



Stanislaus County

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Non-District East Landowner Event

December 13, 2023

Agenda

1. Modesto Subbasin Water Year 2023

Liz Elliott, Todd Groundwater

2. East Turlock GSA Turlock Subbasin Implementation Highlights

Mike Tietze, East Turlock GSA

3. Stanislaus County Environmental Resources – Projects and Management Actions

Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus Co.

4. Subsurface Recharge

Mike Busby, LIDCO Inc.





GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS, WATER YEAR 2023

MODESTO SUBBASIN

EASTERN MODESTO SUBBASIN LANDOWNER WORKSHOP No. 2

DECEMBER 13, 2023



AGENDA

- GSP Update Since We Last Met
- Groundwater Level Analysis, WY 2023
 - Sustainable Management Criteria
 - Hydrographs
- Putting the results in perspective



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GSP UPDATE SINCE WE LAST MET

- March 2023: Second Annual Report submitted
- Spring 2023: Third GSP monitoring event
- Fall 2023: Fourth GSP monitoring event
- January 2024: DWR's GSP assessment due, two possible outcomes:
 - Approved
 - Incomplete: 180 days to revise the GSP based on DWR's comments
- April 2024: Third GSP Annual Report due

WY 2023 GSP GROUNDWATER LEVEL MONITORING

- Fall 2022, seasonal low groundwater levels
 - measured late October / early November
- Spring 2023, seasonal high groundwater levels
 - measured late February / early March
- During both monitoring events, groundwater elevations measured in 59 representative monitoring wells
- Groundwater levels were reported to DWR



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DEFINITION OF UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels



An undesirable result will occur when at least 33% of representative monitoring wells exceed the MT for a principal aquifer in three (3) consecutive Fall monitoring events.

Interconnected Surface Water



An undesirable result will occur on one of the rivers when 33% to 50% of the representative monitoring wells for that river exceed the MT in three (3) consecutive Fall monitoring events.

(33% on Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers, 50% on San Joaquin River)

WHAT ARE UNDESIRABLE RESULTS?

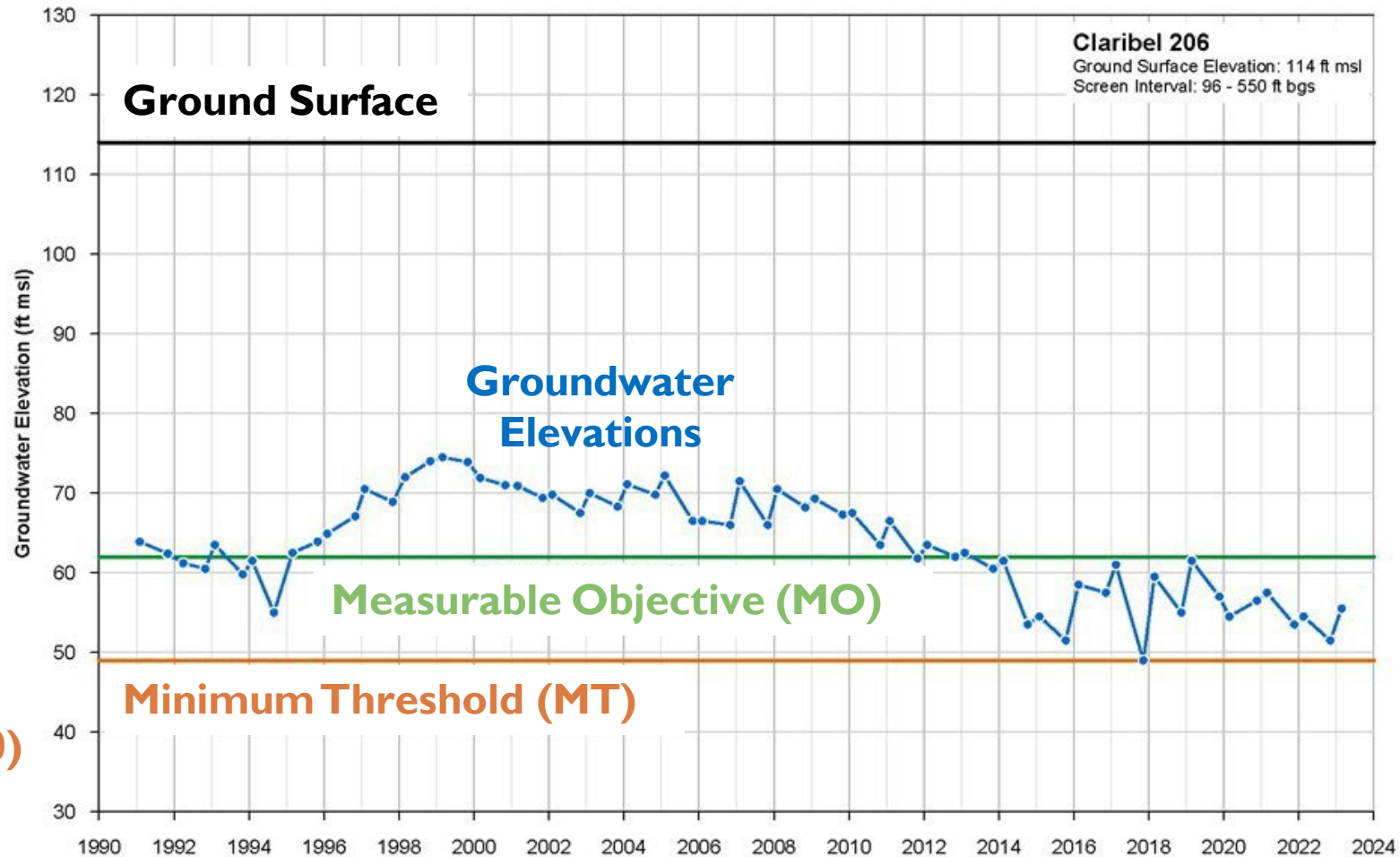
- Significant and unreasonable groundwater level declines such that water supply wells are adversely impacted in a manner that cannot be readily managed or mitigated. Adverse impacts may include:
 - Dry domestic wells
 - Higher pumping costs
 - Loss of capacity and well efficiency
 - Well failure
- Interconnected Surface Water: streamflow depletion, GDEs
- Inelastic land subsidence that affects land use or critical infrastructure

MINIMUM THRESHOLDS (MTs)

Example Hydrograph

MO:
midpoint between
MT and historical
high

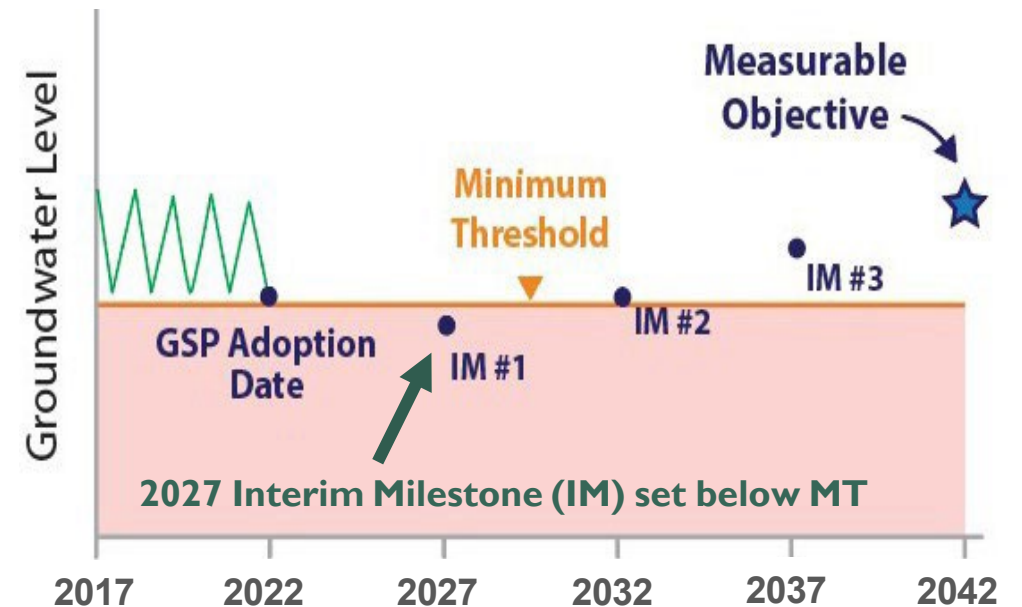
MT:
historical low
(WY 1991 – WY 2020)



INTERIM MILESTONES (IMs)

- MT exceedances were anticipated
 - Persistent drought conditions
 - Water level declines expected to continue in eastern RMWs in short term
- Projects and Management Actions will take time to raise water levels above MTs
- Accordingly, 2027 IMs were designated below the MTs for some wells
- During WY 2023, no wells exceeded their IM

SGMA allows GSAs to define *Interim Milestones* as a “glide path” to sustainable management



MINIMUM THRESHOLDS (MTs)

Chronic Lowering of Water Levels

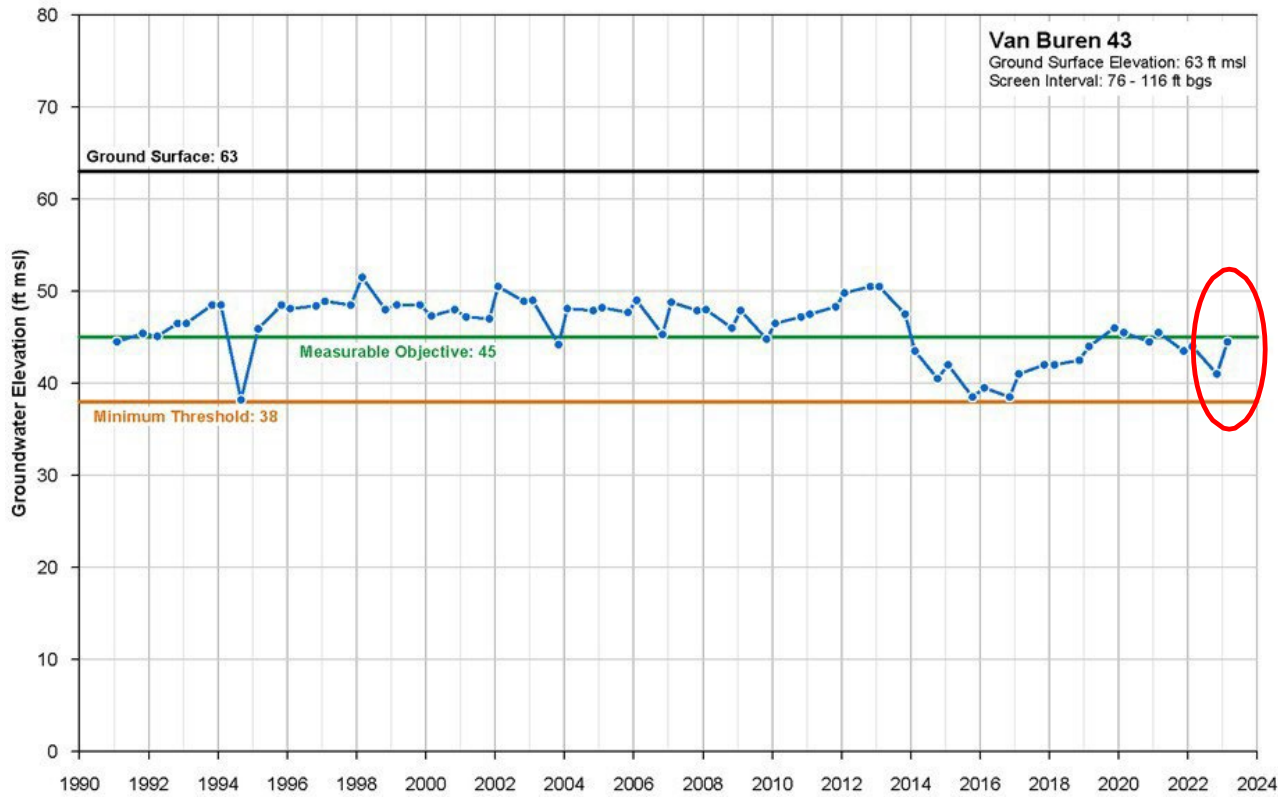
	Fall 2022	Spring 2023
Western Upper Principal Aquifer		
Above MT	16	17
Below MT	1	0
Not Measured	0	0
% Below (includes measured wells)	6%	0%
Western Lower Principal Aquifer		
Above MT	4	5
Below MT	1	0
Not Measured	0	0
% Below (includes measured wells)	20%	0%
Eastern Principal Aquifer		
Above MT	16	25
Below MT	21	12
Not Measured	2	2
% Below (includes measured wells)	57%	32%

Interconnected Surface Water

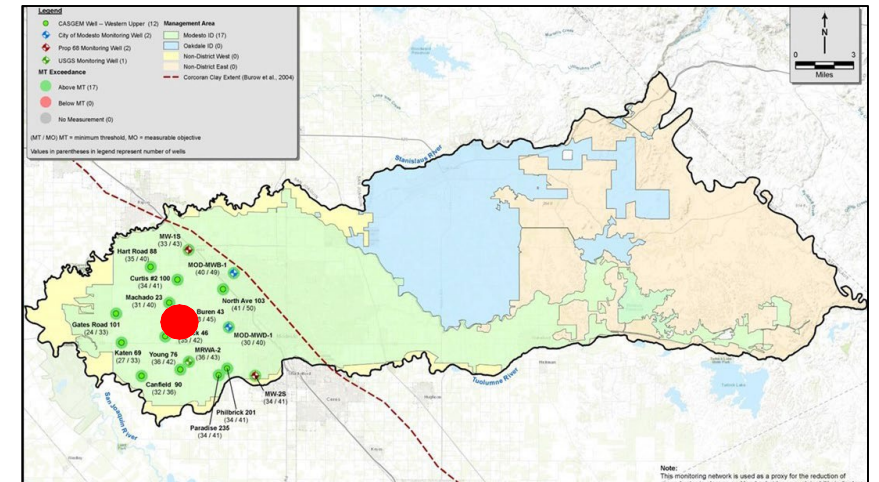
	Fall 2022	Spring 2023
San Joaquin River		
Above MT	1	2
Below MT	1	0
Not Measured	0	0
% Below (includes measured wells)	50%	0%
Stanislaus River		
Above MT	2	6
Below MT	6	2
Not Measured	0	0
% Below (includes measured wells)	75%	25%
Tuolumne River		
Above MT	4	7
Below MT	5	2
Not Measured	1	1
% Below (includes measured wells)	56%	22%

HYDROGRAPHS

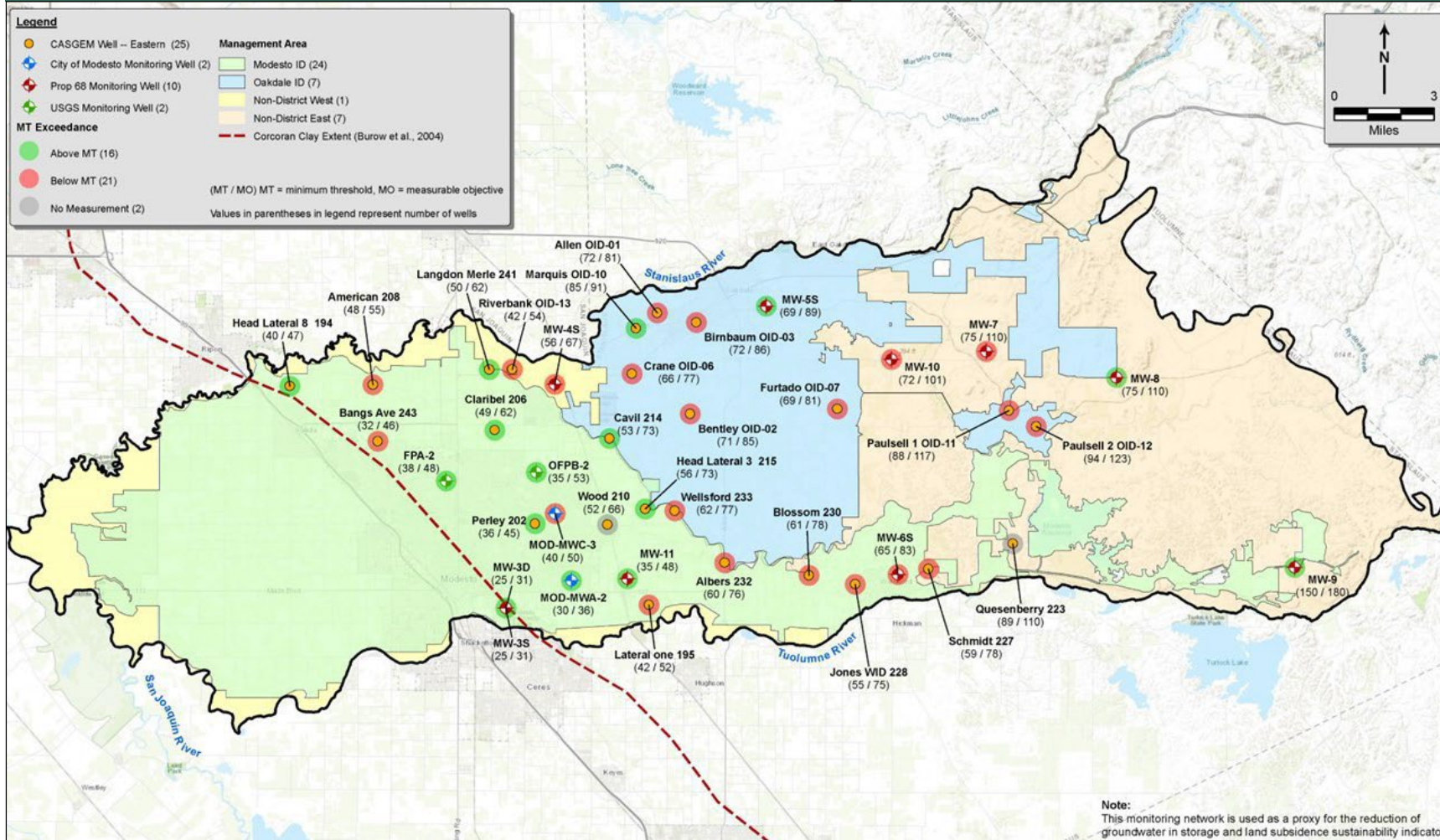
WESTERN UPPER PRINCIPAL AQUIFER



- Water levels are stable in the west
- Water levels are above the MT
- Fall 2022 decline, Spring 2023 rebound
- Similar pattern in rest of Western Upper Principal Aquifer

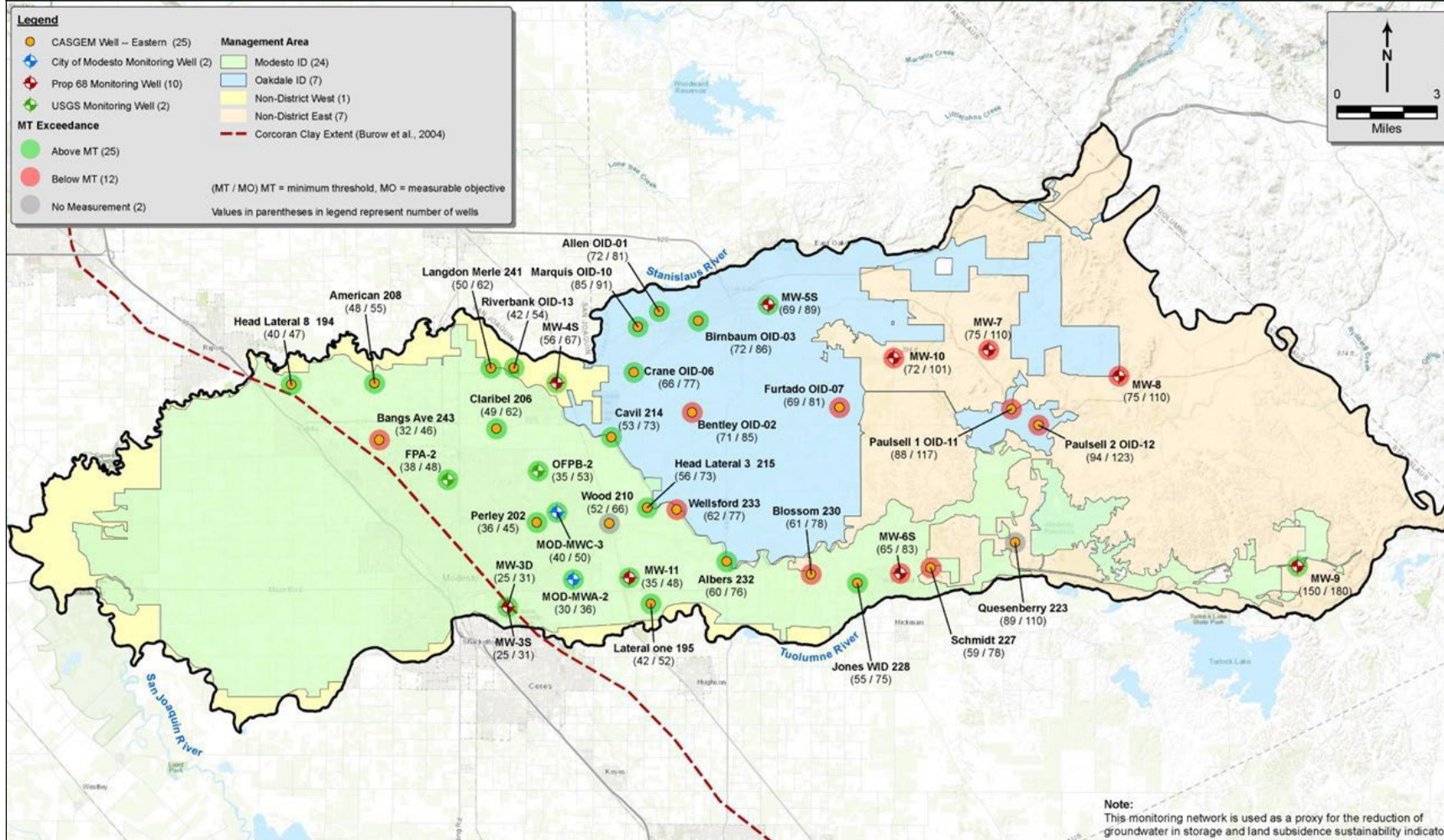


FALL 2022 EASTERN PRINCIPAL AQUIFER



- Water levels continue to decline in east
- 57% wells exceed MT
 - 16 wells > MT
 - 21 wells < MT
 - 2 wells not monitored
- 14 wells have IMs (all above)

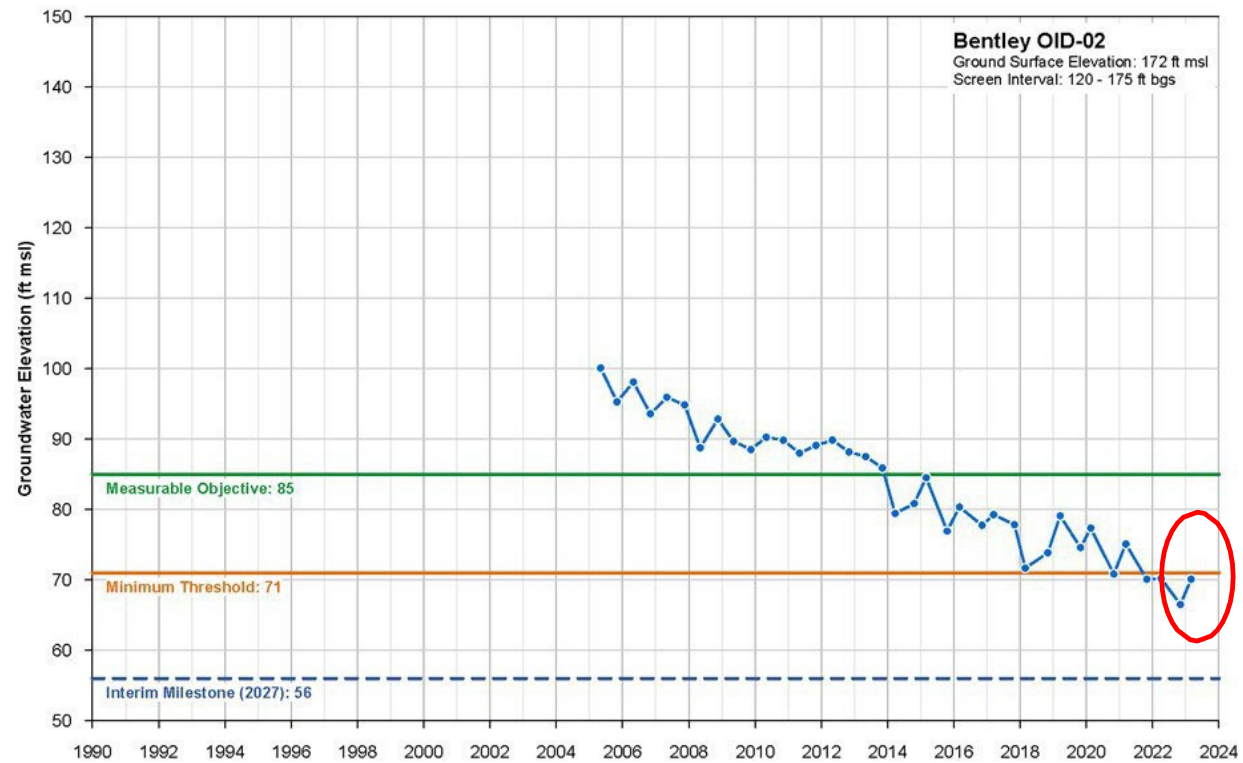
SPRING 2023 EASTERN PRINCIPAL AQUIFER



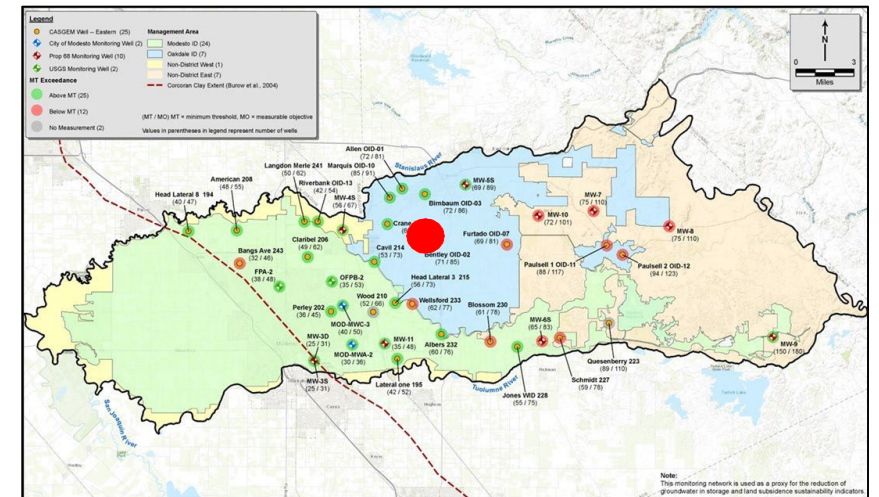
- 32% wells exceeded MT
 - 25 wells > MT
 - 12 wells < MT
 - 2 wells not monitored
- 14 wells have IMs (all above)

