

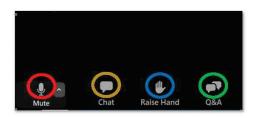
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN WORKSHOP NO. 2

MARCH 4, 2021 6 PM



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
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WORKSHOP AGENDA

No.	Time	Торіс				
1	6:00 – 6:05 pm	Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call, and Public Comments				
2	6:05 – 6:10 pm	Welcome, Overview Webinar Features, and Agenda Review				
3	6:10 - 6:15 pm	Get to Know the Audience Attendee Poll Questions 				
4	6:15 – 6:30 pm	Introduction to Sustainable Management CriteriaPresentationQ&A				
5	6:30 – 6:55 pm	Groundwater Modeling and Water BudgetsPresentationQ&A				
6	6:55 – 7:00 pm	Break				
7	7:00 – 7:40 pm	Proposed Sustainable Management CriteriaPresentationQ&A				
8	7:40 – 8:00 pm	Stakeholder Questions and FeedbackAttendee Poll Questions				
9	8:00 – 8:10 pm	Mound Basin GSA Director Comments				
10	8:10 – 8:15 pm	Wrap-up				



ATTENDEE POLL NOS. 1 - 3



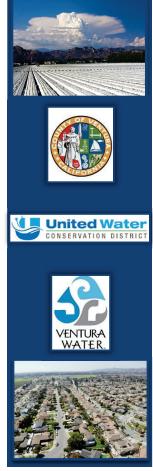








INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA



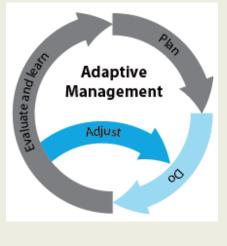
<u>SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER</u> <u>MANAGEMENT A</u>CT (SGMA) REQUIREMENTS

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



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>

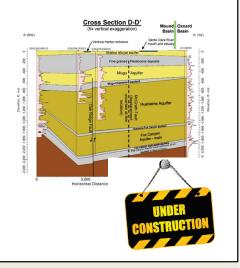


WHAT MUST A GSP INCLUDE?

GSP Contents

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





*** Draft Basin Setting Available On MBGSA Website***

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

Overarching goal of SGMA is to <u>avoid undesirable</u> <u>results</u> for each of the six SGMA sustainability indicators:



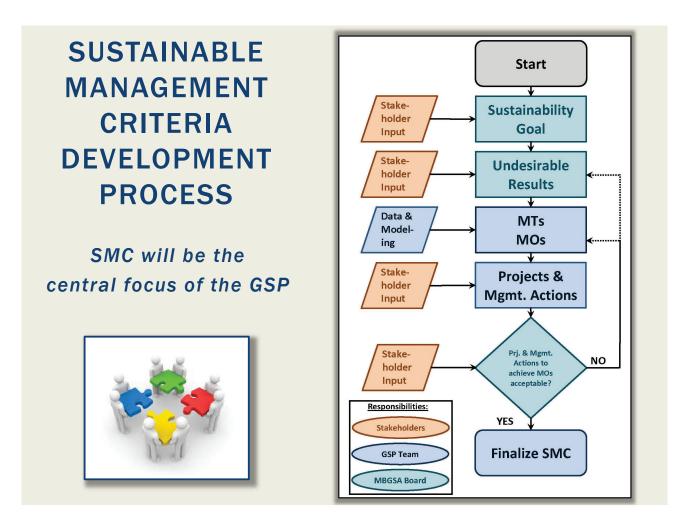
Undesirable results and actions to prevent them are <u>defined at the local level by the GSA</u>

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

- Sustainability Goal
- Undesirable Results
 - Significant and unreasonable effects for sustainability indicators caused by groundwater conditions occurring throughout the basin
- Minimum Thresholds
 - Quantitative metrics indicating significant and unreasonable effect likely exist

Measureable Objectives

Quantitative metrics that reflect basin desired conditions



SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

- High-level policy framework to guide development of Sustainable Management Criteria & Plan Actions
- Adopted on September 17
- Available on-line

Sustainability Goal Adopted September 17, 2020

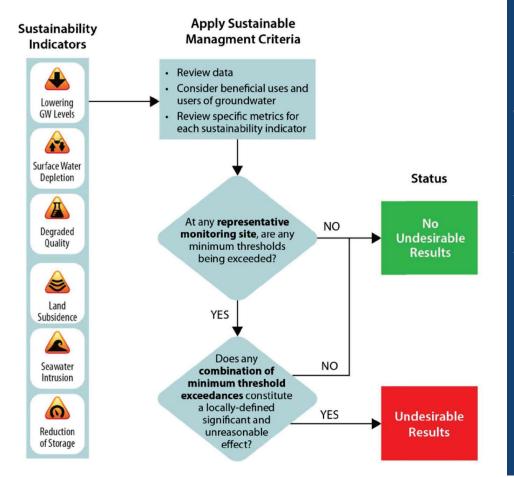
The goal of this Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is to sustainably manage the groundwater resources of the Mound Basin for the benefit of current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater and the welfare of the general public who rely directly or indirectly on groundwater. Sustainable 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 (SGNA) 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 SGNA 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 and municipal and industrial users;
 - Availability of alternative water sources for domestic groundwater beneficial users;
 - Identifying and considering potential impacts to groundwater dependent 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 objectives on all beneficial users, with special consideration of disadvantage communities and agricultural landowners lacking alternative land use options.

UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

"Significant and unreasonable effects for sustainability indicators caused by groundwater conditions occurring throughout the basin.

- 1. <u>Significant and Unreasonable Effects</u>: Undesirable results are significant and unreasonable effects related to a sustainability indicator. For example, seawater intrusion that impacts beneficial uses of groundwater.
- 2. <u>Caused by Groundwater Conditions</u>: The significant and unreasonable effects must be caused by managed groundwater conditions (i.e., pumping or GSP projects).
- 3. <u>Throughout the Basin</u>: The significant and unreasonable effects must occur or be caused by conditions throughout a large portion of the basin.



UR PROCESS

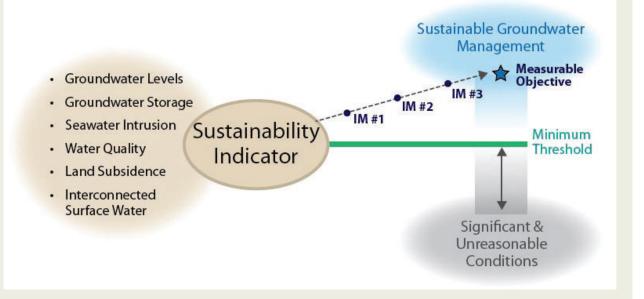
Minimum Thresholds: Quantitative measures that indicate significant and unreasonable effects in a particular area

Undesirable Results:

<u>Combination</u> of minimum thresholds exceedances that defines undesirable results

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA

The overarching goal of SGMA is to avoid undesirable results



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERION STATUS



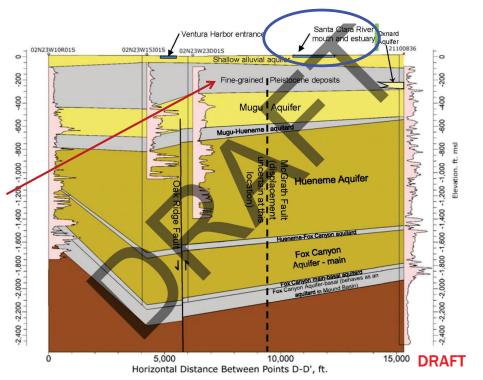
Surface Water Depletion is not an applicable sustainability indicator. Surface water is not materially connected to principal aquifers (not affected by pumping).



