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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN WORKSHOP NO. 1

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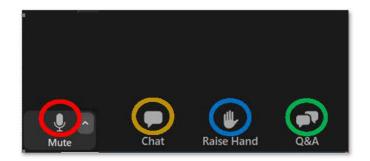






WEBINAR FEATURES

- Workshop is being recorded and will be posted to moundbasingsa.org along with the presentations
- Attendees are muted
- Questions and comments:
 - Use "Raise Hand" to ask a question verbally
 - Use "Q&A" to type a question and/or comment to the panelists
 - Use "Chat" to type a question and/or comment to the panelists



WORKSHOP AGENDA

No.	Time	Торіс
1	5:00 – 5:05 pm	Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call, and Public Comments
2	5:05 – 5:10 pm	Welcome, Overview Webinar Features, and Agenda Review
3	5:10 – 5:15 pm	Get to Know the Audience (Attendee Poll Nos. 1 -3)
4	5:15 – 5:35 pm	Introduction to SGMA and GSPs Presentation Q&A
5	5:35 – 5:55 pm	Overview of Basin Setting Presentation Q&A
6	5:55 – 6:00 pm	Break
7	6:00 – 6:20 pm	Groundwater Model Summary Presentation Q&A
8	6:20 – 6:40 pm	Next Steps for GSP Development Presentation Q&A Attendee Poll No. 4
9	6:40 – 7:00 pm	 Stakeholder Questions and Feedback Attendee Poll Nos. 5 & 6
10	7:00 – 7:10 pm	Mound Basin GSA Director Comments
11	7:10 – 7:15 pm	Wrap-up



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ATTENDEE POLL NOS. 1 - 3













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INTRODUCTION TO SGMA & GSPS











WHAT IS SGMA?

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - Three bill package signed into CA law in late 2014
 - Provides a statewide framework for long-term sustainable groundwater management in CA
 - Requires basins subject to the act to be managed sustainably 20 years after adopting a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by a local Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

SGMA LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Avoid undesirable results

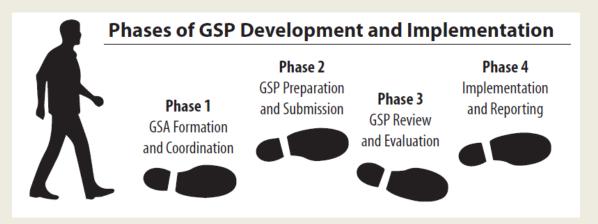
- Provide local authority to manage groundwater
- Extensive stakeholder outreach and engagement
- Establish minimum standards
- Assert State authority when necessary
- SGMA does not determine or alter water rights





WHAT DOES SGMA REQUIRE?

- **1.** Form a <u>Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)</u>
- Adopt a <u>Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)</u>
 Due January 31, 2022
- **3. Achieve Sustainable Groundwater Management**
 - 20 years following GSP adoption



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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MBGSA was formed in 2017 under a Joint Powers Authority agreement between:









GSA AUTHORITIES

- Conduct studies
- Register and monitor wells
- Require reports of groundwater extraction
- Regulate groundwater extractions
- Assess fees
- Implement capital projects
- Some requirements do not apply to small groundwater users
- GSA <u>DOES NOT</u> determine water rights



UWCD staff measuring the groundwater level in an agricultural Well

GSA RESPONSIBILITIES

Develop, adopt, and implement a GSP to achieve sustainable GW management

Annual reporting to DWR

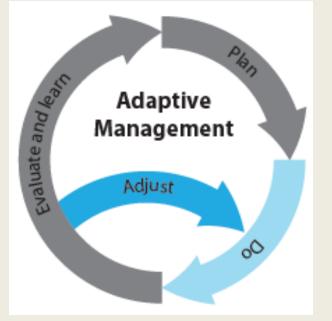
Review and update GSP

Stakeholder outreach and engagement



WHAT IS A GSP?

The GSP is a <u>flexible road map</u> for how a groundwater basin will achieve long term sustainability by <u>avoiding undesirable results</u> through <u>data-driven adaptive</u> <u>management</u>



GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM



Bryan Bondy, PG, CHG MBGSA Executive Director & GSP Manager GSP Contributor



United Water Conservation District



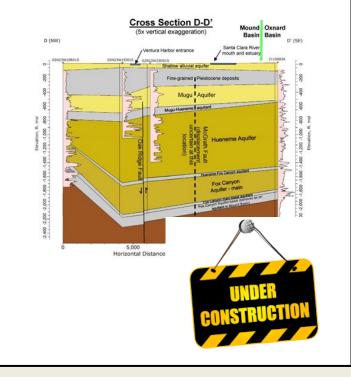
Abhishek Singh, PhD, PE & staff GSP Contributor & Document Lead

WHAT MUST A GSP INCLUDE?

GSP Contents

- Administrative Information
- Basin Setting
- Sustainable Management Criteria
- Monitoring Networks
- Projects and Management Actions
- Implementation

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan



***** GSP Template Available On MBGSA Website*****

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Agency Information







Description of Plan Area

Notice and Communication



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN MOUND BASIN (4-004.03) VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) PROGRAM

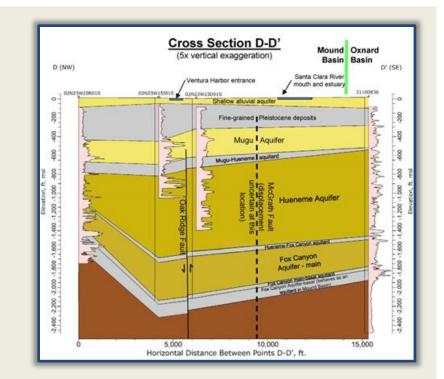
PREPARED BY THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATED AND ADOPTED OCTOBER 17, 2019

BASIN SETTING

Drafts Completed:

- Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
- Groundwater Conditions

In Progress:
 Water Budget
 Management Areas





SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

- Sustainability Goal
- Sustainability Indicators
 - Undesirable Results



- Significant and unreasonable effect related to any of the six sustainability indicators (if applicable)
- Minimum Thresholds
 - Quantitative metrics indicating undesirable results exist
- Measureable Objectives
 - Quantitative metrics that reflect basin desired conditions

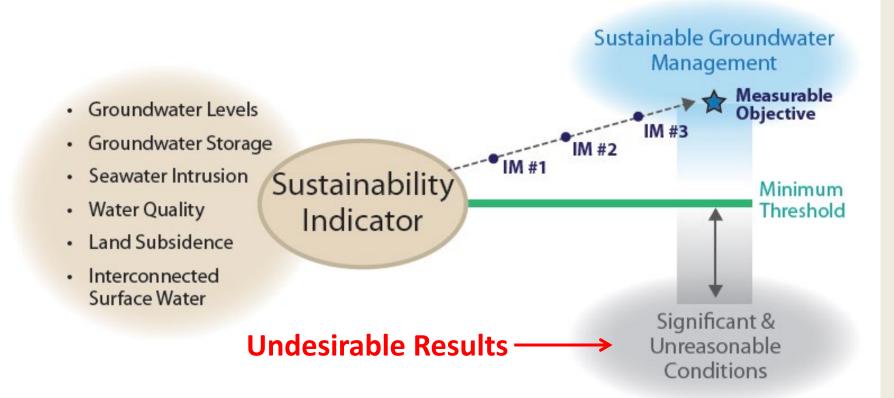
DEFINING UNDESIRABLE RESULTS IS A CRITICAL STEP IN GSP DEVELOPMENT



- Not all poor conditions are necessarily unreasonable
- Locally determined by GSA in consultation with stakeholders and public input
- Stakeholder input is key to determining undesirable results that reflect local values

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

The overarching goal of SGMA is to avoid undesirable results



MONITORING NETWORKS

SGMA requires a monitoring network to demonstrate sustainable groundwater management