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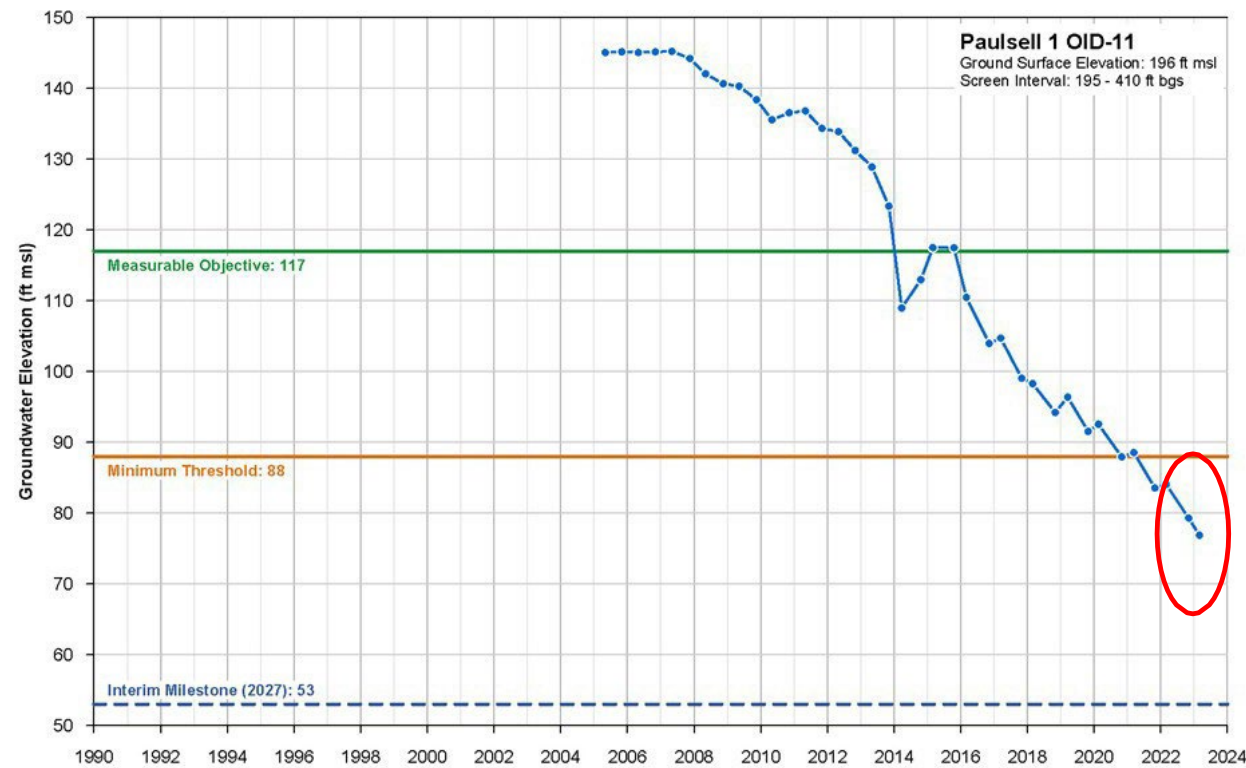


- WY 2023 water levels below MT
- Decreasing water levels since first measurement in 2005
- Similar declines in nearby wells

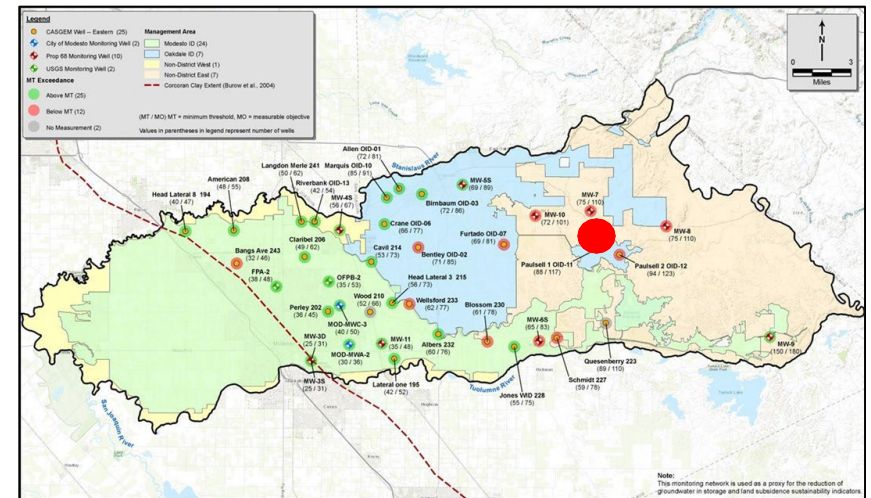


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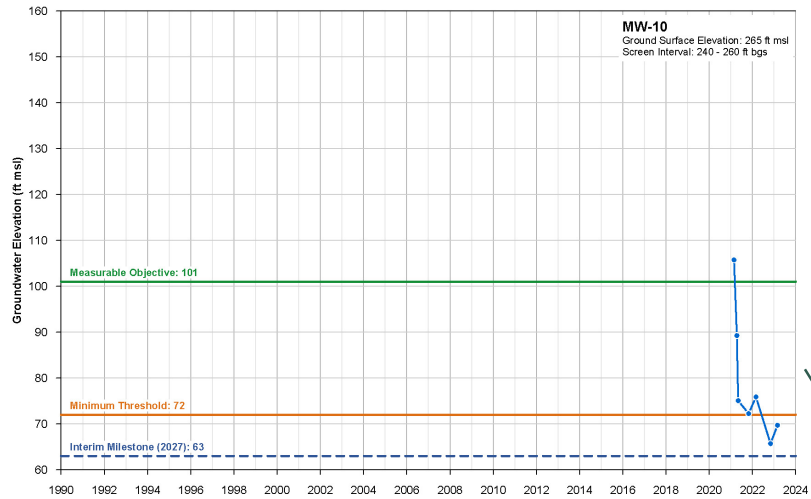


- WY 2023 water levels below the MT
- Eastern wells have highest rates of water level declines
- Declining water levels since 2008

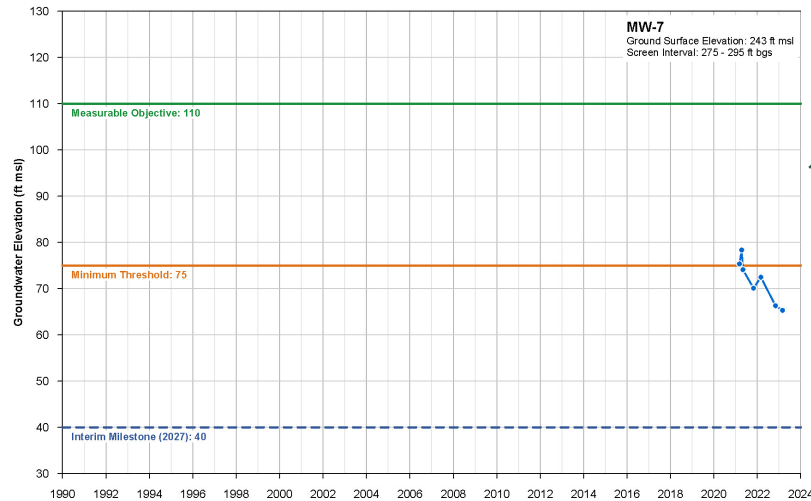


Note: This monitoring network is used as a proxy for the reduction of groundwater in storage and land subsidence sustainability indicators.

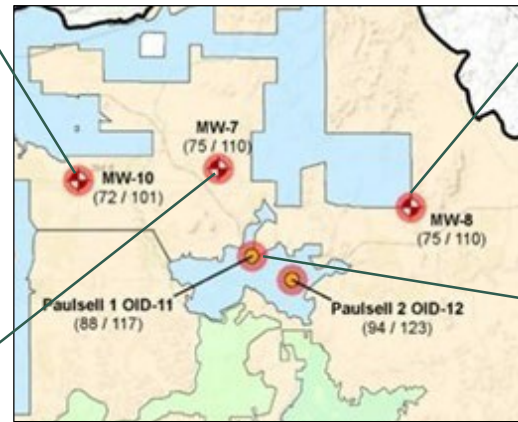
EASTERN PRINCIPAL AQUIFER: A CLOSER LOOK



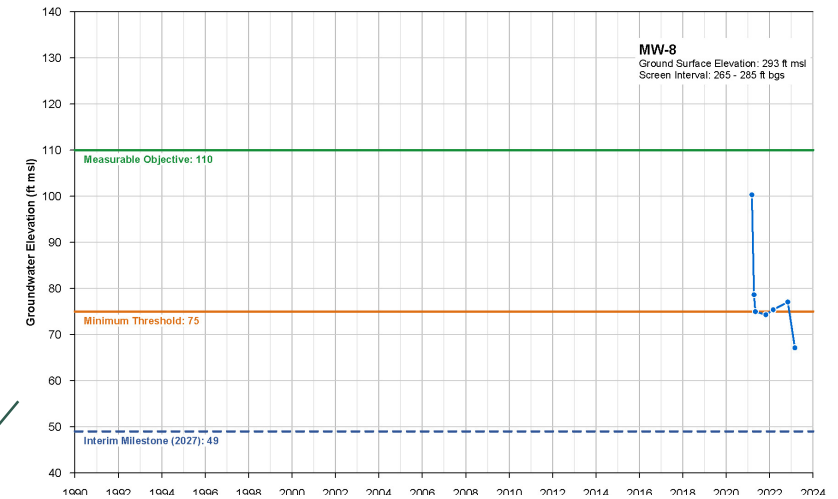
Water level decline, then rebound
(consistent with most of Subbasin)



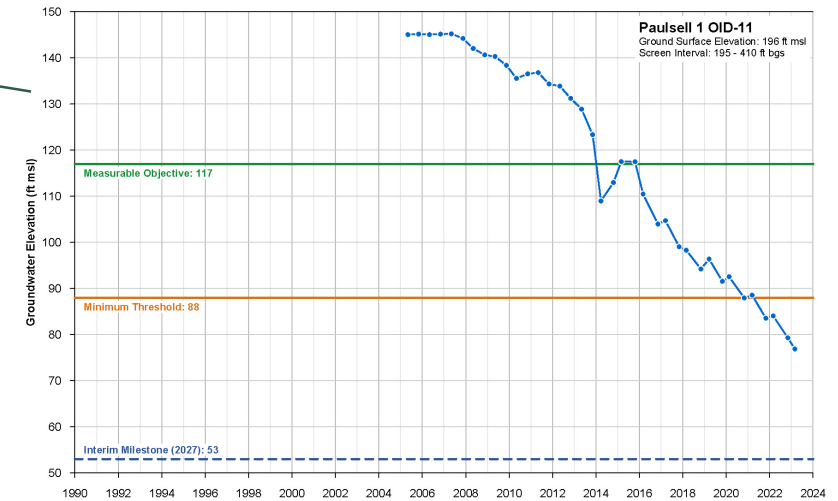
Continuous decline during WY 2023



- These wells are screened in the Mehrten Formation.
- Appears to be a stress within the Mehrten Formation east of MW-10 during the Spring 2023 monitoring event.



Fall 2022 increase, Spring 2023 decline
(counterintuitive)



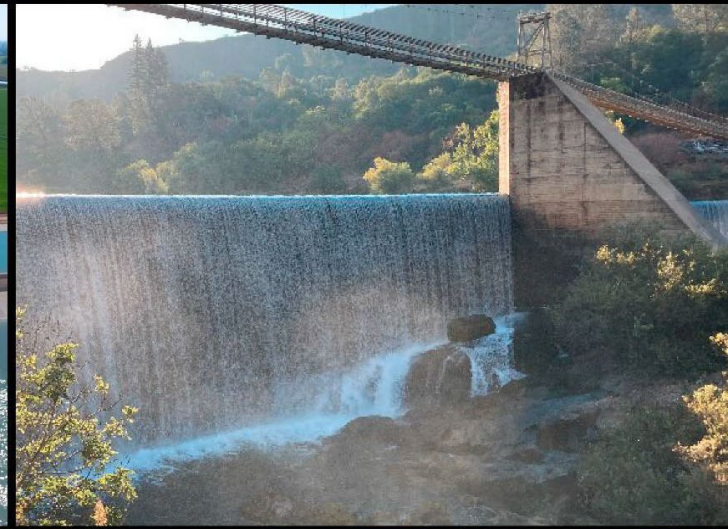
Continuous decline during WY 2023
(Paulsell-2 has a similar trend)

PUTTING THESE RESULTS IN PERSPECTIVE

- Fall 2022 monitoring event occurred after two consecutive critically dry years (WY 2021 and WY 2022). Observed water level declines are not surprising.
- Fall 2022 monitoring event is the first Fall event that counts towards undesirable results.
- Undesirable results have not been triggered.
 - Requires 33% exceedances in 3 consecutive Fall events for Chronic Lowering of GW
 - Requires 33% to 50% exceedances in 3 consecutive Fall events for ISW
- No wells are below interim milestones (IMs)
- Keep an eye on the number of wells with MT exceedances in the Eastern Principal Aquifer and along the river boundaries



QUESTIONS?



WORKSHOP FOR MODESTO SUBBASIN NON-DISTRICT LAND OWNERS

UPDATE ON THE EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GSA PROJECT AND MANAGEMENT ACTION

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Topics

Introduction and Background

Approach

Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program

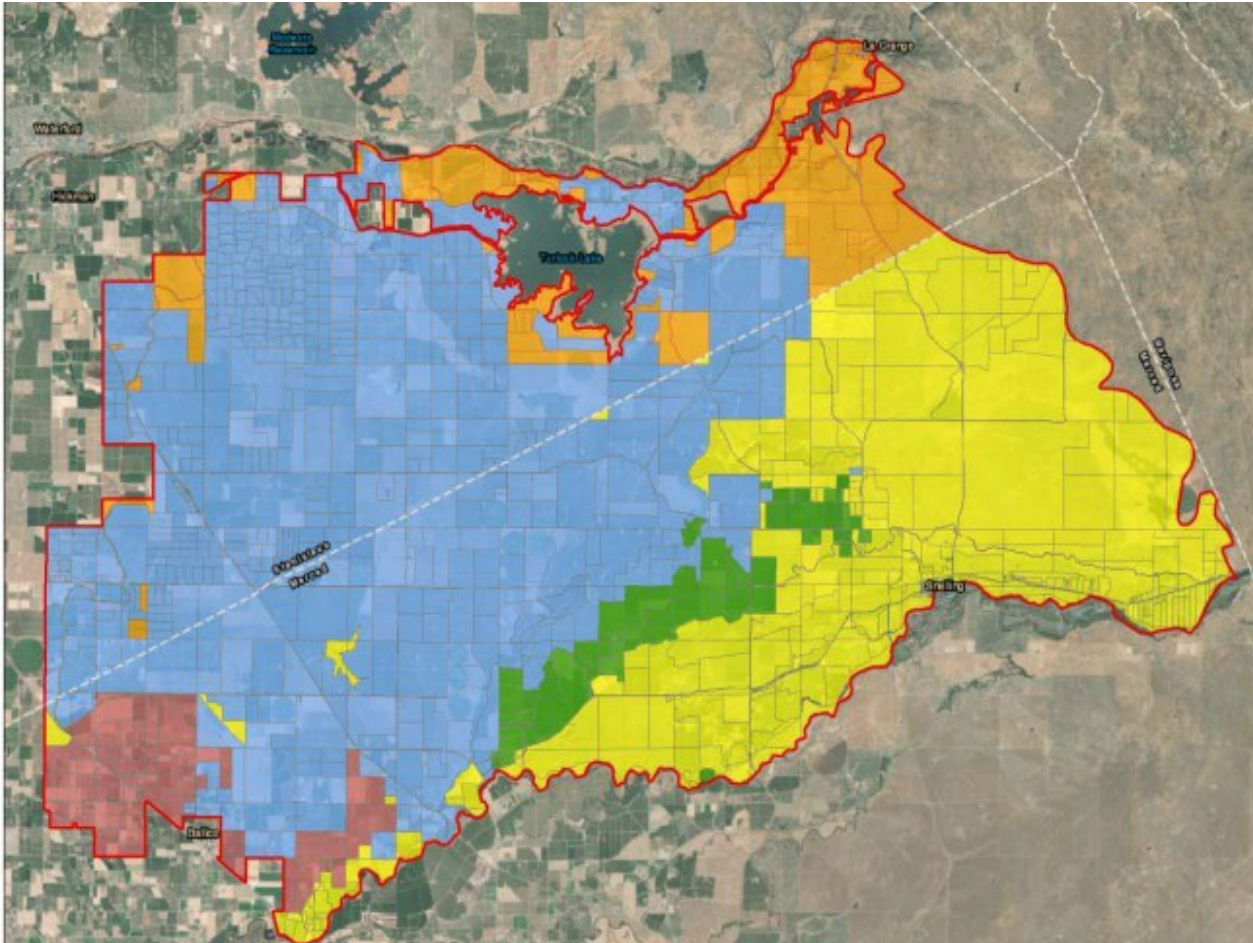
Pumping Management Framework



INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND



WHO WE ARE

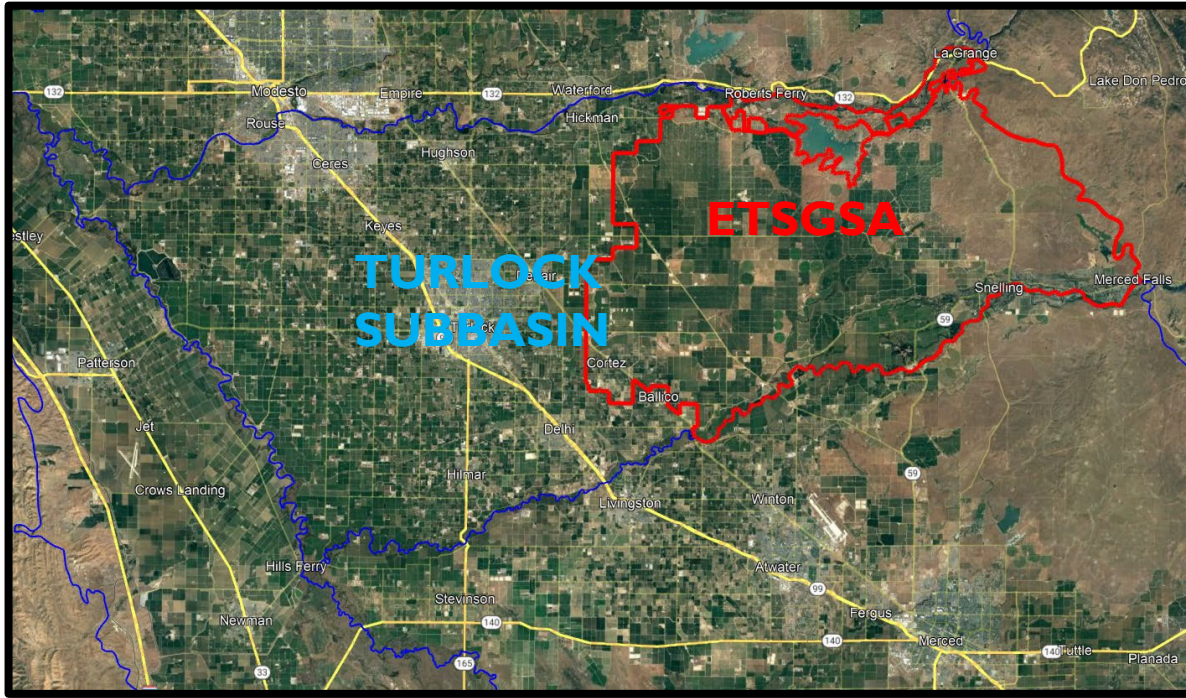


East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA

- ✓ Eastside Water District
- ✓ Ballico-Cortez Water District
- ✓ Merced Irrigation District
- ✓ Merced County
- ✓ Stanislaus County

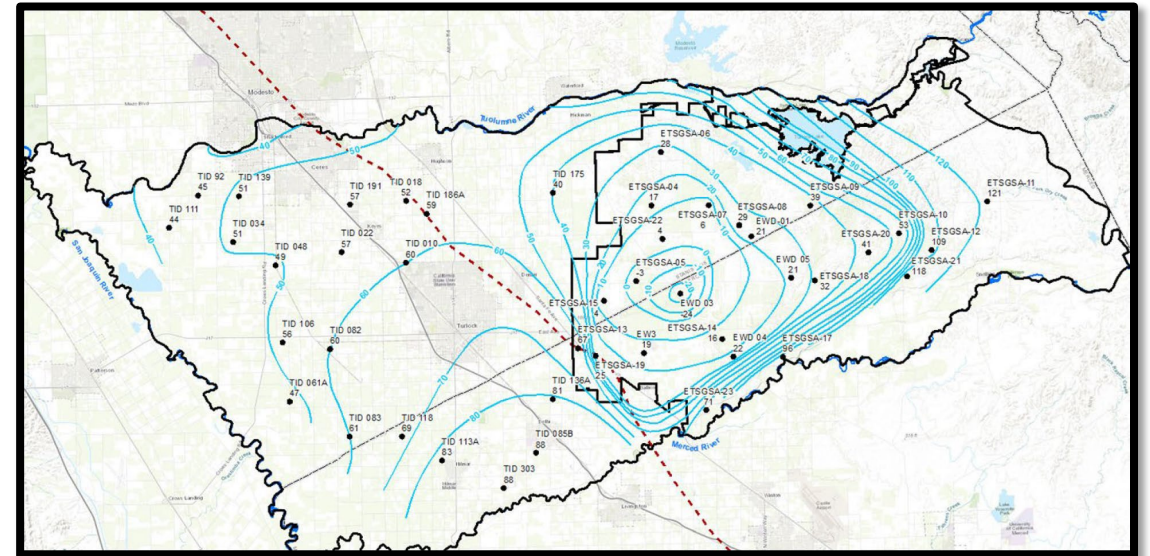
One GSP adopted and being implemented jointly with West Turlock Subbasin GSA

LOCATION AND OVERVIEW



- Current groundwater demand exceeds long-term sustainable yield
- Large cone of depression under eastern subbasin
- Little opportunity for more surface water delivery or recharge

- Over 90,000 acres of high value agricultural land, mostly nuts and vines
- Depends mostly on groundwater



APPROACH

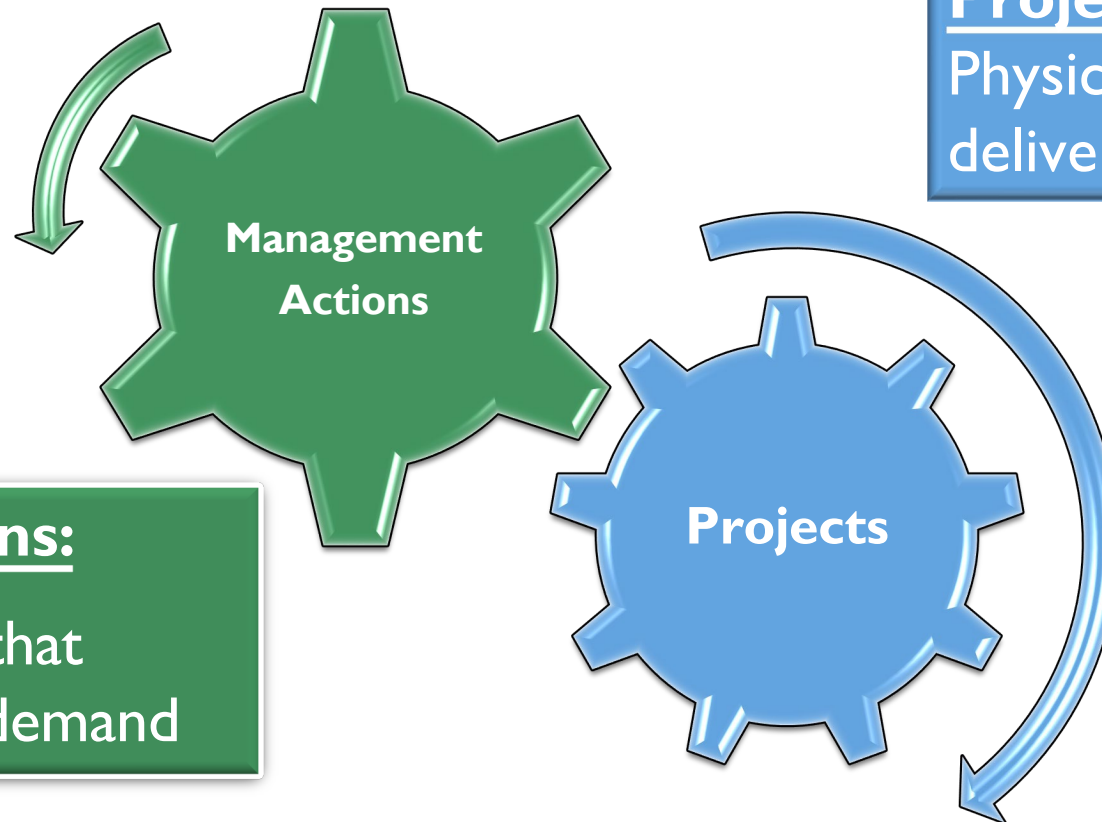


HOW WILL WE MEET SUBBASIN SUSTAINABILITY GOALS?

- Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing
- Targeted Fallowing
- Pumping Management and Fees

Management Actions:

Programs or policies that reduce groundwater demand

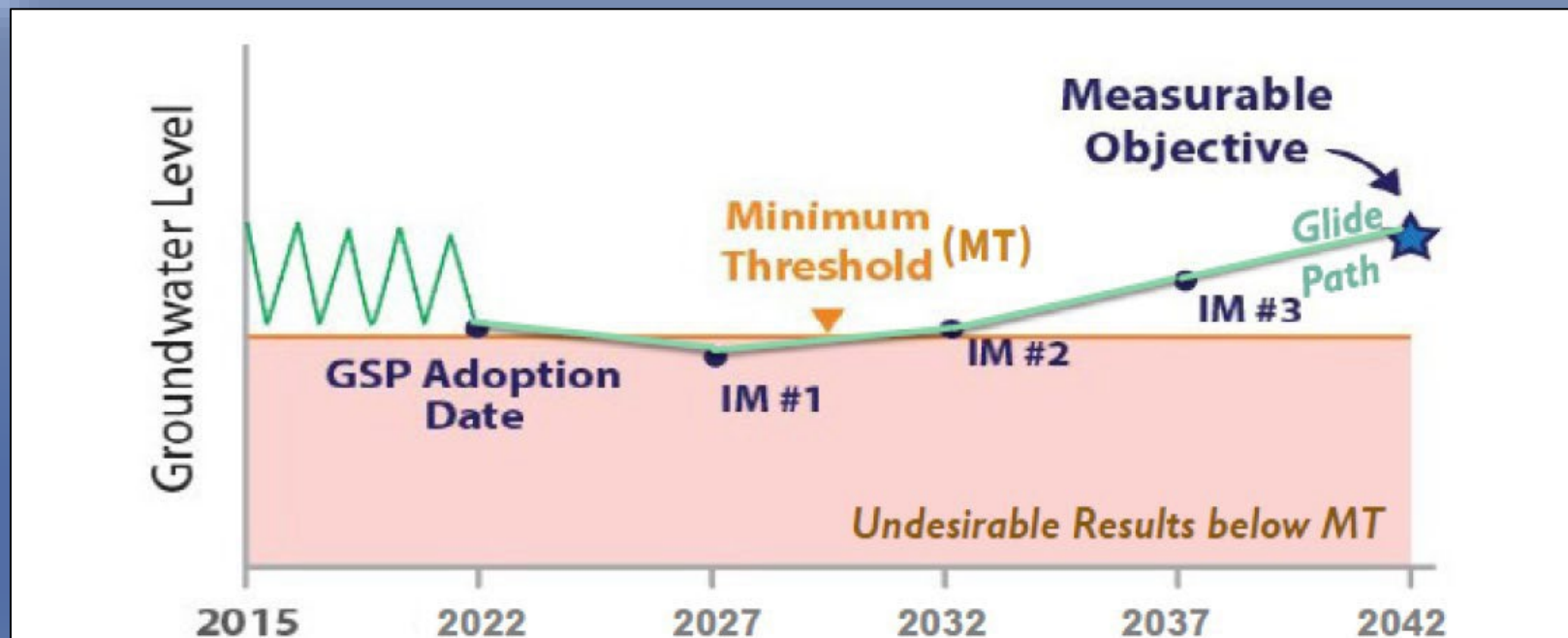


Projects:

Physically constructed water delivery and recharge projects

- In Lieu Recharge Projects using District Water
- Direct Recharge Projects using District Water
- Dispersed Stormwater Recharge or Storage

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



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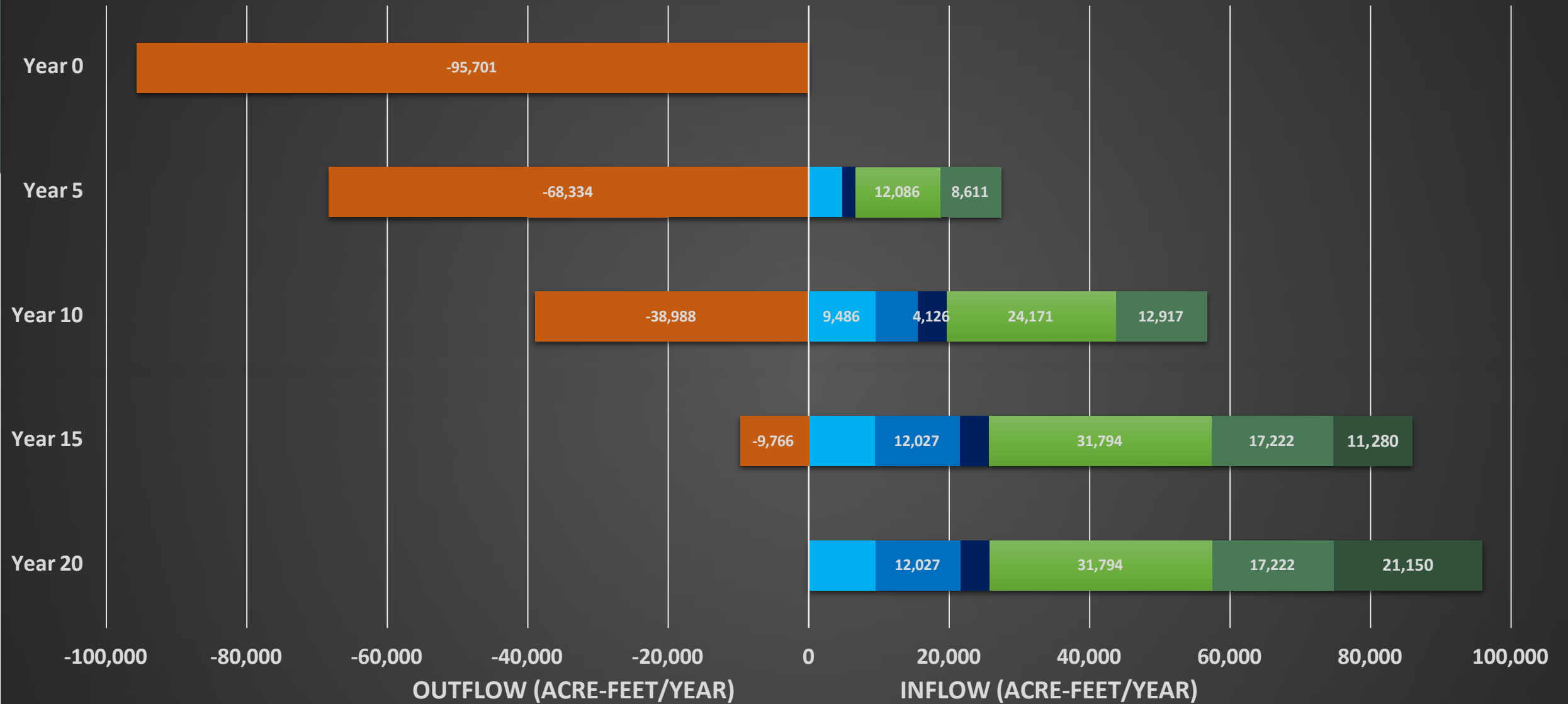
Adaptive Management of Pumping Reduction and Project Implementation to Achieve Sustainable Yield



PUMPING REDUCTION STRATEGY

SGMA	ETSGSA Pumping Management Framework			
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Conceptual P&MA Implementation Approach to Sustainable Yield



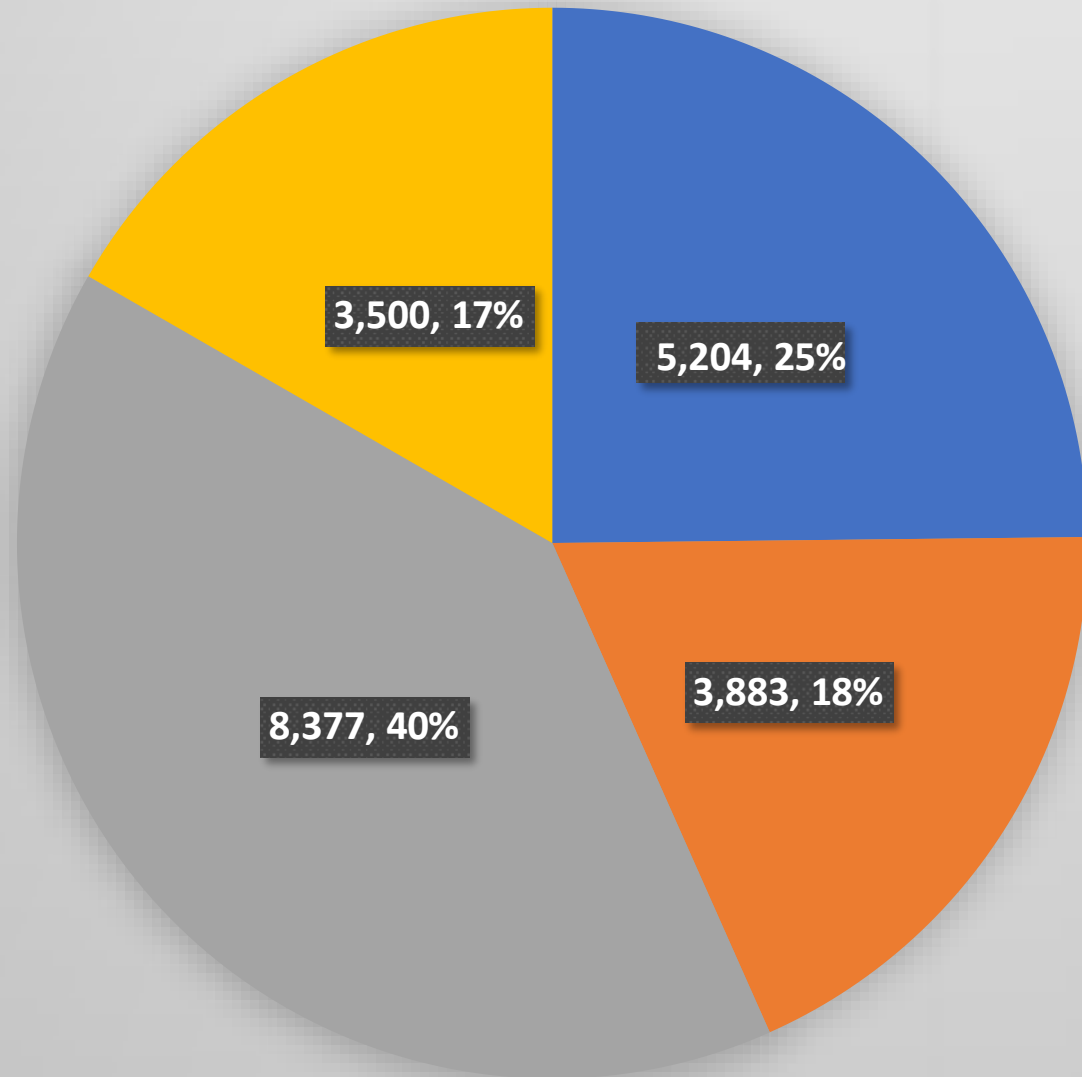
- Net Deficit Pumping
- Group 2 and 3 Projects
- Additional TID Water Deliveries
- Dispersed Recharge
- MLRP Projects
- Delayed Orchard Replanting
- Other Land Retirement



MULTI-BENEFIT LAND
REPURPOSING
PROGRAM

Acres of Land Converted to Non-Irrigated Use in ETSGSA to Achieve Sustainable Yield

(Preliminary Planning Estate)



- Year 5 of GSP Implementation *
- Year 10 of GSP Implementation *
- Year 15 of GSP Implementation *
- Year 20 of GSP Implementation *

**Total Preliminary Planning
Estimate = 20,964 acres**

LAND REPURPOSING VISION:























































*What does
sustainable
agriculture look like
in a
post-SGMA era?*

Re-imagine integrated agricultural land use planning:

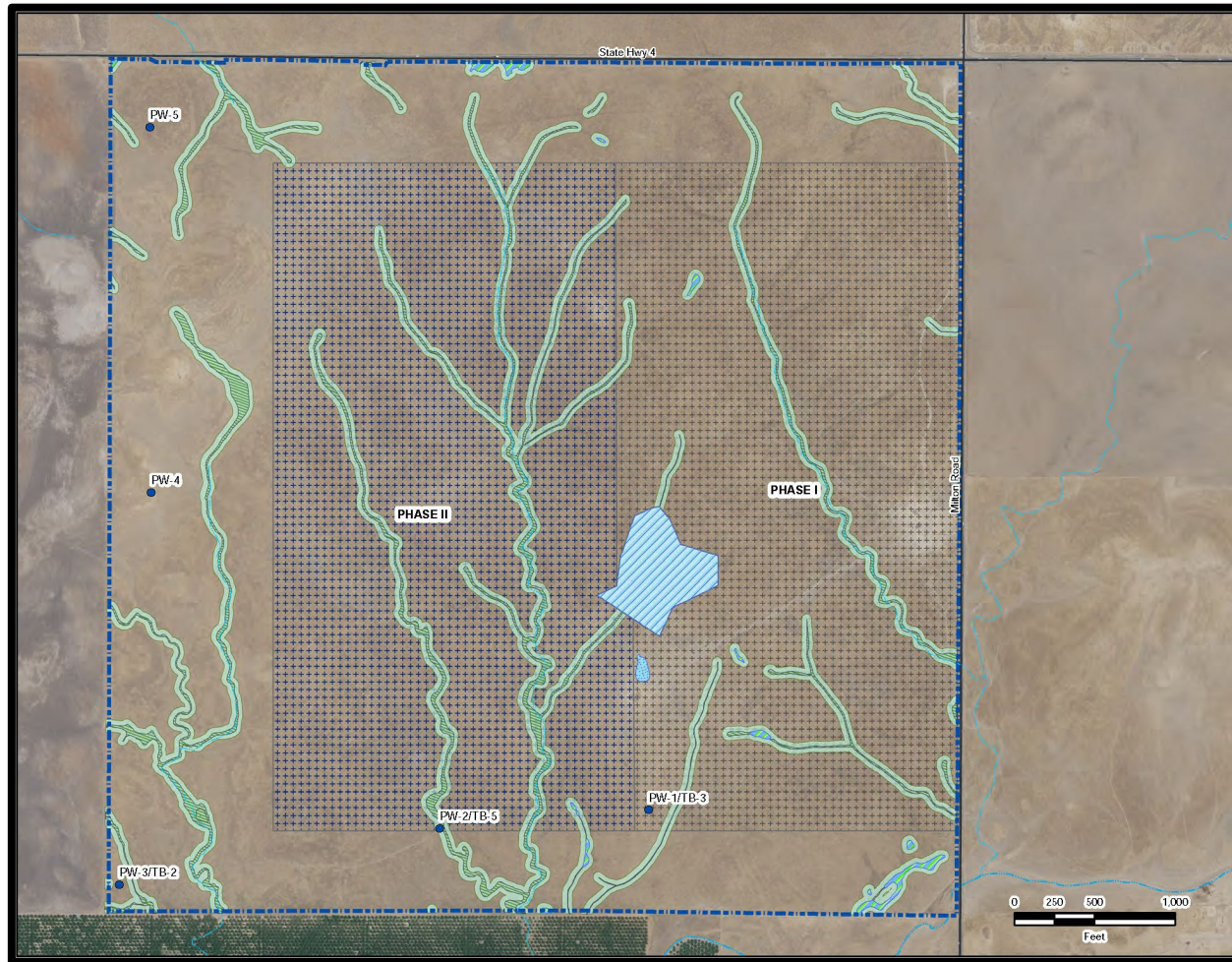
- ✓ Build a multi-benefit strategy around sustainable groundwater resource management.
- ✓ Focus on a strategy that preserves high value agricultural land for the benefit of the local communities, local economies, and the environment.
- ✓ Integrate land repurposing into working agricultural operations and landscapes.
- ✓ Prioritize strategies that provide high-value benefits such as water resources, community and environmental benefits.
- ✓ Promote grower-implemented solutions for increased return on investment and long-term success.

STRATEGY

- Menu of options that can be implemented by growers to re-imagine their operations
- Standard specifications for regional implementation
- Programmatic permitting
- Incentive payments leading to long-term change

END USE BENEFITS	Increased Recharge	Decreased Demand	Water Quality	Habitat Benefits	Flood Risk Reduction	Climate Change Resilience	Disadvantaged Community	Sustainable Agriculture
Orchard Swale Rewilding								
Floodplain Reconnection								
Cover Cropping								
Riparian Habitat Restoration								
Recharge or Storage Basins								
Hedgerows								
Recropping, Dry Land Cropping								
Solar Pumping Plants								

ORCHARD SWALE REWILDING

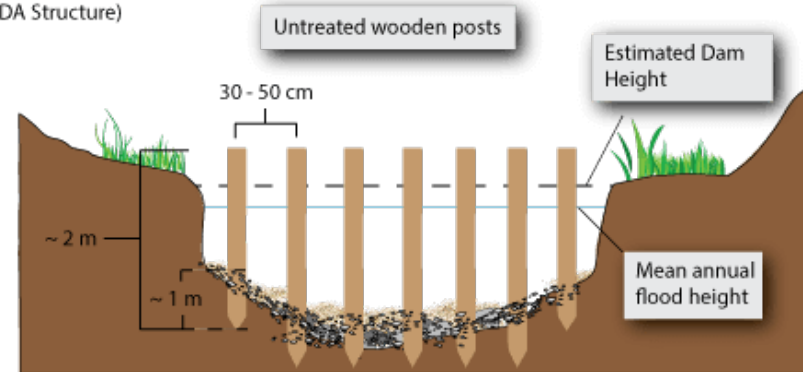


- About 10% of area of orchards in rolling foothill terrain
- Typically lower yield trees
- Decreases groundwater demand
- Surface modification with check dams and earth buds retains runoff and promotes seasonal wetlands
- Improves water quality
- Attenuates storm runoff
- Promotes recharge; however, impeding soil layers often present

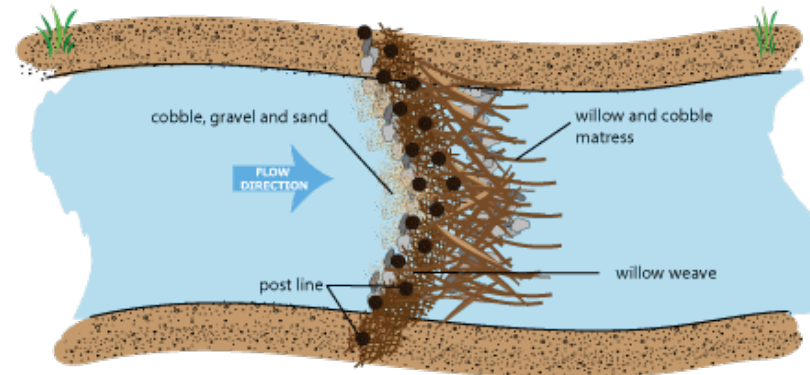
FLOOD PLAIN RECONNECTION



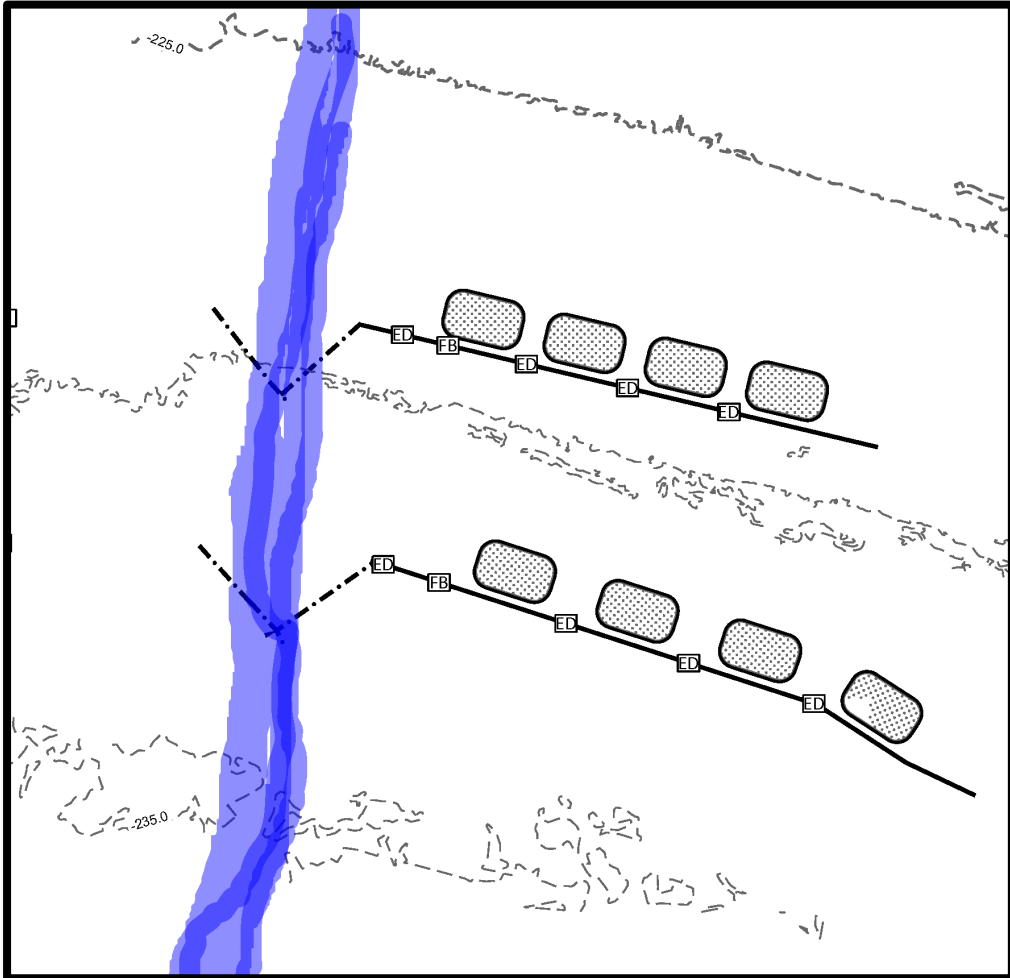
Cross Section View
(Generic BDA Structure)



Plan View
(Convex Primary Dam)

