



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### MEETING AGENDA September 24, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District/Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency will hold a regularly scheduled meeting at **8:00 A.M.** on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**, at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. Virtual options are available for public participation.<sup>1</sup>

**Alternate Locations:** Director Miller will participate in the meeting via video conference from 132 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

#### Virtual Options for Public Participation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81384828713?pwd=5jBzq7ATL9rAdRzK7GvzsBG7p6r5qg.1>

**Meeting ID:** 813 8482 8713 **Passcode:** 511022 **Dial:** (669) 900-6833

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2025 SSJWD Special Meeting
  - b. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – September 18, 2025
5. **Director's Reports**
  - a. WRAC Meeting Held September 3, 2025
6. **Consider Possible Action Regarding Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA)**
  - a. Re-Cap of PRAGA Meeting on August 18, 2025 – Key Discussions and Decisions
  - b. Discuss Status of Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program
  - c. Update on \$7.6 million GSP Implementation Grant Fund Expenditures
  - d. Update from SSJWD Consultants – Randy Diffenbaugh and Confluence Engineering Solutions
  - e. Discuss JPA Structure, Roles and Responsibilities (Board, GSA, staff), and Future Goals
  - f. Update on Ad Hoc Committee
  - g. Next PRAGA Meeting is September 24, 2025 at 4pm at the Paso Robles Council Chambers
7. **Consider PRAGA's Request and Invoice for Financial Contribution**

PRAGA has submitted a request for financial contributions from the member GSAs to support continued operations through December 2025. SSJGSA's share of the contribution is \$63,000.
8. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – October 22, 2025 at 9am**
9. **Adjourn**

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<sup>1</sup> SSJGSA/SSJWD will make reasonable efforts to make the meeting accessible virtually; however, if one of the virtual options are unavailable due to technological issues, you are invited to take advantage of the other options, including in-person attendance.

**NOTE:** In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), if you need special assistance to access the meeting room or otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Bertoux & Co. 930 Nysted Dr. St. A Solvang, CA 93463 805-451-0841 [admin@ssjwd.org](mailto:admin@ssjwd.org). Notification of at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting will help enable reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting. Copies of Meeting Documents can be found on our District Website <https://www.ssjwd.org/> or requested by contacting Bertoux & Co. 930 Nysted Dr. St. A Solvang, CA 93463 805-451-0841 [admin@ssjwd.org](mailto:admin@ssjwd.org).



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2025 Special Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) and Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 9:00am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. As a courtesy, virtual options were made available for public participation. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>.

#### **I. Call to Order**

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Vice President Sinton called the meeting to order at 9:04am on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

#### **II. Roll Call**

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Directors Present:                      Marshall Miller  
   Ray Shady  
   Steve Sinton  
   Matt Turrentine

Directors Absent:                      Willy Cunha

#### **III. Public Comment**

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No public comment.

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

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The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the minutes from the June 27, 2025 Board meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated August 8, 2025, as presented.**

#### **V. SSJWD Board Elections Update**

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Three candidates—Marshall Miller, Ray Shady, and Steve Sinton—have filed Declarations of Candidacy for the three elective offices to be filled at the upcoming general district election. As no petition requesting that an election be held has been filed with the District, the Secretary of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD), pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10515 of the California Elections Code, will request that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors appoint the three candidates to the office of Director prior to December 1, 2025, in lieu of conducting a general district election.

#### **VI. Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) & SGMA Implementation Updates**

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On August 1, 2025, the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority’s (PRAGA) Board of Directors held a public hearing to consider the Proposed Groundwater Management Charge Program. The tabulated results indicated a majority protest, preventing implementation under Proposition 218. The PRAGA Board will evaluate alternative funding mechanisms and at a special meeting on August 18, 2025 at 1pm.

#### SSJWD Board Discussion – Key Concepts and Potential Next Steps for PRAGA:

- Budget/Operational Funds – It is anticipated that PRAGA will request gap funding from member GSAs to continue operations through the end of calendar year 2025. These interim contributions are critical to maintaining essential operations, including SGMA compliance activities, technical support, and administrative functions. The SSJWD Board suggested that PRAGA should refine its operational and SGMA compliance budget through the end of FY 2025–26 for clarity and planning.
- Leadership Structure – The Board discussed the need for a clearly defined structure outlining roles and responsibilities for the PRAGA Board, PRAGA staff, and member GSAs. Director Sinton suggested forming an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of representatives from SSJWD, EPCWD, and members of the public to help solicit feedback and develop recommendations.
- Community Outreach – There is a strong need for a clearly defined and robust communications plan. The SSJWD Board noted that PRAGA and its member GSAs would benefit from a cohesive and unified message that engages the community and communicates current status and future steps.
- MILR Program – For the initial phase, consider providing a way for irrigators to voluntarily enroll land that they plan to fallow and /or not irrigate into the MILR Program Registry.
- GSP Implementation Grant – The SSJWD Board expressed uncertainty regarding the status of GSP implementation grant funds, including what has been committed and spent to date. There are also questions regarding the status of specific grant-funded projects, including the MILR Program, Groundwater Level Monitoring Network Expansion, and the Domestic Well Mitigation Program. Director Turrentine will request that PRAGA staff present an update at a future PRAGA Board meeting to provide clarification.

#### **VII. Discuss Potential Revisions to Approved SSJWD Budget for FY 2025-26**

The approved SSJWD budget for FY 2025–26 does not currently include any financial contributions to the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA). It is anticipated that PRAGA will request gap funding from member GSAs to support continued operations through the end of the calendar year. A special PRAGA meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2025, at which this funding request may be discussed. No action was taken by the Board on this matter.

#### **VIII. Consider Approval of Resolution 25-003 Authorizing Levy and Collection of 2025 Assessments**

Vice President Sinton reviewed Resolution 25-003 authorizing the levy and collection of the District's Assessment for fiscal year 2025-26. SSJWD's assessment levels remain the same as the prior fiscal year: \$35 per acre for irrigated lands; \$0.11 per acre for non-irrigated lands; and \$7.50 for residences. The District's "de minimis" level is \$25.00. "De minimis" is defined as any parcel (or in the case of a landowner owning multiple parcels the collective parcels owned) where the total amount levied is less than \$25.00. The following motion was made by Director Miller, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Adopt Resolution 25-003 Authorizing Levy and Collection of Assessments for FY 2025-26, as presented.**

#### **IX. Consider Approval of First Amendment to Agreement between Tripepi Smith & Associates and the Shandon-San Juan Water District for Community Outreach/General Communications Support**

On July 25, 2024, SSJWD approved a professional services agreement with Tripepi Smith & Associates for public outreach and communications services through July 24, 2025. SSJWD proposes extending the agreement through October 31, 2025. Director Turrentine reviewed the First Amendment to the Agreement. The original scope of services and monthly retainer remain unchanged. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement between Tripepi Smith & Associates and the Shandon-San Juan Water District for General Communications Support, as presented.**

**X. Next Meeting**

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The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 8am.

**XI. Adjourn**

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Vice President Sinton adjourned the meeting at 10:51am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
September 24, 2025



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### Secretary/Treasurer's Report: August 9, 2025 – September 18, 2025

Date: September 18, 2025

To: Shandon-San Juan Water District Board of Directors

From: Stephanie Bertoux, District Secretary/Treasurer/Assessor

#### Assessments and Income:

On August 13, 2025, SSJWD levied assessments for FY 2025-26 totaling \$401,140.26. Income for the period totaled \$0.

#### Account Receivable:

The A/R total for FY 2024-25 Assessments to-date is \$762.10.

#### Expenses:

Expenses for the period totaled \$17,650.90.

\*The Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) submitted a request for financial contributions from the member GSAs to support continued operations through December 2025. SSJGSA's share of the contribution is \$63,000. This item will be discussed at the September 24, 2025 Board meeting.

#### FY 2025-26 Budget Summary

\*NOTE: The budget summary below does not include the invoice from PRAGA for \$63,000.

	FY 25-26 Budget	FY 25-26 YTD
Income	\$401,140.26	\$0
Expenses	\$228,913.20	\$20,129.74
Contingency (10%)	\$22,891.32	\$0

#### District Assets as of September 18, 2025:

Total Cash Position: \$693,224.60

- Bank Balance: After paying expenses noted above (\$17,650.90), the District has a cash position of \$149,059.49
- Investment Account Balance: \$544,165.11
  - \$400,000 – initial investment on July 1, 2024.
  - \$120,000 – investment authorized by SSJWD Board on January 22, 2025.
  - \$24,165.11 – earned July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 (reinvested)

#### SSJWD Elections Update

Three SSJWD Board member terms are set to expire at the end of 2025. Three Declaration of Candidacy forms were received—Marshall Miller, Ray Shady, and Steve Sinton—for the three available seats. On September 8, 2025, a request was made to the County Board of Supervisors to appoint these individuals in lieu of holding an election and to include the matter on their agenda before December 1, 2025.

### Insurance Policy Renewal

SSJWD's insurance policy was renewed. The current policy period is August 7, 2025 – August 7, 2026.

### LAFCO Municipal Service Review

LAFCO is responsible for conducting Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) on a routine basis for all districts within the County. In alignment with LAFCO's approved FY 2025–26 workplan, the MSR process for the Shandon-San Juan Water District has commenced. An initial meeting with LAFCO was held on August 28, 2025. SSJWD furnished all requested documentation for LAFCO to draft the MSR.

Tentative timeline for the MSR process:

- Administrative Draft Completed by LAFCO: September 26
- SSJWD Review Period: September 29 – October 13
- LAFCO Staff Revisions & Finalization: October 14 – October 24
- Public Review Release (21-Day Notice): October 30
- LAFCO Public Hearing: November 20, 2025

### Board Training & Certifications

- Form 700s (Conflict of Interest Statements) are due April 1 of each year. Directors must file with the County of SLO and the FPPC.
  - County of SLO – file electronically with Netfile. Each Director should have received an email from the County. <https://www.netfile.com/filer> Select Local Filer Log In from the white, pull down Log-In Button in top right corner.
  - With SB1156 now in effect (as of January 1, 2025), Board members are required to file Form 700s with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) in addition to the County of SLO. The SSJWD account is set up. Each Director should have received an email from FPPC with log-in information. <https://form700.fppc.ca.gov/>
- Ethics Training is required every two years. <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>.
- Anti-Sexual Harassment Training is required every two years. <https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/shpt/>

Director	COI – Form 700 FPPC (Due by April 1, 2025)	COI – Form 700 County of SLO (Due by April 1, 2025)	Ethics Training (Required Every 2 Years)	Anti-Sexual Harassment Training (Required Every 2 Years)
Willy Cunha	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 03/18/27	Next Due Date 03/18/27
Marshall Miller	DONE	DONE	<b>NEED TO COMPLETE</b>	<b>NEED TO COMPLETE</b>
Ray Shady	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 09/23/25	Next Due Date 09/23/26
Steve Sinton	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 06/24/27	<b>NEED TO COMPLETE</b>
Matt Turrentine	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 05/07/27	Next Due Date 05/07/27



# Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority

City of Paso Robles, John Hamon | County San Luis Obispo, Bruce Gibson | Estrella-El Pomar-Creston District, Jerry Reaugh | Shandon San Juan Water District, Matt Turrentine

August 22, 2025

John Hamon, City of Paso Robles GSA, PRAGA Director  
Bruce Gibson, County of San Luis Obispo GSA, PRAGA Director  
Jerry Reaugh, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District GSA, PRAGA Director  
Matt Turrentine, Shandon-San Juan Water District GSA, PRAGA Director

Re: Request for Financial Contributions to PRAGA for Costs through December 2025

PRAGA GSA Board Representatives,

On August 18, 2025, the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) Board of Directors approved a request for \$300,000 in additional contributions from its member Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). This action was taken pursuant to Section 7.1 of the JPA Agreement, which provides that, upon a 3/4 vote of the PRAGA Board, members agree to contribute additional funding based on the percentage shares established in the FY 2024-2025 PBCC Budget.

These interim contributions are necessary to ensure PRAGA can continue essential operations through the end of 2025, including required SGMA compliance activities, technical support, and administrative functions.

The Projected Cash Flow through December 2025, including details of each GSA's proportional share of the \$300,000 contribution, is provided as Attachment 1. The PRAGA invoice for your GSA's portion is provided as Attachment 2.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at [tblakslee@hcpm.com](mailto:tblakslee@hcpm.com), or (661) 477-3385.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taylor Blakslee".