Groundwater Levels

Groundwater Quality

Seawater Intrusion

Subsidence





UWCD staff measuring the groundwater level in the Kimball Park monitoring well

Groundwater sample collection from the Marina Park monitoring well

PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Projects and/or management actions will be identified to achieve sustainable management, if necessary



GSP IMPLEMENTATION

Sustainable management must be achieved within 20 years of GSP adoption

The GSP will include an implementation plan to address data gaps and further develop projects and management actions, as needed



KEY SGMA CONCEPTS

- Overarching goal is to <u>avoid undesirable results</u>
- Undesirable results and actions to prevent them are defined by the GSA, not the State with stakeholder input
- SGMA requires <u>data-driven management</u>:
 - GSP must be developed with <u>best available science</u>
 - Data gaps that affect sustainability goal must be filled
 - Sustainability demonstrated with monitoring data
- SGMA requires <u>adaptive management</u>
 - GSP will be a starting point for a 20 yr. journey to sustainability
 - GSP revaluation and updates (req. min. every 5-yrs)

SGMA & GSP OVERVIEW QUESTIONS



View looking north from Olivas Park Drive

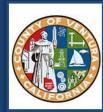


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BASIN SETTING OVERVIEW











BASIN SETTING CONTENTS

Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

- Groundwater Conditions
 - Groundwater Levels
 - Groundwater Storage Change (pending model)
 - Groundwater Quality
 - Land Subsidence
 - Interconnected Surface Water
 - Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
- Water Budget
 - Historical, current, and future (pending model)



Management Areas (TBD)

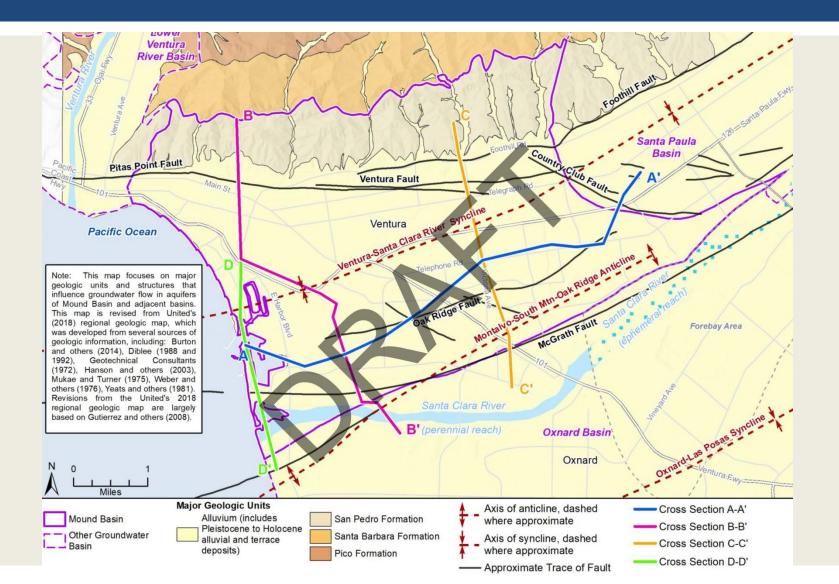


HYDROGEOLOGIC CONCEPTUAL MODEL

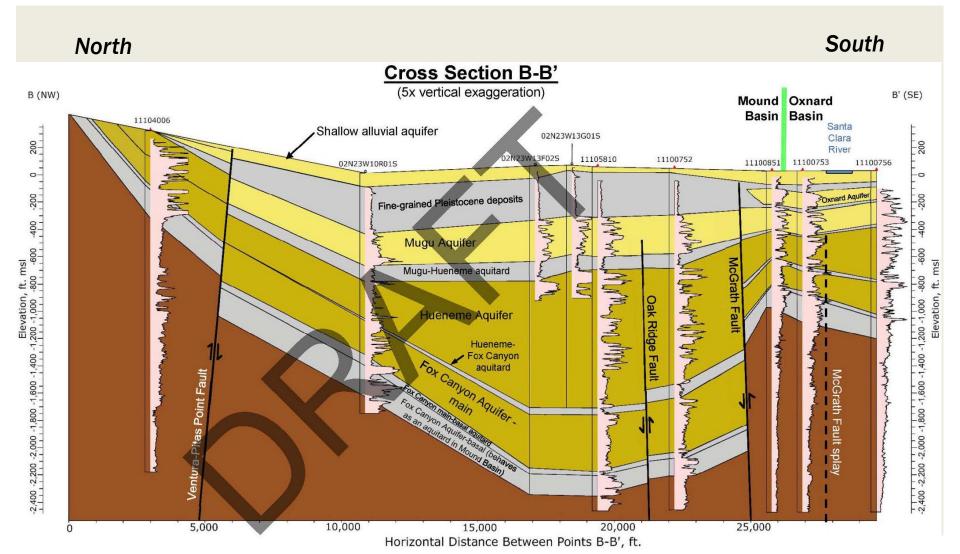
- Describes basin's physical characteristics
 - ■Geologic Setting ✓
 - ■Aquifer characteristics ✓
 - Geometry (lateral and vertical extents)
 - Hydraulic Properties
 - ■Hydrology ✓

Provides conceptual understanding of groundwater behavior and cause and effect relationships and foundation for developing sustainable management criteria

