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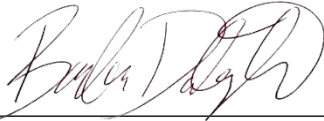
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## List of Abbreviations & Acronyms

Basin Analysis Report	<i>Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability, A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin</i>
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
GRAC	Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
GW	groundwater
GWE	groundwater elevation
GWL	groundwater level
GWQ	groundwater quality
LGA	DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program
Management Area	Northeast Napa Management Area
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
mg/L	Milligrams Per Liter
MST	Milliken-Sarco-Tulucaj
Qa	Quaternary Alluvium
Special Study Report	<i>Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study</i>
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SW/GW	Surface Water and Groundwater
Tss	Tertiary Sedimentary Rocks
Tsv	Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic Rocks
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ES 1 Introduction

This report has been developed as an Amendment to the report *Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability, A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin* (Basin Analysis Report), approved by the Napa County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2016 and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources as an Alternative Submittal to meet the requirements of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in accordance with Section 10733.6(b)(3) of the California Water Code. Section 355.10(b) of the GSP Regulations allows that “An Agency may amend a Plan at any time, and submit the amended Plan to the Department for evaluation pursuant to the requirements of this Subchapter.” Napa County has developed this Amendment in order to support its continued implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin.

This Amendment is a supplement to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin, the purpose of which is to designate a management area within the Napa Valley Subbasin: The Northeast Napa Management Area. This Amendment does not change the findings of the 2016 Basin Analysis Report, instead it provides additional detail about conditions in the Northeast Napa Management Area and establishes additional sustainable management criteria and management actions intended to support continued groundwater sustainability in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

GSP Regulations adopted by the California Water Commission in 2016 define a management area as, “an area within a basin for which the Plan may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors” (Section 351).

On October 24, 2017, the Napa County Board of Supervisors supported the findings and recommendations of a report on groundwater conditions in a portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin, known as the northeast Napa Study Area (**Figure 1-1**). The report, *Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study*, (Special Study Report) was initiated by Napa County to understand recent, historical changes in water level trends in a small portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin. The Special Study Report is included as an appendix to this Report (**Appendix A**).

The northeast Napa Study Area, or Study Area, experienced historical groundwater level trends east of the Napa River that are different from and not representative of those that are typical of groundwater level trends for the overall Napa Valley Subbasin. The Study Area contains two

wells that experienced historical groundwater level declines of between 20 feet and 30 feet<sup>1</sup>, with groundwater levels in those same wells having stabilized since about 2009. Due to potential concerns relating to continued groundwater development in the area, and due to the complex hydrogeologic setting which includes mapped faults and the Napa River in relatively close proximity to the area of interest, the County authorized a study to better understand groundwater conditions and potential factors relating to historical groundwater levels in the northeast Napa Area. The study, conducted between 2016 and 2017, included evaluation of the potential effects from pumping in the overall Study Area, potential mutual well interference in an area of interest near Petra Drive, and potential streamflow effects.

In supporting the findings and recommendations of the Special Study Report, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to develop documentation to formally establish the Northeast Napa Management Area covering approximately 1,960 acres within the 45,928-acre Napa Valley Subbasin.

This Amendment summarizes key findings of the Special Study and presents additional sustainable management criteria and management actions for incorporation as part of the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report.

## **ES 2 Northeast Napa Management Area Description**

The Northeast Napa Management Area (Management Area) covers approximately 1,960 acres within the Napa Valley Subbasin, extending from the eastern margin of the Subbasin westward to the Napa River and from the confluence with Dry Creek southward to a location near First Street in the City of Napa (**Figure 2-1**).

The Management Area overlies all or part of 591 parcels (**Figure 2-2**). Land uses within the Management Area include urban and semi-agricultural uses, native vegetation, and agricultural uses (including mixed uses within portions of the City of Napa and rural residences, farmsteads, and other commercial uses in unincorporated areas). Land uses within the Management Area have been largely stable since 1987, based on data from land use surveys performed by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) (**Figures 2-3 and 2-4**). Lands used for growing crops have covered 46% to 48% of the Management Area. Urban and semi-agricultural land uses have comprised about 22% of the Management Area, with undeveloped and uncropped areas (i.e., native land use classes) covering 30% of 32% of the Management Area. Land use changes documented between 1987 and 2011 include a 5.5% expansion in the areas classified by DWR as agricultural (i.e., areas used to grow a crop). Agricultural classes mapped by DWR do not include facilities primarily used for the processing of harvested crops, such as wineries,

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<sup>1</sup> Both of these wells are constructed in aquifer units with semi-confined characteristics. Groundwater level declines in these wells do not imply equivalent declines in the unconfined water table.

which are classified as urban or semi-agricultural. This is not equivalent to the Napa County General Plan definition of agriculture which is inclusive of winery facilities.

Napa County has issued permits for 16 wineries in the Management area, since the late 1970s. Since the end of the study period in 2015, Napa County has approved three additional discretionary permits for wineries in the Management Area. These include two permits for new wineries and one permit for a modification to an existing winery permit.

The Management Area contains 280 water supply wells, the majority of which, 240, are domestic wells serving residences outside the City of Napa (**Figure 2-5**). Twenty-four irrigation wells and 16 wells classified as Industrial or Other Production Wells<sup>2</sup> are also found in the Management Area. The average total depth of wells in the Management Area ranges from 346 feet below ground surface for domestic wells to 473 feet below ground surface for irrigation wells.

Interactions between groundwater and surface water in the Management Area are variable both in their magnitude and location. Four creeks flow through the Management Area, eventually joining with the Napa River. The Special Study results indicate that three of these, Soda Creek, Hardman Creek, and Milliken Creek, experienced losing conditions<sup>3</sup> on an annual basis throughout the 28-year study period. In contrast, groundwater discharge contributes significantly to streamflow during most months of the year along the Napa River adjacent to the Management Area. This reach of the Napa River is categorized as perennial and subject to tidal influences from San Pablo Bay (USGS, 2016, LSCE, 2016c). Consistent with available long-term stream gage data in the Subbasin (LSCE, 2016b), the Special Study results find that less groundwater is discharged to the Napa River in the reach adjacent to the Management Area during drier water years when recharge and subsurface flows are reduced.

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<sup>2</sup> The planned uses of water supply wells summarized here are based on the categories included on Well Completion Reports developed by the California Department of Water Resources and completed by state licensed well drilling contractors who drill, construct, modify, deepen, or destroy wells, subject to the requirements of California Water Code Section 13751. Since the use of a given well can fall into multiple categories, and can change over time, the summary presented in this report reflects the presumed primary use of a well based on land uses within the Management Area between 1988 and 2015. The planned use designations provided on Well Completion Reports do not indicate or limit the amount of groundwater pumping that can occur at a given well, nor do they necessarily indicate a relative difference in demand between any individual wells with different planned use designations.

<sup>3</sup> A losing condition occurs when surface water flows are reduced due to percolation of surface water through the streambed. A losing condition can vary in magnitude, and can reverse to become a gaining condition, depending on the physical properties of the streambed and the nature of the hydraulic connection between surface water and the uppermost saturated zone of the groundwater system.

The influence of groundwater pumping and climatic effects on groundwater discharge to the Napa River were analyzed using the results from the baseline calibrated model and two sensitivity scenarios: pumping restricted to 1988 pumping levels and doubled pumping relative to the estimated pumping that has occurred over the 1988 to 2015 base period.<sup>4</sup> Climatic effects were found to have a much greater effect on groundwater discharge to the River for the baseline, calibrated model simulation, the 1988 pumping scenario, and the doubled pumping scenario..

