

### YSGABOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 13, 2025

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- 2. Adding Items to the Posted Agenda
- 3. Public Forum
- 4. CONSIDERATION: Consent Items
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Approve Payment Of Bills In Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

#### **PAYMENTS:**

Downey Brand Invoice #609148: November Legal Services: \$4,322.00

Leafbird SGMA Invoice #12: December Professional Services: \$1,580.00 (*Grant Reimbursable*)

Leafbird WaterSMART Invoice #2: December Professional Services: \$1,925.00 (Grant Reimbursable)

LedgerPro Invoice #3701: November Bookkeeping Services: \$825.00

LedgerPro Invoice #3709: December Bookkeeping Services: \$1000.00

Water & Land Solutions Invoice #4404: Component 5: Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Professional Services: \$11,854.68 (*Grant Reimbursable*)

YCFC&WCD Labor and Expenses October 1-December 31, 2024: \$88,944.04 (\$69,749.15 Grant Reimbursable)

YCFC&WCD Monthly Postage and Copies Expenses December 2024: \$11.69

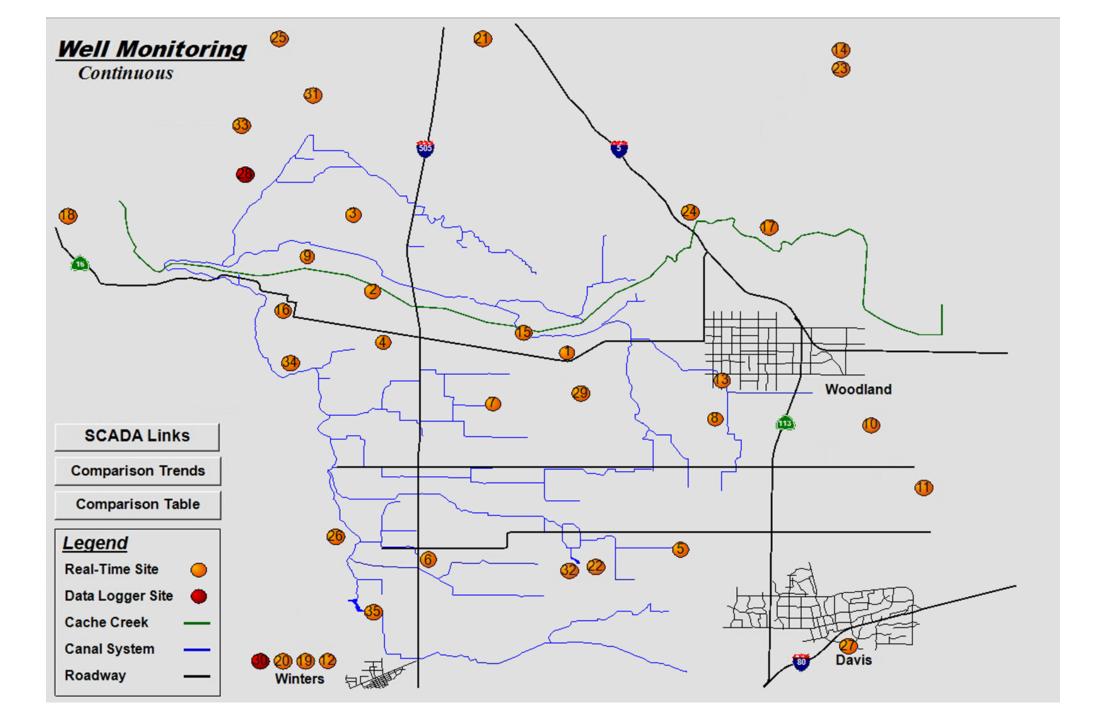
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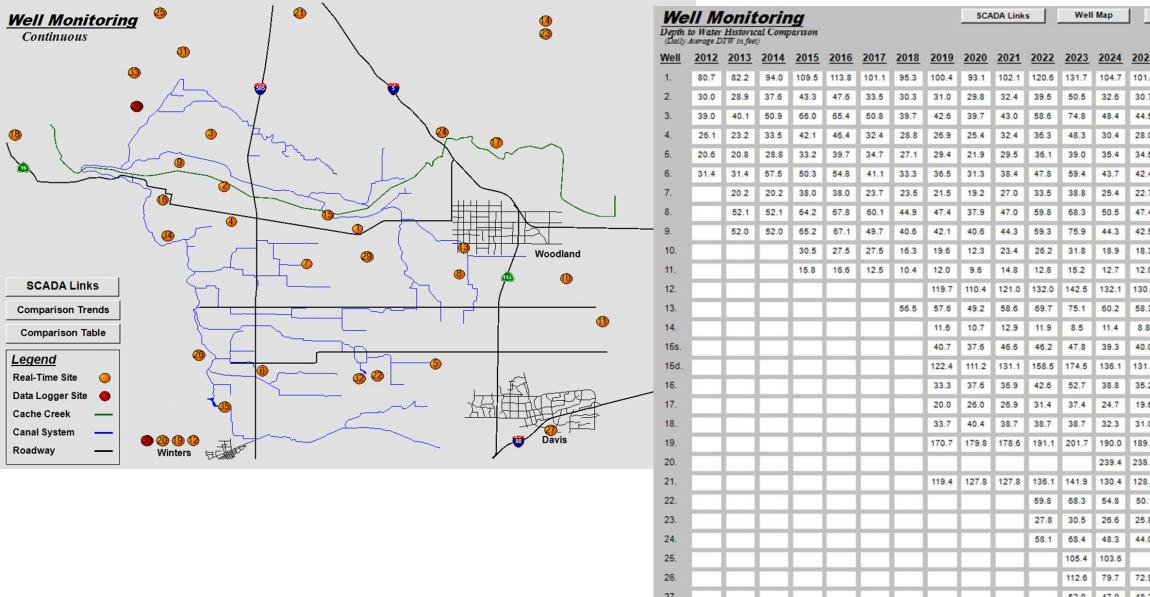
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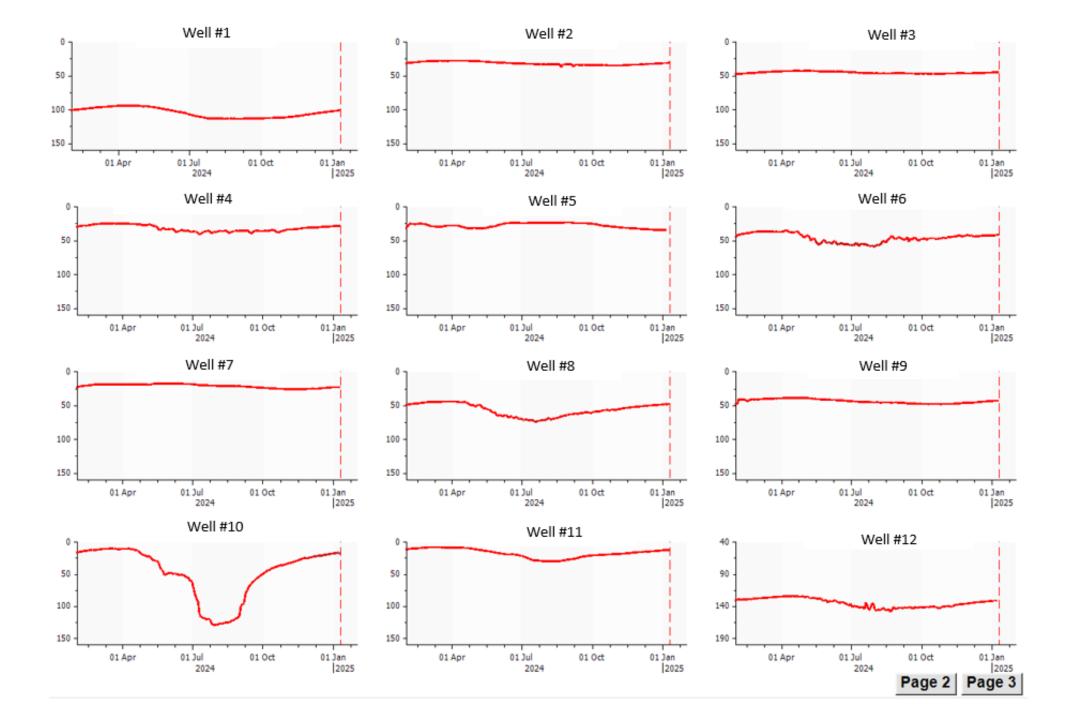
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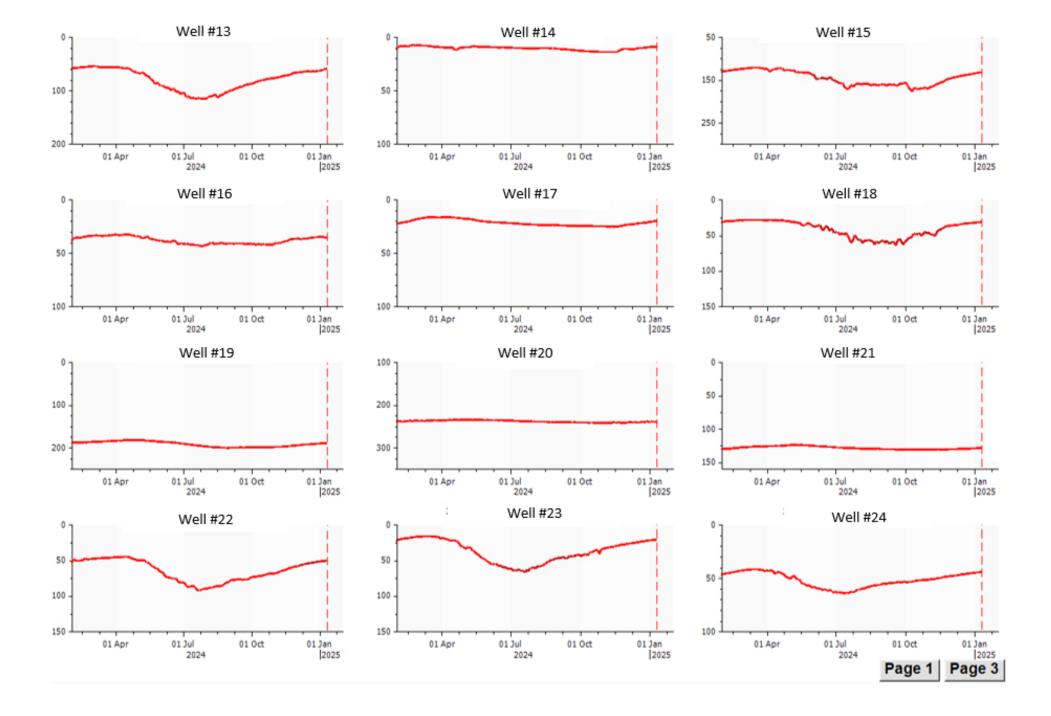
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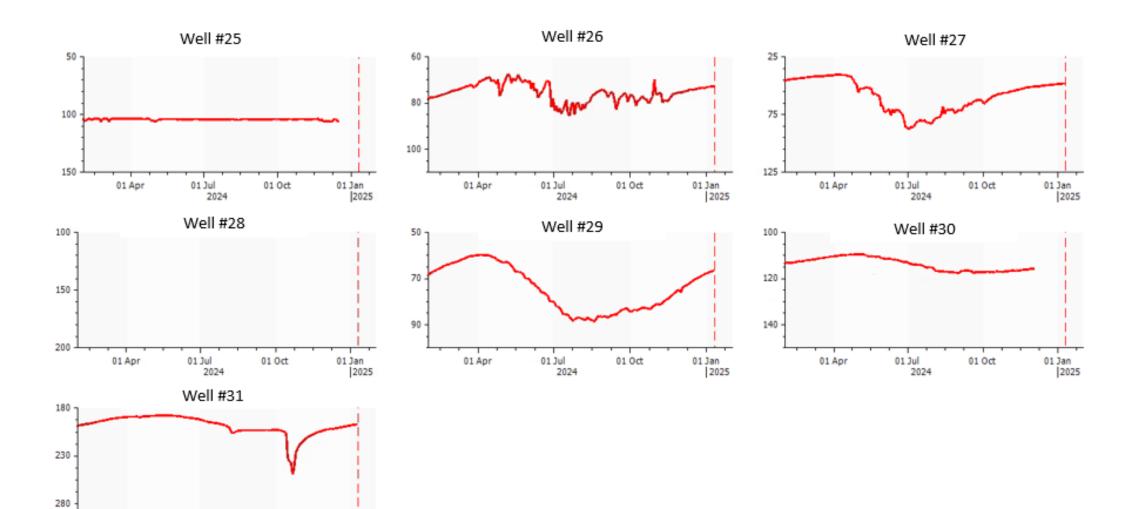