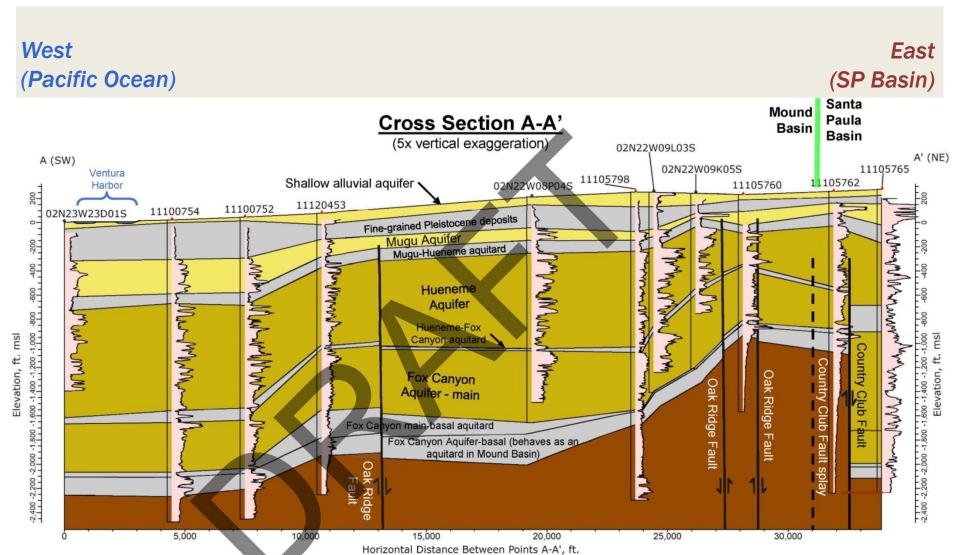
BASIN MAP



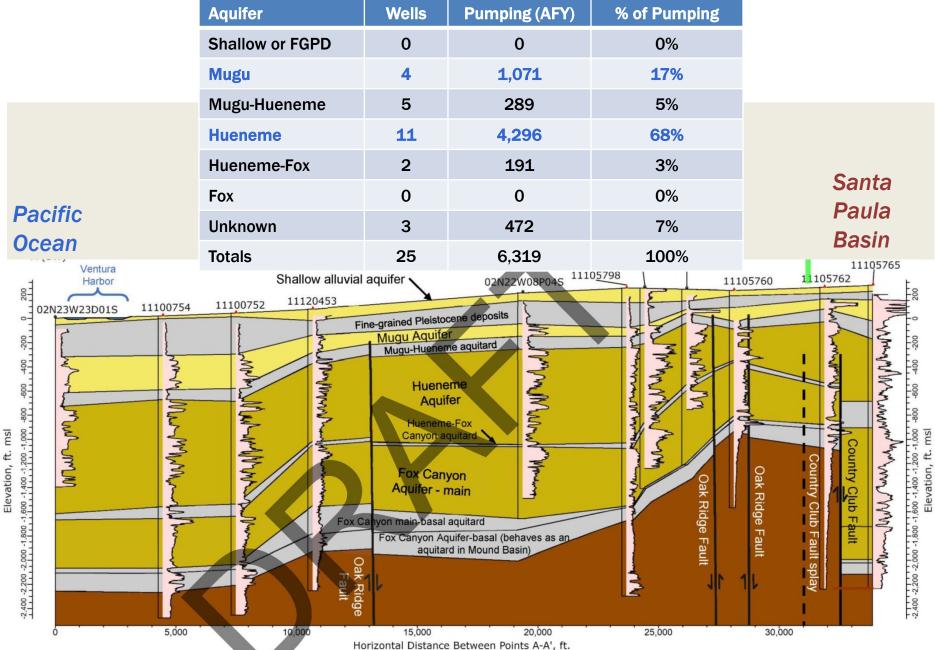
NORTH TO SOUTH CROSS SECTION



WEST TO EAST CROSS SECTION



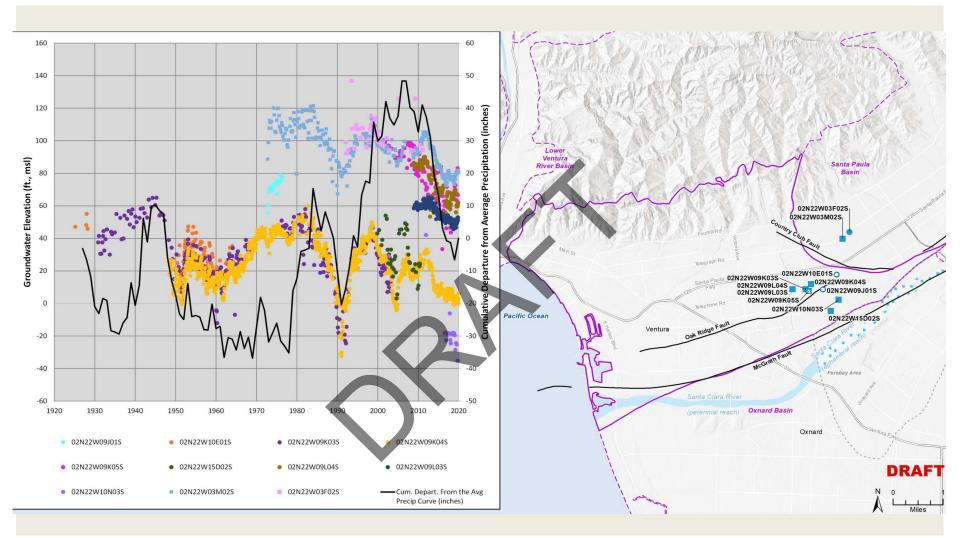
PUMPING BY AQUIFER (2019)



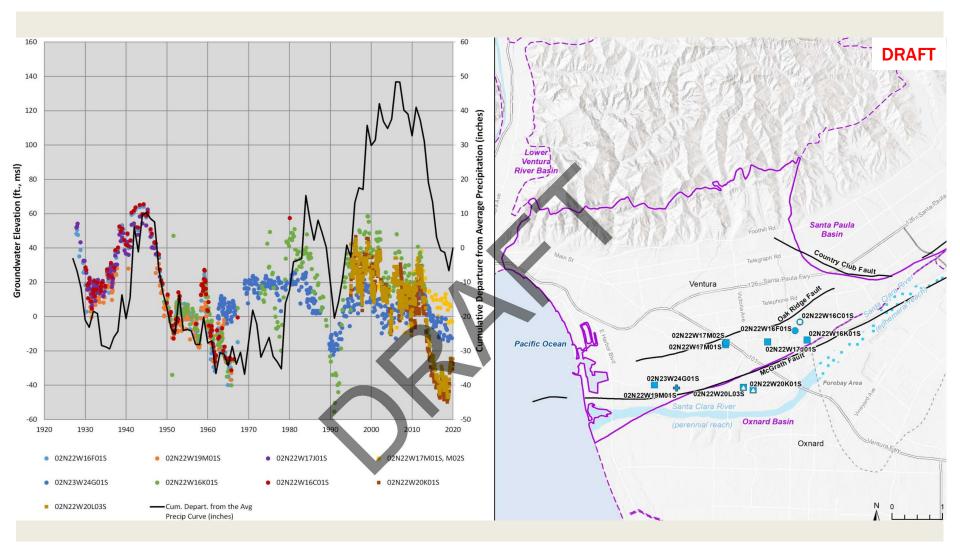
GENERALIZED GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTIONS



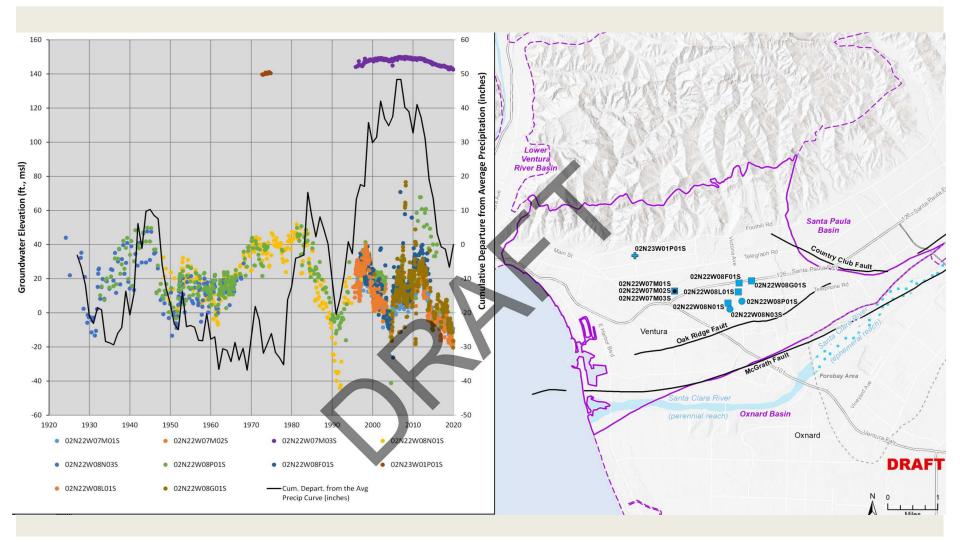
GROUNDWATER LEVEL TRENDS EASTERN AREA



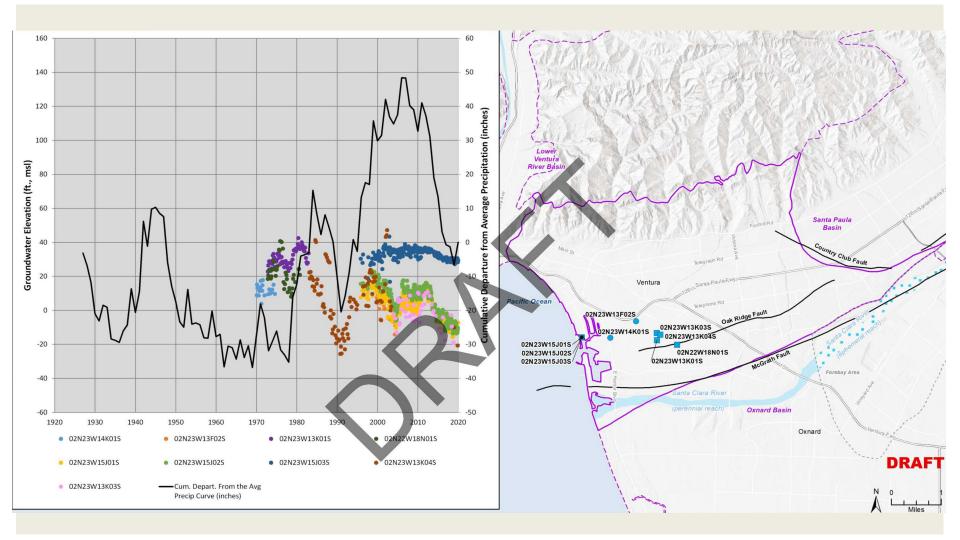
GROUNDWATER LEVEL TRENDS SOUTHERN AREA



GROUNDWATER LEVEL TRENDS CENTRAL AREA

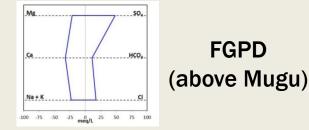


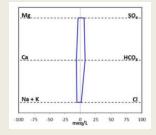
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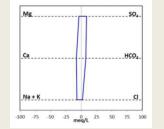
GROUNDWATER GENERAL CHEMISTRY

