



# Napa County Comprehensive Groundwater Monitoring Program 2016 Annual Report and CASGEM Update

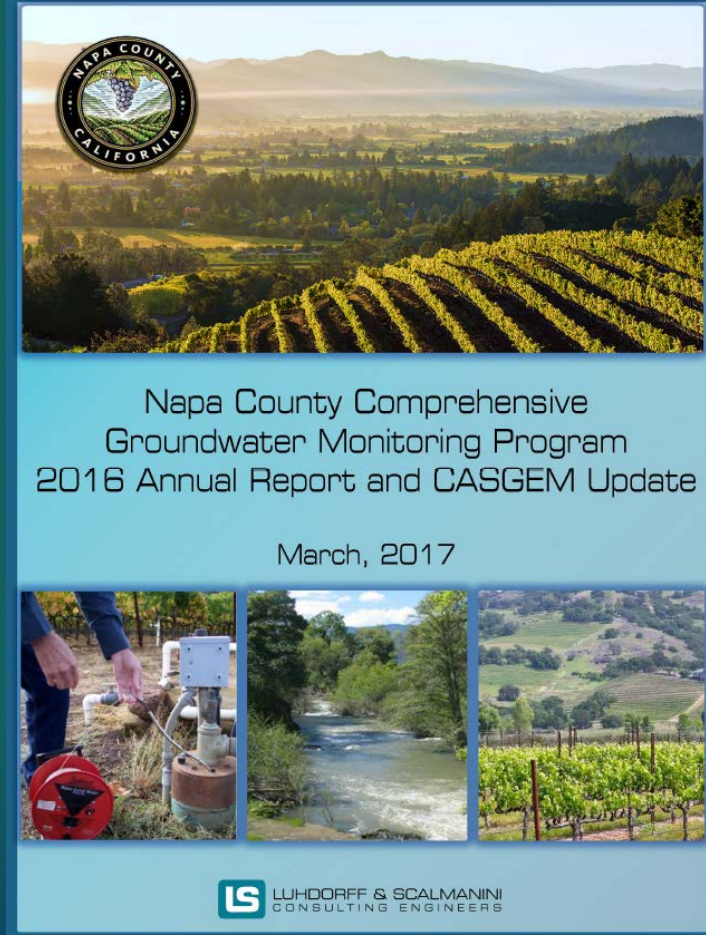
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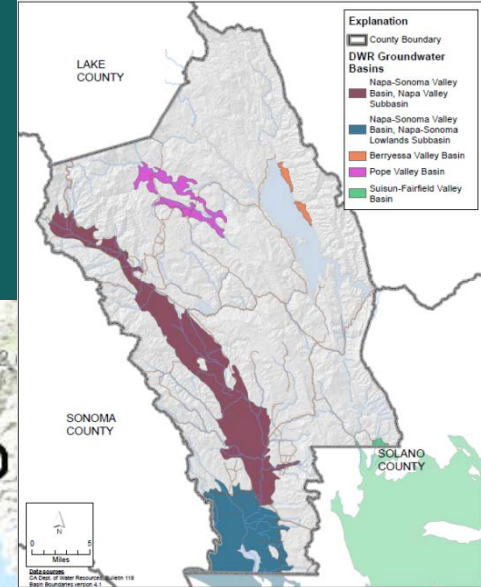
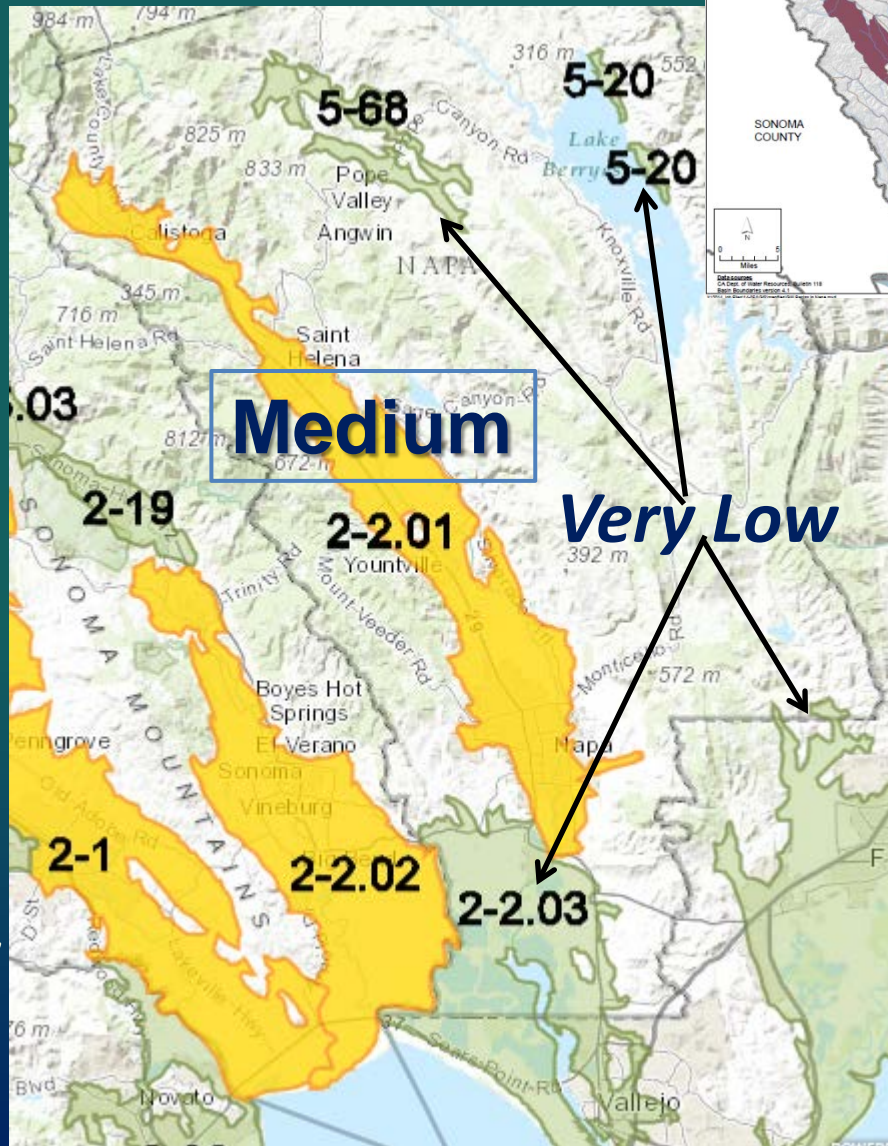
# Overview

- Background
  - SGMA update
- Highlights 2016 Annual Report
- GW-SW interaction
- NE Napa study update
- Summary and Recommendations



# Groundwater Basins: Initial SGMA Prioritization

- Napa Sonoma Valley Basin
  - Napa Valley Subbasin (Med)
  - Napa-Sonoma Lowlands Subbasin (VL)
- Berryessa Valley Basin(VL)
- Pope Valley Basin(VL)
- Suisun-Fairfield Valley Basin(VL)



Explanation	
[Grey outline]	County Boundary
DWR Groundwater Basins	
[Dark red]	Napa-Sonoma Valley Basin, Napa Valley Subbasin
[Light red]	Napa-Sonoma Valley Basin, Napa-Sonoma Lowlands Subbasin
[Blue]	Napa-Sonoma Valley Basin, Napa-Sonoma Lowlands Subbasin
[Orange]	Berryessa Valley Basin
[Purple]	Pope Valley Basin
[Green]	Suisun-Fairfield Valley Basin

# SGMA Basin Analysis Report

## ➤ Submitted to DWR 12/16/2016

- Functionally equivalent to a GW Sustainability Plan
  - Report Table 1-2 shows comparison; plus Appendix M Elements Guide (template provided by DWR 12/05/16)
- For basins operated sustainably for at least 10 years
  - Napa Valley Subbasin sustainability analysis → 28 years
- Covers the whole DWR-designated Subbasin
- Conditions typical throughout the basin

## ➤ DWR comment period originally through 2/15/17; extended to 4/1/17

- County submitted responses to comments 4/1/17
- Report under review by DWR

## ➤ SGMA sustainability metrics used in 2016 Annual Report

# Key Comments Synopsis

- Baseflow variation (dry years and seasonally) similar during 28-year study period (1988-2015)
- Streamflow temperatures not unusual
  - Napa River at Napa (same as Napa County SW/GW Site 3) similar temps in 2014-2016 compared with 1970-1993
- Groundwater quality is good; naturally occurring constituents locally present in groundwater
- No indication of subsidence
  - Higher resolution survey data measured at benchmarks for 2007 and 2012 do not indicate subsidence has occurred
- Main factor contributing to low baseflow is climate
  - Pumping is also a factor, but roughly 4 times less significant relative to climate
  - Quantification of streamflow effects in progress for NE Napa area study

# GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS:

# Highlights 2016 Annual Report



Napa County Comprehensive  
Groundwater Monitoring Program  
2016 Annual Report and CASGEM Update

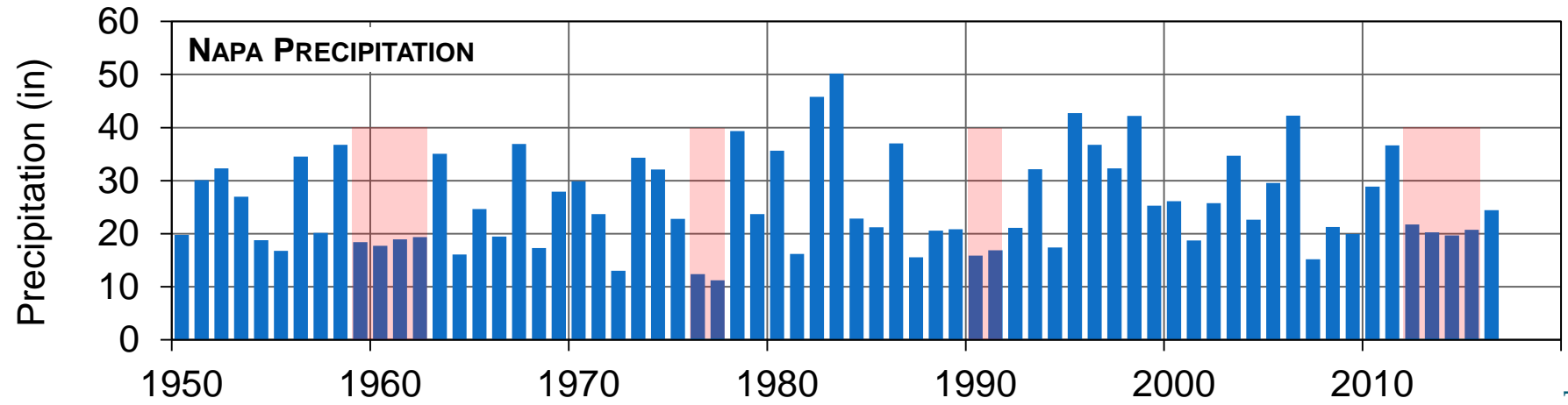
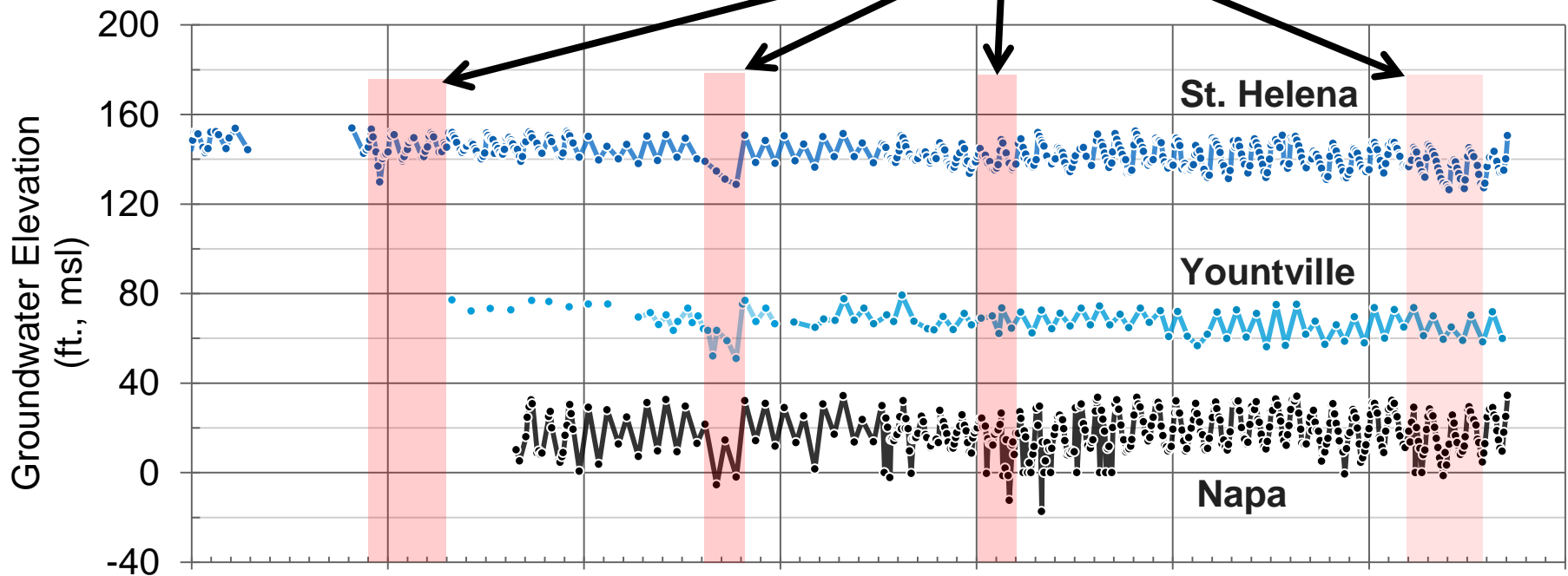
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# Groundwater Conditions: Napa Valley Subbasin

Dry Years



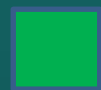
# GW Level Monitoring, 2016



Napa Co., 98  
(including  
10 SW/GW)

