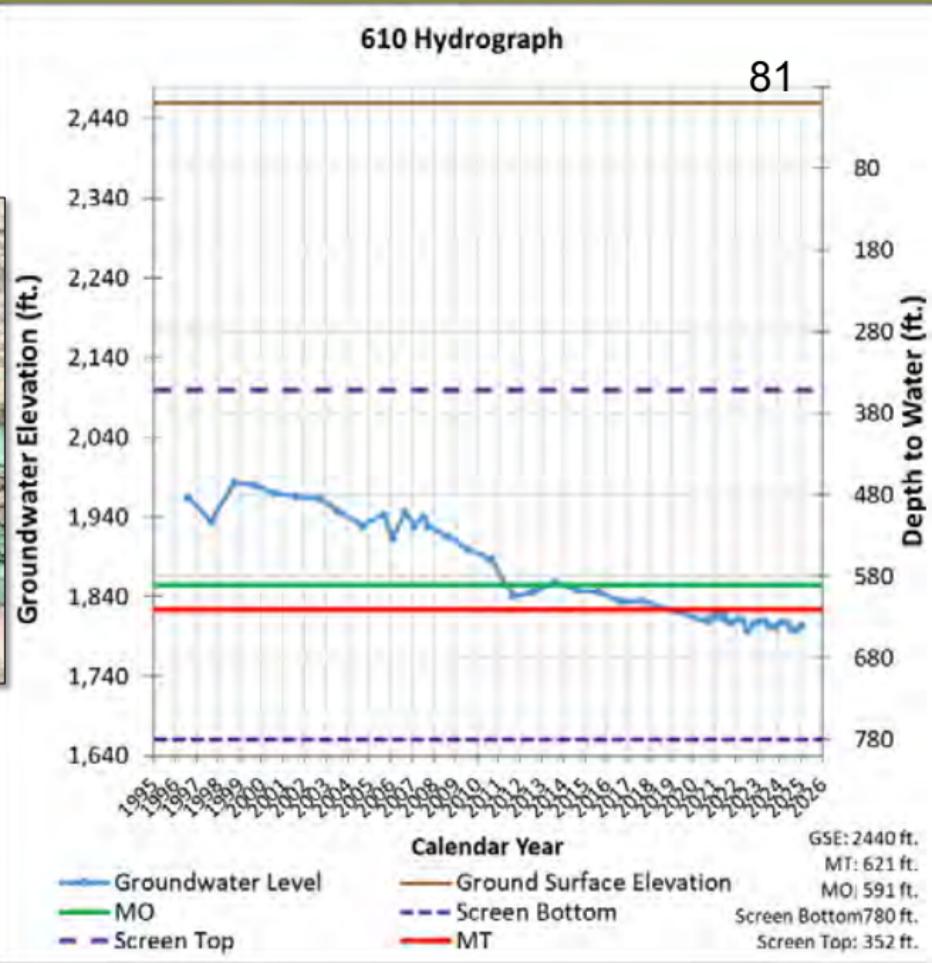
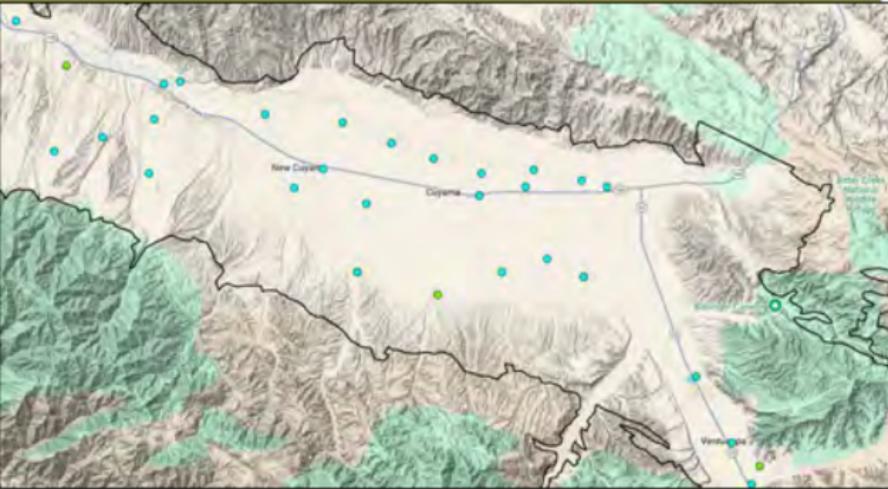


# Current Status of Representative Monitoring Wells



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# Opti Well 610



# How MTs are Calculated

## MT Options

- Well Protection Depth (WPD): 557 ft
- Deepest DTW (2013–2023) + buffer: 641 ft
- 2040 Projected DTW (Model-based): 654 ft
- Saturated Thickness Approach: Not Applicable

## Well 610

==	557 ft
==	641 ft
==	654 ft
==	N/A

## Stepwise Function

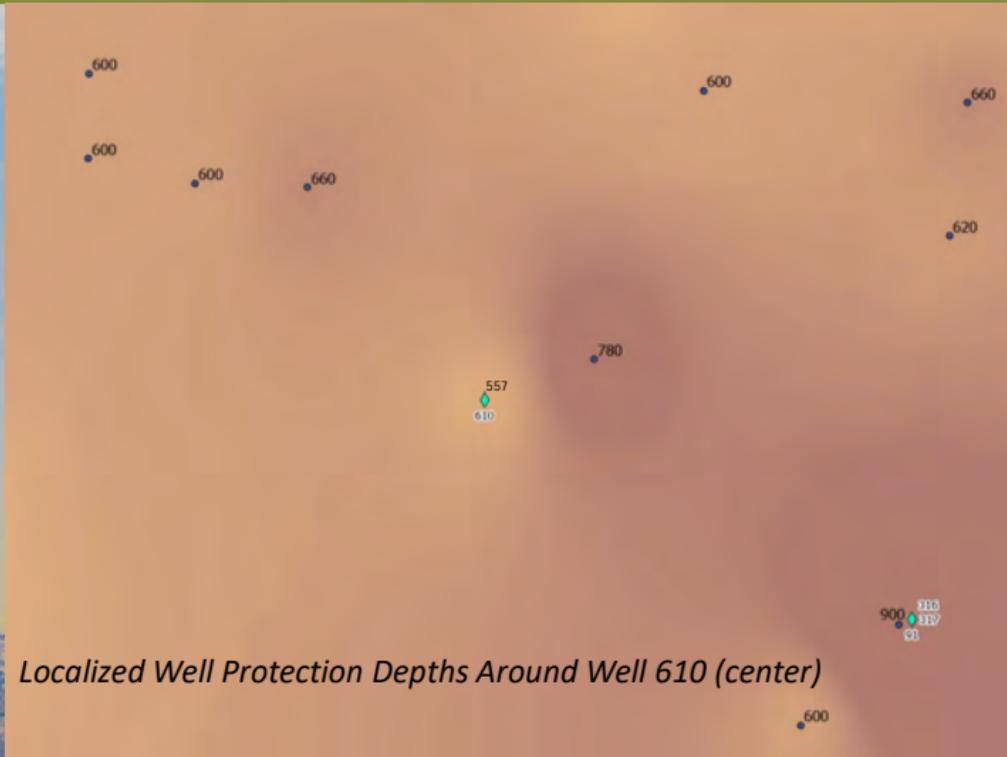
- For RMWs that used the saturated thickness approach in the approved 2020 GSP, utilize that same approach.
- For RMWs that did not utilize the saturated thickness approach in the approved 2020 GSP,
  - First find the deeper of these two values:
    - Deepest depth to water (DTW) from 2013–2023 + buffer
    - Cuyama Basin groundwater model projected DTW in 2040
  - Then find the shallower value between Step 2a, the WPD and the GDE protection depth

Greater of: 641ft (Deepest DTW + buffer) < 654 ft (Projected)  
654 ft ✓

Shallower of: 654 ft (Projected/Deepest) > 557 ft (WPD)

557 ft (WPD) = MT ✓

# Well Protection Depth Context



WPD is calculated by taking the middle of the screen interval and adding a 10 ft buffer.

Opti Well 610 Screen interval  
= ~352 ft to 780 ft.