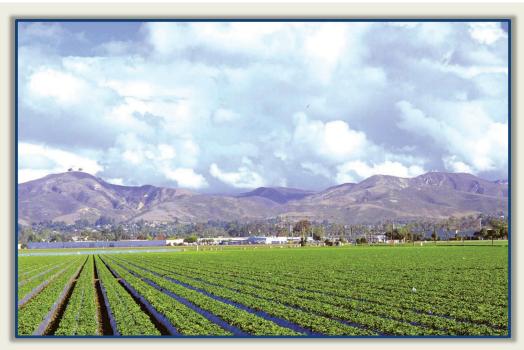
Proposed SMC to be discussed during third presentation

INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER

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



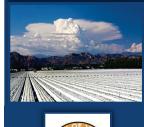
QUESTIONS?



View looking north from Olivas Park Drive



GROUNDWATER MODELING AND WATER BUDGETS











SGMA REQUIREMENTS

- SGMA requires minimum 50-yr future projections of groundwater conditions, including water budget for the basin
- Must use >= 50 yrs. of historical hydrology
- Must use most recent conditions for baseline estimate of future water demands
- Must evaluate potential effects on water demand due to:
 - Land Use Change
 - Population Change
 - Climate Change

FUTURE CONDITIONS KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Discussed with Board on 9/17/2020

Hydrology

1943 – 2019 (77 yrs.) is proxy for future conditions
Wide range of conditions during this period

Groundwater Pumping

- Agricultural per MBAWG
 - Ranges from 2,873 AFY in wet yrs. to 3,548 AFY in dry yrs.
- City of Ventura planned pumping = 4,000 AFY
- Two industrial wells same as recent historical pumping

FUTURE CONDITIONS KEY ASSUMPTIONS (CON'T)

Adjacent Basins

- Santa Paula assume future pumping consistent with recent pumping (adjudicated)
- Oxnard Basin used FCGMA "Reduction with Projects Scenario from GSP per FCGMA staff recommendation
 - Adjustments made to reduce unrealistically high groundwater levels in Oxnard Basin Forebay (GW levels above land surface)

Artificial Recharge (UWCD)

Existing Freeman Diversion operations + planned expansion project per UWCD staff

SGMA REQUIRED ANALYSIS

Land Use Impact

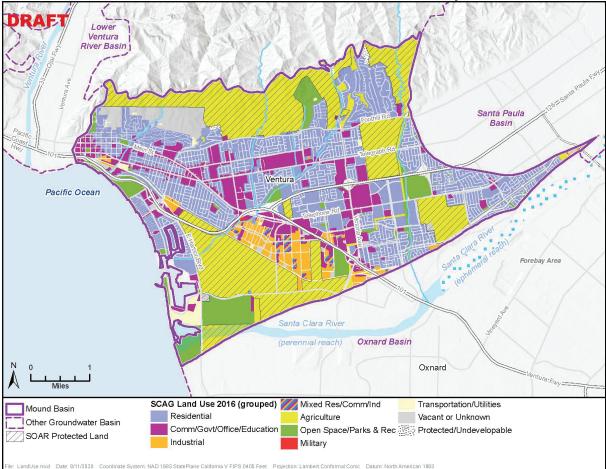
- Assume no material change due to SOAR voter initiatives approved through 2050.
- City has net zero policy for development

Population Change

Same as above.

Climate Change

- Evaluated climate change using DWR change factors for 2030 and 2070 climate change conditions
- Sea level rise 15 cm (2030) and 45 cm (2070)



Mound Basin Land Use and SOAR Boundary

MODEL SCENARIOS

- Historical: 1985-2019 (calibration/verification model)
- Baseline: This simulation employs the future assumptions described above.
- 2030 Climate Change: Baseline inputs modified using DWR 2030 "climate change factors"
- 2070 Climate Change: Baseline inputs modified using DWR 2070 "climate change factors"
- 2070 Climate Change without Freeman Diversion Expansion Project: Same as "2070 Climate Change" scenario, but w/o expansion project.
- Particle tracking to evaluate seawater intrusion risk



GROUNDWATER MODEL AND WATER BUDGET QUESTIONS



View looking southeast from Grant Park



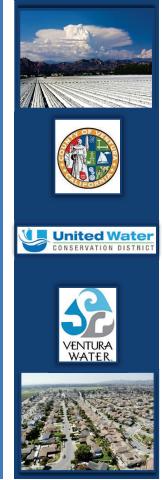
5 MINUTE BREAK







PROPOSED SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA



DRAFT WATER QUALITY SMC



- Current water quality supports beneficial uses (currently no undesirable results)
- Nexus between URs and groundwater conditions
 - Pumping could increase downward movement of poor quality water

Potential Effects on Beneficial Users

Increased costs for treatment, decreased crop yield, increased water demand for leaching, etc.

DRAFT WATER QUALITY MINIMUM THRESHOLDS



- Criteria for Minimum Threshold Development
 - Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)
 - RWQCB Water Quality Objectives (WQOs)
 - Agricultural Toxicity Thresholds
 - Existing Water Quality
- MTs based on significant and unreasonable effects consistent with sustainability goal
 - RWQCB WQOs used except in one case where existing water quality does not meet WQO (Hueneme Aquifer – TDS)

DRAFT WATER QUALITY UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

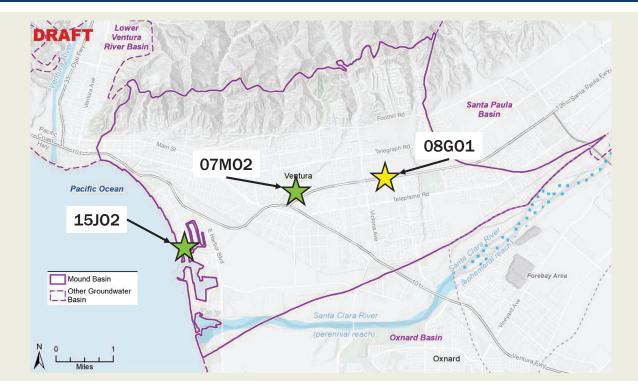


Criteria for Undesirable Results:

 SGMA undesirable results are considered to be occurring when all representative wells in a principal aquifer (Mugu or Hueneme) exceed a minimum threshold concentration continuously for two years and MBGSA determines that the exceedances are caused by groundwater pumping.