Taylor Blakslee  
Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA)  
Interim Administrative Support Services



Draft Cash Flow

PASO ROBLES AREA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
FY25/26 (through December 2025) Monthly Projected Cash Flow

	Actual			July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 Projected					Total Cash Sources and Uses
	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 4,165	\$ 223,313	\$ 104,323	\$ (33,303)	\$ 209,297	\$ 78,147	\$ 52,747	
CASH SOURCES									
GSA Funding (Member Agencies)	10,000	219,148			300,000				\$ 529,148
DWR Grant Reimbursements									\$ -
Extraction Fees									\$ -
									\$ -
TOTAL CASH SOURCES	10,000	219,148	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	\$ 529,148
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 10,000	\$ 223,313	\$ 223,313	\$ 104,323	\$ 266,697	\$ 209,297	\$ 78,147	\$ 52,747	
CASH USES									
Annual Report Prep (RFP and Selected Consultant Work)						7,000	7,000		\$ 14,000
GSP Fifth Year Evaluation									\$ -
GSP Amendment									\$ -
Groundwater Model Use/Update									\$ -
Basin Monitoring Operations & Maintenance									\$ -
Data Management System (DMS)									\$ -
ET Ag Water Usage Program (LandIQ)						100,000			\$ 100,000
Support Staff			44,233	42,126	32,000	2,000	2,000	16,000	\$ 138,359
Legal Counsel			65,509	43,000	15,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	\$ 141,509
IT Support									\$ -
Agency Administrative Costs (Insurance, Audit, Initial Setup)	5,835		9,043						\$ 14,878
Grant Development									\$ -
Technical Consultant(s)				52,000		5,750		5,750	\$ 63,500
Public Education and Outreach Program					2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	\$ 10,000
Website Creation and Management			205	500	500	500	500	500	\$ 2,705
GW Fee Billing & Collection									\$ -
Domestic Well Impact Mitigation Program									\$ -
Address Additional GSP Data Gaps									\$ -
Well Verification & Registration Program									\$ -
MILR Program									\$ -
Prudent Reserve					7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	\$ 29,600
TOTAL CASH USES	\$ 5,835	\$ -	\$ 118,990	\$ 137,626	\$ 57,400	\$ 131,150	\$ 25,400	\$ 38,150	\$ 514,551
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 4,165	\$ 223,313	\$ 104,323	\$ (33,303)	\$ 209,297	\$ 78,147	\$ 52,747	\$ 14,597	

GSA Contributions:		\$ 300,000
1	City	16% \$ 48,000
2	County	33% \$ 99,000
3	EPC	30% \$ 90,000
4	SSJ	21% \$ 63,000
		100% \$ 300,000

## Invoice



## Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority

## Invoice To:

Shandon-San Juan Water District  
Attn: Matt Turrentine  
PO Box 150  
Shandon, CA 93461-0150

Date: 8/22/2025

Invoice No: 26-004

DESCRIPTION	Amount Due
GSA contribution toward the \$300,000 funding amount (September–December 2025) approved by the PRAGA Board on August 18, 2025, per contribution percentages in the JPA Agreement executed March 14, 2025.	\$63,000.00
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>

## Terms:

Due upon receipt

## Please make check Payable to:

Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority  
PO Box 82  
Paso Robles, CA 93447-0082

EIN: 33-4690239



# **Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**

**Financial Statements**

**July 2025**

**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Through July 31, 2025**

**Statement of Net Position**

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash - J.P. Morgan Chase <i>(non-interest bearing checking)</i>	\$ 104,323
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 104,323</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 91,228
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 91,228</b>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 13,095
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 13,095</b>

**Statement of Change in Net Position**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Member Agency Funding	\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Contracted Administrator	\$ 42,126
Legal <i>(General Counsel)</i>	46,281
Office and Travel Expenses	2,021
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 90,428</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (90,428)</b>

**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Receipts and Disbursements**  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Through July 31, 2025**

Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Number	Name	Amount
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2599	Jerry Reaugh	\$ (132.20)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2600	Hallmark Group	(28,047.59)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2601	Hallmark Group	(16,185.55)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2602	Streamline Software, Inc.	(500.00)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2603	Streamline Software, Inc.	(6,000.00)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2604	Dist.	(2,410.41)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2605	Paso Robles Joint USD	(204.86)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2606	Hanson Bridgett LLP	(51,259.38)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2607	Hanson Bridgett LLP	(14,250.00)
				<b>\$ (118,989.99)</b>

**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**As of July 31, 2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1 - 30</b>	<b>31 - 60</b>	<b>61 - 90</b>	<b>91 And Over</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hallmark Group	\$ 43,320.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,320.07
Hanson Bridgett LLP	47,701.13	-	-	-	-	47,701.13
Jerry Reaugh	206.48	-	-	-	-	206.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 91,227.68</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 91,227.68</b>



The summary of invoices below is presented for Board consent. Payment of invoices is expected to occur by September 30, 2025.

Vendor/Consultant	Invoice Billing Period	Invoice Total
Hallmark Group	August 2025	\$20,892.42
Hanson Bridgett	August 2025	\$14,260.00
SCI Consulting Group	August 2025	\$34,150.79
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$69,303.21</b>

The Authority's bank balance at J.P. Morgan Chase was \$13,095 as of August 31, 2025.



# **Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**

**Financial Statements**

**August 2025**



**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2025**

**Statement of Net Position**

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash - J.P. Morgan Chase <i>(non-interest bearing checking)</i>	\$ 13,095
Accounts Receivable	300,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 313,095</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 69,303
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 69,303</b>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 243,792
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 243,792</b>

**Statement of Change in Net Position**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Member Agency Funding	\$ 300,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Contracted Administrator	\$ 61,222
Legal <i>(General Counsel)</i>	60,236
Technical Consulting <i>(Prop 218)</i>	34,151
JPA Start-Up Costs	517
Office and Travel Expenses	3,605
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 159,731</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 140,269</b>

**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Receipts and Disbursements**  
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07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2604	Dist.	(2,410.41)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2605	Paso Robles Joint USD	(204.86)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2606	Hanson Bridgett LLP	(51,259.38)
07/31/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	2607	Hanson Bridgett LLP	(14,250.00)
08/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	3000	Hallmark Group	(43,320.07)
08/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	3001	Hanson Bridgett LLP	(47,701.13)
08/28/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	3002	Jerry Reaugh	(206.48)
				<b>\$ (210,217.67)</b>

**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Accounts Receivable**  
**As of August 31, 2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1 - 30</b>	<b>31 - 60</b>	<b>61 - 90</b>	<b>91 And Over</b>	<b>Total</b>
City of Paso Robles	\$ 48,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,000.00
County of San Luis Obispo GSA	99,000.00	-	-	-	-	99,000.00
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District	90,000.00	-	-	-	-	90,000.00
Shandon-San Juan Water District	63,000.00	-	-	-	-	63,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>

**Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**As of August 31, 2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1 - 30</b>	<b>31 - 60</b>	<b>61 - 90</b>	<b>91 And Over</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hallmark Group	\$ 20,892.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,892.42
Hanson Bridgett LLP	14,260.00	-	-	-	-	14,260.00
SCI Consulting Gorup	34,150.79	-	-	-	-	34,150.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,303.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 69,303.21</b>

**PASO ROBLES AREA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**  
**September 24, 2025**

**Agenda Item #9a- Update on DWR Grant Schedule, Expenditures and Projects**

**Recommendation**

None; informational update only.

**Prepared By**

Taylor Blakslee, Interim Administrative Support Services

**Discussion**

In 2022, the Paso Basin was awarded a \$7.6 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources for the implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

In April 2025, Amendment No. 1 to the grant agreement was executed, extending the grant deadline from April 2025 to April 2026.

An update on the grant schedule, spending plan, and projects is provided as **Attachment 1**.

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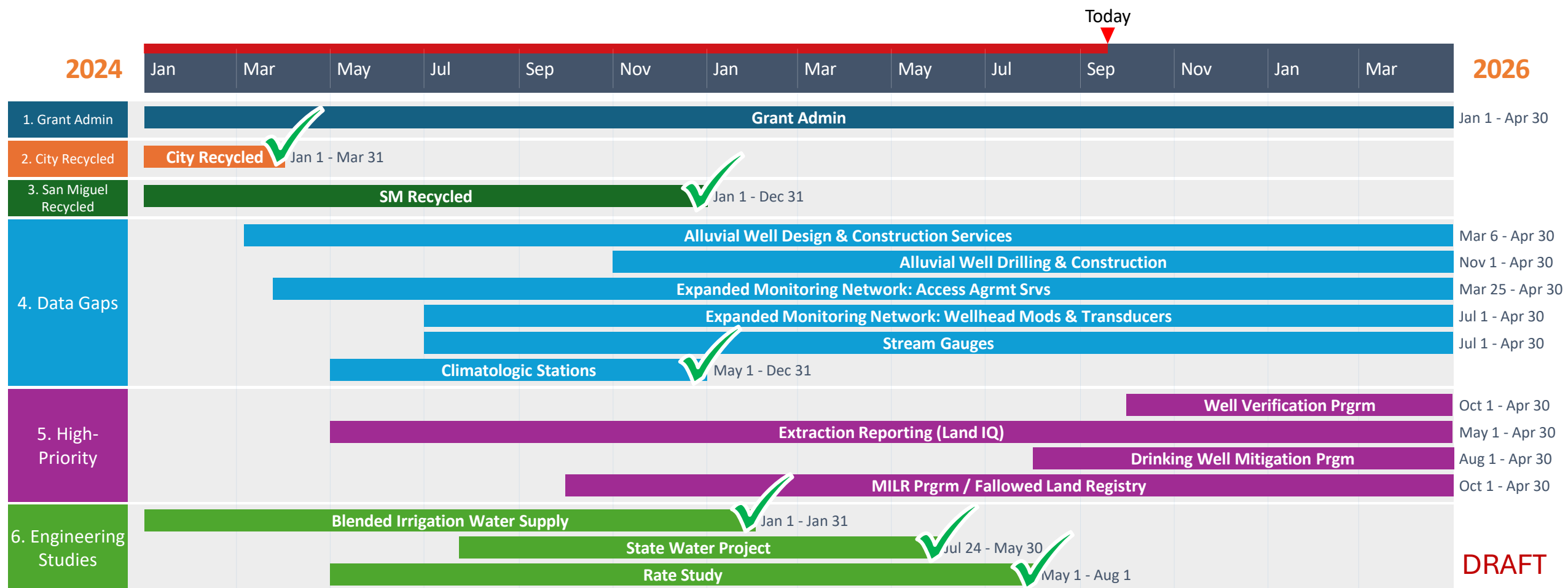
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- In 2022, Paso Basin was awarded a \$7.6 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources for the implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).
  - The County holds the grant agreement with DWR.
- In April 2025, Amendment No. 1 to the grant agreement was executed, extending the grant deadline from April 2025 to April 2026.
- Grant project timeline, costs expended/committed, and updates are provided on the following slides.

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Grant Project Timeline (timeline begins on Jan 2024 for brevity)



# Paso Basin

## \$7.6 M

### Grant

### Spending

### Plan

					Invoiced to Date		Remaining	
Component	Category	Project Description	Grant Budget	Estimated Cost	(2025 Q1)	Grant Funds	Contracted Amount	
					(i.e. Existing PO's)			
Comp 1. Admin			\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 48,957	\$ 71,043	\$ 71,043	
Comp 2. City of Paso Robles Recycled Water Project			\$ 4,290,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,499,999	\$ 790,001	\$ -	
Comp 3. San Miguel CSD Recycled Water Project			\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 209,366	\$ 634	\$ -	
Comp 4. Data Gaps	A	Admin	\$ 25,000		\$ 24,089	\$ 911	\$ 911	
	B	Planing / Deisgn / Environemntal	\$ 550,000		\$ 358,428	\$ 191,572	\$ 597,961	
		Misc Technical Support		\$ 20,000	\$ 9,251	\$ 10,749		
		Expandend TAC (GSI)		\$ 22,000	\$ 21,342	\$ 658		
		GIS Support (Mike Bobbitt & Associates)		\$ 30,000	\$ 16,736	\$ 13,264		
		Access Agreement (PHDM)		\$ 139,060	\$ 76,545	\$ 62,516	\$ 62,516	
		Wellhead Mods (PHDM)		\$ 200,000	\$ 24,393	\$ 175,607	\$ 175,607	
		Wellhead Mods (CHG)		\$ 200,000	\$ 90,843	\$ 109,157	\$ 109,157	
		Alluvial - Design and Construct Support (CHG)		\$ 200,000	\$ 106,659	\$ 93,341	\$ 93,341	
		Surveying (MBS)		\$ 70,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	
		Access Agreements (HJ)		\$ 100,000	\$ 5,660	\$ 94,340	\$ 94,340	
	C	Construction / Implementaiton	\$ 700,000		\$ 104,164	\$ 595,836	\$ 45,436	
		Environmental (SWCA)		\$ 50,000	\$ 22,064	\$ 27,936	\$ 27,936	
		Alluvial - Driller (TBD)		\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	TBD	
		Climatologic stations (6) (Land IQ)		\$ 89,600	\$ 72,100	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	
		Monitoring Well Transducers (TBD)		\$ 145,000	\$ -	\$ 145,000	TBD	
		Stream gauges with rating curves (3)		\$ 125,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 115,000	RFP In-Progress	
	D	Monitoring / Assessment	\$ 125,000		\$ 26,013	\$ 98,987	\$ -	
		Update SGMA Portal (GSI)		\$ 19,613	\$ 19,613	\$ -	\$ -	
		Lynker (USGS GW Model Assessment)		\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ -	\$ -	
Comp 4 Data Gaps Total			\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,790,660	\$ 512,694	\$ 887,306	\$ 644,308	
Comp 5 High Priority	A	Admin (HG)	\$ 30,000		\$ 5,995	\$ 24,005	\$ 24,005	
	D	Monitoring / Assessment	\$ 770,000		\$ 140,993	\$ 629,007	\$ 525,052	
		Well Verification and Registration Program creation		\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	County EHS Effort	
		Extraction Reporting from GW Pumpers (Land IQ)		\$ 98,000	\$ 89,834	\$ 8,166	\$ 8,166	
		Additional Extraction Reportion (Aug 25-July 26)		\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
		Drinking Well Impact Mitigation Program Development (SHE)		\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
		MILR Program (Land IQ)		\$ 298,045	\$ 41,522	\$ 256,523	\$ 256,523	
		MILR Program / Fallowed Land Registry User Platform		\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	RFP Issued	
		MILR Legal Support (Stoel Rives)		\$ 50,000	\$ 1,551	\$ 48,449	\$ 48,449	
		Misc Program Support		\$ 20,000	\$ 8,086	\$ 11,914	\$ 11,914	
High Priority MA Total			\$ 800,000	\$ 891,045	\$ 146,988	\$ 653,012	\$ 549,057	
Comp 6	A	Admin	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,901.00	\$ 6,099.00	\$ 6,099.00	
Engineering Studies	D	Monitoring / Assessment	\$ 760,000.00		\$ 728,235.63	\$ 31,764.37	\$ 55,414.11	
		Blended (WSC)		\$ 300,000	\$ 296,593	\$ 3,407	\$ 3,407	
		SWP (P&P)		\$ 300,000	\$ 256,608	\$ 43,392	\$ 43,392	
		Rate Study (SCI)		\$ 110,000	\$ 101,385	\$ 8,615	\$ 8,615	
		Rate Study Legal Support (Stoel Rives)		\$ 70,000	\$ 73,650	\$ (3,650)		
Engineering Studies Total			\$ 780,000	\$ 780,000	\$ 742,137	\$ 37,863	\$ 61,513	
TOTAL			\$ 7,600,000	\$ 7,291,705	\$ 5,160,140	\$ 2,439,860	\$ 1,325,921	



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## Completed Projects

- ✓ Blended Water Supply Engineering and Feasibility Analysis
- ✓ State Water Project Engineering and Feasibility Analysis
- ✓ Cost of Service Rate Study
- ✓ City of Paso Robles Recycled Water Project
- ✓ San Miguel CSD Recycled Water Project (pre-construction phase)

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## In-Progress Projects

1. Multibenefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program / Fallowed Land Registry
2. Domestic Well Mitigation Program
3. Monitoring Data Gaps
  - a. Expanded Groundwater Level Monitoring Network and Transducers
  - b. Alluvial Wells
  - c. Stream Gauges
  - d. Climatologic Stations
4. Well Verification Program

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## Multibenefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program / Fallowed Land Registry | Program Description

- A way to assist and track owners of agricultural land who reduce groundwater pumping.
- Initial phase – provide a way for irrigators to voluntarily enroll land that they plan to not irrigate into the MILR Program/Fallowed Land Registry.
- Informed by spatial data.
- Technical components – guidebook, spatial database, SOPs using consumptive use data.
- Permitting/legal components – ordinance audit, enabling MILR ordinance, CEQA review.
- Fallowed land registry user platform.

