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To the Reader:

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is pleased to publish this annual Report on Water Conditions, which it has been doing for over two decades.

The primary purpose of the report is to convey the status of ground and surface water resources within the Pass area. The Agency uses the report as a tool to help us determine the extent of recharge needed in local basins each year.

The Agency maintains an extensive database on local water resources. This report affords the Agency the opportunity to make that database easily accessible to the public and other interested parties.

This report complies with and goes beyond the Stipulation for Entry of Judgment, Cherry Valley Environmental Planning Group vs. San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Case No. 249947 (Riverside Superior Court 1996). That judgment requires the Agency to produce such an annual report. According to the Judgment, "These annual reports shall evaluate, by utilizing such reliable information as may be available, the groundwater conditions within [the Agency's] jurisdiction, and shall determine the annual overdraft, if any, of the groundwater basins and amount of water to be scheduled for following year or years replenishment. In preparing the annual reports on water conditions, [the Agency] shall collect, review, and make available to the public, water extraction data within [the Agency's] boundaries from such drilling logs, recordation files, or other sources as may be available..."

This report is available on the Agency's website, [www.sgpwa.com](http://www.sgpwa.com), or from the Agency's office in hard copy for a nominal copying charge. It is also available as a CD, also for a nominal cost.

In reading the report, we hope that you learn more about the Pass's most precious natural resource—water.



Jeff Davis

## 1.0 Background

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is a State Water Contractor and wholesale water agency that provides imported water to retail water purveyors within its service area, which extends from Calimesa on the west to Cabazon on the east. Its service area covers approximately 228 square miles, most of which is in Riverside County but which includes two small areas in San Bernardino County. One of these is unpopulated, adjoining the San Bernardino National Forest, and the other, in Edgar Canyon south of Oak Glen, includes three residences owned by the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District. The service area is depicted on **Figure 1**.

The Agency was created by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Act, passed by the California Legislature in 1961 and signed by Governor Pat Brown on July 12, 1961. The first Board of Directors, appointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, held its initial formal meeting on October 10 of that year. It had previously met briefly on September 22 to elect Ted Silverwood as the first President of the Agency. The area had a population of approximately 21,000 at the time (today it is over 90,000, an increase of over 400%).

The San Gorgonio Pass is an elevated, relatively narrow land mass between the San Bernardino Mountains on the north and the San Jacinto Mountains on the south, connecting the San Bernardino Valley on the west to the Coachella Valley on the east. Both of these valleys are at much lower elevations than the Pass region. The region straddles two large watersheds. The western half of the service area is drained primarily by Little San Gorgonio Creek and Noble Creek, which are tributary to San Timoteo Creek and the Santa Ana River. The eastern half of the service area is drained by the San Gorgonio River, which is tributary to the Whitewater River and is part of the Colorado River Basin. A small portion of the region drains to the San Jacinto River which drains to Lake Elsinore. **Figure 2** depicts the drainage basins and principal streams in the region.

This report, published annually by the Agency in some form for over two decades, is intended to help monitor and make available to the public the quantity and quality of water in local groundwater basins. It is based on the Agency's extensive database as well as data from other sources. It includes data from 2014 as well as historical data, which provide a basis to put the most recent data into historical context.

**Tables 1, 2, and 3** are extraction (production) summaries of groundwater pumping within the Agency's service area, hereinafter referred to as the region. These tables summarize annual production for the past 13 years, and represent the heart of this report. These data were obtained from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (State Board); local sources; or in some cases estimated by the Agency. The Agency does not independently verify the data. The State Board does not require reporting for well owners who extract less than 25 acre feet per year (about eight million gallons). Also, it is possible that some well owners do not file as required. The data in these tables represent the Agency's best estimate of actual pumping,



based on both actual data and production estimates. Most wells are not metered and therefore data from these wells must be estimated by various means.

The report also includes water quality data from the State Water Project's sampling station at Devil Canyon in San Bernardino. Devil Canyon is the closest sampling station to the Agency and is representative of the water that the Agency receives from the State Water Project. The data, summarized in **Table 5**, reflect that the water quality varies from year to year and from month to month. It is primarily a function of water quality conditions in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and of runoff in watersheds tributary to the Delta. That water quality in turn is largely a function of hydrology. In wet years and during wet periods within dry and average years, fresh water from upland rivers drains to the Delta and improves overall water quality.

The water quality constituent of greatest interest to the Agency and other local water agencies is TDS, or total dissolved solids (also known as salinity or salts). Salinity is becoming more heavily regulated by Regional Water Quality Control Boards throughout the State, especially as water agencies around the state implement recycled water systems. In order to maintain reasonable TDS levels in the lower reaches of the Santa Ana watershed (primarily Orange County), the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board must set standards for TDS at relatively low concentrations in the upper reaches of the watershed, where the western portion of the Agency's service area is located. Salinity is less of an issue in the eastern portion of the region, which is part of the Colorado River watershed and is more sparsely populated. This watershed already has among the highest levels of TDS in the State.

Sewage treatment plant effluent from Beaumont, Yucaipa, and Calimesa is discharged into tributaries to the Santa Ana River and is regulated by the Santa Ana Regional Board; effluent from Banning is currently regulated by the Colorado River Regional Board though it is likely that the Santa Ana Regional Board may at some time regulate this discharge or portions thereof. This is due to the fact that the City of Banning has plans for a recycled water system, parts of which will overlie a portion of the Santa Ana watershed.

State legislation passed in 2009 requires more extensive groundwater elevation monitoring in basins throughout the State similar to what the Agency has performed for over a decade. The California Department of Water Resources has set up CASGEM (the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring system). The Agency has been accepted as the regional monitoring entity for the region. This represents a legislative mandate to perform the groundwater level monitoring that the Agency has been performing on its own for many years. The data uploaded by the Agency to the CASGEM system represent a relatively small subset of the Agency's overall groundwater database.

Newer legislation passed in 2014 (the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act or SGMA) requires virtually all groundwater basins in California to be managed sustainably by 2022. This could have a long-term impact on how groundwater basins in the region are managed. A Groundwater Sustainability Plan, or GSP, must be developed for all these basins by 2020.

## 2.0 Water Supply Conditions

There are three principal sources of water within the region—groundwater, which begins as precipitation in the form of rain and snow in the local mountains; imported water from the State Water Project; and recycled wastewater. A fourth source—local runoff of surface water—accounts for a small but important portion of local water resources, primarily in Edgar and Banning Canyons. Even most of this runoff is typically recharged into local groundwater basins where it becomes part of the groundwater supply.

Recycled water is not in use as of the end of 2014; however three retail water agencies, including the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, Yucaipa Valley Water District, and the City of Banning, have plans to implement recycled water systems in the next few years and have begun planning, designing, and constructing the needed infrastructure for these systems. The Yucaipa Valley Water District is close to obtaining a permit to serve desalted recycled wastewater for non-potable uses and is likely to have recycled water available before the other local water purveyors.

### 2.1 Precipitation

Annual precipitation in the Beaumont area since 1888 is shown on **Figure 4**. The long-term mean annual precipitation in Beaumont is approximately 17.4 inches. This figure depicts the variable nature of precipitation. Of the approximately 125 years of records, the precipitation in 50 years has exceeded the average, while 75 years have been relatively dry as compared to the average. The figure shows several periods—1897-1904, 1948-1952, 1960-1965, 1986-1992, 1999-2002, 2005-2009, and 2011-2014—with multiple consecutive dry years. The figure shows that 2007, 2009, 2013, and 2014 were among the driest on record in Beaumont (and in fact in all of Southern California), while 2010 was one of the wettest and 2011 and 2012 were below normal. The figure indicates that, since 1999, there have been only three years that met or exceeded the long-term average rainfall. In fact, since 2005 there has been only one “wet” year. This is dramatic evidence of the current drought that has persisted in California and the West. Officially, 2014 is the third year of a drought, but as can be seen by the data, the fifteen years since 1999 represent a very dry period. Data presented are for Beaumont because the National Weather Service’s official weather station in the region is located in Beaumont.

Precipitation is highly variable, both spatially and temporally. The National Weather Service’s official station is at an elevation of about 2600 feet. It is highly likely that higher elevations receive more precipitation, including snow, and lower elevations receive relatively less precipitation. In addition, storms, particularly summer storms, can be highly concentrated and impact one area, while another area a mile or two away may get little or no rain. Thus, while the long-term average rainfall may be approximately 17.4 inches in one part of the region, it could easily be an inch or two more or less at other locations in the same region. A rain gauge in Cabazon would almost certainly show a lower average precipitation than a similar gauge in Calimesa. These gauges would show that climatic differences are present even within the region.

Groundwater basins are able to naturally capture and store much, but not all, of the precipitation in wet years. During and after a rainfall event, runoff drains to streams where it runs into creeks and rivers. Some of this will recharge the local groundwater basins. During large storm events, much of the runoff will flow downstream. In this case, it will either flow from San Timoteo Creek into the Santa Ana River in Redlands, or it will flow from the San Gorgonio River into the Whitewater River in the Coachella Valley. A small portion of runoff from the region flows to the San Jacinto River in Hemet. Cities and water agencies in the region have begun planning how to capture additional stormwater that currently runs down the Santa Ana River to Prado Dam and eventually to the Pacific Ocean.

Stormwater capture represents a potential new source of water to the region. While additional sources of local water are always good for a region, stormwater capture requires a lot of land, and thus has been found to be too expensive for large-scale development in many areas, particularly where land prices are high. Large areas of land are required in order to construct ponds to settle out the particulate matter that accompanies storm flows. Since large storms are not abundant every year, land acquired for large scale stormwater capture would not be used on a consistent basis, and therefore represents a large investment that does not reap benefits every year. A huge benefit in capturing stormwater is the fact that its salinity is very low, and any stormwater captured would improve the water quality of groundwater basins.

## **2.2 State Water Project**

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Act was signed by Governor Pat Brown in 1961, and the first Board of Directors, appointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, held its initial meeting in September of that year. Within another year, the Agency had signed a contract with the State of California for 15,000 acre feet of water from what at the time was known as the Feather River Project. A year later, the Agency increased its contract amount, or Table A amount, to 17,300 acre feet, an increase of 15%. The Agency's Board of Directors fought hard to get this amount, and made financial sacrifices to do so. The additional water increased the annual amount of debt service owed by the Agency, and the expenditure of these additional funds precluded the ability to begin construction on a pipeline to San Bernardino to take delivery of the water at that time.

The Agency began importing State Water Project water into the region in 2003, when Phase 1 of the East Branch Extension of the California Aqueduct was completed. Since that time, deliveries of State Water Project water within the region increased steadily until the current drought took hold. **Table 4** summarizes these deliveries. This table shows that the Agency delivered nearly 11,000 acre-feet in 2011 and 2012, dropping to less than 10,000 acre-feet in 2013, and just over 5,000 acre-feet in 2014. The 80% allocation of Table A water in 2011 was the highest since 2006, and enabled the Agency to deliver water that not only met local water demands, but that added to local banked groundwater as well. Even though the 35% allocation of water in 2012 was considerably less, the Agency was able to deliver virtually the same amount as in 2011 due to its ability to carry over water from the previous year. This number dropped in 2013 as the Agency had less carryover water to deliver. The 5% allocation in 2014 was one of the lowest on record, and reflects the state of the current drought.

The Table A allocation is a function of hydraulic conditions in the Sacramento/San Joaquin delta as well as northern California hydrology. The average long-term reliability of the State Water Project is approximately 60%. For the Agency, this represents a long-term annual supply of approximately 10,400 acre-feet, nearly 7,000 acre-feet less than its contracted amount. And, this reliability is expected to decrease over time for a number of reasons. This points out the importance of being able to store water in those years when the Table A allocation is greater than 60%. The ability to import and store more water locally in the future is a key to the sustainability of the region and to minimizing the amount of additional supplemental water that must be procured to meet projected water demands.

Currently, the Agency can import a maximum of approximately 11,000 acre feet per year with existing infrastructure. When Phase 2 of the East Branch Extension is completed in 2017, the Agency will be able to import its entire Table A allocation when it is available, plus additional supplies. Completion of this \$250 million project is a high priority for the Agency, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District), and the California Department of Water Resources, the Agency's partners in this project.

Phase 2 of the project (named EBX 2) consists of a pipeline under the Santa Ana River near Highland, a reservoir and pump station in Mentone, and a pipeline from this pump station to the existing Crafton Hills Pump Station in Mentone. The project also includes new pumps in the Crafton Hills Pump Station and the Cherry Valley Pump Station. The new pipeline, which will be 72-inches and 66-inches in diameter, will replace an existing 48-inch diameter line under the Santa Ana River that was constructed in the 1980's. In addition, the Agency and Valley District are constructing improvements to the existing EBX that will make it more reliable and able to deliver water in the event Crafton Hills Reservoir is out of service. These improvements include an expansion of Crafton Hills Reservoir from approximately 90 acre-feet to approximately 135 acre-feet, and a bypass line around the reservoir that can be used to deliver water when the reservoir is out of service for any reason.

The ability to import and store more water in the region will depend on these projects, additional connection capacity to the East Branch Extension, and additional regional recharge and storage capacity. As of 2014, the total turnout capacity of the pipeline is 20 cfs. The current pipeline capacity is 16 cfs. When EBX 2 goes online in 2017, the total pipeline capacity will be 32 cfs, expandable to 64 cfs. However, unless additional infrastructure is constructed to be able to convey this additional water out of the pipeline to new or existing recharge or treatment facilities, the project will not add appreciably to the region's water resources.

The Agency is currently planning such infrastructure. The Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility includes a new connection to the EBX, a new recharge facility, and a short pipeline connecting the two. The Agency is moving forward on this project and plans to have it on-line by 2016, just before EBX 2 is expected to be completed. The facility will enable the region to import additional water in wet years and store it for dry years. This "conjunctive use" of water is an effective water management tool that is used throughout the West, and whose use is increasing.

In addition, the Agency is considering purchasing capacity in the Valley District's proposed Bunker Hill Conjunctive Use Project, which would enable the Agency to store water in the Bunker Hill Basin in San Bernardino and deliver it to retail water agencies such as the Yucaipa Valley Water District and the South Mesa Water Company in dry years.



### 2.3 Wastewater

Three public agencies, plus one Native American tribe, discharge treated wastewater in the region—the cities of Beaumont and Banning, the Yucaipa Valley Water District, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. The annual discharges since 1987 for the three public sewage treatment entities are shown on **Figure 5**. Figures for the Morongo plant are not included. Unlike precipitation and the State Water Project, which are highly variable from year to year, wastewater discharges from the region have consistently increased over time, as the region has developed. They have been relatively constant over the past five years. Wastewater treatment plant discharges are a function of indoor water use, not hydrology or exterior water use. Hence they are considered to be relatively more reliable and stable than imported water or local runoff or stormwater.

Thus, treated wastewater, or recycled water, is an important asset to the region, because it can be a reliable, non-potable water source in the future. All three of the public agencies mentioned above are in various stages of implementing recycled and/or non-potable water systems for irrigation, golf courses, parks, medians, etc., or to recharge it into local groundwater basins. The Yucaipa Valley Water District is expected to begin implementing its recycled water system in 2015.

As mentioned in Section 1.0, salinity is a growing concern in California, and recycled water is high in dissolved solids or salinity. While recycled water is a huge potential benefit to the region, its use as a water supply will require desalting. Desalting is an expensive operation that requires brine disposal, a costly process. The Yucaipa Valley Water District is constructing a desalination plant and brine disposal pipeline. Once this is complete, it will be able to utilize recycled water in lieu of groundwater or imported water for non-potable uses, primarily irrigation and construction water.

The City of Banning is moving towards a recycled water system, and the City of Beaumont, which owns a sewage treatment plant, and the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, which is the water purveyor in the City and surrounding areas, are in talks to distribute the City's treated effluent as part of a recycled water system owned by BCVWD. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District is also discussing construction of a joint pipeline with the Yucaipa Valley District that would enable the two agencies to eventually move recycled water from one area to the other as needed. In the near term, it is anticipated that recycled water would be pumped from the YVWD treatment plant to the Beaumont and Cherry Valley area.

Use of recycled water either for direct non-potable use or for recharge requires a permit from the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. Such permits will be granted only when the Regional Board is convinced that the permit holder will take all required steps to meet its standards for salinity and other constituents based on its current Basin Plan.

### 3.0 Groundwater Conditions

**Figure 3** shows the principal groundwater basins, sometimes referred to as storage units, in the region. The boundaries of these basins are as defined by the United States Geological Survey. It should be noted that these basins are very different from the groundwater basins identified by the California Department of Water Resources in its Bulletin 118. The Beaumont Basin is the largest and most productive of these local basins, and serves a large majority of the population in the region.

The region is characterized by numerous faults, which make for complex geology. The Beaumont Basin is characterized by a number of smaller sub-basins, but can be viewed as one continuous basin, or storage unit, and has been modeled in that manner. East of the Beaumont Basin is the Banning Basin, and east of that is the Cabazon Basin. The Agency is in the process of expanding its model of the Beaumont Basin (developed by the United States Geologic Survey) eastward to include both the Banning and Cabazon basins, or storage units. This work should be completed and peer-reviewed by 2016.

The existing model is a tool that can be used to predict how various recharge scenarios will impact water levels in the Beaumont Basin.

#### 3.1 Groundwater Extractions (Production)

**Table 1** summarizes groundwater production from the eleven basins in the region. **Table 2** summarizes reported production from each individual producer, whether public or private. **Table 3** provides a detailed breakdown of extractions by each reporting producer (including some based in San Bernardino County) for each basin for the thirteen most recent years of available data. Surface diversions from the Whitewater River are not included, as the Agency is not convinced the available data are reliable enough to report. These diversions serve the Banning Bench and parts of the City of Banning.