Middle of screen = 567

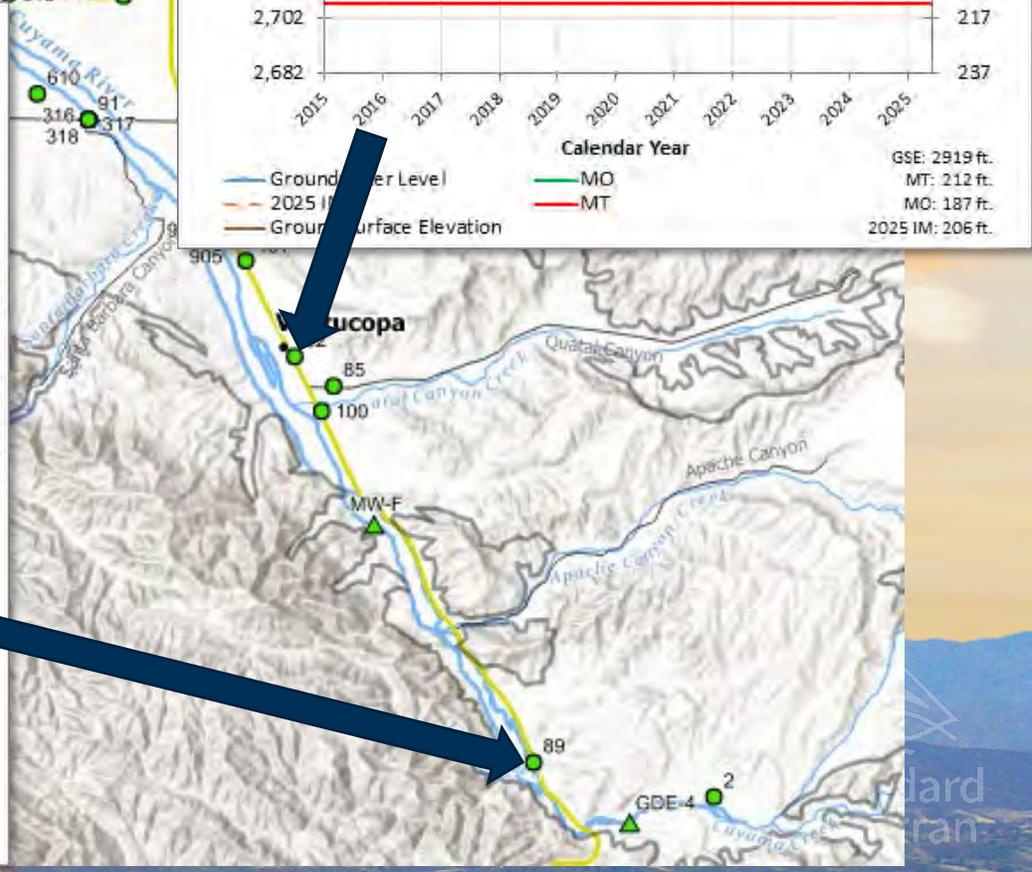
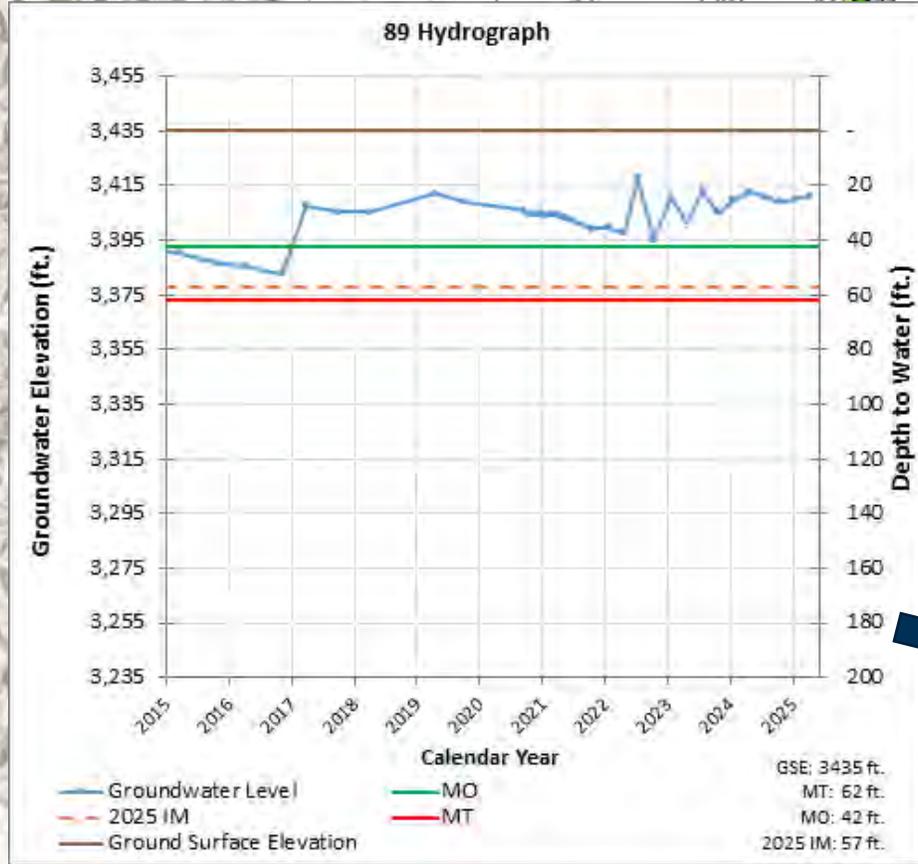
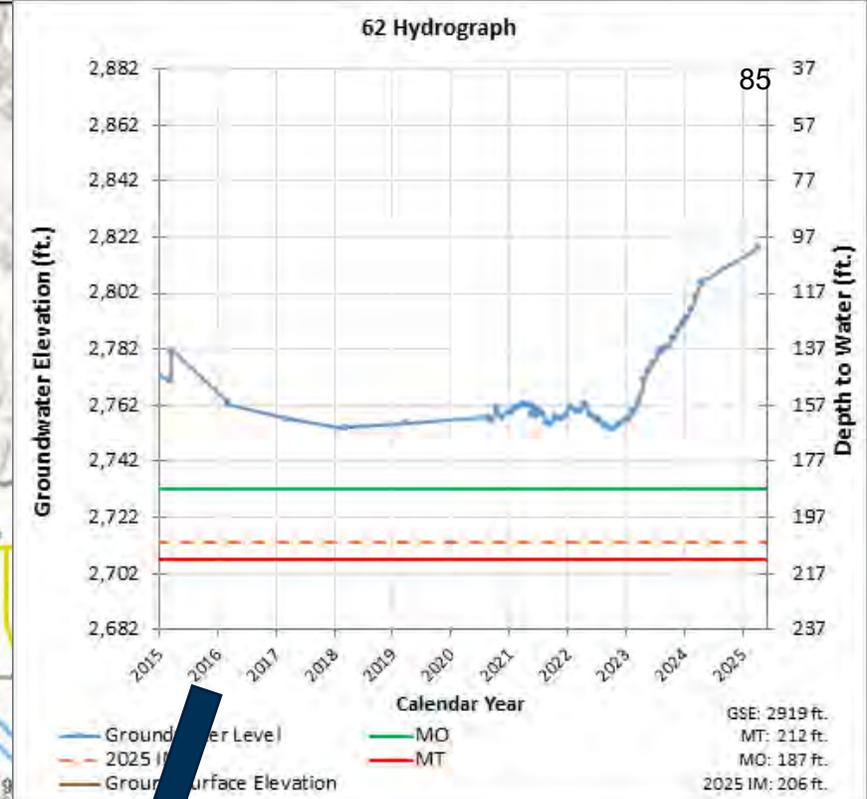
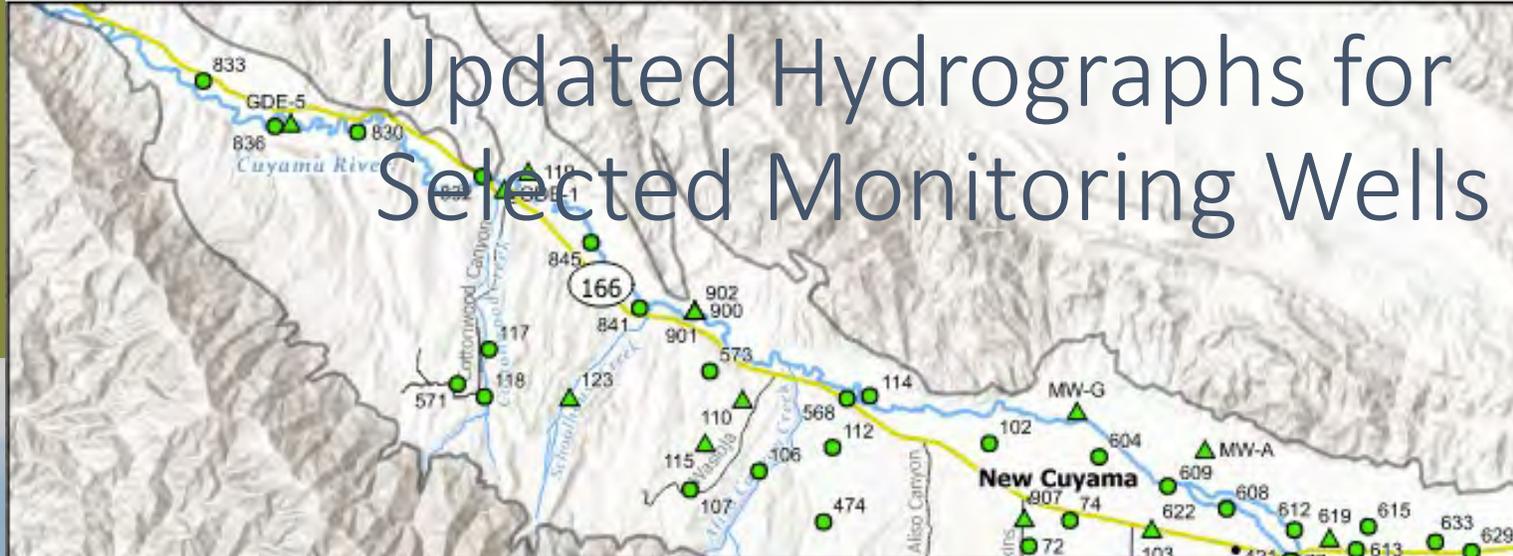
+10 foot buffer = **557 ft**