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## Multibenefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program / Fallowed Land Registry | Task Update

- Farm unit delineation – **Complete**
  - Identified common operators and irrigation – **Complete**
- Spatial database – **In progress**
  - Includes farm units and other data of interest.
- Outreach – **In progress**
  - Held meetings with winegrape growers to explain program.
  - Individual outreach if needed.
- Program Interest Form – **In progress**
  - Mechanism for irrigators to enroll land in the MILR program.
  - First draft at County for review.
- Enabling Ordinance – **In progress**
  - First draft at County and PRAGA staff for review.
- Fallowed Land Registry Platform – **In progress**
  - RFP Issued
  - Proposals Due September 24, 2025

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## Domestic Well Mitigation Program Development | Program Outline

- Introduction and Background
  - Program purpose
  - Need for program (dry well analysis & DWR recommended corrective action)
- Community outreach and engagement
  - Description and results of Community Workshops 1 and 2
  - Ongoing engagement plan
- Program
  1. Proactive mitigation
    - Well verification and registration program (as described in GSP)
    - Well interference mitigation program (as described in GSP)
  2. Interim solutions
    - Bottled drinking water
    - Temporary tanks and hauled water
  3. Financing for long-term solutions
    - Well repair
    - Well replacement
    - Connections to public water systems
  4. Program evaluation
- Appendices
  - Program guidelines
  - Workflow
  - Program documents
  - Potential vendor list

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## Draft Timeline

Milestone	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Agreement Executed (7/28/25)	✓					
Kick-off Meeting (8/13/25)		✓				
Roundtable Event #1			In progress			
Program Purpose & Outline			✓			
Outreach and Engagement Plan			In progress			
Program Description						
Roundtable Event #2						
Guidelines						
Workflow Process						
Tracking, Evaluation, Reporting Plan						
Cost Estimate						
Draft Program Complete						
Final Program Complete						

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## Domestic Well Mitigation Program Development | Community Outreach & Engagement

- Goal: to involve the public in the program development process, to develop an understanding of and incorporate the needs, perspectives, values, and ideas of those experiencing drinking water impacts firsthand.
- Benefits of community involvement:
  - Building and repairing trust with the community
  - Understanding community members' perspectives
  - Ability to make better programmatic decisions early in the process, mitigating the need for potentially costly revisions
  - Improve stewardship and transparency of the use of public funds

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## Domestic Well Mitigation Program Development | Initial Engagement Plan

- Workshop #1: Early October
  - Goal: understanding and gaining perspective/ideas
  - Structure: roundtable discussion to gather qualitative info, follow-up survey
    - Discussion topics
      - What community do you live in, where does your water come from?
      - What concerns do you have about your water supply and what is high priority?
      - What do you want us to know about your community and your water?
      - Who are the leaders and main points of contacts in your community/neighborhood?
- Workshop #2: Late October - Early November
  - Goal: informing public of how their input was incorporated into the program
  - Structure: presentation, Q&A, follow-up survey



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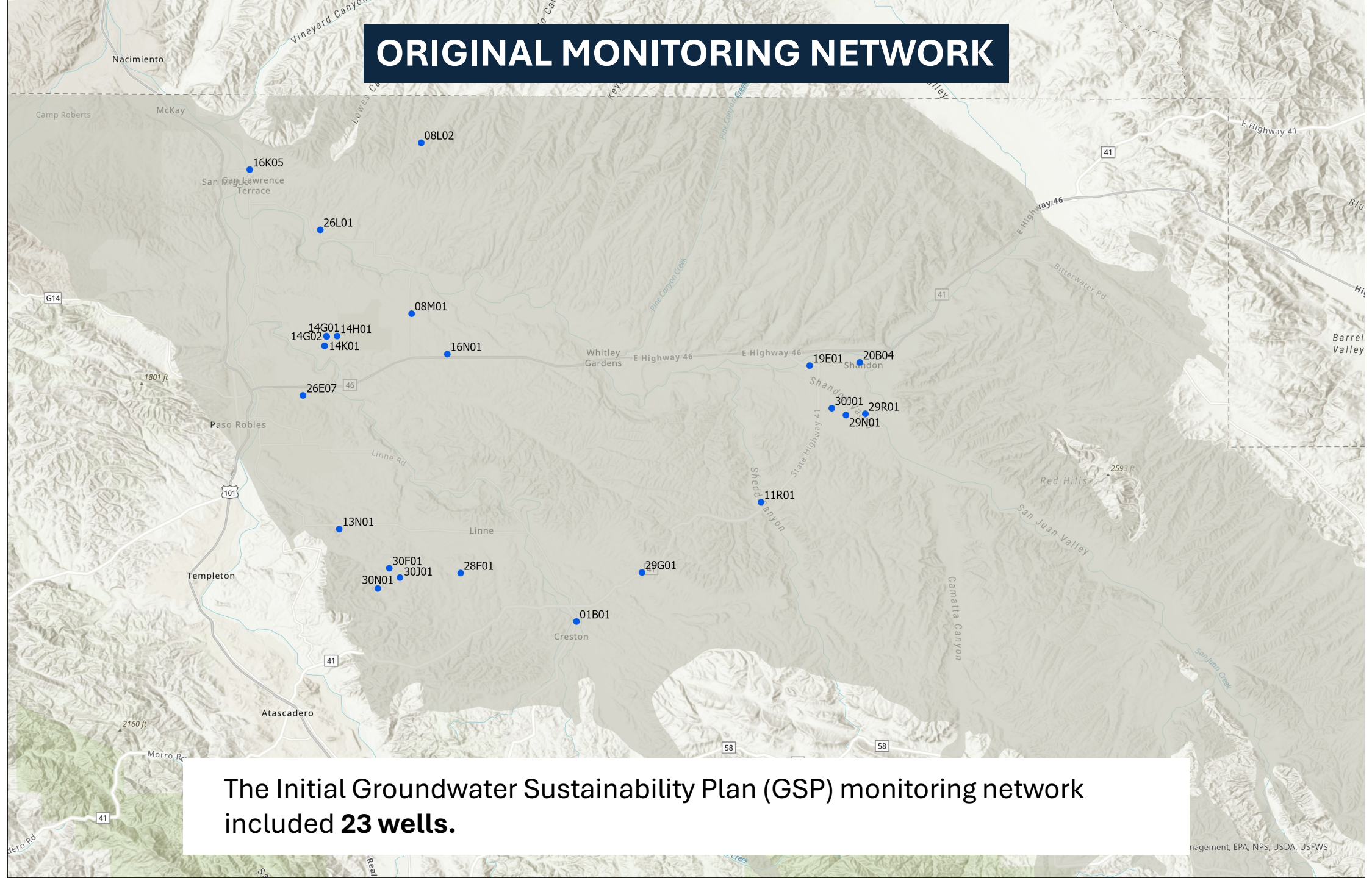
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## Monitoring Data Gaps

- Updates on the following grant projects are included on the following slides:
  - a. Expanded Groundwater Level Monitoring Network and Transducers
  - b. Alluvial Wells
  - c. Stream Gauges
  - d. Climatologic Stations

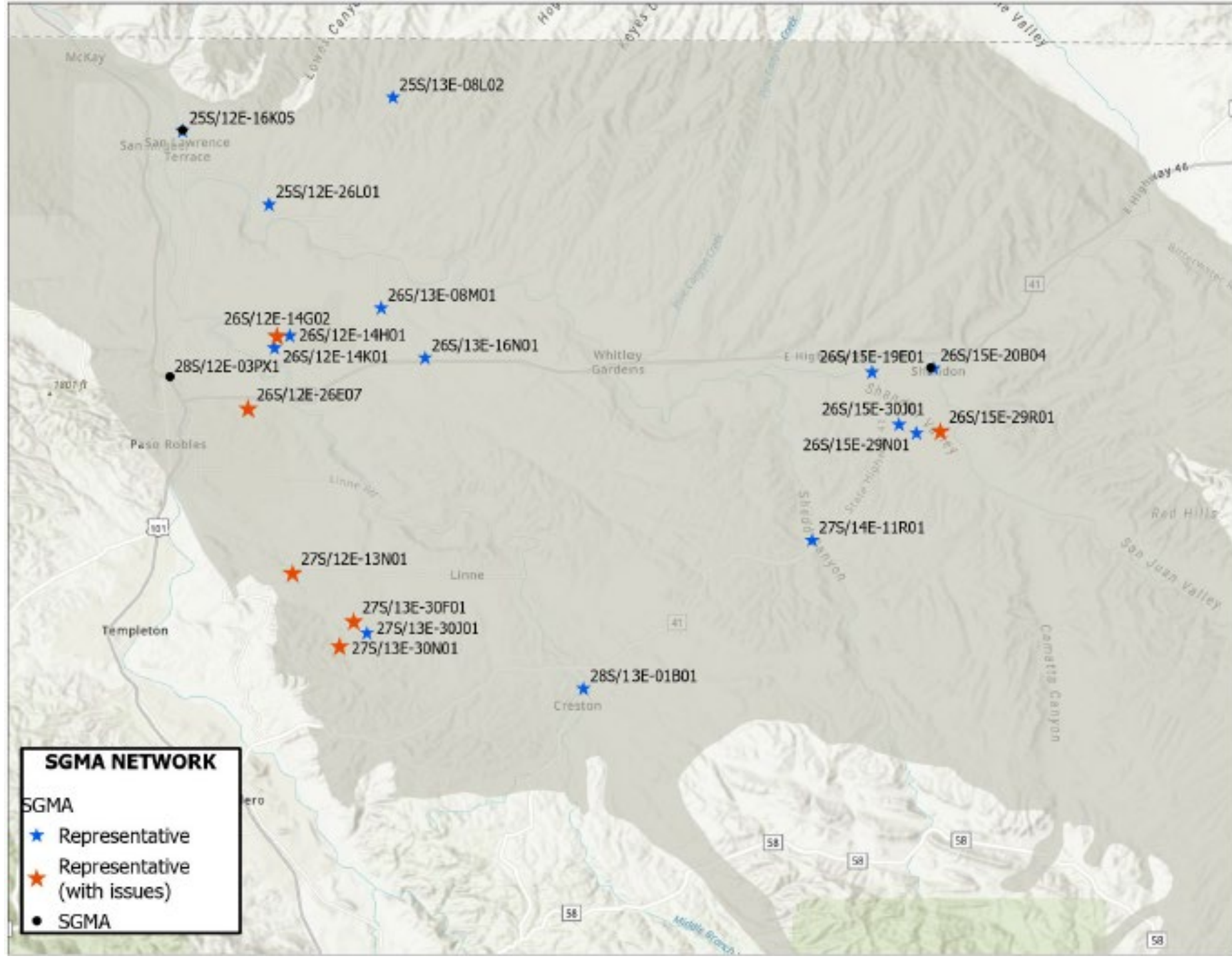
# ORIGINAL MONITORING NETWORK

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The Initial Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) monitoring network included **23 wells**.