**Figure 6** illustrates the long-term trend in reported groundwater production in the region since 1947. **Figure 7** summarizes the same data since 1997, about the time significant growth started. Both figures show a distinct increasing trend in groundwater extractions both over the long term and over the past 18 years, though there is variability within that trend, especially over the past eight years. The results of these recent years show a sharp reduction in local extractions from 2008 to 2010, followed by gradual increases over the past four years, in contrast to decades of increases prior to 2008.

**Figure 6** indicates that extractions remained relatively constant from the early 1960's to the mid 1980's. Extractions increased gradually from that point until the mid-1990's, when they started to increase significantly. **Figure 7** shows a significant increase from 1998 to 2006 (from less than 25,000 AF to over 35,000 AF, an increase of over 40%), and a significant decrease since that time, from over 35,000 AF to just under 31,000 AF (a decrease of about 14%).

**Figure 8** illustrates the percentage share for each basin's total extraction within the region in 2014. This is significantly different from the 2013 percentages, and reflects the relatively greater impact of drought on smaller basins. In 2012, the Beaumont Basin represented only 48% of all extractions, compared to 54% in 2013 and 59% in 2014. This increase was primarily at the expense of the Banning Canyon Basin (decreased from 14% to 9%), the Banning Bench Basin (decreased from 6% to 3%), and Edgar Canyon (reduced from 11% to 8%). The Beaumont Basin is the largest basin by far, with over half of all extractions. The Banning Canyon and Edgar Canyon basins are next. The two basins mentioned above are each canyon basins fed by local runoff, and are relatively shallow and small. In dry years, they yield less water, which is reflected in the extraction data. The Banning Canyon Basin is fed largely by runoff from an interbasin transfer, the flows of which have been greatly reduced during the current drought. With smaller, runoff-fed basins yielding less water, purveyors must make up the difference with more water from larger basins. This is reflected in the increased dependence on the Beaumont Basin, with its yield increasing from less than half to nearly 60% of all production in two years.

**Table 1** indicates that total production in the region increased about 1% from 2013 to 2014, from 30,292 to 30,671 acre-feet. Compared to the peak year of 2007, when total production totaled 35,474 acre-feet, this represents a 14% reduction in groundwater production over the past six years, and the fourth slight increase in the past four years (an increase from 28,313 AF in 2010 to 30,671 in 2014, or about 8.3% over those four years).

In the Beaumont Basin, the region's largest, production increased about 11%, from 16,236 to 17,970 acre-feet. This represents a two-year increase of 25%, confirming the dependence of local water agencies on larger basins as the drought progresses. As can be seen from Table 3, most of this increase can be attributed to higher extractions from three retail water purveyors, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District (an increase of nearly 1000 acre-feet), the City of Banning (an increase of about 600 acre-feet), and the Yucaipa Valley Water District (an increase of nearly 200 acre-feet). Overall, this represents a 14% reduction in the Beaumont basin from 2007, but a 25% increase over 2012. Much of this seven-year decrease can be explained by the 2008-2011 recession and the ongoing slow recovery. From 2008 to 2010, some homes were vacant and therefore had no water demand, while other families and businesses presumably cut back on water use to help make ends meet. Very few new homes have been built over the past several years, meaning that use of construction water has also been reduced. The increase in extractions over the past four years is an indication that the recovery is ongoing and picking up steam.

The Cabazon Basin presents an interesting data set. According to the data submitted to the Agency, extractions from this basin decreased by approximately 55% from 2007 to 2012, yet increased by over 80% in 2013 and decreased by 12% in 2014. These numbers lead to a question of whether the data are correct every year, especially in 2012, when the data showed extractions of 654 acre-feet, compared to 900 acre-feet in 2011 and 1226 acre-feet in 2013. In verbal discussions with the General Manager of the Cabazon Water District, there was an indication that these numbers are in fact correct, and reflect a rapidly decreasing demand for a number of years, followed by an increase in demand when the outlet malls expanded and began taking water deliveries from the District. The 12% reduction in production from 2013 to 2014 is not readily explained. While production from Robertson's Ready Mix and the Mission Springs

Water District increased in 2014, the Cabazon Water District reduced its production by about 25%, from 854 AF to 628 AF. The increase in production by Robertson's Ready Mix is likely due to the overall increase in construction from 2013 to 2014.

As noted above, the use of construction water for grading and to control dust, so prevalent in the 2000-2008 period, virtually disappeared for several years, accounting for some of the reduction in water demand. The increased extractions over the past three years are an indication that some of this has likely resumed.

**Table 2** summarizes overall production by owner, regardless of basin. In reviewing the production by the major water agencies and overlayers, the data are relatively consistent, with no excessive increases or decreases. The largest increase in production, percentage wise, is from Robertson's Ready Mix, an increase from 224 to 293 AF, or about 30%. However this represents a small fraction of overall production. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District increased its extractions by 455 acre-feet, an increase of 3.5% (smaller than last year's 5.5% increase). Banning decreased its extractions by 275 acre-feet, a decrease of about 3%. The Morongo Band of Mission Indians, which owns the Tukwet Canyon golf course, increased extractions by about 125 acre-feet, an increase of 6.5%. This is smaller than the 12% increase in 2013. The production is still well below the all-time high of 2593 acre-feet in 2002.

An examination of the groundwater production data demonstrates that economic conditions and annual precipitation and temperature play large roles in determining water demand in any given year. The gradual increase in water production in the region over the past four years can be explained in large measure by a gradually recovering economy, which causes higher water use. Per capita reductions in water use in homes over the previous three years could be explained either by cutbacks due to economic conditions during that time, reduced usage due to higher water rates, or water conservation efforts on the part of local residents. A detailed study would have to be performed to determine the specific impacts of these issues on the reduction in water demand during that three year period.

The reduction in production due to decreased water demand from 2008 to 2010 points out a major issue within the water industry. As water demand falls, water sales revenues fall, making it difficult for public water agencies (and private ones, for that matter) to meet financial obligations. Most of their costs (primarily labor) are fixed and do not decrease when water demand falls. These agencies have to make up for these lost revenues in other ways, either by changing their rate structures, by increasing water rates, by reducing their costs, or by drawing from reserves. Over the past several years, water districts throughout California have gradually begun implementing tiered rate structures, which charge a higher rate for more water use.

As noted above, while overall extractions increased only 1.2% in 2013, extractions from the Beaumont Basin increased nearly 11%. Three large retail water agencies have numerous wells in the Beaumont Basin, and their production increased significantly, as mentioned previously. This is likely explained by two factors. The first is the gradually improving economy. The second, as mentioned previously, is the fact that during droughts, smaller groundwater basins yield less water, thus placing more pressure on larger basins. This is particularly true of Banning Canyon and Edgar Canyon, which depend largely on local runoff. With these sources greatly



reduced in 2014, the City of Banning and the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District pumped more from their wells in the Beaumont Basin, where they had been storing imported water for years. Thus, local hydrologic conditions, while not having a significant impact on overall extractions, did impact which basins were used to meet local water demands.

### **3.2 State of Overdraft**

Overdraft of a groundwater basin refers to the amount of water pumped out in excess of its safe yield. Safe yield is the average annual replenishment of a basin through natural sources such as rainfall, runoff, snowmelt, and underflows from other groundwater basins. Safe yield is difficult to establish and represents only an average. In a given year, natural replenishment of a groundwater basin could be more or less than the average safe yield, depending on local hydrology. As a basin changes, for example through development, or as its management changes, the safe yield can also change.

The Agency has been closely monitoring overdraft of the Beaumont Basin since at least 1988, when the Agency's first engineering investigation of the basin indicated that pumping significantly exceeded the basin's probable safe yield. Studies by the Agency have pointed to an estimated long-term average safe yield of about 5,000 to 6,100 acre feet per year for the Beaumont Basin (Boyle Engineering, 1995; Boyle Engineering, 2002). This is smaller than the safe yield of 8,650 acre feet defined in the Beaumont Basin Stipulated Judgment, a number which represents the sum of overlie water rights. Overlie water rights refer to rights based on historical production for water used on the land.

Thus, current and future pumping from the Beaumont Basin, even if in accordance with the Judgment, could exceed the long-term average safe yield of the basin as identified in Boyle. The Judgment includes a clause enabling a party to challenge the determinations of the Judgment ("seek judicial relief") if that party demonstrates harm from the consequences of the Judgment (if pumping activities of others "constitute an unreasonable interference with the complaining party's ability to extract groundwater").

In order to remedy the possibility of long-term overdraft, the Judgment requires the Beaumont Basin Watermaster to "redetermine" the safe yield of the basin at least once every ten years, beginning ten years after the date of entry of the Judgment (no later than February 2014). If the redetermined safe yield were to be different from the 8,650 acre feet per year identified in the Judgment, it would change the amount of overdraft on an annual basis. Depending on the redetermined safe yield, this could be more or less than the current overdraft.

As of December 2014, the Watermaster had hired a consultant to model the basin and determine a safe yield. The modeling was well underway, and it is anticipated that this will be completed in early 2015. Preliminary model results indicate that the redetermined safe yield may be less than the current 8,650 acre-feet per year; however, this is not confirmed at this time.

According to the Judgment, the basin must be in balance after 2014. That is, the total amount pumped out cannot exceed the average safe yield as identified by the Watermaster unless it is drawn out of storage accounts already in place at that time, or replenished from additional sources, including State Water Project water, recycled water, stormwater, or some other source.

Total production in 2014 from the basin, as reported, was 17,970 acre feet. Therefore, the Beaumont Basin experienced an apparent overdraft of about 11,870 acre feet, assuming an average safe yield of 6,100 acre feet. This was partially offset by importing 5,131 acre-feet of supplemental water. This is the first time in four years that the volume pumped out of the basin significantly exceeded the sum of average natural recharge plus imported water. This is another impact of the drought on local water resources. This “apparent” overdraft was in fact not true overdraft, as the excess production came out of storage accounts. That is, water that was previously purchased from the Agency and added to basin storage through recharge was drawn out of storage, thus not counting against the safe yield.

Selecting 1997 as a base year (the year when significant increases in production began in the region), the cumulative overdraft in the Beaumont Basin since that time (assuming a safe yield of 6,100 acre feet) would be 154,600 acre feet, an average of approximately 9,000 acre feet per year over the past 17 years, without importation of State Water Project water. **Figure 9a** depicts this graphically. Through 2014, the Agency has imported over 67,000 acre-feet of supplemental water. This offsets the cumulative overdraft and reduces it to less than 90,000 acre-feet over the same time period. This is depicted in **Figure 9b**. The difference in these two figures shows the immense impact that the State Water Project has had on the region in the last decade.

Although other local groundwater basins are at similar risk of overdraft, the state of the overdraft of the Beaumont Basin is far more apparent (in part because it has been studied more) and, due to the large population served by the basin, more critical to the region. Since the safe yields of other basins in the region have not yet been defined, it is impossible to determine whether or not they are in overdraft at this time. However, monitoring of water levels in these basins shows that levels are decreasing in at least some of the eleven basins in the region.

The Agency is continuing studies of the Cabazon Basin and at some point in the next few years will likely define an average safe yield for this basin. It is estimated that this is the second largest basin in the region based on storage volume. Other basins will require additional studies over time to better understand their geology and hydrology. It is believed that most of them have storage volumes and safe yields far smaller than the Beaumont and Cabazon basins.

With the advent of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, passed by the Legislature in 2014, management of groundwater basins in California will change significantly. Virtually all basins will be required to be managed sustainably by 2022. This means that a plan must be in place to ensure that each basin is in long-term balance. Each plan must detail a method for implementing this, either through reductions in production or through artificial recharge (recharge of the basin with non-native water, recycled water, or stormwater), or both.

### **3.3 Groundwater Levels**

The Agency monitors water levels in a large monitoring well network. Currently there are approximately 110 wells in the system, each of which is monitored for groundwater elevation twice a year, typically in May and November. The monitoring network is depicted in **Figure 10**.

Between Fall 2013 and Fall 2014, 82 of the wells had water level changes. Of these, 19 wells recorded a water level increase of more than five feet, 4 recorded a decline of more than five feet, and 59 recorded little or no change. Of the 19 wells showing a large increase in water

levels, approximately 10 are in the Beaumont Basin, while two are in the Banning Canyon Basin, one in the Singleton Basin, and the rest in the Cabazon Basin. Several are relatively close downstream of the Beaumont Cherry Valley recharge facility, and are likely influenced by the imported water recharged at that facility. Of the four wells showing declines of more than five feet, two of them are in the Beaumont Basin, one in the South Beaumont, and one in the San Timoteo Basin. These are depicted on **Figure 11**.

As of 2011, the Agency is part of the California State Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) system. This is a formal statewide groundwater monitoring system initiated through 2009 legislation. The Agency is a formal monitoring entity for two basins—the San Timoteo sub-basin and the San Gorgonio sub-basin—which roughly correspond to the Agency's boundaries. The state uses different basin names because it views the statewide geology and hydrology on a larger scale, and aggregates smaller basins into larger ones. What is known in the CASGEM system as the San Timoteo sub-basin is essentially the Beaumont Basin, the Singleton Basin, the South Beaumont Basin, and the San Timoteo Basin, and what CASGEM labels the San Gorgonio sub-basin is essentially the Cabazon Basin, the Banning Bench Basin, the Banning Canyon Basin, the Banning Basin, and the Millard Canyon Basin. While the boundaries are not exact, they are similar. The Agency files water level data for selected wells through the Department of Water Resources into the CASGEM database. These data are available on the CASGEM web site.

**Figures 12 through 17** show time-series groundwater elevations (hydrographs) for selected wells in five different basins within the Agency service area. These same wells have been depicted in this report for the past several years.

The two wells shown in **Figure 12** are Banning production wells in the Banning Basin. Each shows great variability in groundwater elevation from 2002 to 2006. Both of these wells show a long-term trend of lower groundwater levels. However, both appear to be relatively stable over the past few years. The well depicted in **Figure 12a** appears to be holding at a water level between 350 and 400 feet below ground surface. The well in **Figure 12b** is down about 75 feet since 1998, but appears to be stable at approximately 350 feet below ground surface.

The five wells depicted in **Figures 13-15** are in the Beaumont Basin. The wells in **Figures 13b and 15b** are in the same location, approximately 1000 feet east of Beaumont Avenue and 50 feet south of Cherry Valley Boulevard in Cherry Valley. This location is likely influenced by the past recharge at Little San Gorgonio Creek, and possibly by the recharge at Noble Creek. The upturn in water levels over the past six years indicate that this is quite likely the case. The well in **Figure 13a** is on the Oak Valley Golf Course. After a steady drop over at least a decade, the water surface appears to be stabilizing over the past two years. This may be due to reduced production from Oak Valley Partners and/or Oak Valley Management, as indicated in **Table 2**. The wells in **Figures 14 and 15a** are on Calimesa Boulevard near the western edge of the Beaumont Basin. These wells show continually falling water levels over the past decade. That portion of the Beaumont Basin would appear to not be influenced as yet by the ongoing recharge efforts and reduced production. While it is clear that ongoing recharge and reduced extractions have had an impact on at least some of the wells in the Beaumont Basin, water levels at other wells are still falling.

The two wells in **Figure 16** are both in the Cabazon Basin. They are both production wells—one for the Mission Springs Water District and the other for the Cabazon Water District. Both show severe drops in water surface elevation over the past 15 years. The well in **Figure 16a** shows a drop of nearly 30 feet over the past ten years. However there does appear to be some stabilizing of the water level recently. It remains to be seen if this will become a trend. The well in **Figure 16b** is changed from previous reports. Previously this report depicted the Cabazon Water District's Well Number 1. However, this well has become difficult if not impossible to monitor; thus it is replaced with Well Number 2. This well shows a drop of approximately 15 feet over the past five years, though the most recent data might indicate some moderation of this drop, or perhaps even a stabilizing of the water level. These data, along with previous data from the Cabazon Water District Well Number 1, would seem to indicate that, even though the wells are several miles away from each other, that water levels in the Cabazon Basin are dropping and have been for a number of years. This is somewhat surprising, given the decline in extractions from this basin over the past several years. This could mean that inflows to the basin have also declined over the same period of time. It could mean that any impact of reduced extractions just requires a longer period of time before the impact is seen in wells. It certainly means that there are other factors at work in this basin that impact water surface elevations that are beyond the scope of this report. This is one reason that the Agency has worked with the United States Geological Survey to extend its model of the Beaumont Basin to the Cabazon Basin. The Agency wishes to learn more about the Cabazon Basin and how it reacts to various hydrologic events. The basin is an important regional resource as a storage reservoir and the Agency is trying to better understand the detailed workings of the basin.

The wells depicted in **Figure 17** are in the Calimesa and Banning Canyon Basins. The data in **Figure 17b** show clearly that the Banning Canyon Basin is a shallow basin, and that water levels fluctuate more in such basins. The year 2006 was a wet one locally, and the figure shows that groundwater levels in the basin came up nearly 15 feet that year. The next three years, on the other hand, were dry ones, and the water level dropped nearly seven feet in that time. The data for the well in the Calimesa Basin show that groundwater levels increased in 2006 and have remained relatively constant since. This could have to do with the Yucaipa Valley Water District's filtration plant, which came online in 2006. This event reduced extractions from the Calimesa Basin and most likely contributed to the stabilization of the water level.

These figures represent only a small portion of all groundwater elevation data available in the region. These data indicate that, in general, groundwater elevations continue to decline except in certain areas where recharge of imported water or the switch to surface water is apparently stabilizing or even raising the water levels. Reductions in extractions over the past six years have in many cases slowed the rate of decline. It remains to be seen if the gradual increase in extractions over the past four years will contribute to a long-term trend in downward water levels.

The implications of lower water levels are great. As water levels decline throughout the local basins, every well will have to pump water from a lower elevation, thus increasing power costs for well owners and rate payers. Some overliers' wells may be quite shallow, and as water levels decline further some of these wells may be in danger of going dry. This would necessitate a



large expense to the overlier—either a new well, a deeper well, or connection to one of the water purveyors' systems.