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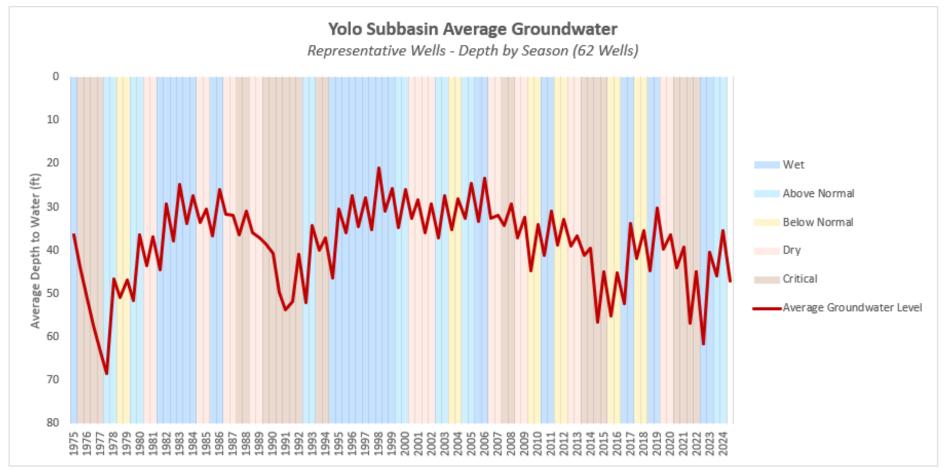


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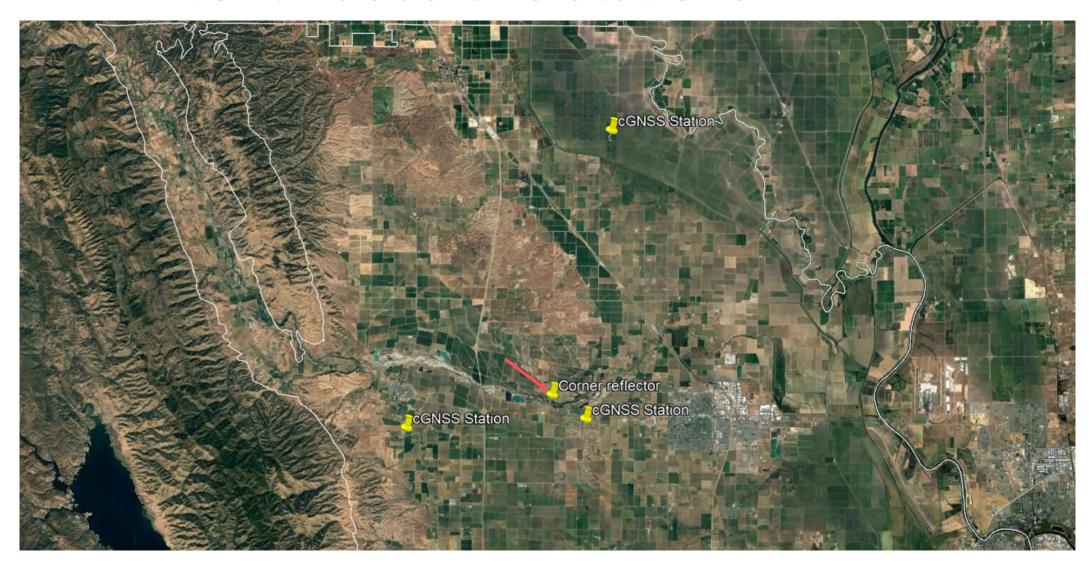


September 2023 Average Depth to Water  $\sim 45.9$  feet September 2024 Average Depth to Water  $\sim 46.9$  feet