# SIGNED AGREEMENTS



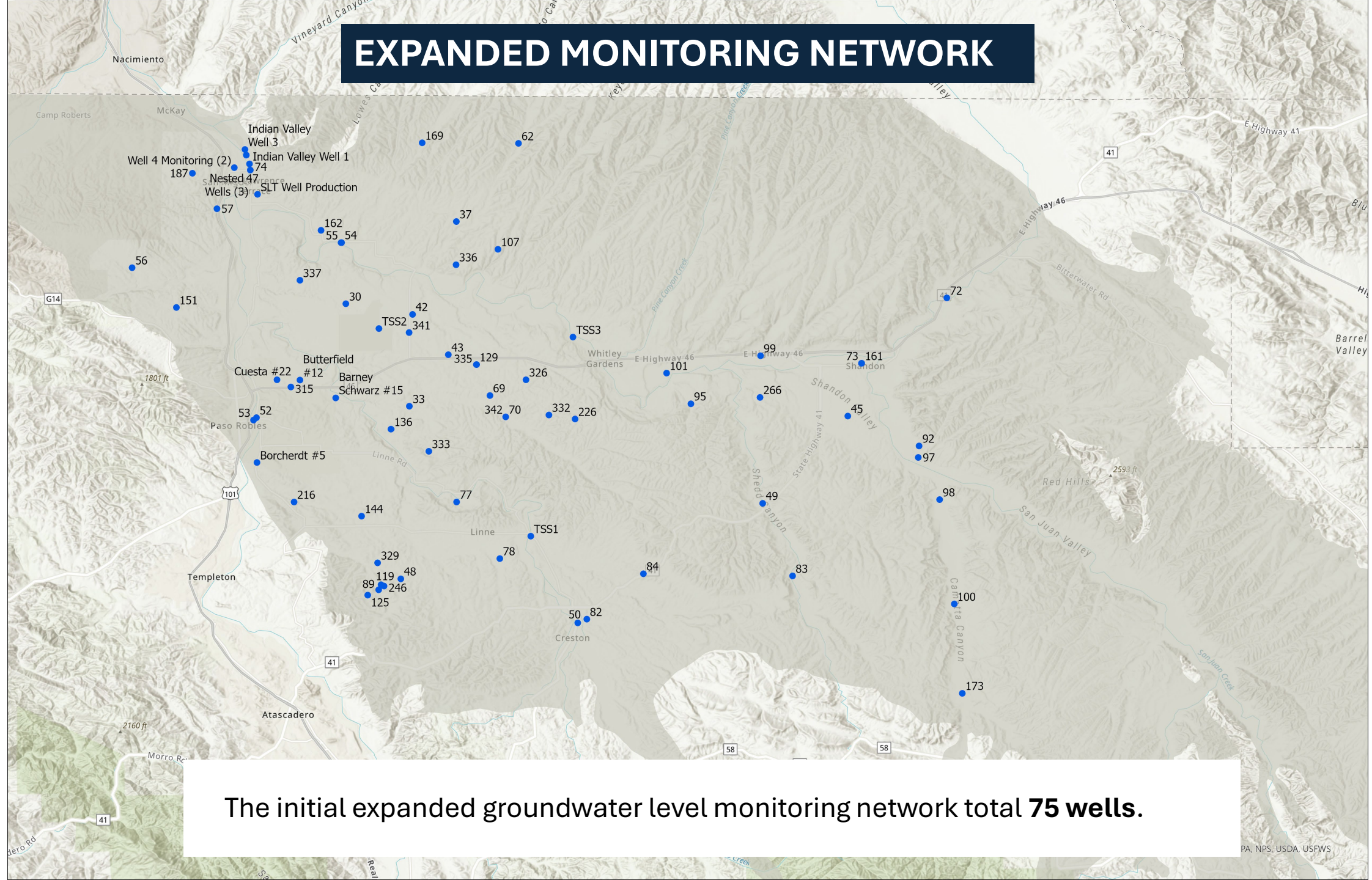
## SIGNED AGREEMENTS

- ⊕ OBSTRUCTED
- CAN OR WILL SOON BE MEASURABLE

Initial expanded groundwater level monitoring network resulted in **77 wells**. Two (2) wells were determined to be obstructed and not suitable for monitoring.



## EXPANDED MONITORING NETWORK

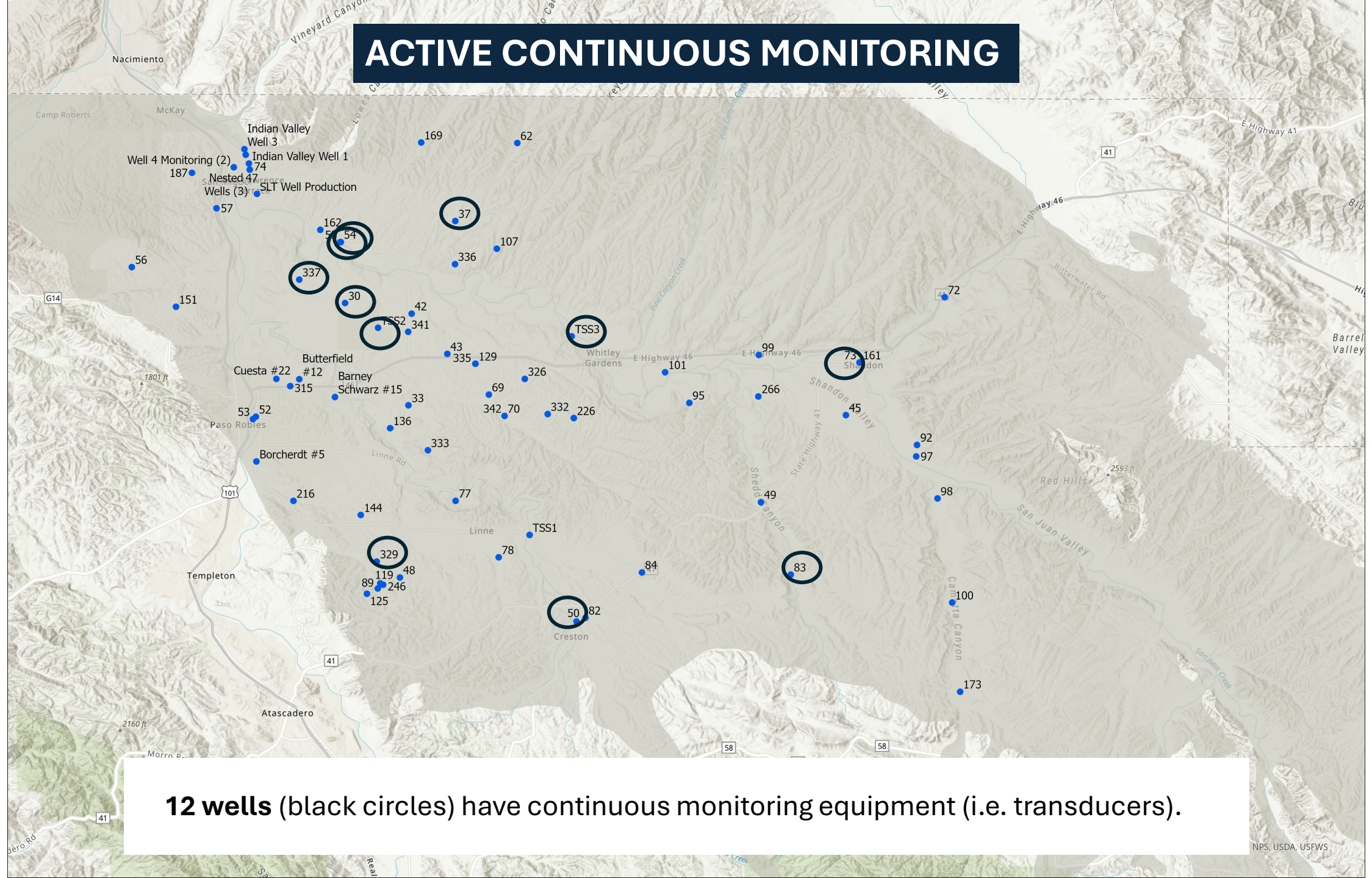


The initial expanded groundwater level monitoring network total **75 wells**.



# ACTIVE CONTINUOUS MONITORING

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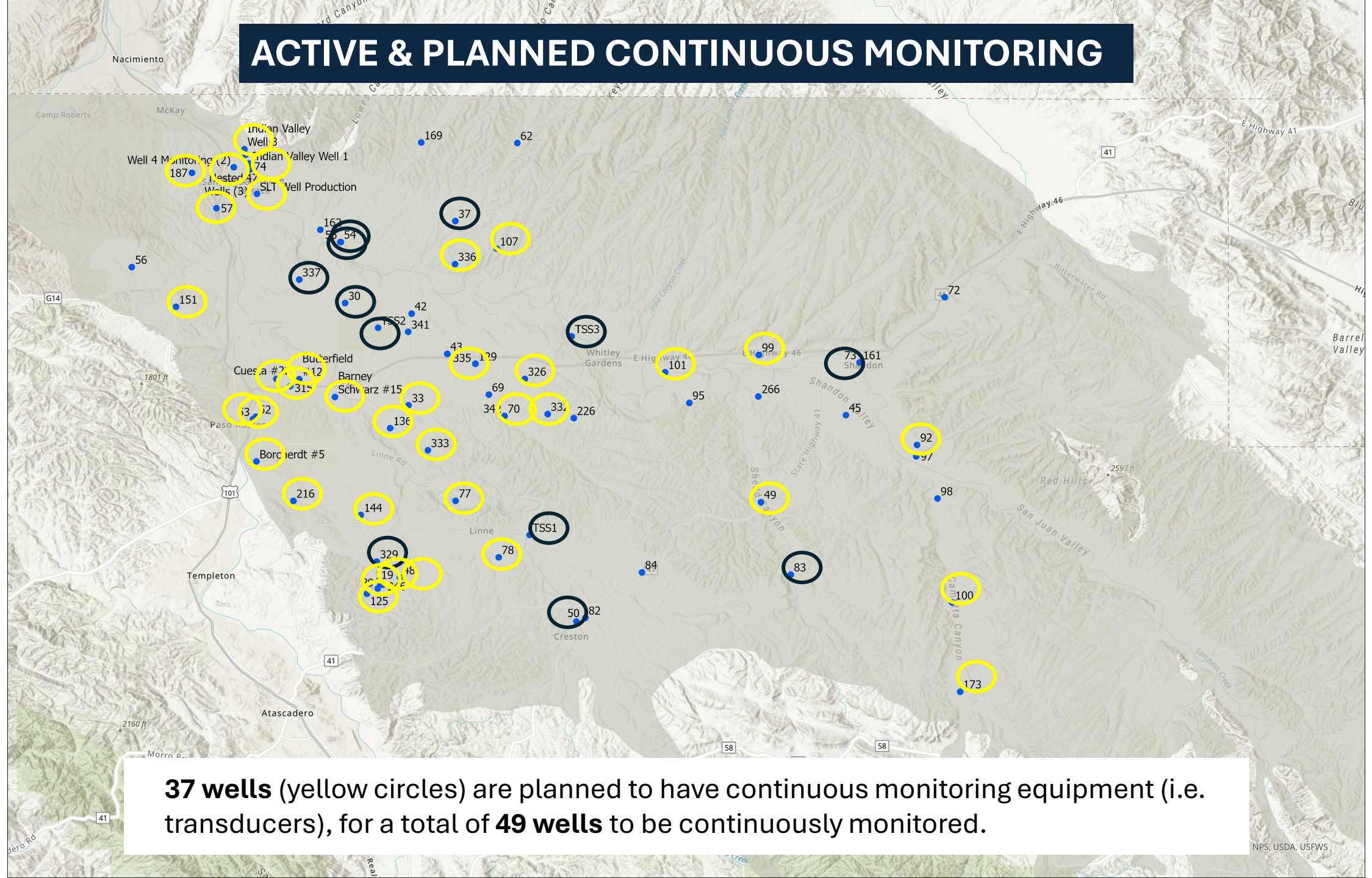