The results of the Special Study indicate that this localized area within the Napa Valley Subbasin is in balance, with inflows and outflows nearly equal, over the 28-year period studied. During drier years, groundwater levels have declined and in normal to wetter years groundwater levels have recovered. East of the Napa River, two wells in Napa County's monitoring network, completed in deeper formations, showed historical groundwater level declines; however, groundwater levels in these wells have stabilized since about 2009. The study indicates that the main factor contributing to prior declines in these wells is the effect of the cones of depression that developed in an area east of the Napa Valley Subbasin and within the Milliken-Sarco-Tuluca (MST) Groundwater Subarea<sup>5</sup>. The dense spacing of private water supply wells in portions of the Study Area east of the Napa River, particularly along Petra Drive, may also have contributed to the localized groundwater decline.

Additional pumping can occur in the northeast Napa Study Area; however, the Special Study Report recommends targeted management measures to ensure groundwater conditions remain sustainable and streamflow depletion caused by pumping does not become significant and unreasonable.

The findings of the Special Study show that groundwater conditions in the Napa Valley Subbasin east of the Napa River within the Study Area are significantly influenced by climatic factors, geologic features that are distinct from those of the larger Napa Valley Subbasin, and cones of depression in the adjacent MST Groundwater Subarea external to the Napa Valley Subbasin (LSCE, 2017). Because the northeast Napa Area, east of the River, includes a relatively thin veneer of alluvial deposits overlying semi-consolidated rock and because groundwater conditions are significantly influenced by climatic factors, Napa County has designated the Northeast Napa Management Area within the Napa Valley Subbasin (**Figure 2-1**).

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<sup>4</sup> The sensitivity scenario with no pumping was not included in the analysis because non-zero values are required for the analysis.

<sup>5</sup> The term MST Subarea refers to the region defined by Napa County for water resources planning and management purposes (see **Figure 1-1**). The term MST Area is used in this report when describing conditions in the general vicinity of the Milliken, Sarco, and Tuluca Creeks.

### ES 3 Napa Valley Subbasin Sustainability Goal

The 2016 Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin includes the following SGMA Sustainability Goal for the Napa Valley Subbasin:

*To protect and enhance groundwater quantity and quality for all the people who live and work in Napa County, regardless of the source of their water supply. The County and everyone living and working in the county will integrate stewardship principles and measures in groundwater development, use, and management to protect economic, environmental, and social benefits and maintain groundwater sustainability indefinitely without causing undesirable results, including unacceptable economic, environmental, or social consequences.*

As a part of the Napa Valley Subbasin, sustainable management criteria have been developed for the Northeast Napa Management Area to ensure that the Subbasin and the Management Area can continue to be managed sustainably without experiencing undesirable results (see **Section 3**).

The current understanding of hydrogeologic conditions and water uses in the Napa Valley Subbasin, and on-going management efforts, demonstrates that the Subbasin has operated within its sustainable yield without causing undesirable results for at least 10 years, both at the subbasin scale and within the Northeast Napa Management Area. The Napa County Board of Supervisors establishment of the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC), acceptance of the GRAC's sustainability goal and objectives for all of Napa County, implementation of key GRAC recommendations, and adherence to the SGMA and GSP Regulations demonstrates the County's intent to maintain sustainable conditions.

This Amendment to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report includes refined definitions for undesirable results<sup>6</sup> in the Napa Valley Subbasin by considering the possibility of future localized conditions that could create significant and unreasonable effects in the Northeast Napa Management Area that may not be experienced throughout the Subbasin. By refining the definitions for undesirable results in this manner, this Amendment intends to be protective of conditions within the Management Area even to a greater degree than would occur if the Management Area were not designated.

This Amendment designates seven representative monitoring sites as a subset of monitoring sites in the area for the purpose of monitoring groundwater conditions that are representative of the basin or an area of the basin (Section 354.36). For SGMA purposes for the Napa Valley

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<sup>6</sup> According to SGMA definitions, Undesirable Results include: chronic lowering of groundwater levels (overdraft); significant and unreasonable reduction of groundwater storage; significant and unreasonable seawater intrusion; significant and unreasonable land subsidence that substantially interferes with surface land uses and; depletions of interconnected surface water due to groundwater extraction and use in the Subbasin that have significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water.

Subbasin, these seven sites are where sustainability indicators are monitored, and minimum thresholds and measurable objectives are defined. Many sites are monitored for more than one sustainability indicator. Four of the representative sites designated for the Northeast Napa Management Area were previously designated as representative sites for the Napa Valley Subbasin. The sustainability criteria established for those sites in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report are incorporated here for tracking conditions in the Management Area.

Northeast Napa Management Area minimum thresholds (in feet above mean sea level) to avoid chronic lowering of groundwater levels and reduced groundwater storage are provided in this Amendment for seven representative monitoring sites (**Table 3-11**). Minimum thresholds for surface water depletion due to groundwater extraction and use in the Subbasin are provided for two representative sites; for one representative monitoring site to avoid degraded groundwater quality (e.g., for nitrate); for one representative monitoring site (for chloride concentrations) to avoid seawater intrusion; and for two representative monitoring sites to avoid land subsidence.

Northeast Napa Management Area measurable objectives, or specific quantifiable goals for maintaining or improving groundwater conditions, are provided with respect to chronic lowering of groundwater levels and reduced groundwater storage depletions for seven representative monitoring sites (**Table 3-11**). Measurable objectives for surface water due to groundwater extraction and use in the Subbasin are provided in this Amendment for two representative monitoring sites. The measurable objective to maintain or improve groundwater quality is set for one representative monitoring site; for one representative monitoring site to avoid seawater intrusion; and for two representative monitoring sites to avoid land subsidence.

#### **ES 4 Management Actions**

In supporting the Special Study Report, the Napa County Board of Supervisors indicated support for six management actions in the report, which are relevant to the Napa Valley Subbasin and Northeast Napa Management Area. These management actions were developed based on needs identified during the Special Study. Napa County will lead implementation of these management actions, with outreach to users of groundwater and other stakeholders as described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016b). These management actions complement the management actions described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report in that they are intended to enable continued attainment of the Sustainability Goal for the Napa Valley Subbasin.

1. **Groundwater Flow Model Development:** The development of a Napa Valley Subbasin-wide modeling tool will help facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface and groundwater resources. Having completed the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization for the Napa Valley Subbasin and in order to facilitate further regional groundwater

analyses and assessment of streamflow depletion required for continued implementation of SGMA, Napa County will develop a groundwater flow model for the entire Napa Valley Subbasin.