#### Of Note:

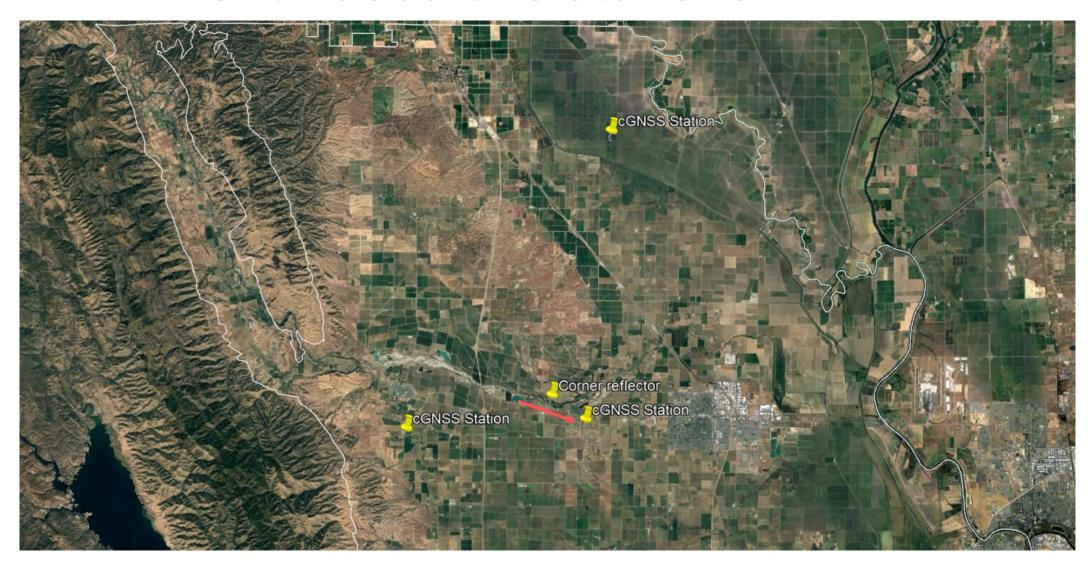
Fall 1975 to Fall 1977 Drawdown  $\sim 25$  feet 2014 Drawdown from Spring to Fall  $\sim 17$  feet 2019 Drawdown from Spring to Fall  $\sim 9.5$  ft 2022 Drawdown from Spring to Fall  $\sim 17$  feet 2024 Drawdown from Spring to Fall  $\sim 11$  feet

### DWR Continuous GPS Stations





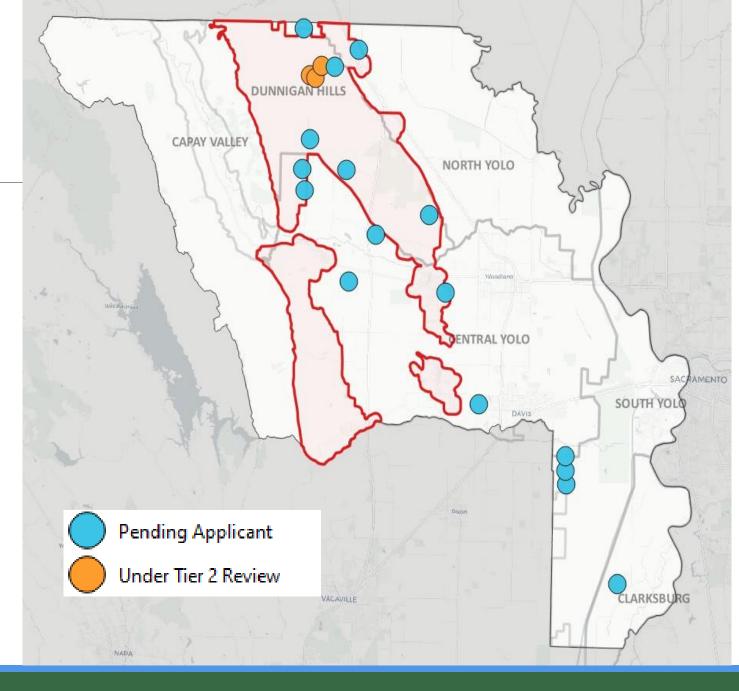
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# Pending Well Permits

- •19 permits in the queue
  - √ 12 within the Focus Areas
    - 3 completed Tier 1 review and now require a Tier 2 analysis
    - 9 pending completed Tier 1 Form
  - √ 7 outside of Focus Areas
    - All pending information from applicant

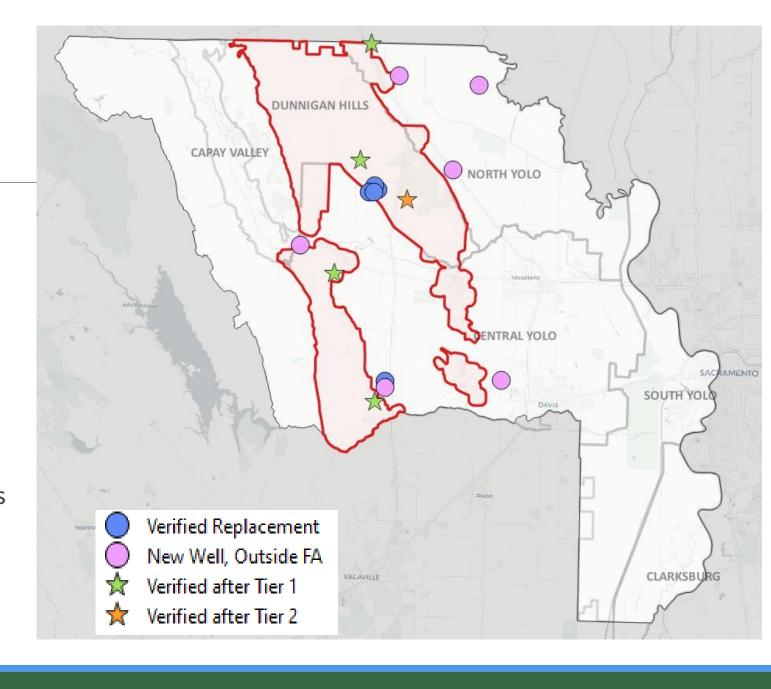


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# Approved Well Permits

Since March 18, 2024 Procedures, YSGA has verified:

- 7 permits outside of Focus Areas
  - ✓ 6 new wells
  - ✓ 1 replacement
- Within Focus Areas:
  - ✓ 4 permits verified as replacements
  - ✓ 4 permits verified after Tier 1
  - ✓ 1 permit verified after Tier 2

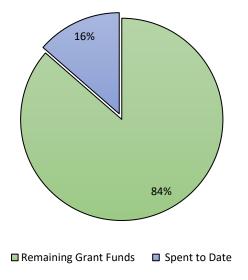


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# GRANT BUDGET UPDATE

#### Grant Expenses through December 31, 2024

	Remaining				
Grant Component	G	Grant Funds		Spent to Date	
Total	\$	7,917,000	\$	1,246,088	
1. GRANT ADMINISTRATION	\$	613,950	\$	86,924	
2. YOLO SUBBASIN GSP IMPLEMENTATION	\$	1,721,000	\$	452,198	
YSGA	\$	460,000	\$	65,963	
Consultant	\$	1,261,000	\$	386,235	
3. YCFCWCD WINTER RECHARGE PROGRAM	\$	2,600,000	\$	299,070	
YCFC&WCD	\$	1,175,000	\$	250,205	
Consultant	\$	1,425,000	\$	48,866	
4. CITY OF WINTERS FEASIBILITY STUDIES	\$	580,000	\$	37,715	
5. YOLO-ZAMORA GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PILOT PROJECT	\$	1,221,100	\$	334,921	
YCFC&WCD + YCFC&WCD Consultants	\$	401,300	\$	217,922	
YSGA	\$	105,000	\$	2,676	
Consultant	\$	714,800	\$	114,323	
6. DUNNIGAN AREA RECHARGE PROGRAM	\$	1,180,950	\$	35,261	