# Options to Address Exceedance

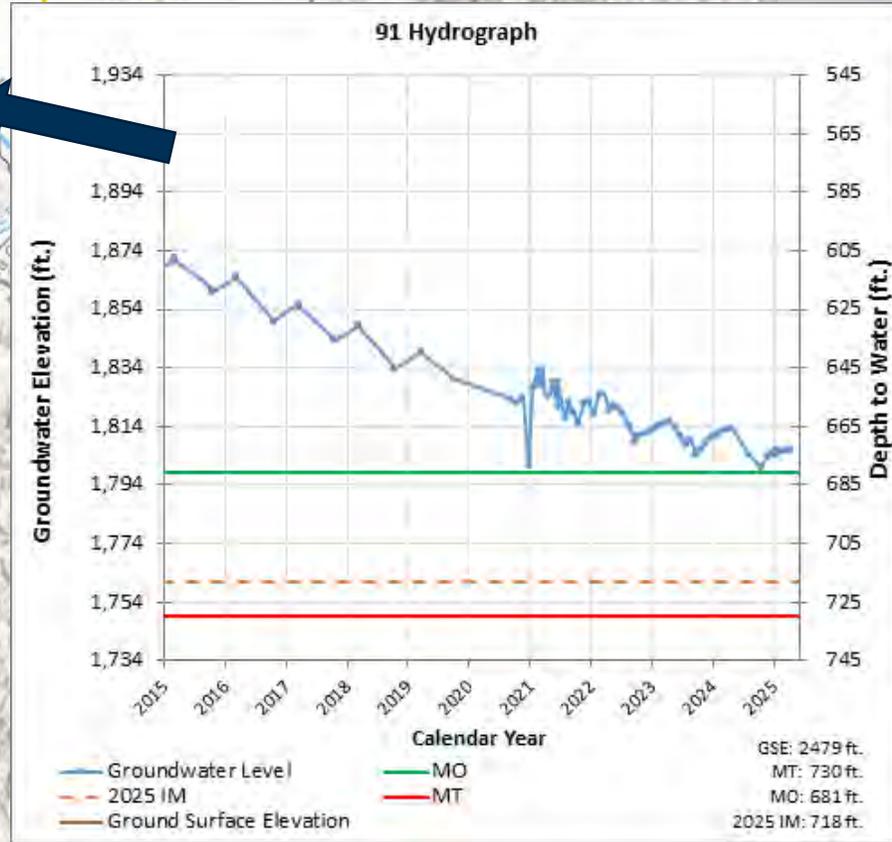
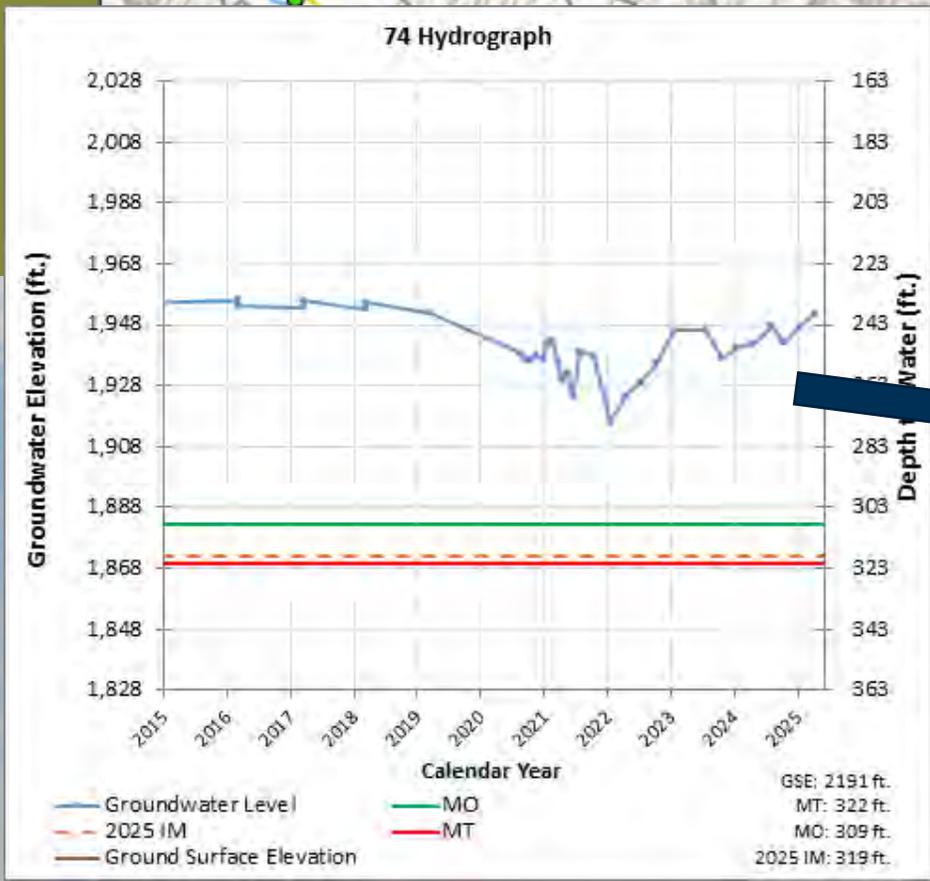
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- Do nothing, but acknowledge that the MT exceedance in this case is a limitation of the methodology used and is a conservative approach to setting the minimum thresholds.
- Adjust the MT to be more representative of potential impacts to nearby wells as opposed to the relatively shallower screen interval for well 610 itself. This would acknowledge that in this case a groundwater measurement below the midpoint of the screen interval for well 610 may not represent undesirable results, given that other nearby wells have deeper screen intervals and may not be affected.
- Enact implementation measures to reduce pumping around Well 610.
- Consider removing well from RMN because the calculated MT is not representative of undesirable results for nearby pumping wells in this area of the Basin.