**12 wells** (black circles) have continuous monitoring equipment (i.e. transducers).



# ACTIVE & PLANNED CONTINUOUS MONITORING

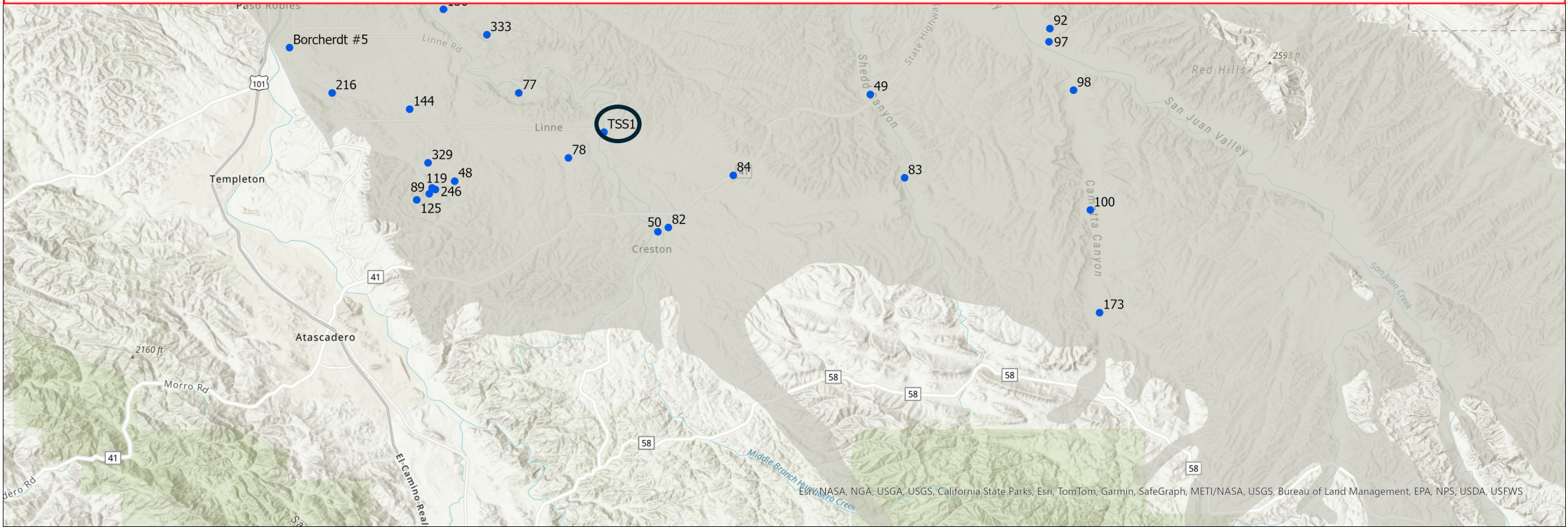
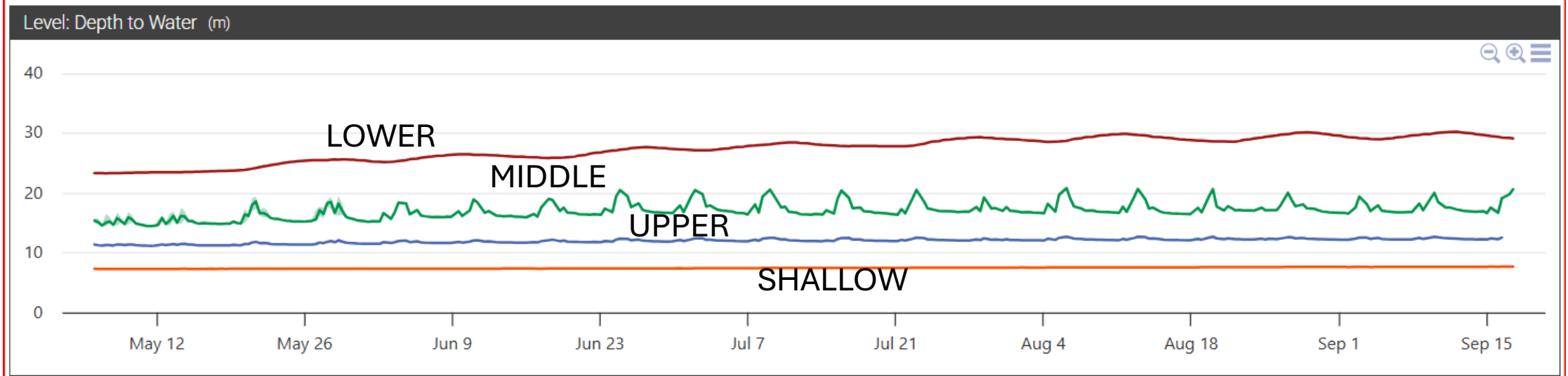
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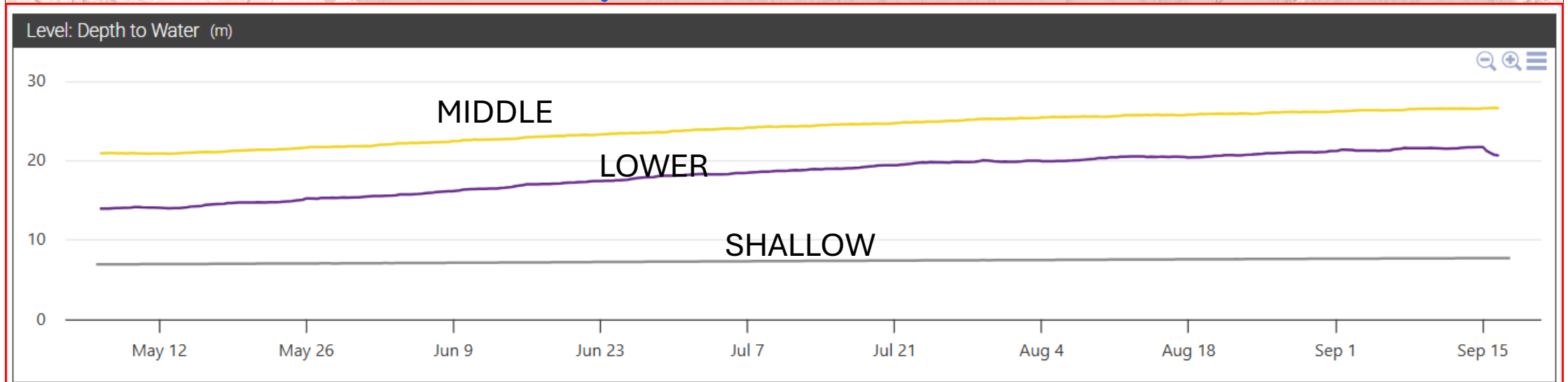
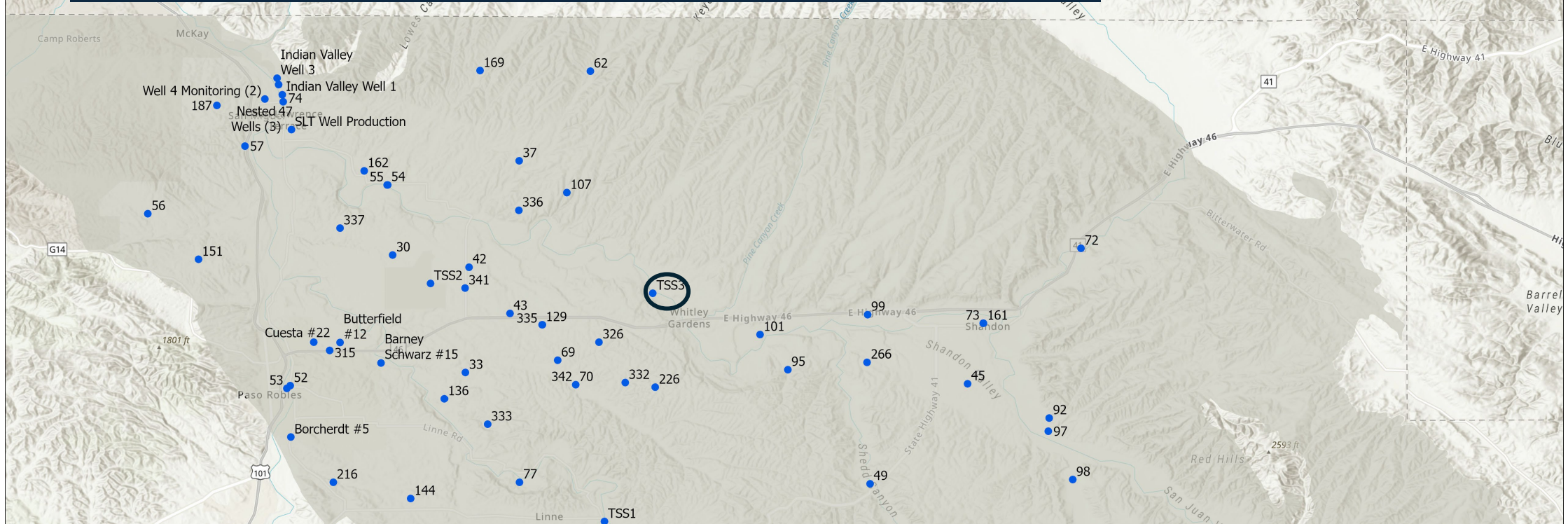
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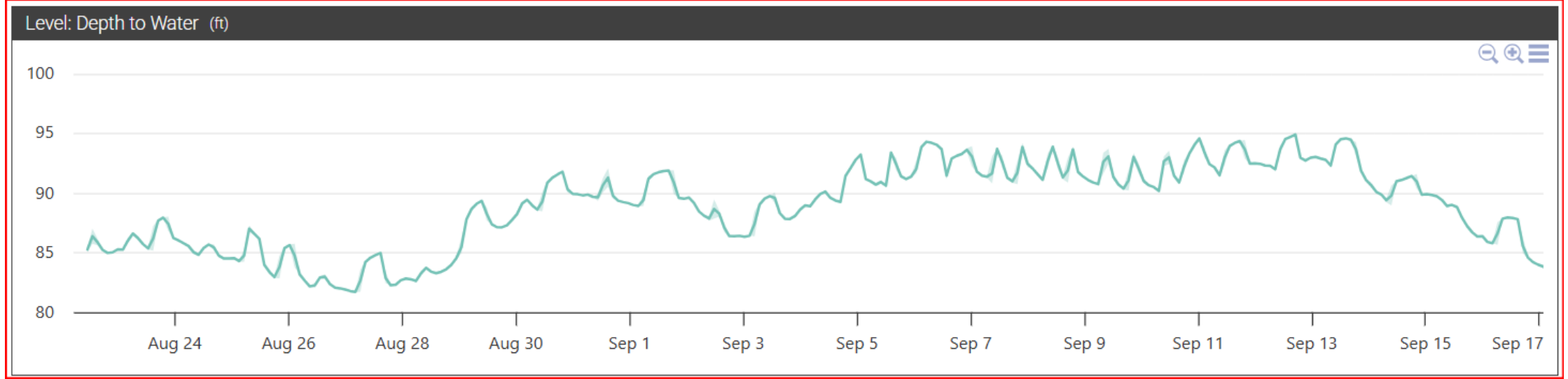
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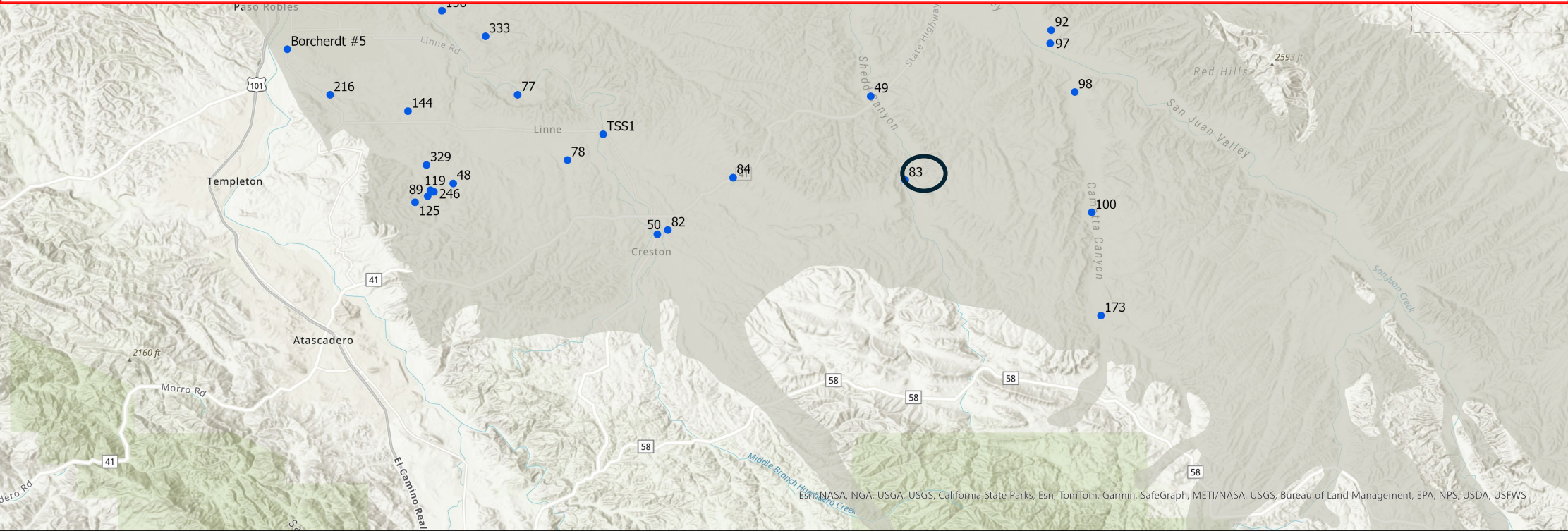
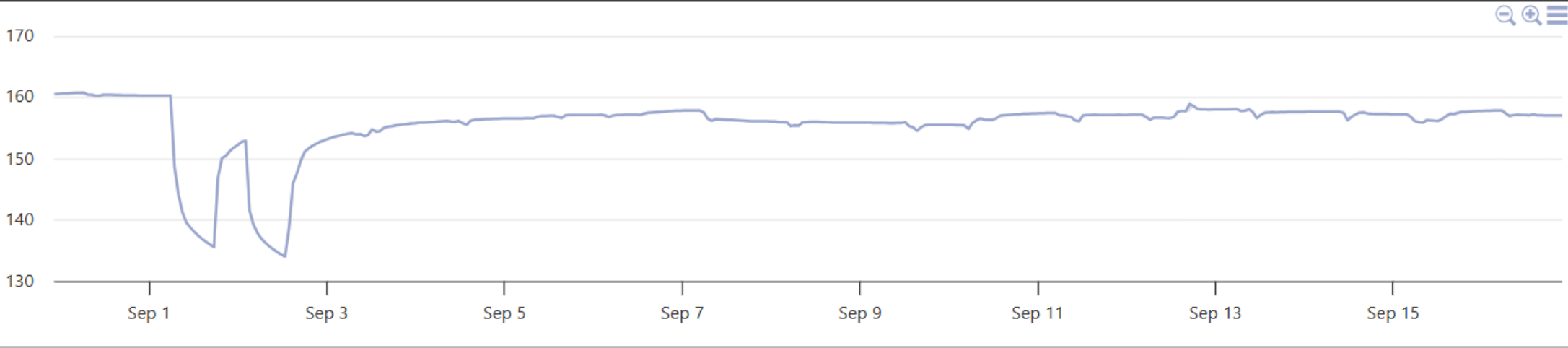
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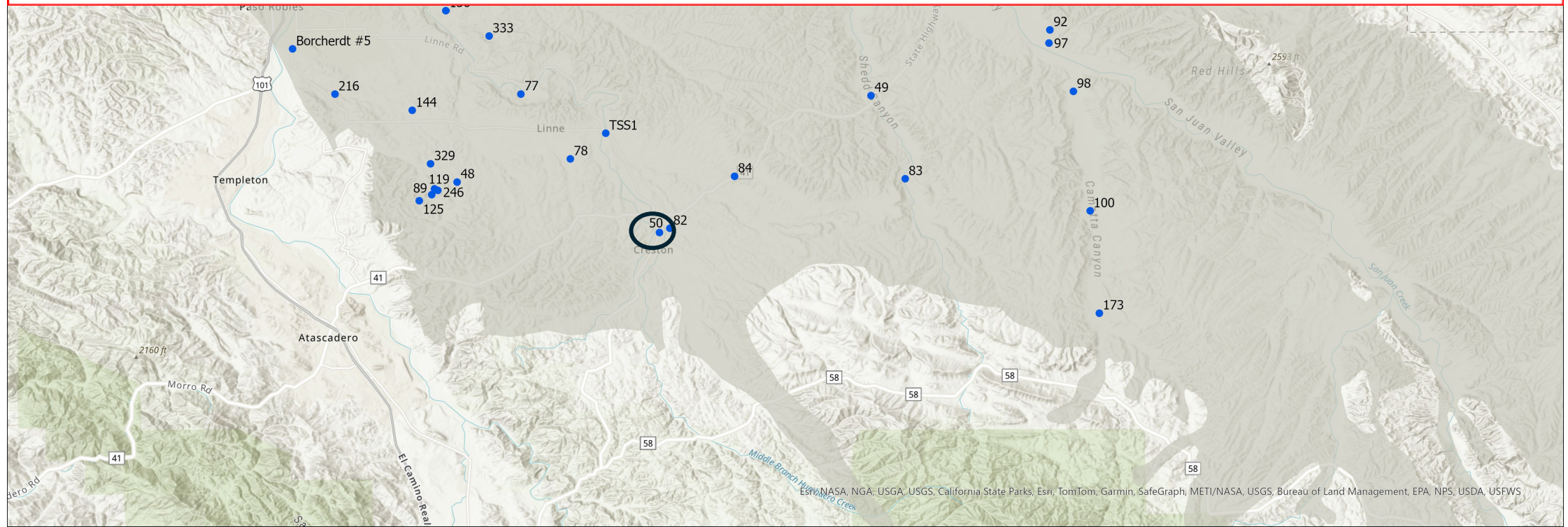
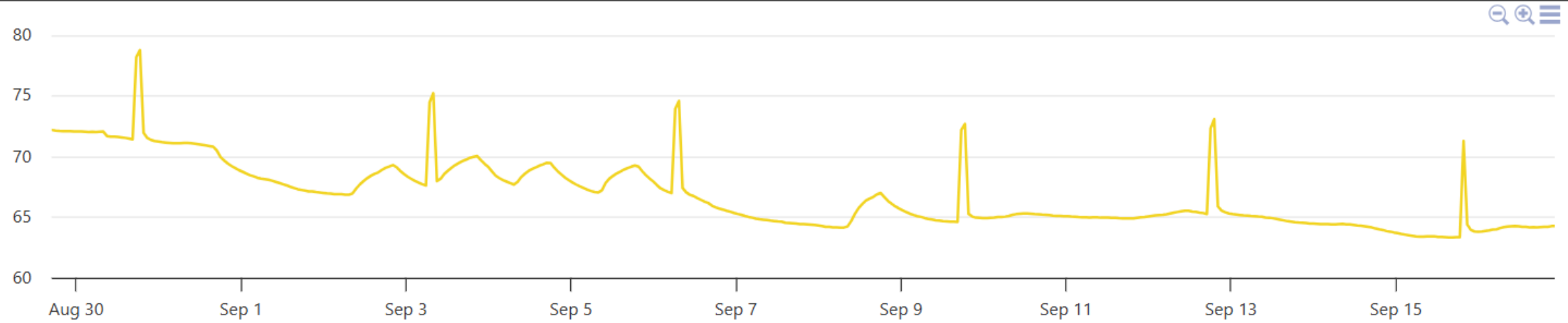