- Shallow groundwater (above Mugu Aquifer) has a very different composition and is ~5x more mineralized that groundwater in principal aquifers
- Groundwater in Mugu and Hueneme aquifers have similar composition and, with slightly higher mineralization in the Hueneme aquifer, compared to the Mugu









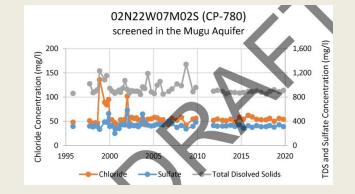
Hueneme

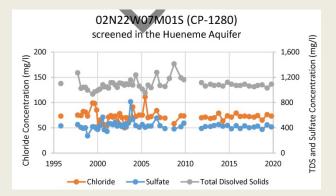
GROUNDWATER QUALITY

No contamination plumes

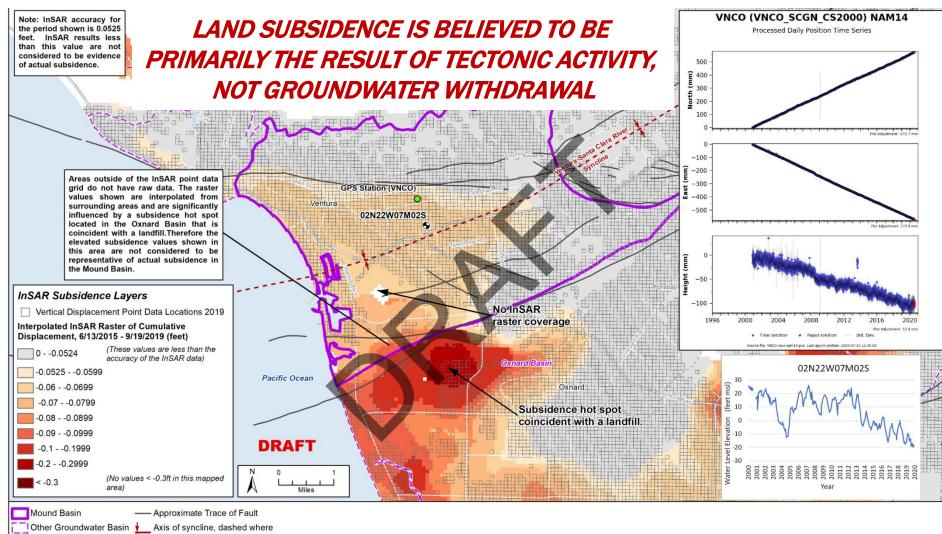
 Groundwater quality is marginal, but generally meets RWQCB Water Quality Objectives

Constituent	WQO (mg/l)	Status		
Nitrate-N	10	 Mostly below objective A few wells with abnormally high concentrations not considered representative 		
TDS	1,200	 Generally below objectives 		
Sulfate	600			
Chloride	150	Concentrations generally		
Boron	1	are stable		





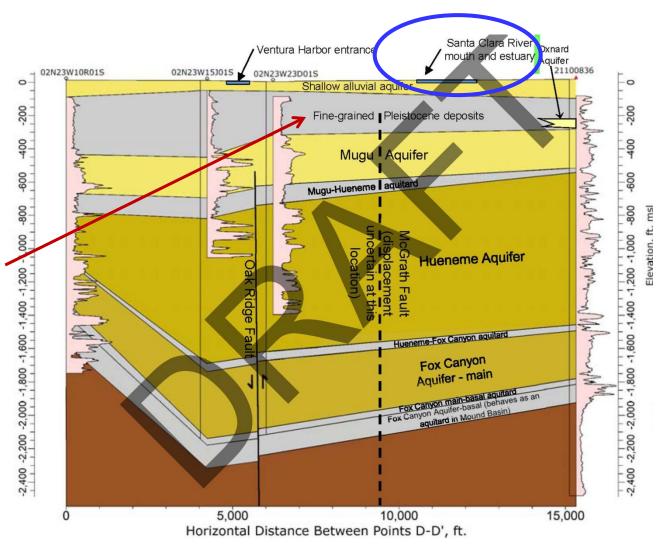
LAND SUBSIDENCE



approximate

INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER

- Shallow GW likely interconnected with river, however, there is no pumping from shallow aquifer.
- Surface water principal aquifers are separate by thick aquitards.
 Pumping in principal aquifers is not believed to materially affect surface water.

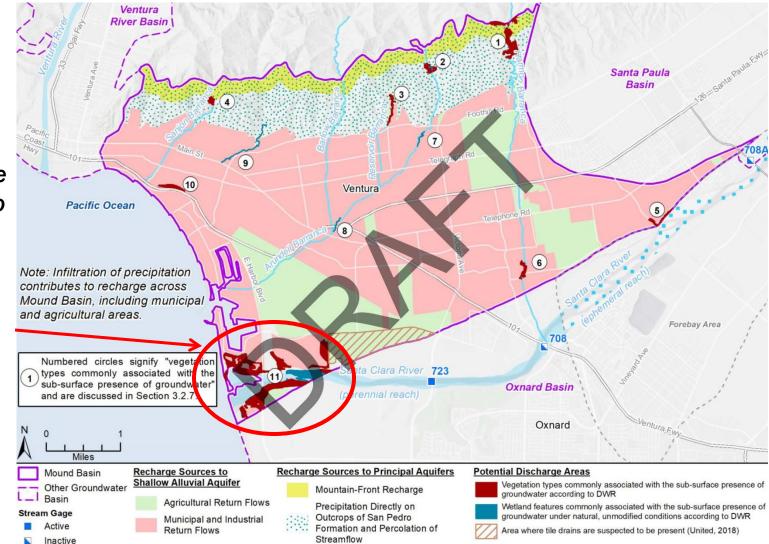


GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS

11 areas of potential GDEs were identified and reviewed

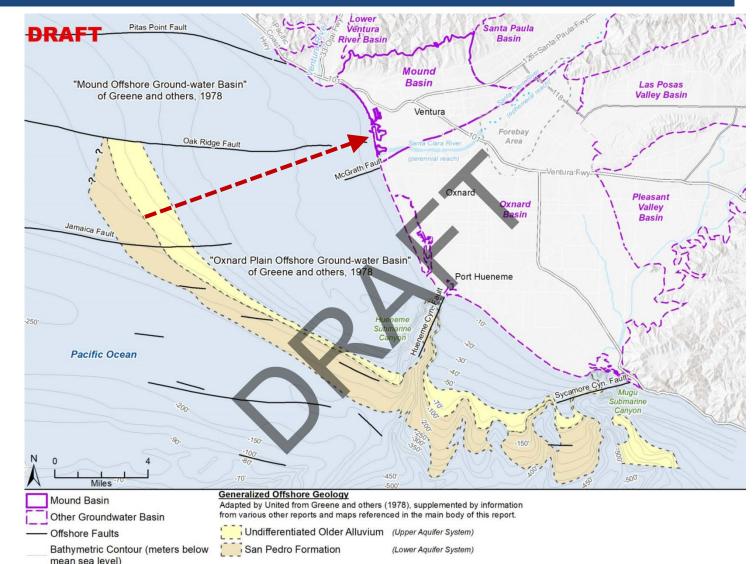
10/11 areas were determined not to be actual GDEs.