2. **Additional Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Facilities:** Napa County will expand its existing network of dedicated surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities and construct shallow nested groundwater monitoring wells (like the recently installed Local Groundwater Assistance Surface Water/Groundwater monitoring facilities) east of the Napa River in the vicinity of Petra Drive. This will provide data to improve the understanding of the effect of pumping on potential streamflow depletion.
3. **Discretionary Project WAA Review in the Management Area:** For discretionary projects in the Northeast Napa Management Area, additional project-specific analyses (Napa County Water Availability Analysis-Tier 2) will be conducted to ensure that the proposed project location or planned use of groundwater does not cause an undesirable result (e.g., locate proposed wells at appropriate distances from surface water [or consider well construction approaches that avoid streamflow effects] and avoid mutual well interference to neighboring wells) (Napa County, 2015, see Basin Analysis Report Appendix I). In addition, the Napa County Board of Supervisors has directed staff to update the Napa County Groundwater Ordinance to reflect the additional requirements for project-specific analysis and to incorporate water use criteria and water use reporting requirements for the Management Area using an approach similar to what has already been implemented in the MST Subarea.
4. **New Well Tracking in the Management Area:** As a precautionary measure, Napa County will track new non-discretionary groundwater wells constructed in the Northeast Napa Management Area, including their planned usage and location. The County will formalize the scope and procedures to be used for this effort as part of the update to the Napa County Groundwater Ordinance initiated by the County Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2017. As part of the tracking effort, applicants will be informed of potential well interference effects, if they propose well construction in an area that already has densely spaced wells. Following installation of the additional surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities and ongoing data collection, evaluation and annual reporting, the County will assess whether any further measures are needed in the future to ensure groundwater sustainability.
5. **New Well Pump Testing to Refine Aquifer Properties Characterization:** Napa County will develop appropriate standards and require that pumping test data be collected when new production wells are constructed in areas where the distribution of hydraulic conductivities is less known, including the Northeast Napa Management Area east of the Napa River and in deeper geologic units throughout the rest of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Because older and less productive geologic formations occur near ground



surface in the northeast Napa Area east of the Napa River, it is likely that pump tests will need to be performed for all new production wells in that area (**Figure 2-1**). Test results will not only provide valuable information regarding aquifer properties; true pump testing will provide well owners with more meaningful information about well capacity than the typical tests of well yield reported on historical well completion reports. Similar pump testing will be required for non-domestic production wells, and for wells that are completed in deeper units below the Quaternary alluvium throughout the Napa Valley Subbasin.

6. **Increased Water Conservation and Recharge:** Napa County will evaluate approaches for retaining and using stormwater and/or tile drain water to increase water conservation, examining opportunities to reduce pumping and streamflow diversions, potentially lessening streamflow effects during drier years or drier periods of the year, and creating additional climate resiliency through targeted recharge strategies.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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The objectives of the Special Study were to:

1. Examine existing and future water use in the northeast Napa Area,
2. Identify sources of groundwater recharge, and
3. Evaluate the geologic setting to address questions regarding the potential for long-term effects on groundwater resources and streamflow.

As part of the Special Study, a transient numerical groundwater flow model has been developed that incorporates the data collected for a base period of water years from 1988 to 2015 to analyze groundwater conditions in the study area and the area of interest near Petra Drive. The objectives of the groundwater flow model included:

1. Assessment of potential mutual well interference of wells located in the Petra Drive area;
2. Assessment of the potential streamflow effects from current and historical land uses;

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<sup>7</sup> Both of these wells are constructed in aquifer units with semi-confined characteristics. Groundwater level declines in these wells do not imply equivalent declines in the unconfined water table.

3. Assessment of the potential influence of previously documented groundwater cones of depression in an area external to the Napa Valley Subbasin known as the Milliken-Sarco-Tuluca (MST) Subarea<sup>8</sup> to the east of the Study Area;
4. Assessment of the groundwater supply sufficiency to meet current and potential future groundwater demands for the Study Area; and
5. Assessment of whether potential groundwater management measures or controls (similar to those previously implemented in the MST Area through the Napa County Groundwater Ordinance) are warranted in the Study Area.

## 1.1 Background

In response to the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Napa County prepared a Basin Analysis Report, as an Alternative Submittal, per the requirements of Water Code Section 10733.6 (b)(3), for the Napa Valley Subbasin (Subbasin) of the Napa-Sonoma Groundwater Basin. The Basin Analysis Report provides an analysis of basin conditions for the Subbasin and demonstrates that the Subbasin has operated within its sustainable yield over a period of at least 10 years. The Basin Analysis Report covers the entire Napa Valley Subbasin, which has been designated as a medium priority basin and is subject to specific requirements under the Act.

While the majority of wells with long-term groundwater level records exhibit stable trends, periods of year-to-year declines in groundwater levels have been observed in two wells in the Napa Subarea<sup>9</sup>. These wells are located near the Napa Valley margin, east of the Napa River, in an area where the East Napa Fault follows the Napa River and the Soda Creek Fault follows the eastern basin margin.

Water levels in northeastern Napa Subarea wells monitored by the County (NapaCounty-75 and Napa County-76) east of the Napa River have stabilized since 2009, though declines were observed over approximately the prior decade. To ensure continuation of the current stable groundwater levels, further study in this area was recommended in the *Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Program 2015 Annual Report and CASGEM Update* (LSCE, 2016a). The study was recommended given the potential for a hydraulic connection between the aquifer

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<sup>9</sup> For purposes of local planning, understanding, and studies, Napa County has established a series of groundwater subareas that encompass the entire county. These subareas were delineated based on the watershed boundaries, groundwater basins, and the County's environmental resource planning areas. The County's groundwater subareas do not conform to the boundaries for groundwater basins and subbasins established by the California Department of Water Resources.

units in the vicinity of these wells and those of the MST Subarea and an apparent increase in new well permits over the past 10 years. The Napa County Board of Supervisors discussed the recommended Study Area and provided direction to staff at their April 5, 2016 meeting, and approved the contract for the study on July 19, 2016. The Board of Supervisors supported the findings and recommendations of the resulting Special Study report at a regular meeting on October 24, 2017. At the same meeting, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to develop documentation to formally establish the Northeast Napa Management Area covering approximately 1,960 acres within the 45,928-acre Napa Valley Subbasin.

## 1.2 Purpose and Objectives

This report has been developed as an Amendment to the report *Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability, A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin* (Basin Analysis Report), approved by the Napa County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2016 and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources as an Alternative Submittal to meet the requirements of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in accordance with Section 10733.6(b)(3) of the California Water Code. Section 355.10(b) of the GSP Regulations allows that “An Agency may amend a Plan at any time, and submit the amended Plan to the Department for evaluation pursuant to the requirements of this Subchapter.”

This Amendment is a supplement to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin, the purpose of which is to designate a management area within the Napa Valley Subbasin: The Northeast Napa Management Area. GSP Regulations adopted by the California Water Commission in 2016 define a management area as, “an area within a basin for which the Plan may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors” (Section 351).

This Amendment has been developed as a supplement to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin. It does not change the findings of the 2016 Basin Analysis Report, rather it provides additional detail about conditions in the Northeast Napa Management Area, and establishes additional sustainable management criteria and management actions intended to support continued groundwater sustainability in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

Regarding the establishment of management areas in order to promote sustainable groundwater management, the GSP Regulations state that,

*“(a) Each Agency may define one or more management areas within a basin if the Agency has determined that creation of management areas will facilitate implementation of the Plan. Management areas may define different minimum thresholds and be operated to different measurable objectives than the basin at*

*large, provided that undesirable results are defined consistently throughout the basin.*

*(b) A basin that includes one or more management areas shall describe the following in the Plan:*

*(1) The reason for the creation of each management area.*

*(2) The minimum thresholds and measurable objectives established for each management area, and an explanation of the rationale for selecting those values, if different from the basin at large.*

*(3) The level of monitoring and analysis appropriate for each management area.*

*(4) An explanation of how the management area can operate under different minimum thresholds and measurable objectives without causing undesirable results outside the management area, if applicable.*

*(c) If a Plan includes one or more management areas, the Plan shall include descriptions, maps, and other information required by this Subarticle sufficient to describe conditions in those areas.” (Section 354.20(a)).*

This Amendment summarizes key findings of the Special Study and presents additional sustainable management criteria and management actions that supplement the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report.