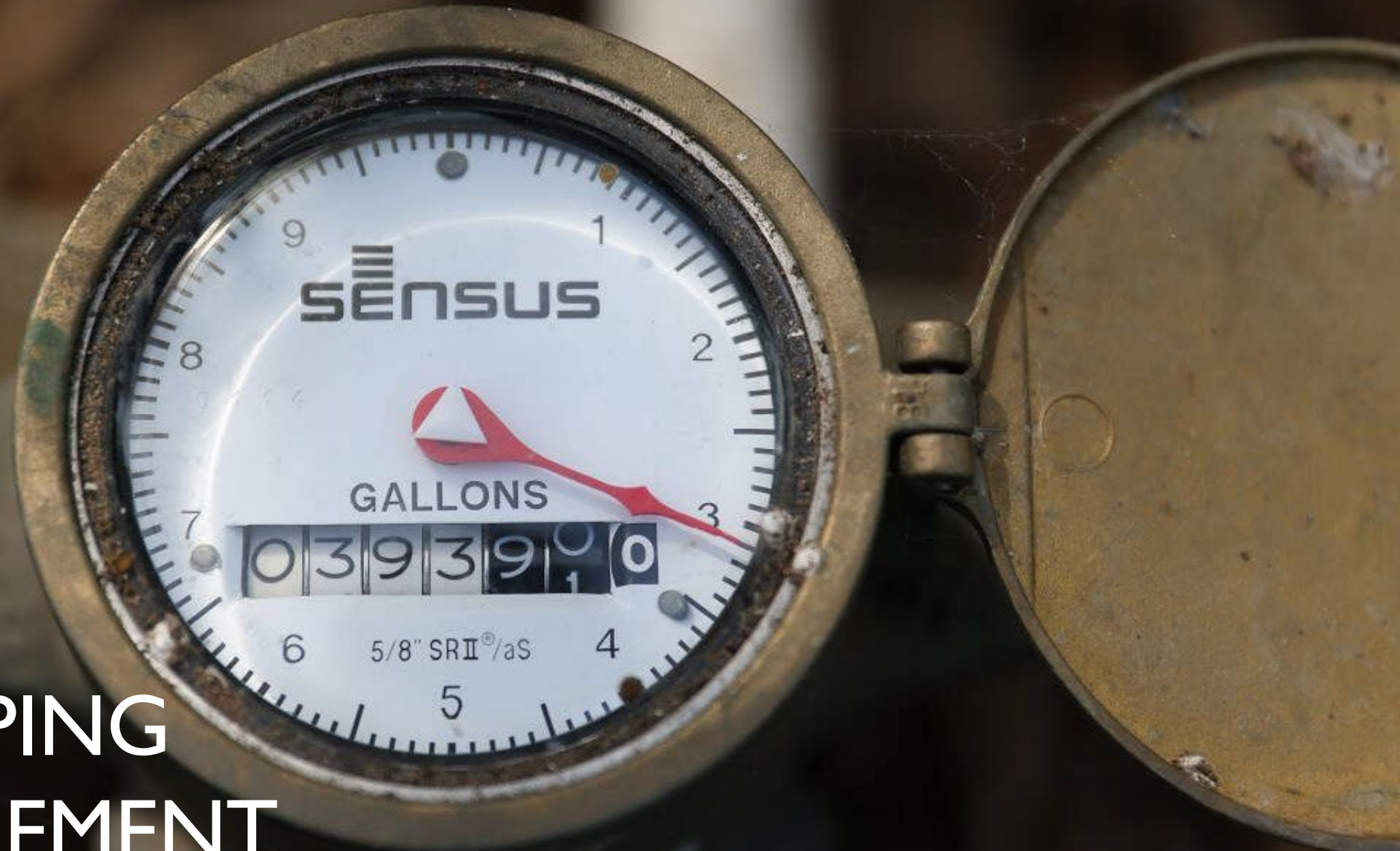


FLOOD PLAIN RECONNECTION



- Lower reaches of local creeks run across sandy soil; stable isotope analysis indicates significant recharge
- Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) retain and spread water onto the floodplain; Approach accentuates natural processes
- Decreases groundwater demand
- Promotes recharge
- High quality habitat
- Improves water quality
- Attenuates flood intensity

Project or Management Action	GSA Cost per acre-ft net Recharge
Direct and In Lieu Recharge Projects	
Replenishment Water In Lieu Recharge Projects	\$ 20.00
Off-Season Water Direct Recharge Projects	\$ 110.00
Additional Replenishment Water	\$ 135.00
Land Repurposing for Replenishment Water Storage	\$ 177.30
Dispersed Recharge and Storage Projects	\$ 103.73
Demand Reduction Management Actions	
Swale Rewilding	\$ 177.10
Floodplain Reconnection and Rewilding	\$ 183.25
Fallow orchards for three years prior to replanting	\$ 118.20
Other permanent land fallowing or repurposing to non-irrigated use	\$ 177.30



PUMPING MANAGEMENT

Rules & Regulations Support Prop 218

Supports justification of ratepayer benefits from land-based assessment



Pumping Management Framework

Measuring Groundwater Use

Who is eligible? How are pumping fees and thresholds set? Opt in/out; Appeals

How will groundwater use be monitored?

Supports implementation of volume-based pumping fees



Water Accounting

Operational Rules

Penalties & Appeals

Accounting methods & types of credits (i.e. intentional recharge)

Pooling, carryover rules, transfers, etc.

Enforcement mechanisms and appeals

Guiding Objectives

Maintain/adopt incentives that decrease groundwater use

- Provide incentives to use surface water when available and avoid disincentives
- Provide incentives to decrease groundwater use
- Provide incentives for land repurposing to non-irrigated or recharge use

Maintain equity

- Keep charges proportional to benefits
- Avoid creating special benefit classes

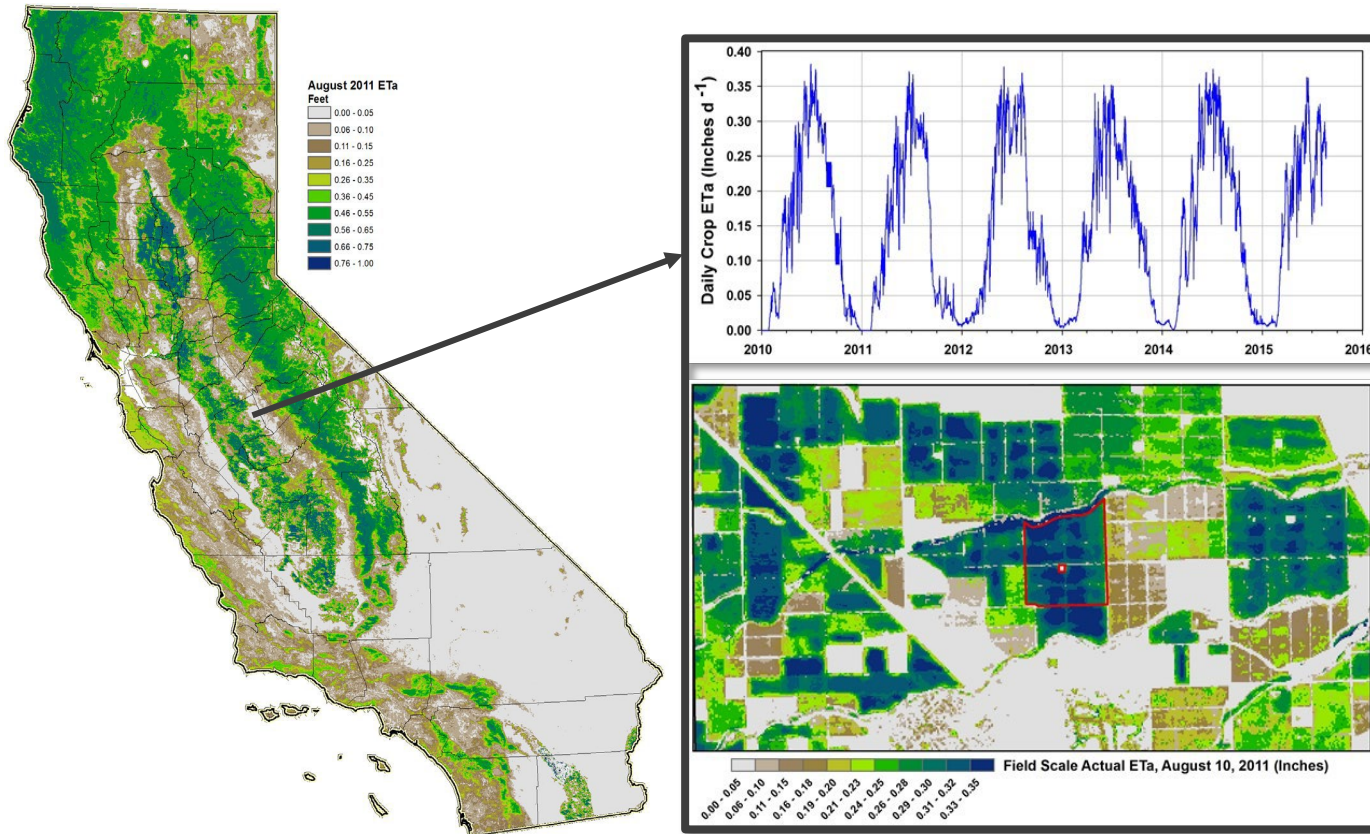
Keep it simple

- Avoid complex charges or special rules
- Avoid creation of special benefit zones, if possible

Maintain Flexibility

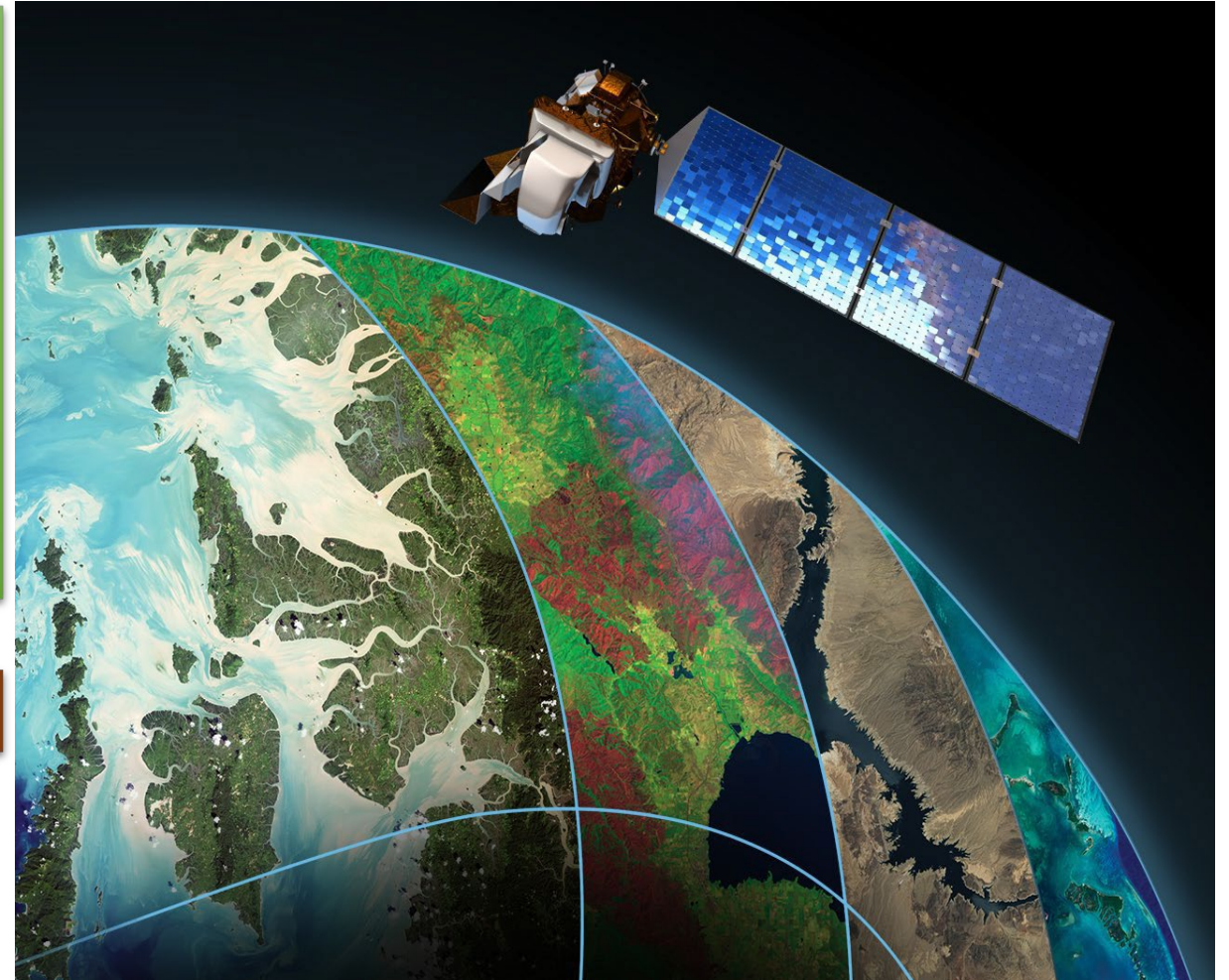
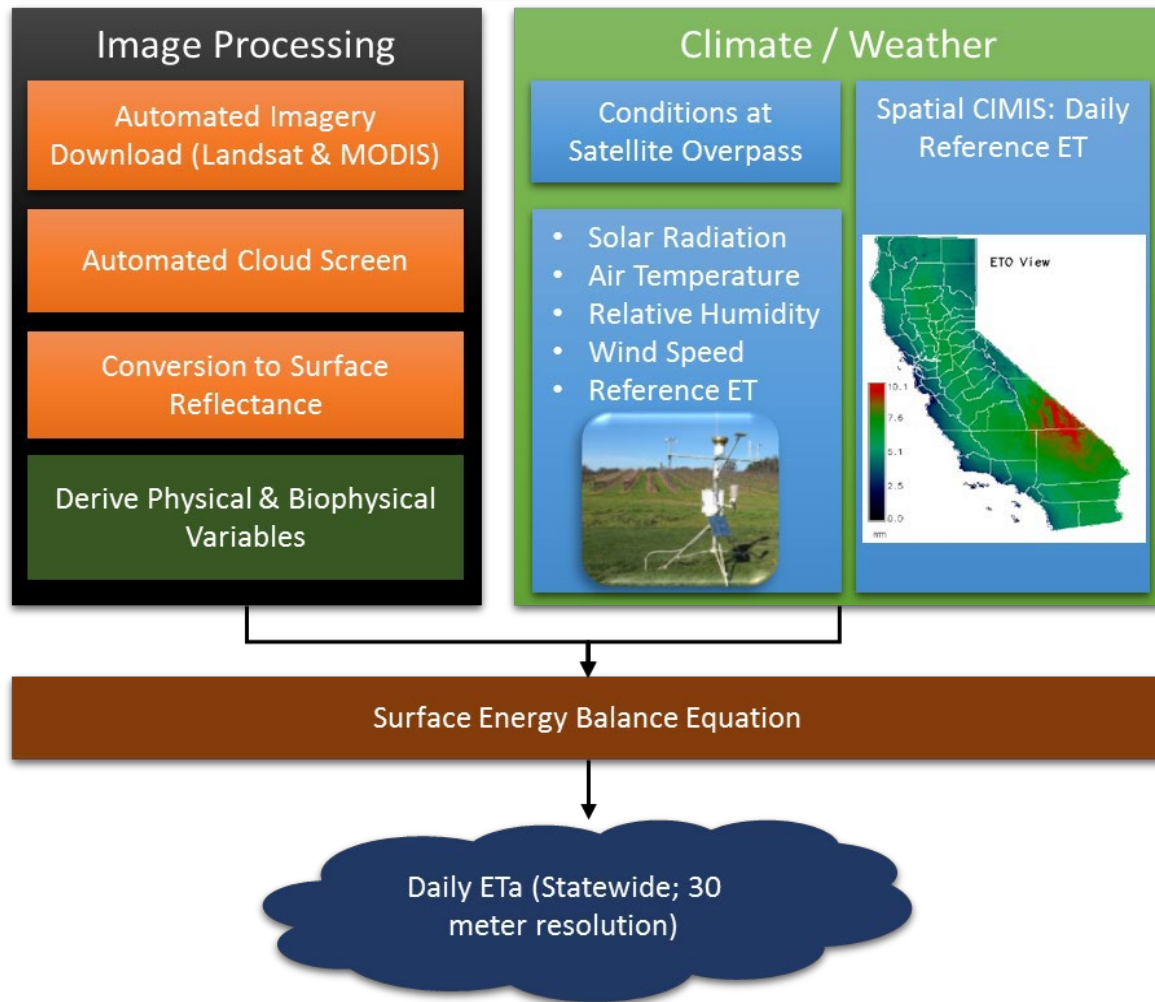
- Adopt rules that allow flexibility such as pooling, trading and carry over
- Measurement using ET with option for metering

HOW ARE WE USING ET DATA?

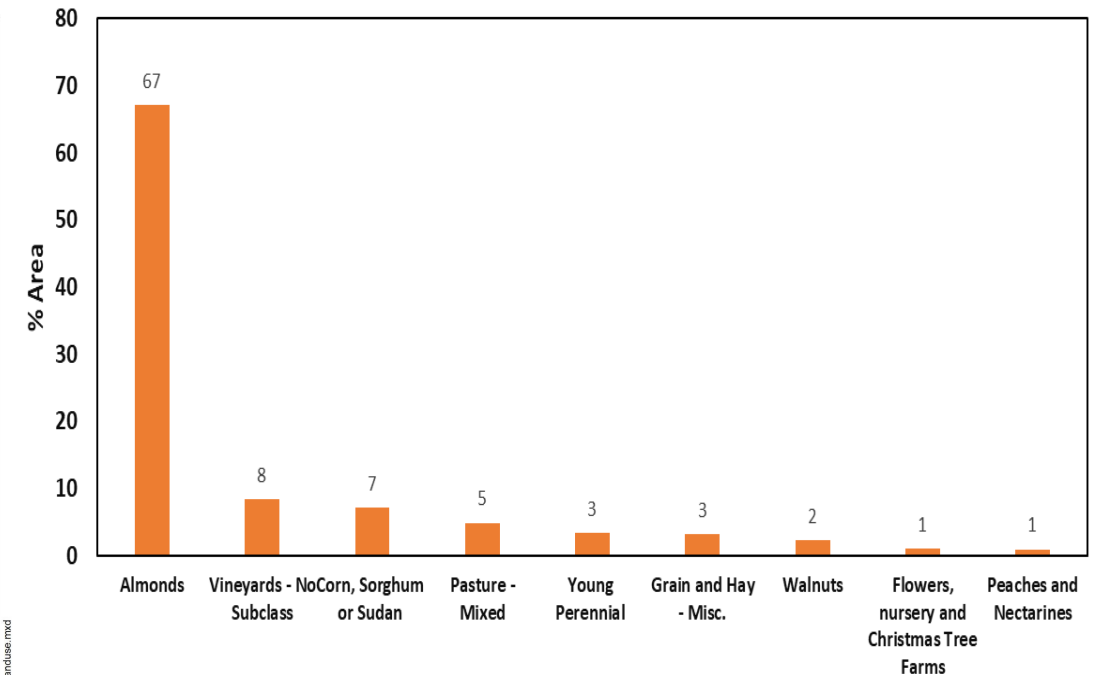
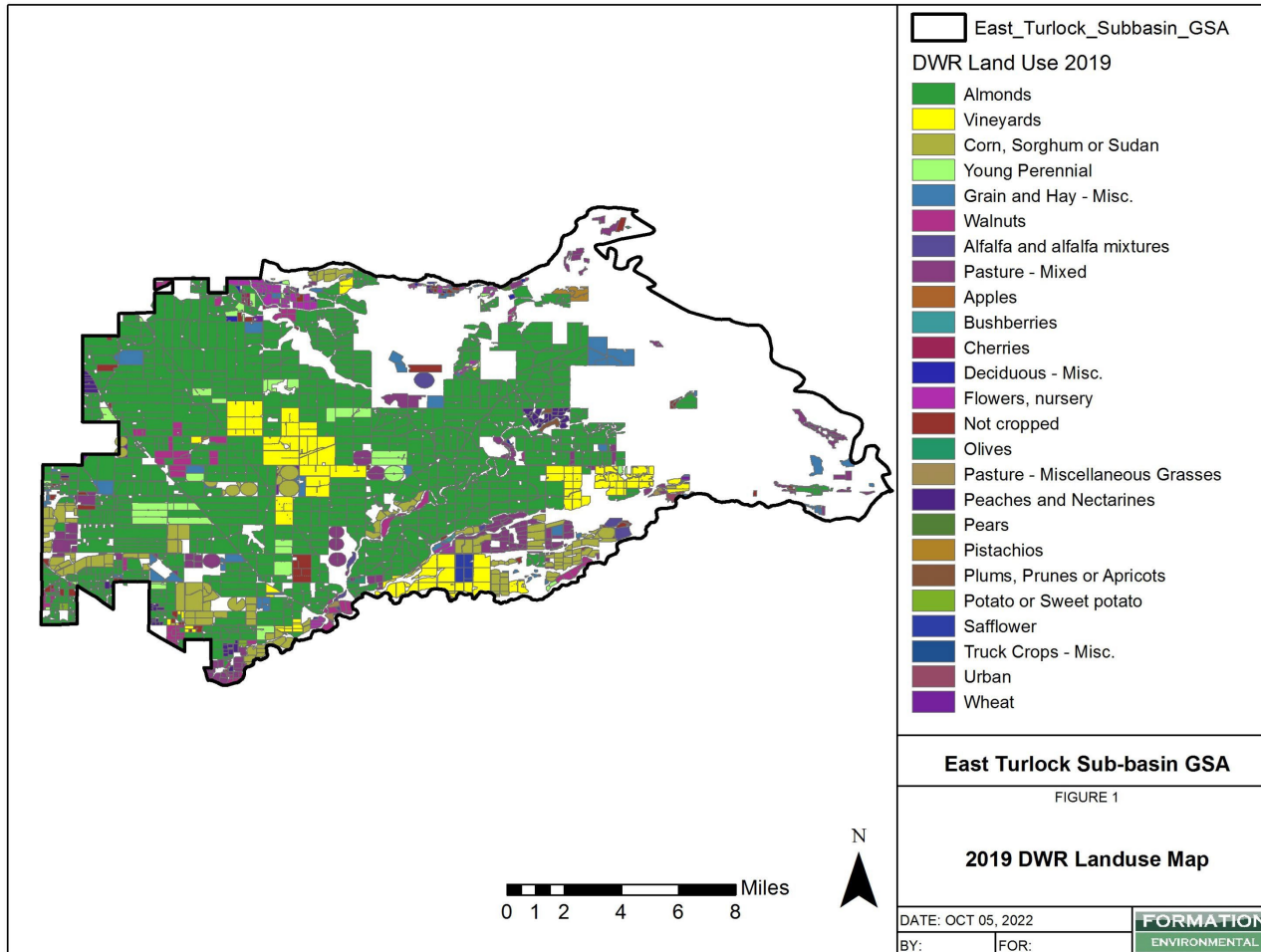


- We need to establish baseline of groundwater use to measure against
- Satellite-based ET is our best way to estimate historical consumptive use
- CalETa is a readily available dataset developed for DWR that maps daily actual ET from 2003 – 2021 at the field scale

HOW ET IS MEASURED?