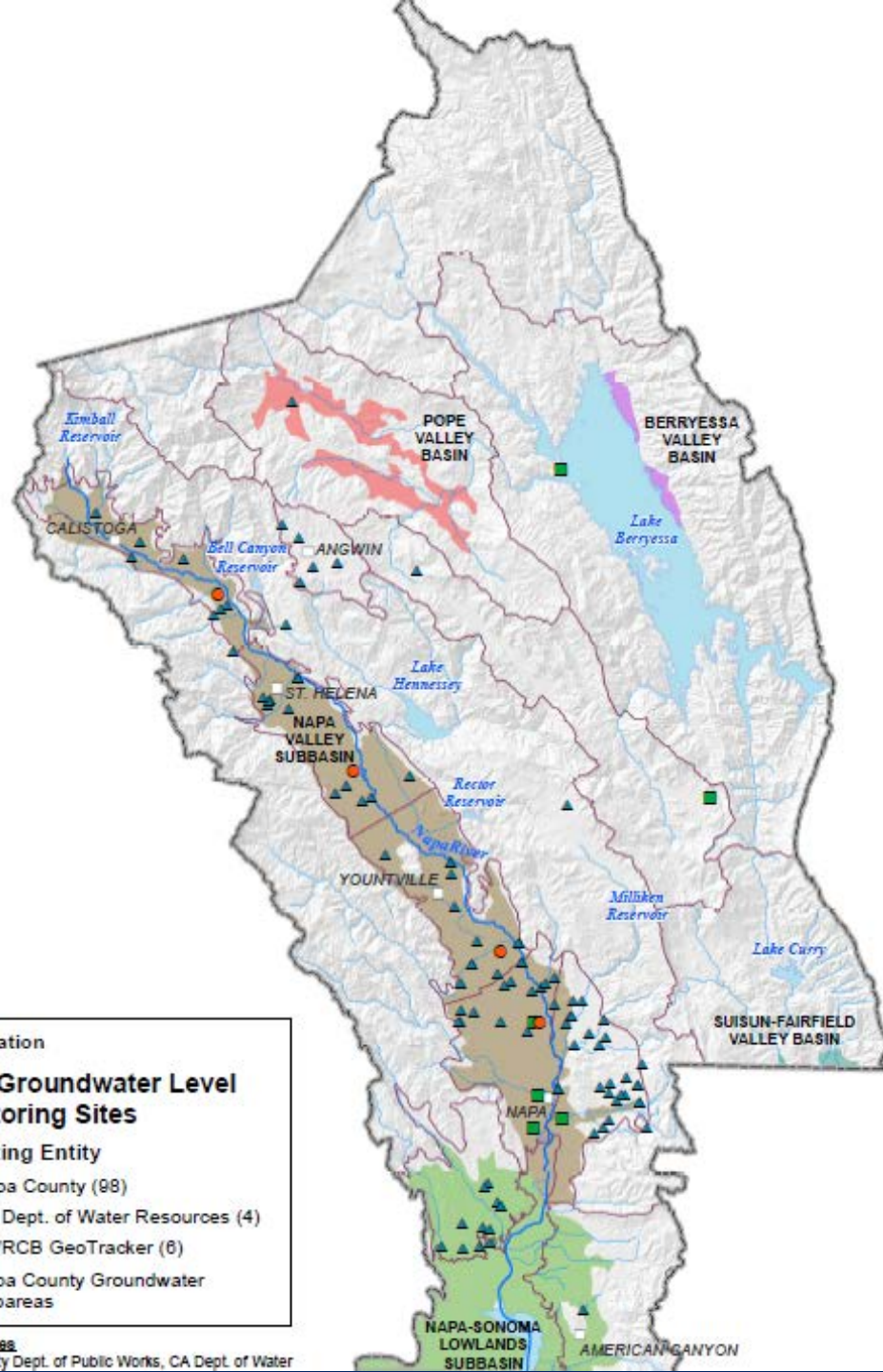


DWR, 4



GeoTracker, 6

Total Wells  
= 108 Sites



## Explanation

### 2016 Groundwater Level Monitoring Sites

#### Reporting Entity

- ▲ Napa County (98)
- CA Dept. of Water Resources (4)
- SWRCB GeoTracker (6)
- Napa County Groundwater Subareas

#### Data sources

Napa County Dept. of Public Works, CA Dept. of Water



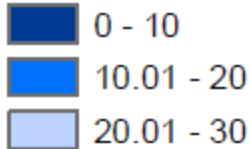
# Depth to Groundwater

Feet below ground surface

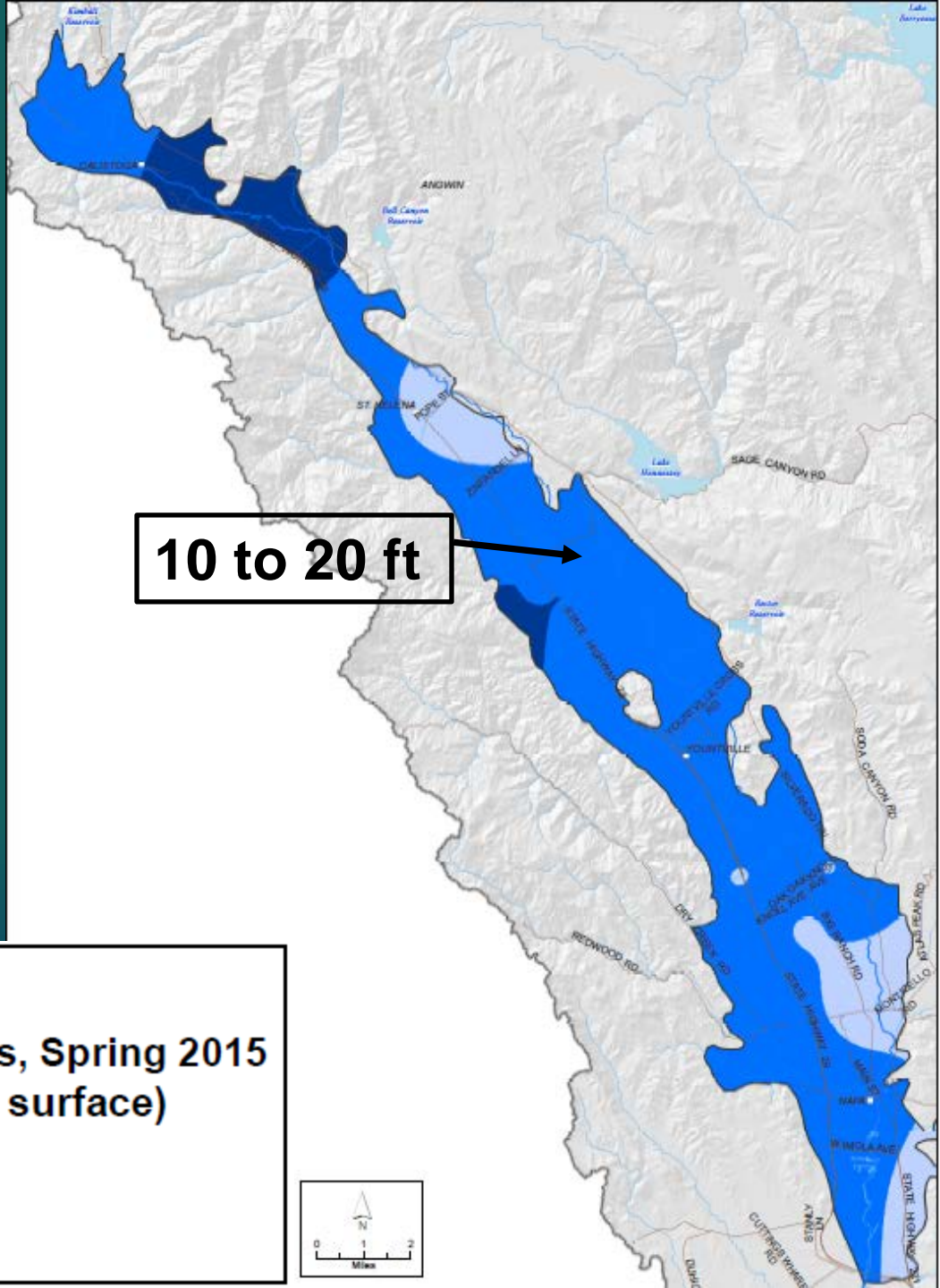
*Water table (Valley Floor) generally very shallow; basin quite "full"*

## Explanation

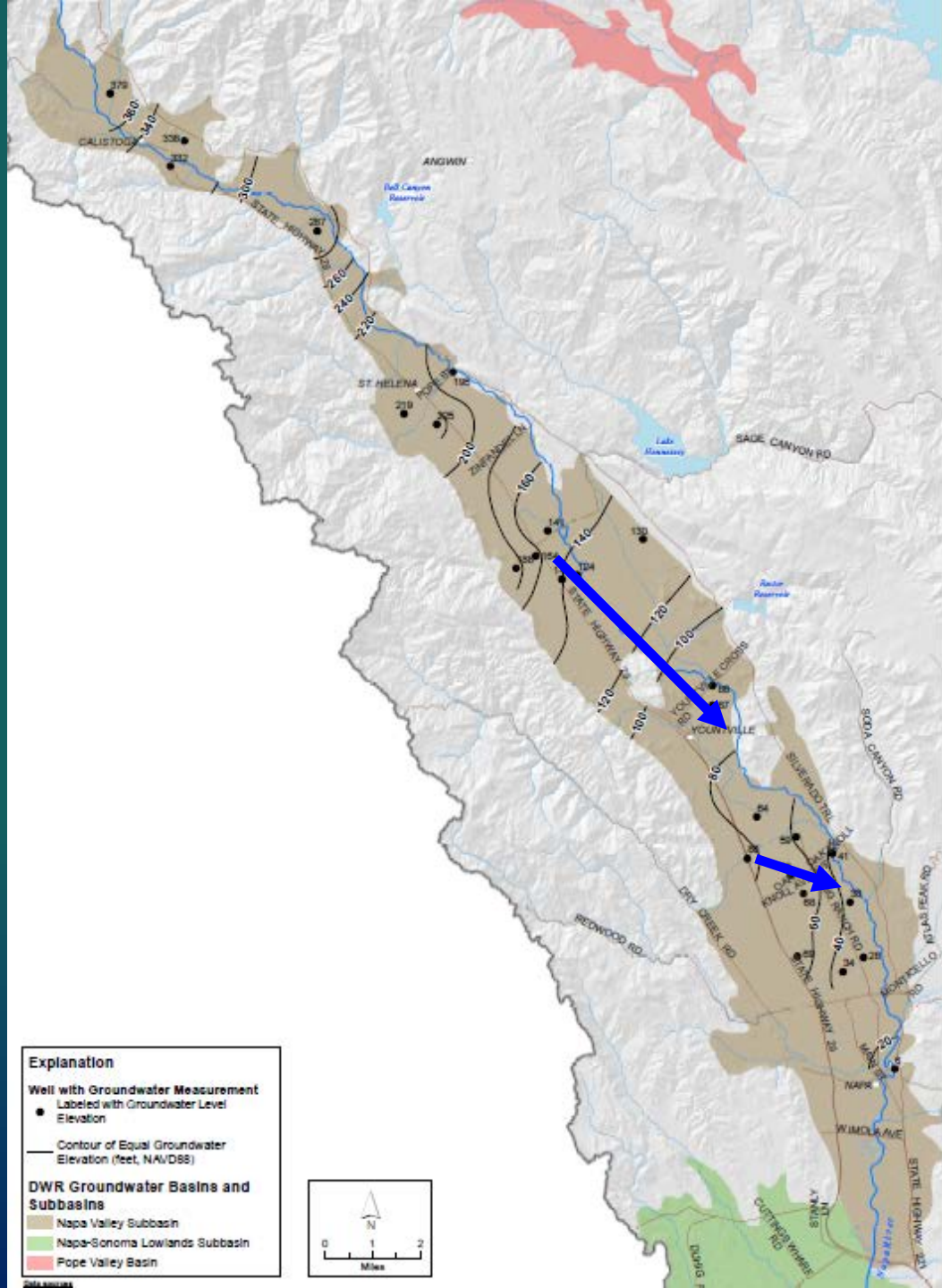
Groundwater Depths, Spring 2015  
(feet, below ground surface)



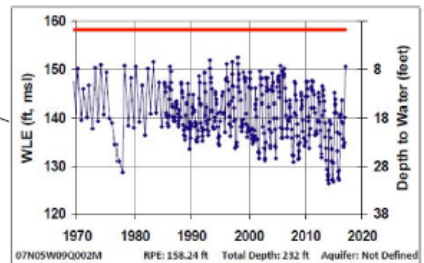
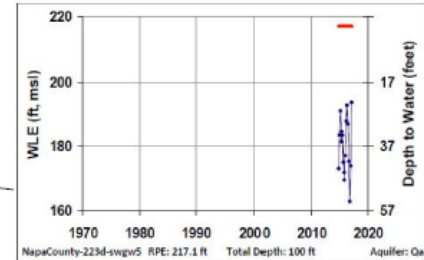
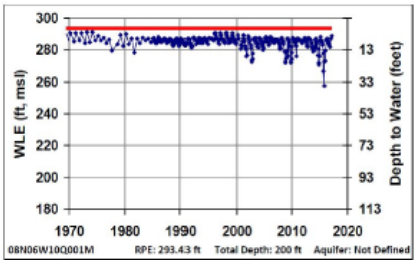
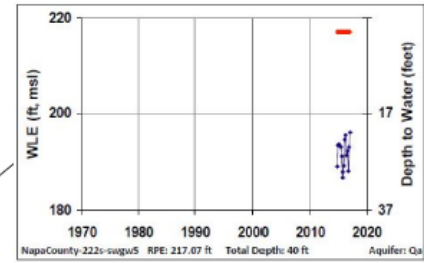
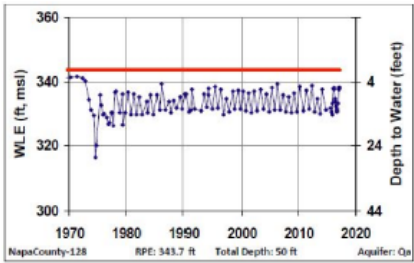
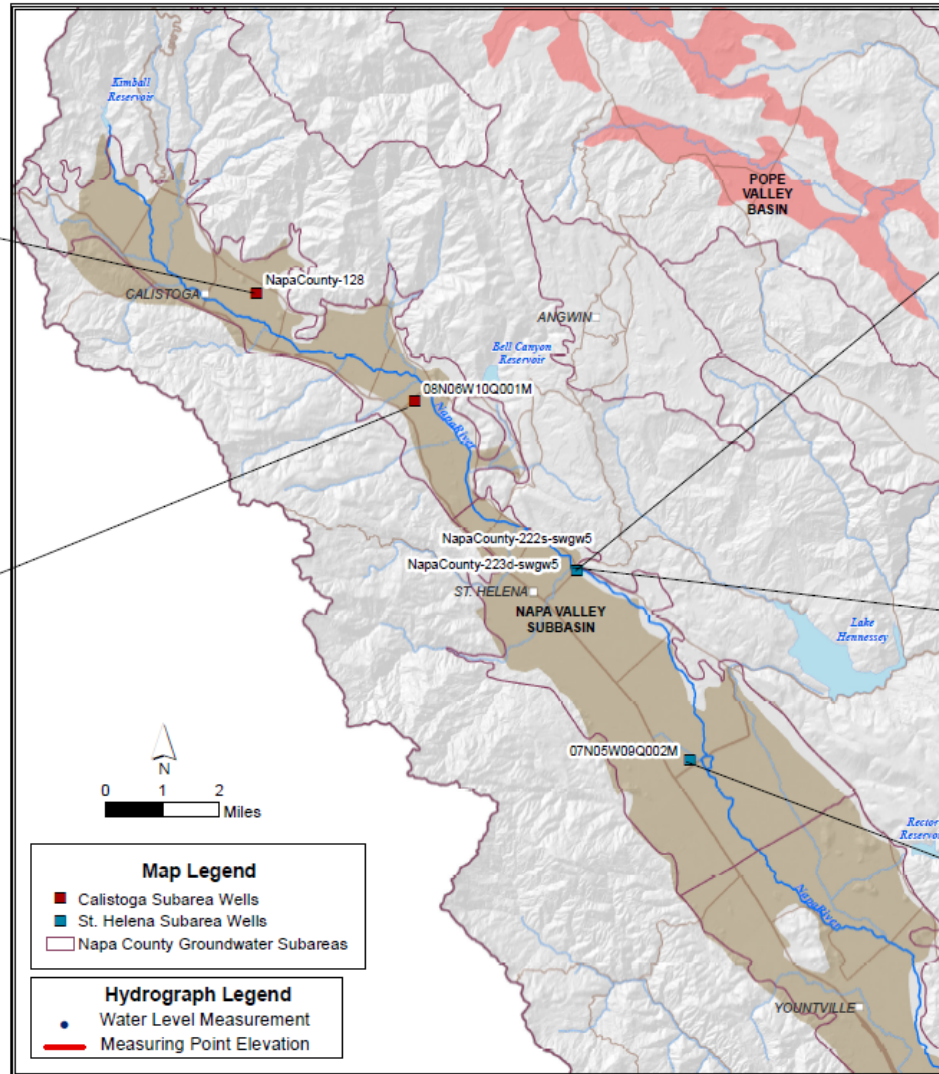
10 to 20 ft