In general, continually decreasing water levels can also lead to land subsidence (sinking) and the drying up of traditional wetlands or streambeds. In the region, most of these wet areas dried up many years ago. The Beaumont Basin Watermaster is charged with monitoring land elevations to determine if subsidence is taking place in the Beaumont Basin. As of this time, the Watermaster has not reported any appreciable land subsidence over the basin.

## 4.0 Water Quality

### 4.1 State Water Project

The Agency takes delivery of its State Water Project water at the Devil Canyon hydroelectric facility in San Bernardino and conveys it through the East Branch Extension to various delivery points. Water quality is a very important component of the Agency's supplemental water supply program.

**Table 5** shows six common constituents and their measured concentrations from the SWP system at Devil Canyon over the past four years. TDS, or total dissolved solids, is perhaps the most significant constituent in this table. It represents salinity, which is becoming more important to water agencies in California. Over the past four years it can be seen that TDS has mostly been below 300 parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l). In 2014, the third consecutive year of drought, a number of readings above 300 appear; this is to be expected in dry years. Many readings from 2011 through 2013 are in the 240-250 ppm range, and there are a number of readings in the 220 range and below. In 2011, which was a relatively wet year in northern California, TDS readings were very low after January. This is significant because the ambient salinity concentration of the Beaumont Basin is approximately 280 ppm, so the great majority of the time, SWP water reduces the overall concentration of salinity in the Beaumont basin.

**Figure 18** shows the monthly average salinity concentration at Devil Canyon since 2004, while **Figure 19** shows the annual average since 1990. **Table 5** and **Figure 18** clearly show an outlier salinity concentration that is likely the result of an incorrect reading or analysis. The annual average shown in **Figure 19** is useful because it indicates clearly that salinity is higher in dry years and lower in wet years. The two highest years, 1991 and 1992, were very dry and the last two years of a five year drought in California. The years 1996, 1997, 1998, 2006, and 2011 were all very wet years (in the case of 2011, it was a wet year in northern California, where State Water Project water originates). Salinity in 2010 is significantly lower than the previous three years, which represented a three year drought in California. This inverse correlation between salinity and rainfall comes about because State Water Project passes through the Sacramento/San Joaquin delta. In dry years, there is less fresh water available to flush out the system by pushing relatively more saline water to the ocean, so the fresh water/salt water interface is higher in the delta and hence salinity of SWP water is higher.

These figures also point out why it is advantageous to take more water in wet years when it is available—the water has a lower salinity in those years. In the long term, water quality (from a salinity standpoint) is helped by hydrology, as more water is typically delivered in wet years when salinity is lower, and less water is delivered in dry years when salinity is higher.

### 4.2 Groundwater

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's Basin Plan has a maximum benefit goal of 330 ppm of salinity for the Beaumont Management Zone, which includes the Beaumont

Basin. The current ambient salinity concentration in the Beaumont basin is approximately 280 ppm. The Basin Plan requires local entities to begin planning desalters when the ambient TDS concentration increases to 320 ppm or if other conditions are met. These desalters must be online within seven years after that time.

Groundwater quality in the region is very high. There is no known historical industrial or mining activity in the region that has generated harmful plumes of pollutants. In addition to salinity or TDS, nitrate is the only other constituent that needs to be monitored closely. This too is regulated by the Regional Board, but nitrate concentrations are currently well within the maximum benefit standards. Over the past few years there have been isolated incidents of high nitrates at individual wells for short periods of time, typically after a large rainstorm that causes flushing of the system. However these have not proven to be a health hazard.

Nitrates in ambient groundwater do not necessarily translate to a danger in drinking water. Nitrates in drinking water are regulated by the California Department of Public Health, not the Regional Board. Nitrates in groundwater can effectively be managed if needed through dilution. If nitrates were to become a persistent problem in a particular location, the local purveyor may consider installing wellhead treatment for nitrates. Such treatment is costly. However, there is no evidence that such treatment is needed in the region in the near future.

It should be noted that salinity in drinking water is regulated by a secondary water quality standard, while nitrate is regulated under a primary standard. Primary standards are for constituents that can directly impact human health. Secondary standards are for constituents that do not directly impact human health, but that may have aesthetic issues. Salinity is not harmful to human health and safety directly, while nitrate can be harmful at high concentrations, particularly to infants.

In 2013, the California Department of Public Health changed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for chromium 6 in drinking water, lowering the standard. Because of this change in the standard, several wells in the region suddenly became unusable, as they produced water with chrome 6 that met the previous MCL, but not the new one. Chrome 6 is a naturally occurring contaminant that is present at some level in many areas of California, including the San Geronio Pass. Because of the more stringent standard, some wells owned by the City of Banning and the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District were temporarily taken out of service, pending implementation of a fix to the problem. This water quality issue has had an impact on water supplies in the region, as those wells are now not able to produce potable water for those two purveyors.

#### **4.3 Emerging Contaminants**

There is a relatively new class of chemical constituents that has recently been found in the environment and in drinking water known as emerging contaminants. These are primarily pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCP's) that pass through human or animal bodies or get flushed and end up in sewage or septic flows. They have become known because of the technological ability to measure concentrations at increasingly small concentrations (parts per billion or even parts per trillion). Because of their presence in the environment, the Santa Ana

Regional Water Quality Control Board has required that dischargers (those entities that own and operate sewage treatment plants) monitor for these constituents on an annual basis.

There is no evidence that these constituents are harmful to humans in their current concentrations in the environment. Some groups have claimed that these products could harm animals in the environment and thus have called for their regulation. At this point in time they are not regulated. Water agencies in the watershed are developing a database so that the number and concentrations of these constituents can be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Emerging contaminants are mentioned in this report not because they have any immediate impact on water quality in the region, or even that they are expected to have an impact in the near future. They are included because they are mentioned increasingly in the literature and by regulators as a growing issue for the water industry to be aware of.

## 5.0 SUMMARY

Reported groundwater extractions within the region increased slightly for the fourth consecutive year after having decreased for three consecutive years. Total extractions in 2014 were still approximately 15% below levels for 2007, the peak historical year for extractions in the region. This is likely due to the lengthy downturn in the economy, some wetter winters, and a new surface water filtration plant in the region.

Local retail water purveyors continue to make progress in implementing recycled water systems. These systems are complex and expensive to complete, and funding and water quality (salinity) are key issues that require attention. Implementation of these systems over the next few years should reduce groundwater extractions significantly. Such reductions could begin as soon as 2015, when the Yucaipa Valley Water District is scheduled to permit a major facility that will treat and export salinity from the region. The Regional Water Quality Control Board has adopted a Basin Plan Amendment which will have an impact on the proposed recycled systems by changing water quality rules.

Another factor that should lead to reduced withdrawals is the ten year anniversary of the Beaumont Basin Judgment in February 2014. This will end the ten year “temporary surplus” in the basin and require appropriators to replace any water withdrawn that exceeds their share of the basin safe yield as identified in the Judgment. The end of this ten year period will bring about a reduction of 16,000 acre-feet per year in water supply for the region. This will also trigger a re-evaluation of the basin safe yield, which the Watermaster is required to do under the terms of the Judgment.

Based on data in this report, there is evidence that groundwater levels have increased slightly in portions of the region over the past two to three years. In other areas, the rate of groundwater decline has slowed. At the same time, groundwater levels continue to drop in some areas within the region. Future reports will determine the significance of these data. Lower groundwater levels in shallow basins in dry years is not a long-term concern; however, continued falling groundwater levels in larger, deeper basins would be cause for concern.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Brown in 2014, will require virtually all groundwater basins in California to be managed sustainably by 2022. Groundwater overdraft, and thus declining groundwater levels, will not be allowed after that time.

Over the past six to eight years, retail water agencies in the region have done a very good job of managing local water resources. The Yucaipa Valley Water District has built a surface water treatment plant in order to reduce its groundwater withdrawals, and is also constructing a desalter and brine line to facilitate use of recycled water for nonpotable uses. The Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District has constructed a recharge facility in the Beaumont Basin and has purchased a large quantity of replenishment water from the Agency. The City of Banning has begun purchasing water for replenishment as well, and is working with Southern California

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During this same time period, the Agency has increased its imported water deliveries to such an extent that, in three of the past four years, more water was put into the Beaumont Basin than withdrawn from it. A three-year string was broken in 2014 due to the fact that less water was available from the State Water Project. Since the completion of Phase I of the East Branch Extension in 2003, the Agency has increased its deliveries to the region every year, with the exception of 2005, 2013, and 2014 (the latter two being dry years). Overall, the Agency has delivered approximately 67,000 acre feet of State Water Project water over the past eleven years, either for replenishment, overdraft mitigation, or direct deliveries.

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Based on data in this report and observation of ongoing events, it is apparent that the recession is slowly coming to an end, and construction of new homes in the region will begin within the next 1-2 years, thereby increasing water demands. The Agency and retail water purveyors will need to work together to continue to meet the increasing water demands of the region.

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**Totals by Basin**  
**Non-Verified Production Data**  
*(in acre feet)*

Basin	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Banning	1,103	2,381	1,180	1,485	1,787	2,512	1,999	2,787	1,782	1,845	1,715	1,759	2,180
Banning Bench	807	952	1,319	2,332	2,987	2,199	1,299	1,415	1,561	1,395	1,719	1,776	1,076
Banning Canyon	3,024	2,582	3,329	3,649	3,464	2,662	3,237	2,771	3,941	3,820	4,091	3,216	2,636
Beaumont	19,149	19,356	17,478	13,390	17,140	19,032	17,264	14,643	13,158	13,600	14,302	16,236	17,970
Cabazon	1,749	1,208	1,604	1,379	1,314	1,466	1,412	1,258	1,054	900	654	1,226	1,076
Calimesa (2)	1,557	1,725	1,535	1,575	1,445	1,532	1,133	1,315	1,114	993	1,169	950	853
Edgar Canyon (1)	3,039	2,549	2,759	2,766	3,872	3,085	3,140	2,784	3,100	3,467	3,313	2,813	2,502
Millard Canyon (3)	1,366	675	823	595	707	842	757	750	750	750	750	850	850
San Timoteo	1,465	1,392	1,469	2,132	1,904	1,384	1,533	1,367	1,329	1,297	1,312	1,062	982
Singleton	535	345	483	636	645	666	471	382	405	412	448	312	443
South Beaumont	92	95	92	85	83	94	79	97	119	115	102	92	103
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>33,260</b>	<b>32,071</b>	<b>30,024</b>	<b>35,348</b>	<b>35,474</b>	<b>32,324</b>	<b>29,569</b>	<b>28,313</b>	<b>28,594</b>	<b>29,575</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>30,671</b>

**Notes:**

Amounts shown are rounded to nearest acre-foot

Amounts as reported to the SWRCB Division of Water Rights, made available by a purveyor, reported by Beaumont Basin Watermaster or estimated by SGPWA

Data revised to agree with basin boundaries as defined in USGS 2004 report

(1) Includes wells located in Upper Edgar Canyon in San Bernardino County

(2) Includes wells located in Riverside and San Bernardino County

(3) Estimate only

**Table 1: Groundwater Production in San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency by Basin (2002 through 2014 as reported)**



**San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency**  
**Totals by Owner**  
**Non-Verified Production Data**  
*(in acre feet)*

Owner	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Albor Properties III, LP	164	163	163	165	170	175	200	193	174	177	4	51	7
Banning Heights Mutual Water Co.	275	207	32	73	21	22	31	4	17	13	45	69	78
Banning, City of (1)	9,526	10,053	8934	9082	10,162	10,223	9,583	8,996	8,415	8,454	8,576	8,743	8,468
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (1)	8,762	9,205	8606	7070	11,748	13,031	12,744	10,849	10,975	11,698	12,153	12,829	13,284
Beckman, Dave					116	83	13						
Brinton, Barbara	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cabazon Water District	1,580	1,035	1,261	1,069	966	923	875	905	710	509	269	854	628
Dowling, Frances M. Jr.	92	95	92	85	83	94	79	72	96	92	79	69	80
El Casco LLC c/o Riv. Land Conserv(4)	160	160	160	160	165	165	165	165	165	160	165	10	10
Hudson, Merton Lonnie	465	430	430	430	435	445	435	430	430	410	485	521	540
Illy, Katharina	267	267	267	267	267	265	265	265	270	270	270	270	270
Lane, Christie		7	7	1									
Los Rios Inc .	242	226	194	343	343	470	435	386	493	528	505	409	504
Merlin Properties, LLC	530	520	500	500	100	100	150	175	100	150	200	5	5
Mission Spring Water District	165	169	157	171	190	206	164	162	144	150	146	148	155
Morongo Band of Mission Indians (3) (6)	2,593	2,057	2,191	1,822	2,530	2,326	1,890	1,908	1,541	1,634	1,736	1,949	2,076
Oak Valley Management	925	950	852	991	965	742	781	753	546	573	821	597	625
Oak Valley Partners	383	453	430	350	312	312	311	311	311	12	12		24
Perisits, Jack	40	40	40	40									
Plantation on the Lake (2)	280	32	32	40	47	46	47	49	43	46	48	50	50
Rancho Calimesa Mobile Home Ranch	206	202	202	60	61	61	40	40	42	42	24	24	16
Riverside County Parks Department										50	50	50	50
Robertson's Ready Mix	4	4	186	139	158	337	373	191	200	241	239	224	293
Roman Catholic Bishop	140	140	140	70	70	70							
Sharondale Mesa Owners Association	185	182	158	181	189	183	196	154	131	133	145	147	130
Shiloh's Hill LLC	107	11	121	160	146	150	61	172	200	229	193		
South Mesa Water Co.	2,745	2,645	2,679	2,551	2,711	2,839	2,681	2,514	2,222	2,224	2,376	1,889	1,918
Summit Cemetery District	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	90	88	88	88	88	88
Sun Cal Companies	47	49	89	839	555								
Sunny-Cal Egg & Poultry, Inc.	1,475	1,475	1,477	1,153	50	50	50	50	25	28	28		1
Wildlands Conservancy, The	460	317	462	283	301	9	21	40	16	8	7	20	17
Yucaipa Valley Water District	1,993	2,091	2,134	1,854	2,422	2,072	659	685	949	665	901	1,266	1,344
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>33,260</b>	<b>32,071</b>	<b>30,024</b>	<b>35,348</b>	<b>35,474</b>	<b>32,324</b>	<b>29,569</b>	<b>28,313</b>	<b>28,594</b>	<b>29,575</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>30,671</b>

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**Totals by Owner by Basin**  
**Non-Verified Production Data**  
*(in acre feet)*

Owner	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>BANNING BASIN</b>													
Banning, City of	1,103	2,381	1,180	1,485	1,787	2,512	1,999	2,787	1,782	1,845	1,715	1,759	2,180
<b>TOTALS FOR BANNING BASIN</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>2,180</b>
<b>BANNING BENCH BASIN</b>													
Banning, City of	732	877	1,244	2,257	2,922	2,124	1,224	1,340	1,486	1,320	1,644	1,701	1,001
Brinton, Barbara	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Summit Cemetery District	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
<b>TOTALS FOR BANNING BENCH BASIN</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>1,076</b>
<b>BANNING CANYON BASIN</b>													
Banning Heights Mutual Water Co.	275	207	32	73	21	22	31	4	17	13	45	69	78
Banning, City of	2,749	2,368	3,290	3,575	3,443	2,640	3,206	2,767	3,924	3,807	4,046	3,147	2,558
Lane, Christie	0	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>TOTALS FOR BANNING CANYON BASIN</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>3,329</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>3,941</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>3,216</b>	<b>2,636</b>
<b>BEAUMONT BASIN</b>													
Albor Properties III, LP	164	163	163	165	170	175	200	193	174	177	4	51	7
Banning, City of (1)	4,942	4,427	3,220	1,765	2,010	2,947	3,154	1,623	1,223	1,482	1,171	2,136	2,729
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (1)	7,088	7,692	7,103	5,607	9,200	11,096	10,617	9,643	9,100	9,539	10,163	11,096	11,959
Dave Beckman					116	83	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merlin Properties, LLC	530	520	500	500	100	100	150	175	100	150	200	5	5
Morongo Band of Mission Indians (2)	1,227	1,382	1,368	1,227	1,823	1,484	1,133	1,158	791	884	986	1,099	1,226
Oak Valley Management, LLC	925	950	852	991	965	742	781	753	546	573	821	597	625
Oak Valley Partners	383	453	430	350	312	312	311	311	311	12	12	0	24
Plantation on the Lake	280	32	32	40	47	46	47	49	43	46	48	50	50
Rancho Calimesa Mobile Home Ranch	206	202	202	60	61	61	40	40	42	42	24	24	16
Roman Catholic Bishop	140	140	140	70	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharondale Mesa Owners Association	185	182	158	181	189	183	196	154	131	133	145	147	130
Sunny-Cal Egg & Poultry, Inc.	1,475	1,475	1,477	1,153	50	50	50	50	25	28	28	0	1
Yucaipa Valley Water District	1,604	1,738	1,833	1,281	2,027	1,683	572	494	672	534	700	1,031	1,198
<b>TOTALS FOR BEAUMONT BASIN</b>	<b>19,149</b>	<b>19,356</b>	<b>17,478</b>	<b>13,390</b>	<b>17,140</b>	<b>19,032</b>	<b>17,264</b>	<b>14,643</b>	<b>13,158</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>14,302</b>	<b>16,236</b>	<b>17,970</b>
<b>CABAZON BASIN</b>													
Cabazon Water District	1,580	1,035	1,261	1,069	966	923	875	905	710	509	269	854	628
Mission Springs Water District	165	169	157	171	190	206	164	162	144	150	146	148	155
Robertson's Ready Mix	4	4	186	139	158	337	373	191	200	241	239	224	293
<b>TOTALS FOR CABAZON BASIN</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>1,076</b>