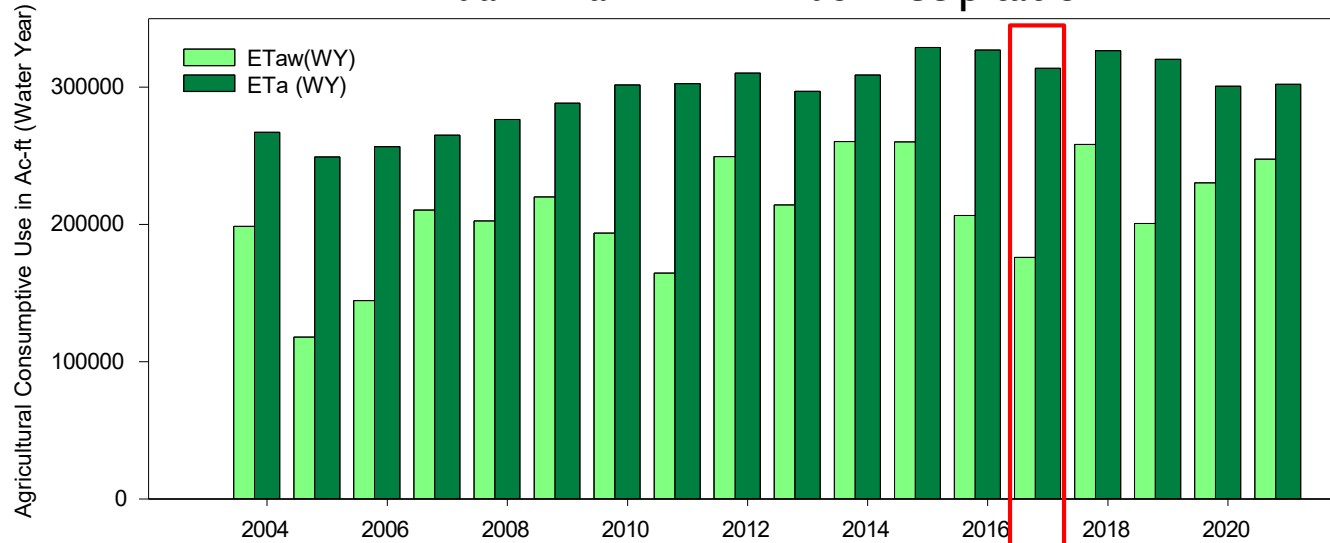


BASELINE LAND USE AND CROPPING DATA (2019)

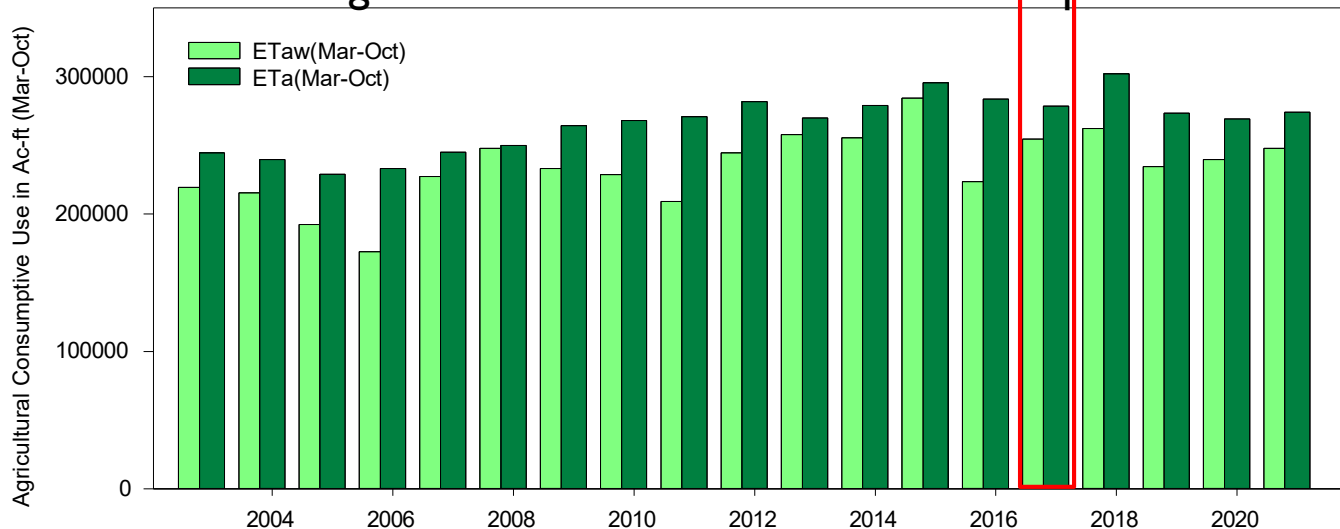


Total Irrigated Land: ~ 85,000 acres
Top Nine Crops: ~ 83,000 acres (98%)
Perennial Crops: ~ 72,000 acres (84%)
Almonds: ~ 57,000 acres (67%)

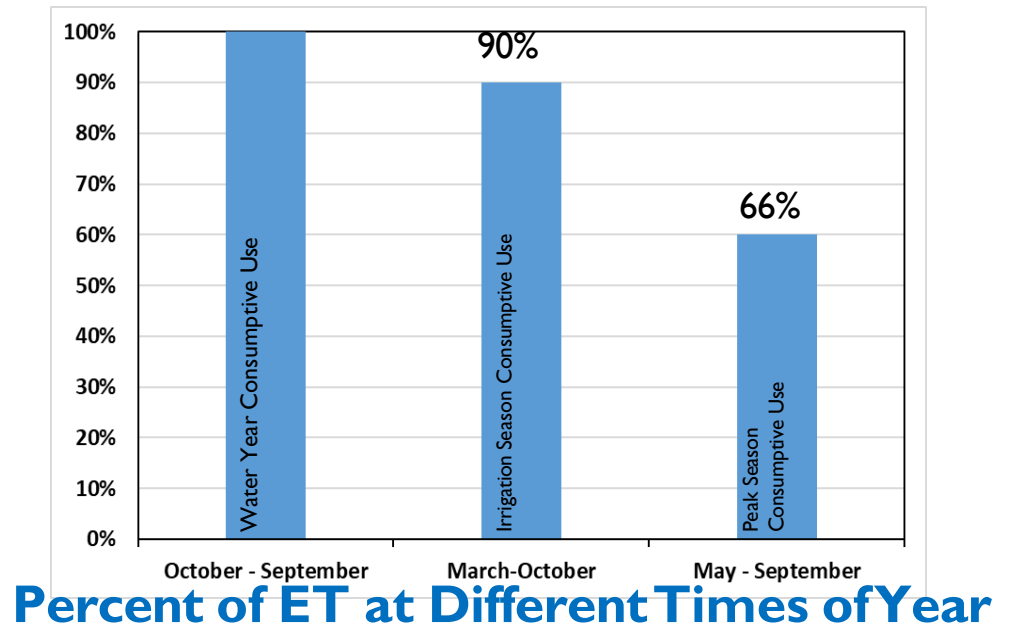
Annual ET and ET minus Precipitation



Irrigation Season ET and ET minus Precipitation

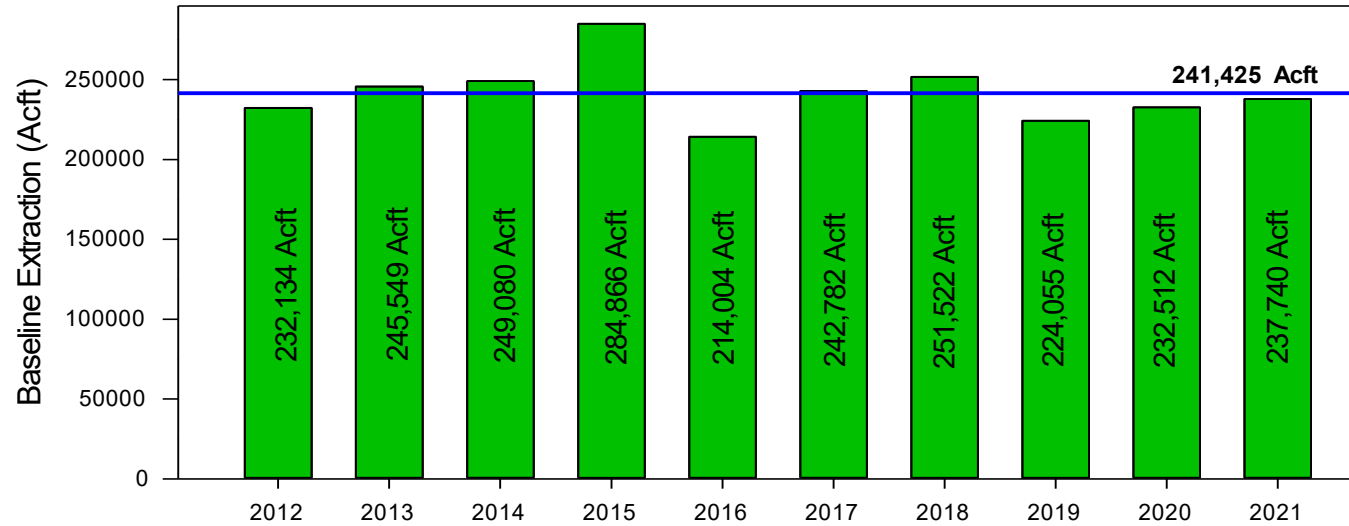


- ET includes water from irrigation and precipitation
- Annual ET includes precipitation, runoff and runoff
- We want to use ET as a tool to estimate GW pumping, so our focus is the irrigation season

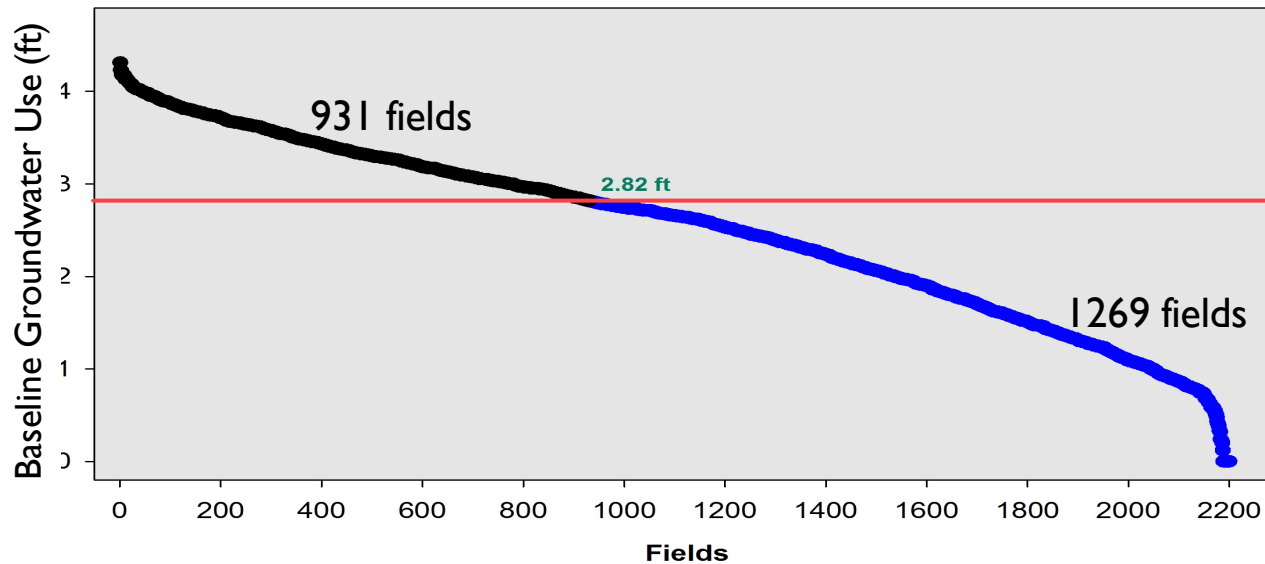


Percent of ET at Different Times of Year

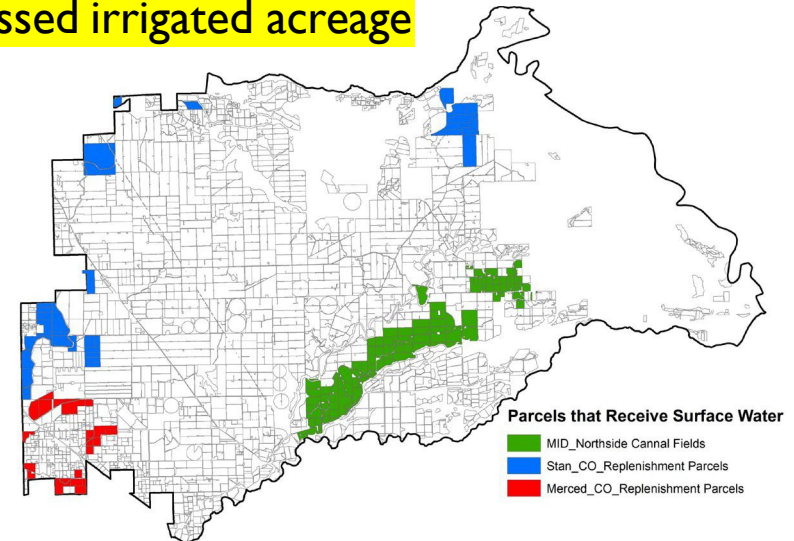
Baseline Groundwater Use



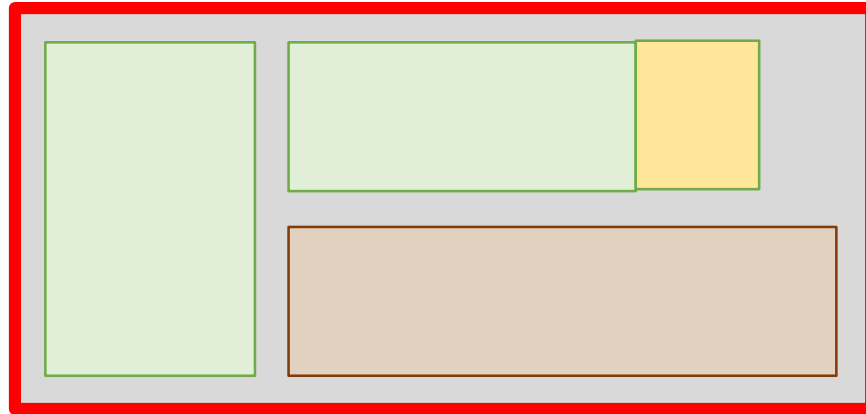
Average Baseline ET for all parcels designated as irrigated (Mar – Oct)
 = 241,425 AF/year
 Equivalent Groundwater Use
 = 2.82 ft/year (33.8 in/year)
 Approximate Surface Water Deliveries
 = 12,000 AF/year








Numbers may change slightly due to refinement of assessed irrigated acreage



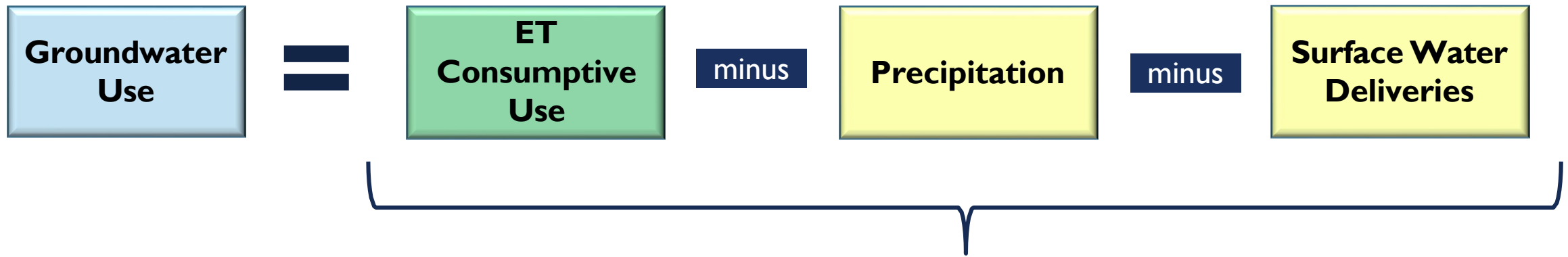
Groundwater Use Calculation Considerations



-  Parcel Boundary
-  Irrigated Field
-  Dairy, Poultry, Packing or Other Operation
-  Fallowed or Repurposed Land
-  Non-Irrigated Land Use e.g., building, farmstead, roads, open water, natural land, etc.

- **Groundwater Use Base Tier (AF) =**
(Baseline – Reduction Target) x (Assessed Parcel Acres)
- **Reduction Target =** 10% in Years 1 – 5; 20% in Years 6 - 10
- **Groundwater Use Calculation (AF) =**
([ET of Irrigated Field 1] x [Field 1 Acres]) + ([ET of Irrigated Field 2] x [Field 2 Acres]) + (Calculated or Measured GW Use of Dairy or Poultry Operation)

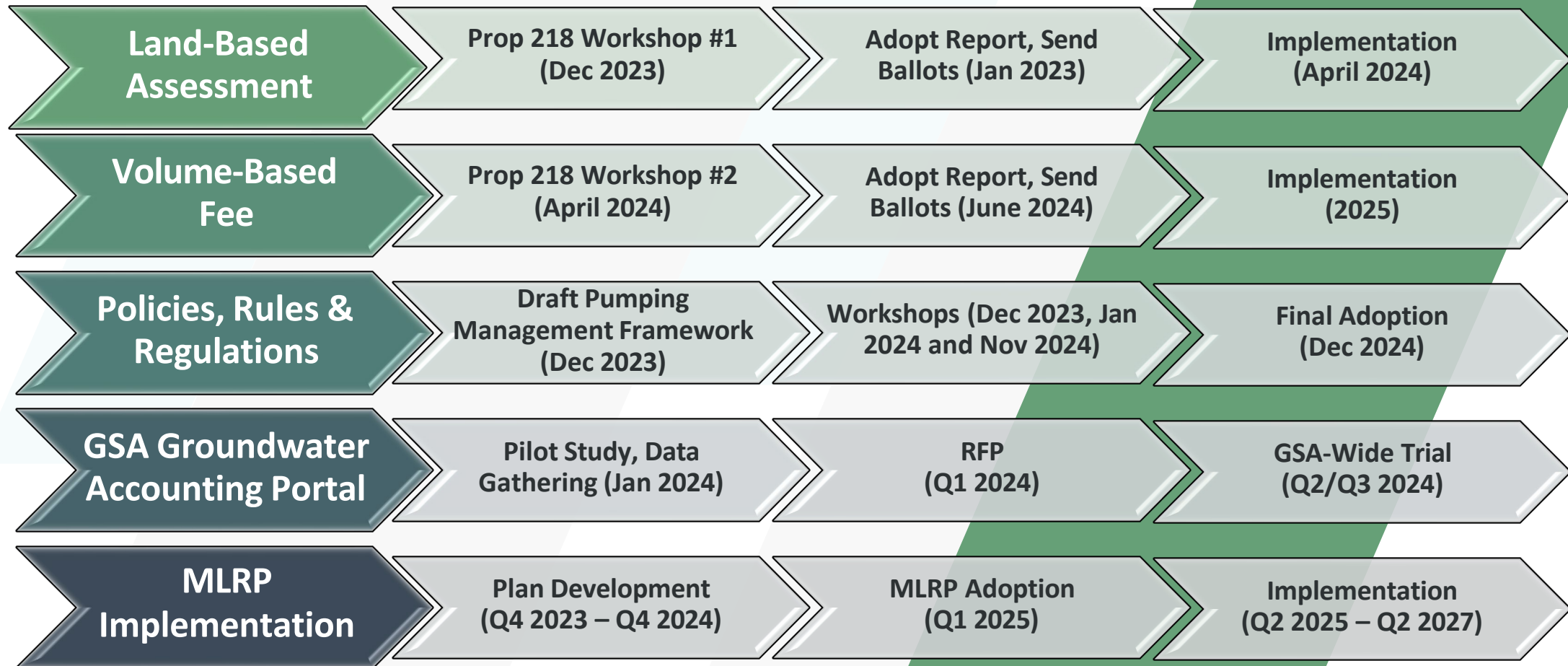
GROUNDWATER USE CALCULATION



PROPOSED RULES & REGULATIONS

- Analysis for irrigation season (March – October) to minimize precipitation effects
- Precipitation subtracted at full value
- Surface water deliveries subtracted (MeID, TID and diversions)
- Calculated using Land IQ ET data with options for metering
- Compared to Base Tier to Calculate Base Fees and Overdraft Fees

Parallel Schedules: Prop 218, Pumping Management, and MLRP





Questions?



Modesto Groundwater Subbasin Goals and Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Tools

Stanislaus County Department of
Environmental Resources
Groundwater Resources Division



Modesto Subbasin Non-District Landowner Event #2
Presented by: Christy McKinnon, Water Resources Manager
December 13, 2023

Modesto Subbasin GSP Goals



Sustainable Yield

A basin's "sustainable yield" is "the maximum quantity of water...that can be withdrawn annually from a groundwater supply without causing an undesirable result." (Water Code Section 10727 (v).)

Subbasin Sustainable Yield =
267,000 AFY

Out of District Lands Baseline =
230,000 AFY

Out of District Lands Sustainable
Yield = 183,000 AFY

To reach sustainability without
projects a pumping reduction of
47,000 AF or %58 would be
needed to reach sustainability

Implementation of all surface
water projects appears to meet
the sustainability goals of the
subbasin

Tools

* Projects

- OID Paulsell Lateral Expansion Project
- MID Long Term Groundwater Replenishment Program
- GSP Modeling shows that with regional cooperation and beneficiary commitment we may not need demand management

* Management Actions

- Demand management programs to reduce subbasin overdraft will be implemented as necessary to achieve subbasin goals

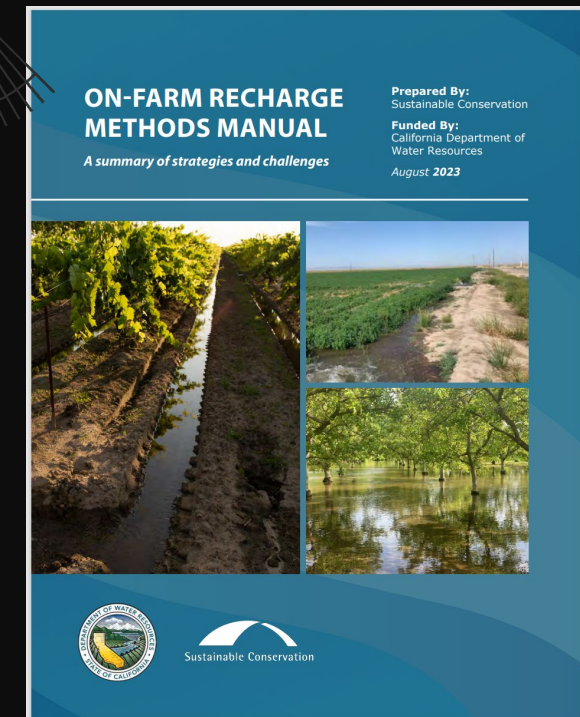
* Minimum Threshold Exceedance Plan

- To evaluate trends in declining water levels
- Assess the need for further necessary action

* Conservation Efforts

- Water Conservation Measures
- Water Efficient Irrigation

* Recharge Opportunities





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Thank you!!

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**FARM DRAINAGE &
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Reverse Tile Drains and Other Recharge Techniques

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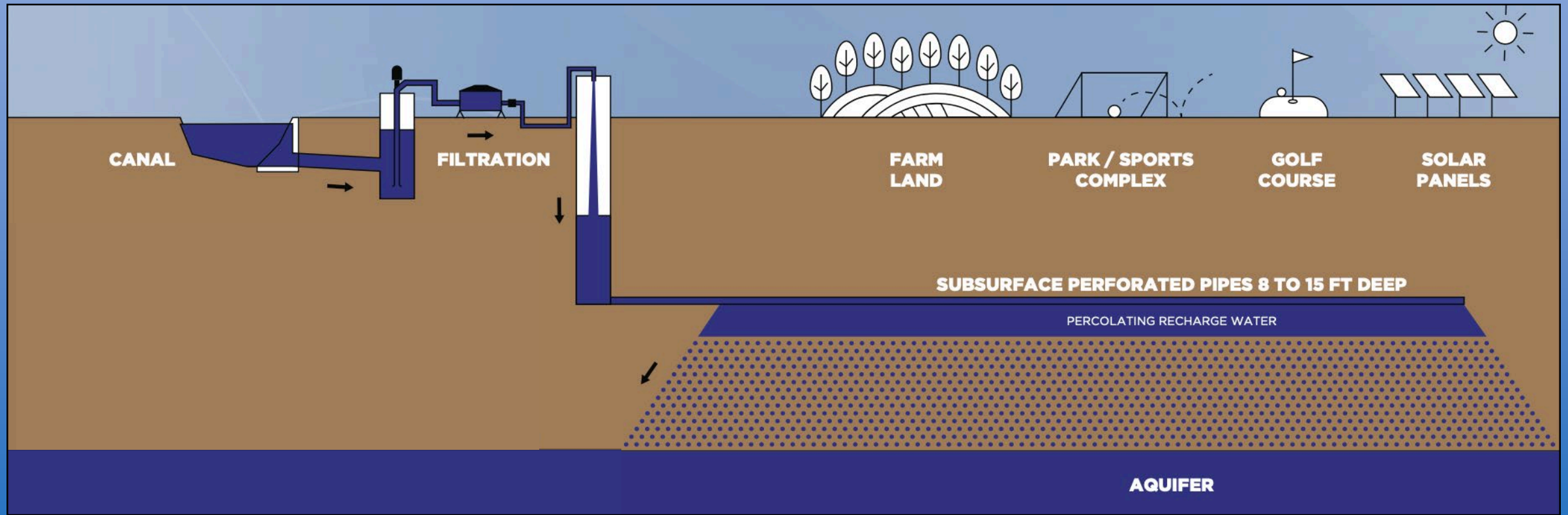
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Profile View