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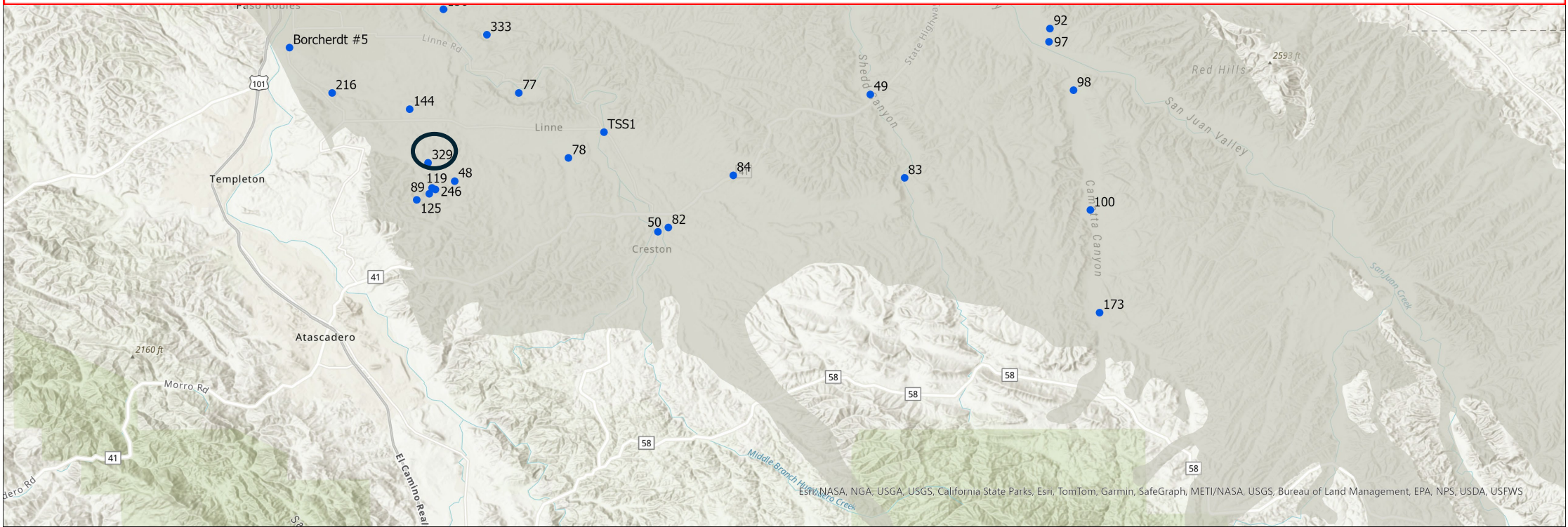
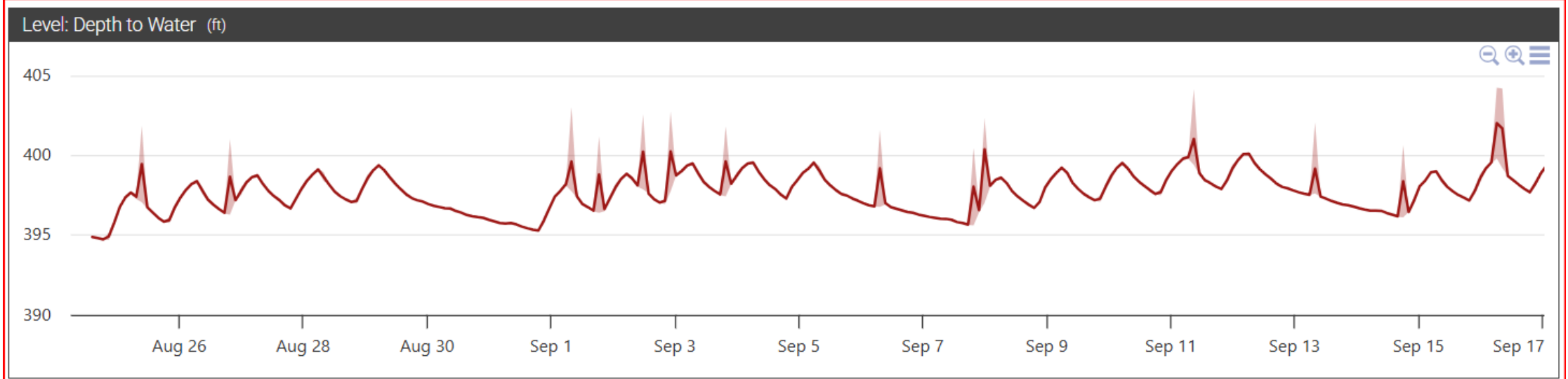
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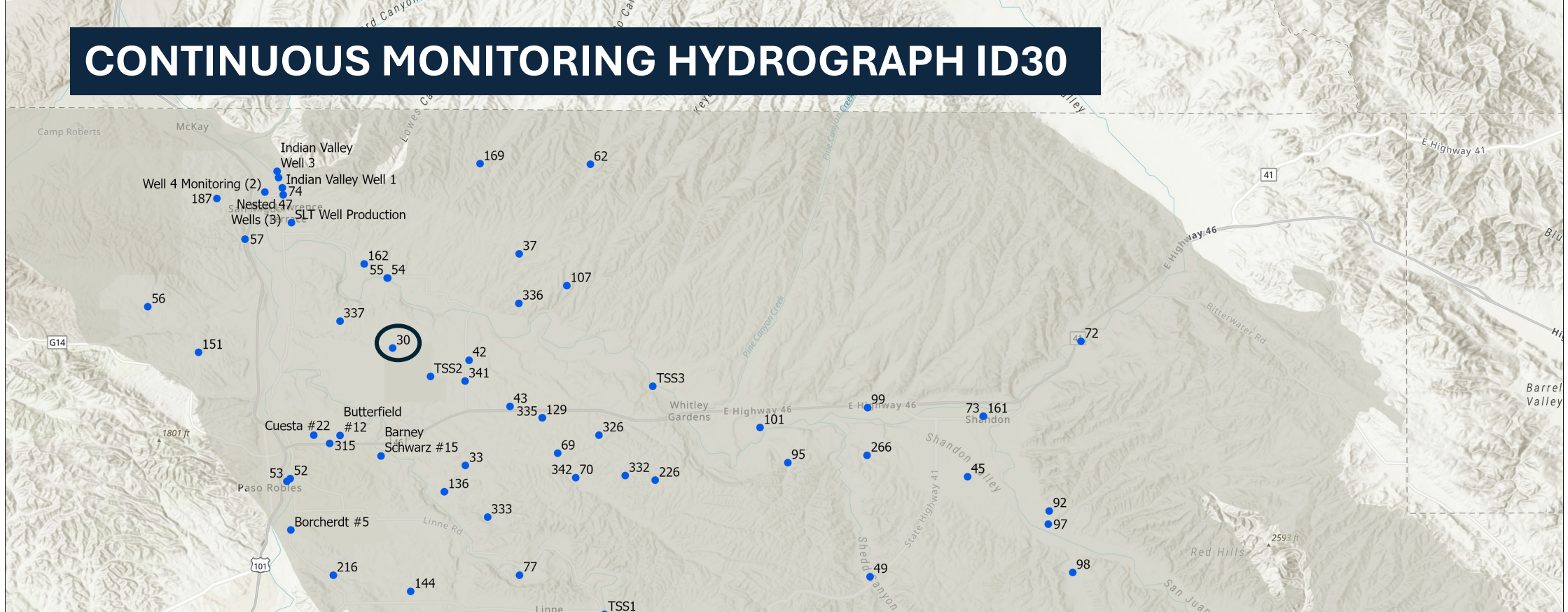
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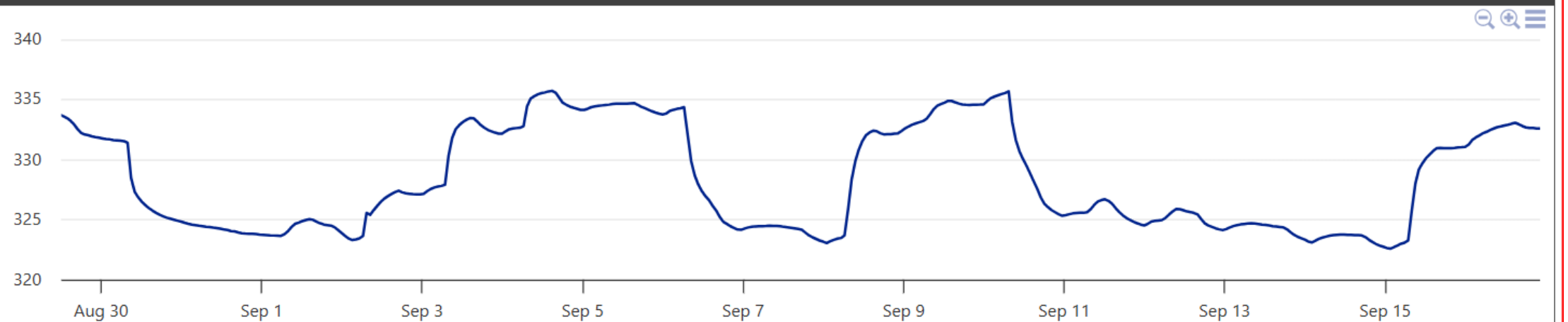