Area #11 (Santa Clara River and adjacent riparian area) was retained as a GDE. However there is shallow GW pumping.



SEAWATER INTRUSION POTENTIAL FROM AQUIFER SUBCROP

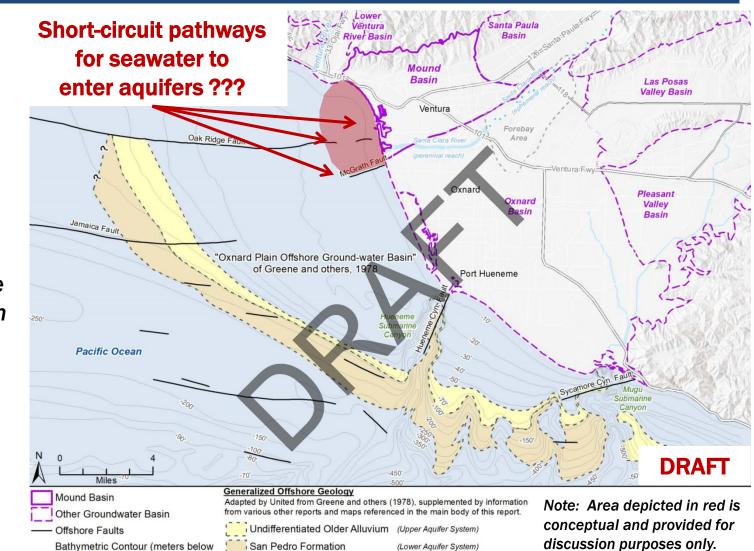
Seawater would need to flow approximately 10 miles within the aguifer to reach the shoreline, which would require hundreds of years at a consistently low groundwater level condition in the basin. Such a timeframe extends past the **GSP** planning horizon.



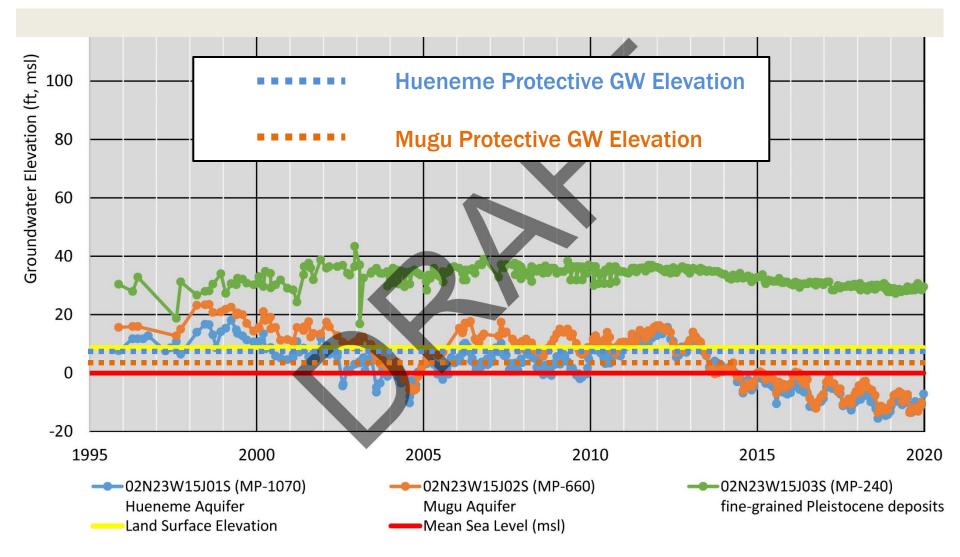
SEAWATER INTRUSION POTENTIAL VIA SHORT-CIRCUIT PATHWAYS?

Potential gaps in the confining layer above the aquifers and/or faulting could possible provide short-circuit pathways for seawater intrusion near the shoreline. If such short-circuit pathways exist, seawater could reach the shoreline within the GSP implementation period.

mean sea level)



PROTECTIVE GROUNDWATER LEVELS AT THE COAST



BASIN SETTING OVERVIEW QUESTIONS



View looking southeast from Grant Park



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GROUNDWATER MODEL SUMMARY











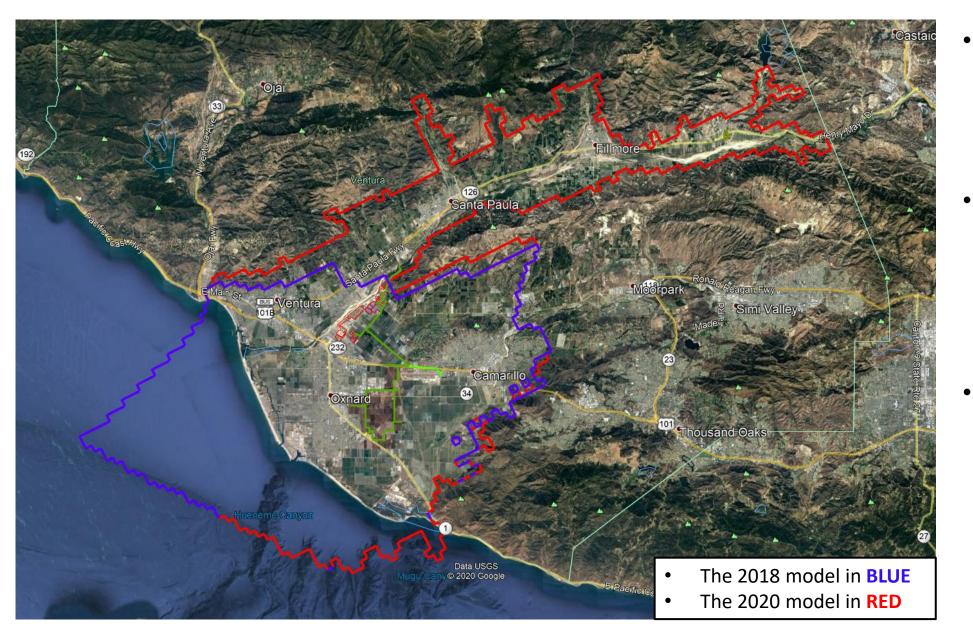


UWCD Groundwater Model Summary

Senior Groundwater Modeler Jason Sun, PhD, PE September 3, 2020



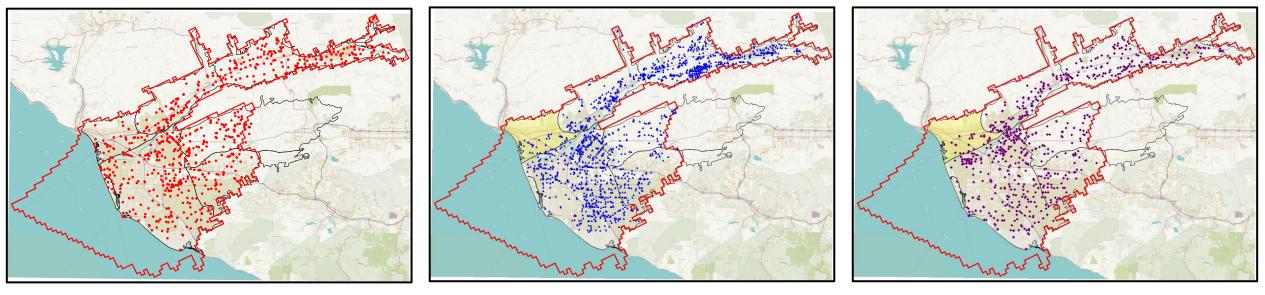
Model Development History



- UWCD Started in November 2013 for groundwater management
- UWCD released the GW model in 2018 and was used to simulate FCGMA's GSPs
- UWCD completed the model expansion in August 2020