### **1.3 Report Organization**

This report is organized as follows:

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## 2.0 NORTHEAST NAPA MANAGEMENT AREA DESCRIPTION

The Northeast Napa Management Area (Management Area) covers approximately 1,960 acres within the Napa Valley Subbasin, extending from the eastern margin of the Subbasin to the Napa River from the confluence with Dry Creek south to a location near First Street in the City of Napa (**Figure 2-1**). The Management Area adjoins approximately six miles of the mainstem Napa River. Two named tributaries to the Napa River cross the Management area: Milliken Creek and Soda Creek. Milliken Creek flows for approximately 1.25 miles across the Management Area and is identified on U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps as a perennial stream. Soda Creek flows for approximately one mile across the Management Area and is identified on USGS topographic maps as an intermittent stream. A water course left unnamed on USGS topographic maps, referenced in the Special Study Report as Hardman Creek, also crosses the Management Area before meeting Milliken Creek near Trancas Street (**Figure 2-1**).

The Management Area overlies all or part of 591 parcels (**Figure 2-2**). Land uses within the Management Area include urban and semi-agricultural uses, native vegetation, and agricultural uses (including mixed uses within portions of the City of Napa and rural residences, farmsteads, and other commercial uses in unincorporated areas). **Table 2-1** provides a summary of land use according to the classifications applied in prior surveys by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 1987 and 2011.

Land uses within the Management Area have been largely stable since 1987 (**Figures 2-3 and 2-4**). The changes documented over that time include a 5.5% expansion in the areas classified by DWR as agricultural (i.e., areas used to grow a crop). Crop types identified by the DWR include vineyards, deciduous fruit and nut crops, grain crops, field crops, and pasture (DWR, 1987 and DWR, 2011). Agricultural classes do not include facilities primarily used for the processing of harvested crops, such as wineries, which are classified as urban or semi-agricultural. This is not equivalent to the Napa County General Plan definition of agriculture which is inclusive of winery facilities.

The Management Area contains 280 water supply wells, the majority of which are domestic wells serving residences outside the City of Napa (**Table 2-2** and **Figure 2-5**)<sup>10</sup>. The average total depth of wells in the Management Area ranges from 346 feet below ground surface for domestic wells to 473 feet below ground surface for irrigation wells. The count and total depth of wells in the Management Area were determined through a review of available Well Completion Reports and land use data, including information about the number of residences per parcel, maintained by the Napa County Assessor's office. Additional information regarding the process used to locate wells in the Management Area is contained in the Special Study Report (**Appendix A**).

Napa County has issued permits for 16 wineries in the Management area, since the late 1970s. Since the end of the study period in 2015, Napa County has approved three additional discretionary permits for wineries in the Management Area. These include two permits for new wineries and one permit for a modification to an existing winery permit. All three of the winery permits approved since 2015 project no net increase or a net decrease in groundwater use as compared to uses at each site. In total, current estimated water uses at the sites are 12.57 acre-feet/year. With the proposed changes in land use and increased water conservation, total proposed groundwater use is 12.19 acre-feet/year. The proposed total annual groundwater use of 12.19 acre-feet/year represents 1.7% of the average annual groundwater pumping in the Special Study Area east of the Napa River from 1988 to 2015. Permits for all three wineries require monitoring of groundwater levels and groundwater pumping. Additionally, all three permits require that the owner report to the County the amounts of groundwater pumped, either once annually or at the County's request.

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<sup>10</sup> The planned uses of water supply wells summarized here are based on the categories included on Well Completion Reports developed by the California Department of Water Resources and completed by state licensed well drilling contractors who drill, construct, modify, deepen, or destroy wells, subject to the requirements of California Water Code Section 13751. Since the use of a given well can fall into multiple categories, and can change over time, the summary presented in this report reflects the presumed primary use of a well based on land uses within the Management Area between 1988 and 2015. The planned use designations provided on Well Completion Reports do not indicate or limit the amount of groundwater pumping that can occur at a given well, nor do they necessarily indicate a relative difference in demand between any individual wells with different planned use designations.



**Table 2-1. Northeast Napa Management Area Land Use Summary**

	1987 (acres)	2011 (acres)
Total Agriculture Classes	892	941
Total Native Classes	626	598
Total Urban and Semi-Ag <sup>1</sup>	429	429
<i>unclassified</i>	1	-
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>1,968</b>

1 Semi-Ag classes (e.g., Farmsteads)

2 Slight differences in total acreage are due to gaps in datasets.

Sources: DWR (1987 & 2011)

**Table 2-2. Northeast Napa Management Area Production Wells Summary by Type**

Well Type	Count	Average Total Depth (feet)
Domestic	240	346
Irrigation	24	473
Industrial/Other Production <sup>1</sup>	16	441
Public Supply	0	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>362</b>

1 Other Production wells include 16 that supply wineries. While Napa County classifies wineries as an agricultural land use, this summary aligns with the well type designations available on DWR Well Completion Reports filed by well drillers following well construction, modification, or destruction.

## 2.1 Northeast Napa Management Area Setting and Hydrogeologic Conceptualization

The geologic setting of the Napa Valley Subbasin determines the physical properties of the aquifer system as well as the structural properties that influence groundwater storage, availability, recharge, and flow within the subsurface. These physical and structural properties are described as part of the conceptual model for the Napa Valley Subbasin, which includes the northeast Napa Study Area (LSCE, 2016b). The components of the hydrogeologic conceptual

model also describe the primary processes that lead to inflows, outflows and groundwater storage.

Subbasin inflows are characterized by:

- 1) Root Zone Groundwater Recharge;
- 2) Napa Valley Subbasin Uplands Runoff;
- 3) Napa Valley Subbasin Uplands Subsurface Inflow; and
- 4) Surface Water Deliveries.

Subbasin outflows consist of:

- 1) Surface Water Outflow of Stormflow and Baseflow;
- 2) Subsurface Groundwater Outflow;
- 3) Consumptive Use of Surface Water and Groundwater; and
- 4) Urban Wastewater Outflow.

Subbasin groundwater storage consists of groundwater storage, primarily from Quaternary alluvial deposits.

The Napa Valley Subbasin of the Napa-Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin underlies much of the Napa Valley and lies entirely within Napa County, overlain by the City of Napa, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, and City of Calistoga (**Figure 1-1**). Surficial geologic maps of the Napa Valley area have been developed by various authors spanning over a hundred years. Three major geologic units in the Napa Valley area have been consistently recognized and remain largely unchanged, except in the names applied to them and interpretations of how they were originally formed. These three major units are Mesozoic rocks including formations of the Franciscan Complex and Great Valley Complex, Tertiary volcanic rocks (i.e., Sonoma Volcanics) and sedimentary rocks, and Quaternary sedimentary deposits.

Contemporary geologic cross sections developed in the vicinity of the Northeast Napa Management Area show the general subsurface geologic patterns of the lower valley associated with the northeast Napa Study Area. Notably, the cross sections and a map of alluvium thickness developed as part of the *Updated Hydrogeologic Conceptualization and Characterization of Conditions* report show distinctly thinner alluvial deposits east of the Napa River in the Study Area. This offset in the alluvium thickness west and east of the Napa River is associated with the East Napa Fault Zone described in that report (LSCE and MBK, 2013).

The Quaternary alluvial deposits comprise the primary aquifer units of the Subbasin. The alluvium was divided into three facies according to patterns detected in the lithologic record and used to delineate the depositional environment which formed them: fluvial, alluvial fan, and sedimentary basin (LSCE and MBK, 2013 and LSCE, 2013). The alluvial deposits have

different well yields and variable hydraulic properties. In the Study Area, alluvial deposits are a significant source of groundwater west of the Napa River; however, east of the River the alluvium is considerably thinner and indicated to be unsaturated in some locations. All of the Tertiary units beneath the Napa Valley Floor and beneath the Study Area appear to be low to moderately water yielding with poor aquifer characteristics (LSCE and MBK, 2013). Although wells completed in these Tertiary units may be locally capable of producing sufficient volumes of water to meet various water demands, their contribution to the overall production of groundwater within the Study Area is limited, and their hydraulic properties are reflective of this.

