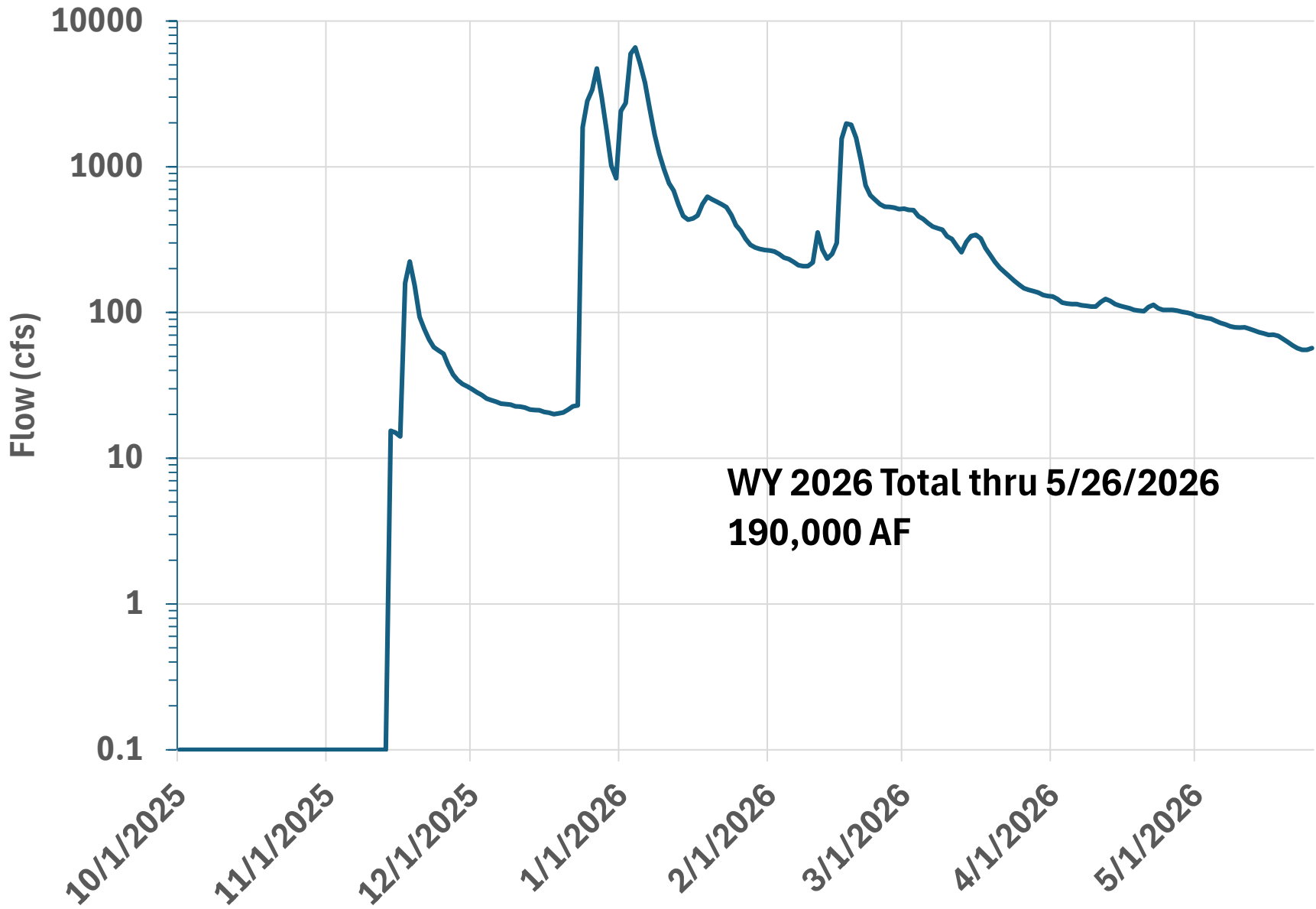