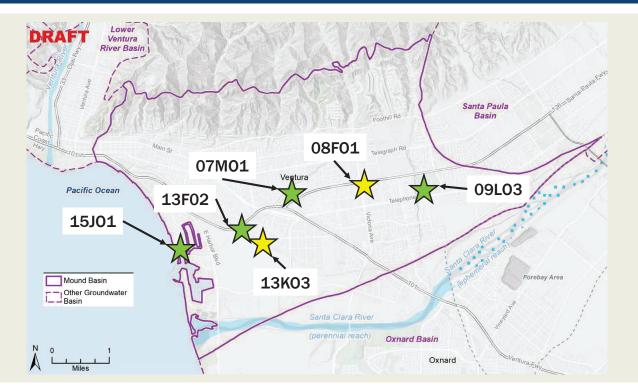
WATER QUALITY MONITORING LOCATIONS – MUGU AQUIFER





WATER QUALITY MONITORING LOCATIONS – HUENEME AQUIFER





DRAFT WATER QUALITY MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES

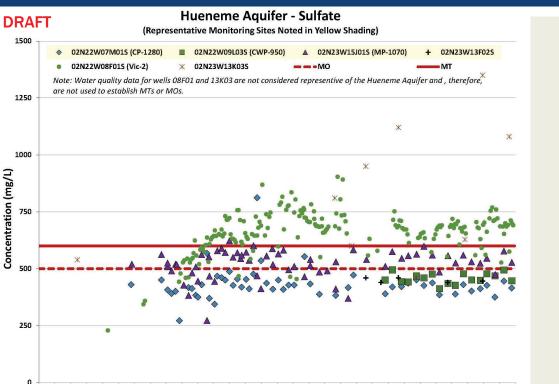


Degraded Quality

Goal is to preserve existing water quality

MOs are based recent historical water quality

EXAMPLE WQ SMC CHART



J-90 J-91 J-92 J-93 J-94 J-95 J-96 J-97 J-98 J-99 J-00 J-01 J-02 J-03 J-04 J-05 J-06 J-07 J-08 J-09 J-10 J-11 J-12 J-13 J-14 J-15 J-16 J-17 J-18 J-19 J-20

DRAFT WATER QUALITY SMC



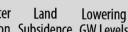
Constituent	MCL (mg/L)	Sec. MCL (R/U/ST) (mg/L)	RWQCB WQO (mg/L)	Average Conc. Representative Monitoring Wells Last 10 Years (mg/l)	Proposed MT (mg/L)	MT Rationale	Proposed MO (mg/L)	MO Rationale		
Mugu Aquifer										
Nitrate	45	N/A	45	Non-Detect	45	Protect water quality for potable uses.	5	Preserve existing water quality for potable uses.		
TDS	N/A	500/1,000/1,500	1,200	902	1,200	Protect agricultural, municipal, and industrial beneficial uses consistent with RWQCB WQOs.	1,000	Preserve existing water quality for agricultural, municipal, and industrial beneficial uses. MO is set at Upper Consumer Acceptance Level to support potable uses.		
Sulfate	N/A	250/500/600	600	350	600	Protect municipal beneficial use consistent with RWQCB WQOs and prevent exceedances of Short-Term Consumer Acceptance Level.	500	Preserve existing water quality for municipal beneficial use. MO is set at Upper Consumer Acceptance Level to support potable uses.		
Chioride	N/A	250/500/600	150	50	150	Protect agricultural beneficial use consistent with RWQCB WQOs.	75	Preserve existing water quality for agricultural beneficial use. MO is selected to preserve existing water quality.		
Boron	N/A	N/A	1	0.47	1	Protect agricultural beneficial use consistent with RWQCB WQOs.	0.75	Preserve existing water quality for agricultural beneficial use. MO is selected to preserve existing water quality.		
Hueneme Aquifer										
Nitrate	45	N/A	45	Non-Detect	45	Protect water quality for potable uses.	5	Preserve existing water quality for potable uses.		
TDS	N/A	500/1,000/1,500	1,200	1,171	1,400	Protect agricultural, municipal, and industrial beneficial uses. MT is 200 mg/L higher than RWQCB WQO based on current and historical data at representative monitoring wells (set at upper range of data from past ten years).	1,200	Preserve existing water quality for agricultural, municipal, and industrial beneficial uses.		
Sulfate	N/A	250/500/600	600	488	600	Protect municipal beneficial use consistent with RWQCB WQOs and prevent exceedances of Short-Term Consumer Acceptance Level.	500	Preserve existing water quality for municipal beneficial use. MO is set at Upper Consumer Acceptance Level to support potable uses.		
Chioride	N/A	250/500/600	150	76	150	Protect agricultural beneficial use consistent with RWQCB WQOs.	100	Preserve existing water quality for agricultural beneficial use. MO is selected to preserve existing water quality.		
Boron	N/A	N/A	1	0.62	1	Protect agricultural beneficial use consistent with RWQCB WQOs.	0.75	Preserve existing water quality for agricultural beneficial use. MO is selected to preserve existing water quality.		
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²² Undesirable results are considered to occur when all representative monitoring wells in a principal aquifer exceed the minimum threshold concentration for a constituent for two consecutive years.

³ Sustainability Goal for degraded water quality for a given constituent is considered to be met when the two-year running average concentration for at least one representative monitoring well is below the measurable objective.

OTHER SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS





of Storage Intrusion Subsidence GW Levels

The remaining sustainability indicators are related to groundwater levels.

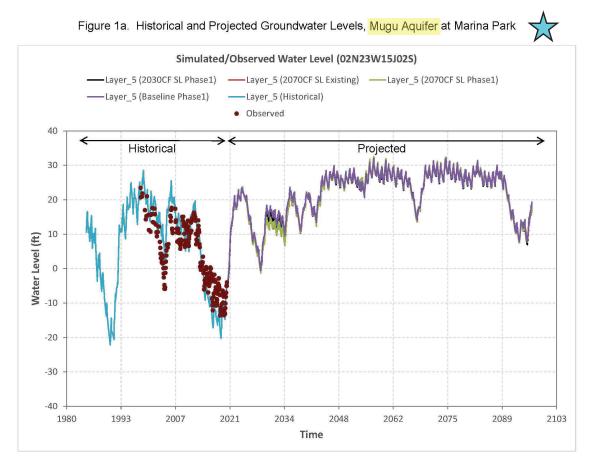
Model simulations of future conditions used to evaluate these sustainability indicators

SIMULATED FUTURE GROUNDWATER LEVELS

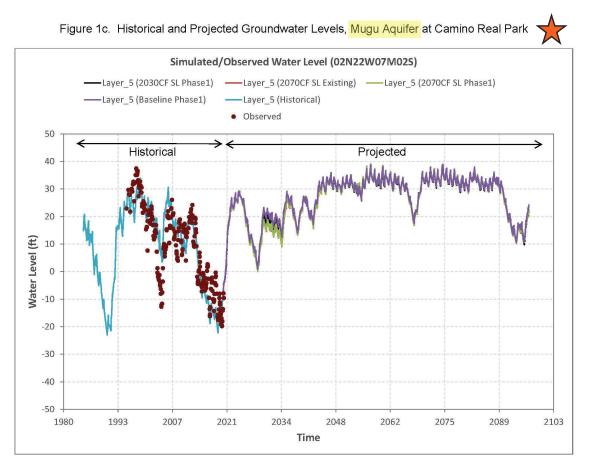
- **1.** Future groundwater levels are predicted to be higher than historical levels due to anticipated increases in Oxnard Basin groundwater levels.
- 2. The impact of climate change on groundwater levels is typically less than approximately 5 ft.
- **3.** The impact of the Freeman Diversion expansion project is almost undetectable.