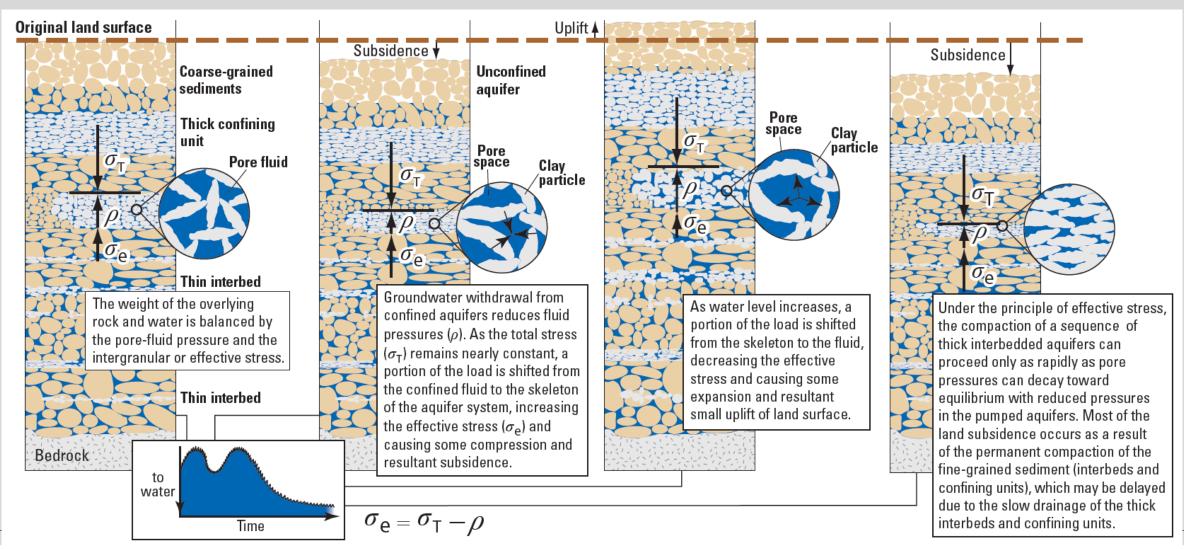


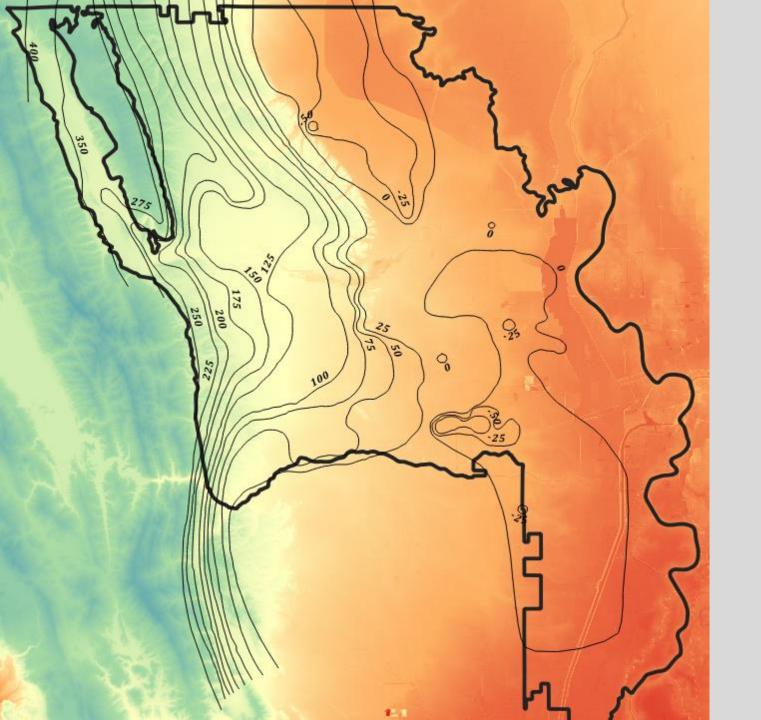
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### NCWA/DWR Land Subsidence Forum

- NCWA, DWR, and Sac Valley GSAs met on December 12
- Q1 2025: DWR will release a draft Land Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMP) and scientific findings document to guide GSAs through future regulations
- DWR will develop new regulations to require GSAs to take immediate actions to prevent more land from sinking due to overdrafting aquifers
  - "New regs will require GSAs to shore up monitoring, develop a better understanding of the hydrologic modeling, detail basin vulnerabilities, gather more information on the extraction wells, and home in on the infrastructure impacted by subsidence."
- Regulations will likely result in a change in management of groundwater pumping

### A Primer on How Land Subsidence Occurs

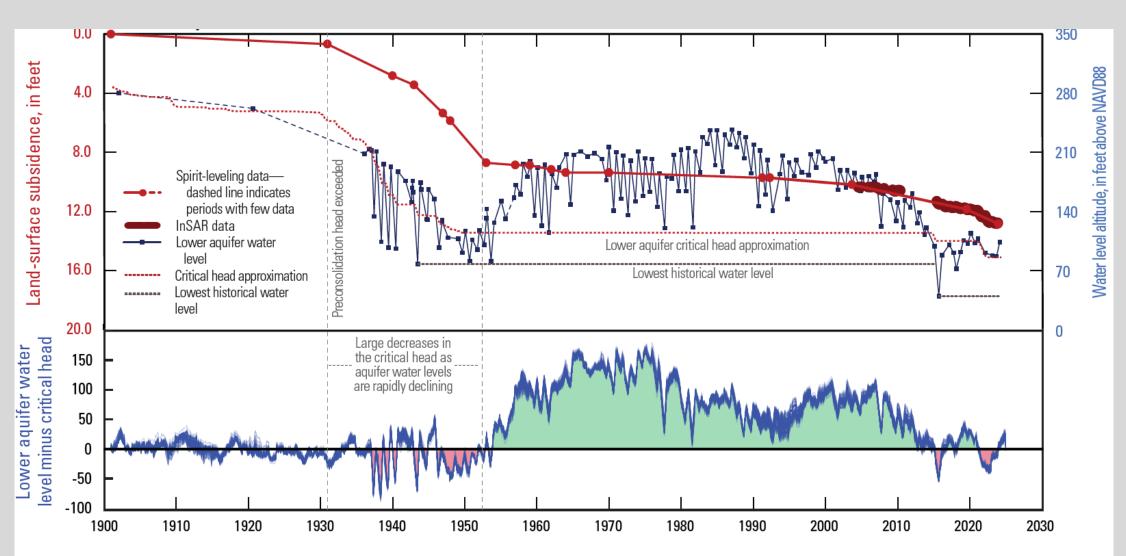




### FALL 2024 GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (DRAFT)

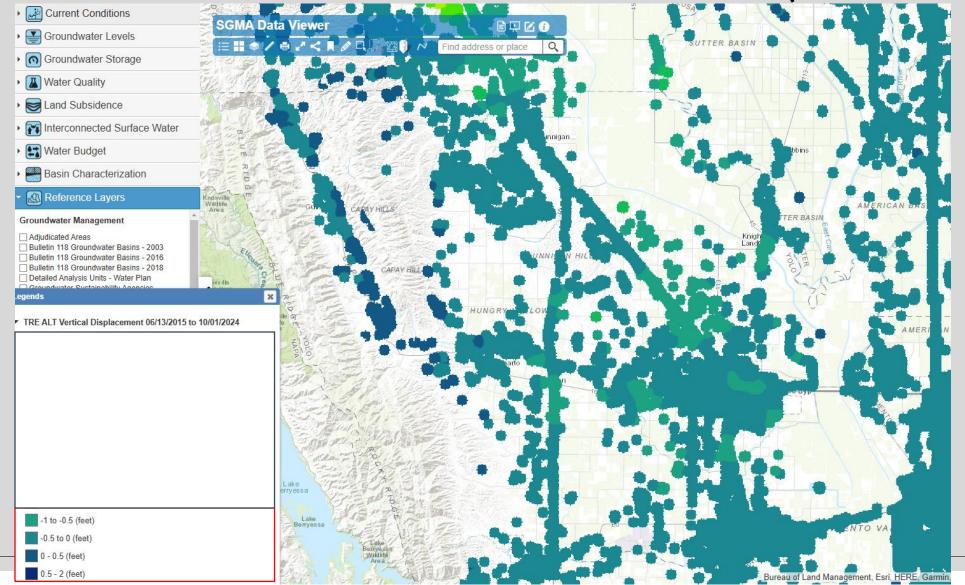
Figure shows groundwater elevation of *both* shallow unconfined and deeper semiconfined to confined aquifers