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**San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency**  
**Totals by Owner by Basin**  
**Non-Verified Production Data**  
*(in acre feet)*

Owner	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>CALIMESA BASIN</b>													
Illy, Katharina	267	267	267	267	267	265	265	265	270	270	270	270	270
Perisits, Jack	40	40	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Mesa Water Co.	952	1,117	976	782	882	954	842	930	653	675	781	525	503
Yucaipa Valley Water District	298	301	252	486	296	313	26	120	191	48	118	155	80
<b>TOTALS FOR CALIMESA BASIN</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>853</b>
<b>EDGAR CANYON BASIN</b>													
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	1,674	1,513	1,503	1,463	2,548	1,935	2,127	1,685	1,875	2,159	1,990	1,733	1,325
Hudson, Merton Lonnie	465	430	430	430	435	445	435	430	430	410	485	521	540
Los Rios Inc	242	226	194	343	343	470	435	386	493	528	505	409	504
Riverside County Parks Department										50	50	50	50
Shiloh's Hill LLC	107	11	121	160	146	150	61	172	200	229	193	0	0
Wildlands Conservancy, The	460	317	462	283	301	9	21	40	16	8	7	20	17
Yucaipa Valley Water District	91	52	49	87	99	76	61	71	86	83	83	80	66
<b>TOTALS FOR EDGAR CANYON BASIN</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>3,085</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>2,502</b>
<b>MILLARD CANYON BASIN</b>													
Morongo Band of Mission Indians (3) (4)	1,366	675	823	595	707	842	757	750	750	750	750	850	850
<b>TOTALS FOR MILLARD CANYON BASIN</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>850</b>
<b>SAN TIMOTEO BASIN</b>													
El Casco LLC c/o Riv Land Conserv	160	160	160	160	165	165	165	165	165	160	165	10	10
Morongo Band of Mission Indians (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Mesa Water Co.	1,258	1,183	1,220	1,133	1,184	1,219	1,368	1,202	1,164	1,137	1,147	1,052	972
SunCal Companies	47	49	89	839	555	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS FOR SAN TIMOTEO BASIN</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>982</b>
<b>SINGLETON BASIN</b>													
South Mesa Water Co.	535	345	483	636	645	666	471	382	405	412	448	312	443
<b>TOTALS FOR SINGLETON BASIN</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>443</b>
<b>SOUTH BEAUMONT BASIN</b>													
Dowling, Frances M. Jr.	92	95	92	85	83	94	79	72	96	92	79	69	80
Summit Cemetery District								25	23	23	23	23	23
<b>TOTALS FOR SOUTH BEAUMONT BASIN</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>TOTALS FOR ALL BASINS</b>	<b>33,726</b>	<b>33,100</b>	<b>31,911</b>	<b>29,864</b>	<b>35,183</b>	<b>35,309</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>28,148</b>	<b>28,434</b>	<b>29,410</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>30,671</b>

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State Water Project Deliveries to  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Service Area

Calendar Year	Amount in Acre-Feet	Allocation
2003 (1)	116	90%
2004	814	65%
2005	687	90%
2006 (2)	4420	100%
2007 (2)	4815	60%
2008 (2)	4905	35%
2009 (2)	6609	40%
2010 (2)	8403	50%
2011 (2)	10,730	80%
2012 (2)	10,974	65%
2013 (2)	9,695	35%
2014 (2)	5,131	5%
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>67,299</i></b>	

(1) Start Up / Partial Year

(2) Includes deliveries to Yucaipa Valley Water District

Deliveries to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District began in September 2006  
Source: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Operations Manager

Table 4: State Water Project Deliveries to  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Service Area

## WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS AT DEVIL CANYON AFTERBAY

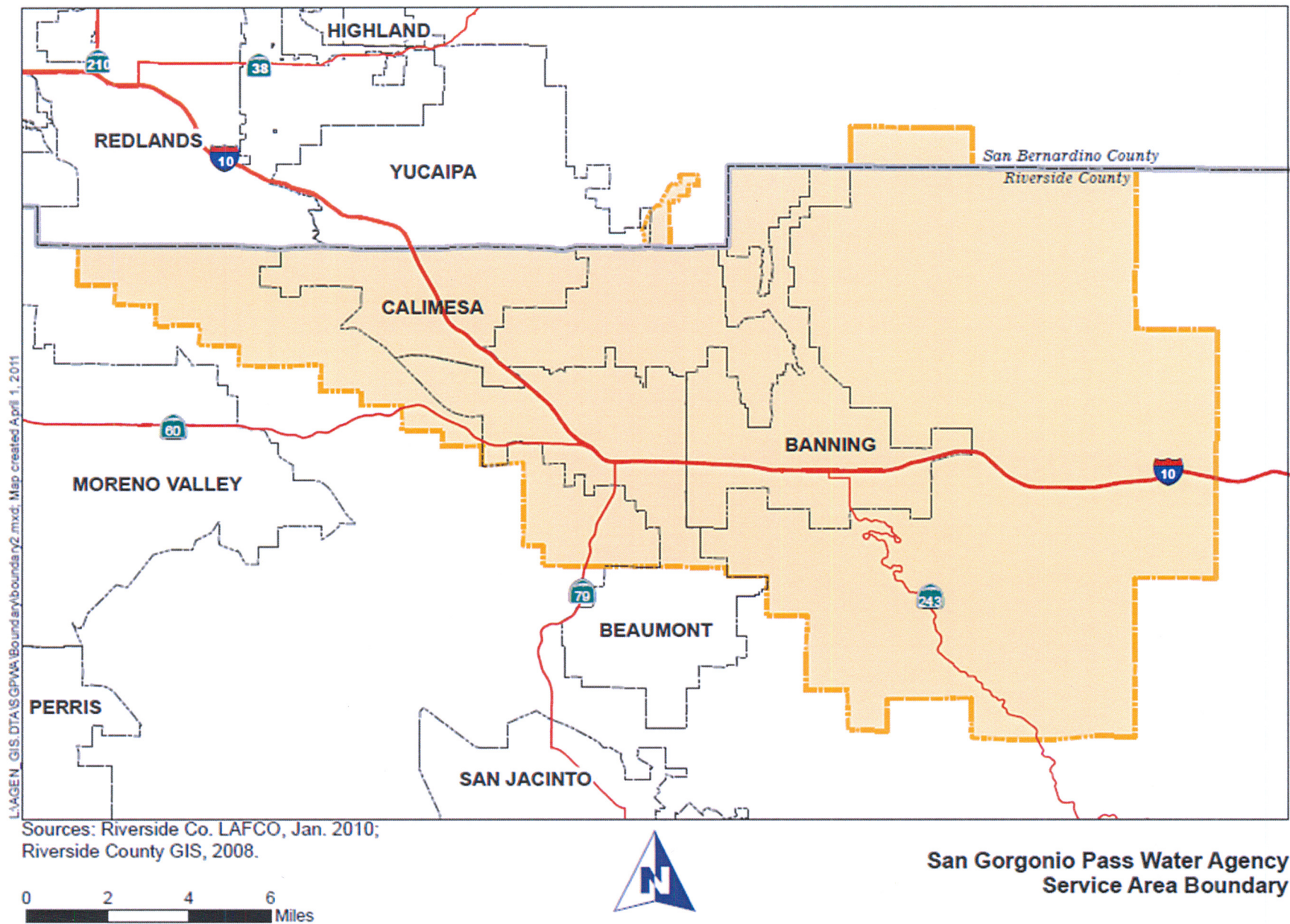
DATE	Chloride mg/L	Nitrate+Nitrite mg/L	Sodium mg/L	Sulfate mg/L	TDS mg/L	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
Jan-11	64	0.61	44	26	276	2
Feb-11	35	0.41	29	27	168	4
Mar-11	32	0.49	27	29	165	16
Apr-11	34	0.40	30	35	168	5
May-11	19	0.21	18	19	113	4
Jun-11	30	0.19	25	20	139	2
Jul-11	24	0.36	20	19	122	4
Aug-11	30	0.33	27	20	140	2
Sep-11	30	0.24	25	19	148	1
Oct-11	24	0.24	20	17	125	2
Nov-11	20	0.35	21	15	130	1
Dec-11	34	0.41	30	25	166	2
Jan-12	NR	0.53	34	NR	179	1
Feb-12	73	0.55	52	35	266	1
Mar-12	84	0.48	59	39	278	<1
Apr-12	71	0.61	57	41	274	<1
May-12	69	0.51	55	49	286	<1
Jun-12	63	0.55	51	41	254	2
Jul-12	59.5	0.31	47	37	244	<1
Aug-12	52	0.23	41	27	202	<1
Sep-12	59	0.08	43	20	200	<1
Oct-12	99	0.09	64	24	282	2
Nov-12	103	0.27	65	27	305	1
Dec-12	91	0.41	60	29	281	1
Jan-13	86	0.54	60	32	278	<1
Feb-13	78	0.98	55	46	290	1
Mar-13	74	1.04	64	53	301	<1
Apr-13	70	0.88	59	55	297	<1
May-13	66	0.66	56	53	282	2
Jun-13	75	0.35	57	54	278	<1
Jul-13	73	0.05	58	48	289	3
Aug-13	64	0.15	54	38	253	1
Sep-13	76	0.05	57	31	262	4
Oct-13	96	0.08	66	32	299	2
Nov-13	101	0.30	68	38	302	5
Dec-13	96	0.52	70	42	322	<1
Jan-14	91	0.60	68	47	296	1
Feb-14	88	0.48	71	50	317	< R.L.
Mar-14	85	0.64	68	50	316	< R.L.
Apr-14	84	0.64	71	53	312	2
May-14	77	0.43	69	55	298	1
Jun-14	72	0.51	68	58	292	< R.L.
Jul-14	66	0.46	67	63	1184	3
Aug-14	77	0.24	67	67	323	2
Sep-14	84	0.32	68	67	331	1
Oct-14	86	0.32	71	68	336	2
Nov-14	87	0.41	83	72	344	2
Dec-14	85	0.45	77	71	329	1

mg/L: milligrams per liter

Source: SWP/DWR Water Quality Data Reports

NR: Not Reported

Table 5: Water Quality Analysis at Devil Canyon Afterbay near San Bernardino  
(Selected Constituents)



Albert A. **WEBB** Associates

Figure 1: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency



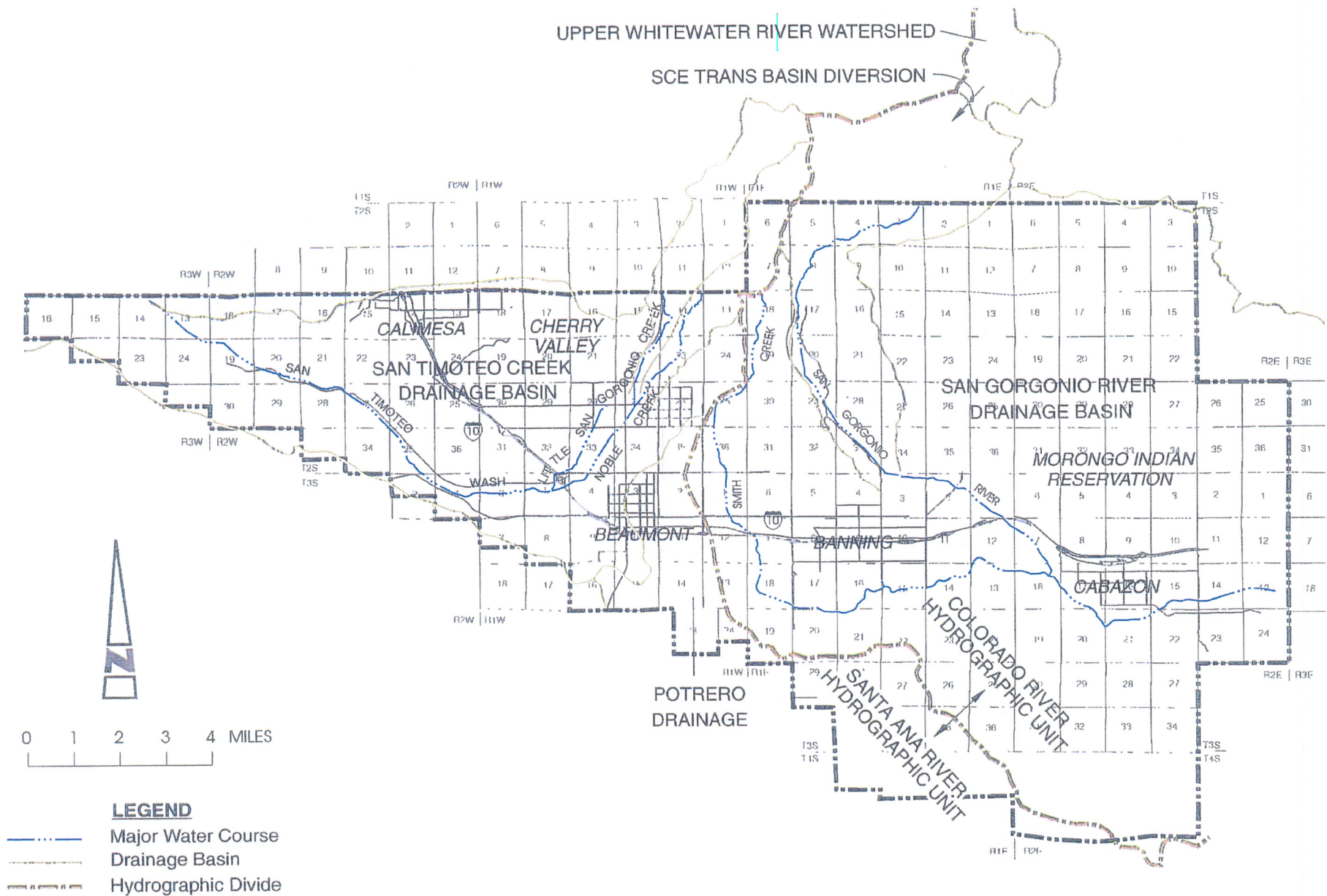


Figure 2: Drainage Basins and Principal Streams

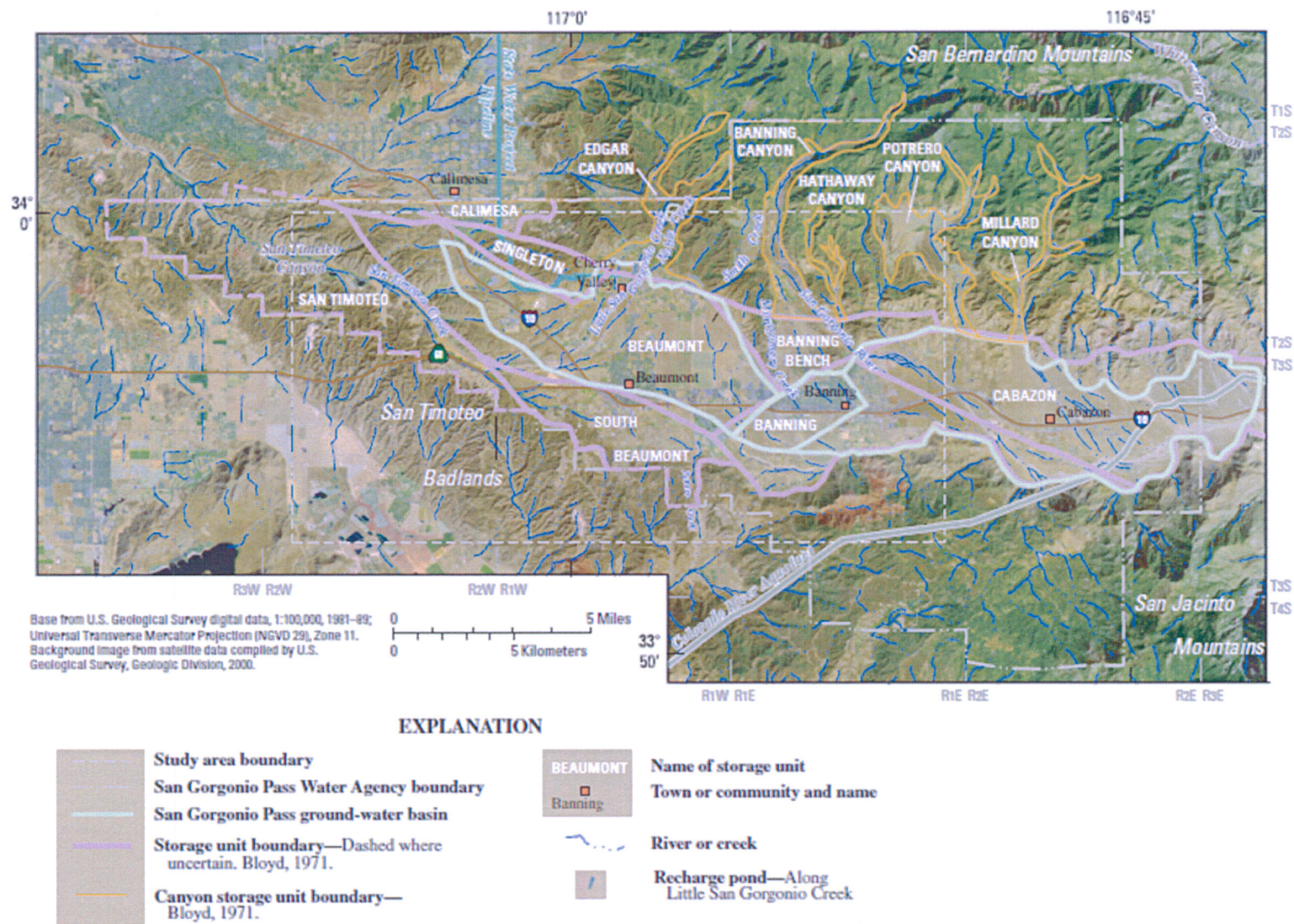
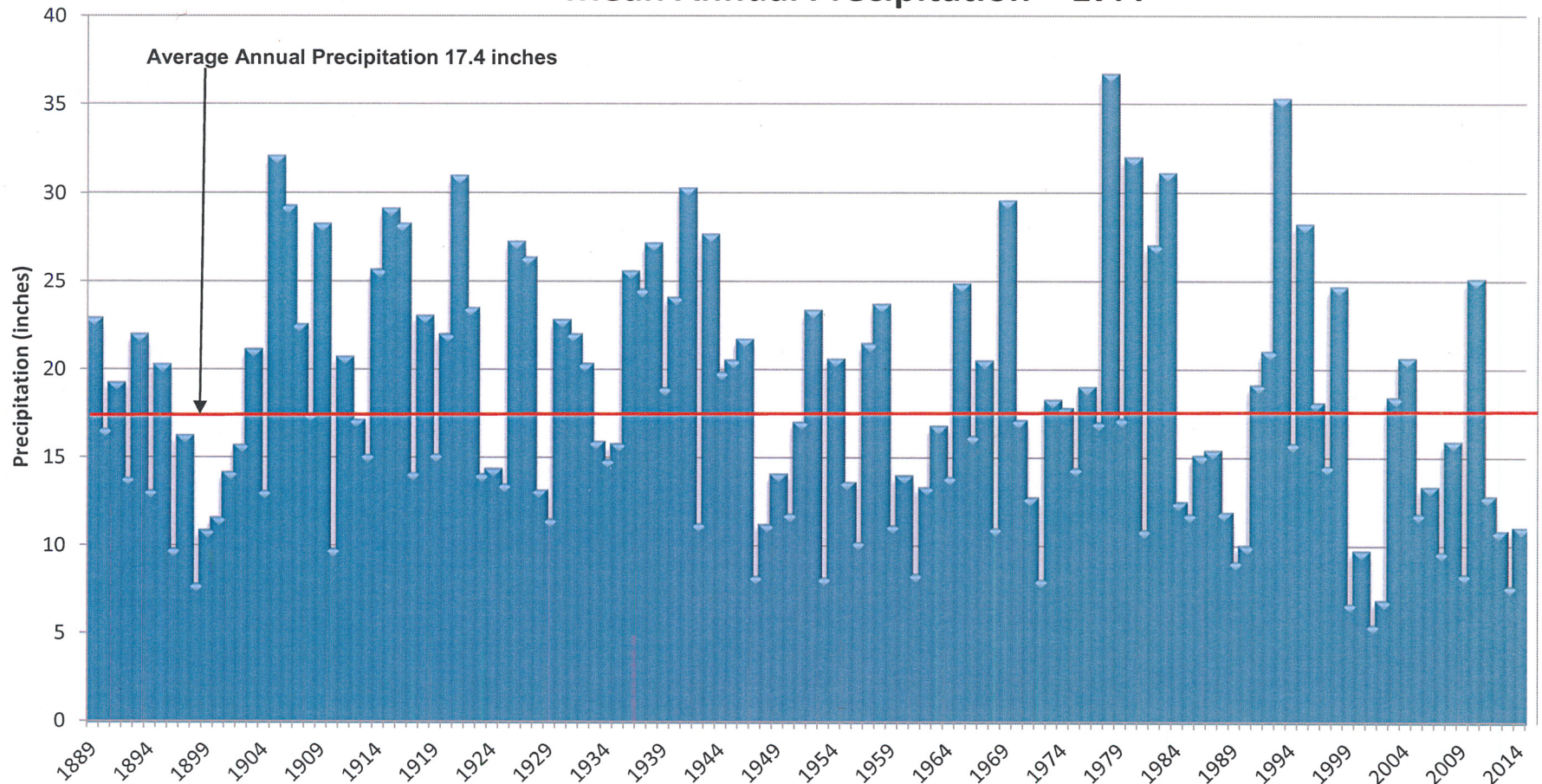