UWCD Groundwater Model

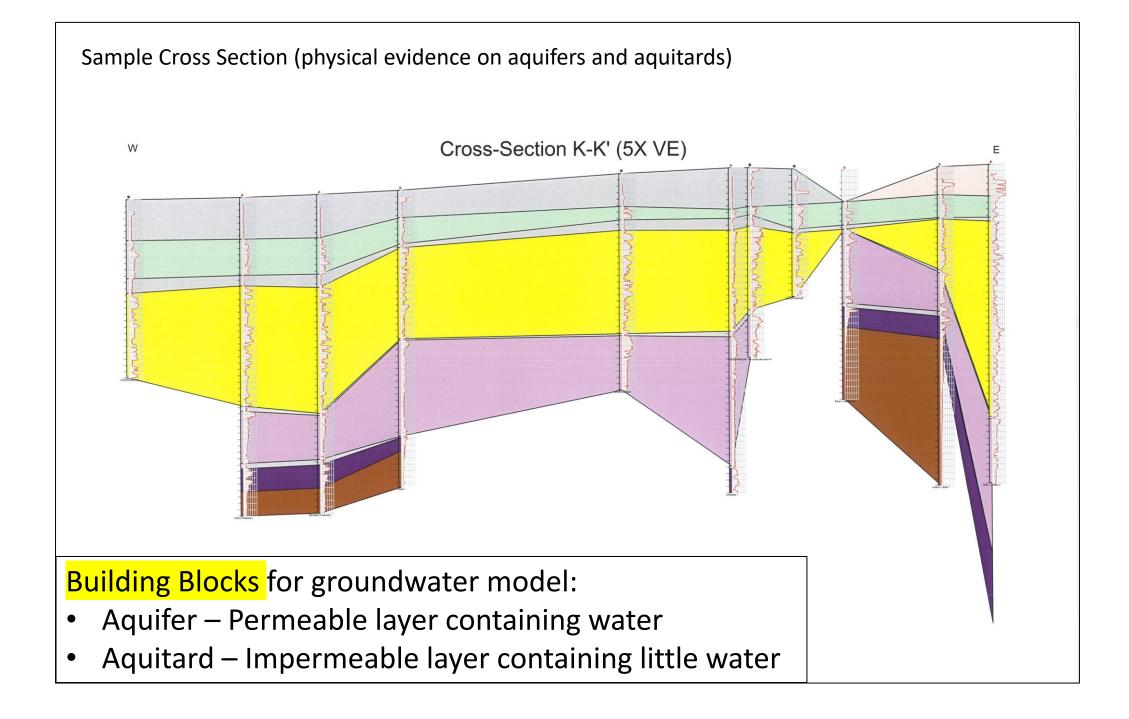
- Used known data (e.g. well e-logs, pumping records, stream flow).
- Calibrated to mimic observed groundwater level data.



600+ well e-logs

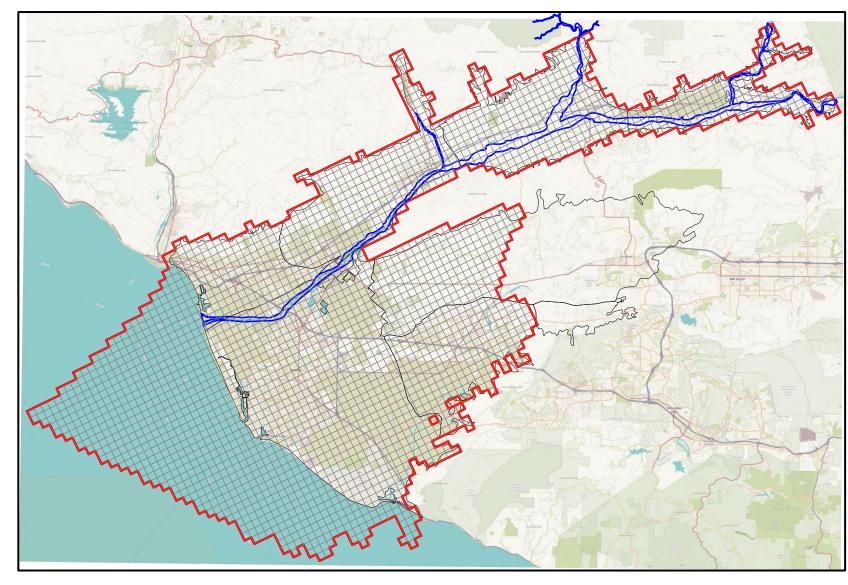
1607 Production wells

888 monitoring wells on groundwater level



The 2020 Model

Based on 600+ well e-logs



Basin	Monitoring Wells	Pumping Wells
All Basins	888	1610
Oxnard Plain	325	502
Oxnard Forebay	117	140
Pleasant Valley	80	132
West Las Posas	48	82
Mound	35	40
Santa Paula	118	180
Fillmore	104	363
Piru	51	125
Others	10	46

- Grid size: 2000 ft
- 26505 active cells
- 384.7 mile²

UWCD Groundwater Model

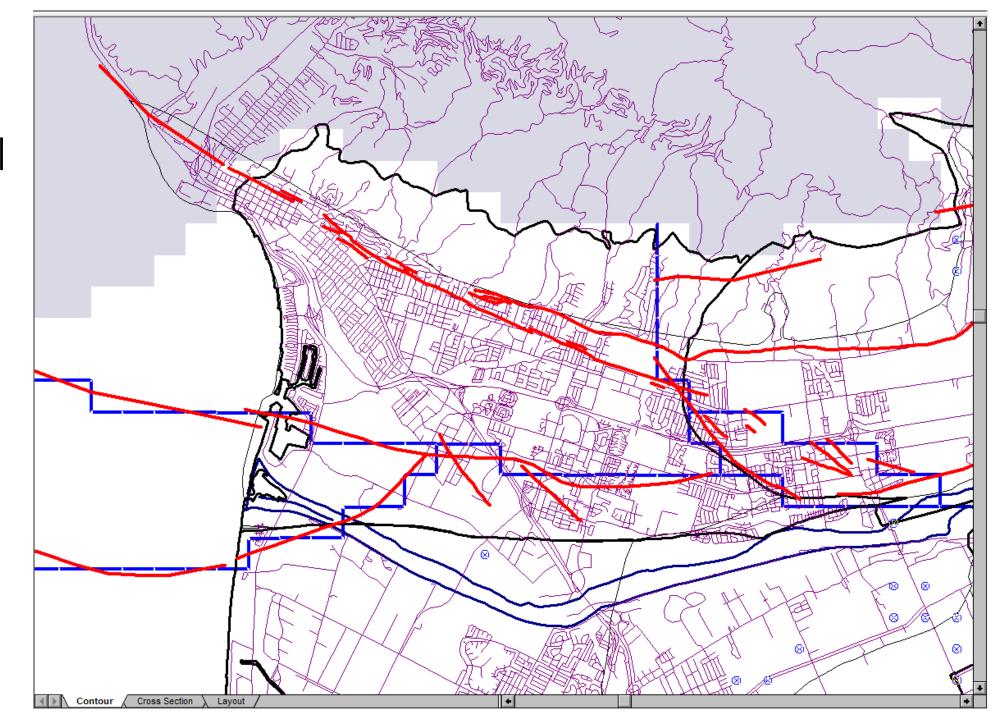
- MODFLOW-NWT Version 1.2.0 an open-source and well reviewed software developed by U.S.G.S.
- Grid size: 2000 ft by 2000 ft.
- Calibration period: 1985 to 2015 with daily time step. The CPU time is 100 minutes.
- Pumping: Ag and M&I usages
- Streams: Santa Clara River, Piru Creek, Hopper Creek, Pole Creek, Sespe Creek, Santa Paula Creek, UWCD conservation releases
- Diversions: Various diversions along Santa Clara River, Piru Creek, and Santa Paula Creek
- Surface water: Recharge from precipitation, Ag/M&I usages
- Tile Drains