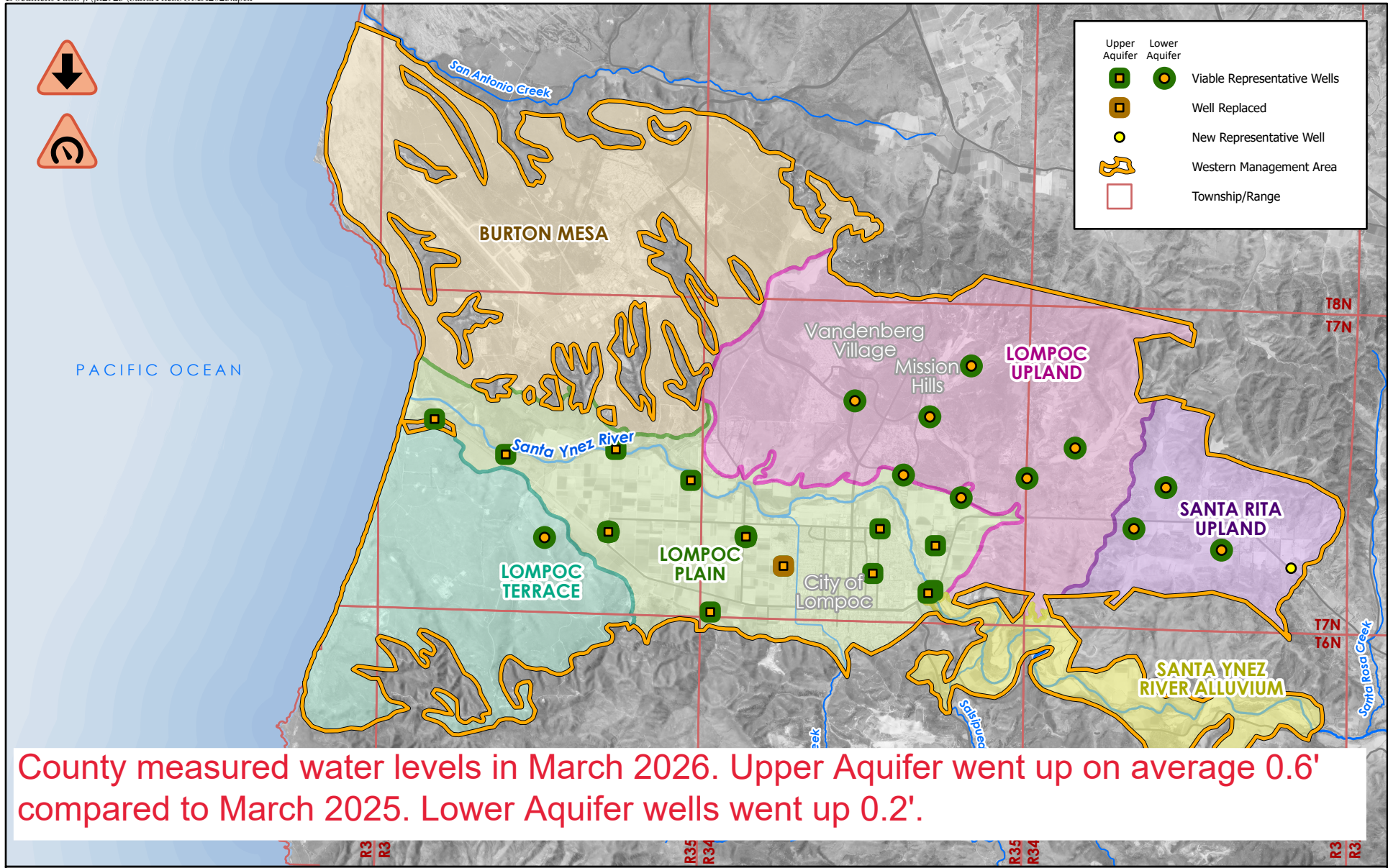