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3) Choose a recharge method

How will this impact surface activities, e.g. farming practices



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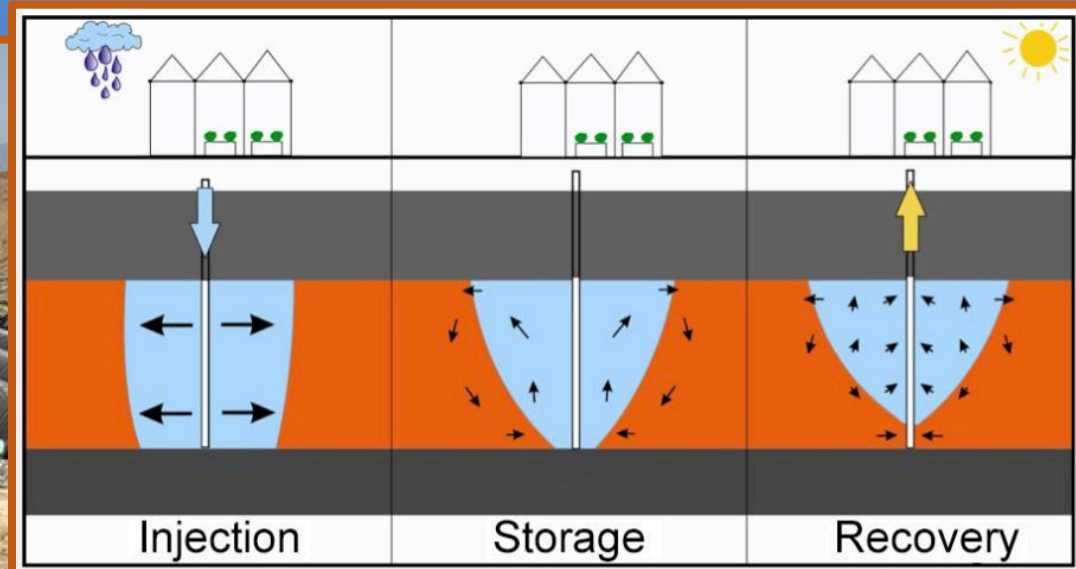
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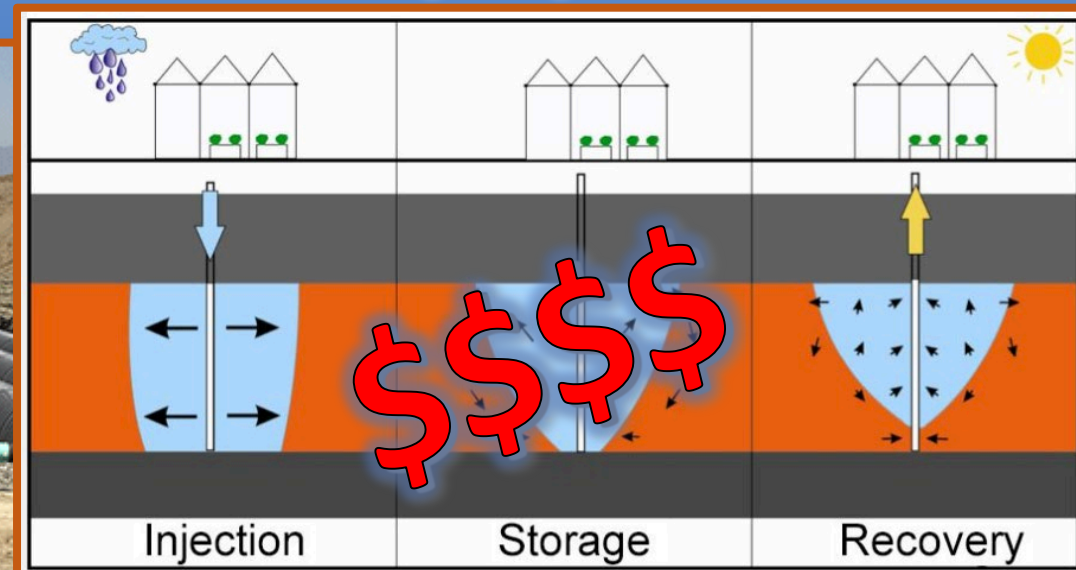
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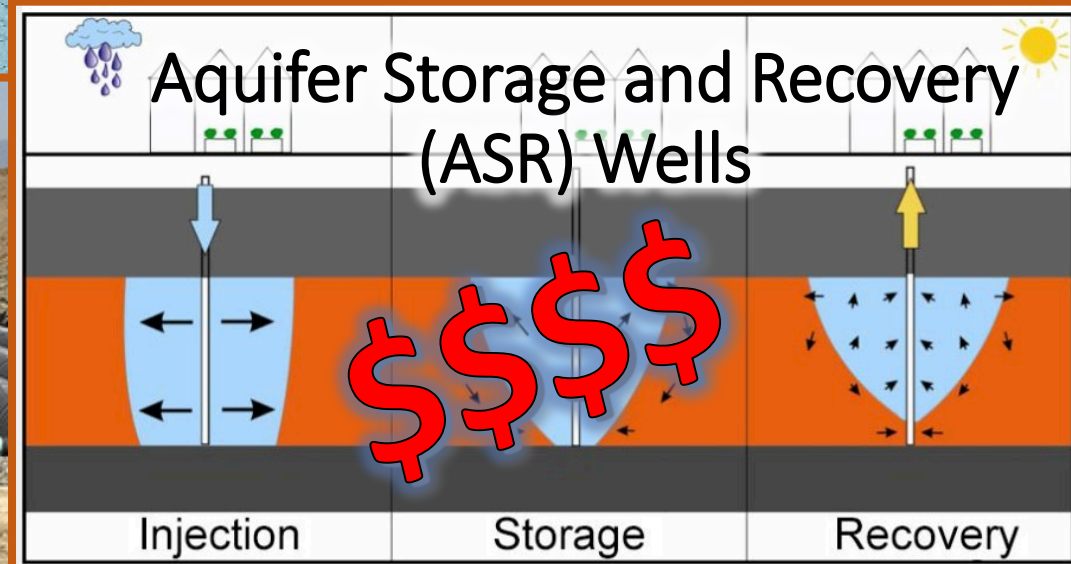
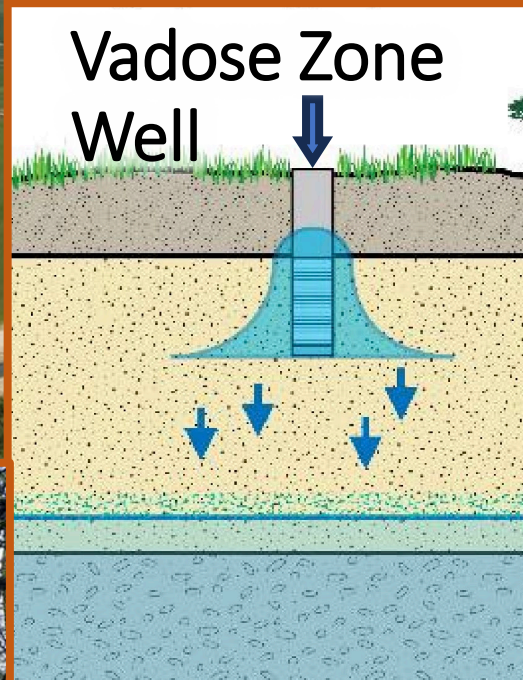
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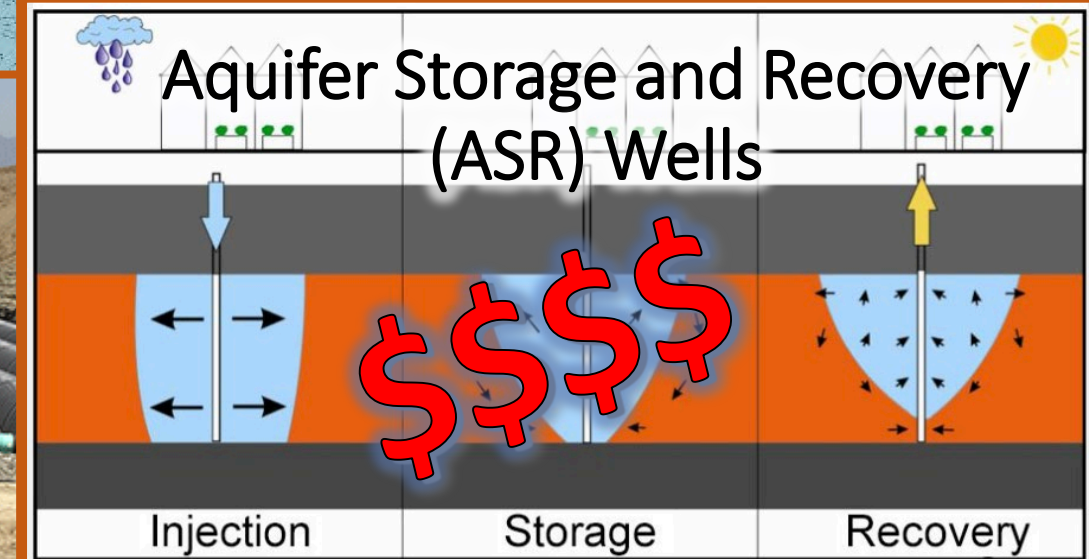
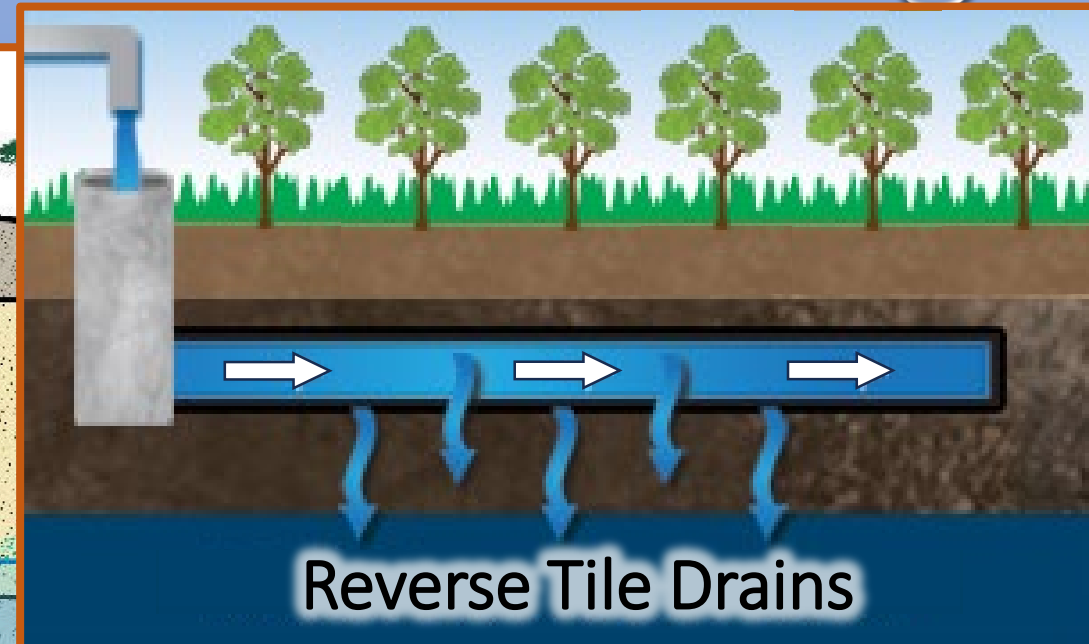
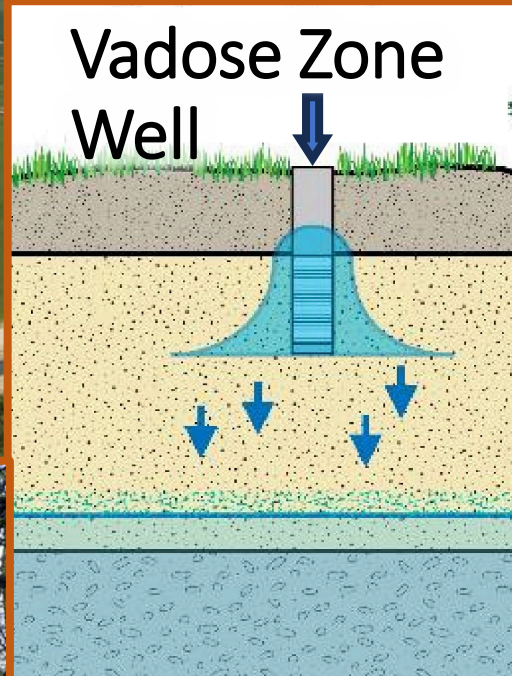
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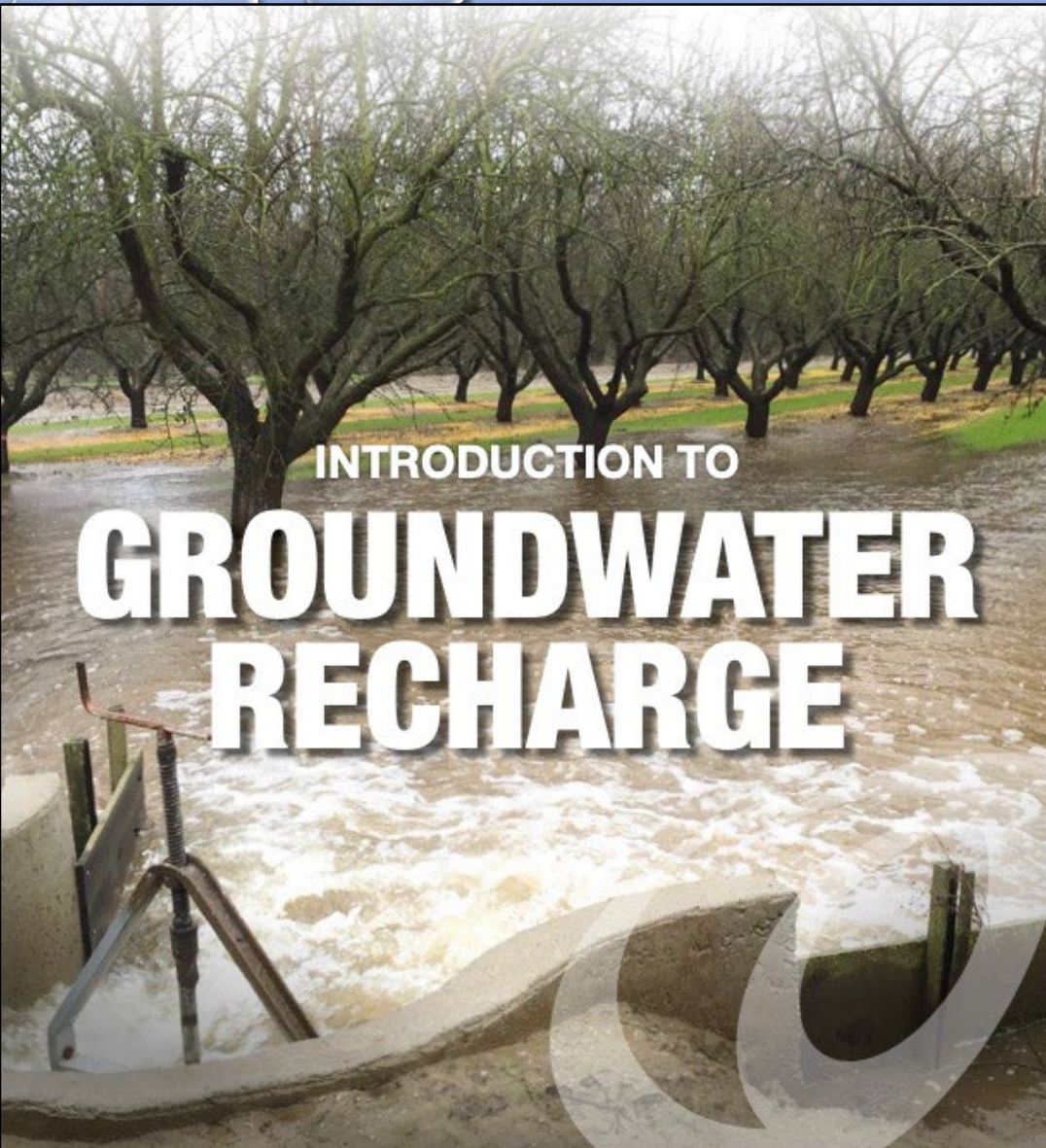


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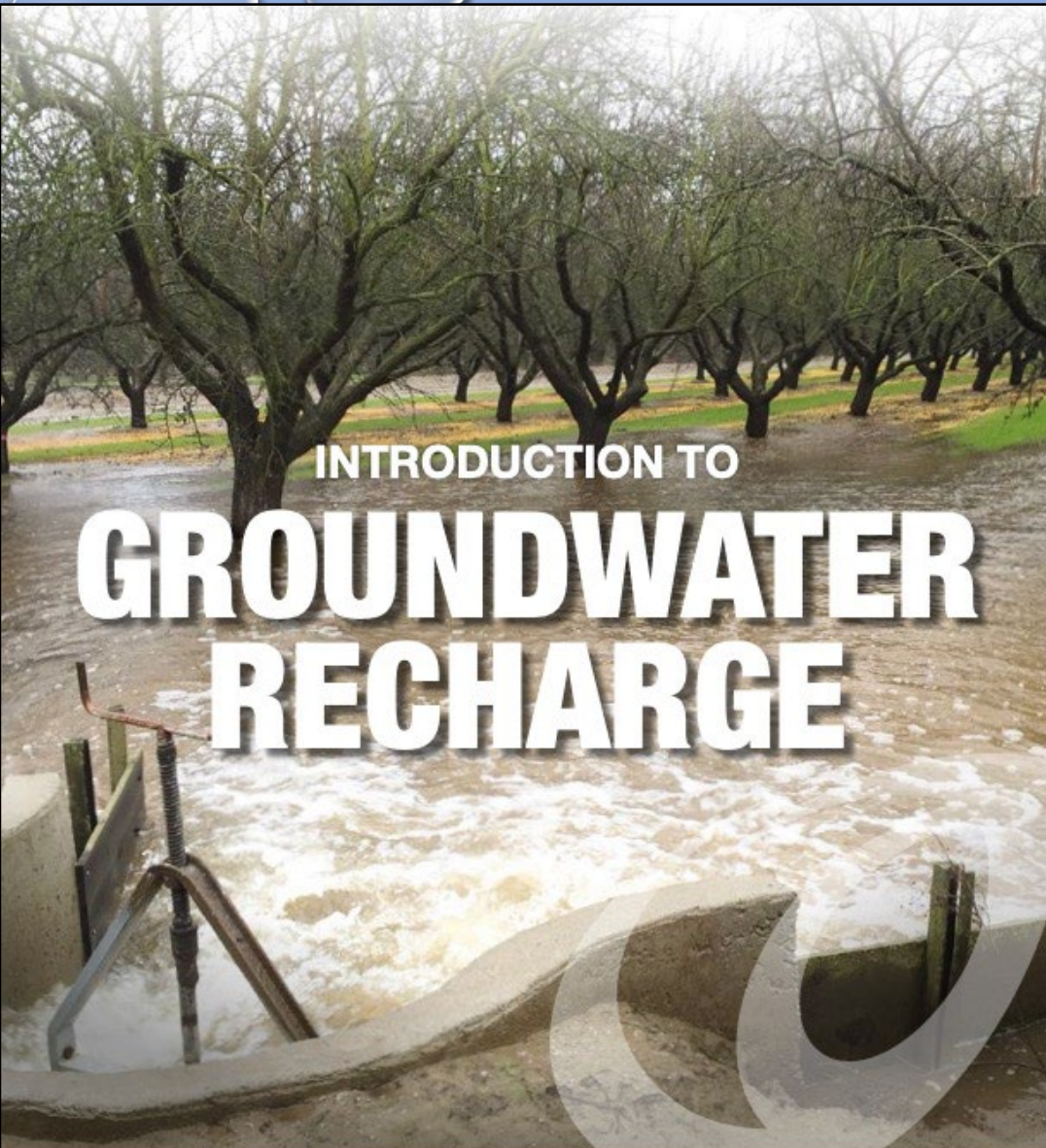
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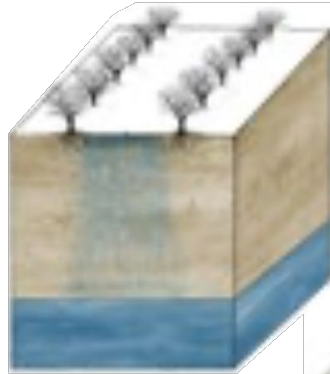
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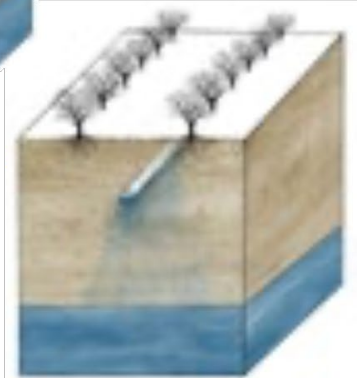


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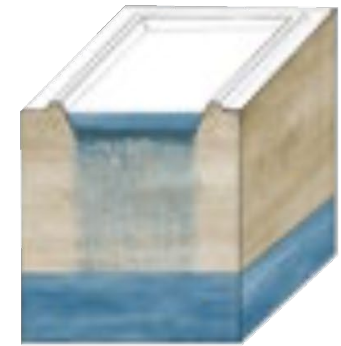
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Surface application
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Below the surface
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Basins or
water conveyance
structures

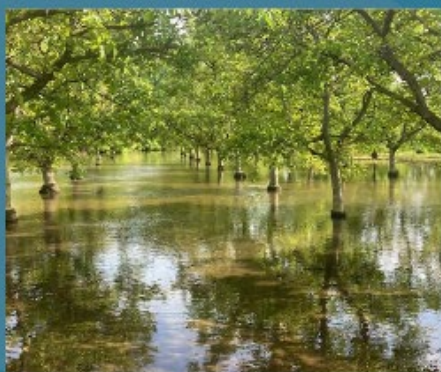
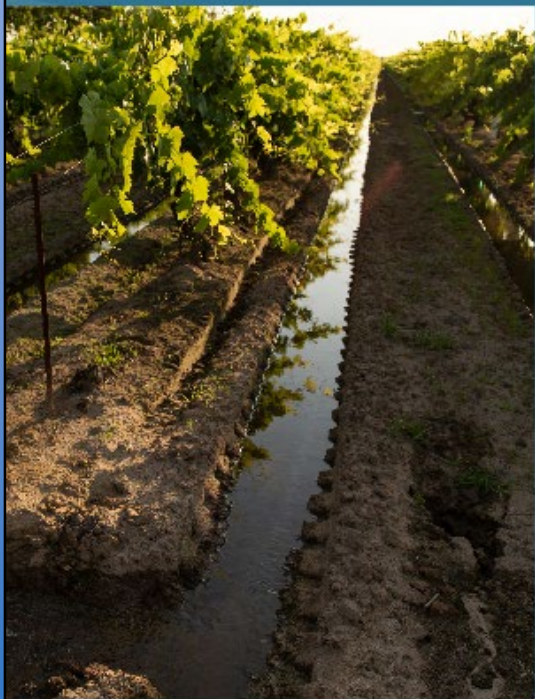
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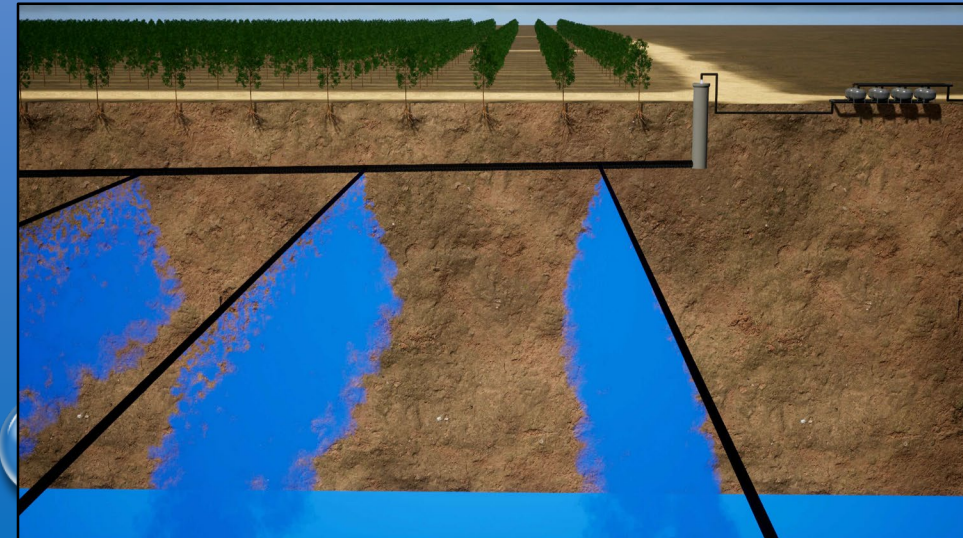
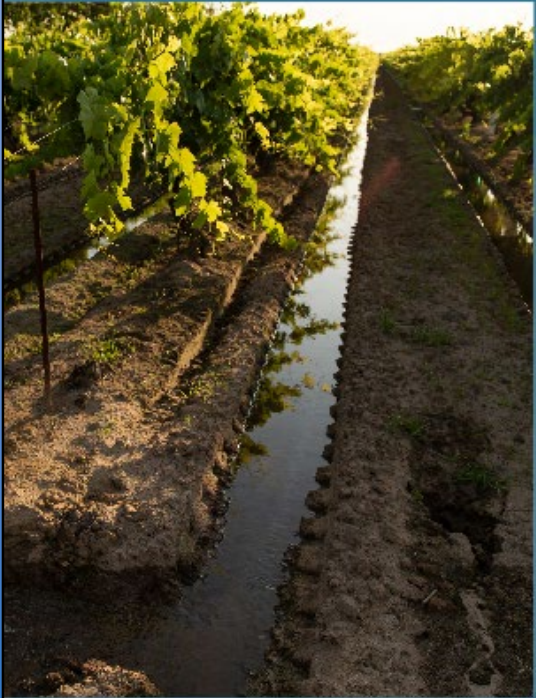
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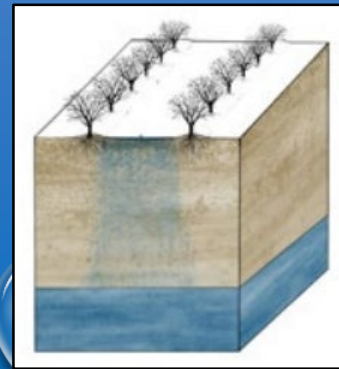
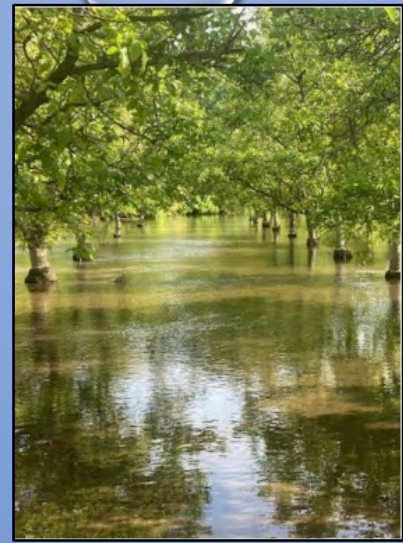
FloodMAR = On-Farm Recharge