### Subsidence BMP – Estimating Critical Head

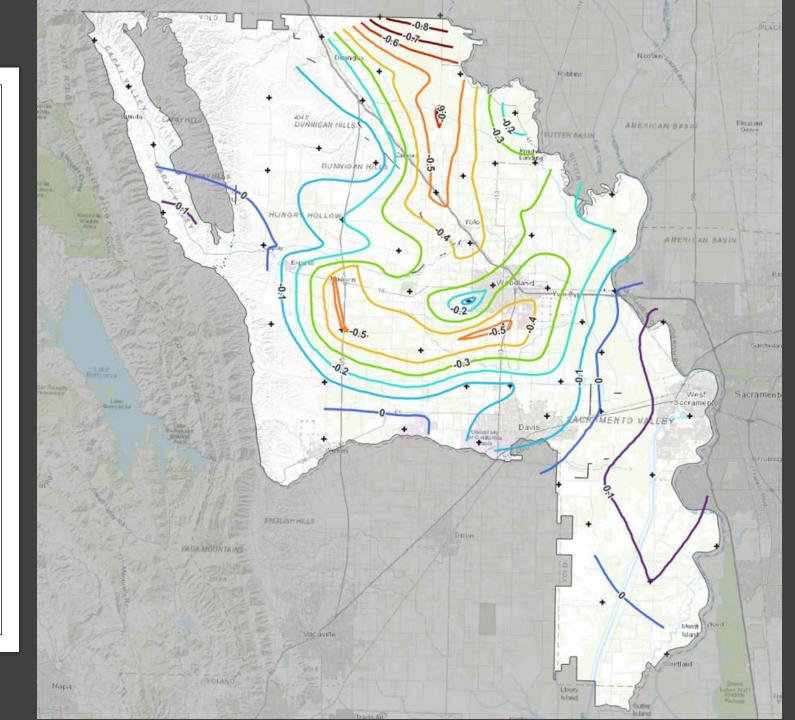


The critical head approximation shown on this figure was determined using a one-dimensional model where the groundwater level in the groundwater flow cell and the lowest groundwater level in the interbed delay cell are differenced. The critical head approximation is based on a model ensemble of about 200 realizations (individual models).

### Total Subsidence Since 2015 (InSAR)

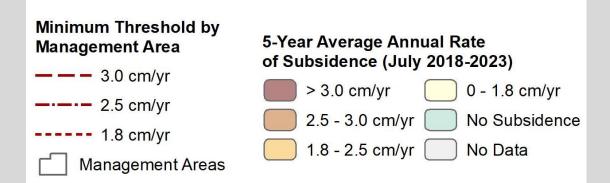


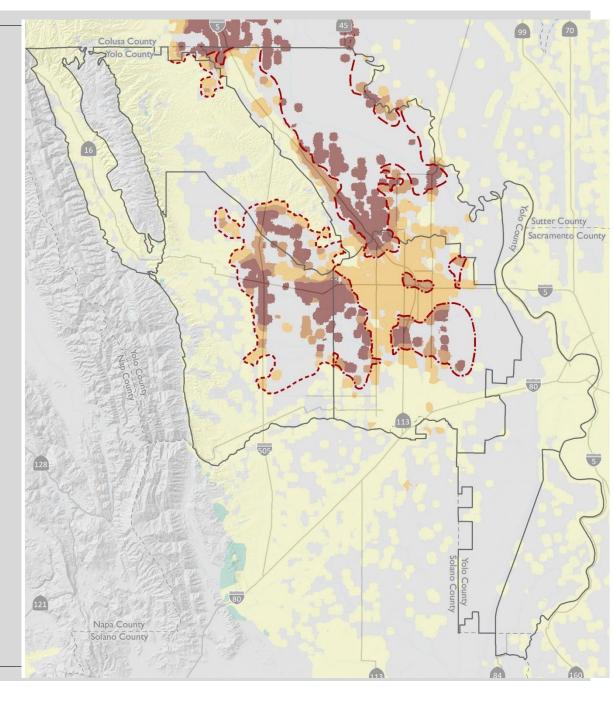
### TOTAL SUBSIDENCE SINCE 2017 (GPS)



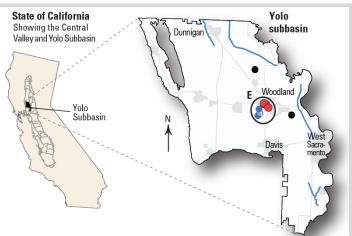
## Rates of Subsidence in Yolo

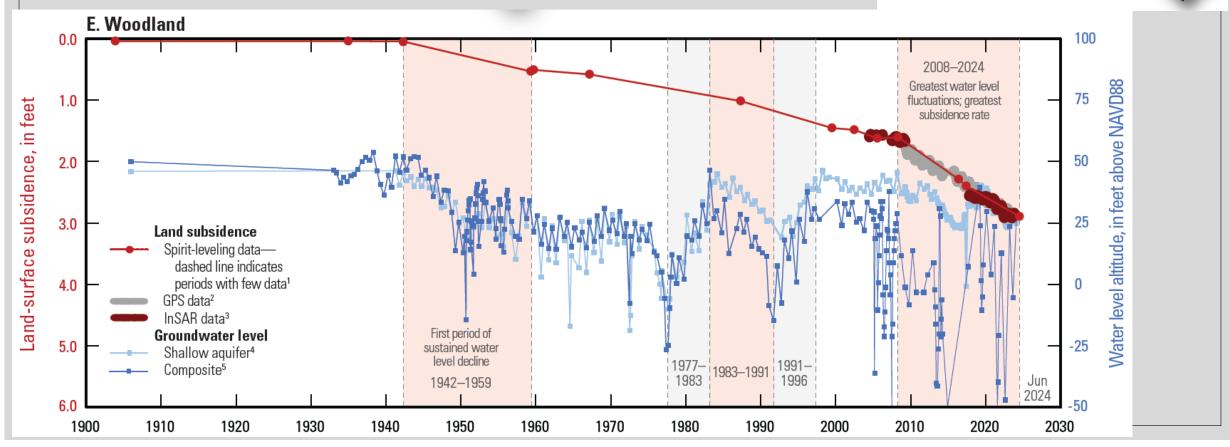
- Subsidence rates between July 2018 and July 2023
- Rates of subsidence in multiple areas exceeded the GSP defined Minimum Threshold rates during this period





## One Example from Woodland

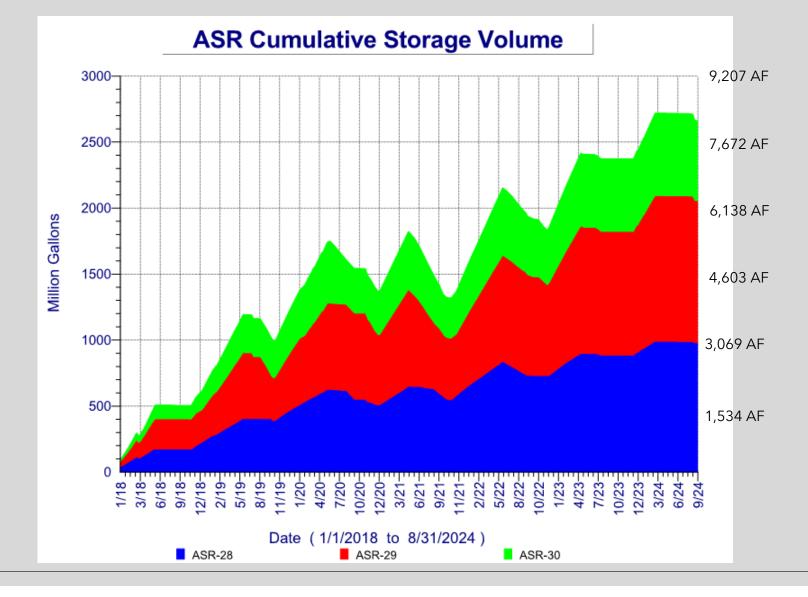




# BUTTHERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS!

City of Woodland Aquifer Storage & Recovery

Program





### Improving Water Quality in Woodland

Water Quality Parameter	Finished Surface Water (Current Supply)	Groundwater (Former Supply)	Percentage Change
Magnesium (mg/L)	5.4 - 6.5	48.0	89% reduction
Chromium VI (ppb)	0 (non detect)	18	Not Present
Nitrate (as N) (mg/L)	0 (non detect)	5-9	Not Present
Total Hardness as CaCO3 (mg/L)	53 (3.1 grains)	382 (22 grains)	87% reduction
Sodium (mg/L)	14	60	77% reduction
Chloride (mg/L)	12	73	84% reduction
Sulfate (mg/L)	5.0 - 20	38	87% reduction
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	95	531	82% reduction
Specific Conductance (EC)	190	926	81% reduction
Lead (mg/L)	0 (non detect)	Non detect	Not Present
Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO3)	53	338	84% reduction
Boron (mg/L)	0 (non detect)	2.35	Not Present