Santa Ynez River at Lompoc Narrows



**WY 2026 Total thru 5/26/2026
190,000 AF**



County measured water levels in March 2026. Upper Aquifer went up on average 0.6' compared to March 2025. Lower Aquifer wells went up 0.2'.

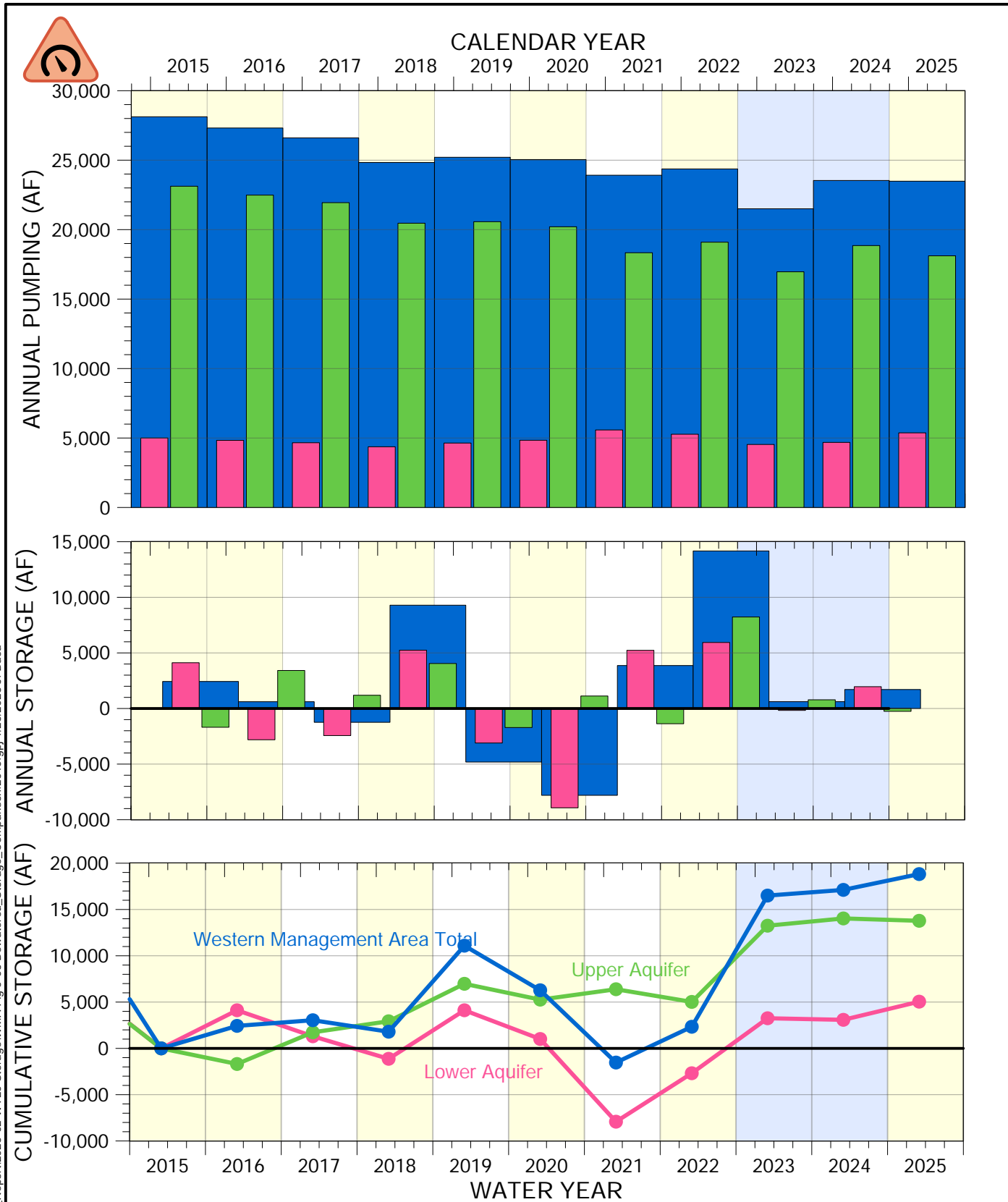


UPDATED WMA REPRESENTATIVE MONITORING WELLS FOR GROUNDWATER LEVELS AND GROUNDWATER STORAGE



County Groundwater Water Level Measurements for WMA Representative Monitoring Wells Spring 2026