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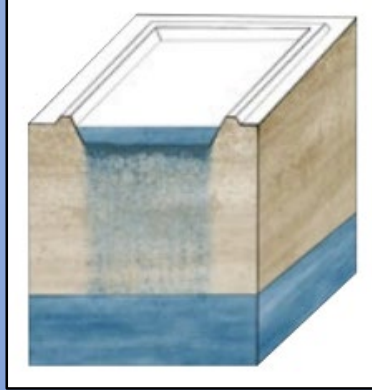
- Existing field
- Can be least expensive
- Keep land productive
- Large in-flow rates

Challenges

- Potential impact to crop
- Limited dormant crops
- Impacts cultural practices
 - Timing and effectiveness of
 - Fertilizers
 - Pesticides
 - Weeds
 - Pruning
 - Disease management
- Evaporative losses
- Need relatively flat fields
- Erosion potential



Recharge Basin



Challenges

No crops (typically)

Land only for recharge – NOT productive

Maintenance

Vector control – Mosquitoes

Algae and Weeds

Fencing

Sediment accumulation

Need flat fields or terraced ponds

Evaporative losses

Expensive to build

Erosion potential



Advantages

Large in-flow rates

Flood control potential

Recharge year round

Visual satisfaction

Unlined canals or ditch

Wetlands and

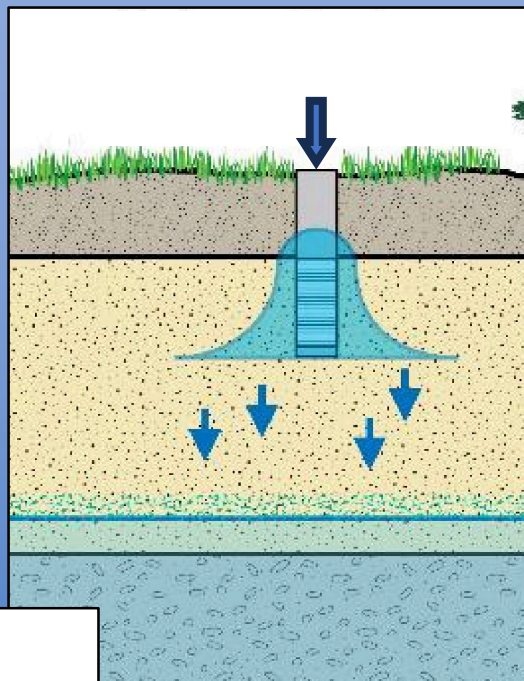
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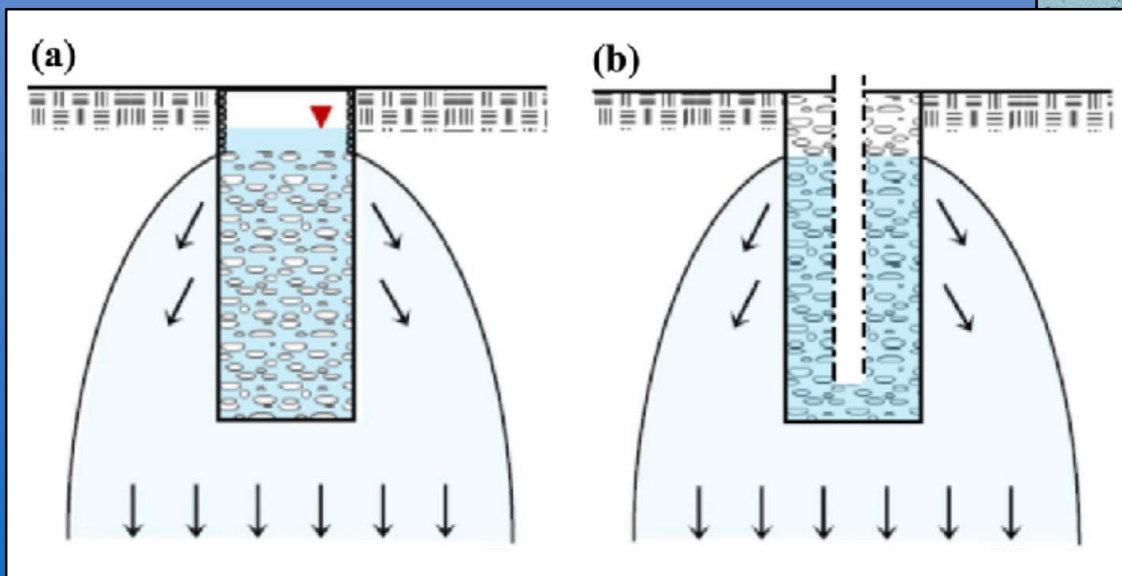
Advantages

- Small Footprint
- Recharge year round
- Can get below near surface low permeability layers
- No evaporative losses
- No impact on farming
- Relatively inexpensive



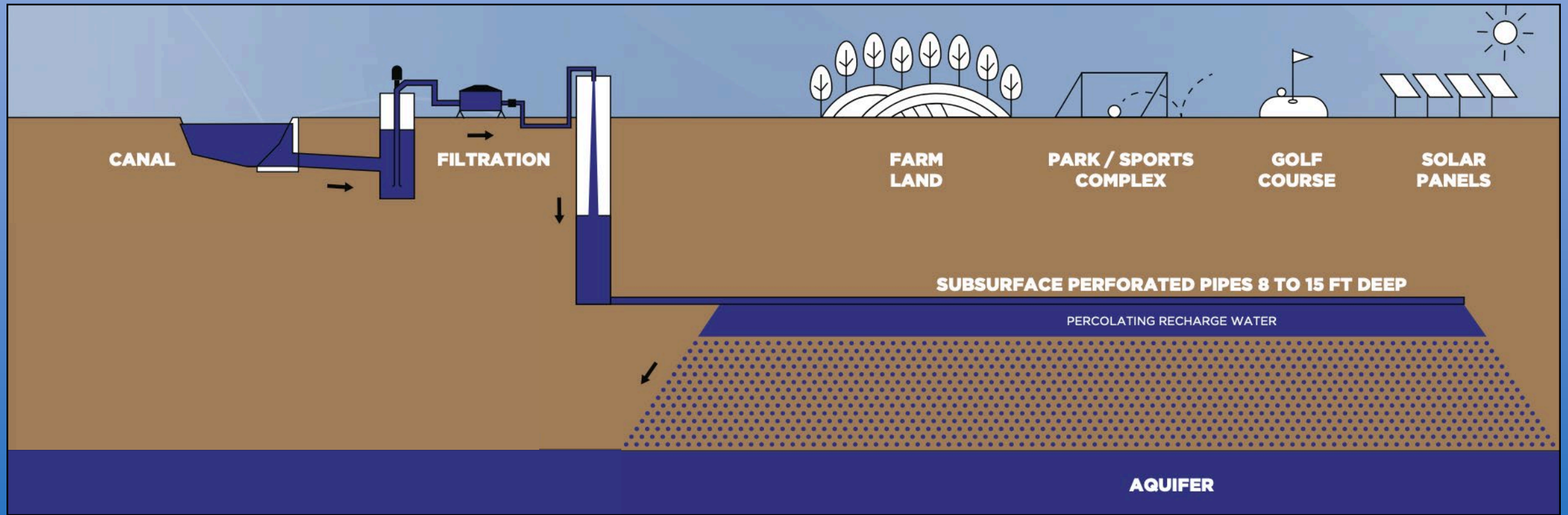
Challenges

- Low flow rates, need multiple wells
- Maintenance
 - Plugging if no filtration
 - Hard to maintain
 - Replaced frequently



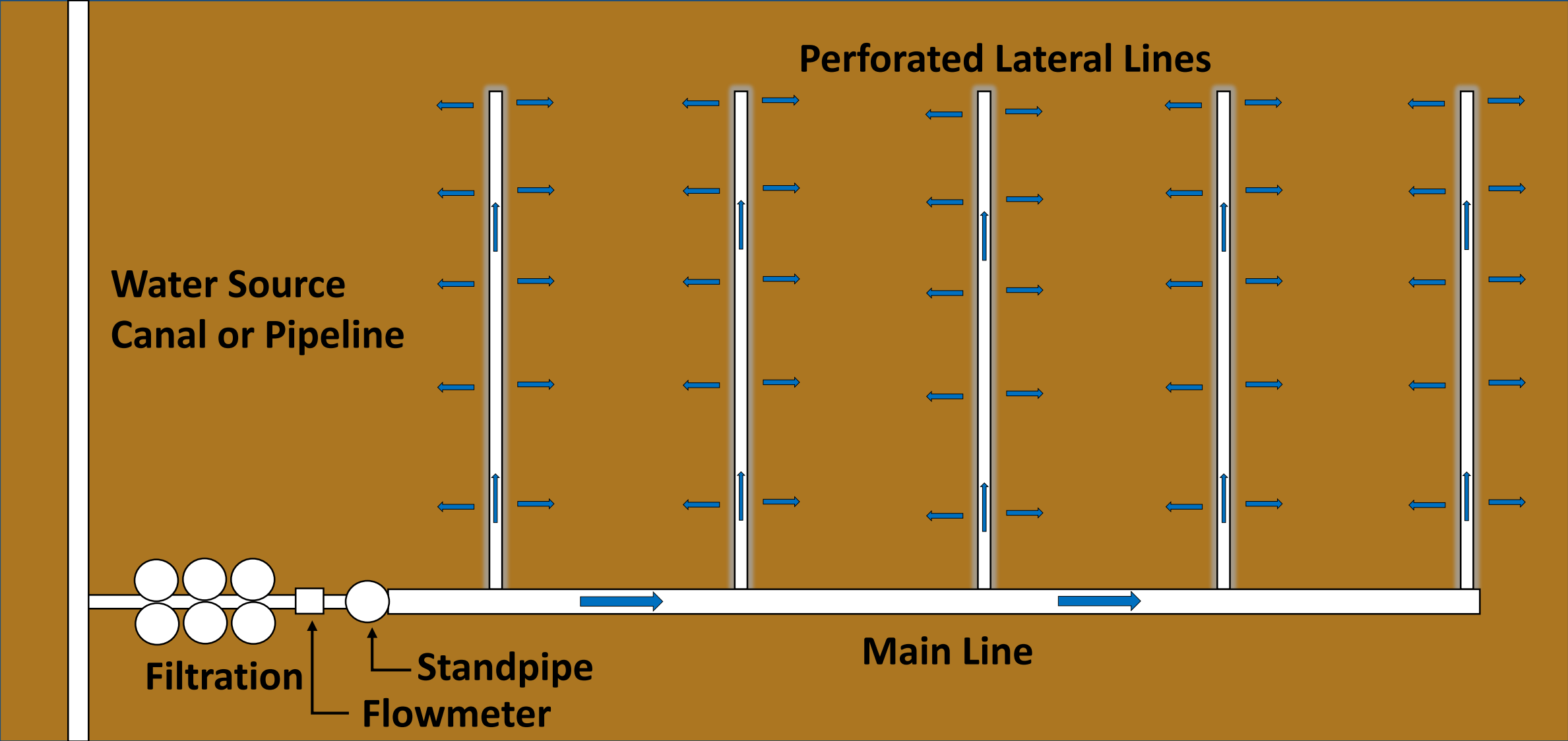
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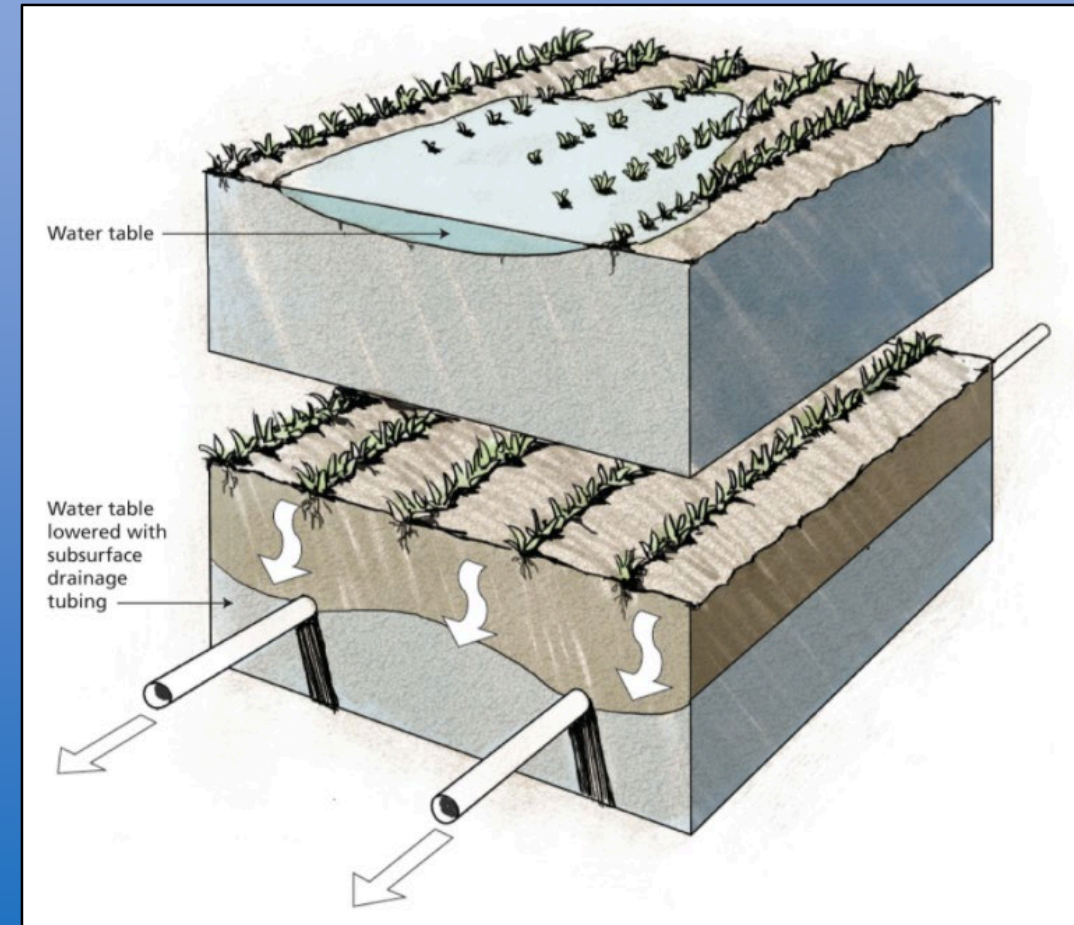
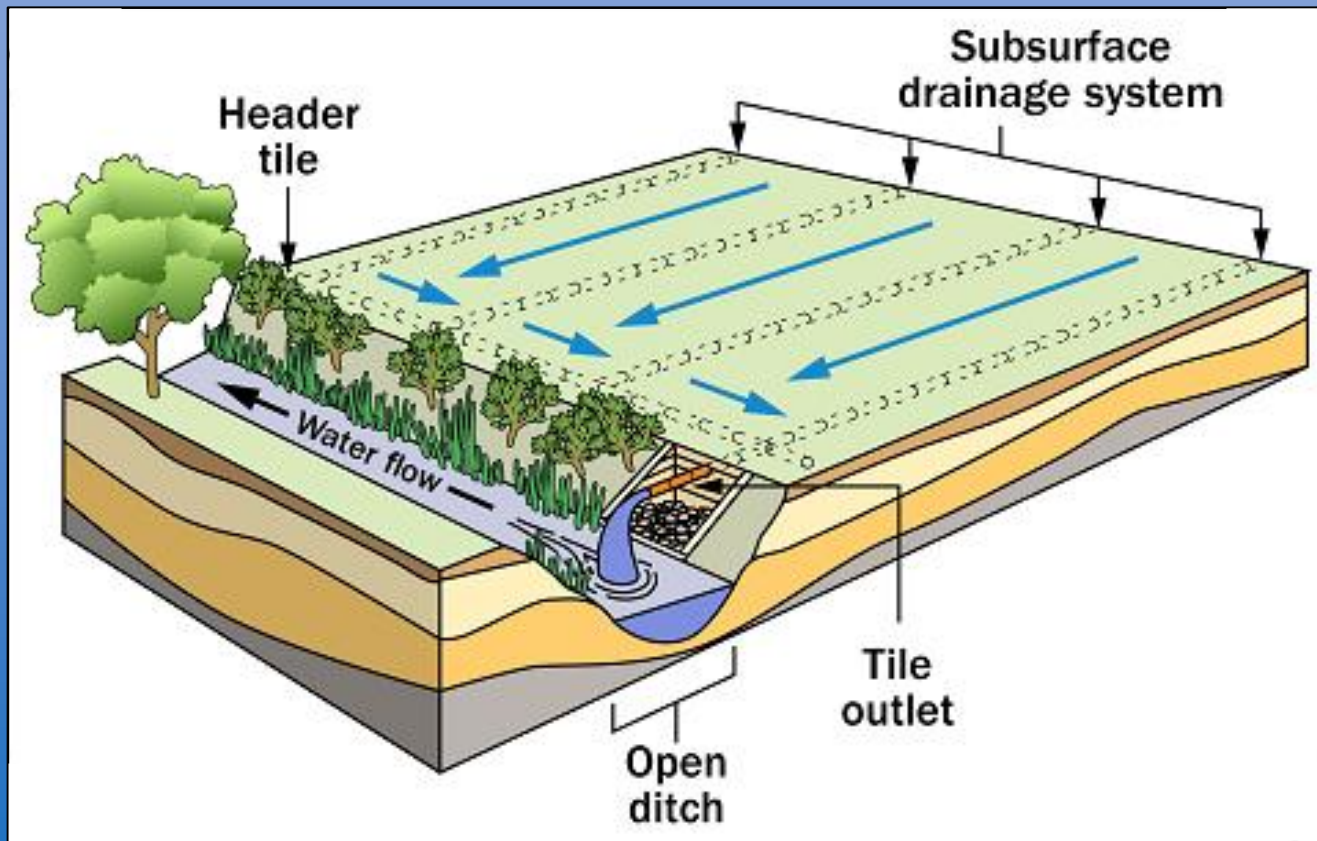
Tile Recharge System Bird's Eye View



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Tile Drainage – soil dewatering



HISTORY OF TILE DRAINAGE

200BC 1st use of Tile Drainage

Roman Empire, Clay terracotta tiles

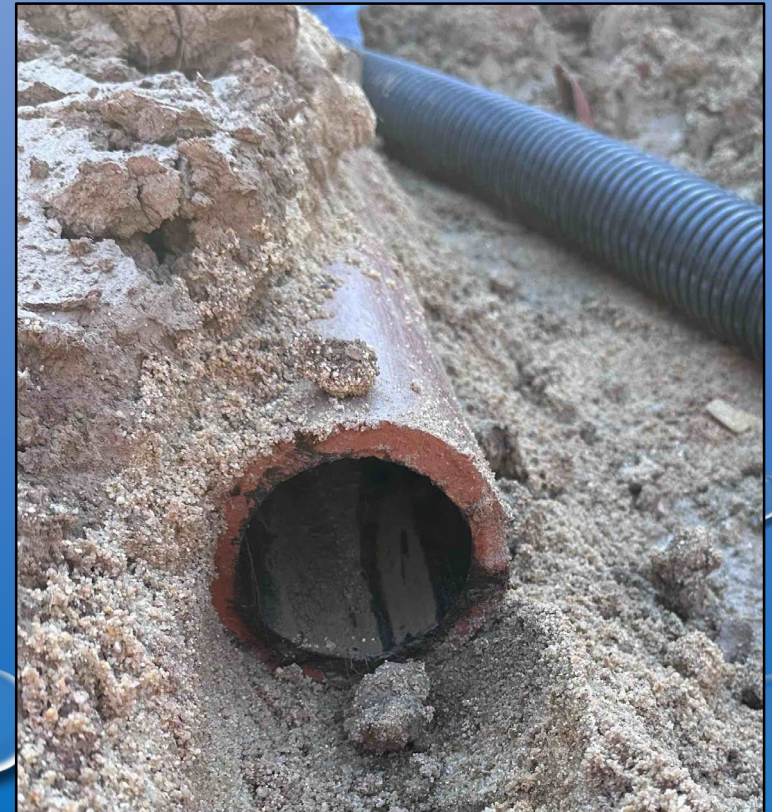
1838 1st used in United States

1860 Henry French wrote a book on farm drainage, nicknamed “French Drain”

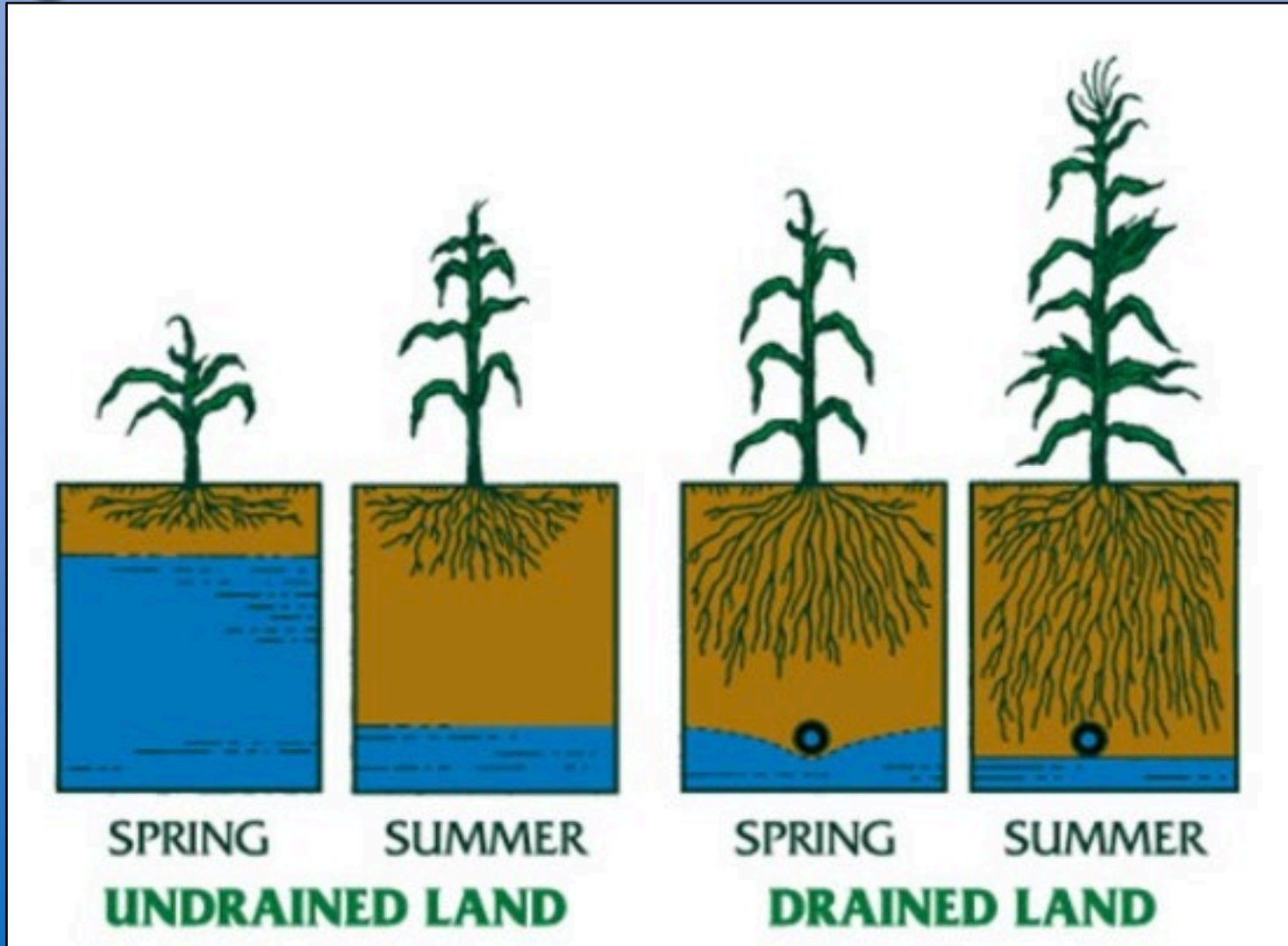
1960 Plastic corrugated perforated drainpipe