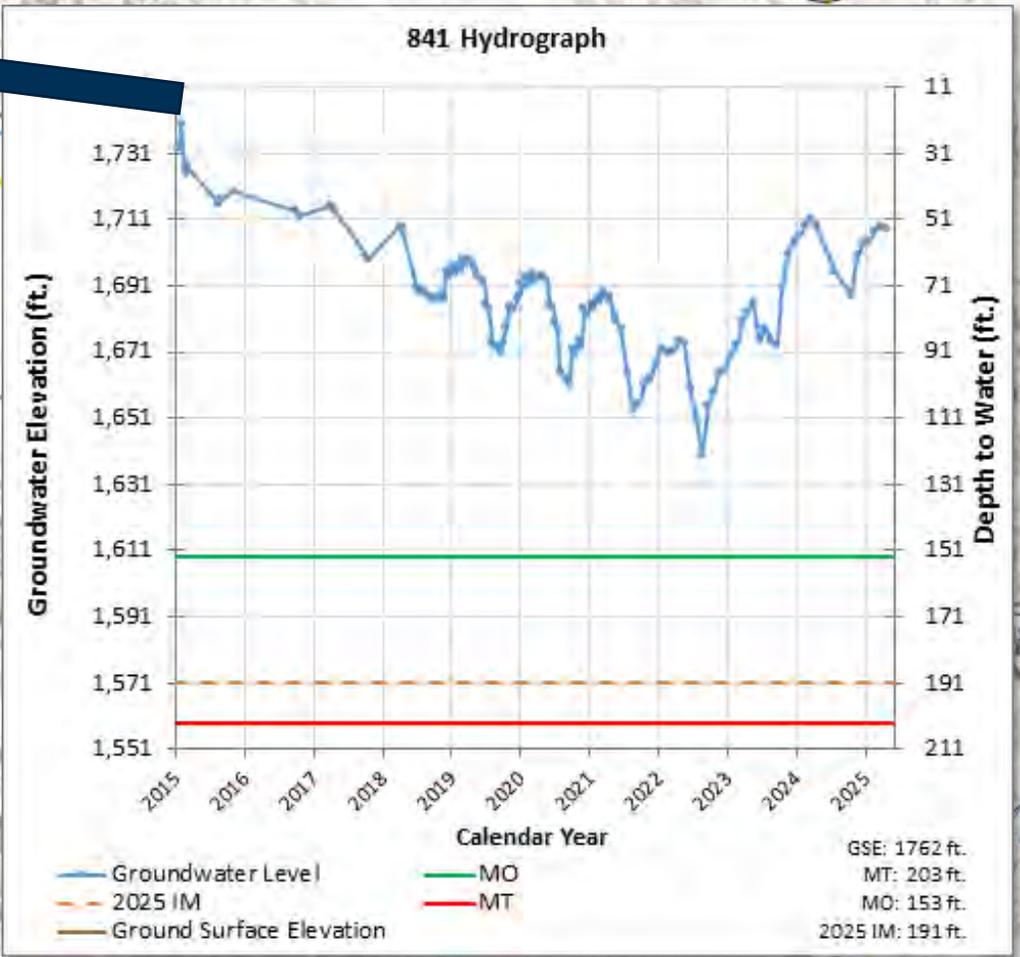
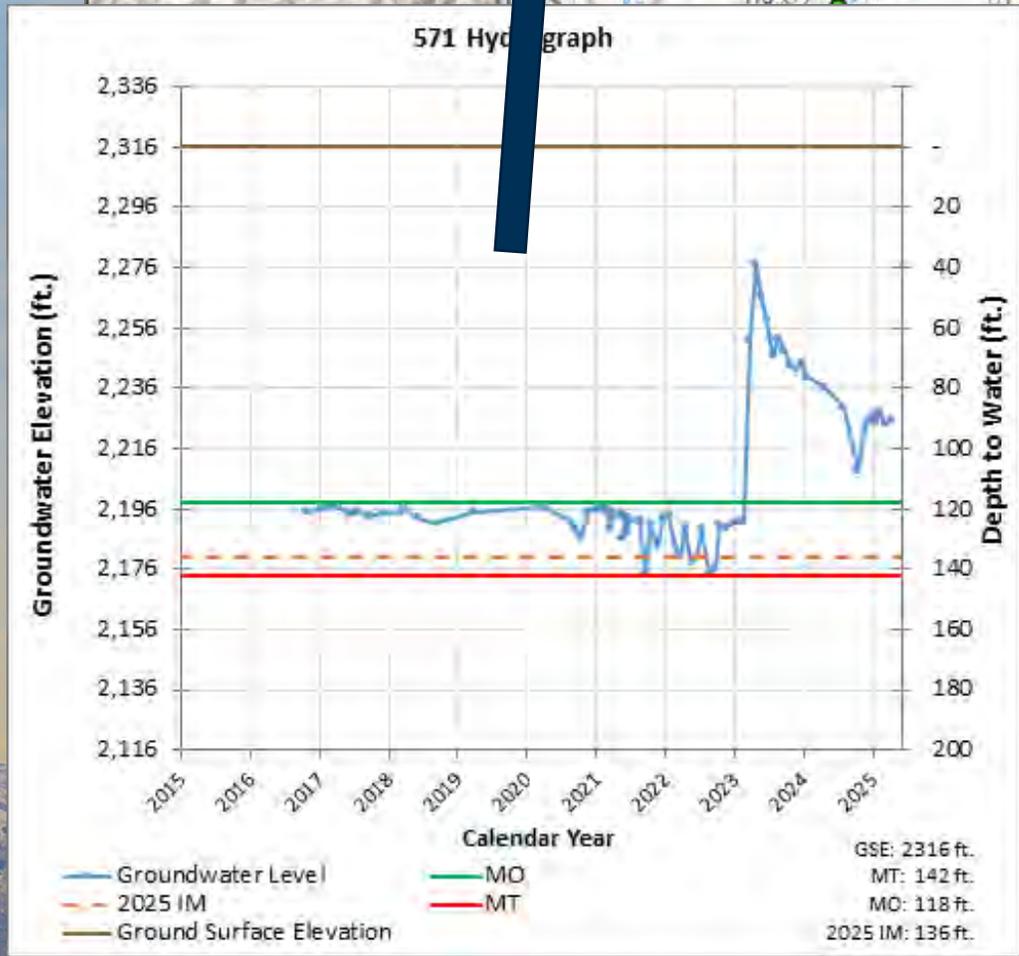
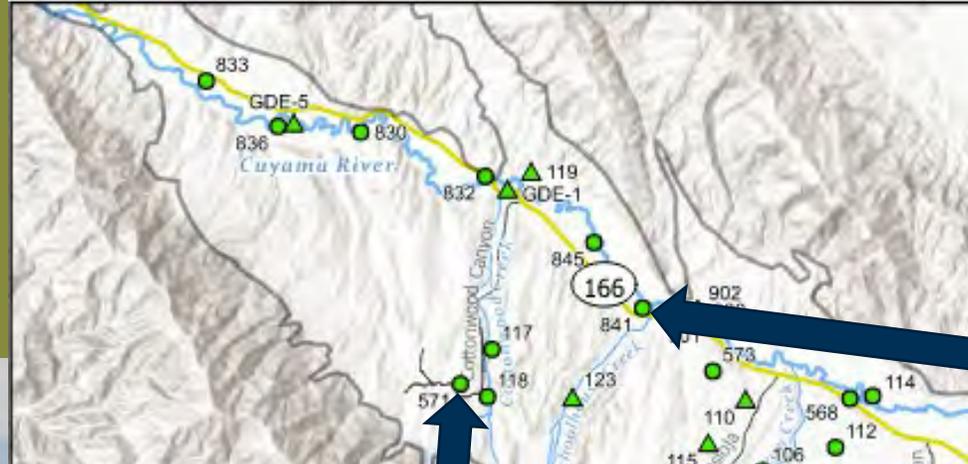
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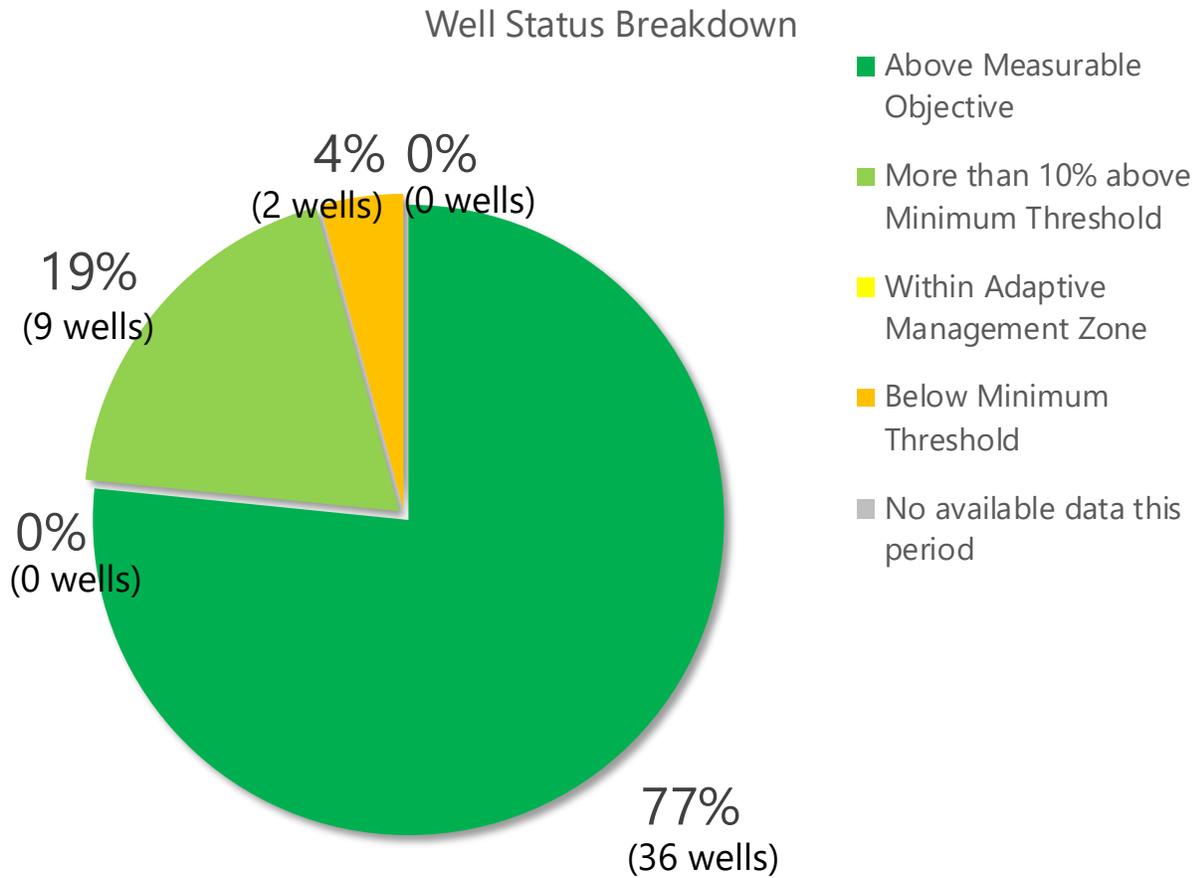
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

This report is intended to provide an update on the current groundwater level conditions in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin. This work is completed by the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA), in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

# 2. SUMMARY STATISTICS



There are currently 2 wells with groundwater levels exceeding the updated minimum thresholds. As outlined in the GSP, undesirable results for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels occurs, "when 30 percent of representative monitoring wells... fall below their minimum groundwater elevation threshold for two consecutive years." (Cuyama GSP, pg. 3-2). Currently, 4% of representative monitoring wells (i.e. 2 wells) have exceeded the minimum threshold for 24 or more consecutive months.

### 3. CURRENT CONDITIONS

Table 1 includes the most recent groundwater level measurements taken in the Cuyama Basin from representative wells included in the Cuyama GSP Groundwater Level Monitoring Network, as well as the previous two measurements and the measurement from the same time period in the previous year. Table 2 includes all of the wells and their current status in relation to the thresholds applied to each well. This information is also shown on Figure 1.

All measurements are also incorporated into the Cuyama DMS, which may be accessed at <https://opti.woodardcurran.com/cuyama/login.php>.

**Table 1: Recent Groundwater Levels for Representative Monitoring Network**

Well	Region	Oct-24	Jan-25	Apr-25	Last Year		Annual Elevation Change
		GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	Month/ Year	
72	Central	2005	2034	2025	2034	Apr-24	-9.9
74	Central	1942	1947	1951	1941	Apr-24	9.7
77	Central	1766	1791	1777	1795	Apr-24	-18.2
91	Central	1800	1806	1806	1813	Apr-24	-7.6
95	Central	1867	1867	1868	2389	Apr-24	-520.2
96	Central	2266	2266	2268	2269	Apr-24	-0.9
99	Central	2145	2212	2156	2218	Apr-24	-61.4
102	Central	1671	1763	1669	-	-	-
103	Central	2051	2054	2057	2050	Apr-24	6.8
112	Central	2043	2043	2046	2042	Apr-24	4.1
114	Central	1878	1879	1881	1880	Apr-24	1.1
316	Central	1800	1804	1805	1812	Apr-24	-7.6
317	Central	1802	1806	1806	1814	Apr-24	-7.5
322	Central	2138	2211	2152	2217	Apr-24	-65.5
324	Central	2169	2210	2178	2216	Apr-24	-37.9
325	Central	2193	2211	2194	2216	Apr-24	-22.1
420	Central	1766	1791	1775	1794	Apr-24	-19.3
421	Central	1781	1795	1787	1800	Apr-24	-12.9
474	Central	2235	2234	2236	2232	Apr-24	4.8
568	Central	1858	1873	1878	1874	Apr-24	4.3