			Hydraulic Conductivity (unit: ft/day)				
Aquifer System	Hydrostratigraphic Unit	13 Layer Model	Forebay	Oxnard Plain	Pleasant Valley	Mound	
Shallow	Ground Surface to the bottom of Semi-Perched Aquifer	1	300	200 - 300	50 - 200	200	
	Semi Perched-Oxnard Aquitard	2	0.01	1.0e-4 - 0.01	50 - 100	0.01	
UAS	Oxnard Aquifer	3	250	100 - 300	10 - 100	0.01	
0/13	Oxnard-Mugu Aquitard	4	200	0.1 - 1	1 - 50	0.01	
	Mugu Aquifer	5	200	50 - 200	1 - 100	100	
	Mugu-Hueneme Aquitard	6	1.0e-4 - 0.001	5.0e-4 - 0.01	5.0e-3 - 0.1	0.10	
	Hueneme Aquifer	7	0.1 - 20	20	1 - 10	20	
Hueneme-Fox Canyon Aquitard		8	0.01 - 0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
LAS	Fox Canyon Aquifer - upper	9	0.1 - 10	10	1 - 10	10	
	Fox Canyon upper - basal Aquitard	10	0.01 - 0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
	Fox Canyon Aquifer - basal	11	0.1 - 10	5	1 - 5	10	
	Santa Barbara and/or other Formation - upper	12	0.01 - 0.1	0.1	0.001 - 0.1	-	
Grimes Canyon Aquifer		13	0.1 - 1	1	1	-	

Local Geological Features

Fault lines by hydrogeologists

Fault lines in GW Model



Current Model Status

- The model has been reviewed internally by UWCD surface water hydrologists and hydrogeologists
- The 2020 groundwater model is being reviewed externally by an expert panel (Dr. Sorab Panday, Mr. John Porcello, and Mr. Jim Rumbaugh). The expert panel concludes that "... The model calibration to both heads and stream flows is very good, especially considering the size of the model grid cells compared to stream dimension in these three basins that have been added to the model..."
- UWCD is addressing the review comments and finalizing the 2020 groundwater model
- UWCD is collecting the 2016-2019 data for model validation

Model Validation

- Calibration is to utilize a set of data (1985-2015 pumping, precipitation data and adjust model parameters (e.g. hydraulic conductivity, etc.) so that the model can mimic the data (e.g. 1985-2015 water level measurements)
- Validation is to use an independent NEW set of data (2016-2019 pumping, precipitation data) and the same calibrated parameters (e.g. hydraulic conductivity, etc.) from the calibration to see if the model can mimic the NEW measurements (e.g. 2016-2019 water level measurements)
- If the model can mimic the NEW (2016-2019) water level measurements, then the model is validated
- If the simulated values are significantly different from the NEW measurements, then the model may need update/improvement



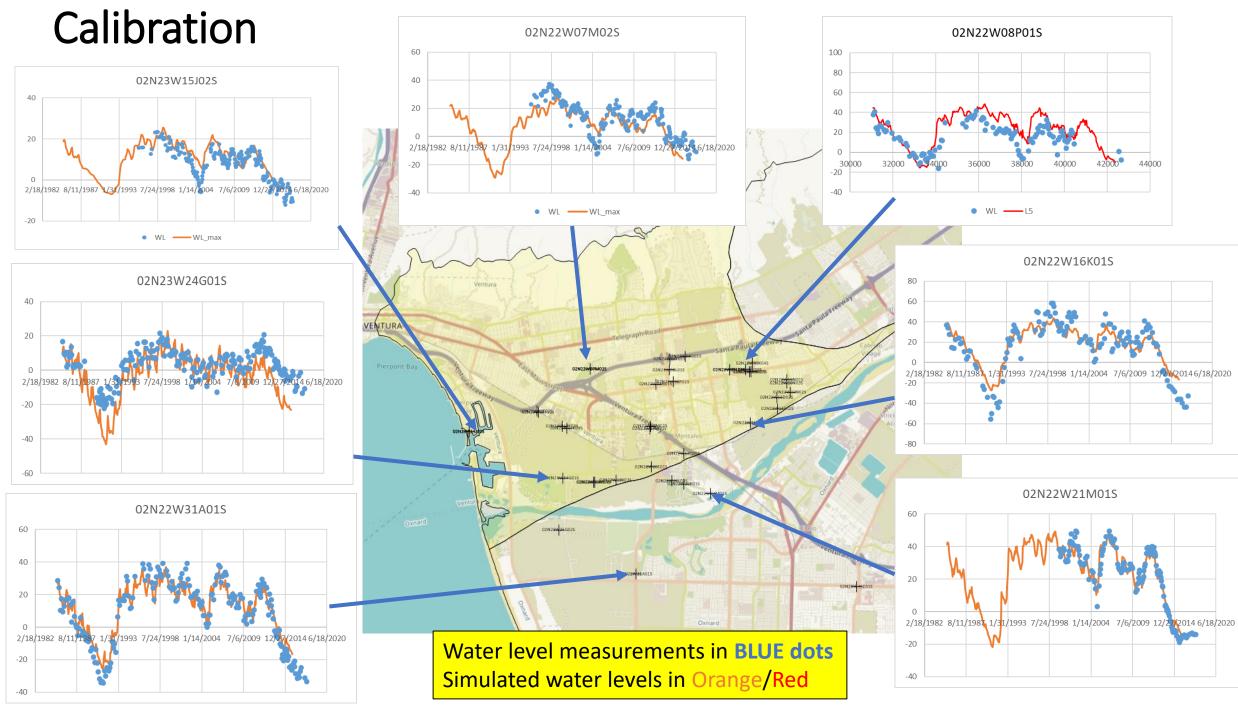
Calibration, Validation, and GSPs

Scenario	Time Period		
Calibration	1985 - 2015		
Validation	2016 - 2019		
	Assumed Future		
GSPs	50 years		

- The calibration and validation are based on actual measurements
- The GSPs are based on assumed conditions. It is a stress test on the sustainability of groundwater resources
- GSPs may be revised/updated in the future

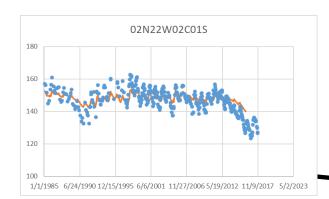
Some Observations

- Mound basin is more connected to Oxnard Basin than Santa Paula basin
- The seawater intrusion in Mound is not as evident as in Oxnard basin because there is no long-term cone of depression
- The rising seawater level will be important for shallow unconfined aquifers. The thick aquitard (Layers 2-4) may lessen the impact
- More detailed quantitative study is needed to verify the observations