WELL ID	LOCALITY	DATE	DEPTH TO WATER FROM GROUND SURFACE	LAND SURFACE ALTITUDE (FT)	ALTITUDE OF WATER LEVEL (FT)	SPRING 2025 (DEPTH FROM GROUND SURFACE)	1-YEAR CHANGE
<u>Lower Aquifer Representative Monitoring Wells</u>							
7N/33W-21G2	Mid Santa Rita Valley	3/3/2026	361.40	421.61	60.21	362.24	0.84
7N/33W-27G1	E Santa Rita Valley	3/3/2026	381.51	432.00	50.49	379.60	(1.91)
7N/33W-28D3	W Santa Rita Valley	3/3/2026	309.61	350.00	40.39	309.36	(0.25)
7N/33W-17M1	Upper Cebada Canyon	3/3/2026	282.22	360.00	77.78	282.76	0.54
7N/33W-19D1	Lower Cebada Canyon	3/3/2026		270.00	270.00		
7N/34W-12E1	N of Mission Hills	3/4/2026	331.53	386.00	54.47	331.58	0.05
7N/34W-14F4	Mission Hills CSD	3/4/2026	228.48	272.00	43.52	227.14	(1.34)
7N/34W-15D3	Vandnrbg Village CSD	3/4/2026	138.73	192.70	53.97	139.44	0.71
7N/34W-22J6	E LV; W of Rucker Rd	3/3/2026	45.50	90.00	44.50	45.66	0.16
7N/34W-24N1	Purisima Mission nr 246	3/3/2026	79.70	130.40	50.70	79.70	0.00
7N/34W-29N7	E of Floradale: Bob Witt	3/4/2026	23.54	69.24	45.70	23.75	0.21
7N/35W-26L4	W of Union Sugar Ave	3/4/2026	7.25	38.55	31.30	9.04	1.79
7N/35W-27P1	S. VAFB (Lom Terrace)	3/5/2026	222.60	260.00	37.40	223.30	0.70
<u>Upper Aquifer Representative Monitoring Wells</u>							
6N/34W-6C4	E of San Pasqual Rd			103.03	103.03		
7N/34W-29N6	E of Floradale: Bob Witt	3/4/2026	22.13	66.70	44.57	22.80	0.67
7N/34W-32H (R)	E of Bailey: Wineman	3/4/2026	29.36	77.00	47.64		
7N/34W-35K9	Eastern Lompoc Valley	3/3/2026	21.90	101.00	79.10	23.02	1.12
7N/35W-24J4	At N end of Douglas Ave	3/4/2026	26.67	52.00	25.33	27.66	0.99
7N/35W-17M1	Surf (near RR xing)	3/4/2026	4.99	12.32	7.33	2.00	(2.99)
7N/35W-26L1	W of Union Sugar Ave	3/4/2026	5.46	38.64	33.18	5.66	0.20
7N/35W-26L2	W of Union Sugar Ave	3/4/2026	2.48	35.77	33.29	4.35	1.87
7N/35W-21G2	AFB: 3300' NW of 22M1	3/5/2026	14.82	22.57	7.75	14.99	0.17
7N/35W-23B2	N of SY River on VAFB	3/5/2026	26.60	40.00	13.40	29.73	3.13



Water Year type:
Blue = Wet, Yellow = Dry / Critically Dry, White = Above / Below Normal