Well	Region	Oct-24	Jan-25	Apr-25	Last Year		Annual Elevation Change
		GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	Month/ Year	
604	Central	1650	1667	1668	1655	Apr-24	12.5
608	Central	1769	1790	1779	1778	Apr-24	0.8
609	Central	1722	1725	1732	1723	Apr-24	9.6
610	Central	1795	1801	1803	1808	Apr-24	-4.7
612	Central	1805	1803	1817	1796	Apr-24	20.8
613	Central	1818	-	1805	1797	Apr-24	8.3
615	Central	1805	1795	1797	1806	Apr-24	-8.7
629	Central	1800	1802	1805	1821	Apr-24	-15.4
633	Central	1805	-	1798	1800	Apr-24	-1.4
62	Eastern	-	-	2818	2806	Apr-24	11.9
85	Eastern	2907	2908	2910	2891	Apr-24	19.1
100	Eastern	2935	2930	2928	2939	Apr-24	-11
101	Eastern	2655	2671	2678	2658	Apr-24	19.6
841	Northwestern	1688	1704	1708	1709	Feb-24	-1.7
845	Northwestern	1632	1642	1645	1643	Feb-24	1.9
2	Southeastern	3686	3699	3697	3706	Apr-24	-8.7
89	Southeastern	3409	3410	3411	3413	Apr-24	-1.5
106	Western	2176	2176	2178	2175	Apr-24	2.2
107	Western	2419	2418	2418	2419	Apr-24	-0.7
117	Western	1945	1944	1945	1947	Apr-24	-2
118	Western	2212	2212	2212	2213	Apr-24	-0.6

Well	Region	Oct-24	Jan-25	Apr-25	Last Year		<b>Annual</b> Elevation Change
		GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	GWL (ft. msl)	Month/ Year	
571	Western	2209	2225	2226	2236	Apr-24	-10.8
573	Western	2012	2012	2016	2010	Apr-24	6.1
830	Far-West Northwestern	-	-	-	1511	Apr-24	-
832	Far-West Northwestern	1605	1605	1608	1604	Apr-24	3.7
833	Far-West Northwestern	1436	1436	1440	1433	Apr-24	7.1
836	Far-West Northwestern	1477	1477	1480	1479	Apr-24	0.7

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**Table 2: Well Status Related to Thresholds**

Well	Region	Current Month		Minimum Threshold	Within 10% Minimum Threshold	Measurable Objective	Well Depth	Status	GSA Action Required?
		GWL (DTW)	Date						
72	Central	145	4/11/2025	373	369	328	790	Above Measurable Objective	No
74	Central	240	4/10/2025	322	321	309	-	Above Measurable Objective	No
77	Central	506	4/10/2025	514	509	464	980	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
91	Central	673	4/11/2025	730	725	681	980	Above Measurable Objective	No
95	Central	589	4/11/2025	597	594	562	805	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
96	Central	340	4/9/2025	369	368	361	500	Above Measurable Objective	No
99	Central	348	4/9/2025	379	378	368	750	Above Measurable Objective	No
102	Central	374	4/10/2025	470	466	432	-	Above Measurable Objective	No
103	Central	230	4/9/2025	379	374	324	1030	Above Measurable Objective	No
112	Central	83	4/10/2025	102	102	100	441	Above Measurable Objective	No
114	Central	46	4/10/2025	58	58	56	58	Above Measurable Objective	No
316	Central	675	4/11/2025	731	726	682	830	Above Measurable Objective	No
317	Central	673	4/11/2025	700	695	650	700	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
322	Central	352	4/9/2025	387	386	378	850	Above Measurable Objective	No
324	Central	326	4/9/2025	365	364	353	560	Above Measurable Objective	No
325	Central	310	4/9/2025	331	330	323	380	Above Measurable Objective	No
420	Central	508	4/10/2025	514	509	464	780	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No

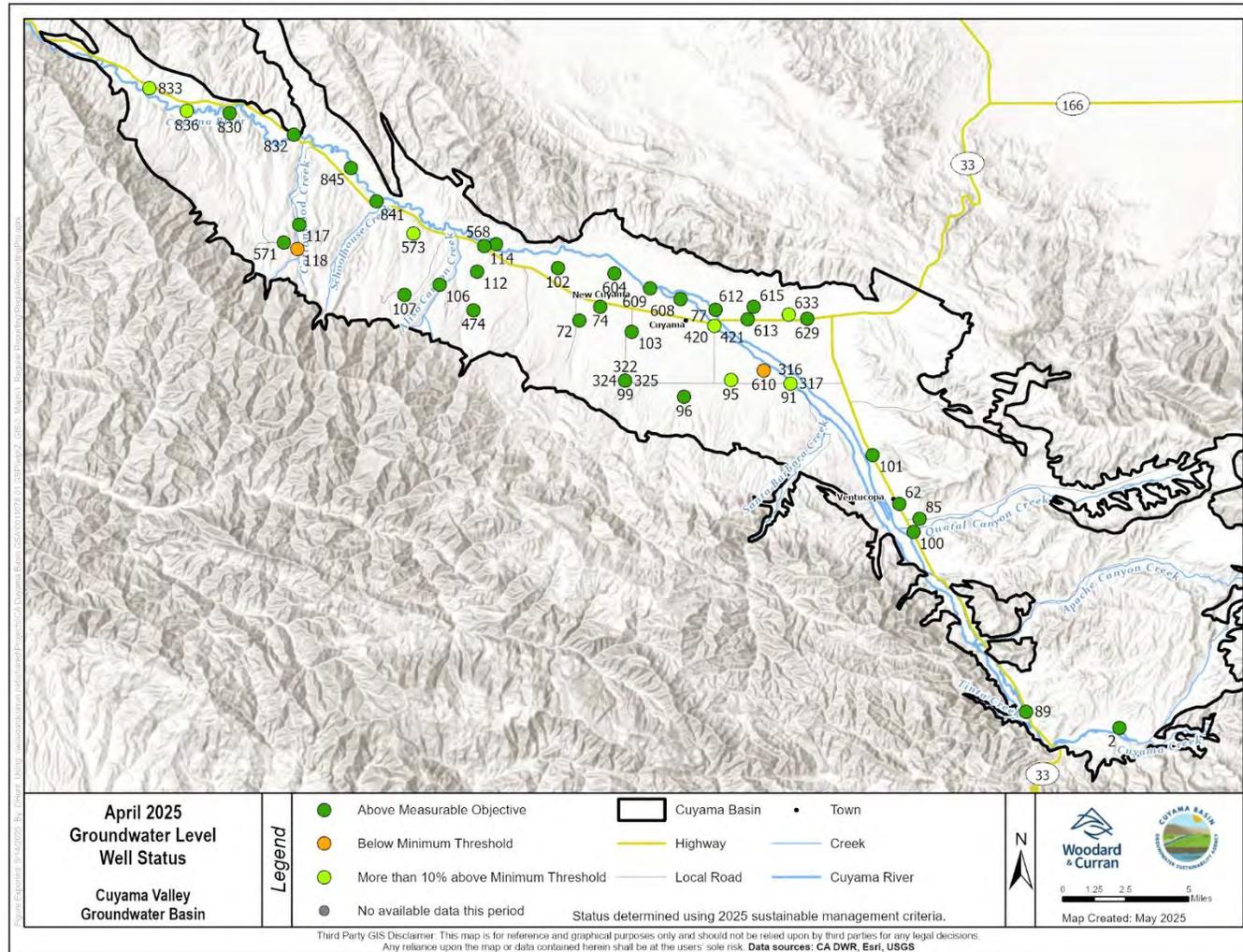
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		GWL (DTW)	Date						
421	Central	496	4/10/2025	514	509	466	620	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
474	Central	129	4/10/2025	197	195	178	213	Above Measurable Objective	No
568	Central	34	4/10/2025	47	47	46	188	Above Measurable Objective	No
604	Central	450	4/10/2025	544	540	505	924	Above Measurable Objective	No
608	Central	435	4/11/2025	504	501	475	745	Above Measurable Objective	No
609	Central	434	4/10/2025	499	495	462	970	Above Measurable Objective	No
610	Central	637	4/11/2025	557	554	527	780	Below Minimum Threshold (57 months)	No
612	Central	455	4/11/2025	513	511	490	1070	Above Measurable Objective	No
613	Central	523	4/11/2025	578	575	550	830	Above Measurable Objective	No
615	Central	526	4/11/2025	588	585	556	865	Above Measurable Objective	No
629	Central	574	4/11/2025	613	610	581	1000	Above Measurable Objective	No
633	Central	566	4/11/2025	605	600	551	1000	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
62	Eastern	101	4/9/2025	212	210	187	212	Above Measurable Objective	No
85	Eastern	139	4/9/2025	200	198	176	233	Above Measurable Objective	No
100	Eastern	80	4/9/2025	186	183	157	284	Above Measurable Objective	No
101	Eastern	70	4/9/2025	138	136	115	200	Above Measurable Objective	No
841	Northwestern	53	2/20/2025	203	198	153	600	Above Measurable Objective	No
845	Northwestern	66	2/20/2025	203	198	153	380	Above Measurable Objective	No
2	Southeastern	23	4/11/2025	52	50	35	73	Above Measurable Objective	No

Well	Region	Current Month		Minimum Threshold	Within 10% Minimum Threshold	Measurable Objective	Well Depth	Status	GSA Action Required?
		GWL (DTW)	Date						
89	Southeastern	24	4/11/2025	62	60	42	125	Above Measurable Objective	No
106	Western	141	4/10/2025	164	163	152	228	Above Measurable Objective	No
107	Western	75	4/10/2025	122	120	103	200	Above Measurable Objective	No
117	Western	153	4/10/2025	163	162	154	212	Above Measurable Objective	No
118	Western	51	4/10/2025	40	37	10	500	Below Minimum Threshold (55 months)	No
571	Western	91	4/10/2025	142	140	118	280	Above Measurable Objective	No
573	Western	66	4/10/2025	93	88	42	404	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
830	Far-West Northwestern	-	-	63	63	60	77	No Data Available this Period (Above MO in July 2024)	No
832	Far-West Northwestern	32	4/9/2025	50	49	35	132	Above Measurable Objective	No
833	Far-West Northwestern	16	4/9/2025	48	44	10	504	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No
836	Far-West Northwestern	29	4/9/2025	49	45	10	325	More than 10% above Minimum Threshold	No

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Note: Wells only count towards the identification of undesirable results if the level measurement is below the minimum threshold for 24 consecutive months.