Figure 3: Groundwater Storage Units



**Long Term Mean Annual Precipitation  
Beaumont Station 3S/1W-10P, Elevation 2613'  
Mean Annual Precipitation = 17.4"**



Source: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation

Calendar Year 1889 through Calendar Year 2014

Figure 4: Long Term Mean Annual Precipitation at Beaumont



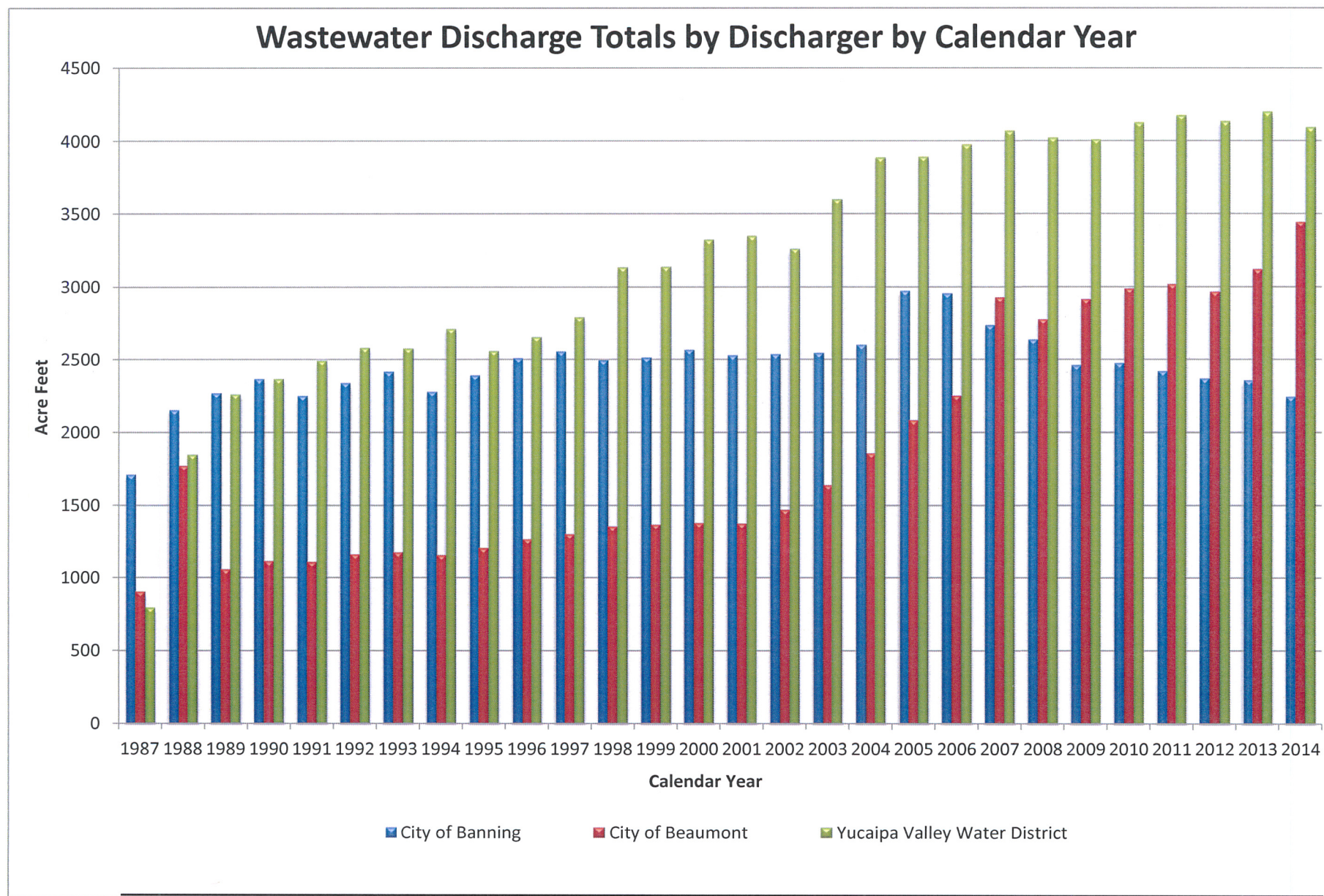


Figure 5: Wastewater Discharge Totals by Discharger by Calendar Year

**San Geronio Pass Water Agency  
Production All Basins  
1947 through 2014**

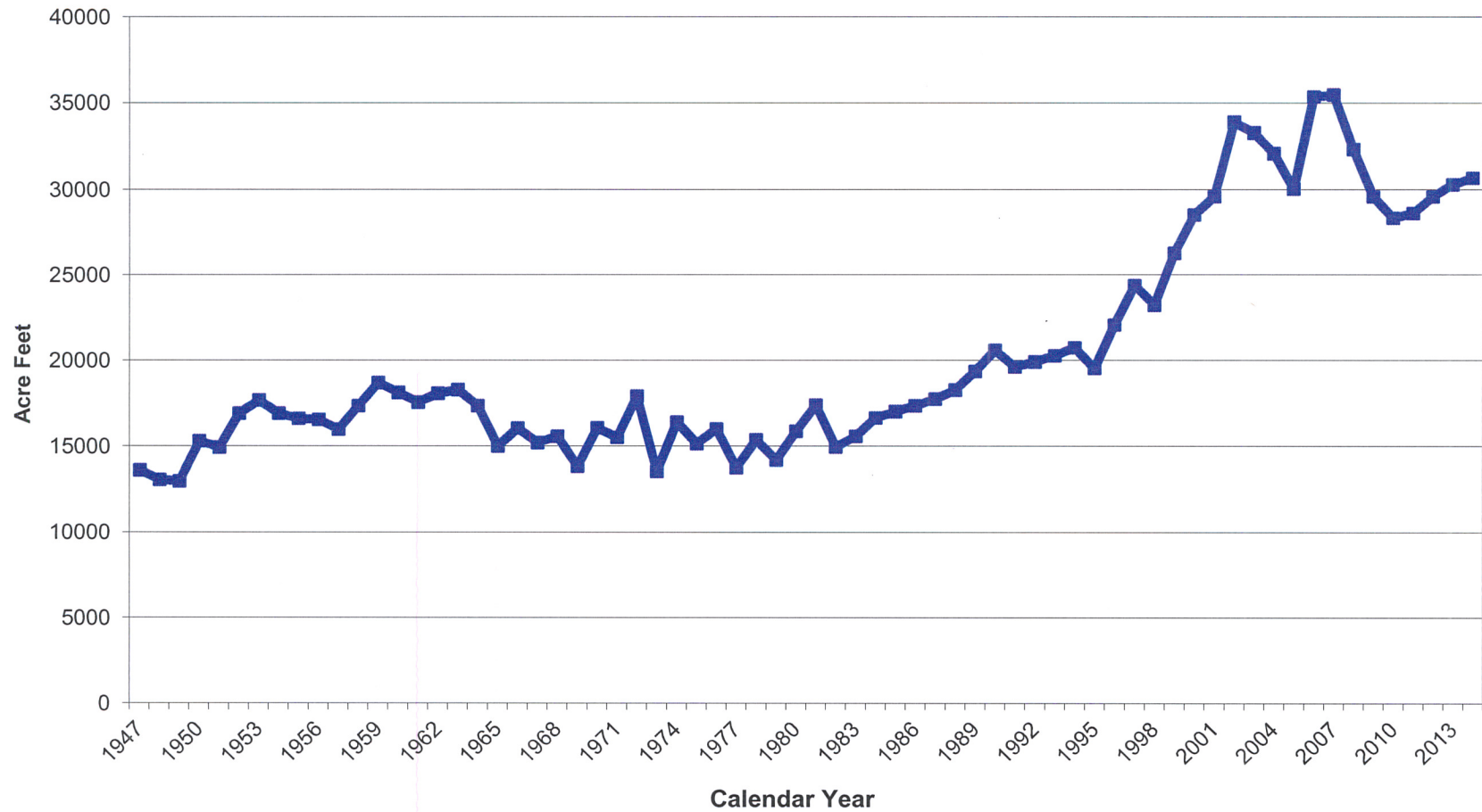


Figure 6: Historical Groundwater Production All Basins 1947 through 2014  
(as reported)

**San Geronio Pass Water Agency  
Production All Basins  
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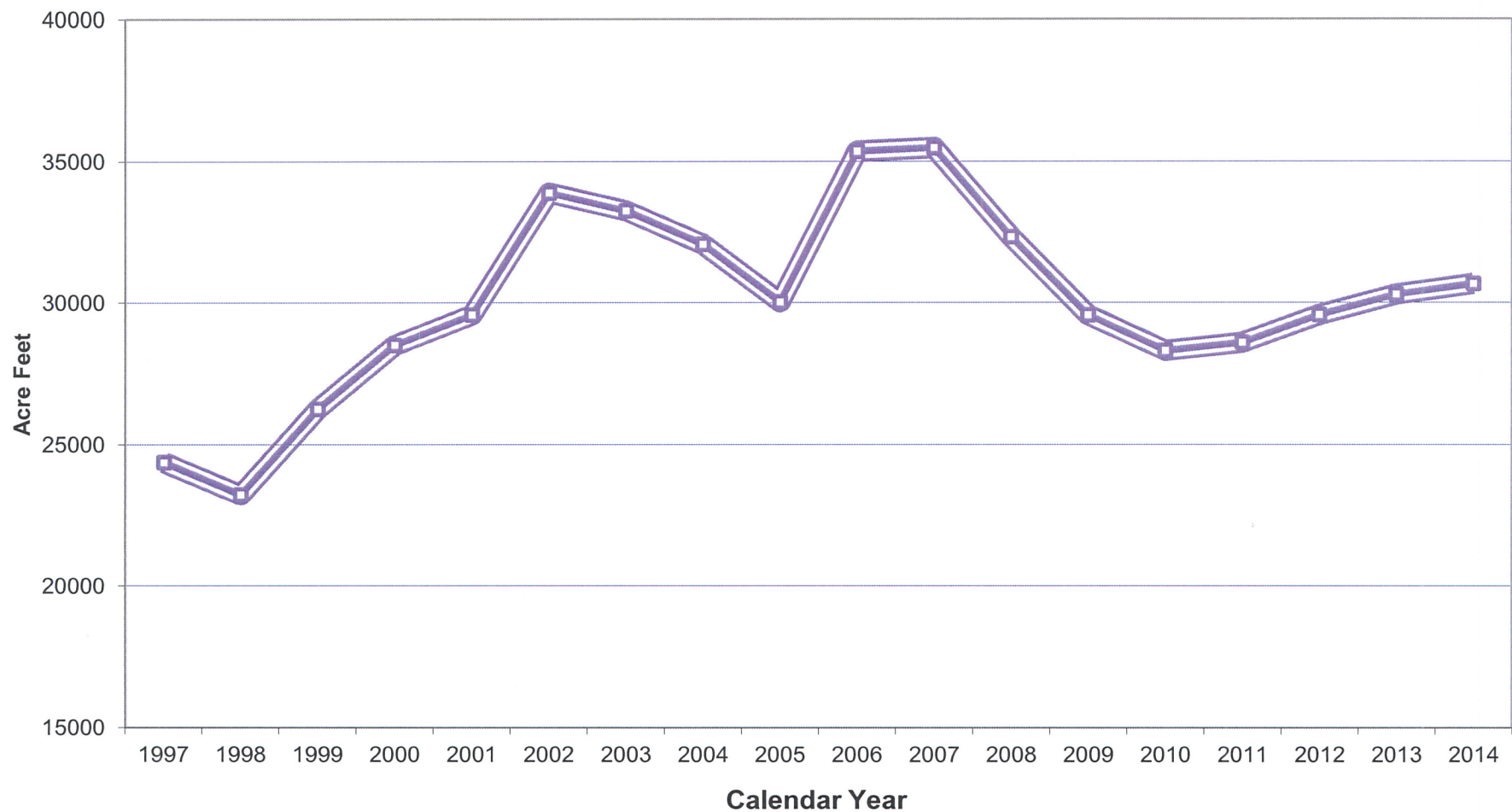


Figure 7: Historical Groundwater Production All Basins 1997 through 2014 (as reported)



## Total Production By Storage Unit 2014

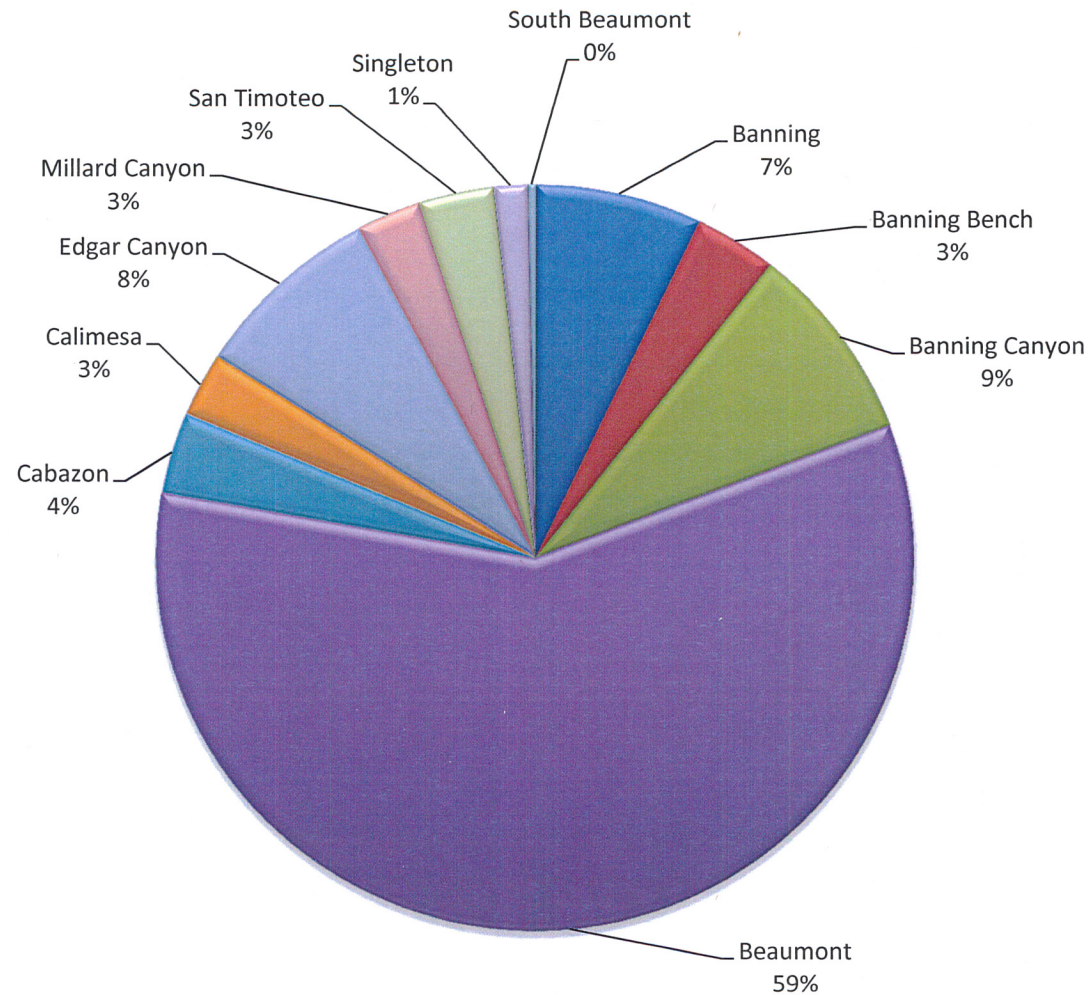


Figure 8: Total Production by Storage Unit in 2014 (as reported)