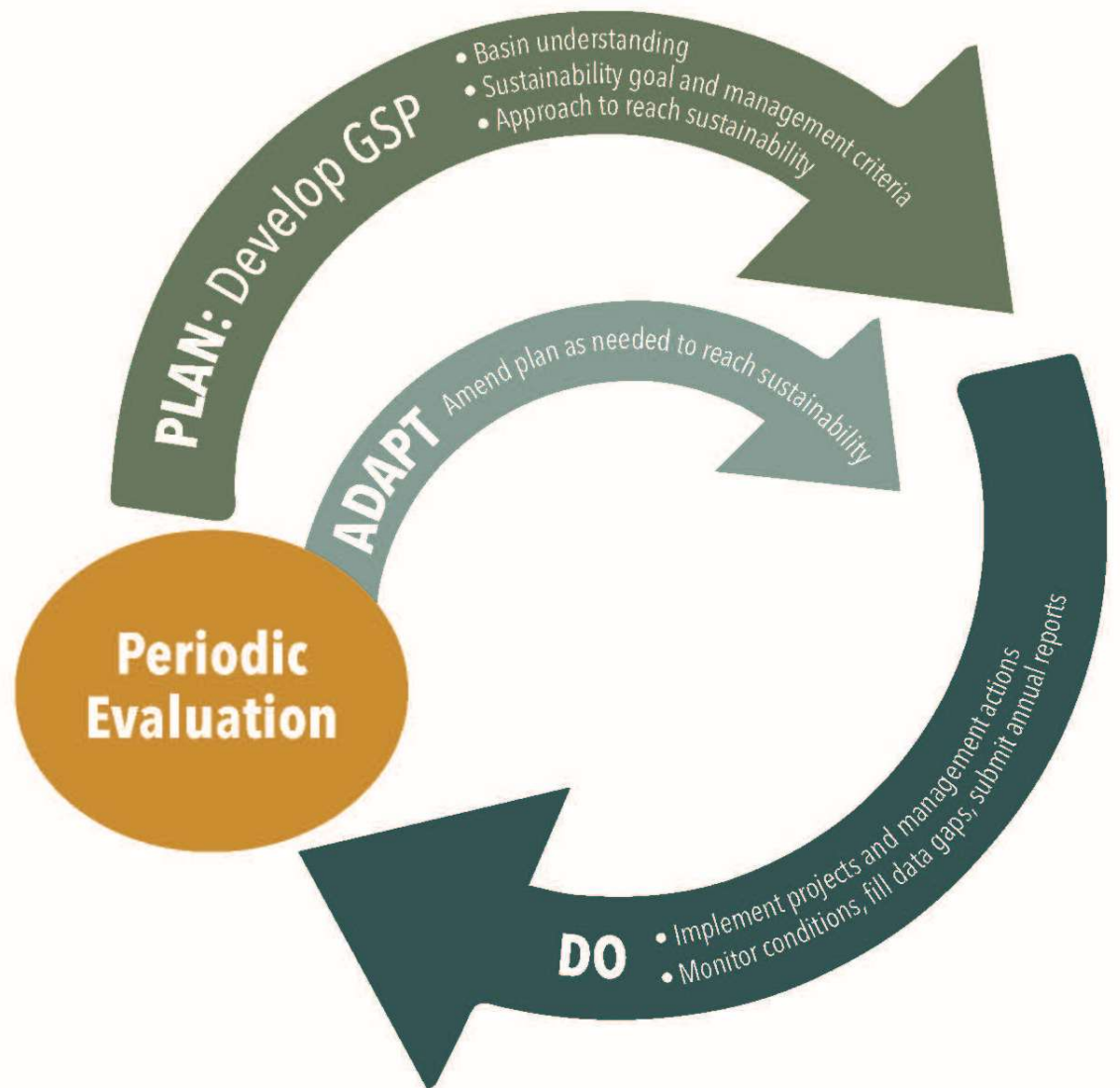
Lower Aquifer Upper Aquifer WMA Total



**COMPARISON OF
WATER YEAR TYPE, GROUNDWATER USE,
ANNUAL STORAGE, AND CUMULATIVE STORAGE
RELATIVE TO MARCH 2015**

5- year Periodic Evaluation

- **PLAN:** The WMA, CMA, and EMA each developed a GSP and submitted on January 18, 2022
 - DWR accepted each GSP on January 18, 2024
- **DO:** Now we implement projects and management actions, monitor conditions, fill data gaps, and submit annual reports
- **ADAPT:** Future periodic evaluation
 - Address Seven Recommendations by DWR Staff



DWR Recommended Corrective Actions

“The recommended corrective actions identified in the Staff Report will assist the Department’s future review of the Plan’s implementation for consistency with SGMA and the Department therefore recommends the Agencies address them by the time of the Department’s periodic review, which is set to begin on January 18, 2027, as required by Water Code § 10733.8. Failure to address the Department’s recommended corrective actions before future, subsequent plan evaluations, may lead to a Plan being determined incomplete or inadequate.”

- DWR (2024) Statement of Findings regarding the Approval of the Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

DWR Recommended Corrective Actions

RCA #	Summary Description
1	Implement Action Plan.
2	Provide additional analysis of principal aquifers and the physical relationship of the Santa Ynez River Alluvium with those principal aquifers.
3	Reevaluate water budget for consistency.
3.a	Develop a single water budget document for all three management areas.
3.b.1	Use the same time periods for all three management areas.
3.b.2	Explain how releases from Lake Cachuma are managed and influence the surface water and groundwater systems through each of the three management areas.
4	Reevaluate SMC for groundwater levels to include drought conditions, rather than typical conditions.
4.a	Revise SMCs and undesirable results to manage during drought conditions, not for typical conditions.
4.b	Revise SMC to be based on seasonal low groundwater levels.
4.c	Conduct a well impact analysis.
5	Reevaluate SMC for water quality.
5.a	EMA GSP should reevaluate the quantitative definition of undesirable results.
5.b	Assess GSA activities resulting in changes in water quality.
5.c	Revise SMCs and undesirable results to manage during drought conditions, not for typical conditions.
5.d.1	Clearly identify representative monitoring well.
5.d.2	Provide additional details and documentation for each water quality target and well.
6	Clarify quantitative definition of undesirable results for land subsidence
7	Review future guidance on ISW when available. Review SMCs for ISW.