1960 Lidco starts install tile drainage

2017 Reverse Tile Drainage or Tile Recharge



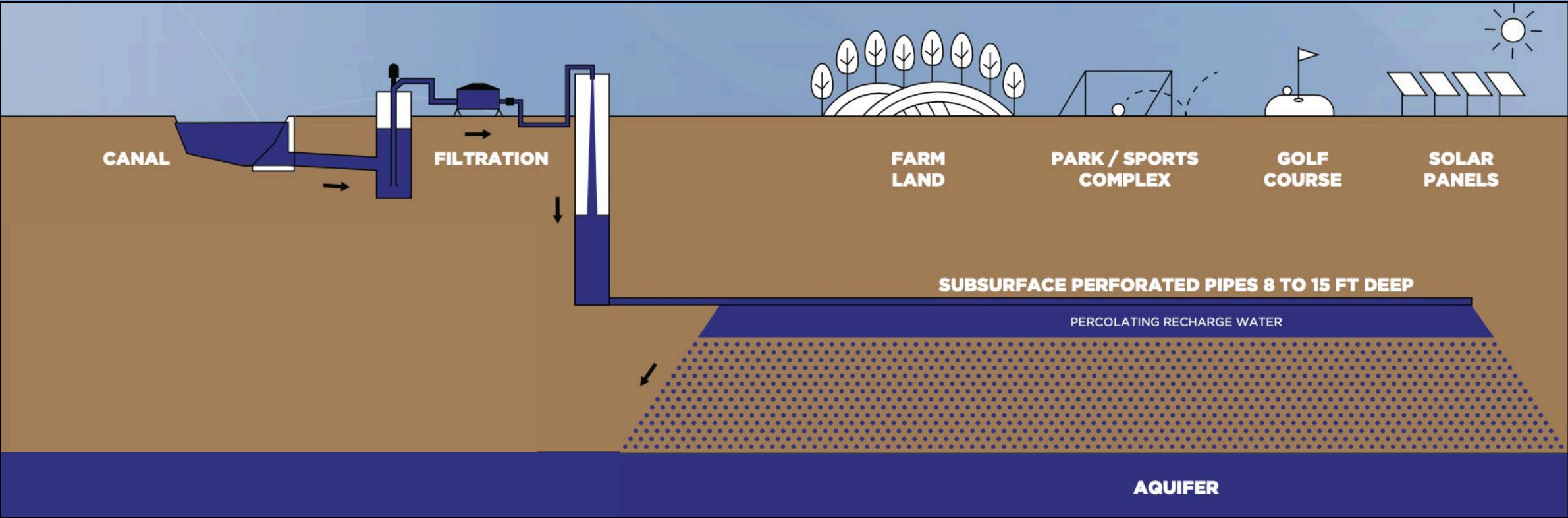
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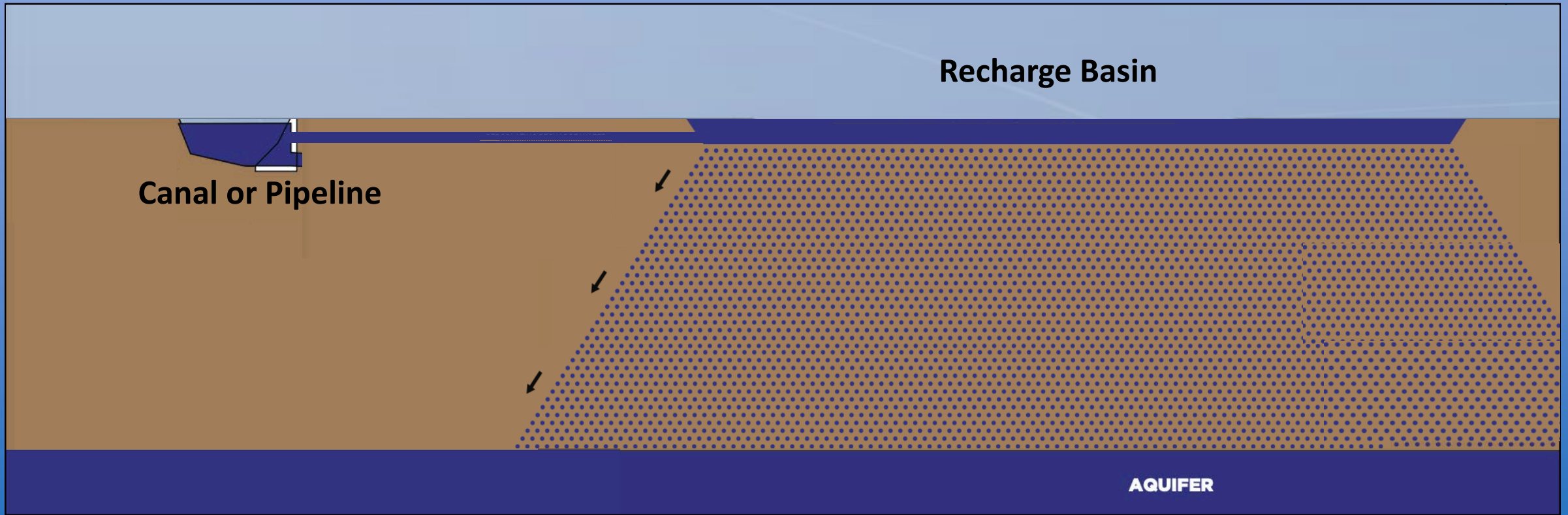
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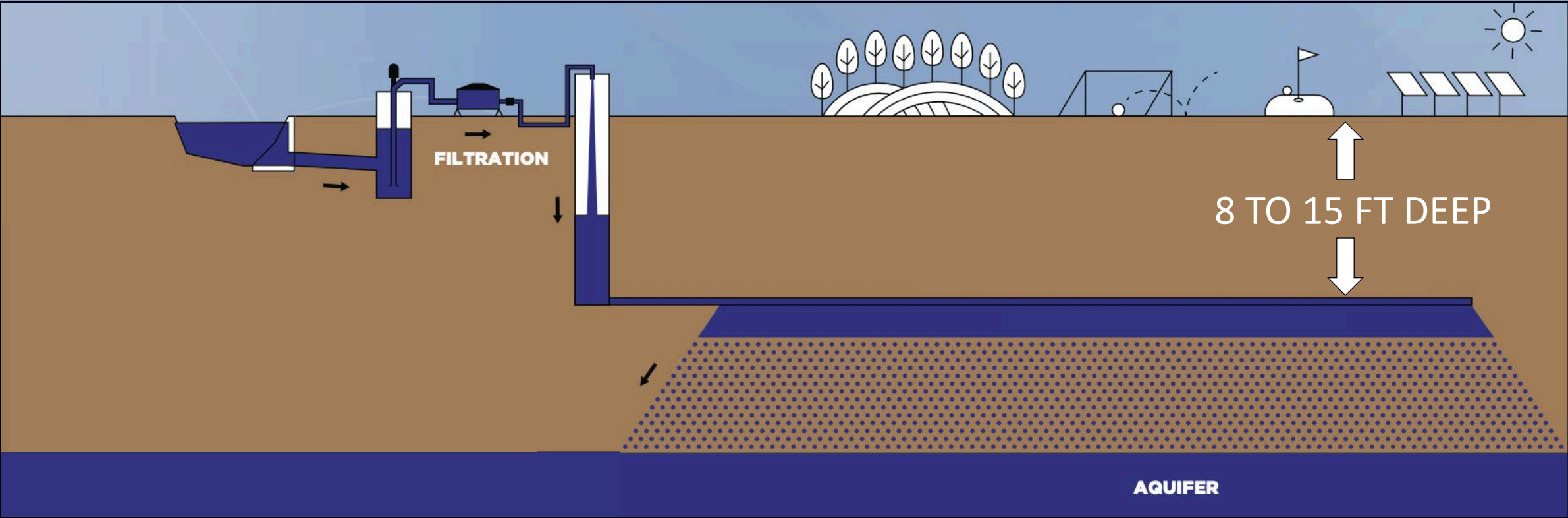
Tile Recharge System Profile View



Spreading Basin Profile View



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Installation of Tile Recharge



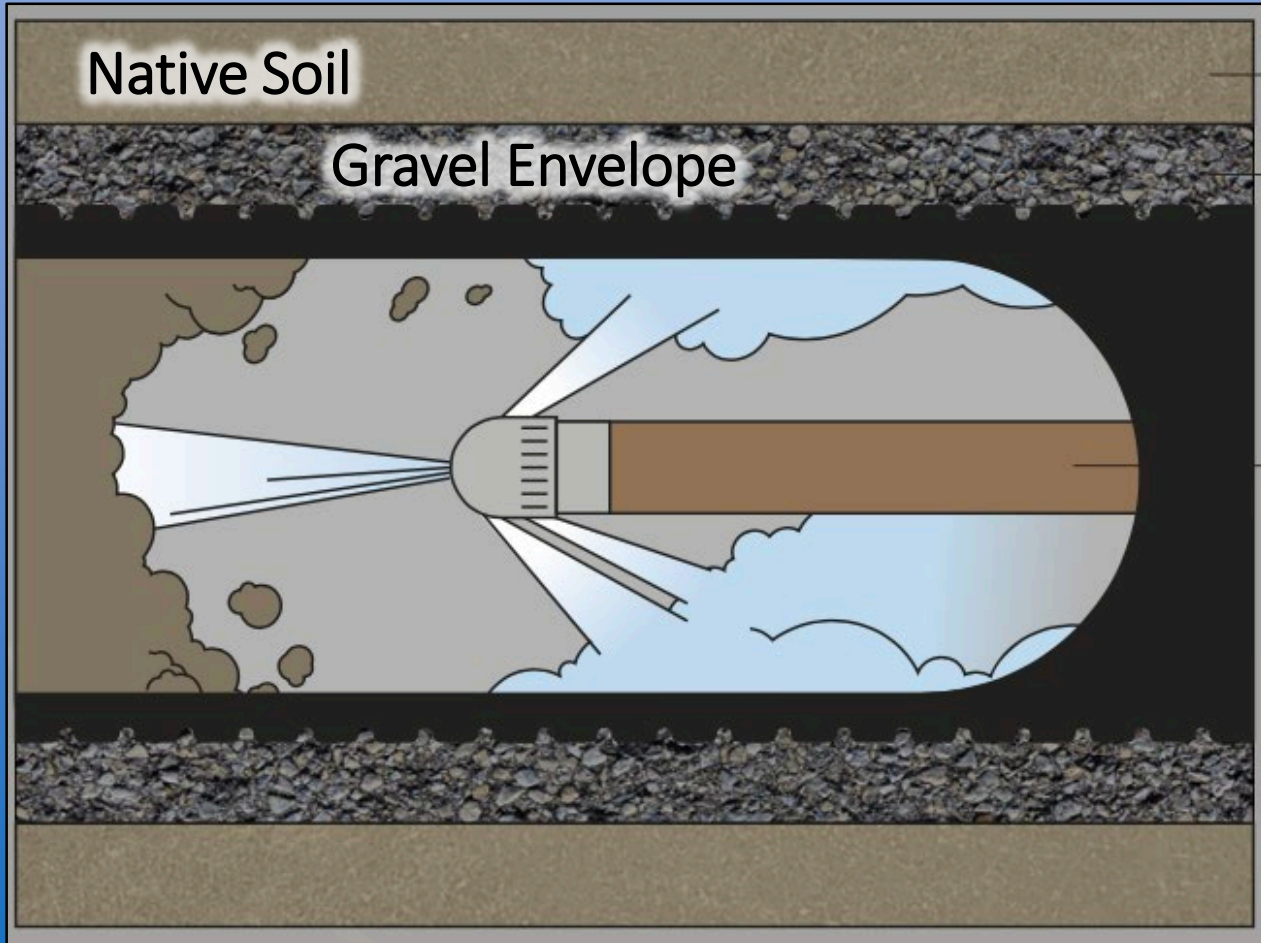




Filtration – Sand Media



Tile Cleaning with High-Pressure Water Jetting



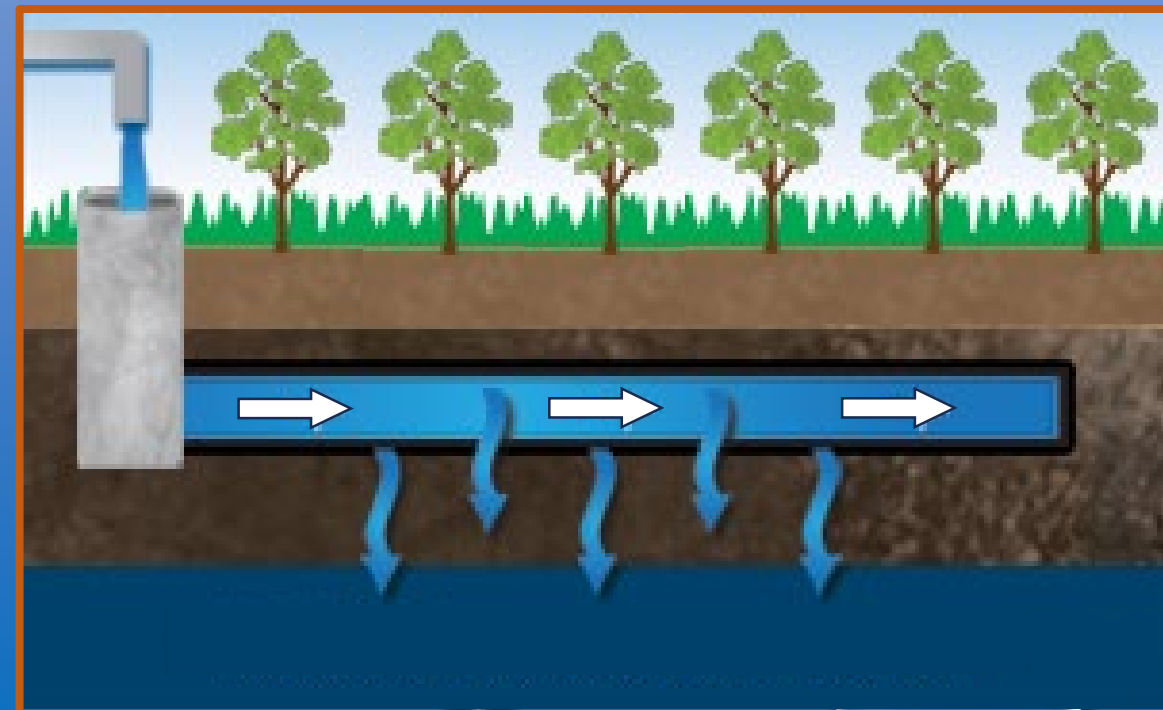
Reverse Tile Drainage (Tile Recharge, Subsurface Recharge)

Advantages

- No impact on farming
- Keep Land Productive
- No leaching nutrients and pesticides from surface
- Recharge year round
- Can get below near surface low permeability layers
- No evaporative losses
- Can install under a sloping field
- Less expensive than basins

Challenges

- Need Empty Field
- Filtration
- Clean lines every 5 to 10 yrs





Tile Recharge Systems

as of December 2023

Over 25 systems installed

Crops: Almonds, Grapes, Row Crops

Water Districts:

Westlands, SWID, Semi-Tropic, North Kern Water Storage District, Saucilito, Fresno ID, Merced ID, and Others

First system installed in 2017

Flow rates 200 gpm to 20,000 gpm

System size 2 cares to 500 acres

Case Study: M Farms Installed 2023

2-acre Tile Recharge System

3,840 feet Perforated Lateral Line
Depth 10 ft to 11 ft

Flow Rate ~200 gpm



6 x 4" Perforated Lateral Lines
Each 640 feet long

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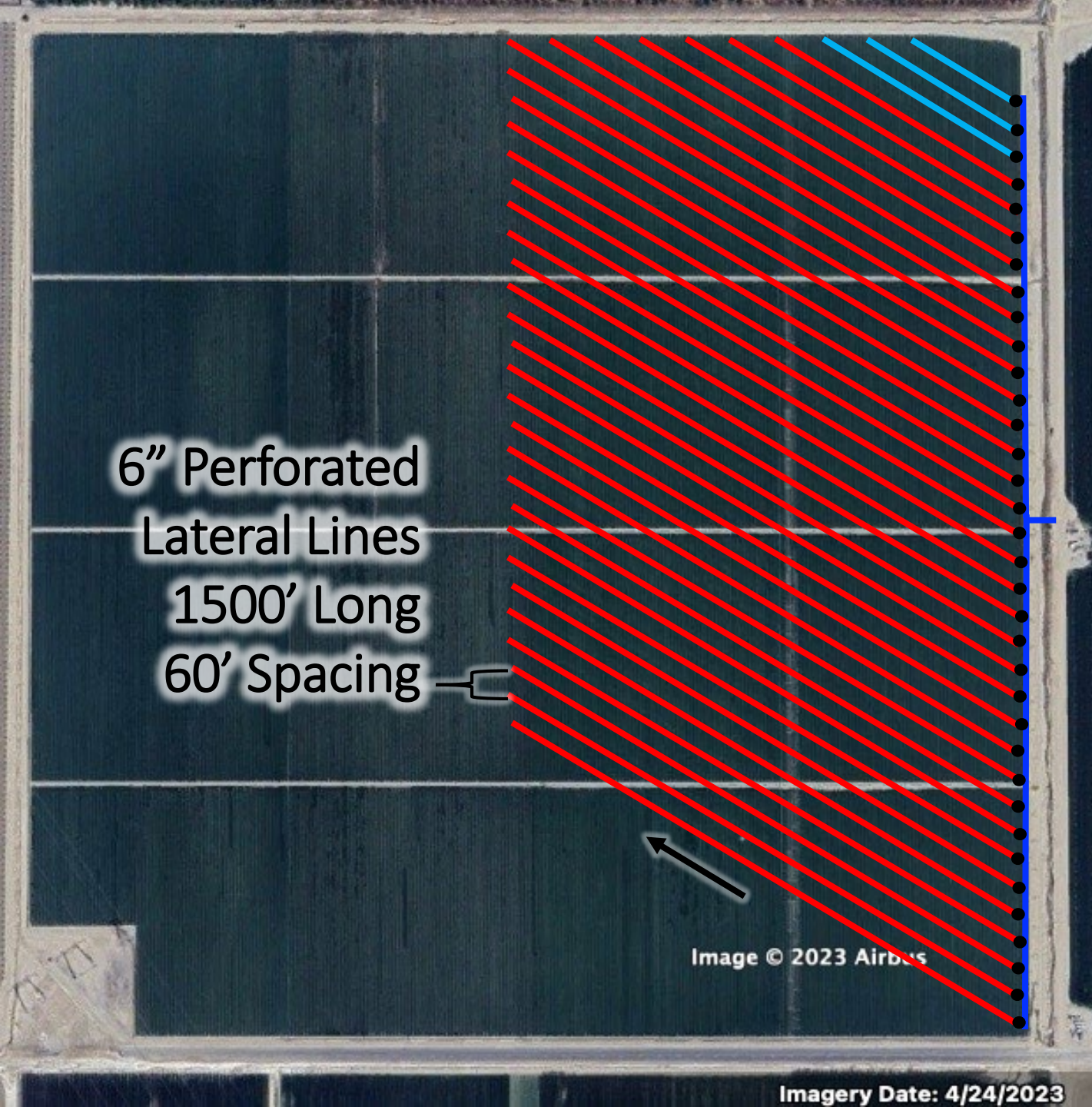
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6 x 4" Perforated Lateral Lines
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6" Perforated
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60' Spacing

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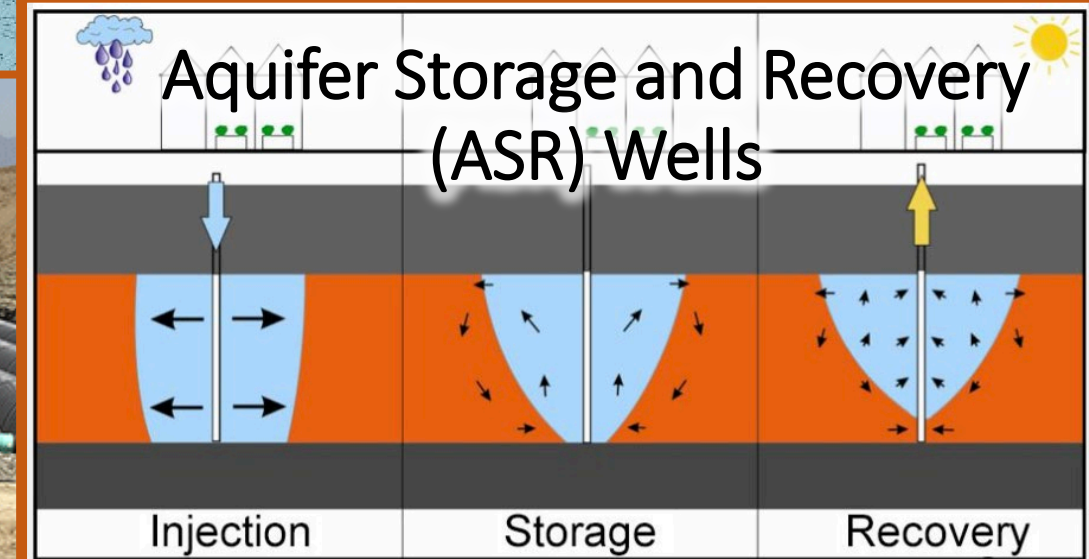
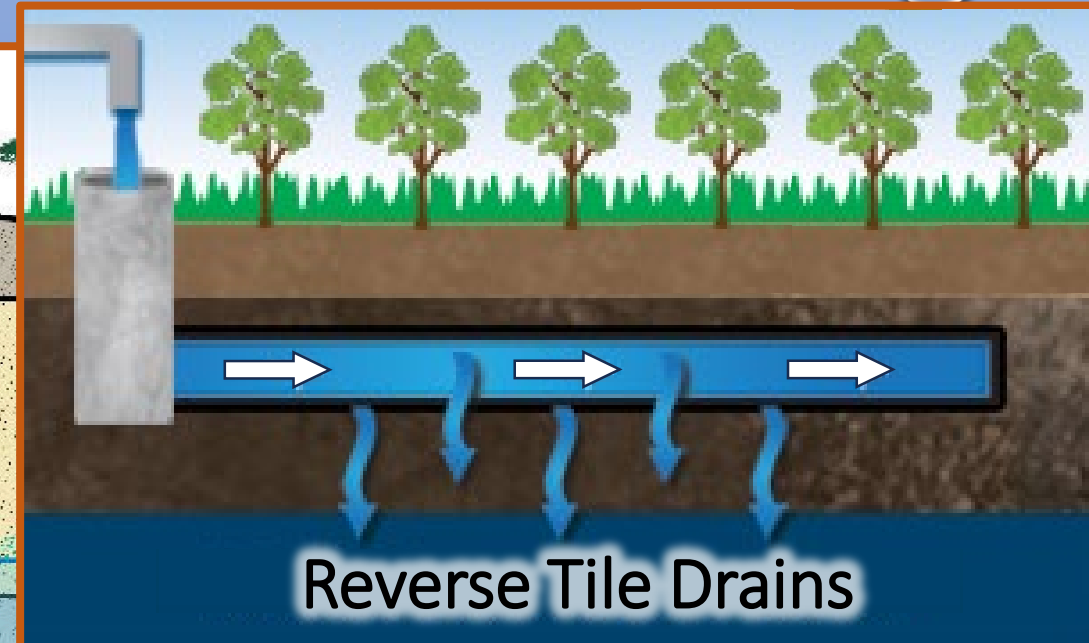
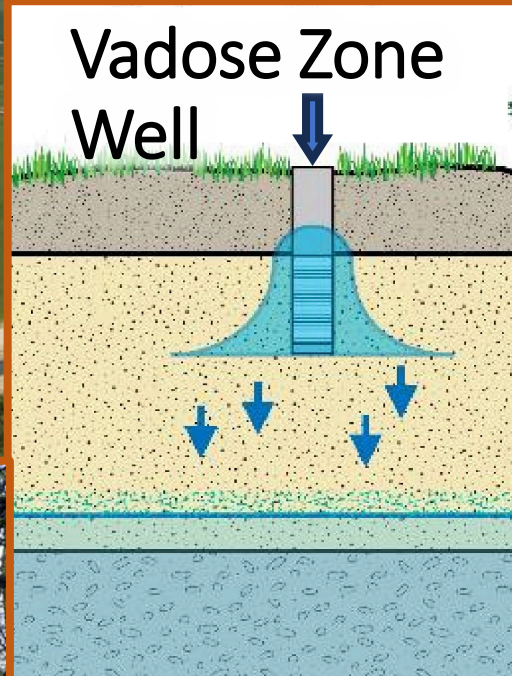
Case Study: D Farms Installed 2022

160-acre Field
62-acre Tile Recharge System
Row Crops

10.4 cfs or 4,650 gpm
20.5 AF/day

**Recharged
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