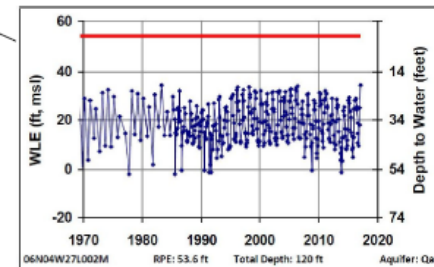
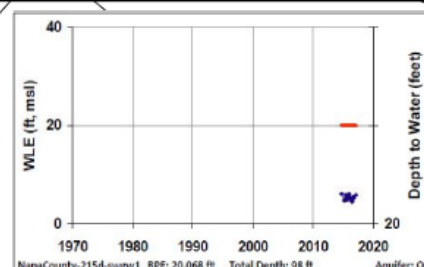
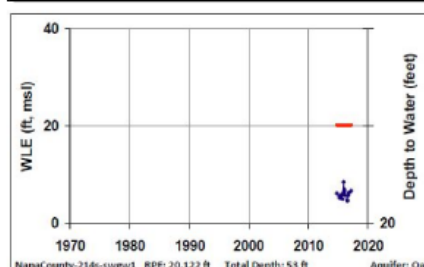
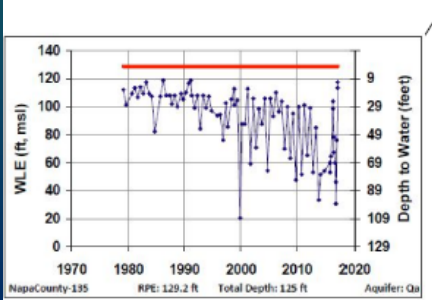
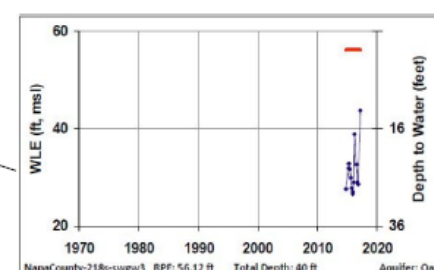
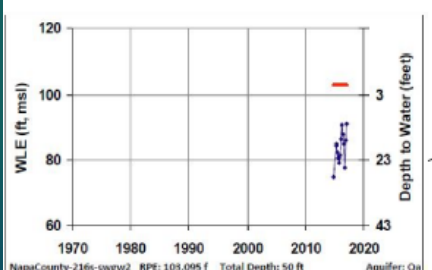
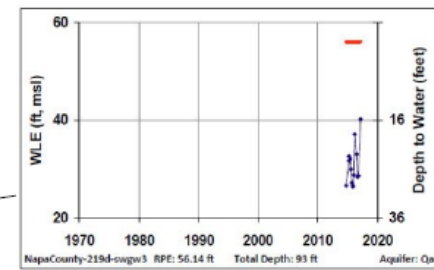
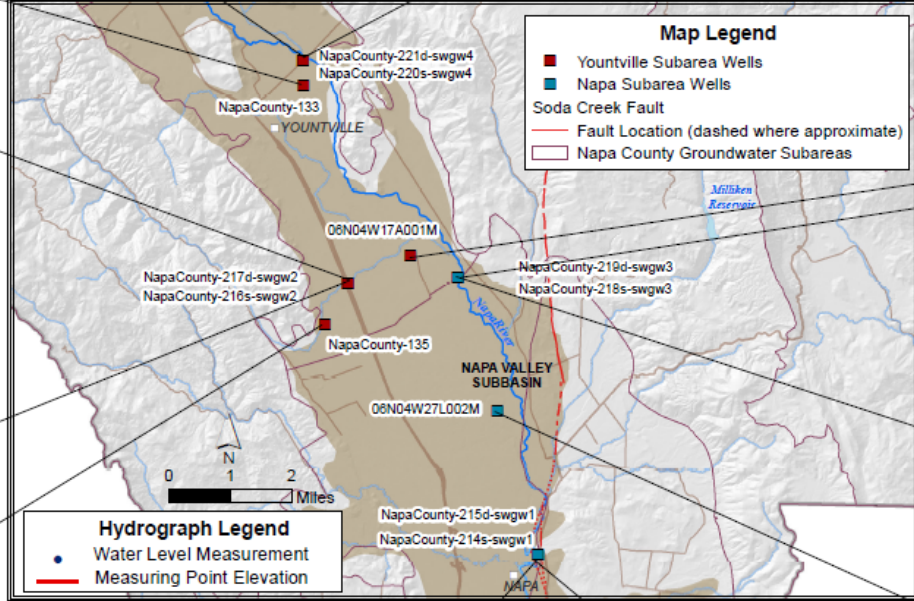
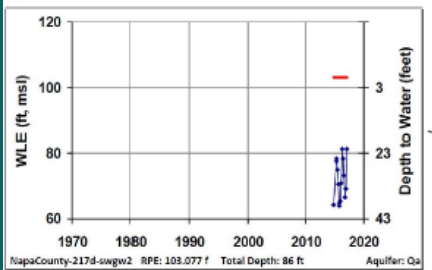
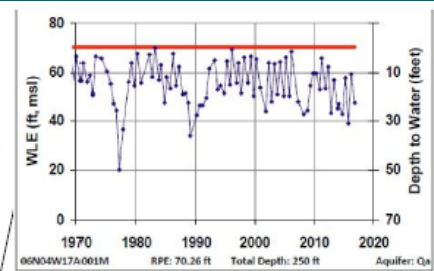
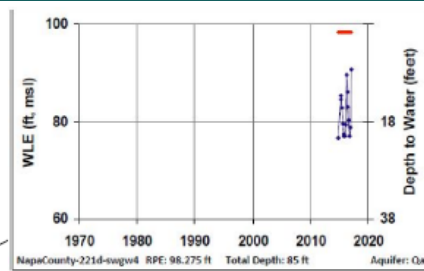
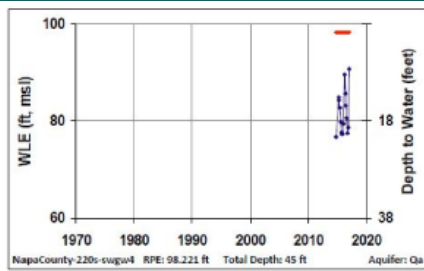
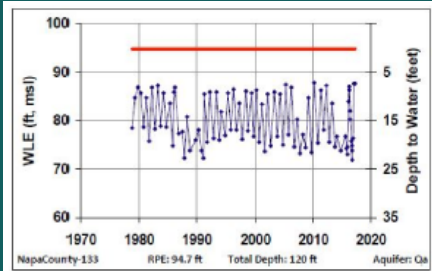
# Spring 2016 GW Elevations