SELECTED MODEL OUTPUT LOCATIONS

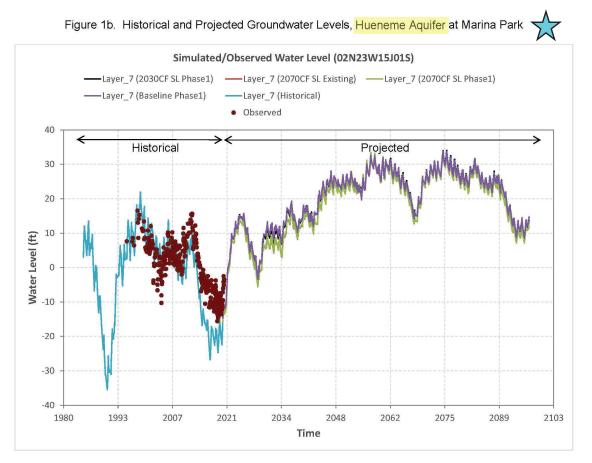




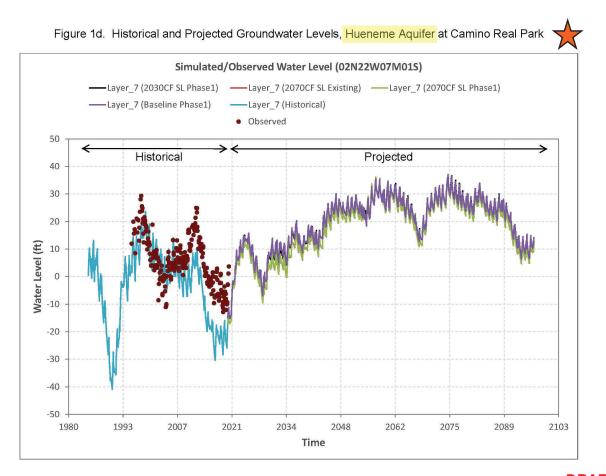
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SEAWATER INTRUSION RISK EVALUATION

- Aquifers are exposed to seawater at subcrop approximately 10.5 miles offshore.
- Between subcrop and shoreline, aquifers are believed to be protected from seawater by thick sequence of fine-grained deposits (aquitard)
- Historical movement of seawater from subcrop toward shoreline was estimated using historical model using particle tracking
 - No landward movement of seawater in Mugu Aquifer
 - Approximately 0.5 miles of average landward movement in Hueneme Aquifer over last century*

*Migration rates in the most permeable zones of the aquifer would be considerably (many times) higher.

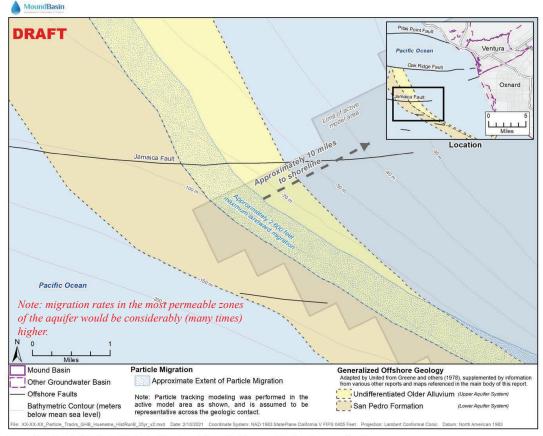


Figure 3 Estimated Historical Extent of Landward Seawater Movement in the Hueneme Aquifer.

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SEAWATER INTRUSION RISK EVALUATION (CON'T)

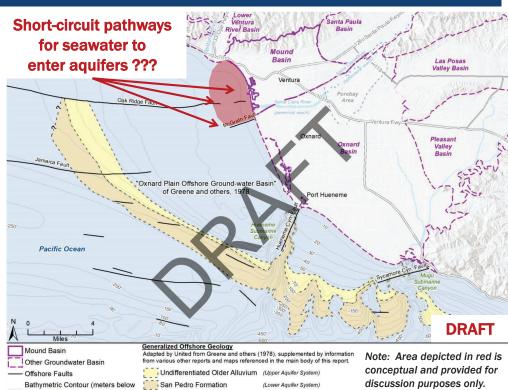
Conclusions:

- Seawater is not migrating landward in Mugu Aquifer
- Timeframe for seawater to migrate from current estimated location in Hueneme Aquifer to shore is longer than SGMA planning horizon
- However, if a short circuit pathway for seawater migration into aquifers exists nearshore (possible along faults or "stratigraphic windows"), onshore flow of seawater could occur much sooner.

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.

nean sea level



SEAWATER INTRUSION RISK EVALUATION (CON'T)

Particle tracking of groundwater flow directions and flow rates along the shoreline was performed to evaluate risk of onshore migration via a near shore short-circuit pathway.

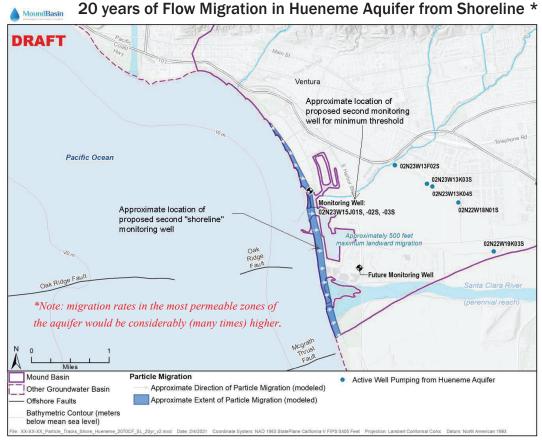


Figure 2a Estimated Landward Movement of Groundwater During 20-Year GSP Implementation Period (with 2070 Climate Change and Sea Level Rise).

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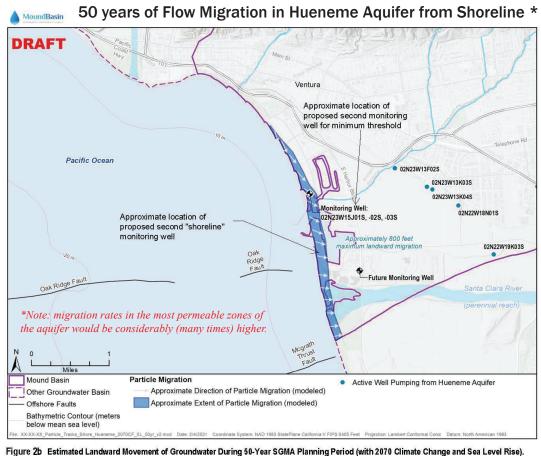


Figure 2D Estimated Landward Movement or Groundwater During 50-Year SGMA Planning Period (With 2070 Climate Change and Sea Level Rise). Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Groundwater Sustainability Plan Page 4

KEY RESULTS OF SHORELINE FLOW EVALUATION

- 1. Particle tracking results suggest that groundwater will flow offshore in the Mugu Aquifer.
- Particle tracking results suggest that groundwater will flow onshore in the Hueneme Aquifer at an average rate of approximately 1/8 of a mile per 20 years.
 - Note: Migration rates in the most permeable zones of the aquifer could be considerably (many times) higher.