### Together, we can figure out a solution!



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### GSP IMPLEMENTATION

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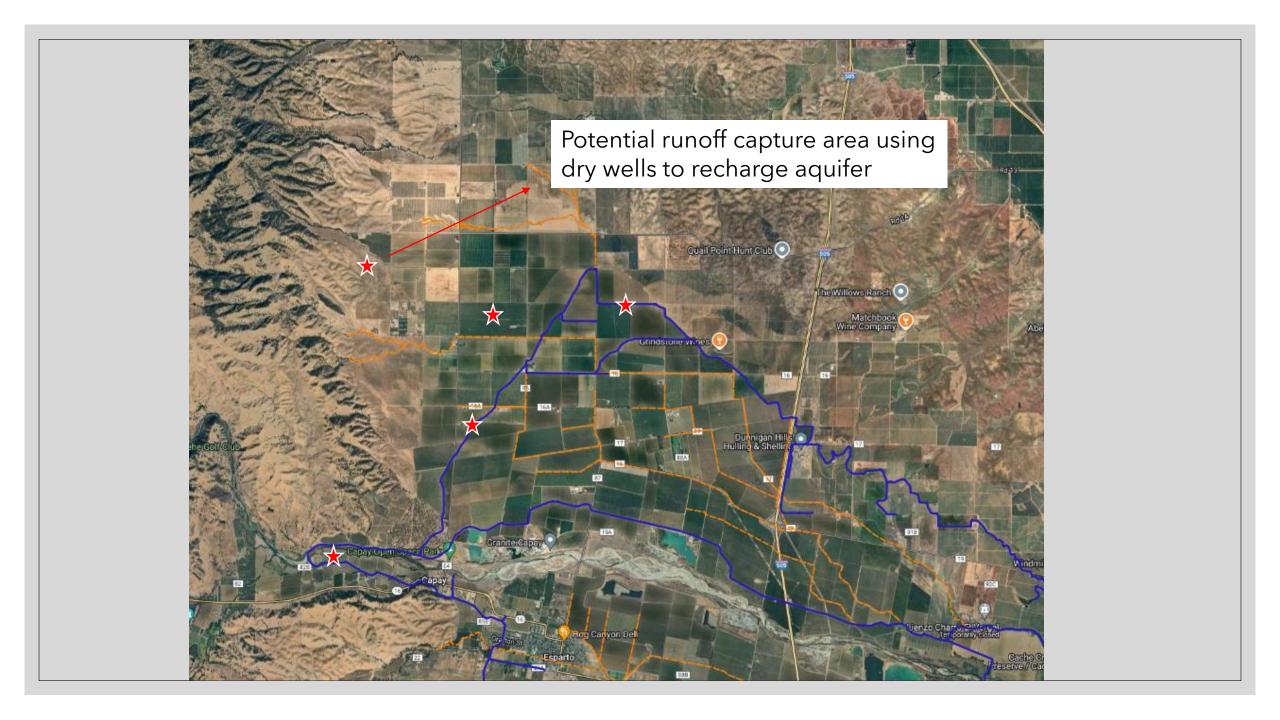
Third workshop held on December 11