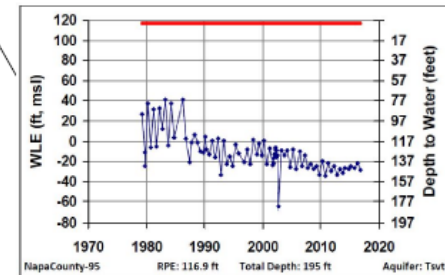
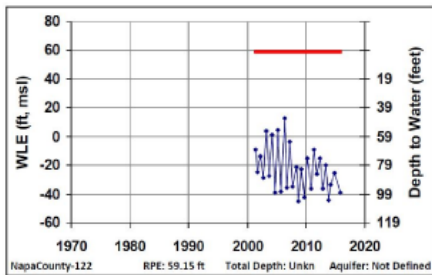
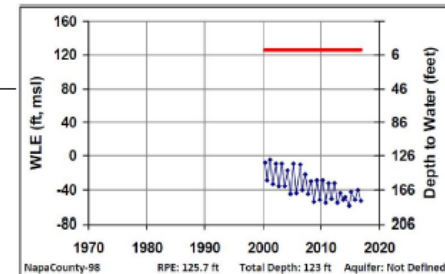
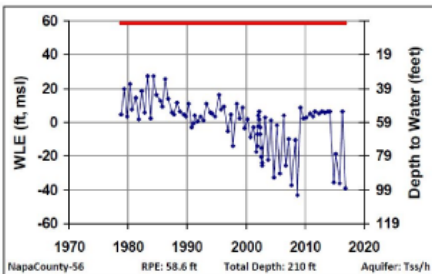
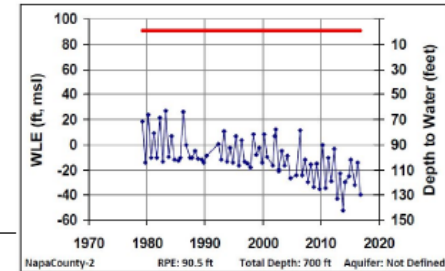
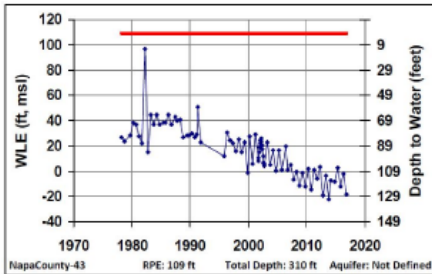
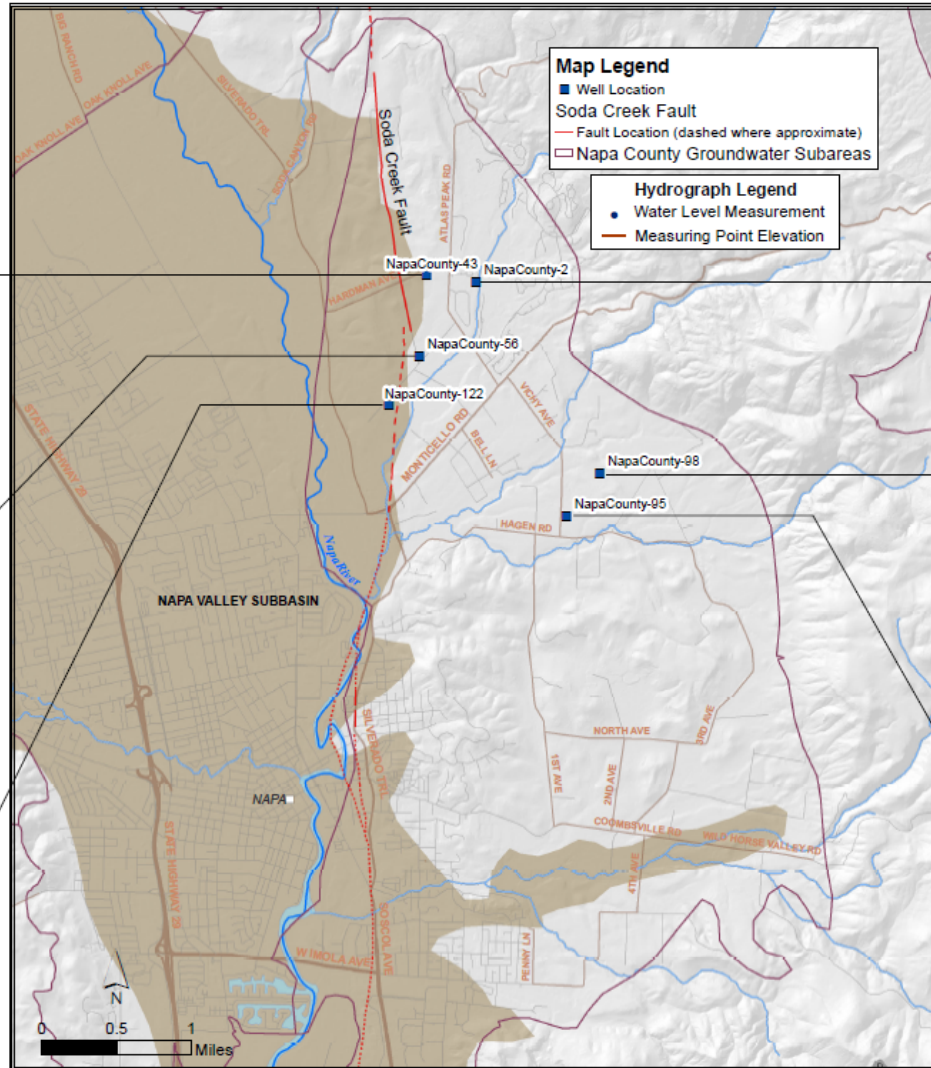
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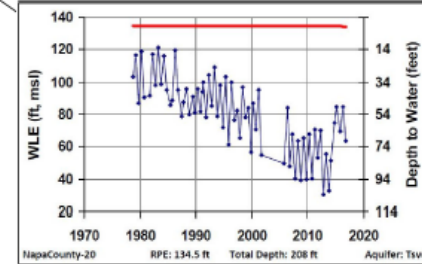
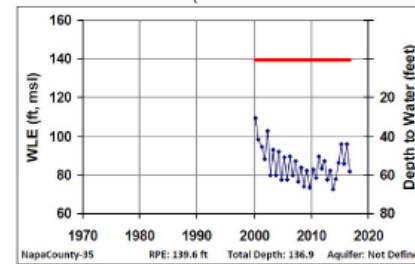
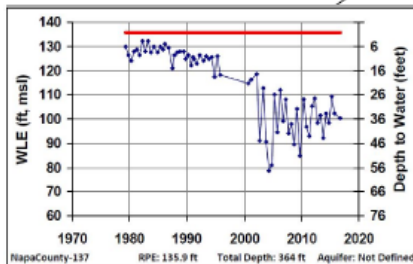
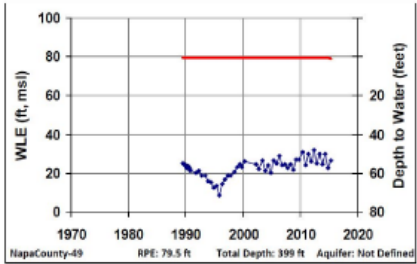
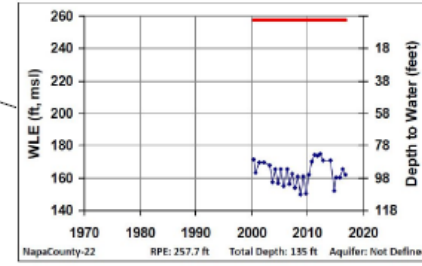
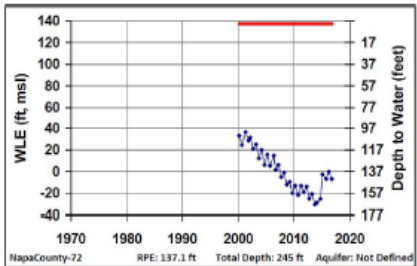
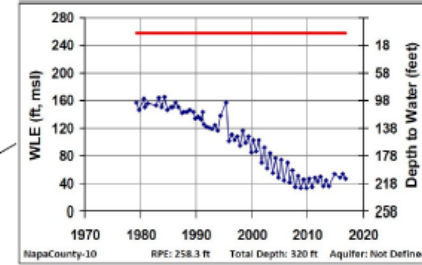
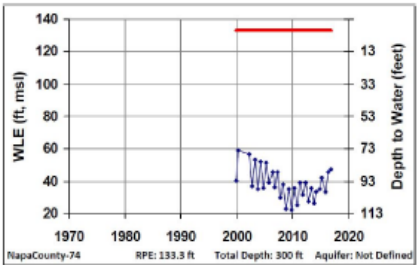
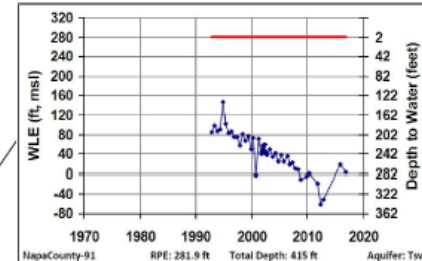
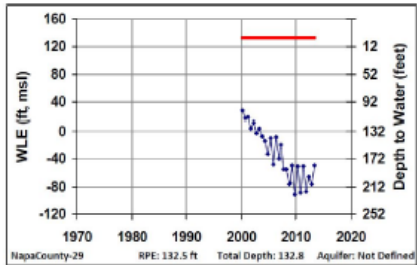
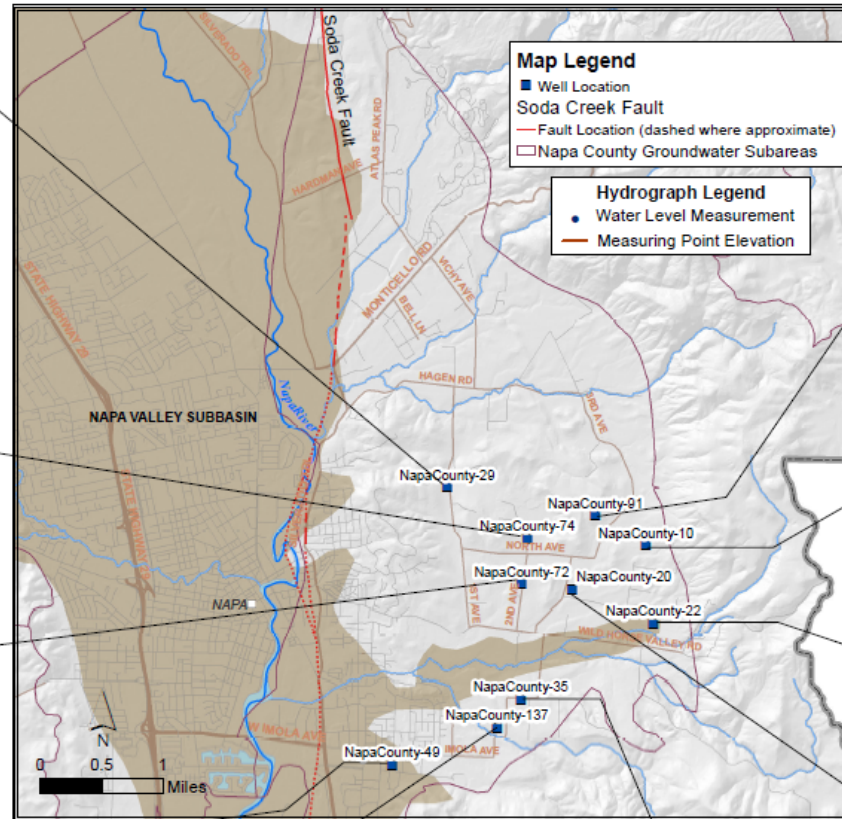
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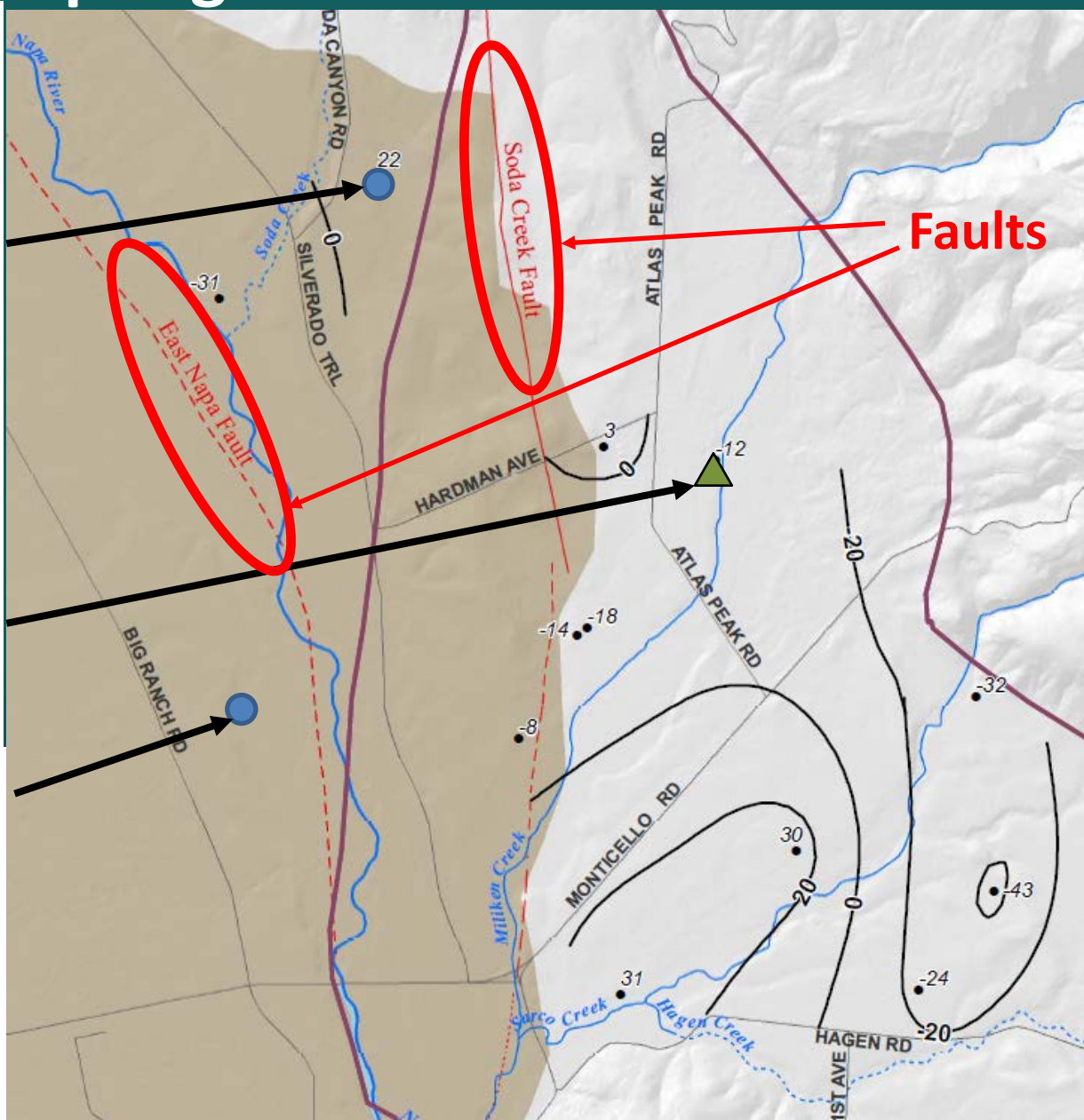
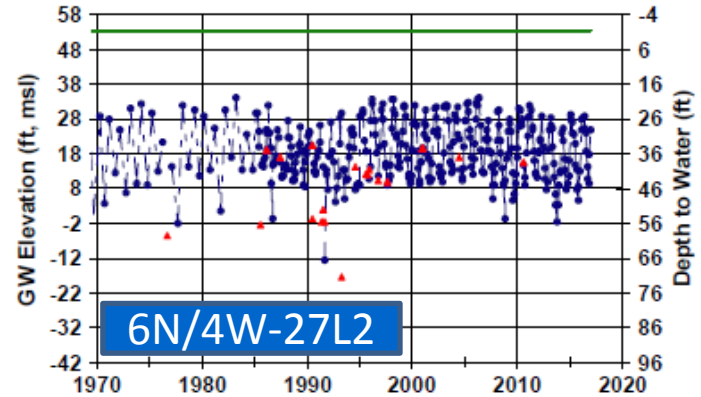
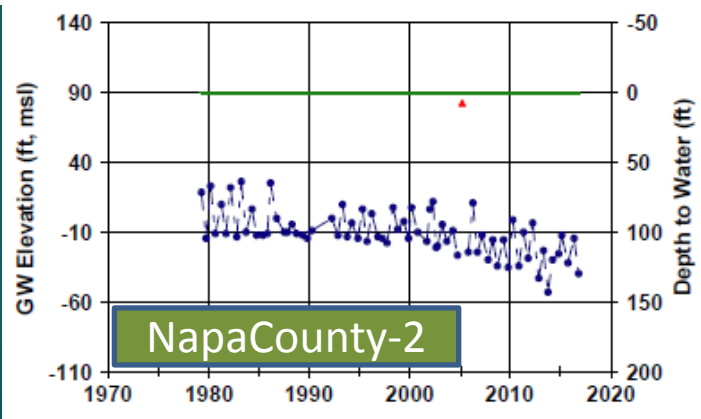
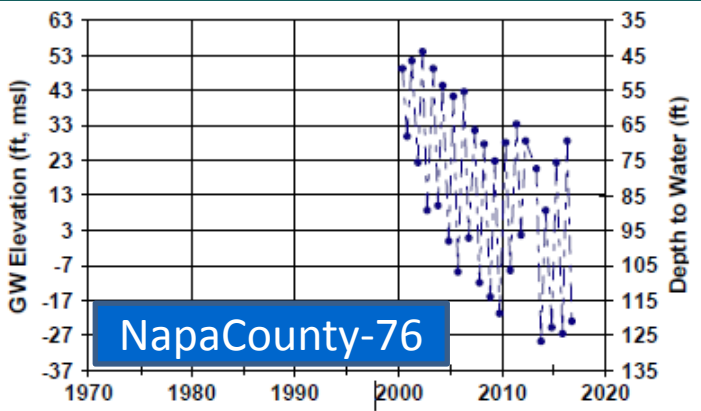
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# Southern MST Subarea



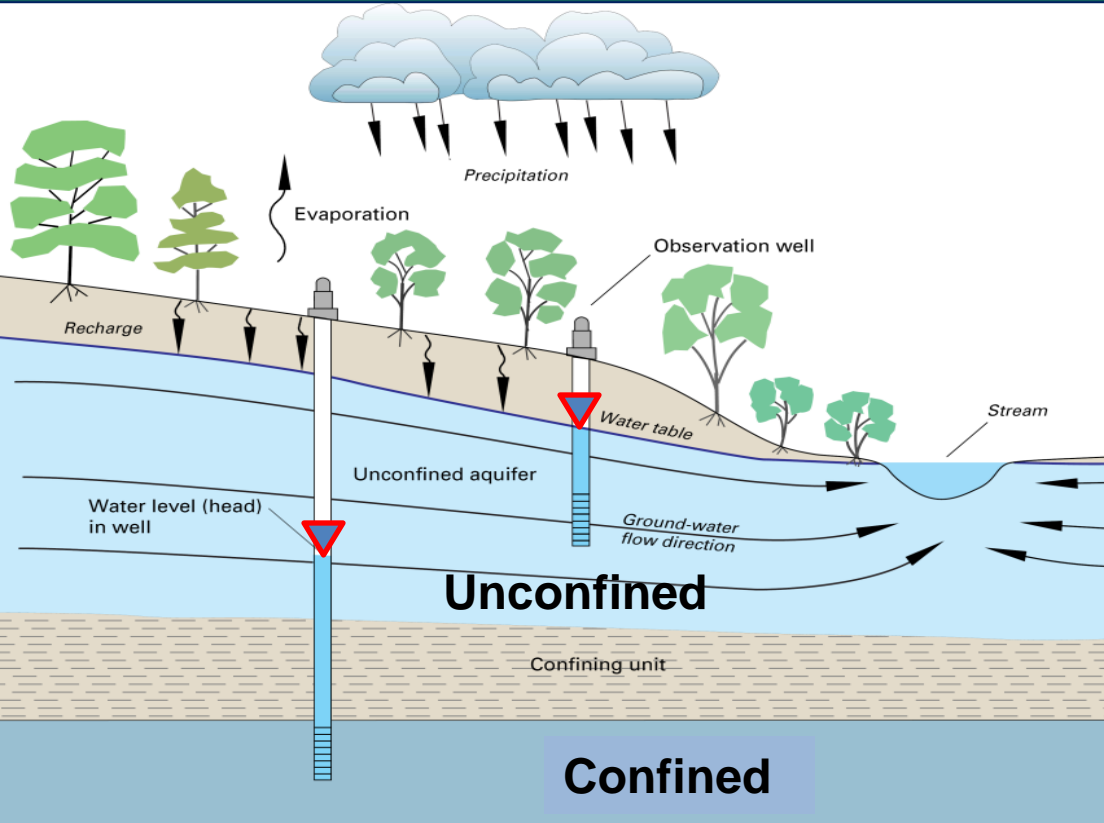
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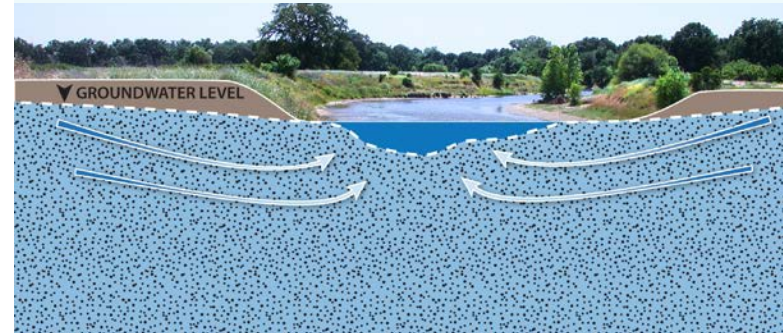
# Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction



# Groundwater Monitoring

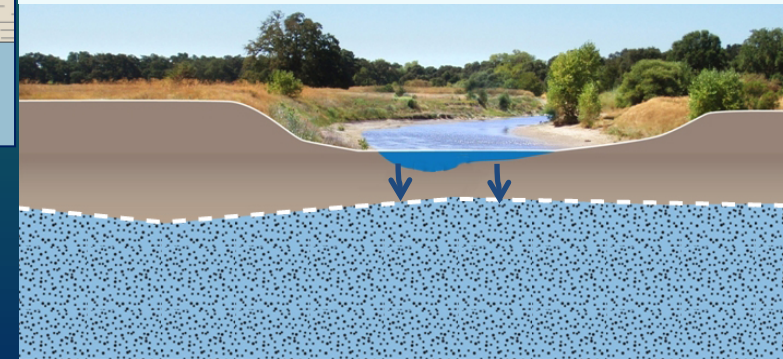


**Direct Connection  
Maintains/Recharges  
Stream**



*Courtesy TNC*

**Indirect Connection  
Stream Seepage  
Independent of GW Levels**

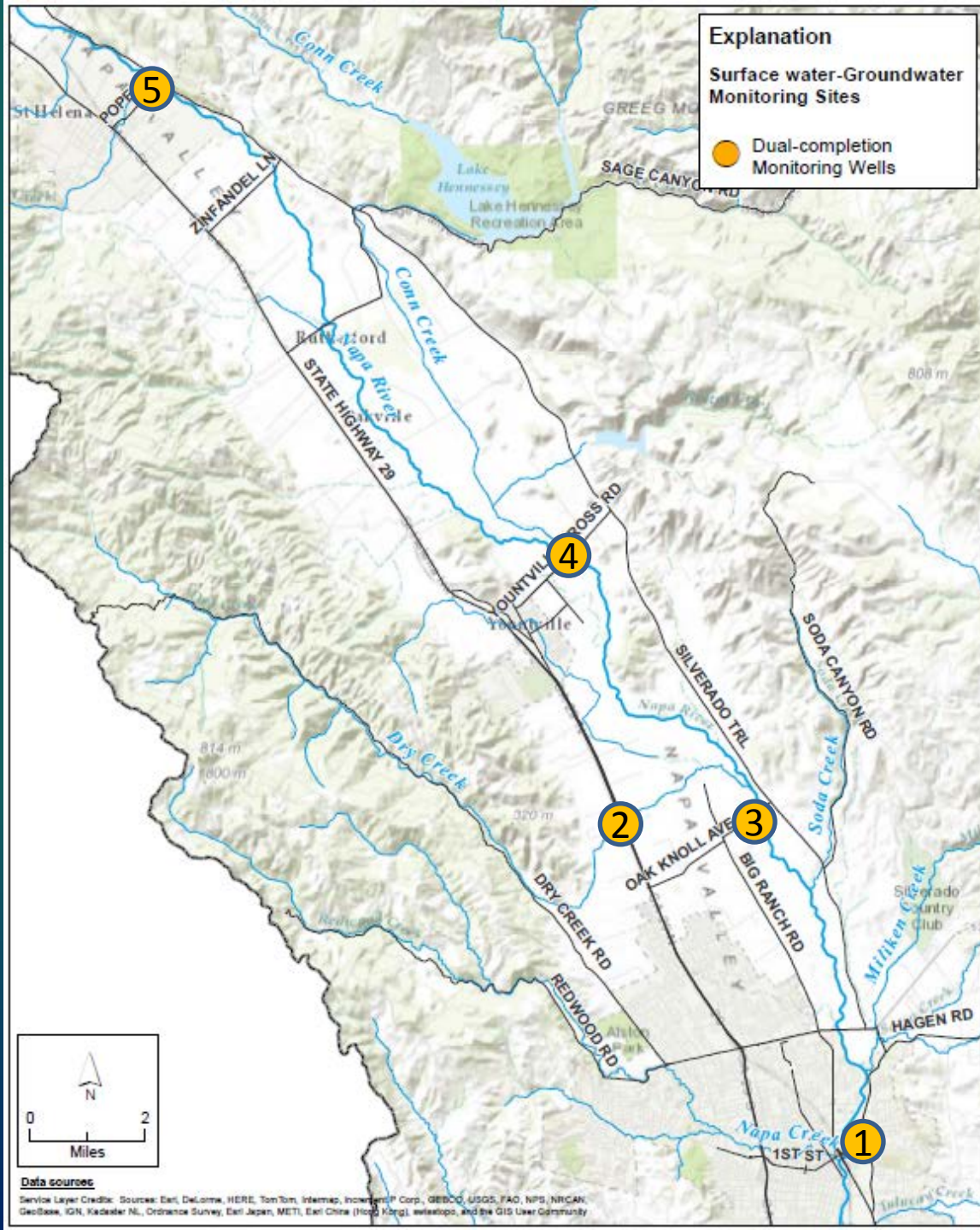


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# Surface Water/ Groundwater

## Monitoring at 5 Sites

- Shallow MWs each site
  - Levels & quality
- Stream gauge each site
  - Streamflow & quality
- Depths to water (when drilled) ranged from 16–34 ft [20ft at St. Helena]



# GW Monitoring Wells Near River



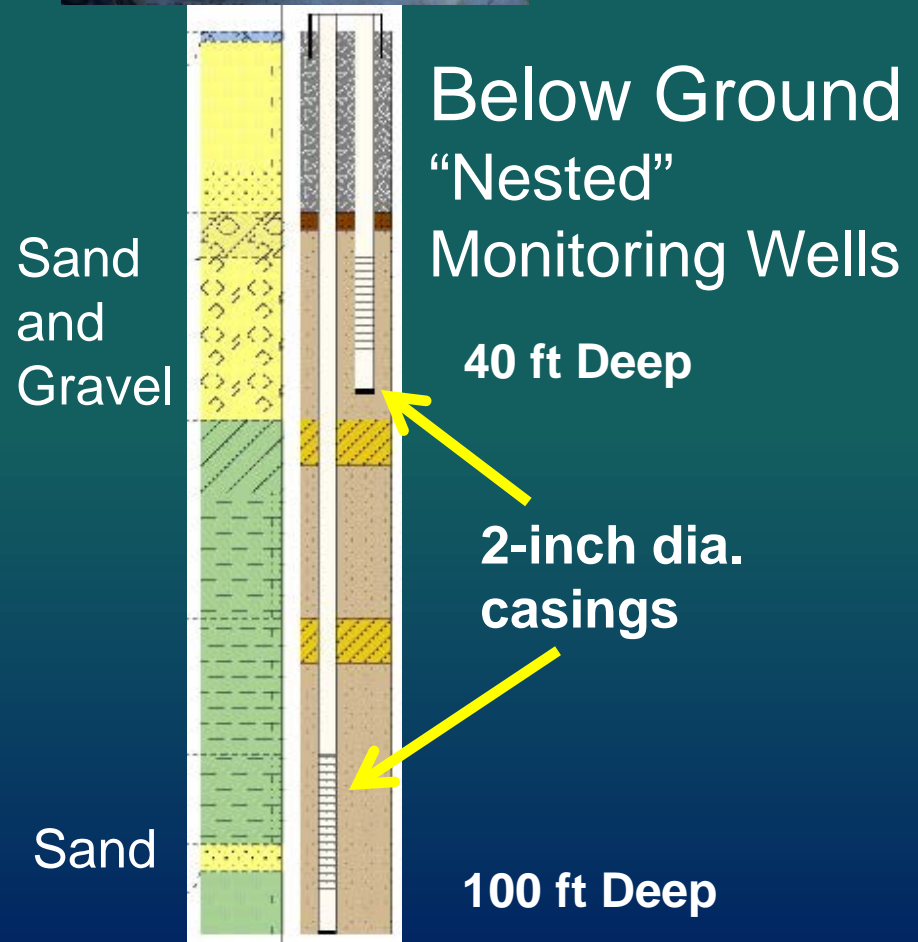
**Above  
Ground  
Locked  
Protection**

**Looking Down  
at MWs**



**2-inch dia.  
casings**

*Not to Scale*



**Sand  
and  
Gravel**

**Sand**

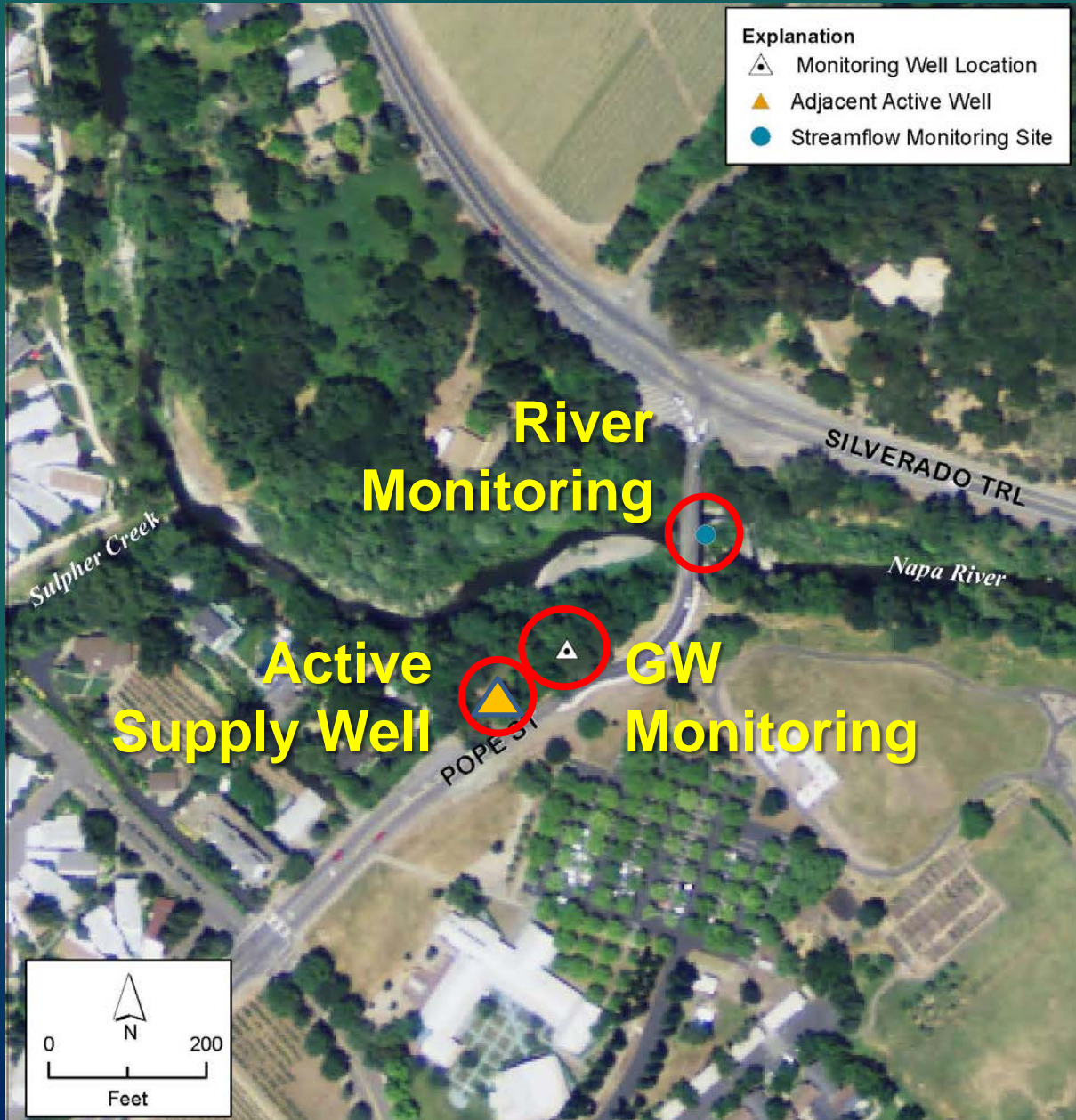
**Below Ground  
"Nested"  
Monitoring Wells**