There are two main faults in the Study Area: the East Napa Fault Zone and the Soda Creek Fault (**Figure 2-1**). The East Napa Fault is a concealed fault extending northward just west of or below the river from near Trancas Street to Oak Knoll Avenue (LSCE and MBK, 2013). Evidence of the fault zone has been derived from subsurface information and from an isostatic gravity map.<sup>11</sup> Other concealed faults, whether mapped or not, exist in this area as part of the East Napa Fault Zone. One such fault is located on the east side of the Napa River between Petra Drive and Oak Knoll Avenue, but its northward and southward extent is still unknown. Soda Creek Fault slices through the Sonoma Volcanics along the western edge of the MST and appears to partially limit groundwater flow from the MST into the Napa Valley, acting as a hydraulic barrier at depth.

The physical conditions described above are incorporated in the current day hydrogeologic conceptualization of the Napa Valley Subbasin and are reflected in the groundwater model developed as part of the northeast Napa Area study (LSCE, 2017).

## 2.2 Northeast Napa Area Special Groundwater Study Findings

The USGS public domain software, MODFLOW (and accompanying model packages), was selected as the modeling platform to develop a numerical groundwater flow model to conduct analyses in the Study Area. The total active modeled area covers approximately 9.5 square miles (6,090 acres) and contains six model layers (**Figure 2-1**). The model grid cell size is 100 feet by 100 feet. The first three model layers (layers 1-3) compose the alluvial aquifer; the next two model layers (layers 4-5) represent the underlying Tertiary sediments and rocks; and the base layer (layer 6) represents the Tertiary Sonoma Volcanics. The transient model simulates groundwater and surface water conditions over a 28-year period from 1988 to 2015.

The model includes a total of 10 rivers, creeks, and tributaries. Eleven surface water diversions are also represented. The model contains 594 wells (actual and “inferred”, with the latter based on estimated water demands and water sources). Irrigation pumping demands include

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<sup>11</sup> Isostatic gravity maps depict detectable variations in gravitational force (e.g., gravity) observed over an area. After controlling for influences including latitude and tidal fluctuations, isostatic gravity maps provide a representation of geologic structure that results from variations in rock density across geologic formations.

demands for agricultural crop irrigation as well as irrigation demands for landscaping associated with residences and commercial land uses, where groundwater is identified as the water source. Water demands for indoor residential uses and winery uses in unincorporated areas not supplied with surface water by the City of Napa were also distributed to wells in the model domain.

The model was calibrated to improve its ability to simulate groundwater level measurements from throughout the Active Model Area by adjusting the following components: aquifer parameters (horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivity and storage), streambed conductivity, model layering, and general head boundary conditions. One hundred eighty-two (182) wells with water level data were used for model calibration, including 12 County monitored wells and two Napa County surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities, each of which include two dedicated monitoring wells.

Results from the calibrated model for the northeast Napa Study Area indicate that groundwater in this localized area is in balance, with inflows and outflows nearly equal, over the 28-year period studied. During drier years, groundwater levels have declined and in normal to wetter years groundwater levels have recovered. East of the Napa River, two wells in Napa County's monitoring network, completed in deeper formations, showed historical groundwater level declines; however, groundwater levels in these wells have stabilized since about 2009. The study indicates that the main factor contributing to prior declines in these wells is the effect of the cones of depression that developed in the MST Subarea east of the Napa Valley Subbasin. The dense spacing of private water supply wells in portions of the Study Area east of the Napa River, particularly along Petra Drive, may also have contributed to the localized groundwater decline.

Interactions between groundwater and surface water in the Management Area are variable both in their magnitude and location. Four creeks flow through the Management Area, eventually joining with the Napa River. The Special Study results indicate that three of these, Soda Creek, Hardman Creek, and Milliken Creek, experienced losing conditions<sup>12</sup> on an annual basis throughout the 28-year study period. In contrast, groundwater discharge contributes significantly to streamflow during most months of the year along the Napa River adjacent to the Management Area. This reach of the Napa River is categorized as perennial and subject to tidal influences from San Pablo Bay (USGS, 2016, LSCE, 2016c). Consistent with available long-term stream gage data in the Subbasin (LSCE, 2016b), the Special Study results find that less

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<sup>12</sup> A losing condition occurs when surface water flows are reduced due to percolation of surface water through the streambed. A losing condition can vary in magnitude, and can reverse to become a gaining condition, depending on the physical properties of the streambed and the nature of the hydraulic connection between surface water and the uppermost saturated zone of the groundwater system.

groundwater is discharged to the Napa River in the reach adjacent to the Management Area during drier water years when recharge and subsurface flows are reduced.

To test the sensitivity of Study Area conditions to groundwater pumping, three model scenarios were developed to test the response of the surface water and groundwater system in the Study Area to different amounts of pumping over the 28-year study period. The three scenarios are summarized in **Table 2-3**.

**Table 2-3. Groundwater Pumping Scenarios Evaluated by the Calibrated Special Study Flow Model**

	Description
Baseline	Pumping rates in all supply wells are calculated based on documented land uses and source of supply. Pumping to meet irrigation water demands (includes crops and landscaping) vary monthly based on vegetation type, evapotranspiration, and available soil moisture during the 28-year study period.
No Pumping Scenario	No groundwater pumping by any supply wells in any month during the 28-year study period.
1988 Pumping Scenario	Monthly pumping rates for the first water year of the Baseline simulation, prior to pumping rate increases occurring the 1990s, are repeated for each of the 28 years of the study period.
Doubled Pumping Scenario	Monthly pumping rates are doubled relative to each month in the 28-year Baseline simulation pumping dataset.

The influence of groundwater pumping and climatic effects, represented by recharge and lateral subsurface flow, on groundwater discharge to the Napa River were analyzed using the results from the baseline calibrated model and two sensitivity scenarios: pumping restricted to 1988 pumping levels and doubled pumping relative to the estimated pumping that has occurred over the 1988 to 2015 base period.<sup>13</sup> Climatic effects were found to have a much greater effect on groundwater discharge to the Napa River for all three groundwater pumping options: the baseline pumping simulation, 1988 pumping scenario, and doubled pumping scenario.

Additional pumping can occur in the northeast Napa Study Area; however, the Study Report recommends targeted management measures to ensure groundwater conditions remain

<sup>13</sup> The sensitivity scenario with no pumping was not included in the correlation analysis because non-zero values are required for the analysis.

sustainable and streamflow depletion caused by pumping does not become significant and unreasonable.

Study findings and recommended actions to maintain groundwater sustainability in the northeast Napa Area (and the Napa Valley Subbasin) are summarized below. The recommended actions are consistent with groundwater management measures referenced in the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016b).