**Accumulated Overdraft in the Beaumont Basin  
1997 through 2013**

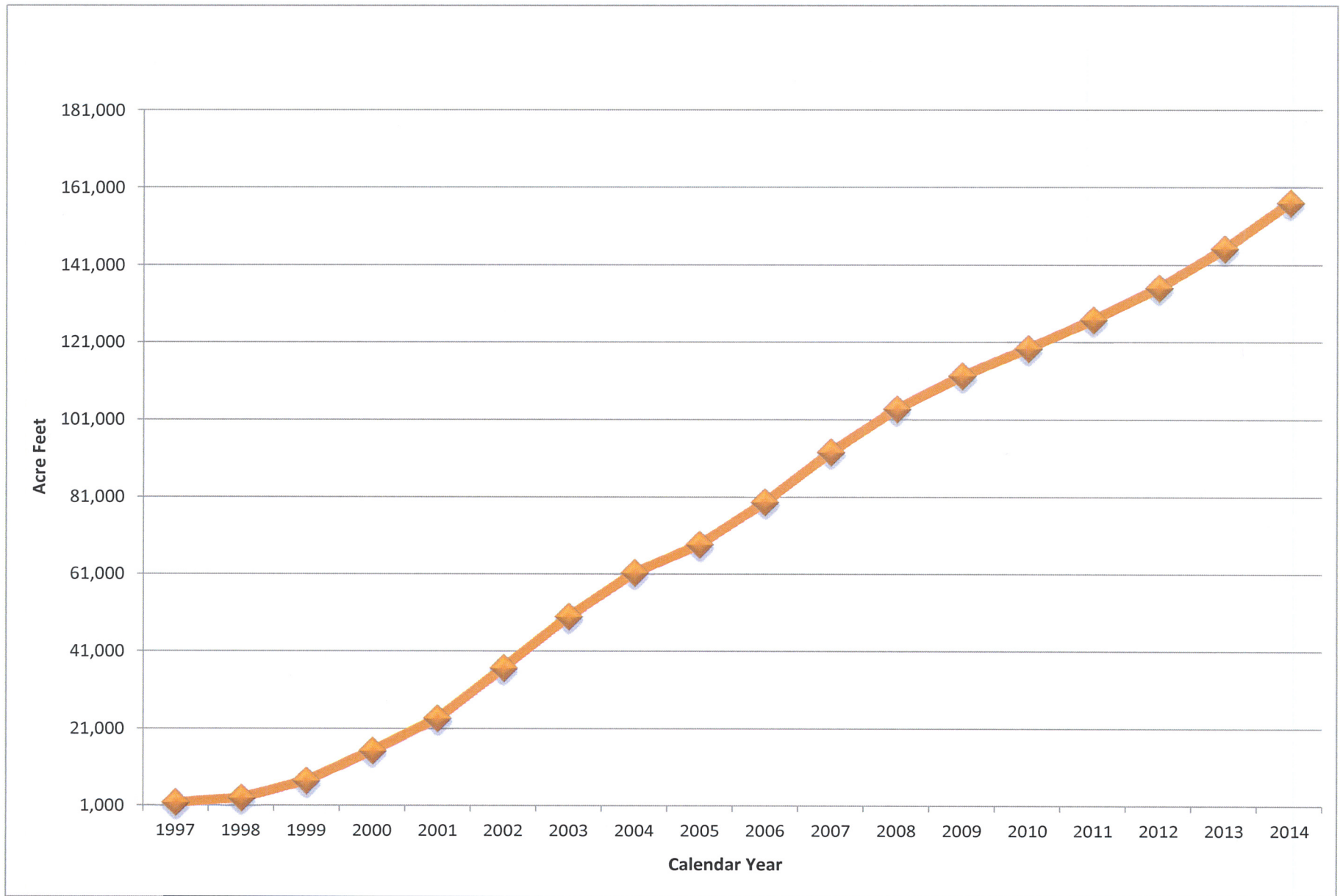


Figure 9a: Accumulated Overdraft in the Beaumont Basin 1997 through 2014

**Accumulated Overdraft in the Beaumont Basin  
1997 through 2014 with Replenishment**

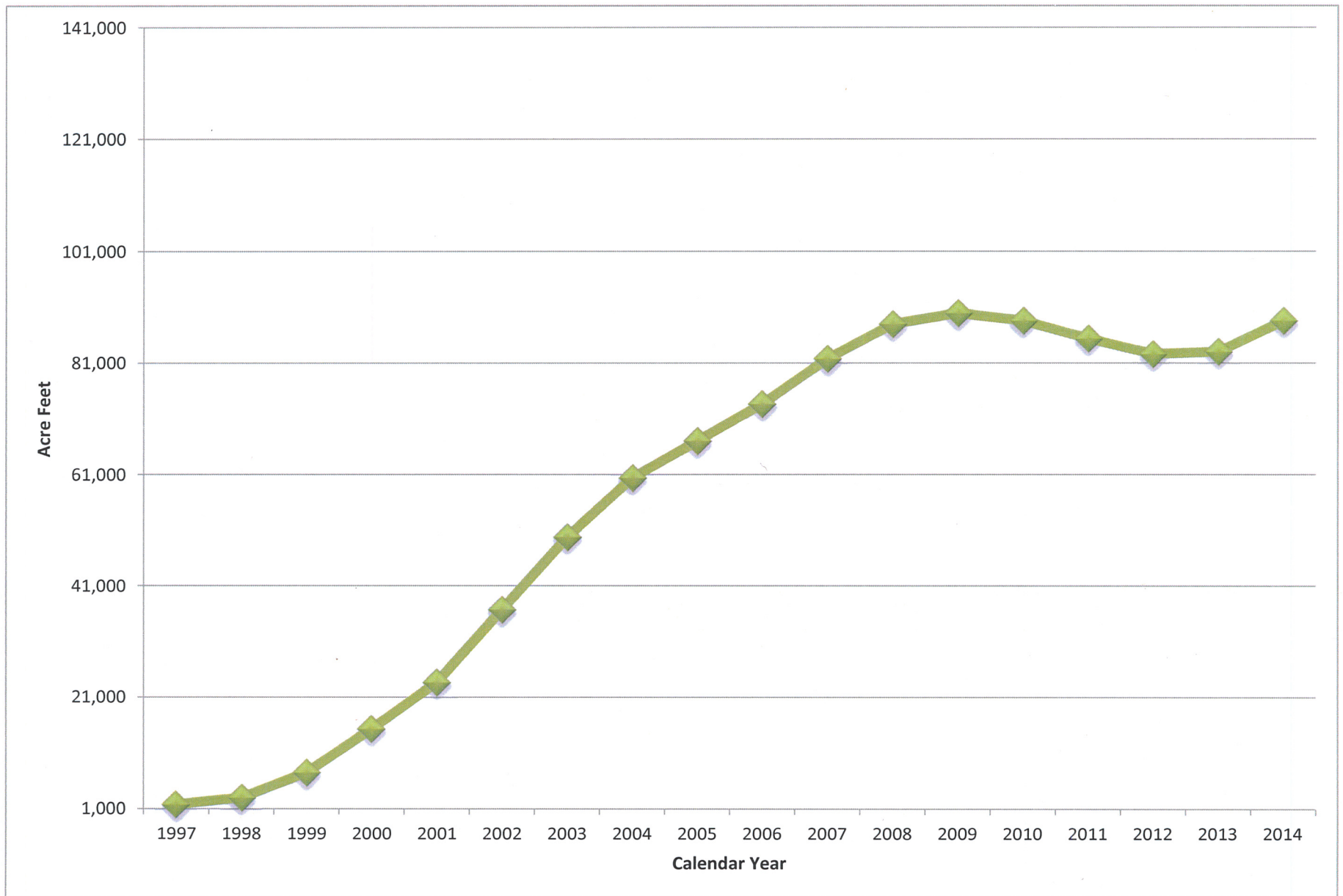
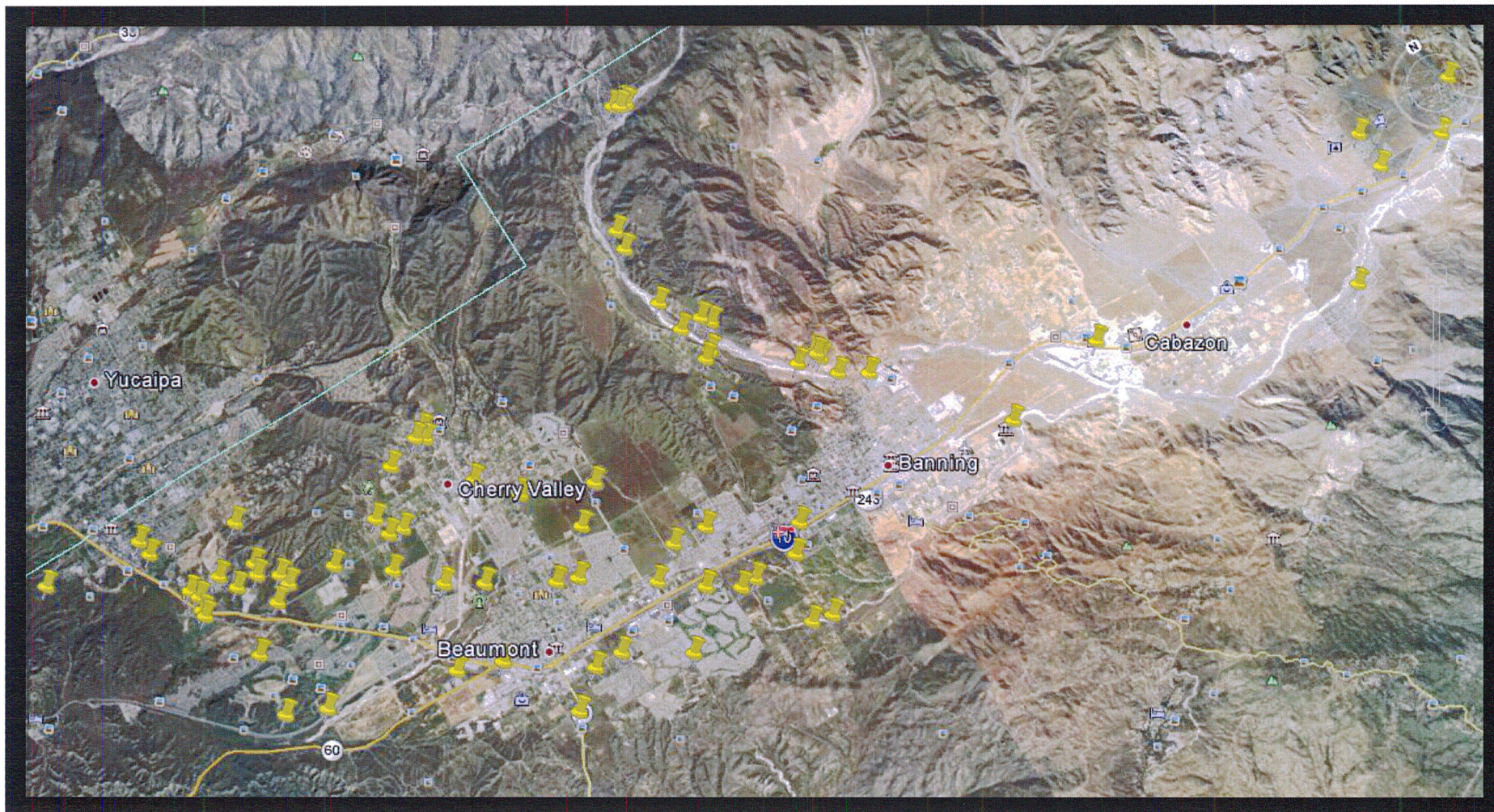


Figure 9b: Accumulated Overdraft in the Beaumont Basin 1997 through 2014 with Replenishment





## SGPWA Monitoring Wells

Figure 10: San Geronio Pass Water Agency Monitoring Wells



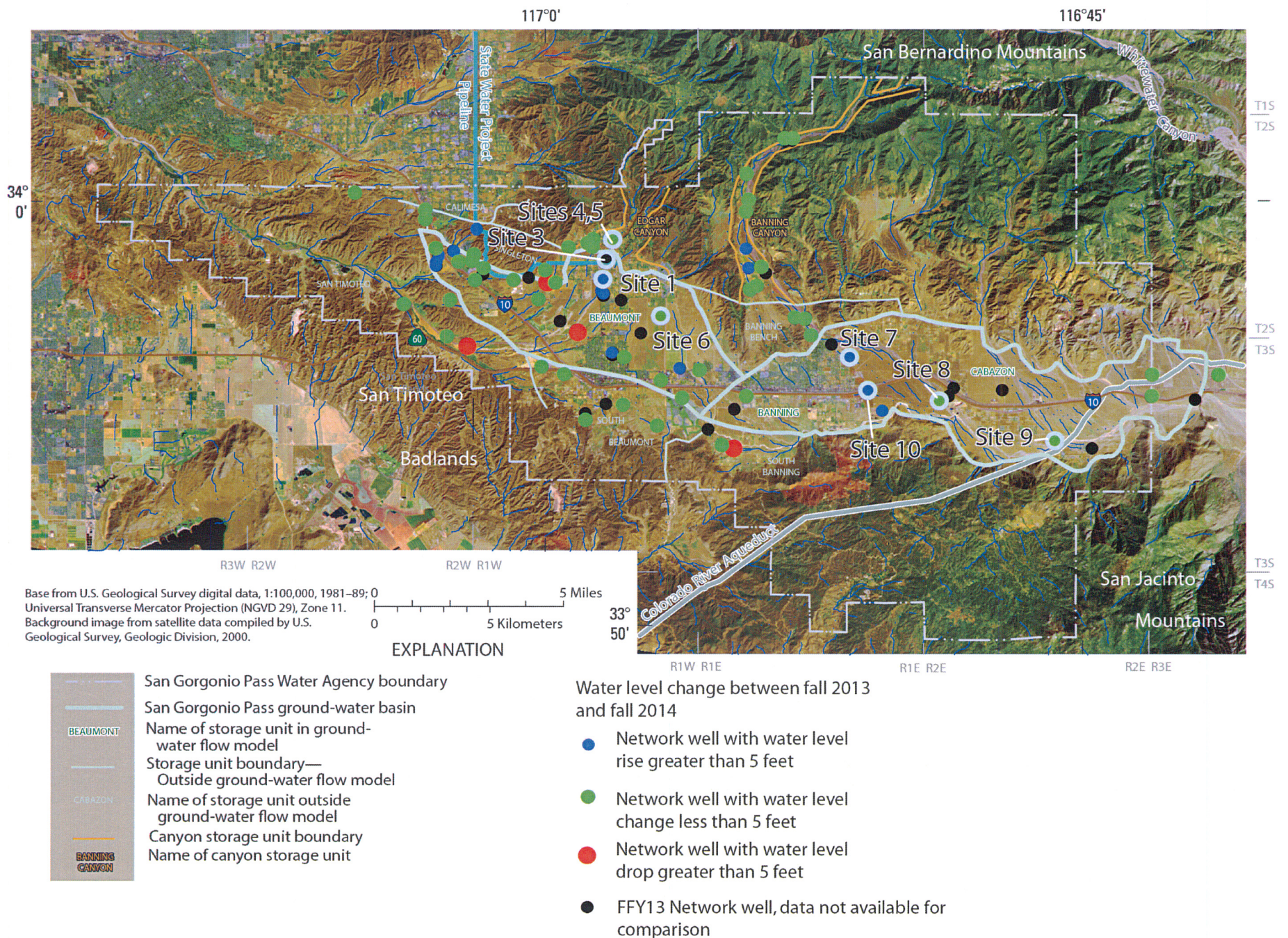
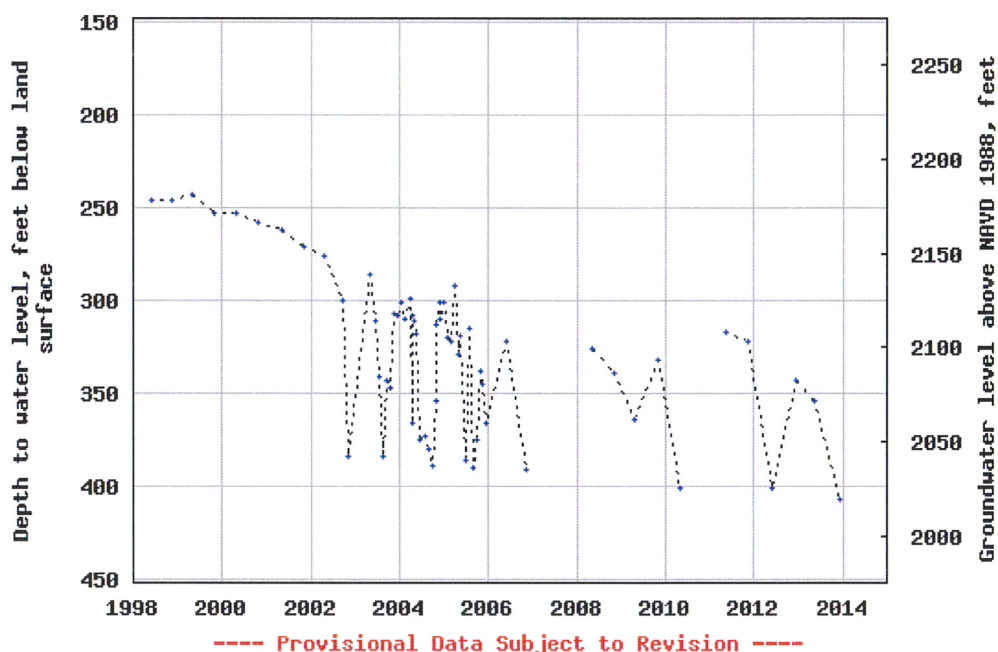


Figure 11. Map showing the water-level network and water-level change between fall 2013 and fall 2014 at selected wells.