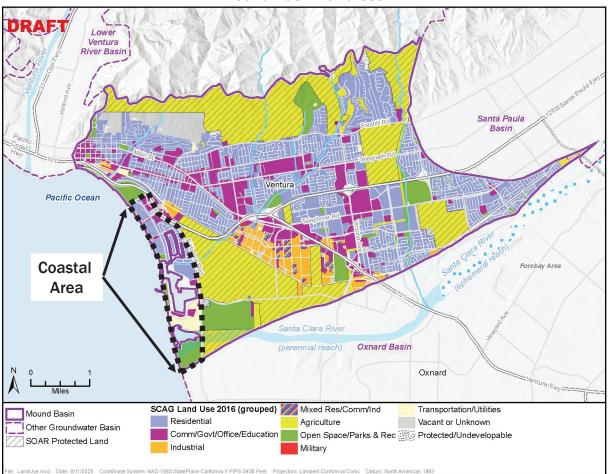
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATION #1

Seawater intrusion is not anticipated to be an issue for the Mound Basin during the 50-year SGMA planning horizon; <u>however</u>, a monitoring and contingency plan is warranted to address potential short-circuit pathways for seawater.

PROPOSED SEAWATER INTRUSION SMC

- Undesirable Result: Seawater intrusion east of Harbor Blvd.
 - No current or anticipated future beneficial uses of groundwater west of Harbor Blvd.
 - Protect existing beneficial uses east of Harbor Blvd.
- Minimum Threshold:
 - Seawater in monitoring wells near Harbor Blvd.
- Measurable Objective:
 - No indication of seawater in monitoring wells near Harbor Blvd.

Mound Basin Land Use



SEAWATER INTRUSION MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Construct one additional "shoreline monitoring well"
 - Shoreline monitoring wells provide early detection of seawater and provide time for GSA to implement contingency measures before seawater reaches Harbor Blvd.
- Construct one additional monitoring well along Harbor Blvd. for SMC monitoring
- Estimate cost ~\$500,000 each
 - Pursue SGMA implementation grant

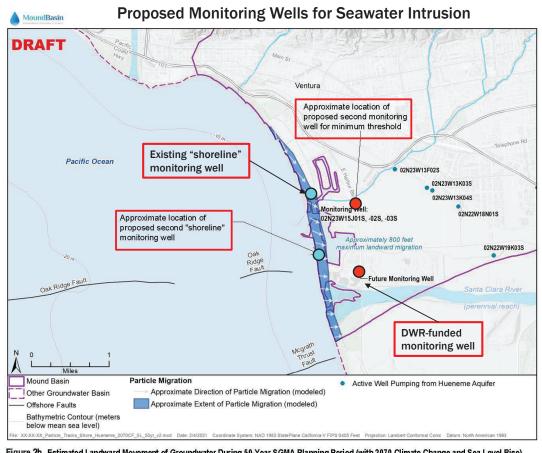


 Figure 2b
 Estimated Landward Movement of Groundwater During 50-Year SGMA Planning Period (with 2070 Climate Change and Sea Level Rise).

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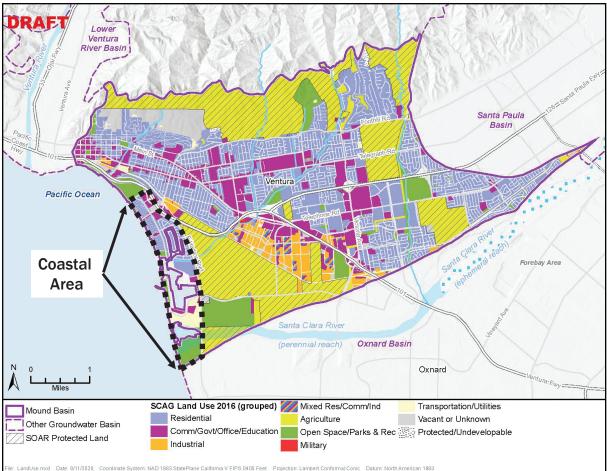
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATION #2

Subsidence is not anticipated because modeling results suggest that future groundwater levels will remain above historical low levels.

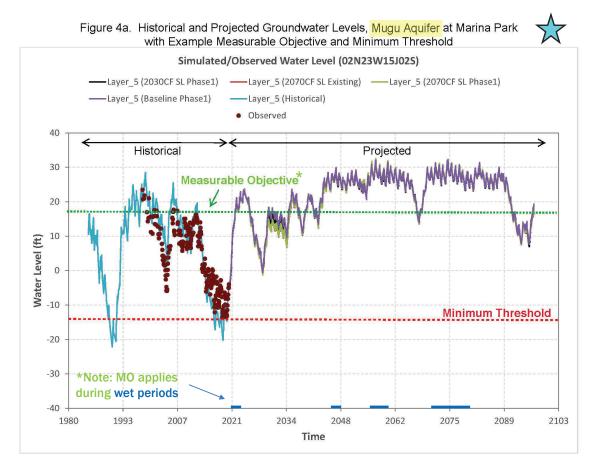
Therefore, inelastic land subsidence is not anticipated to be an issue for the Mound Basin during the 50-year SGMA planning horizon.

PROPOSED SUBSIDENCE SMC

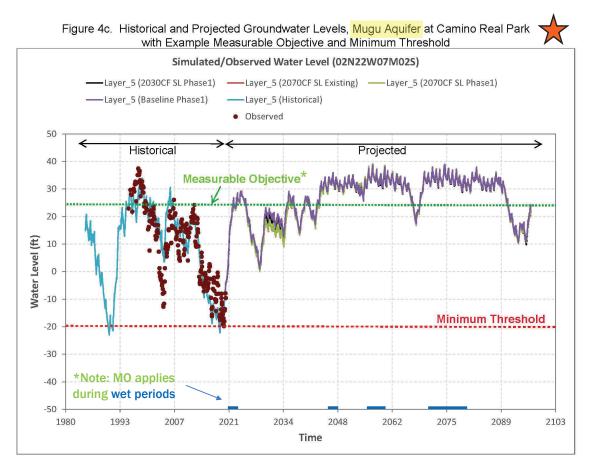
- Undesirable Result: Measurable inelastic subsidence due to groundwater pumping west of Harbor Blvd.
 - "Coastal Area" west of Harbor Blvd. is susceptible to land subsidence
 City sewer main running along Harbor Blvd has low slope
 - Sea level rise impacts to Coastal Area predicted subsidence would exacerbate sea level rise impacts
- Minimum Threshold:
 - Groundwater levels below historical low levels as a proxy for potential onset of subsidence
 - Note: areas east of Harbor Blvd. are less susceptible to effects of subsidence, but it is unlikely that groundwater levels could be sustained below historical lows east of Harbor Blvd. without causing groundwater levels to drop below historical lows in Coastal Area
- Measurable Objective:
 - GW levels during wet periods sufficient to prevent dropping below historical lows during droughts