**Figure 1: Groundwater Level Representative Wells and Status in April 2025**



#### 4. HYDROGRAPHS

The following hydrographs provide an overview of conditions in each of the six areas threshold regions identified in the GSP.

**Figure 2: Southeast Region – Well 89**

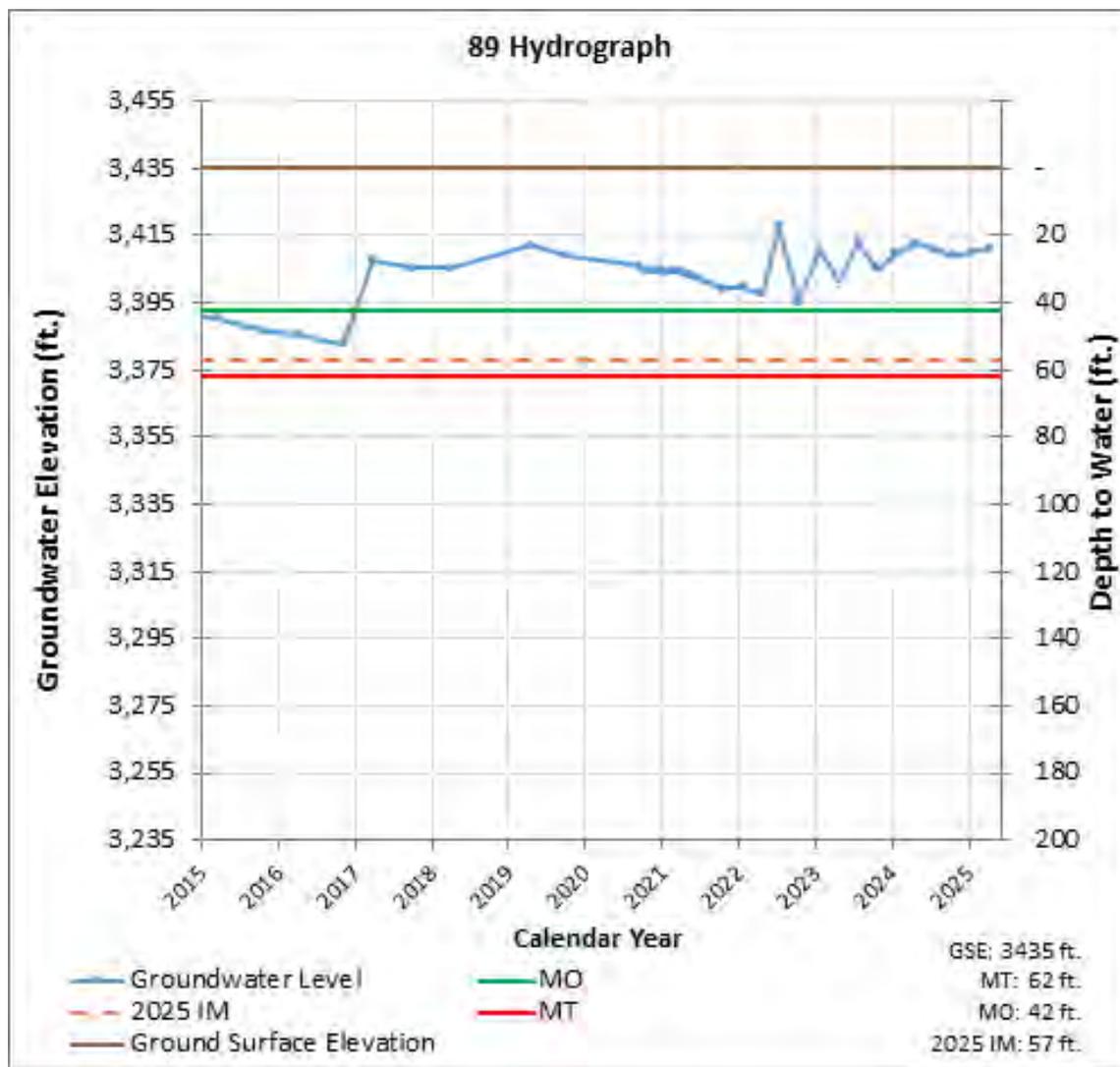


Figure 3: Eastern Region – Well 62

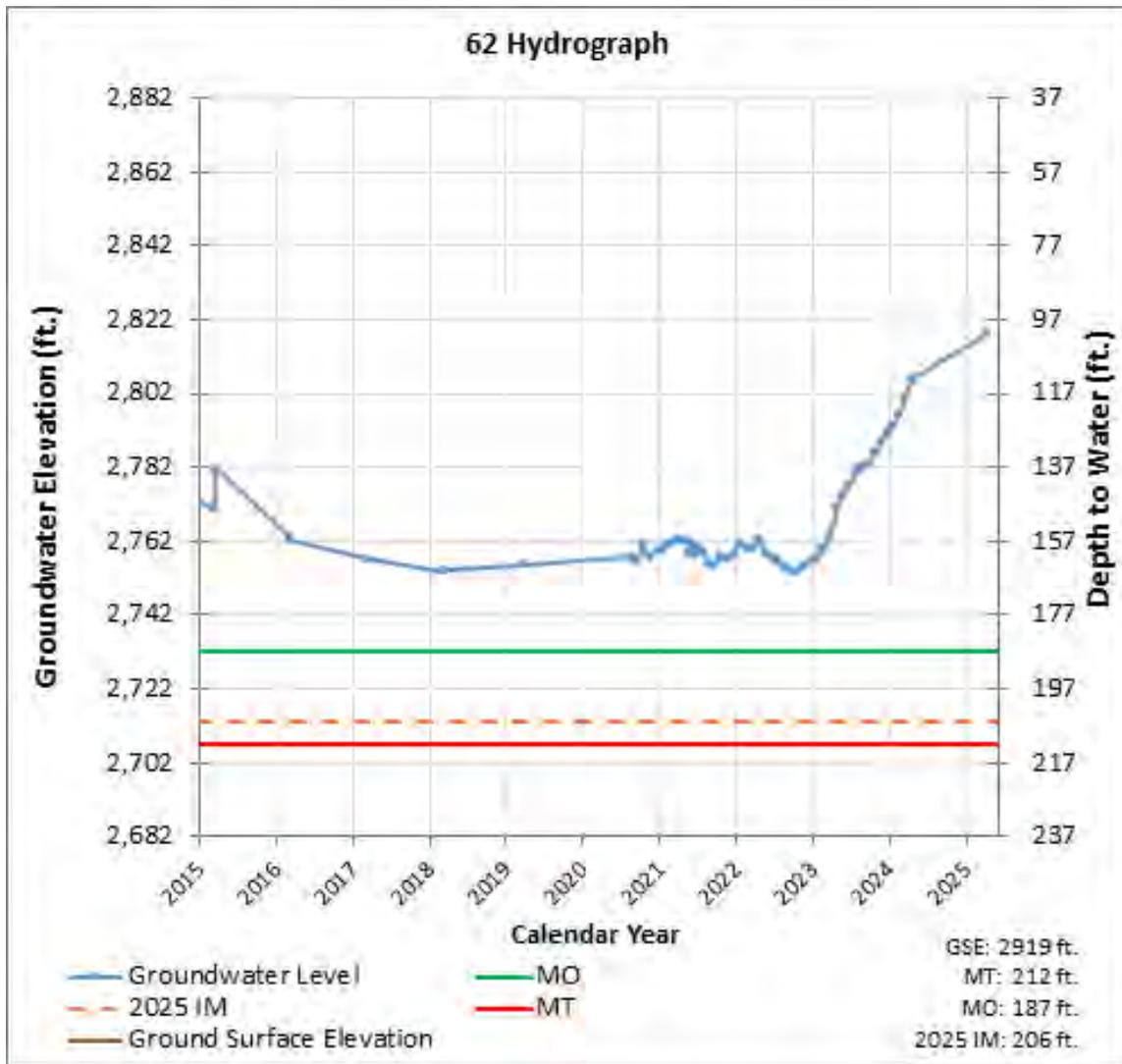


Figure 4: Central Region – Well 91

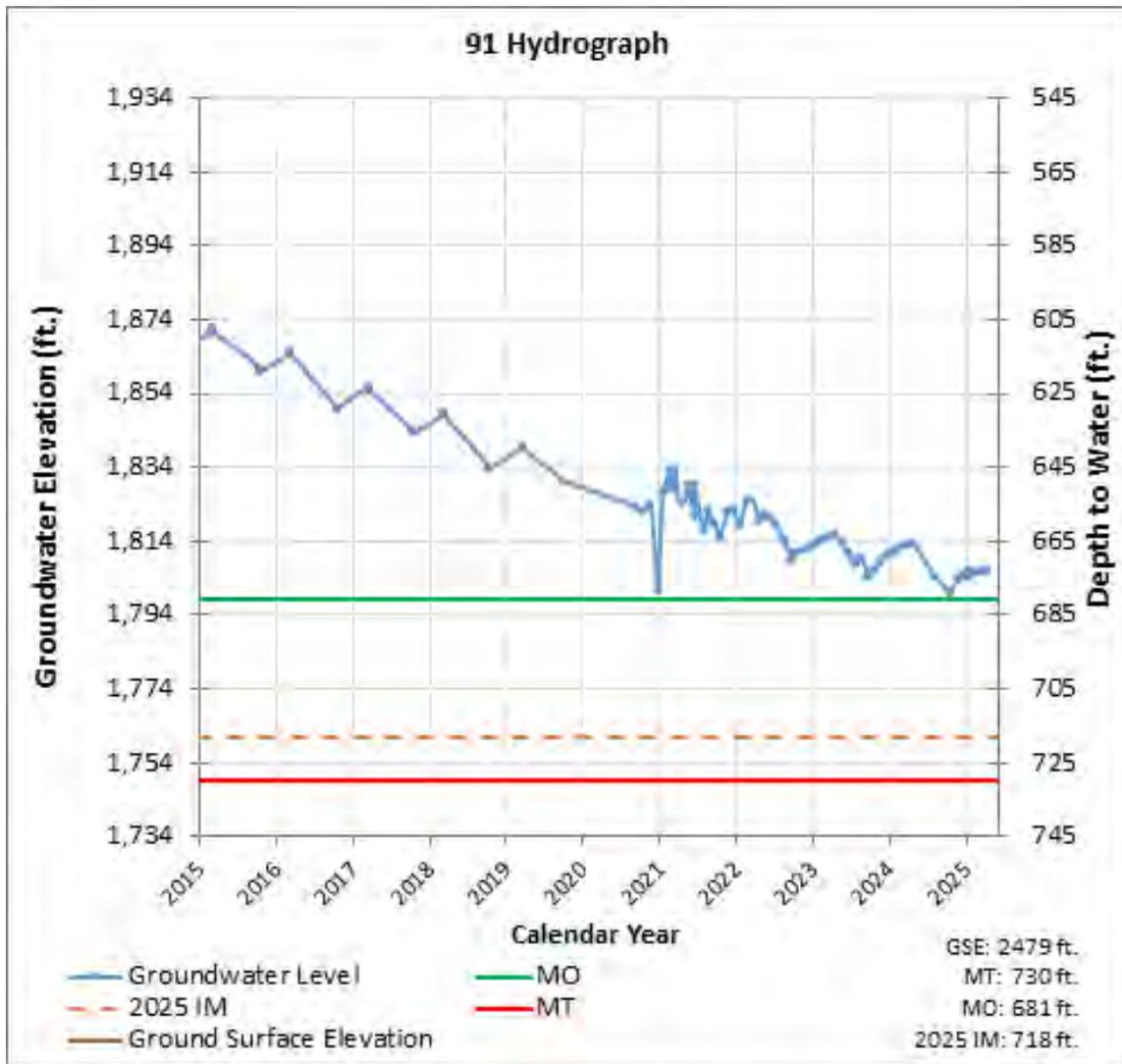


Figure 5: Central Region – Well 74

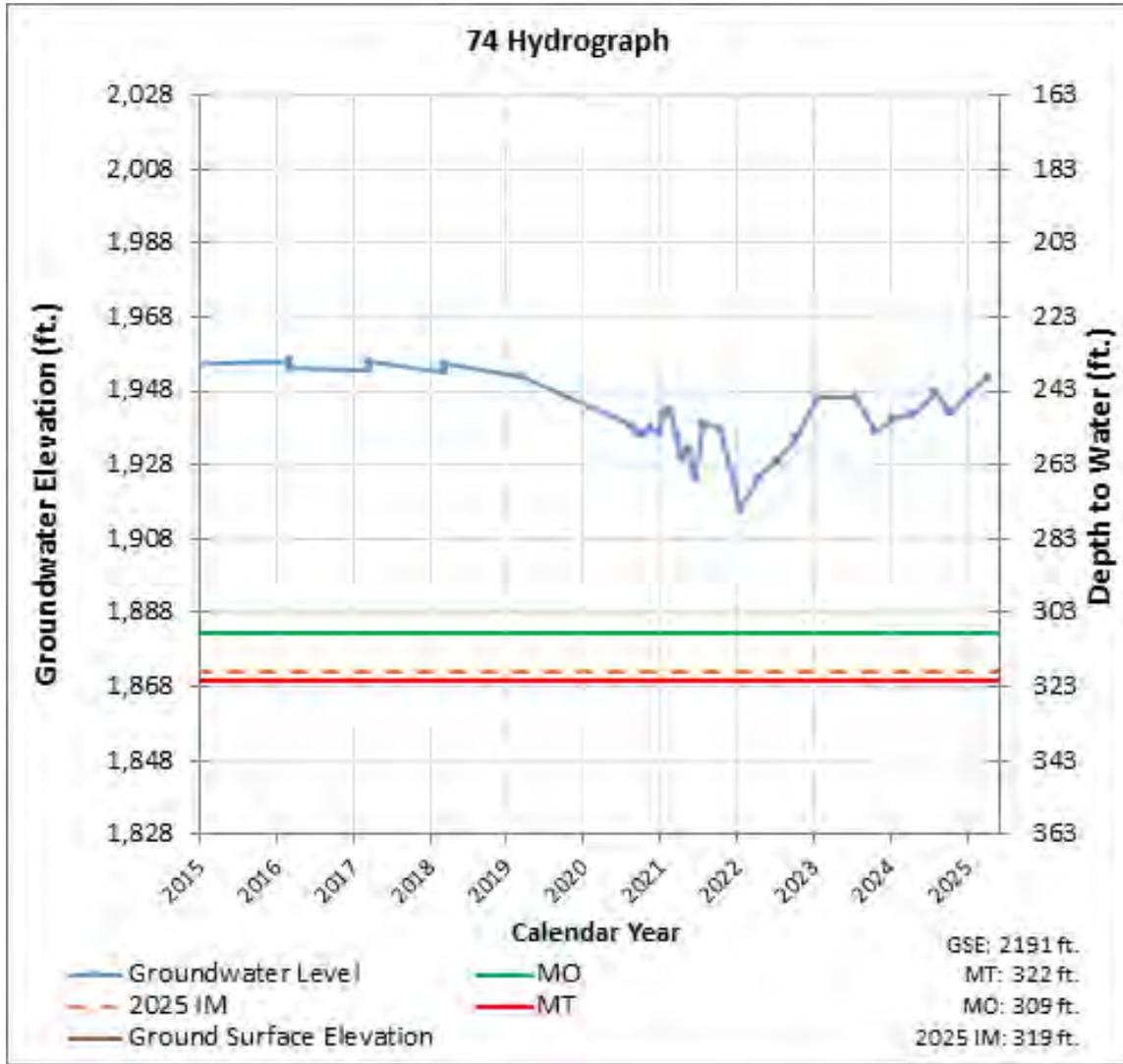


Figure 6: Western Region – Well 571