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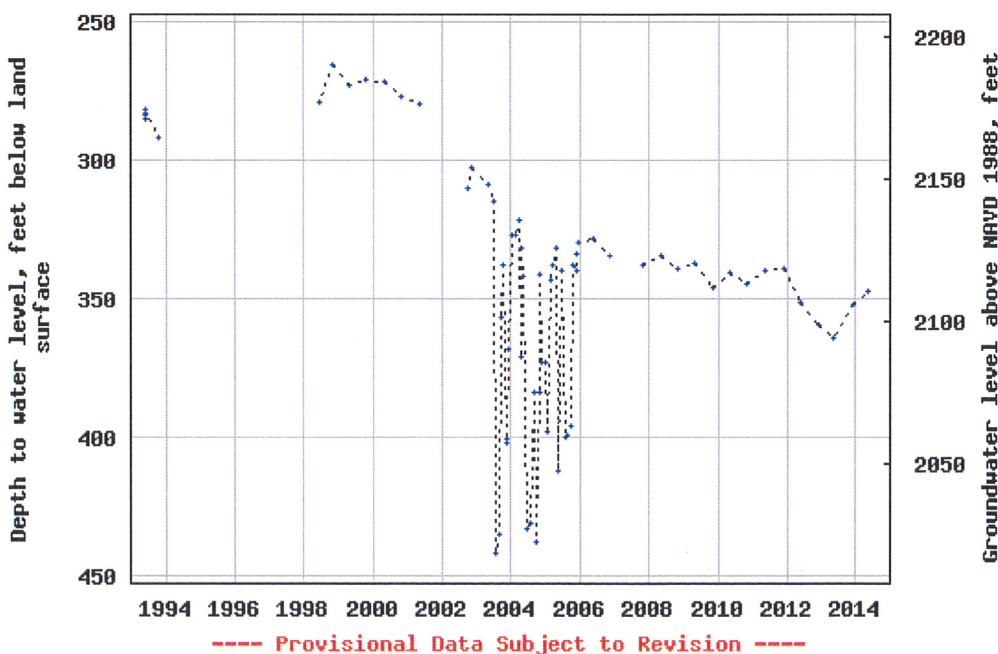


Figure 12: Groundwater Hydrographs – Banning Basin  
3S/1E-18A01 and 3S/1E-18C01

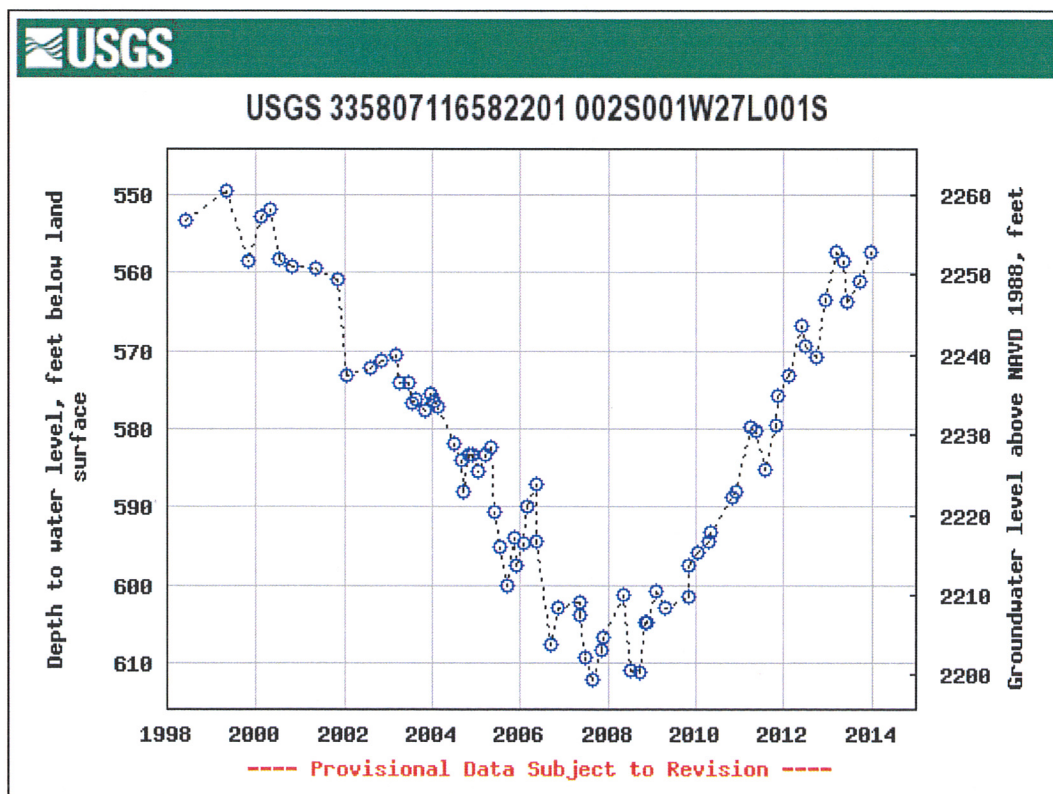
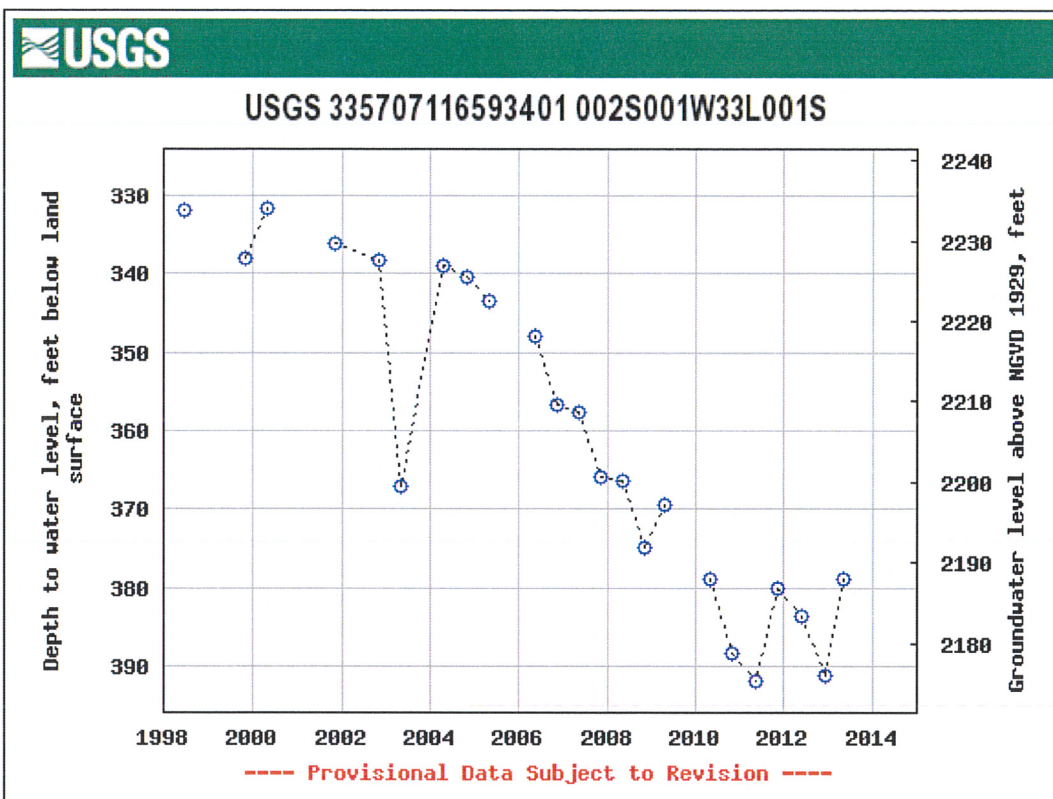


Figure 13: Groundwater Hydrographs – Beaumont Basin  
2S/1W-33L01 and 2S/1W-27L01

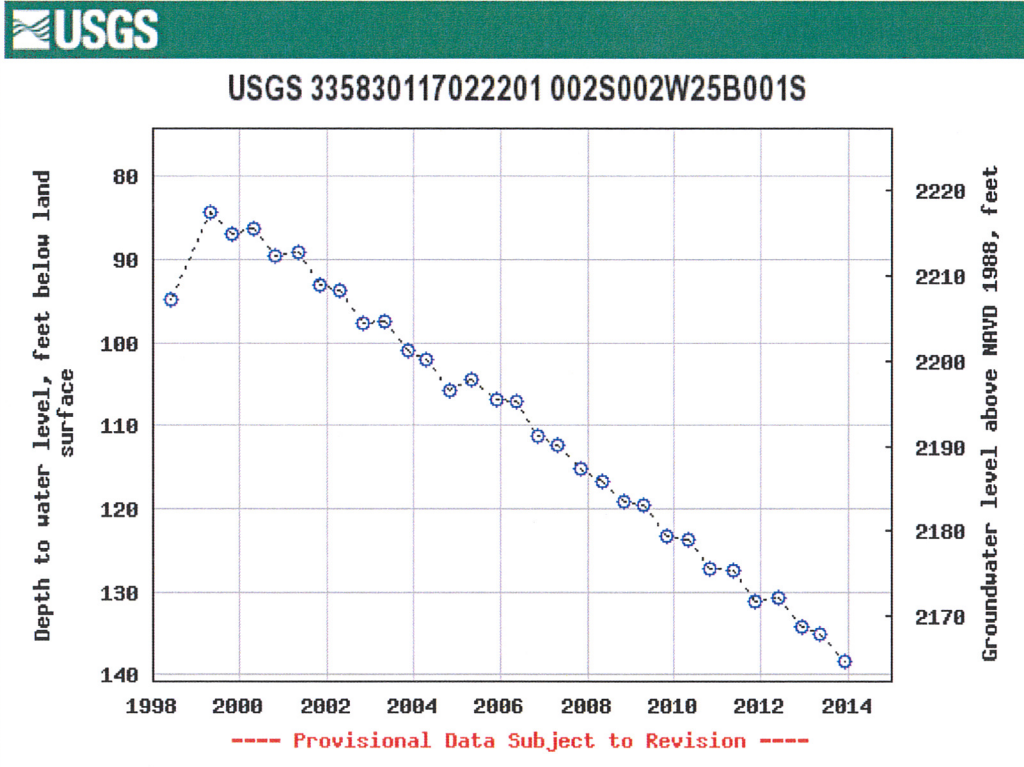


Figure 14: Groundwater Hydrographs – Beaumont Basin  
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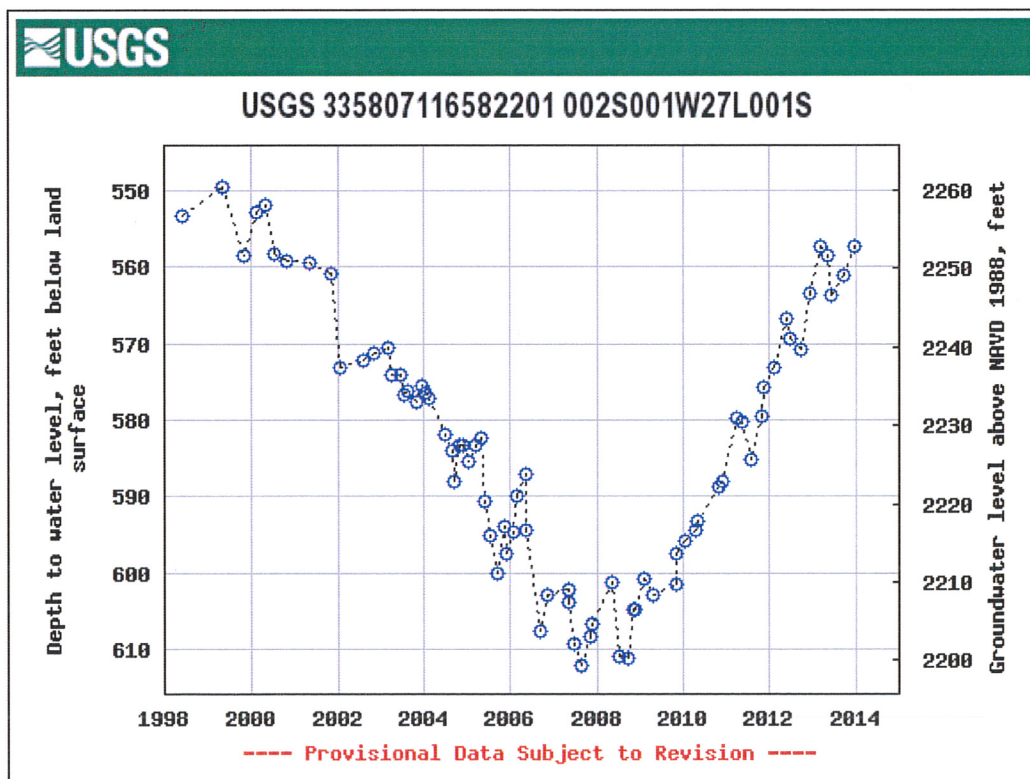
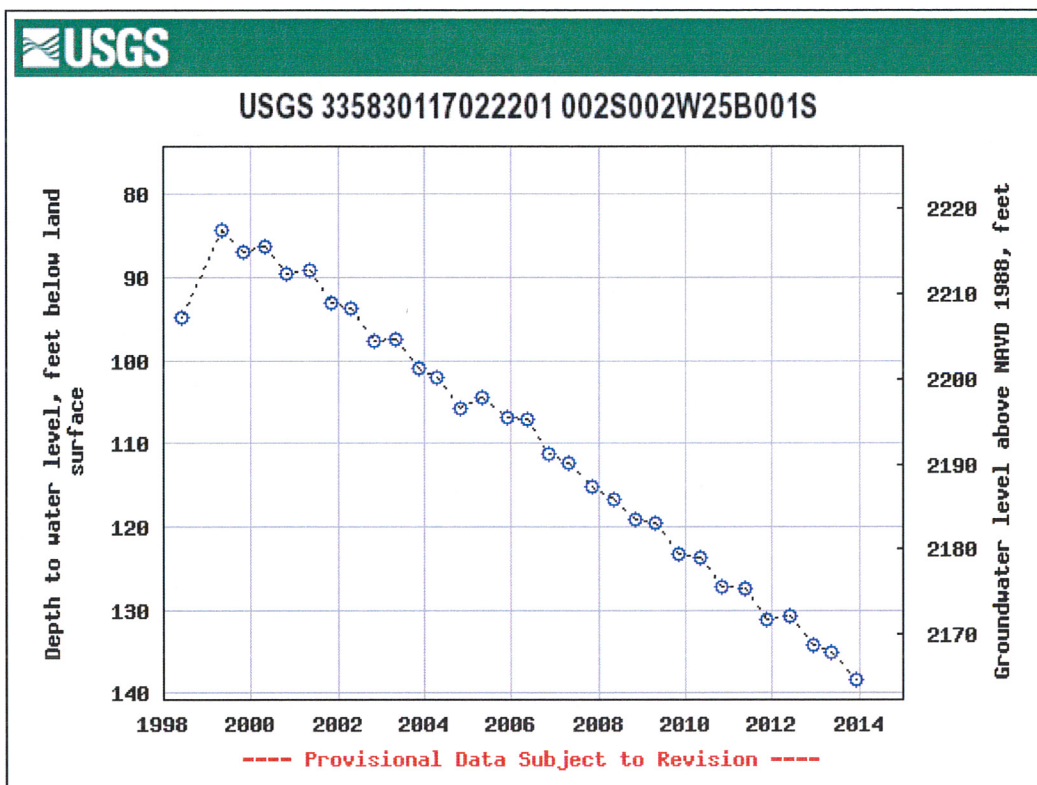