**40 ft Deep**

**2-inch dia.  
casings**

**100 ft Deep**

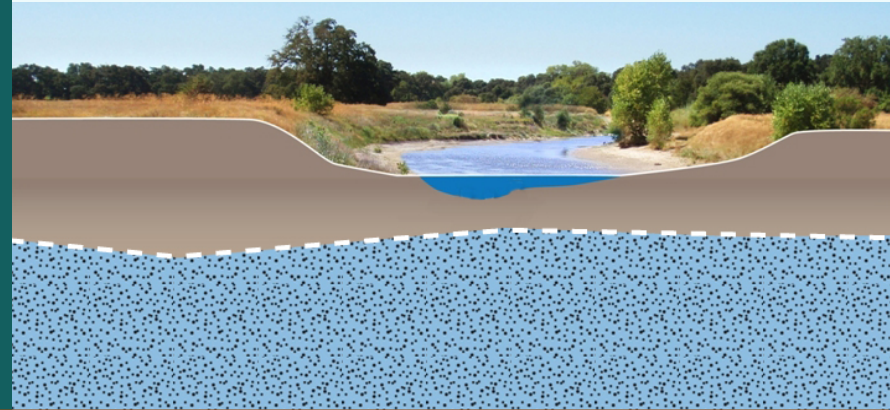
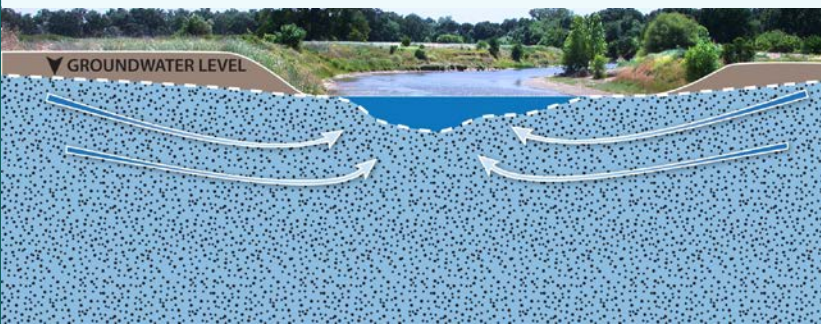
# SW/GW Interaction: Site 5 St. Helena



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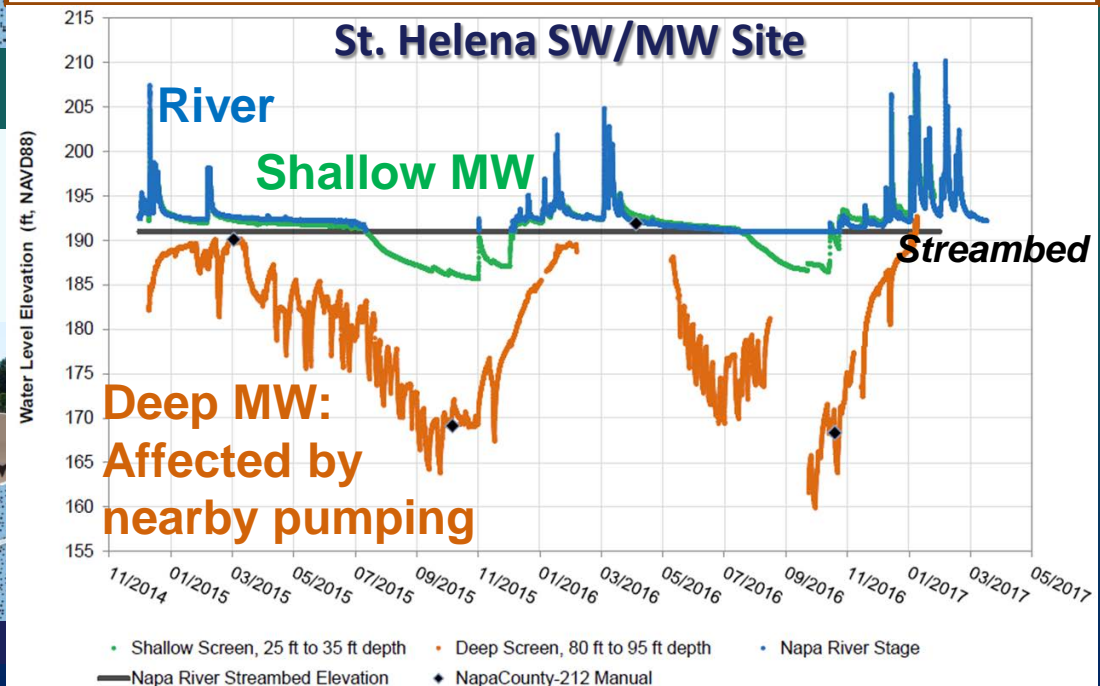
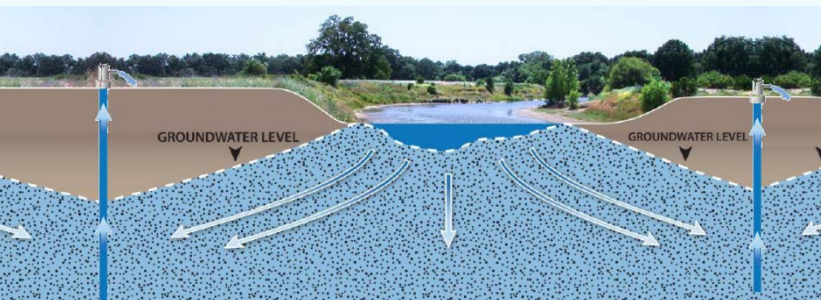
**Indirect Connection  
Stream Seepage Independent of  
GW Levels**

**Direct Connection  
Maintains/Discharges to Stream  
(Groundwater Baseflow)**

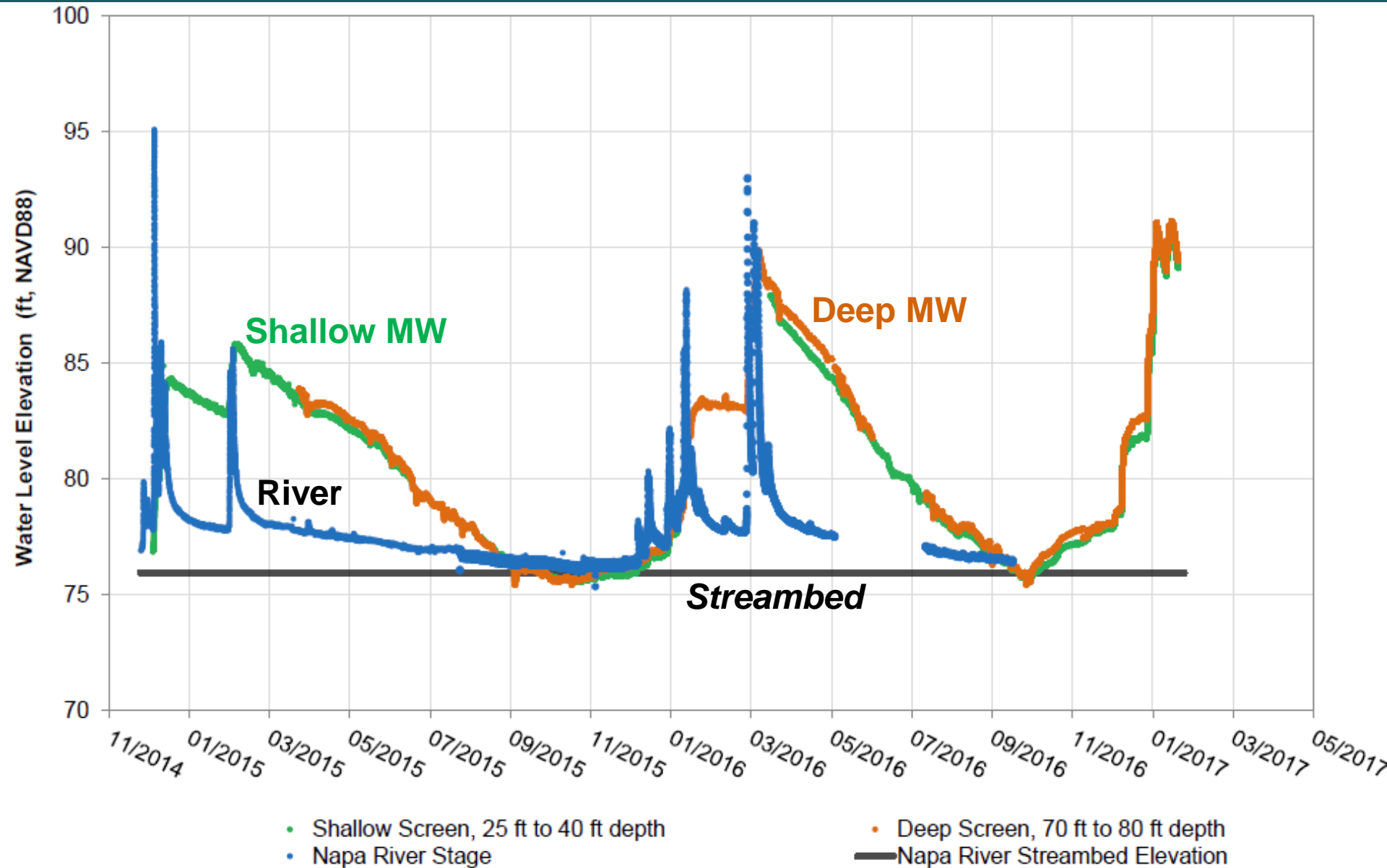


River and Shallow MW not exhibiting short-term pumping effects

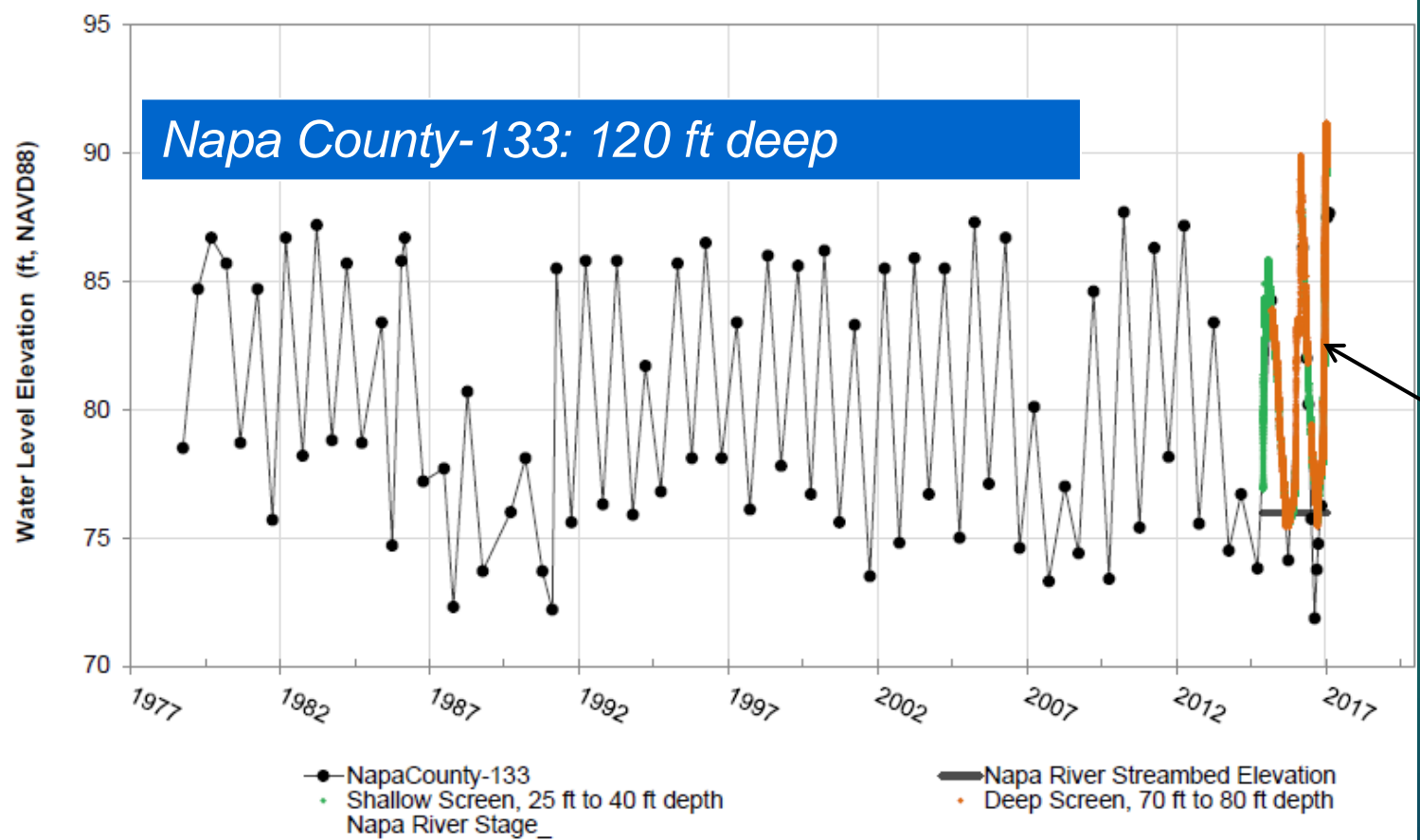
**Groundwater Pumping  
Stream Loses Water/  
Recharge to GW**