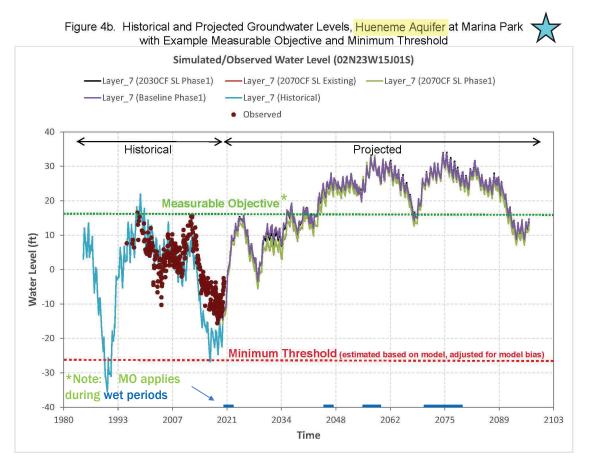


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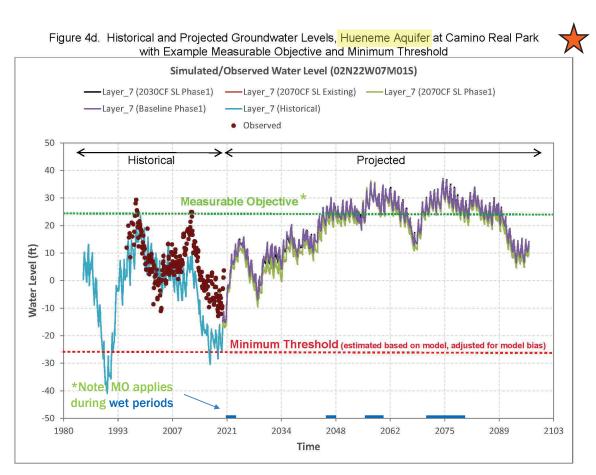


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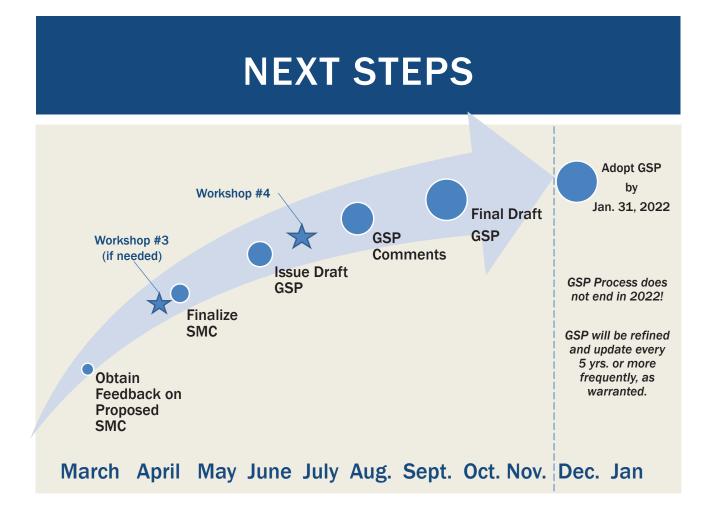


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OTHER SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- The chronic groundwater level decline and reduction of groundwater storage sustainability indicators will not be controlling factors for sustainable management.
- FCGMA's progress toward achieving its sustainability goal for the Oxnard Basin will be important to track. MBGSA will need to be prepared to adapt its GSP if FCGMA does not meet its sustainability goal or otherwise dramatically deviates from the plans set forth in its initial GSP.



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA QUESTIONS







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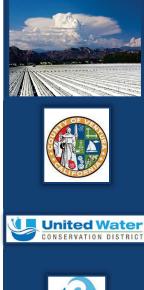








MBGSA DIRECTOR COMMENTS







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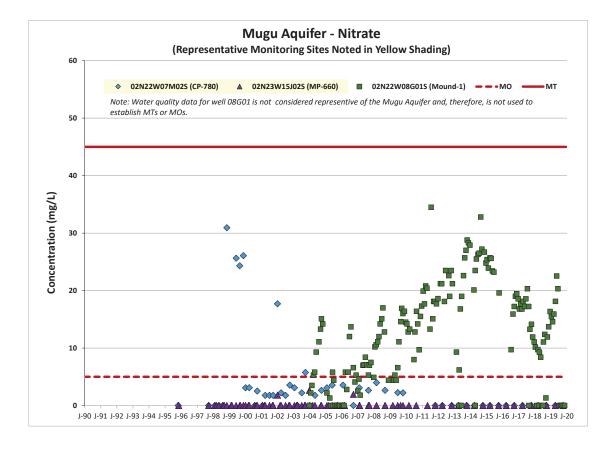


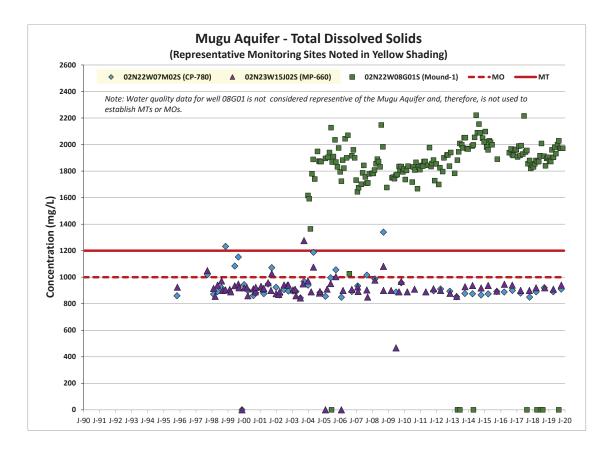
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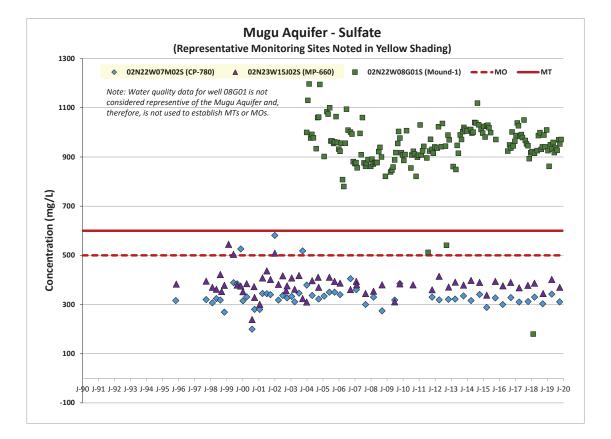
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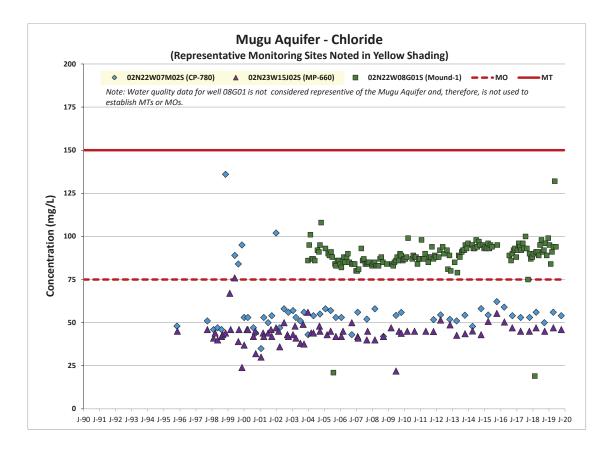