## FINDINGS

A summary of the findings from the analysis of groundwater and surface water in the northeast Napa Study Area are listed below:

- 1) Groundwater storage played the smallest role in the water budget, hovering around net-zero annually (inflow equals outflow and little water depleting or replenishing storage).
- 2) Groundwater pumping makes up the next smallest component of flow in the model domain's water budget.
- 3) Lateral subsurface flow through all of the model's boundaries is generally a net positive number; more groundwater is flowing into the model domain than is flowing out through the subsurface. When groundwater does flow out of the model area through the subsurface, it typically leaves the model via the east side near the Soda Creek Fault. This is likely influenced by the lower groundwater levels in the MST driving the easterly horizontal flow gradient.
- 4) Recharge plays a key role; it is the second largest water budget component.
- 5) Within the model area flows to the Napa River dominate the groundwater budget; a large component of groundwater in the model discharges into the Napa River as baseflow. On the other hand, tributaries in the area most often discharge to groundwater, recharging the groundwater system on a seasonal basis.
- 6) Tributaries on the east side of the Napa River consistently show net losing stream conditions over time, despite seasonal fluctuations where gaining stream conditions occur briefly. As an example, Soda Creek consistently exhibits net losing stream conditions on an annual basis (even during wet winter conditions and also during the scenario when no pumping was simulated); the Creek is more affected by precipitation, and therefore climate, than groundwater pumping in determining the rate of streamflow and leakage to groundwater.
- 7) The model results indicate a decreasing trend in the amount of groundwater contributing to streamflow starting in the late 1990s. As illustrated by similar results from the sensitivity scenario in which no groundwater pumping occurred, this recent trend can be attributed to reduced precipitation in recent years (climatic effects), and not due to groundwater pumping. Statistical analyses indicate that this trend is more related to climatic effects, including reduced recharge and subsurface lateral flows, rather than to groundwater pumping.

- 8) Lateral flow, the third largest component of the model domain water budget, was typically a net inflow into the area, but a trend is seen starting in 1992 that shows less regional groundwater flowing into the model area. In some years, the net annual lateral flow is out of the model domain, which may indicate a future trend, or may be the result of climatic effects during increasingly drier water years.
- 9) Geologic faulting in the model area is important to the overall behavior of water levels east of the Napa River. Additional concealed faults may be present, which may affect water levels in deeper wells in the Petra Drive area.
- 10) Statistical analyses of water budget components (including recharge, lateral flows and pumping) relative to stream leakage (groundwater contributions to Napa River baseflow) show that, over the 28-year base period, climate effects have a much greater influence on stream leakage than pumping. Climate-driven variables account for 87 to 92% of the effect on groundwater discharge to Napa River, while pumping contributes to 8 to 13% of the effect on groundwater discharge to the River.
- 11) Modeling scenarios showed:
  - a) Annual stream leakage fluxes (in and out of the surface water) were very similar even with no pumping occurring showing minimal stream impacts due to pumping;
  - b) When pumping was reduced, a slight increase in the amount of groundwater contribution to the Napa River occurred (this had about a third of the effect that subsurface lateral flow had on this type of change). For the period from 1995 to 2015, a subset of more recent years analyzed to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time, with pumping reduced to 1988 conditions, the relative influence of pumping on baseflow was 2%. For the baseline scenario, over the same period, pumping is estimated to contribute to about 6% of the effect on baseflow.
  - c) When pumping was doubled, a slight decrease in the amount of groundwater contributed to the Napa River occurred. For the period from 1995 to 2015, a subset of more recent years analyzed to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time, with pumping doubled, the relative contribution to baseflow effects was 10%. For the baseline scenario, over the same period, pumping is estimated to contribute to about 6% of the effect on baseflow.
- 12) Some drawdown effects on groundwater levels in the Petra Drive area are associated with mutual well interference; these are compounded by the high density of wells. However, these lowered levels are not as significant as the regional influence of the eastern boundary and movement of groundwater towards the MST.

### **2.3 Basis for Establishing the Northeast Napa Management Area**

The average annual water budget developed for the northeast Napa Study Area shows the area to be in balance with inflows and outflows nearly equal over the 28-year period from 1988 to 2015. The findings of the northeast Napa Area study show that groundwater conditions in the Napa Valley Subbasin east of the Napa River within the Study Area are significantly influenced

by climatic factors, geologic features that are distinct from those of the larger Napa Valley Subbasin, and cones of depression in the adjacent MST Subarea external to the Napa Valley Subbasin (LSCE, 2017). Because the northeast Napa Area, east of the River, includes a relatively thin veneer of alluvial deposits overlying semi-consolidated rock and because groundwater conditions are significantly influenced by climatic factors, Napa County has designated the Northeast Napa Management Area within the Napa Valley Subbasin (**Figure 2-1**). The management area designation includes additional representative monitoring sites, minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and management actions described in the following sections of this Amendment to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report.



### 3.0 NAPA VALLEY SUBBASIN SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

The 2016 Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin includes the following SGMA Sustainability Goal for the Napa Valley Subbasin:

*To protect and enhance groundwater quantity and quality for all the people who live and work in Napa County, regardless of the source of their water supply. The County and everyone living and working in the county will integrate stewardship principles and measures in groundwater development, use, and management to protect economic, environmental, and social benefits and maintain groundwater sustainability indefinitely without causing undesirable results, including unacceptable economic, environmental, or social consequences.*

As a part of the Napa Valley Subbasin, the sustainable management criteria presented below for the Northeast Napa Management Area have been developed to ensure that the Subbasin can continue to be managed sustainably without experiencing undesirable results.

#### 3.1 Sustainability Indicators and Undesirable Results

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) establishes six sustainability indicators to be used for determining whether undesirable results occur in a groundwater basin or subbasin. The 2016 Basin Analysis Report documents that the Napa Valley Subbasin has not experienced significant and unreasonable effects due to groundwater conditions occurring throughout the Subbasin that would constitute an undesirable result.

This Amendment to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report provides additional descriptions of significant and unreasonable effects that would constitute undesirable results. The undesirable results described below are used to guide the establishment of minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for the Northeast Napa Management Area described in the following sections.

As required by Section 354.20(a) of the GSP Regulations, the undesirable results described below are consistent for the Napa Valley Subbasin and for the Northeast Napa Management Area. In addition, it is acknowledged that, due to differences in geology and aquifer characteristics, the Management Area may, in the future, experience effects due to groundwater conditions that lead to undesirable results within the Northeast Napa Management Area that do not also occur throughout the Napa Valley Subbasin. Both Management Area-specific undesirable results and the broader, Subbasin-wide undesirable results are described below.

##### 3.1.1 Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

Depletions of interconnected surface water would become significant and unreasonable if, as a result of groundwater extraction and use in the Subbasin:

1. the timing and duration of direct hydraulic connections between groundwater and surface water along the Napa River or its tributaries overlying the Subbasin are reduced relative to the extent of historical conditions or,
2. if the volume of surface water flowing into the groundwater system as a result of groundwater extraction and use in the Subbasin exceeds both flows that have occurred historically and flows that would otherwise occur due to climate change-related shifts in precipitation, temperature, evapotranspiration, and soil moisture in the future.

Consistent with specifications contained in the GSP Regulations, significant and unreasonable depletions of interconnected surface water are determined based on effects resulting from groundwater extraction and use in the Subbasin. The GSP Regulations define the minimum thresholds for depletions of interconnected surface water as follows:

“The minimum threshold for depletions of interconnected surface water shall be the rate or volume of surface water depletions caused by groundwater use that has adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water and may lead to undesirable results.” (GSP Regulations Section 354.28(c)(6)).

### 3.1.2 Degraded Water Quality

Degraded water quality would become significant and unreasonable if groundwater conditions and land uses in the Subbasin result in increased concentrations of groundwater quality constituents contributed as a result of land use activities at a majority of the representative wells in the Napa Valley Subbasin such that water quality no longer meets state or federal standards for the intended beneficial uses of the well.