# SW/GW Interaction: Site 4 Yountville

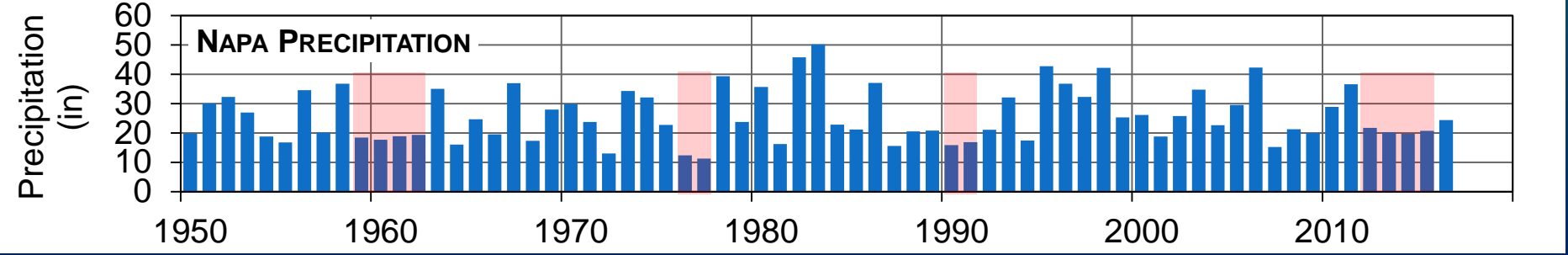


# SW/GW Site 4 Compared to Historical GW Levels



**Shallow  
& Deep  
MWs  
Near River**

*Different Scale*



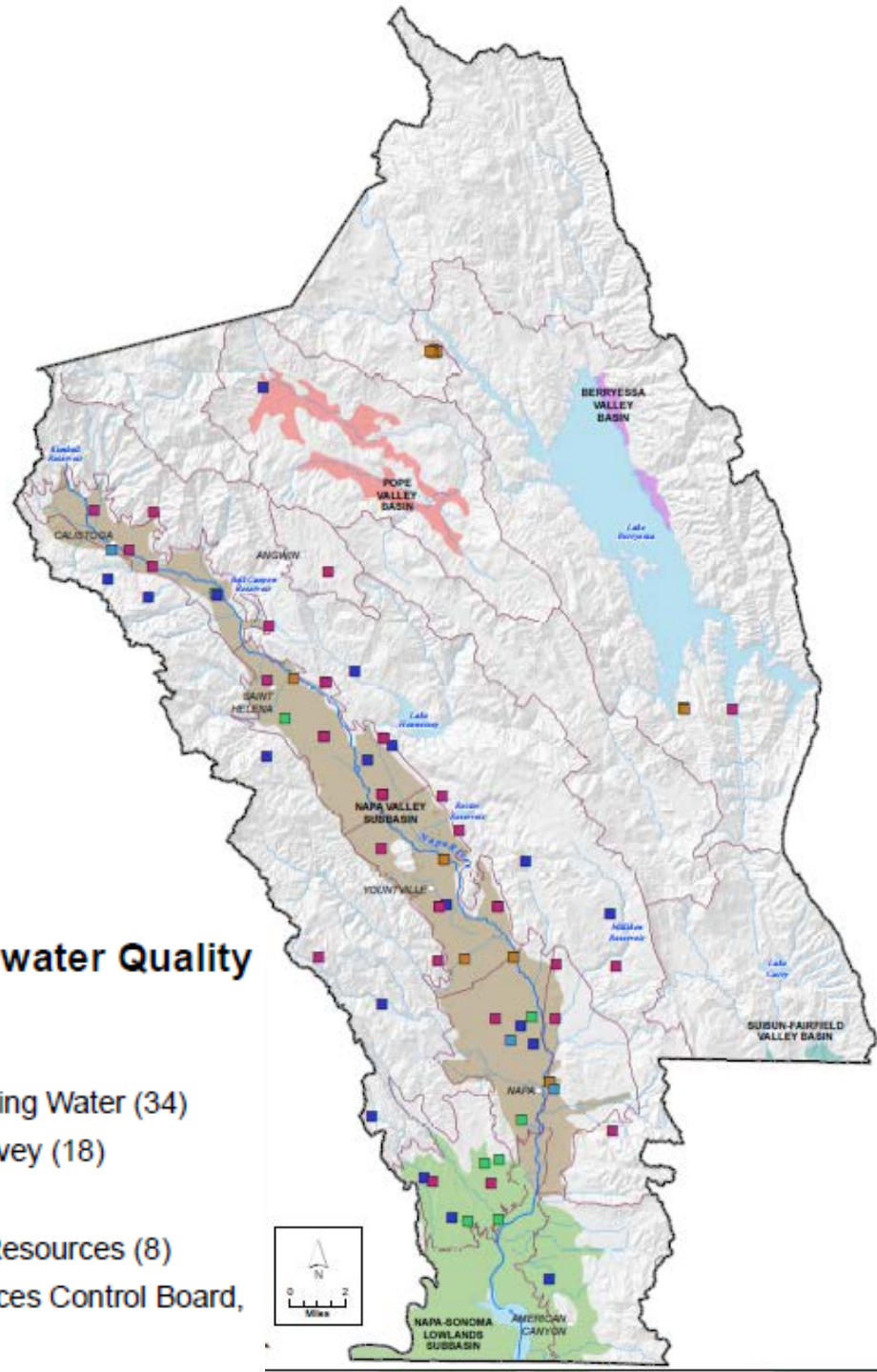


# Groundwater Quality



# GW Quality Data

- 78 Sites
- Generally Good GW Quality
- Selected Areas Nat'lly Occurring Constituents
- Calistoga Area of NV Floor
  - Geothermal Influences
- Southern Napa County
  - Elevated TDS and Chloride



## Sites with Groundwater Quality Data

by Source

- CA Division of Drinking Water (34)
- U.S. Geological Survey (18)
- Napa County (15)
- CA Dept. of Water Resources (8)
- State Water Resources Control Board, Geotracker (3)

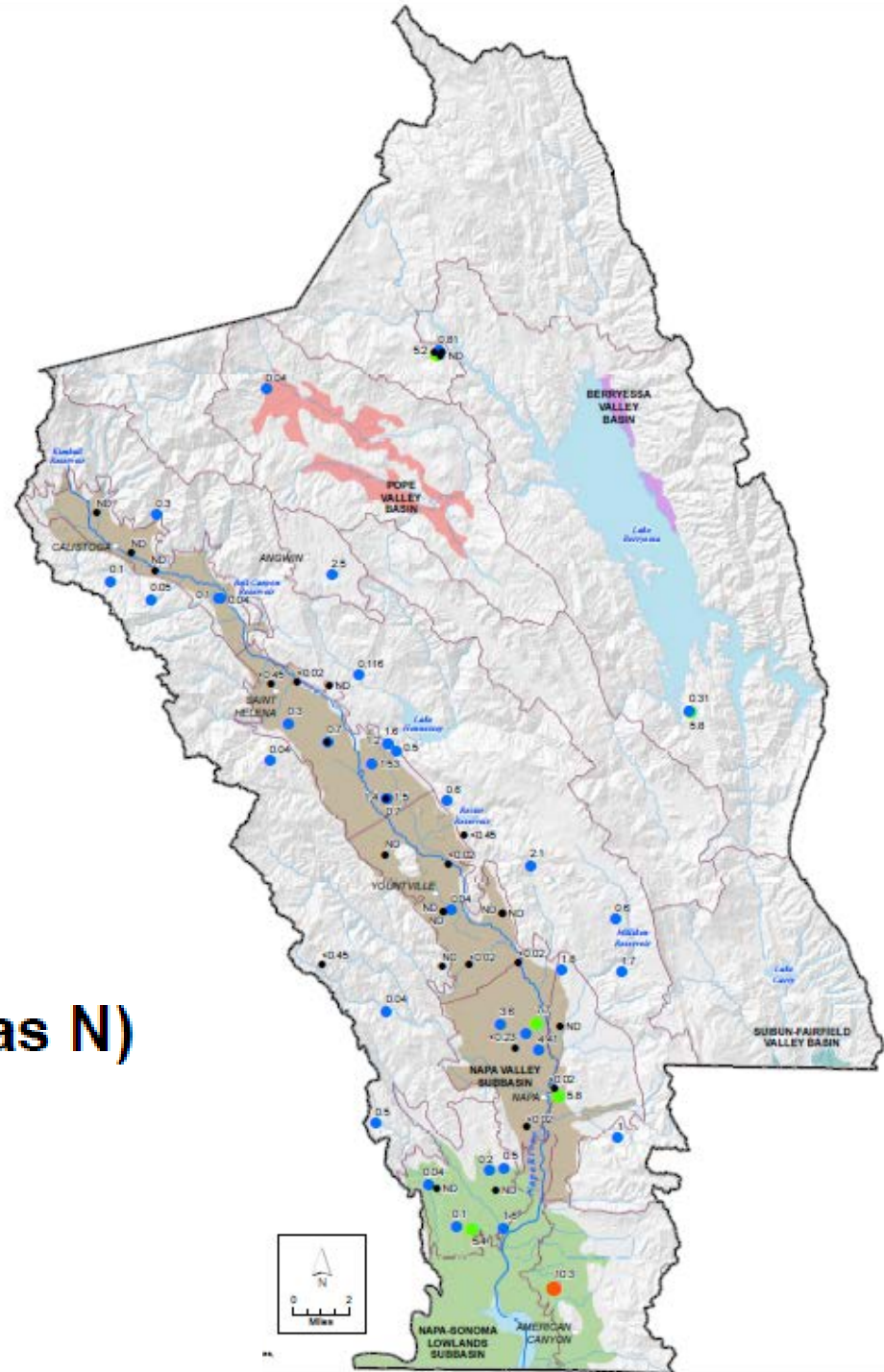
# Nitrate

- Low  $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$  conc.
- Sites in NV Subbasin below MCL (28 sites  $\text{NO}_3$  not detected)
- 1 site in Napa-Sonoma Lowlands above MCL

***MCL = 10 mg/L***

## Maximum Nitrate Concentration (mg/L as N)

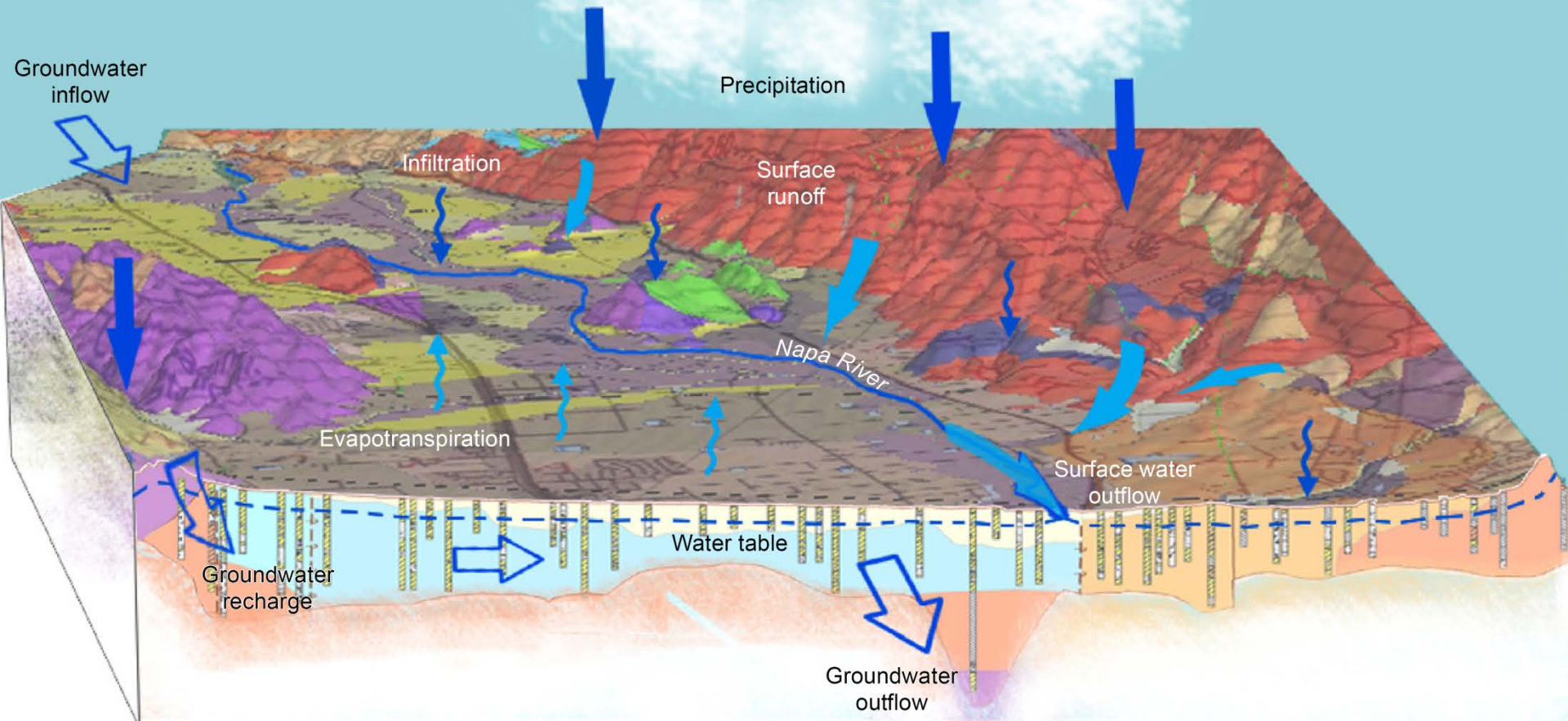
- Non-Detect (28)
- <5 (37)
- >5-10 (5)
- >10 (1)



**Napa Valley Subbasin**  
**Sustainable Groundwater Management**  
**Metrics and Tracking: Sustainability Indicators**

# Water Budget: Core Element of Groundwater Sustainability

$$\text{Inflows} - \text{Outflows} = \Delta S \text{ Change in GW Storage}$$



# Water Budget Results

Est. Inflows (1988-2015)	Avg. Annual Ac-Ft/Yr
<i>Upland Runoff</i>	<i>145,000</i>
GW Recharge	69,000
Imported SW Deliveries	17,000
Uplands Subsurface Inflow	5,000

Est. Outflows (1988-2015)	Avg. Annual Ac-Ft/Yr
<i>SW Outflow and Baseflow</i>	<i>176,000</i>
Net GW Use	13,000
Net SW Use	14,000
GW Subsurface Outflow	19,000
Urban Waste- water Outflow	8,000

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**Net Avg. Annual Change in Subbasin Storage ~ 6,000 Acre-Ft/Yr**  
 (uncertainty in individual budget components; *italicized more uncertain*)

# Sustainable Yield and Related Terms

**Sustainable Yield** (Definition; Water Code Section 10721(v)):

*“Maximum quantity of water, calculated over a base period representative of long-term conditions in the basin and including any temporary surplus, that can be withdrawn annually without causing an **undesirable result**.”*

**“Undesirable Result”** – key term linked to accomplishing sustainability.

# Groundwater Sustainability Indicators

**Not Causing Undesirable Results:  
Means Avoiding Significant and Unreasonable ...**

**Lowering of  
GW Levels**

**Reduction of  
GW Storage**

**Seawater  
Intrusion**

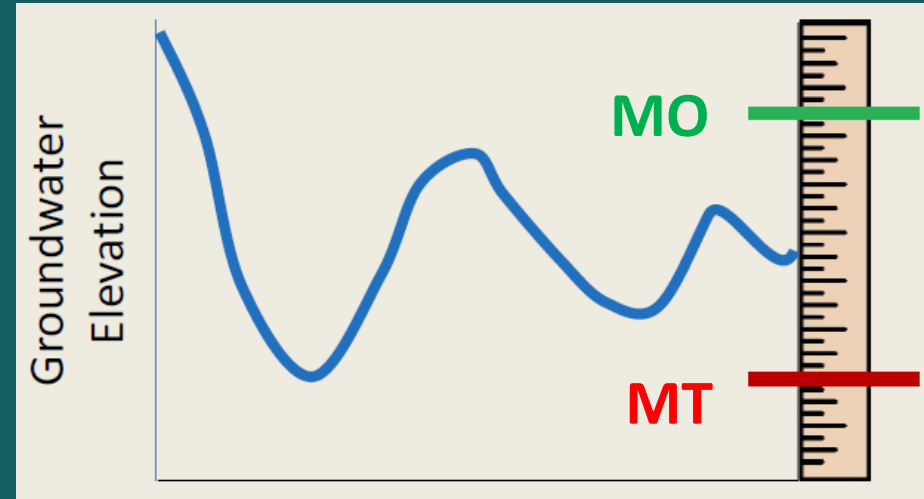
**Water Quality  
Degradation**

**Land  
Subsidence**

**Depletion of  
Surface Water**

**Napa Valley Hydrogeologically  
Sensitive to this Indicator**

# Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives



(DWR, March 2016)