RCAs 1, 2, and 7 directly or indirectly deal with Interconnected Surface Water or “ISW” (Basin Conditions and Sustainable Management Criteria).

RCA 3 deals with water budget (Basin Conditions).

RCAs 4, 5, 6, and 7 deal with Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC).

DRAFT - Preliminary Subject to Change

RCA #	How RCA is being Addressed	Likely Plan Amendments
1	<p>Ongoing implementation of Action Plan: Progress is described in periodic evaluation. Public workshops held in September 2025.</p>	No
2	<p>Provide additional SW-GW analysis: Progress is described in the evaluation. DWR acknowledges streamflow depletion due to groundwater pumping cannot be measured directly. Data gaps on surface water being addressed include surface water outflow gage and groundwater dependent ecosystem field evaluation. More background on nexus with Cachuma Reservoir water rights releases provided. Next steps: Update model with measured streamflow output and updated well registration and reporting. Use groundwater model to estimate streamflow depletion due to groundwater pumping.</p>	<p>Not at this time; In next PE, update basin conditions with new measured surface water outflows online well registration/use reporting, and model analysis.</p>
3	<p>Re-evaluate water budget: Requested information is provided in periodic evaluation.</p>	No
4	<p>Re-evaluate SMC for groundwater levels to manage during drought conditions and seasonal lows: May need additional drought analysis and update to SMC and undesirable results. Plan to base SMCs on seasonal low groundwater data after ten years of fall data collected (next PE – 2032).</p>	<p>Potentially; Recommend amendment in next PE</p>
5	<p>Re-evaluate SMC for water quality for drought conditions and provide additional per-well details: Requested information is provided in periodic evaluation. May need additional drought analysis and update to SMC and undesirable results.</p>	<p>Potentially; Recommend amendment in next PE</p>
6	<p>Re-evaluate SMC for land subsidence: New guidance is addressed in periodic evaluation.</p>	No.
7	<p>Re-evaluate SMC on Interconnected Surface Water: DWR new guidance on ISW not out yet. See response for RCA #2 on Surface – Groundwater analysis.</p>	<p>Not at this time; Recommend amendment in next PE</p>

Next Steps

- Continue working on Projects and Management Actions and filling Data Gaps in WYs 2026 and 2027
- ✓ • Finish WY 2025 Annual Report for DWR submittal by April 1 2026
- Finish Admin Draft of Periodic Evaluation and begin public discussion of draft in Early 2026 in preparation for DWR submittal in January 2027
- The Periodic Evaluation will include an assessment of whether a Plan Amendment is needed. A key focus for this evaluation will be to address DWR's Recommended Corrective Actions.

5-YEAR PERIODIC EVALUATION

- SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION
- SECTION 2: NEW INFORMATION COLLECTED
- SECTION 3: GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS
- SECTION 4: PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS
- SECTION 5: BASIN SETTING
- SECTION 6: MONITORING NETWORKS
- SECTION 7: UNDESIRABLE RESULTS AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA
- SECTION 8: GSA AUTHORITIES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
- SECTION 9: COORDINATION, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
- SECTION 10: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED OR COMPLETED REVISIONS TO PLAN ELEMENTS

Table 1. Proposed Key Dates for Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin 5-Year Periodic Evaluation and Potential Plan Amendments

Admin Draft Periodic Evaluation	6/26/2026	PHASE 2 ADMIN DRAFT 5/1/26 -9/15/2026
GSA staff comment period on PE 15 days	7/10/2026	
Decision Deadline for Outline of Plan Amendments by GSAs	7/10/2026	
Admin Draft Plan Amendment	8/1/2026	
GSA staff comment period PA 15 days	8/15/2026	
Notice for Adoption of Potential Plan Amendment (90-days)	9/15/2026	PHASE 3 PUBLIC DRAFT 9/15/26 - 1/6/27
Draft Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendment Released	9/15/2026	
Draft Periodic Evaluation and Plan Amendment Comment Period (45 days)	9/15-10/30/2026	
Final Periodic Evaluation/Plan Amendment for Board Approval/ Public Hearing	1/4-6/2027	
Submittal to DWR	1/18/2027	PHASE 4 FINAL DRAFT 1/18/27
Comment Period on DWR Site (60-days)	1/18/2027 - 3/18/2027	