### 3.1.3 Seawater Intrusion

Seawater intrusion would become significant and unreasonable if groundwater conditions in the Subbasin increase the flow of seawater into the Napa Valley Subbasin such that chloride concentrations measured in representative wells reach levels that would result in groundwater being unsuitable for beneficial uses in portions of the following Napa County groundwater subareas that overly the Napa Valley Subbasin: Napa Valley Floor-Napa Subarea, Napa Valley Floor-Milliken-Sarco-Tuluca Subarea, or the Carneros Subarea

### 3.1.4 Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels

Chronic lowering of groundwater levels would become significant and unreasonable if groundwater conditions in the Napa Valley Subbasin result in prolonged, year-to-year reductions in groundwater levels below levels recorded historically at a majority of the representative wells in the Subbasin, excluding groundwater level declines that may occur

during drought conditions<sup>14</sup> unless groundwater level declines observed during periods of drought result in reduced groundwater levels over a long-term period that is at least 10 years in length, not ending in drought conditions, and including a balance of above average and below average water years.

Due to the limited thickness of alluvial aquifer materials and the more restrictive hydraulic properties of the Tertiary sedimentary and Sonoma Volcanics formations, the potential exists for chronic lowering of groundwater levels in the Tertiary sedimentary and Sonoma Volcanics formations within the Management Area that do not propagate to other parts of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Nevertheless, chronic lowering of groundwater levels in the Tertiary sedimentary and Sonoma Volcanics formations due to groundwater conditions in the Management Area would also be considered significant and unreasonable, excluding groundwater level declines that may occur during drought conditions unless declines during drought conditions are not ameliorated after at least two subsequent non-drought water years.

### 3.1.5 Reductions of Groundwater Storage

Reductions in groundwater storage would become significant and unreasonable if groundwater conditions in the Napa Valley Subbasin result in reductions in groundwater storage that exceed the Subbasin sustainable yield, excluding groundwater level declines that may occur during drought conditions unless groundwater storage declines observed during periods of drought result in reduced groundwater storage over a long-term period that is at least 10 years in length, not ending in drought conditions, and including a balance of above average and below average water years.

### 3.1.6 Land Subsidence

Land subsidence would become significant and unreasonable if groundwater conditions in the Napa Valley Subbasin result in permanent, inelastic subsidence to a degree that disrupts or causes accelerated damage to important public or private infrastructure (such as: roadways, railways, bridges, and water supply infrastructure).

Best available information, as presented in the Special Study Report (**Appendix A**), demonstrates that undesirable results for the six sustainability indicators described above have

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<sup>14</sup> The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act defines the undesirable result of chronic lowering of groundwater levels as “Chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicating a significant and unreasonable depletion of supply if continued over the planning and implementation horizon. Overdraft during a period of drought is not sufficient to establish a chronic lowering of groundwater levels if extractions and groundwater recharge are managed as necessary to ensure that reductions in groundwater levels or storage during a period of drought are offset by increases in groundwater levels or storage during other periods” (10721(x)(1)).

not occurred and are not occurring in the Northeast Napa Management Area as a result of groundwater conditions and groundwater use in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

### 3.2 Northeast Napa Management Area Representative Monitoring Sites

Napa County currently monitors groundwater levels in five production wells within the Northeast Napa Management Area. The County also monitors groundwater levels (GWL) and groundwater quality (GWQ) at two surface water/groundwater monitoring sites, located on the Napa River near the upstream and downstream extents of the Management Area (**Figure 3-1**). Surface water monitoring currently occurs at three locations on the Napa River adjacent to the Management Area (**Figure 3-2**). River stage data are collected at all three surface water monitoring sites; however, only the USGS gage (Station Name: Napa River near Napa) records stream discharge.

**Figures 3-3, 3-4, and 3-5** depict relative exposure to the three primary aquifer zones for currently and formerly monitored wells, along with other wells whose construction information was recorded for the northeast Napa Study. Thin alluvial deposits east of the Napa River, in the Management Area, result in limited exposures to the alluvial aquifer zone, which wells west of the River commonly have a majority of their screened interval in the alluvium (**Figure 3-3**). Two Napa County surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities (SWG1 and SWG3) provide the best opportunities for monitoring the alluvial aquifer zone near to the Management Area.

Wells throughout much of the Management Area are screened in the Tertiary sedimentary formation that underlies the thin alluvium (**Figure 3-4**). Two wells monitored by Napa County (Wells 122 and 229) have over 95% of their perforated interval within the Tertiary aquifer zone. Well 229 is located in an area of more concentrated production wells. Well 122 is located near the eastern border of the Subbasin across which the northeast Napa Area study found the influence of cones of depression in the MST Subarea have propagated.

Exposure to the Sonoma Volcanics aquifer zone is greater in the northern half of the Management Area (**Figure 3-5**). Well 76, also monitored by Napa County, is located in that part of the Management Area and is also located between most of the wells in the Management Area with similar exposure to the Sonoma Volcanics and the adjacent MST Subarea.

Representative monitoring sites selected for the Management Area include seven wells that are currently monitored by Napa County (**Table 3-1**). Six of the wells have over 95% of their perforated intervals within the aquifer zone that they are intended to represent. The exception, NapaCounty-76, has 75% of its well screens within the Sonoma Volcanics aquifer zone that it is selected to represent. Four of the wells were previously selected to serve as representative sites for the Napa Valley Subbasin (LSCE, 2016b). These four are nested observation wells constructed as dedicated surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities at two sites on the Napa River that bookend the Management Area, at First Street in Napa and along Oak Knoll Avenue (**Figure 3-6**).

An additional dedicated surface water/groundwater monitoring site is planned to be installed east of the Napa River between the two existing sites at First Street in Napa and along Oak Knoll Avenue. The new site will also serve as a representative monitoring site for the Management Area (see **Section 4.1.2**).

Two wells along Petra Drive currently monitored by Napa County (Wells 182 and 228) are not recommended to be included as representative sites for the Management Area at this time due to uncertainty about the effects on groundwater conditions of concealed faults or other geologic features in the vicinity of Petra Drive. If ongoing monitoring network evaluations indicate a need for additional monitoring locations in the Tertiary sedimentary formation, the County could attempt to resume monitoring of a well historically monitored by DWR, located along Silverado Trail approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection with Petra Drive (**Figure 3-1**).

### 3.2.1 Monitoring Network Evaluation and Reporting

Monitoring network evaluation and reporting for the Northeast Napa Management Area will occur as part of current efforts conducted for the overall Napa Valley Subbasin described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report, including Annual Reporting, data management, and data submittal to DWR as required by SGMA and the GSP Regulations.

Monitoring of groundwater conditions at representative sites for three sustainability indicators (chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reductions of groundwater storage, and land subsidence) are conducted semi-annually in spring and fall. Monitoring at representative sites for depletions of interconnected surface waters is conducted with continuously recording water level transducers and manual measurements conducted at least semi-annually in spring and fall. Monitoring at representative sites for sustainability indicators related to groundwater quality (degraded water quality and seawater intrusion) is conducted by transducers continuously recording electrical conductivity at the four designated surface water/groundwater monitoring wells and through annual groundwater quality sampling for general minerals, including nitrate, and drinking water metals.

Napa County currently uses several methods to analyze data collected at representative sites, and other monitored sites. Groundwater level changes are evaluated using hydrographs, groundwater elevation contour mapping and quantitative comparisons of long-term changes at individual wells. Groundwater storage changes are evaluated through annual calculation of groundwater storage changes in the alluvial aquifer zone based on year-to-year changes in groundwater levels, and by comparison to results from the groundwater storage changes calculated for the 1988 to 2015 base period analyzed in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016b). Seawater intrusion is evaluated using chloride concentration isocontour mapping and hydrographs of electrical conductivity in surface water and shallow groundwater at the designated surface water-groundwater monitoring sites. Groundwater quality is evaluated by

mapping spatial variations in concentrations of water quality constituents and water quality time series plots. Depletions of surface water due to groundwater use in interconnected aquifer units is evaluated by hydrographs of groundwater levels.