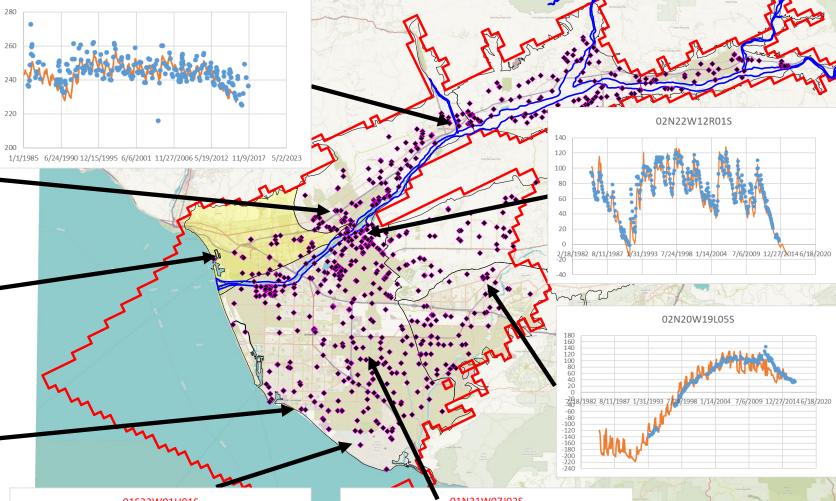




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Questions/Comments

GROUNDWATER MODEL SUMMARY QUESTIONS





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NEXT **STEPS** FOR GSP



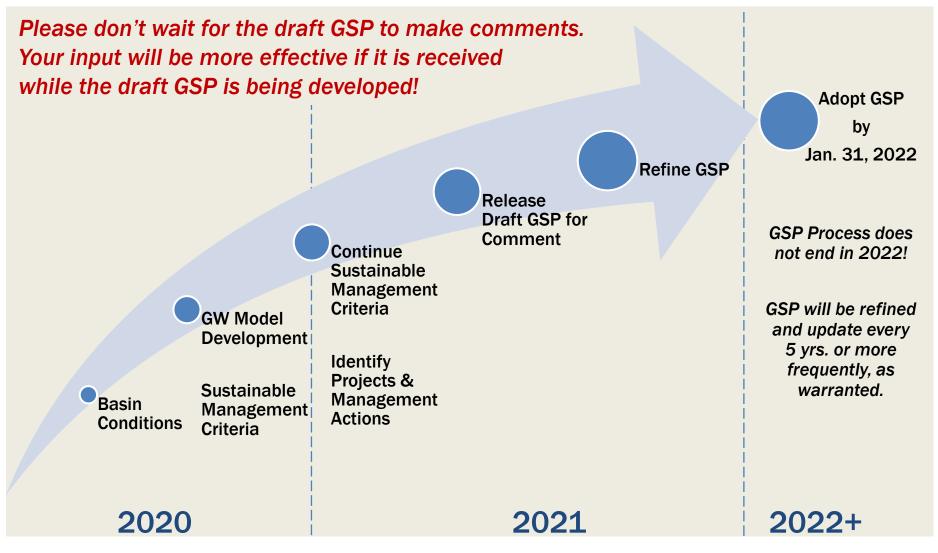








MBGSA GSP DEVELOPMENT APPROACH



GROUNDWATER MODEL DEVELOPMENT

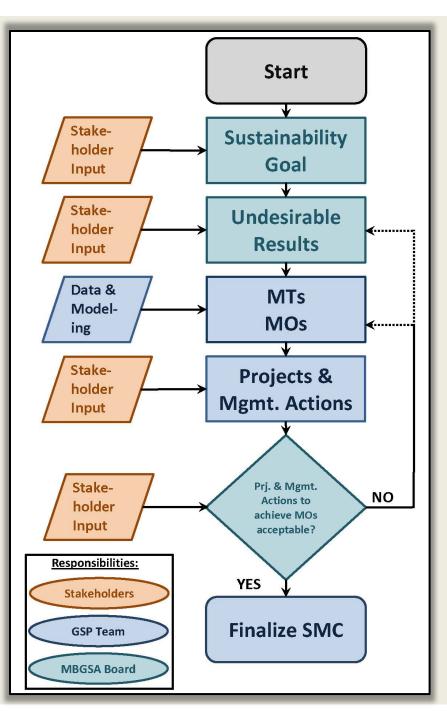
- Model is a mathematical tool used to estimate future groundwater and surface water conditions
 - Compare estimated future conditions relative to proposed SMC and projects / management actions
 - Are proposed SMC achievable?
 - Basin response to proposed projects / management actions
 - Estimate future water budgets for GSP

Model calibrated to historically measured conditions

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

SMC will be the central focus of the GSP





SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

- High-level policy framework to guide development of Sustainable Management Criteria & Plan Actions
- Draft released July 16
- Available On MBGSA Website
- Board to consider adoption on September 17
- Your input on the goal is valued!

Draft Sustainability Goal July 16, 2020

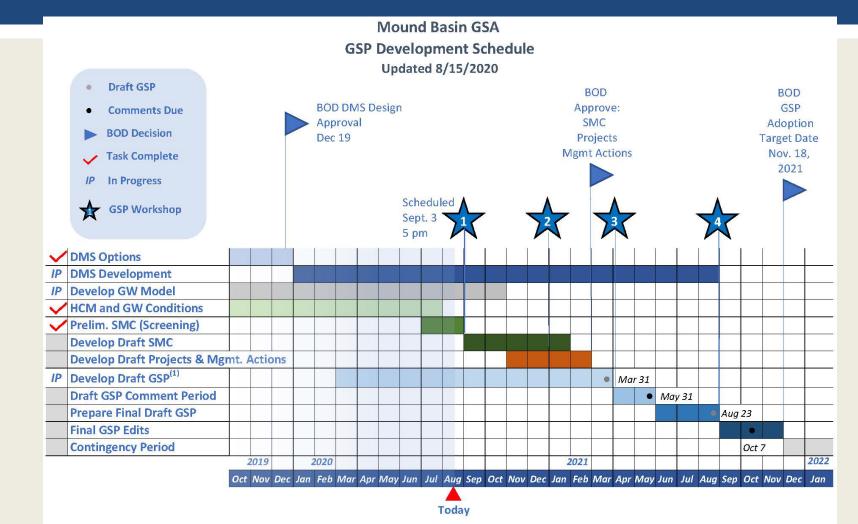
The goal of this Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is to sustainably manage the groundwater resources of the Mound Basin for the benefit of current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater and the welfare of the general public who rely directly or indirectly on groundwater. Sustainable groundwater management will ensure the long-term reliability of the Mound Basin groundwater resources by avoiding undesirable results pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) no later than 20 years from GSP adoption through implementation of a data-driven and performance-based adaptive management framework. It is the express goal of this GSP to develop sustainable management criteria and plan implementation measures to avoid undesirable results for the applicable SGMA sustainability indicators by:

- Using best available science and information, including consideration of uncertainty in the basin setting and groundwater conditions;
- 2. Conducting active and meaningful stakeholder engagement;
- 3. Considering potential impacts on the management of adjacent basins and, where necessary coordinating with adjacent basins; and
- Balancing economic, social, and environmental impacts and benefits associated with the all current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater, by considering:
 - a. Water supply reliability for agriculture enterprises and potable and industrial users;
 - Availability of alternative water sources for domestic groundwater beneficial users;
 - Identifying and considering potential impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems and, where possible, opportunities to enhance those ecosystems;
 - d. State, federal, or local standards relevant to applicable sustainability indicators;
 - e. Feasibility of projects and management actions necessary to achieve proposed measureable objectives; and
 - f. Economic impact of projects and management actions necessary to achieve proposed measureable objects on all beneficial users, with special consideration of disadvantage communities and agricultural enterprises lacking alternative land use options.

NEXT STEPS FOR GSP DEVELOPMENT

- Basin Setting: Draft HCM and GW Conditions available for review now
- Model Development and Sustainability Criteria: Through early 2021
- Projects & Management Actions and Water Budgets: Early 2021
- Draft GSP: Spring/Summer 2021
- GSP Adoption:
 - Late 2021 (no later than Jan 31, 2022)

GSP DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE WILL BE UPDATED ON MBGSA WEBSITE



Notes:

[1] GSP topics not listed above generally consist of background or supporting information and will be prepared concurrently with the above-listed tasks.

BOD = Board of Directors; DMS = Data Management System; HCM = Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model; GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency;

GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan; GW = Groundwater

PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!

Track status at: https://www.moundbasingsa.org/

Join the MBGSA Interested Parties List: <u>https://www.moundbasingsa.org/contact-us/</u>

Email inquiries to: Jackie Lozano Jackiel@unitedwater.org

GSP NEXT STEPS QUESTIONS



Main Street, Ventura



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STAKEHOLDER Q&A 127 FEEDBACK













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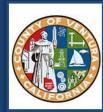


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MBGSA DIRECTOR COMMENTS













WRAP UP THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!