- **Minimum Threshold (MT)**

“a numeric value for each sustainability indicator used to define undesirable results” (Section 351)

- **Measurable Objective (MO)**

“specific, quantifiable goals for the maintenance or improvement of specified groundwater conditions” (Section 351)

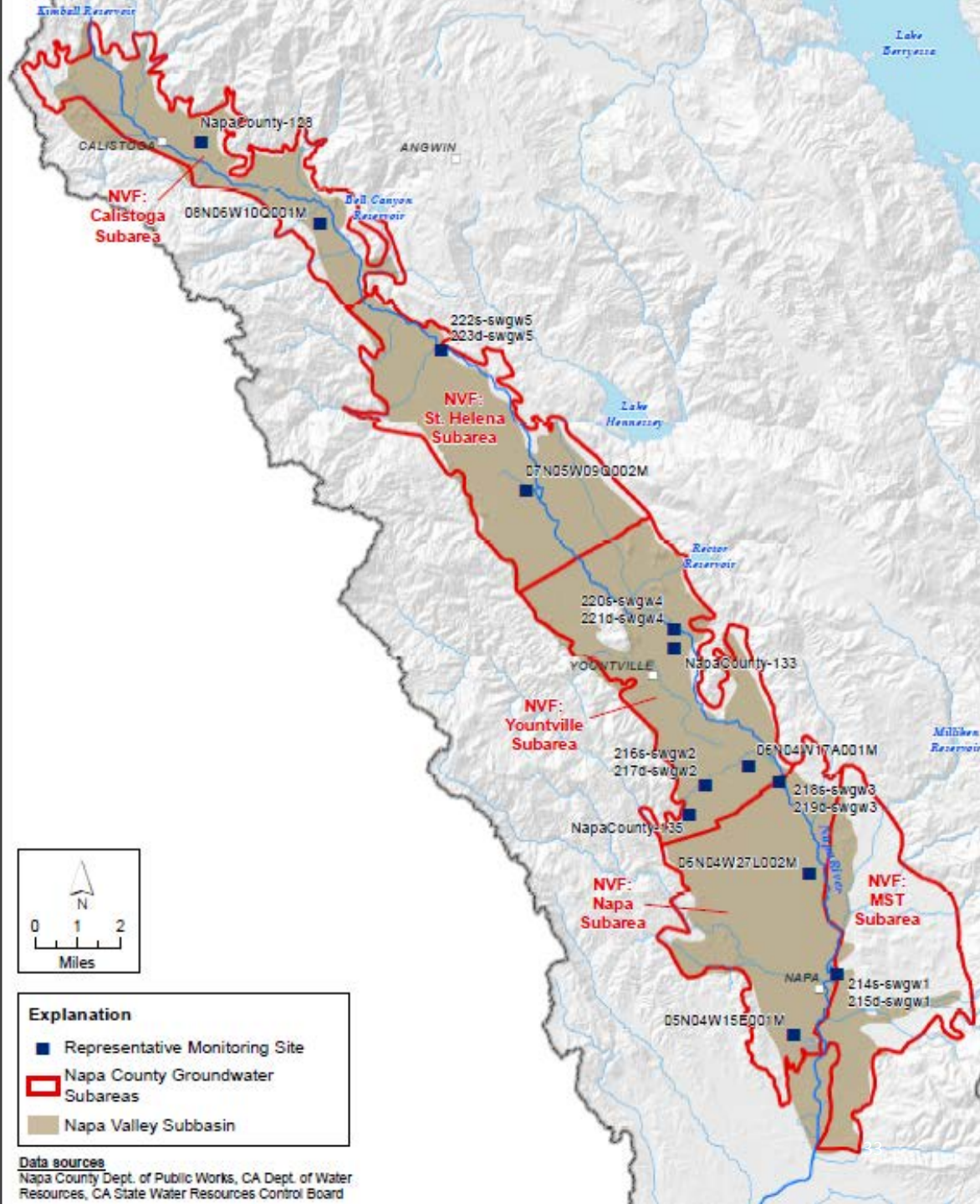
**Measurable objectives and minimum thresholds are established to ensure GW sustainability or improve GW conditions.**



# Representative Monitoring Sites

- Representative wells to ensure sustainability
- 18 locations
- Metrics for each sustainability indicator, as applicable

**Ongoing: Other Countywide GW Data (108 wells) to be Analyzed, Updated, & Reported**



# Sustainability Indicators: Streamflow

Representative Monitoring Sites Well ID	Date	Measured Minimum 2016 FALL WLE (Feet, AMSL) <sup>1</sup>	Streamflow Depletion	
			Minimum Threshold (Fall GWE, Feet AMSL)	Measurable Objective (Fall GWE, Feet AMSL)
06N04W17A001M	10/18/2016	47	37	50
06N04W27L002M	11/16/2016	18	-2	12
07N05W09Q002M	9/8/2016	134	127	135
08N06W10Q001M	10/17/2016	282	269	281
NapaCounty-128	10/11/2016	331	320	331
NapaCounty-133	9/26/2016	74	72	76
NapaCounty-135	10/12/2016	31	-	-
Napa County 214s-swgw1	9/25/2016	2	2	4
Napa County 215d-swgw1	10/19/2016	3	2	4
Napa County 216s-swgw2	10/8/2016	72	61	76
Napa County 217d-swgw2	9/23/2016	63	61	76
Napa County 218s-swgw3	11/16/2016	32	29	32
Napa County 219d-swgw3	10/5/2016	31	29	32
Napa County 220s-swgw4	10/4/2016	76	75	77
Napa County 221d-swgw4	10/4/2016	75	75	77
Napa County 222s-swgw5	10/14/2106	186	185	190
Napa County 223d-swgw5	10/1/2016	160	164	175

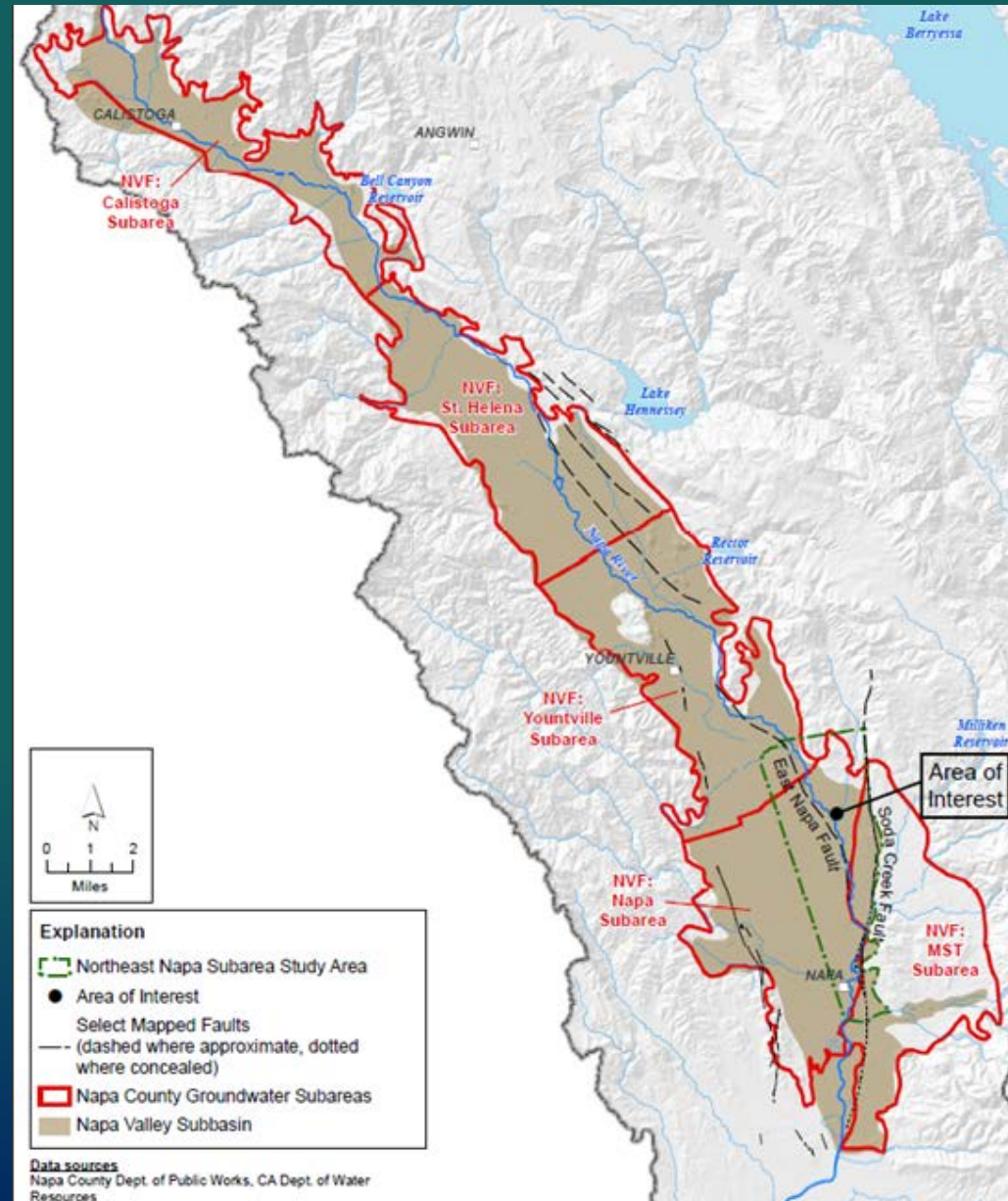
One site had minimum threshold exceedances: 9/27- 10/3 in deeper MW Site 5(swgw5); but levels in shallow MW Site 5 were stable and **27 ft above** levels in the deeper MW.

# Northeast Napa Groundwater Study Area

## Study and GW Model to Evaluate:

- Historical WL declines local area east of Napa River
- Mutual well interference
- Potential for affect from MST
- Potential effects of pumping on streamflow
- GW availability (esp. east of Napa River)

**Results: May 2017 BOS**



# 2016 Annual Report: Summary

- GW level trends stable majority of wells  
Napa Valley Floor
  - Year-to-year declines observed in a few wells (SE St. Helena area; SW Yountville area; NE Napa area)
  - Some response to drought conditions
- Early 2017 WLs show drought recovery
- GW level declines in MST moderated
  - Some wells since 2008/2009
  - Some wells in more recent years



# 2016 Annual Report: Recommendations

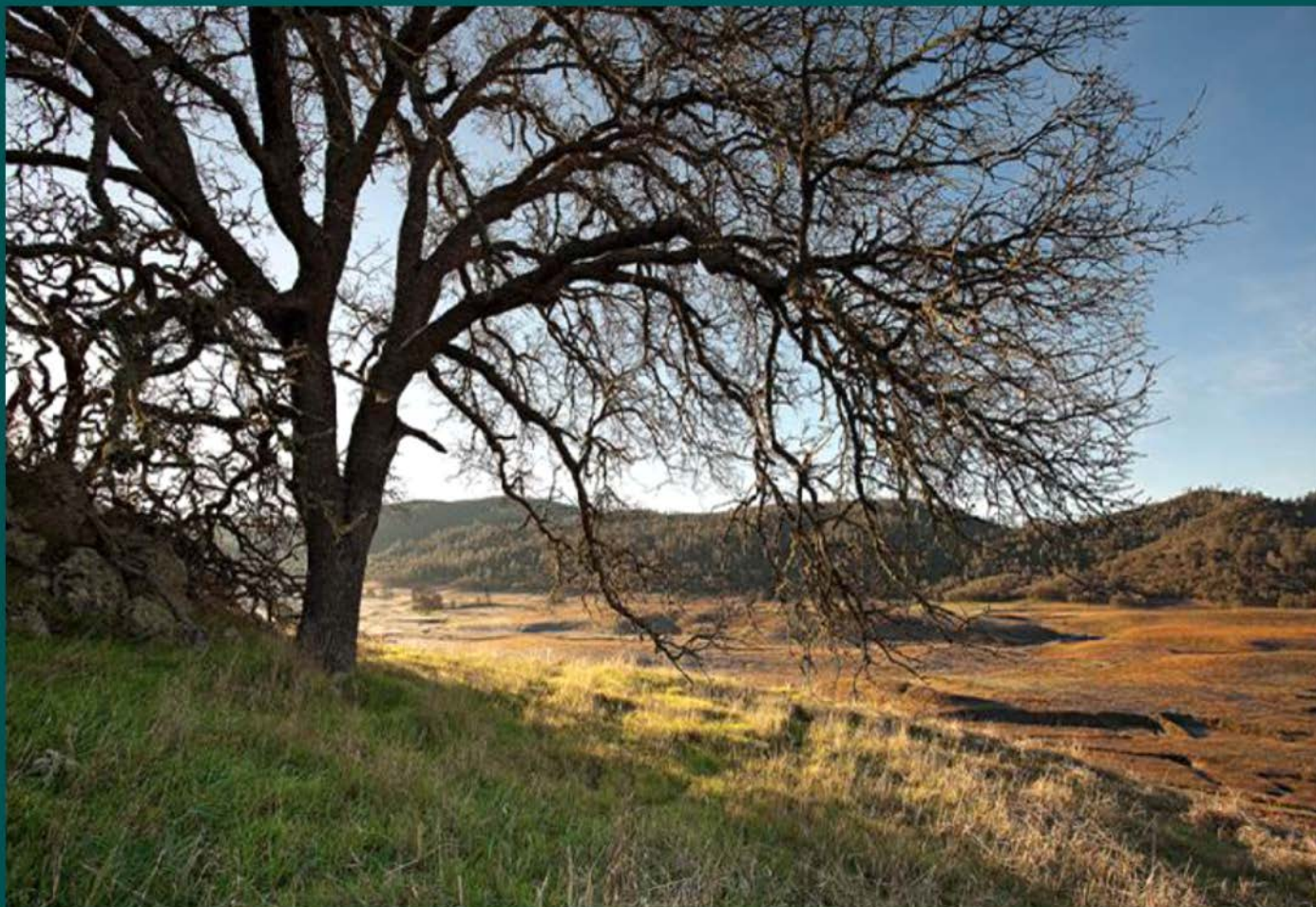
- Refine MW Distribution
  - Address data gaps
- Expand SW/GW Locations
- Frshwtr/Saltwtr Interface
  - MWs for WLs and WQ; south end of Napa Sonoma Valley GW Basin
- Implement DWR BMPs
- NE Napa Study
- Baseline WQ Sampling
- Coordinate with other Monitoring Efforts (cities)
- MST Subarea
  - More properties connect to recycled water pipeline



Plus.....

## Basin Analysis Report

- Recommendations (13 new)



**Thank You**