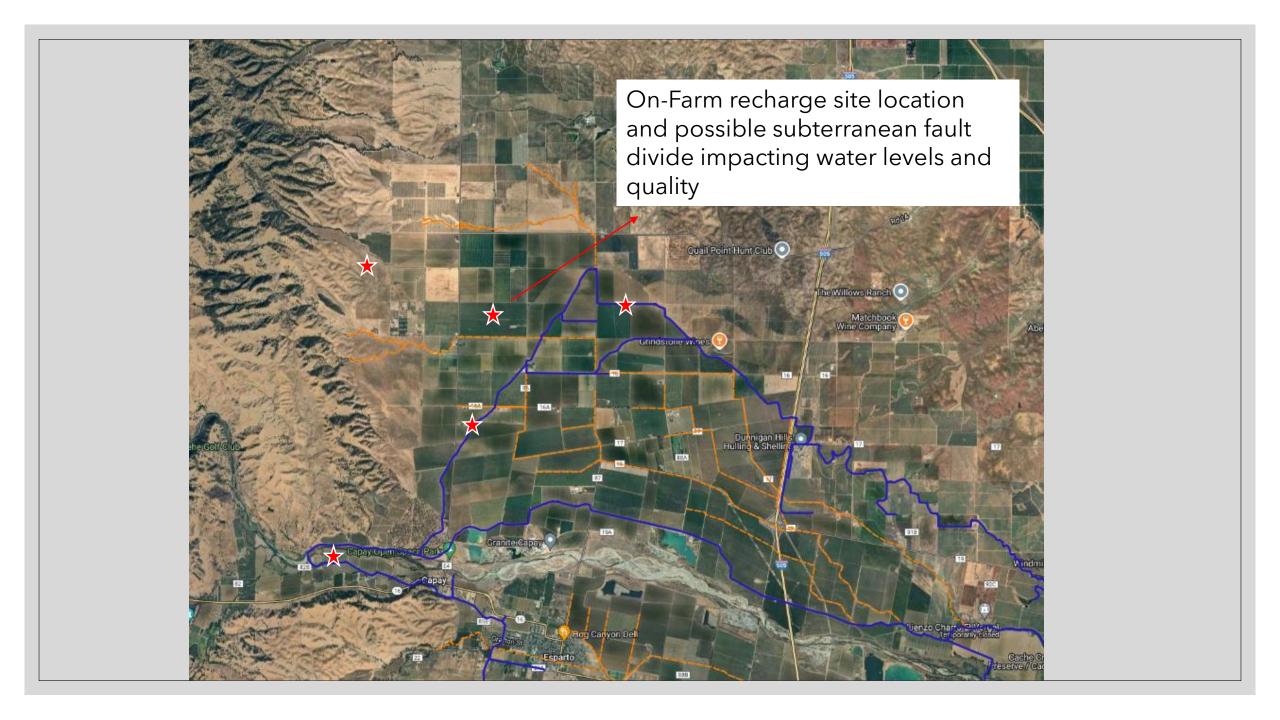


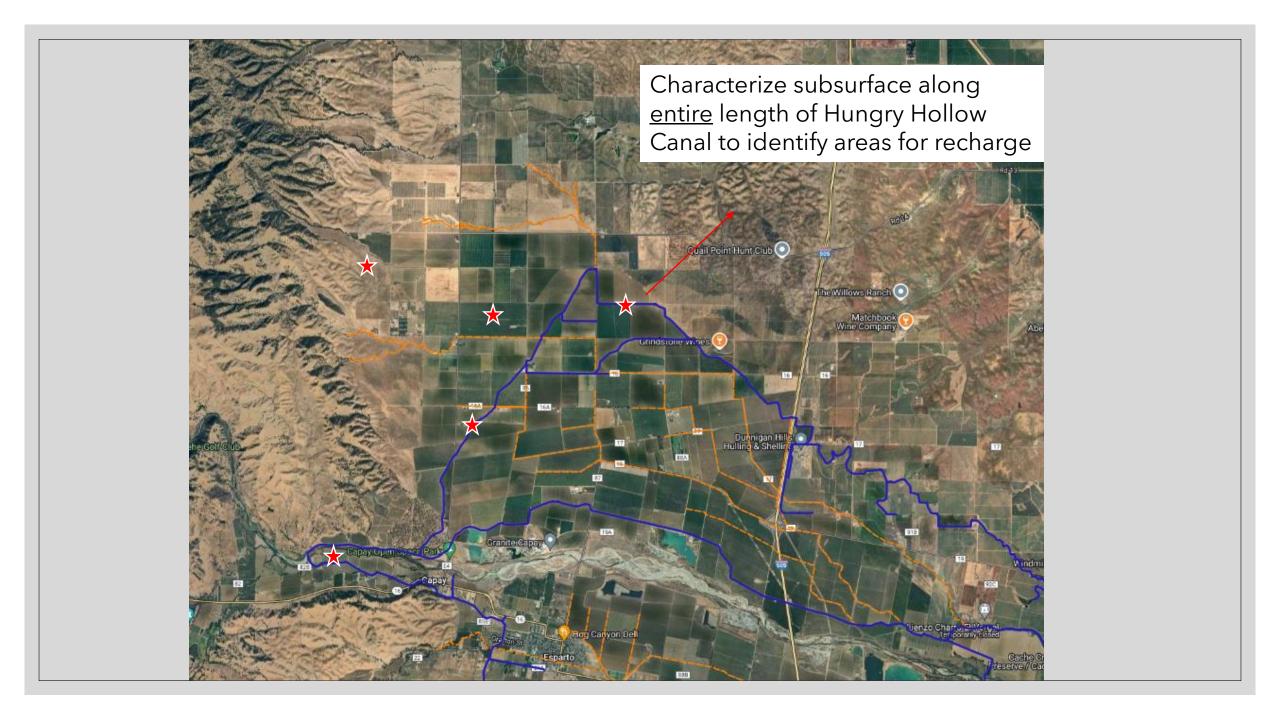
#### **Discussed:**

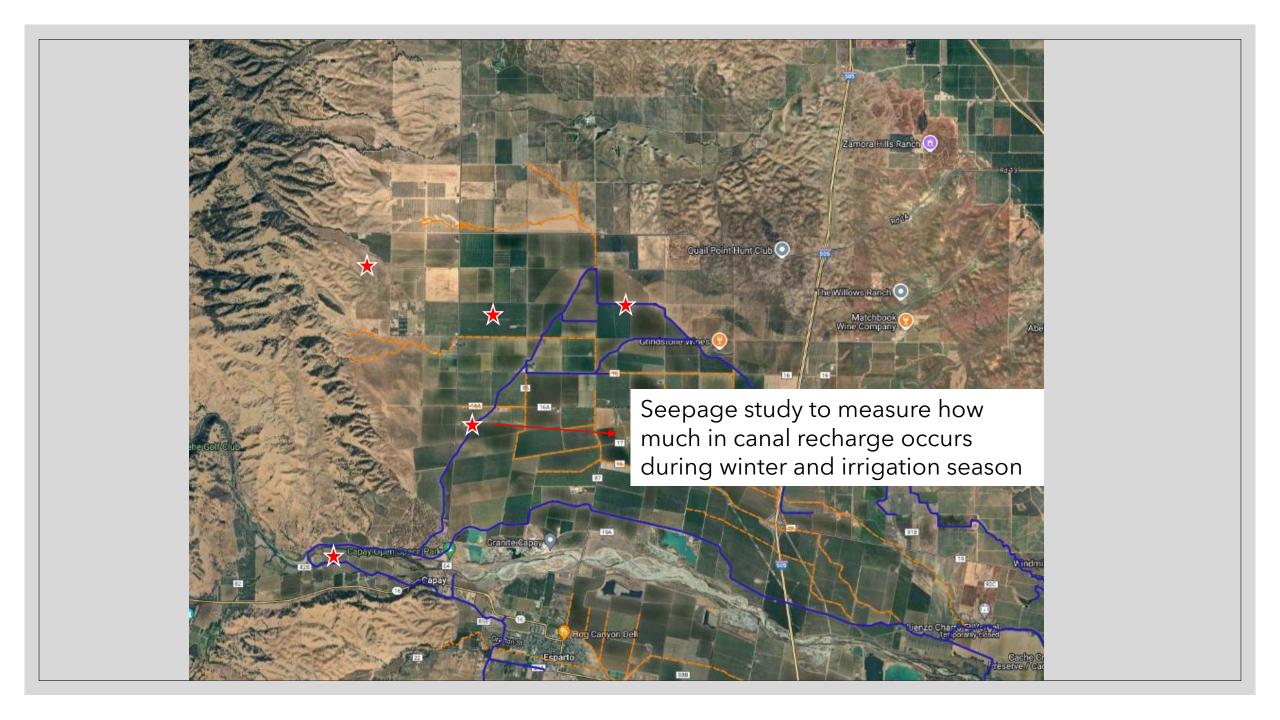
Declaration of Cooperation
Groundwork for Collaboration
YSGA Data Collection Updates and PMAs

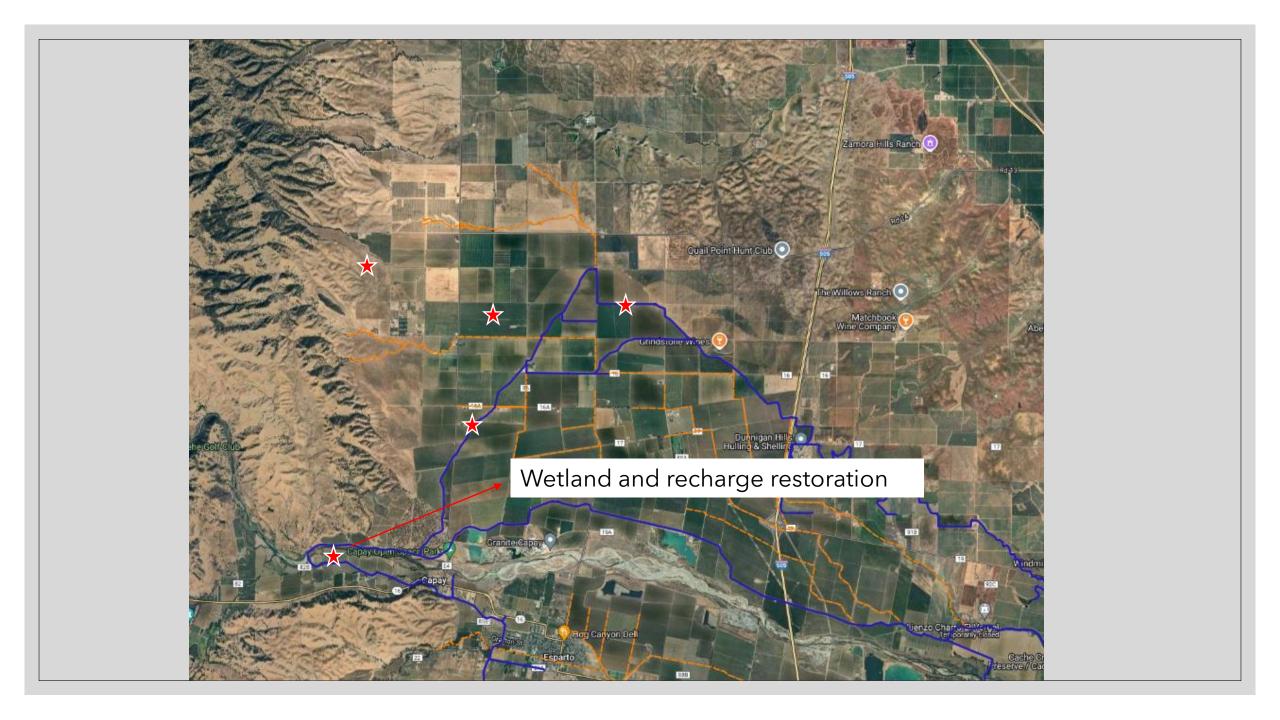
- Examples of collaboration with landowners
- Historical water level trends