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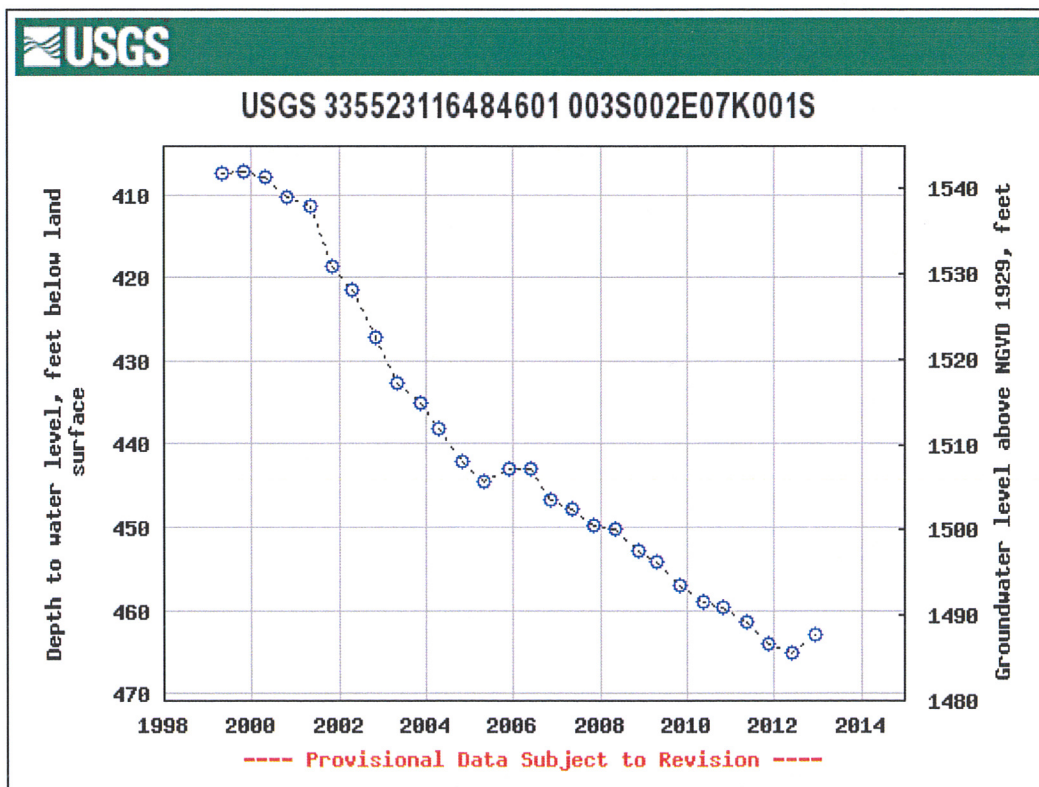
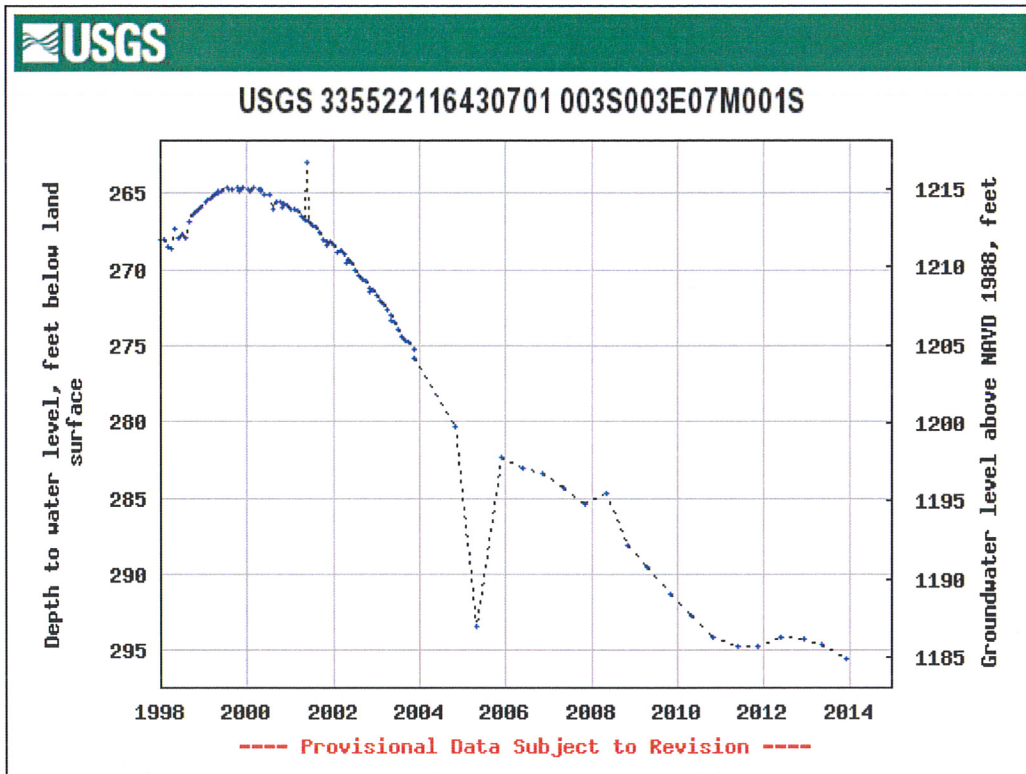


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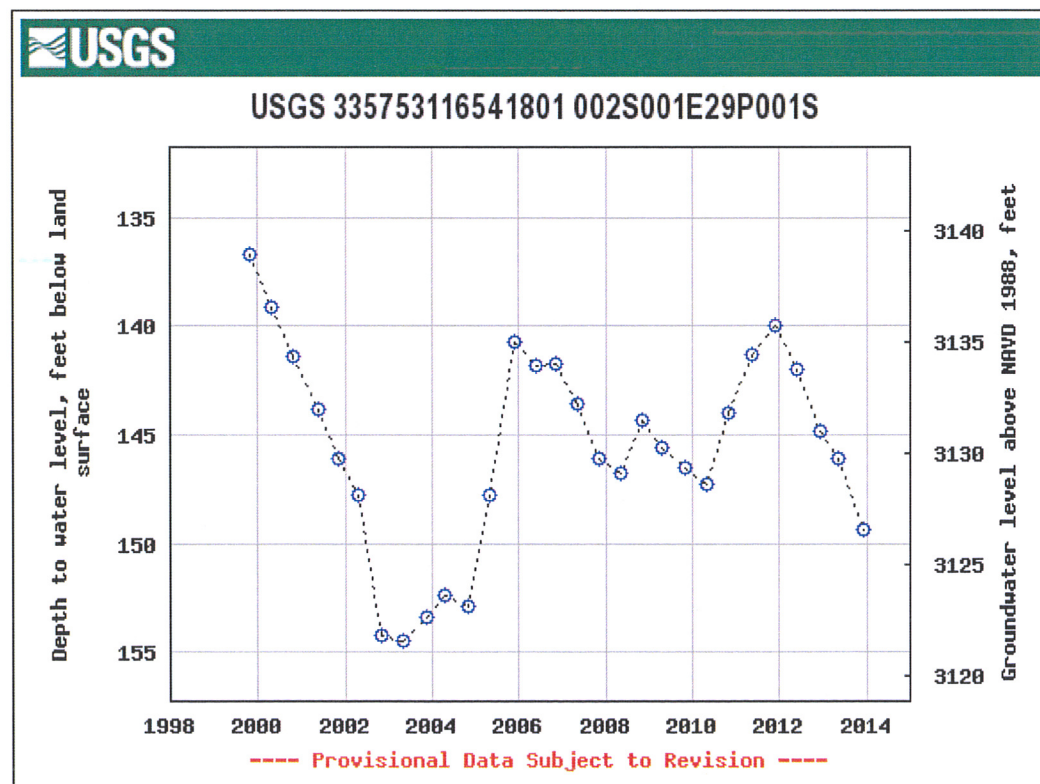
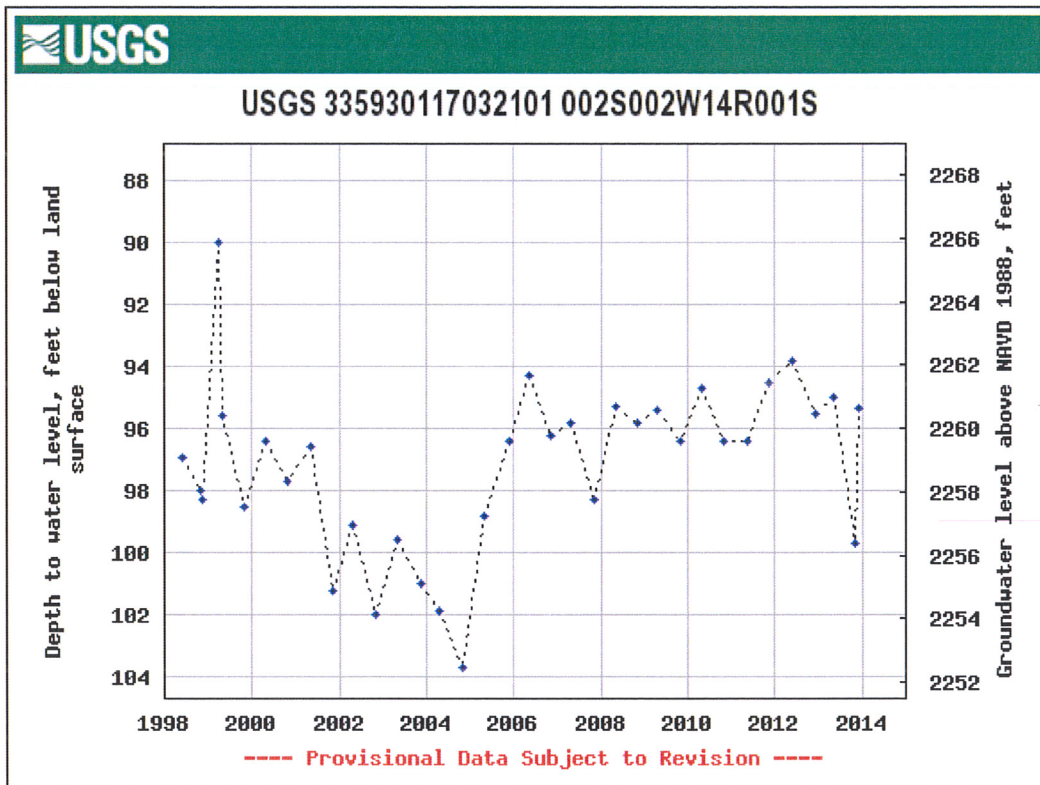
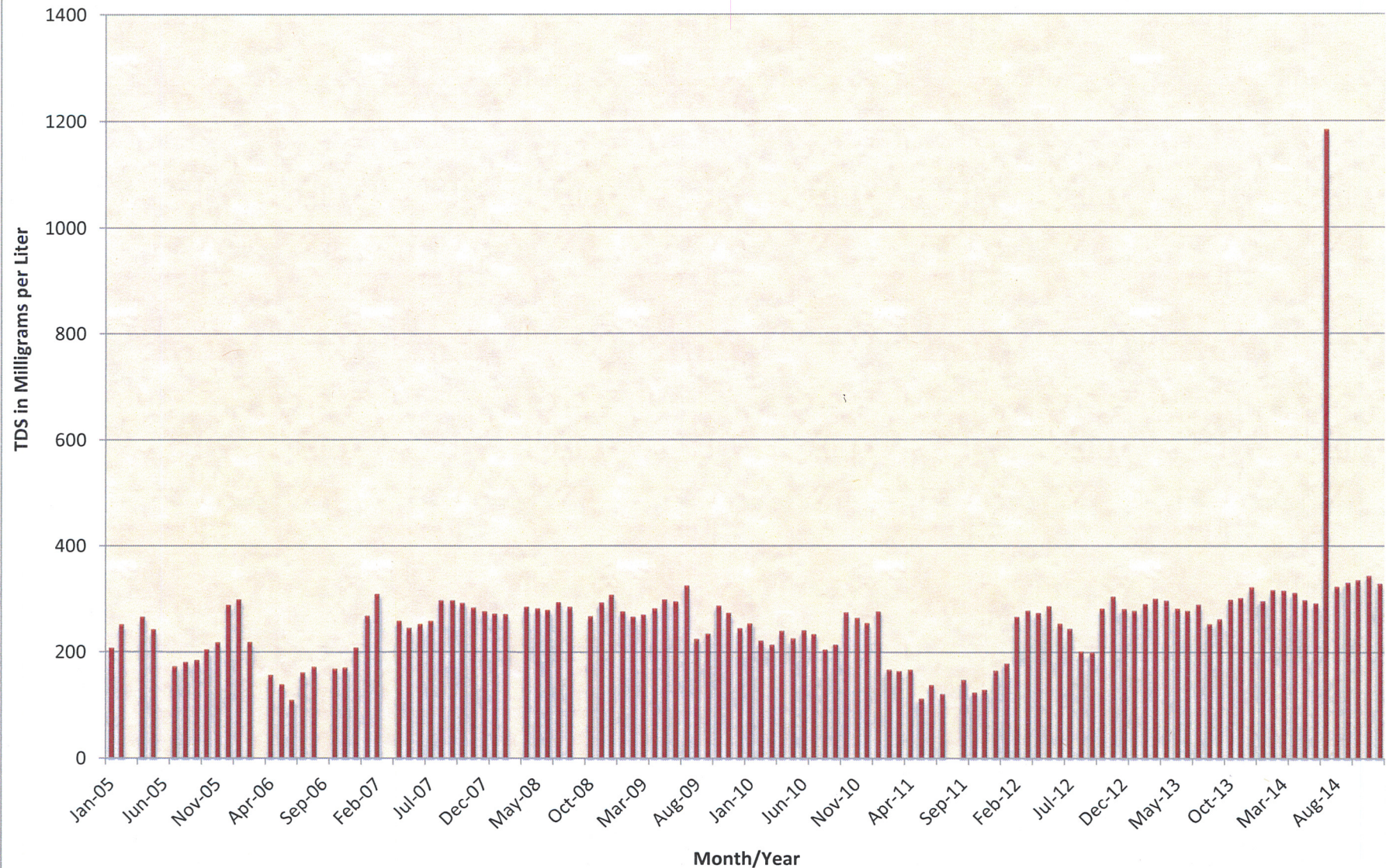


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## Monthly TDS at Devil Canyon Afterbay Near San Bernardino 2005 through 2014

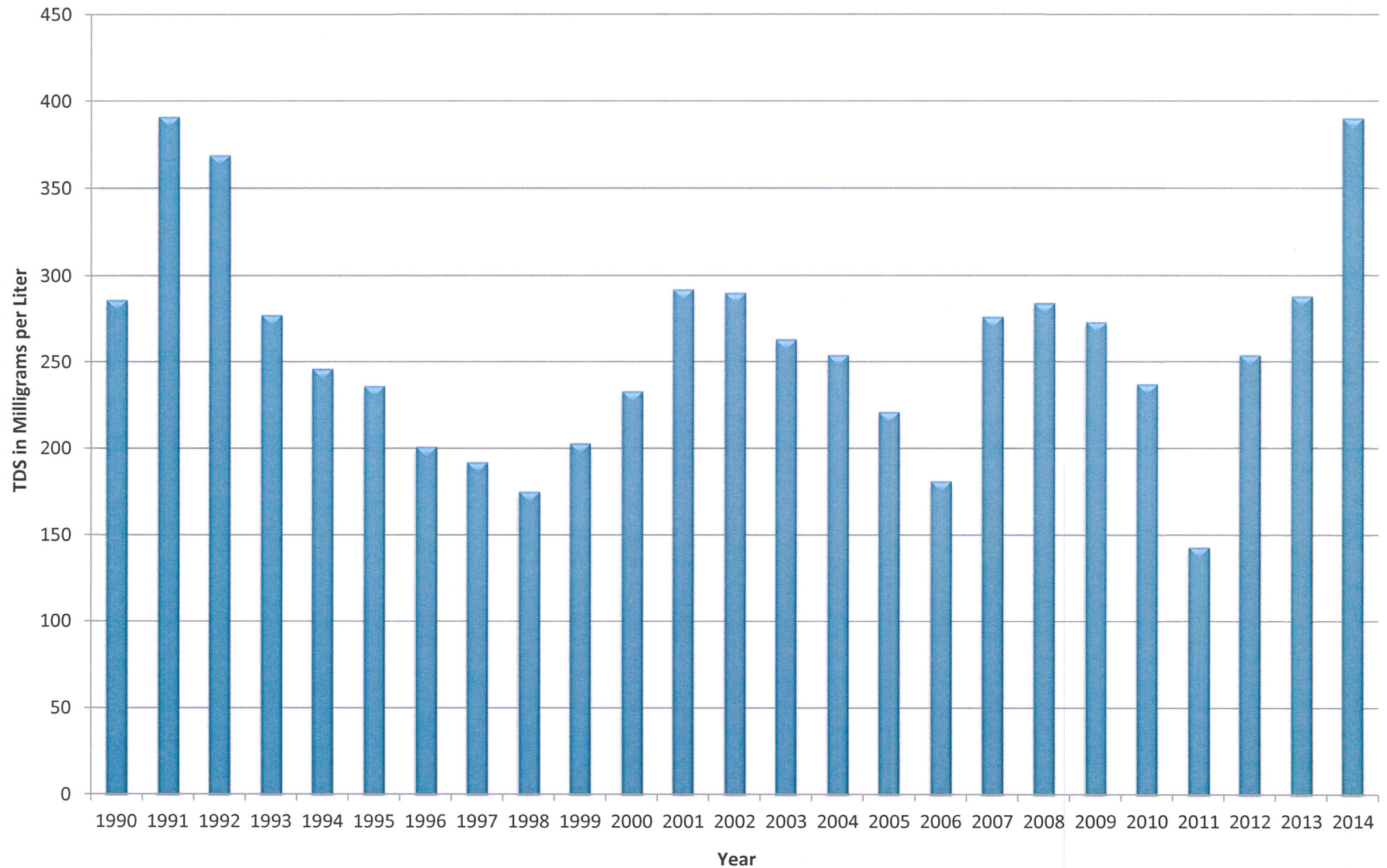


Source: Table 32, DWR Monthly Operations Report

Figure 18: Monthly TDS at Devil Canyon Afterbay near San Bernardino 2005 through 2014



### Average TDS at Devil Canyon Afterbay near San Bernardino 1990 - 2014



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Figure 19: Average TDS at Devil Danyon Afterbay near San Bernardino 1990 through 2014



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