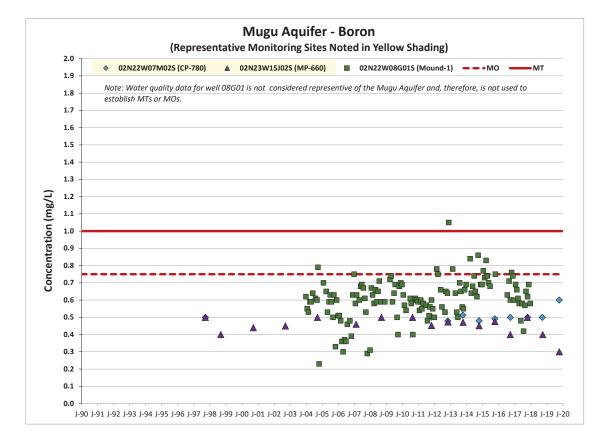


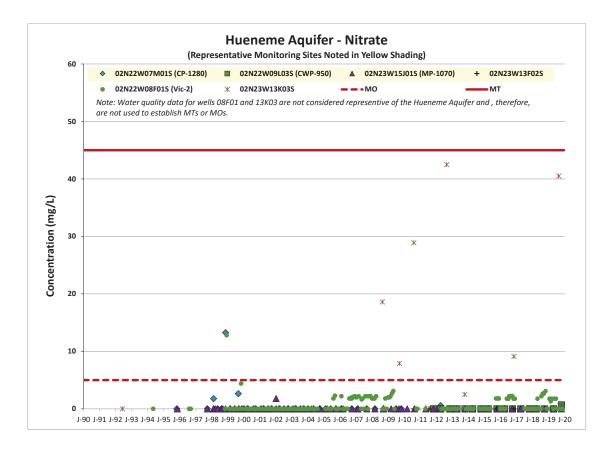


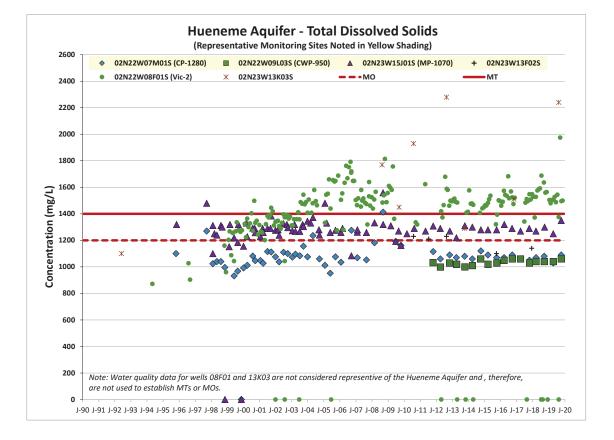


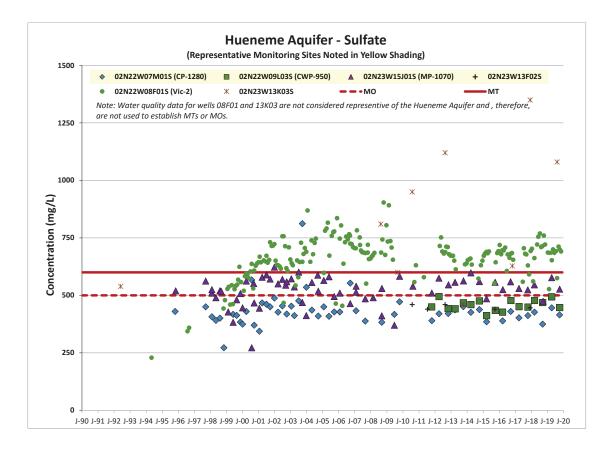


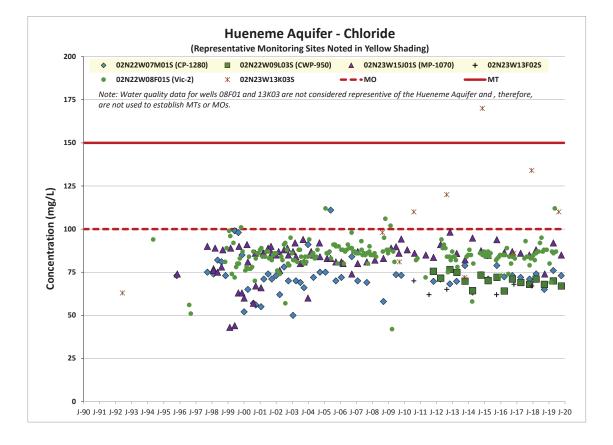


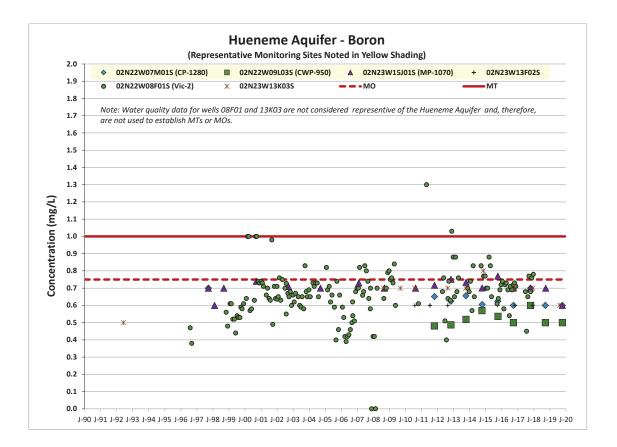


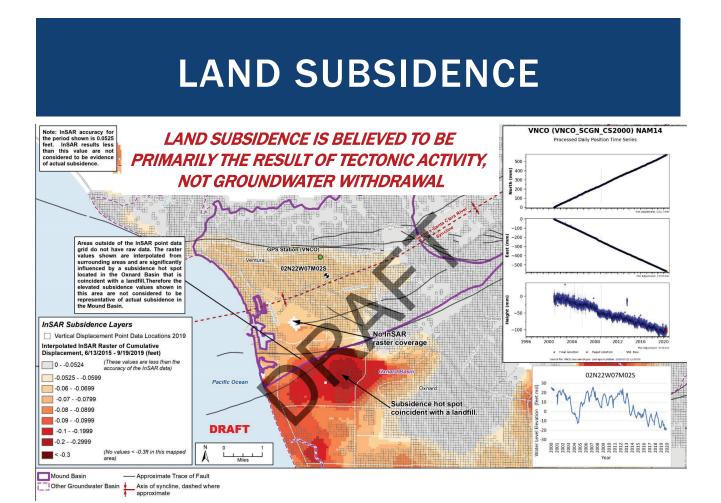


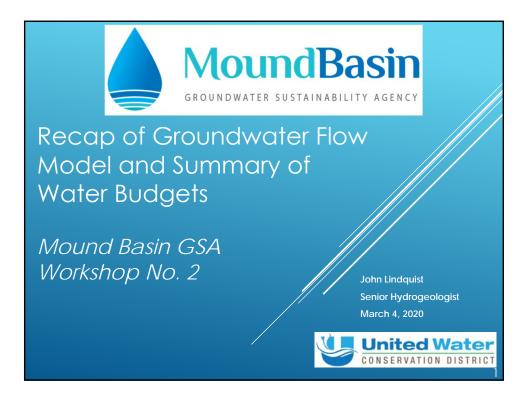






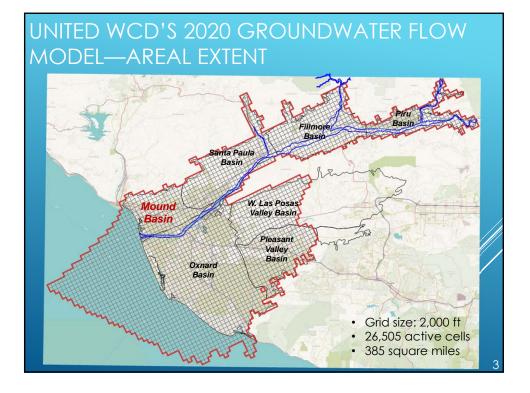




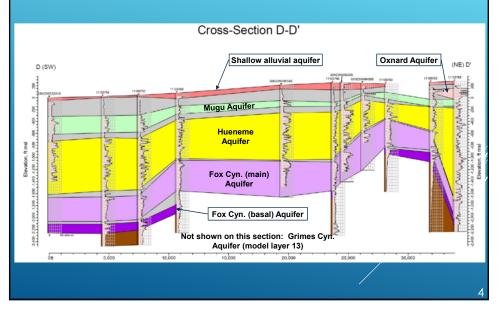


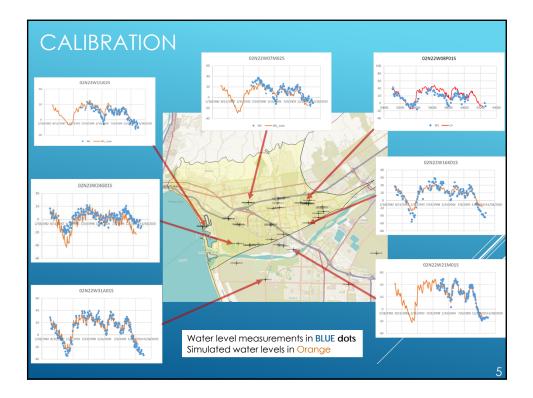
OUTLINE:

- 1. Recap of United's groundwater flow model
- 2. Quick review of groundwater conditions in Mound Basin that affect water budgets
- 3. Historical and current water budgets
- 4. Projected water budgets



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WATER BUDGETS: DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

"<u>Water budget</u>"—an accounting of how much water flows into or out of a groundwater basin, including:

- recharge
- discharge
- underflow
- change in storage

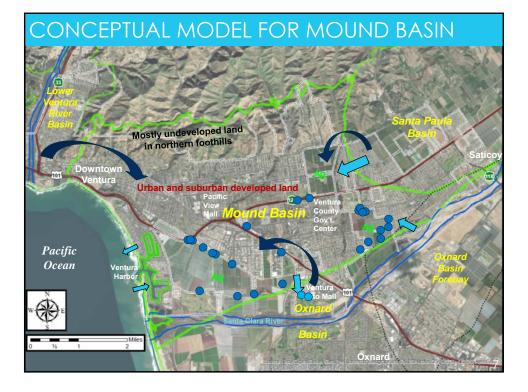
"Water balance" might be a more accurate term

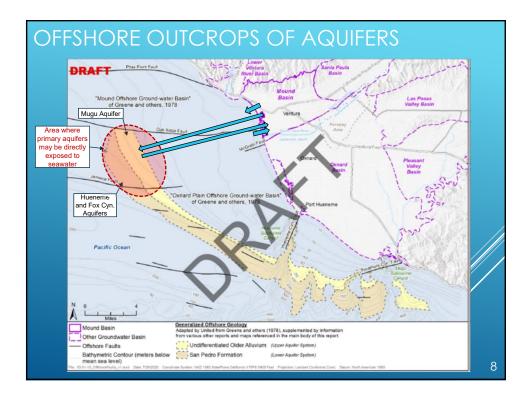
"Ag"-agriculture

"M&I"—municipal and industrial

"<u>AFY</u>"—acre-feet per year