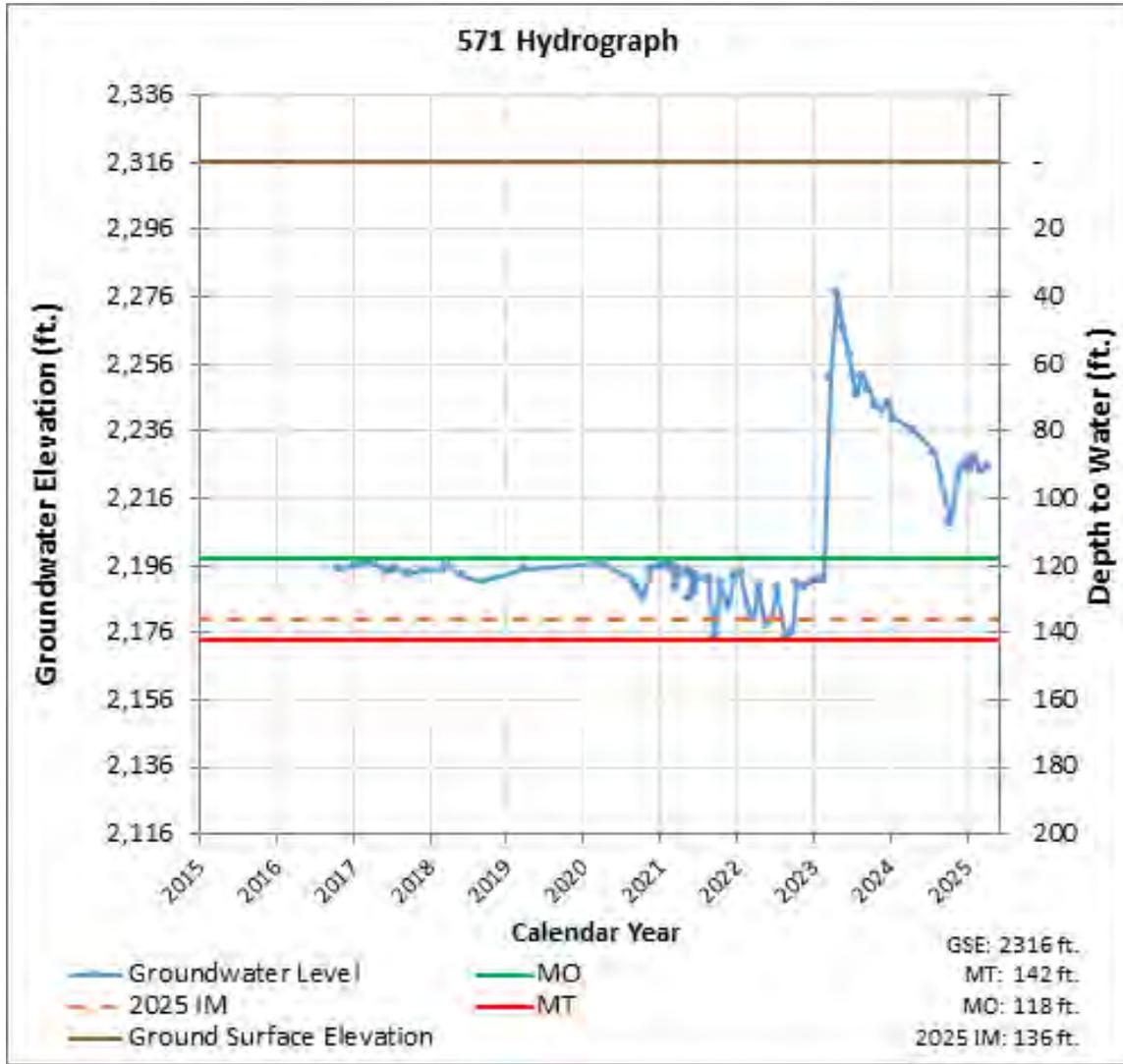
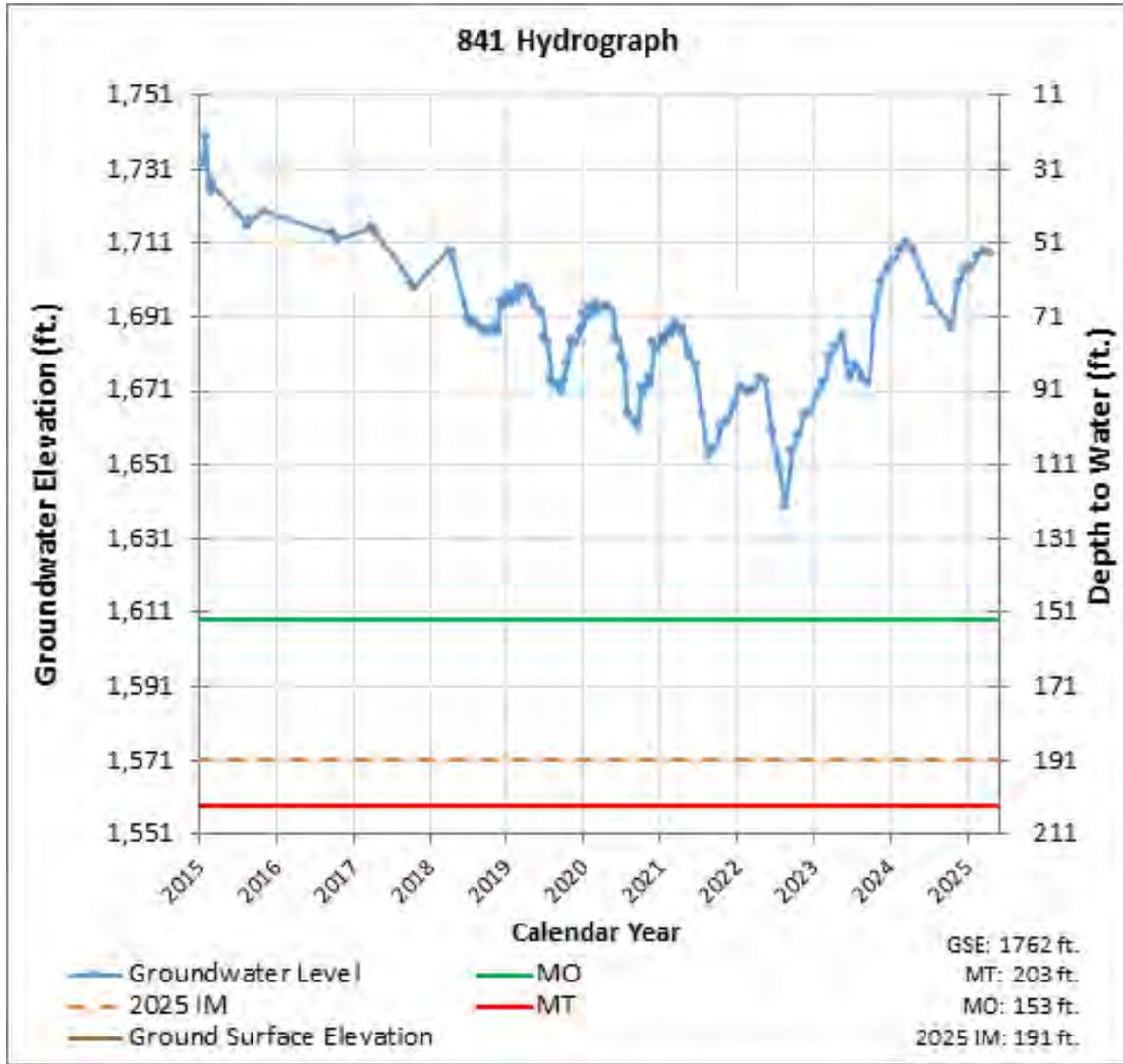
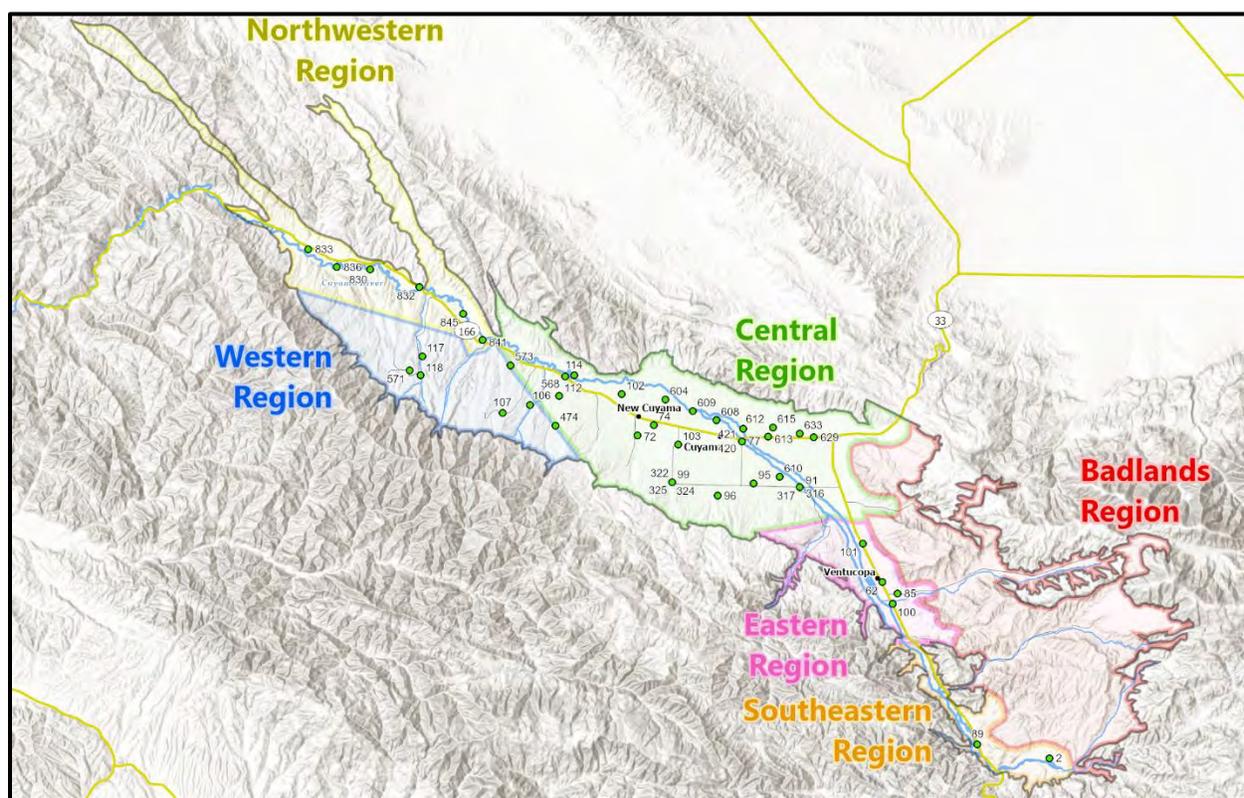


Figure 7: Northwestern Region – Well 841





**Figure 8: Threshold Regions in the Cuyama Groundwater Basin**

## 5. MONITORING NETWORK UPDATES

As shown in Table 2, there is one well with no measurement during the current monitoring period. These “no measurement codes” can have different causes as described below.

- Landowner changed and an access agreement has not been established with the current landowner:
  - Well 830

Additionally, well 608 is now confirmed to be “destroyed” and is no longer available for monitoring. The landowner and monitoring staff have identified a well within 100 ft that is suitable to continue monitoring in this location; the data from that new well is still reported for well 608 in this version of the report. The groundwater level monitoring network will be modified to remove well 608 and add in this new well. The new well is in the process of being incorporated into Opti. The new well will use historical data from Well 608 as a proxy for future analysis conducted for GSP implementation.