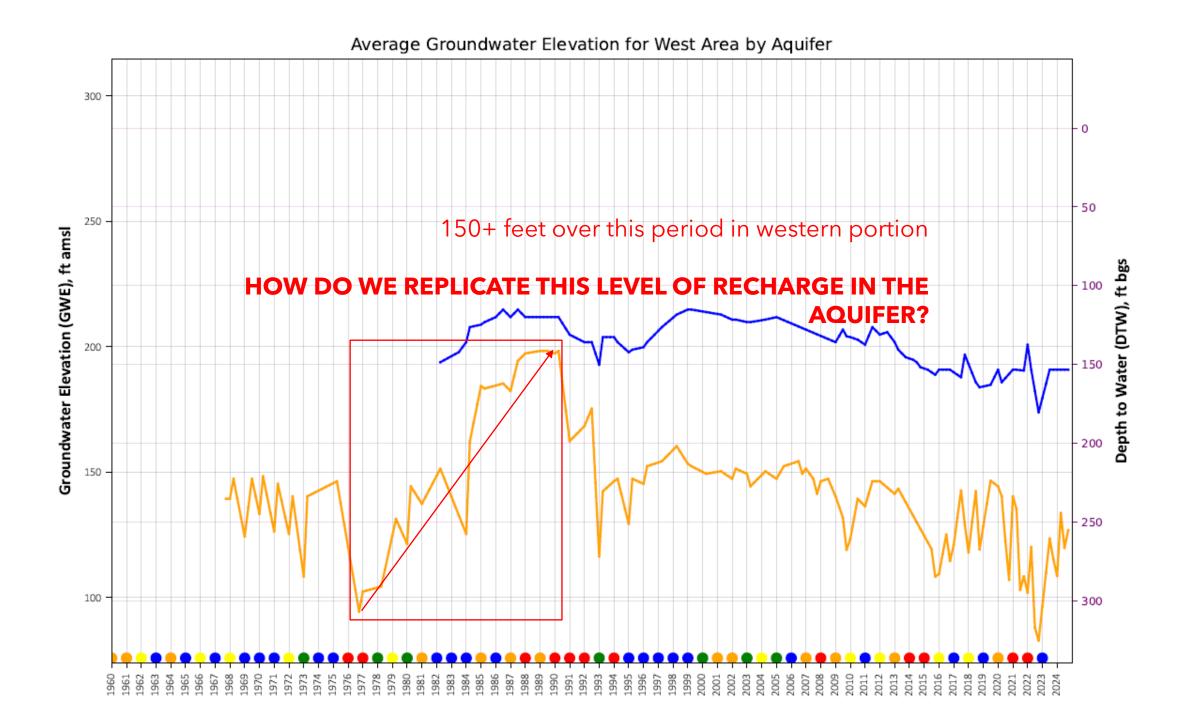


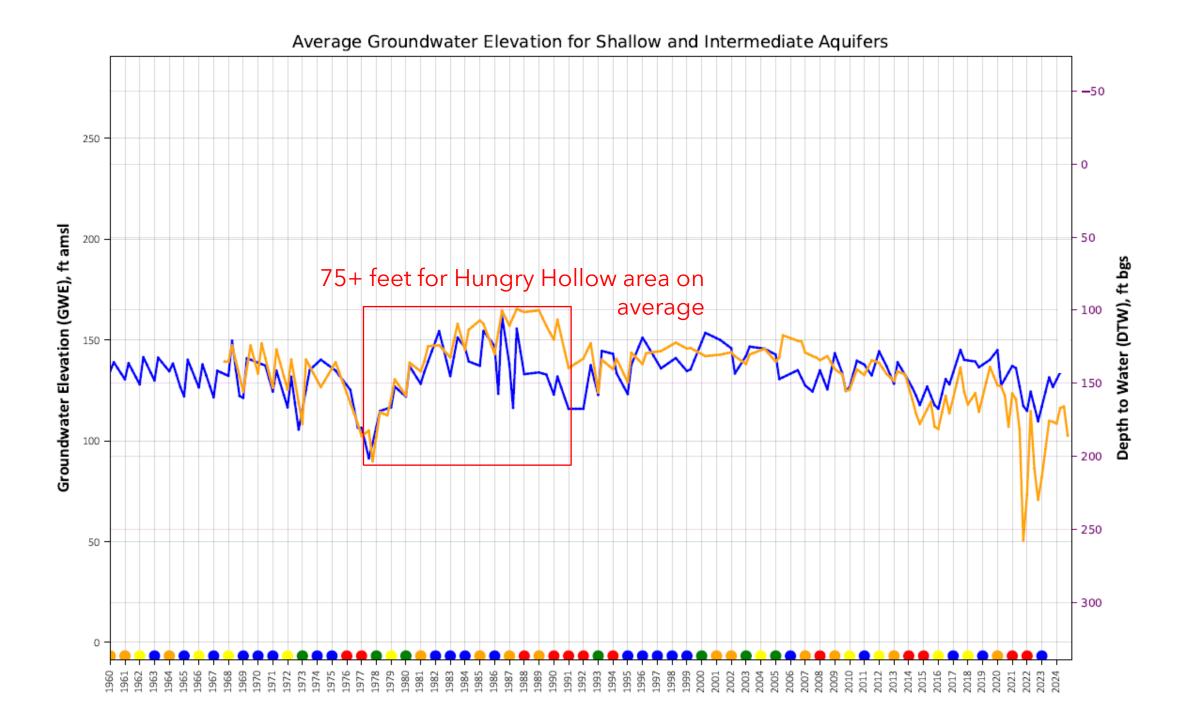












### Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group

Possible explanations for water level rise between 1978 - 1990:

- Indian Valley Reservoir releases
- Early 1990s transition to drip irrigation (i.e. less applied water recharge)
- Gravel mining changes along Cache Creek
- Commodity changes and interest rates due to economics
- Expansion of irrigated ground
- Less water intensive crops
- Transition away from sugar beets
- Well permitting trends

Likely a combination of factors. More to be investigated.

## YCFC&WCD WINTER WATER RECHARGE

### YCFC&WCD Recharge Updates

 2025 Temporary Permit application submitted in August and approved on December 20, 2024

Allows the District to divert winter water from Cache Creek for recharge between January 1 - April 15, 2025

Diversions into the canals started January 8, 2025 (continue to monitor Delta conditions and excess runoff in Cache Creek)

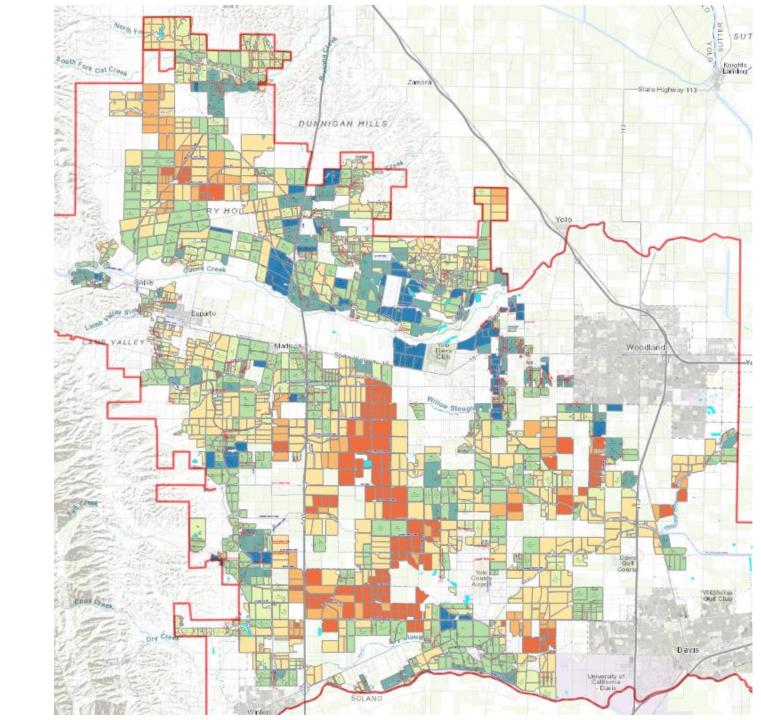


### YCFC&WCD Recharge Updates

- MBK Engineers has initiated the water availability analysis for long-term application & was expected to be submitted by end of 2024 ... now anticipating submission in March 2025
- District Staff, MBK Engineers, and Legal Council are currently discussing ways to maximize diversions



Winter Water
On-Farm
Recharge
Opportunities



## YOLO-ZAMORA RECHARGE PILOT PROJECT

### Yolo-Zamora Recharge Improvements in the District's Canal

- Culvert Enlargements
- Automatic Gate Installations
- Flow Measurement and Control for Groundwater Recharge to China Slough



# Yolo-Zamora Pilot Recharge Project Landowner Meeting

Water and Land Solutions and YSGA Staff presented to landowners at a workshop to share updates on the project:

- Presented refined data on project alternatives. Landowners provided feedback there is a preference for two of the four projects due to costs relative to potential benefits.
- Discussed challenges with permitting for rehabilitating China Slough
- Planned next steps
  - Schedule additional meeting to define a clear direction for project alternatives
  - Implement pilot recharge in China Slough
  - Pursue environmental permitting through CDFW if costs are reasonable

### DUNNIGAN AREA RECHARGE PROJECT

### Dunnigan On-Farm Recharge

 Installed water control equipment to facilitate recharge on a landowner's property

• November: 78 acre-feet

• December: 253.5 acre-feet



### Recharge in Dunnigan Creek

- Plan to install stream gauges on Buckeye and Bird Creeks this spring
- Trickle-flow recharge at Dunnigan Creek began on Friday (1/10), 2 acre-feet per day flow





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