• 1 acre x 1 foot deep = \sim 326,000 gallons

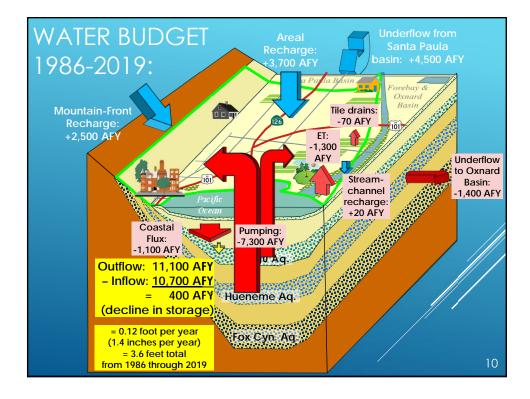


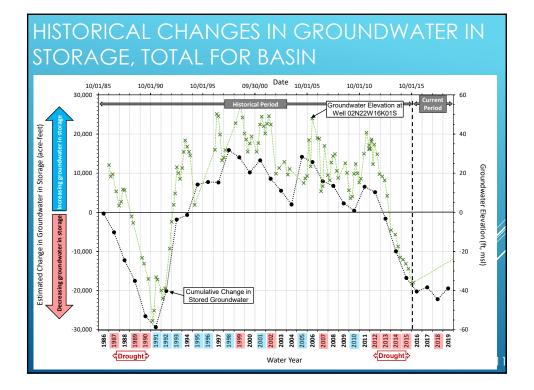


HISTORICAL/CURRENT WATER BUDGET ESTIMATION METHODS:

 Relied largely on United's regional groundwater flow model

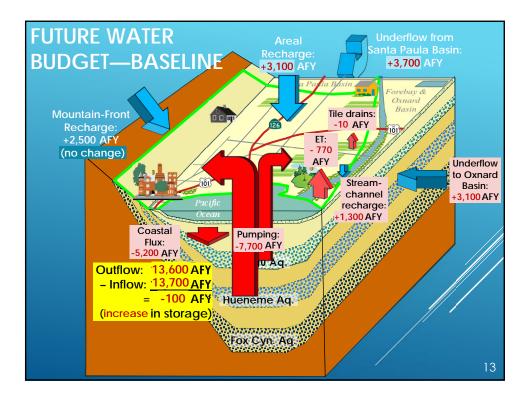
What we know	What can be estimated	What the model can calculate best	
Groundwater pumping	Recharge (infiltration) of rainfall	Groundwater underflows to/from Mound Basin	
Surface-water imports	Mountain-front recharge	Surface-water/groundwater interaction	
Groundwater imports	Return flows (Ag and M&I)	Evapotranspiration from shallow groundwater	
Rainfall	Surface flows in the Santa Clara River watershed	Change in storage	
		Discharge to tile drains	9

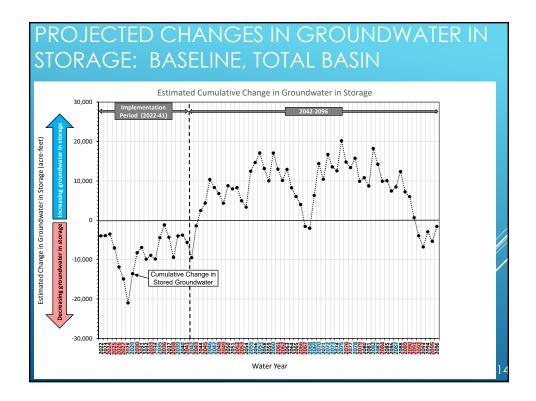




FUTURE WATER BUDGET ESTIMATION METHODS: FUTURE BASELINE

- ▶ WY 2022 through 2096, assuming:
 - Repeat of 1943-2019 rainfall, but use modern watershed hydrology (e.g., cities, dams & pipelines)
 - ► No climate change or sea-level rise
 - Oxnard Basin achieves its GSP sustainability goals







- Increased rainfall variability, evapotranspiration (ET), and pumping
- ▶ 15 to 45 cm of sea-level rise