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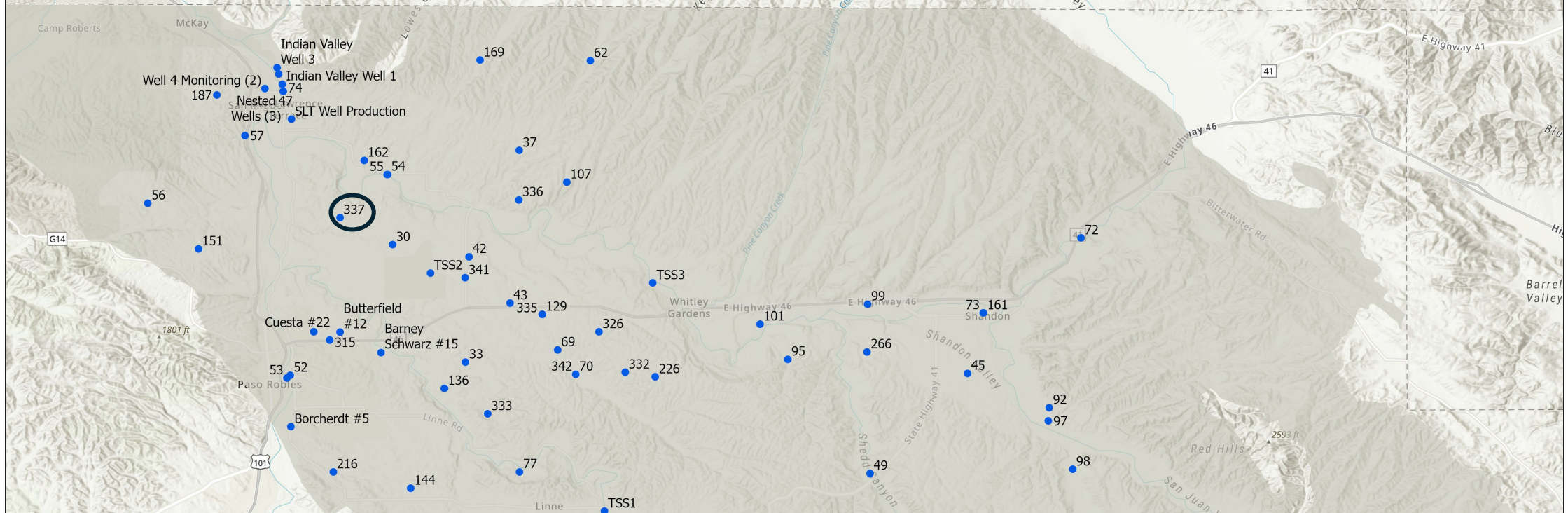
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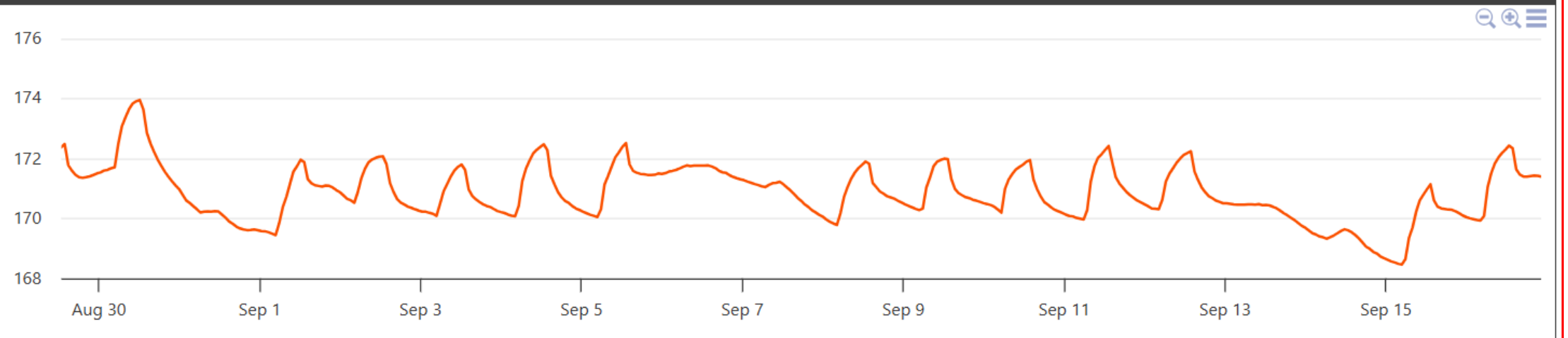


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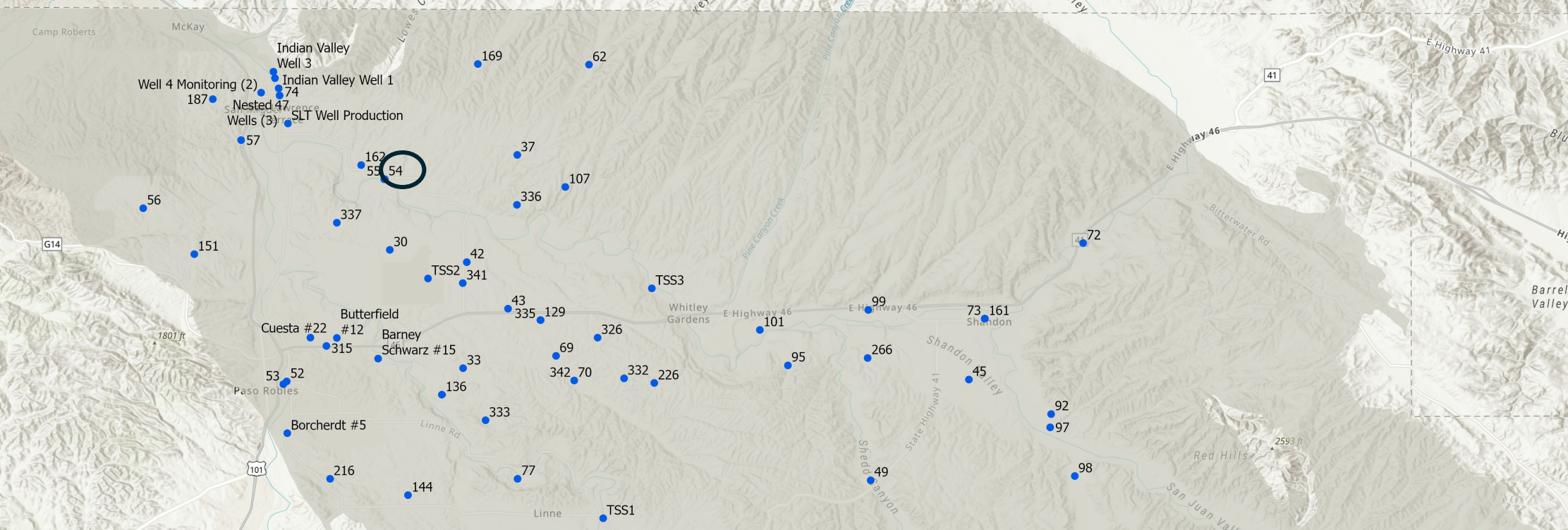
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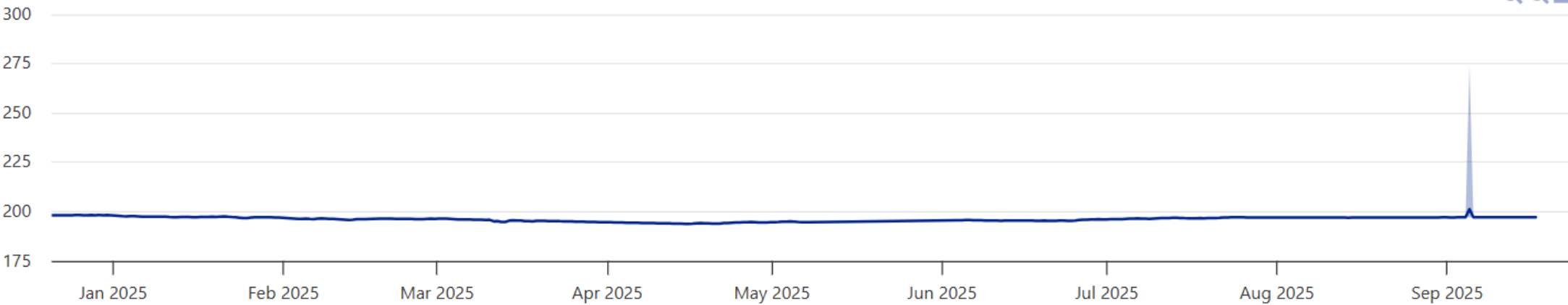
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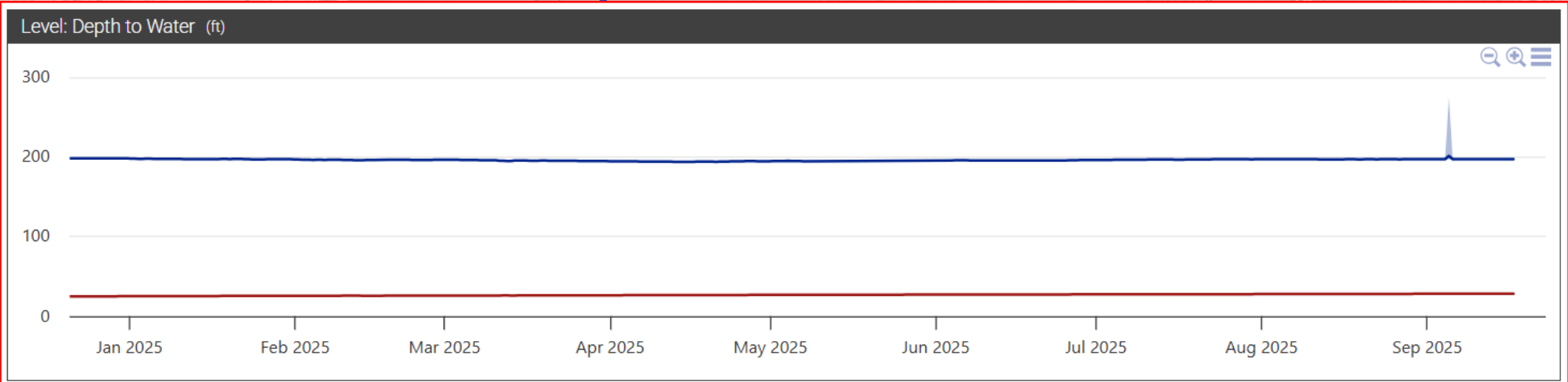
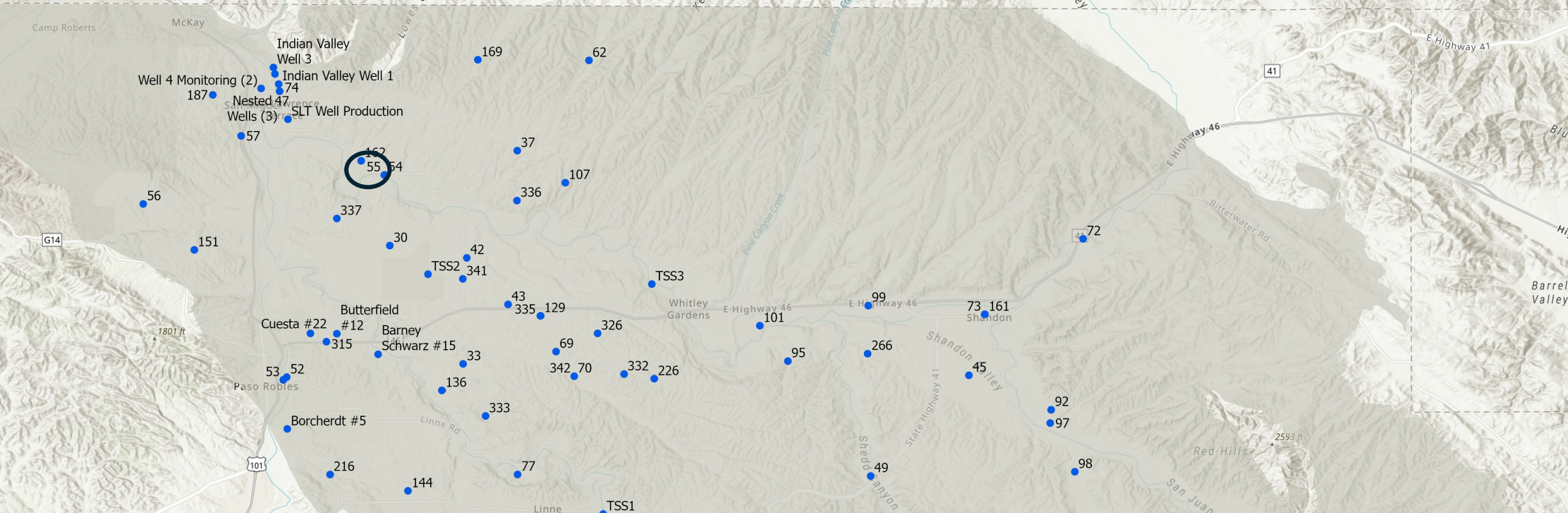


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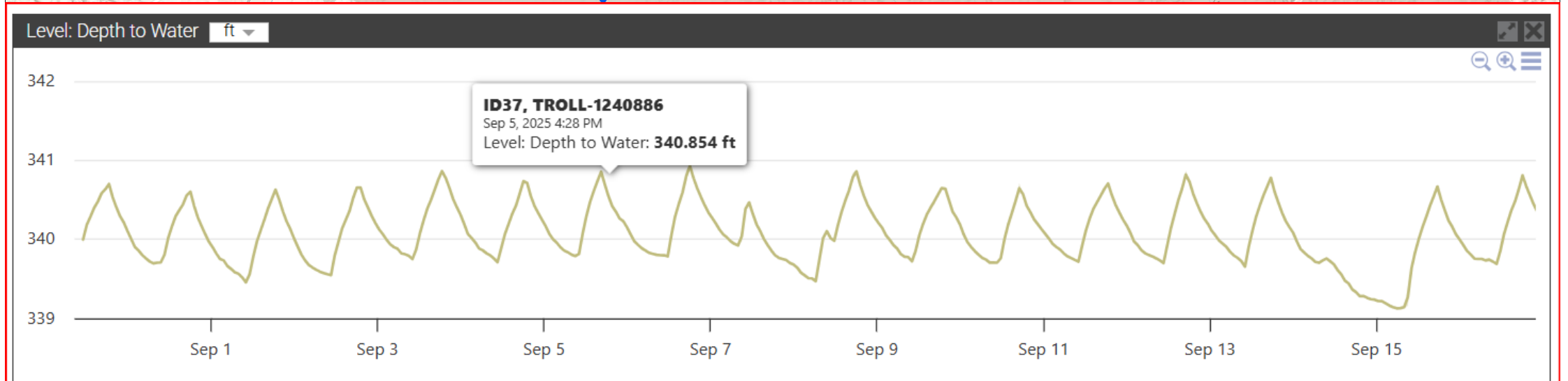
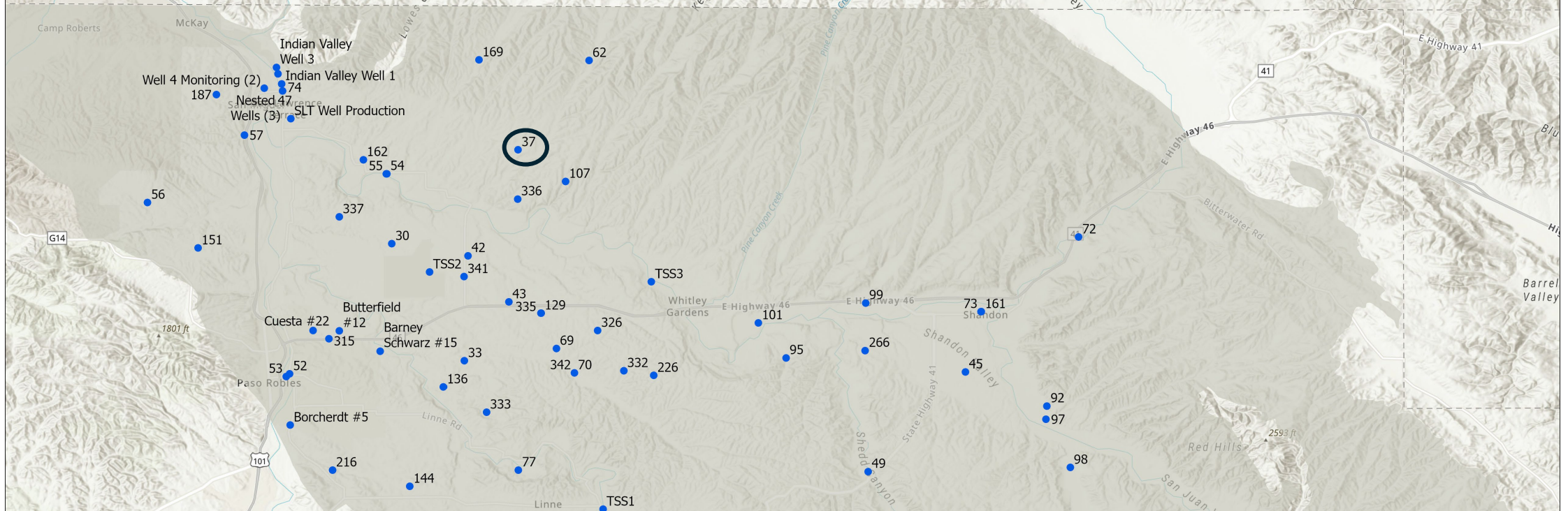
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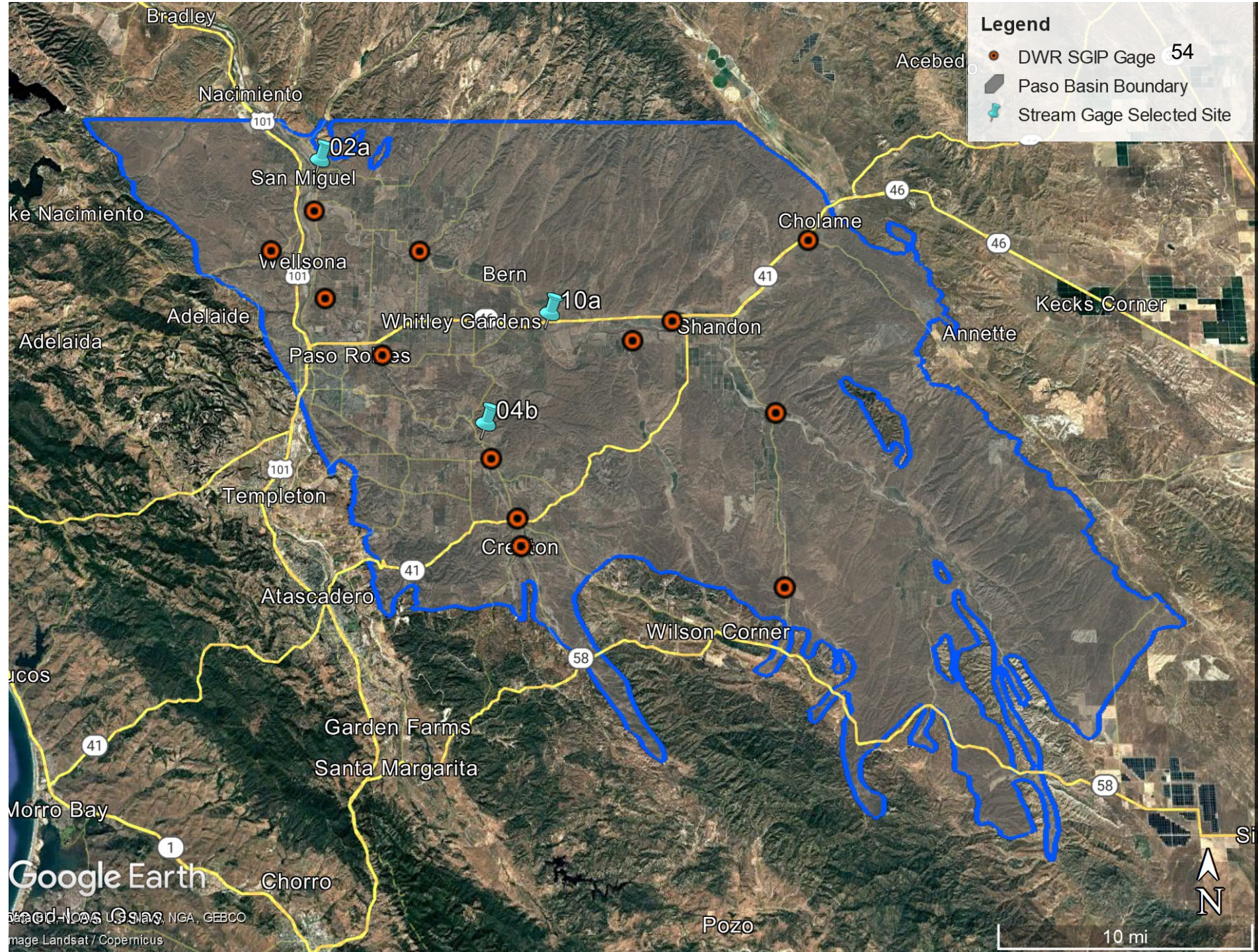
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# Stream Gages in Paso Basin

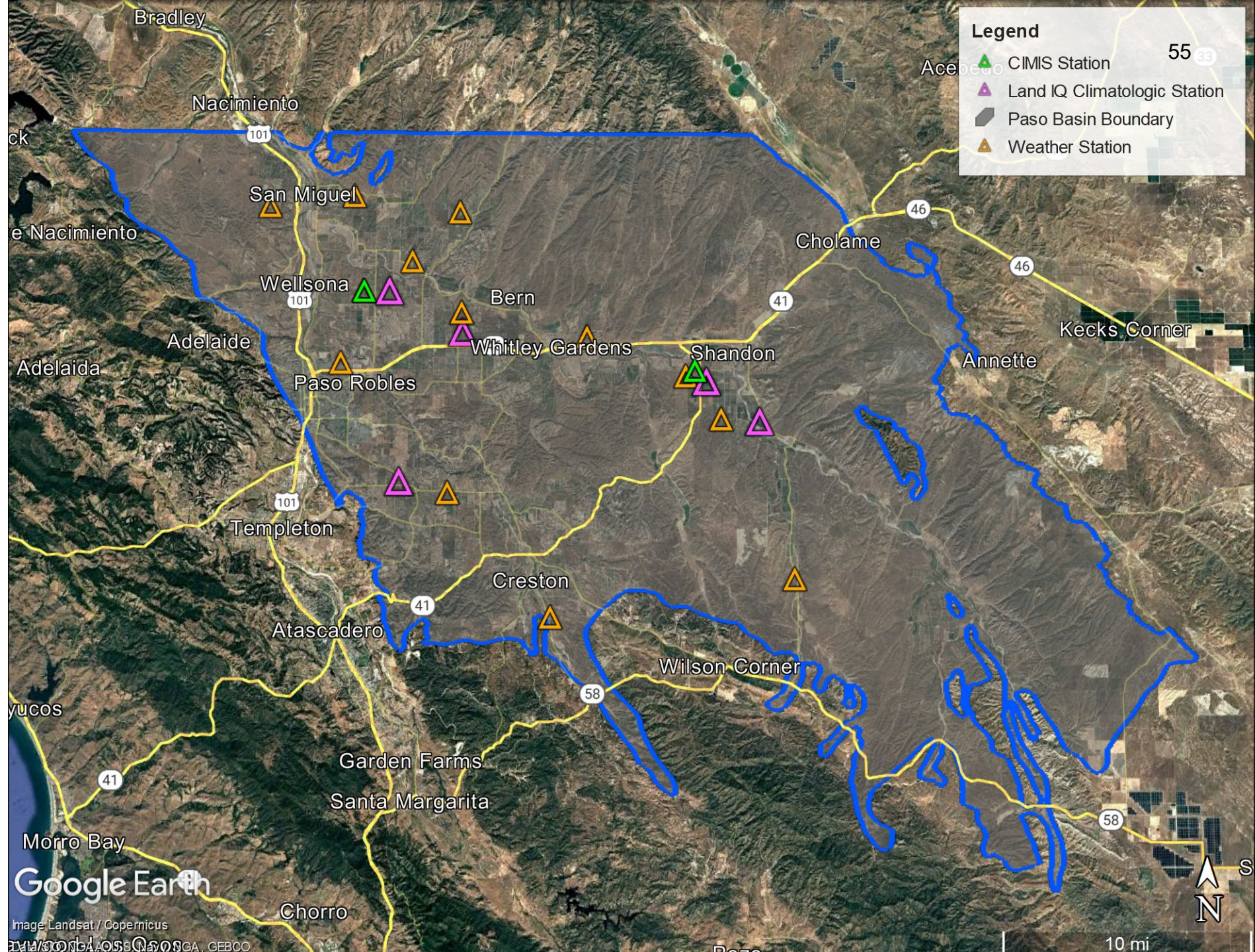
- DWR Stream Gage Improvement Plan (SGIP) proposed locations are being evaluated.
  - USGS is working on a proposal to install the gages
- Three (3) gages installed under SEP Project
  - Developing rating curves and in County system under grant project.





# Climatologic Stations

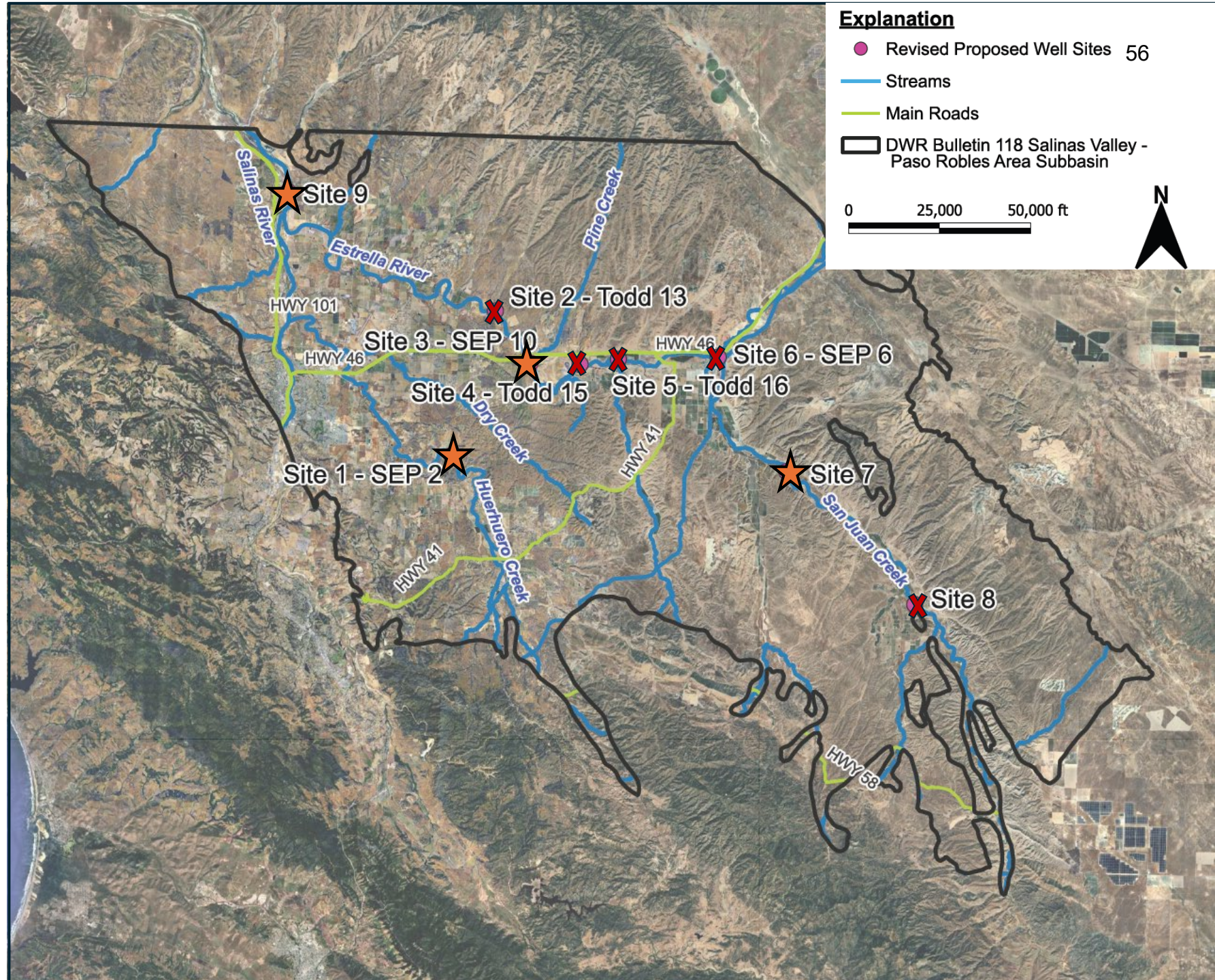
- 2 CIMIS Stations
- 12 Weather Stations (former UC extension program)
- 5 Climatologic Stations





# Alluvial Well Sites

- Eight (8) Sites were initially identified for alluvial wells.
- Several additional sites were evaluated due to lack of successful easement negotiations, and the project is moving forward with **four (4) sites**.





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## Well Verification Program

- Being developed in collaboration with County Environmental Health Services Department