The methods of data analysis described above are currently implemented by Napa County. As described in **Section 4** of this Amendment and Section 10.2 of the 2016 Basin Analysis Report, Napa County is working to implement additional phases of data collection and analysis in future years. Additional planned monitoring and analysis will include development of a numerical groundwater flow model to simulate groundwater conditions, surface water-groundwater interactions, and rates of streamflow depletion at the reach scale and across the Napa Valley Subbasin, in an application similar to the numerical model developed for the Northeast Napa Special Groundwater Study. A Napa Valley Subbasin-wide modeling tool will facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface water and groundwater resources. The modeling tool will be supported by additional data collection regarding aquifer properties, through required aquifer testing, and improved tracking of new well permits, and synthesis of water use and groundwater level data collected pursuant to discretionary permits issued by Napa County.

### **3.3 Northeast Napa Management Area Minimum Thresholds**

The GSP Regulations define minimum thresholds as “the numeric value used to define minimum thresholds shall represent a point in the basin that, if exceeded, may cause undesirable results” (354.28(a)). This section presents preliminary minimum thresholds established to quantify groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator at representative monitoring sites designated for the Northeast Napa Management Area. Justification is provided for the thresholds based on best available data, including groundwater levels, groundwater quality, and surface water flows. As noted above, groundwater level thresholds are used as a proxy for multiple sustainability indicators. **Table 3-2** shows the relationship between representative monitoring sites, the sustainability indicators applicable to those sites, the data category for the measurable objective and minimum threshold (e.g., groundwater level, groundwater quality or other), and which sustainability indicators use groundwater elevations as a proxy.

For representative monitoring sites where long-term periods of record are not available, as in the case of the dedicated monitoring wells constructed in 2014 to monitor groundwater-surface water interactions, minimum thresholds established here will be reviewed and reevaluated in future years as the collection of available data for each site expands to better reflect true long-term variability at those sites.

**Table 3-1. Representative Monitoring Sites, Napa Valley Subbasin: Northeast Napa Management Area**

Well ID	Data Source	Aquifer Designation <sup>1</sup>	Subarea	Well Depth (ft)	Basis for Selection	Designated as a Representative Site in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report
NapaCounty-122	Napa County	Tss	MST	210	Aquifer-specific construction, Moderate record	-
NapaCounty-229	Napa County	Tss	MST	350	Aquifer-specific construction, Moderate record	-
NapaCounty-76	Napa County	Tsv	Napa	405	Aquifer-specific construction, Moderate record	-
Napa County 214s-swgw1	Napa County	Qa	Napa	53	Designated SW/GW facility <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Napa County 215d-swgw1	Napa County	Qa	Napa	98	Designated SW/GW facility	Yes
Napa County 218s-swgw3	Napa County	Qa	Napa	40	Designated SW/GW facility	Yes
Napa County 219d-swgw3	Napa County	Qa	Napa	93	Designated SW/GW facility	Yes

1. Aquifer Designations: Qa = Quaternary Alluvium, Tsv = Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic Rocks, Tss = Tertiary Sedimentary Rocks

2. Designated SW/GW facility: refers to surface water and groundwater monitoring facilities installed as part of the DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Program grant awarded to Napa County for purposes of evaluating the connectivity between groundwater and surface water.

**Table 3-2. Representative Monitoring Sites and Sustainability Indicators**

Well ID	Sustainability Indicators <sup>3</sup>					
	Chronic Lowering of GWLs	Reduced GW Storage	Seawater Intrusion	Degraded GW Quality	Land Subsidence	Surface Water Depletion
NapaCounty-76	GWE <sup>1</sup>	GWE				
NapaCounty-122	GWE	GWE			GWE	
NapaCounty-229	GWE	GWE		GWQ <sup>2</sup>	GWE	
Napa County 214s-swgw1	GWE	GWE	GWQ			GWE
Napa County 215d-swgw1	GWE	GWE				
Napa County 218s-swgw3	GWE	GWE				GWE
Napa County 219d-swgw3	GWE	GWE				

1. GWE: Groundwater Elevation; data category for establishing minimum thresholds and measurable objectives for avoiding the undesirable result of depletions of interconnected surface water that have significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water (e.g., streamflow depletion). Since the river system in the Napa Valley Subbasin is considered sensitive to climate and groundwater condition variability, GWE’s set for the surface water depletion sustainability indicator serve as a proxy for many other sustainability indicators.
2. GWQ: Groundwater Quality
3. Where neither GWE nor GWQ is indicated, this does not mean that groundwater elevations and/or quality are not being measured, rather it means that groundwater elevations and/or groundwater quality are not being assessed for purposes of evaluating one or more sustainability indicators at this representative monitoring site.

### 3.3.1 Minimum Threshold: Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

Based on the analyses of surface water and groundwater interconnections, including the relationship of those connections to seasonal and annual groundwater elevation fluctuations (see Basin Analysis Report Chapter 4), minimum thresholds are set at two wells in the Subbasin (**Table 3-3**). Both wells were constructed as dedicated monitoring wells, (i.e., observation wells) as part of the DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Program grant awarded to Napa County for the specific purpose of evaluating the connectivity between groundwater and surface water. These thresholds represent the lowest static groundwater level elevation that has occurred



historically in the fall and an elevation below which additional streamflow depletion is likely to occur, i.e., expand the duration of annual no flow days in the Napa River. These thresholds represent the lowest static groundwater elevation to which groundwater levels may reasonably be lowered at the end of a dry season without exacerbating streamflow depletion. These levels are not acceptable on a continuous basis as this would contribute to a worsening of existing conditions. These groundwater elevation thresholds also serve as proxies for many other sustainability indicators, as shown in **Table 3-2**.

**Table 3-3. Minimum Thresholds to Avoid Undesirable Results Due to Surface Water Depletion**

Well ID	Minimum Threshold: Minimum Fall Groundwater Elevation (Feet, NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )
NapaCounty-214s-swgw1	2 <sup>2</sup>
NapaCounty-218s-swgw3	29
1. Elevation in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88). 2. The Napa County surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities are relatively new with limited data; minimum thresholds will be re-evaluated with additional data.	

As described in **Section 4.1.1**, Napa County plans to develop a groundwater flow model for the Napa Valley Subbasin. The Subbasin-wide modeling tool will provide additional capabilities for quantifying stream depletion on a volumetric basis spatially and temporally. Results from the calibrated model will be used to refine minimum thresholds established for depletions of interconnected surface water at representative sites throughout the Subbasin.

### 3.3.2 Minimum Threshold: Avoid Degraded Groundwater Quality

The minimum threshold for avoidance of undesirable results due to degraded groundwater quality is based on groundwater quality concentrations remaining below water quality objectives. The focus for SGMA purposes is on constituents contributed due to activities at the land surface rather than on the presence of naturally occurring constituents. NapaCounty-229 (i.e., Well 229) is the only additional well newly designated as a representative site for the degraded groundwater quality sustainability indicator in the Northeast Napa Management Area. Well 229, selected as a representative monitoring site for the older, pre-alluvial aquifer zone, is a privately-owned domestic well where prior available groundwater quality data are limited to one test for total coliform and fecal coliform in 2014. An example of the minimum thresholds at this site is shown in **Table 3-4** for nitrate as nitrogen.

**Table 3-4. Minimum Threshold to Avoid Undesirable Results Due to Degraded Groundwater Quality**

Well ID	Minimum Threshold: GW Quality Objective (example Nitrate-N mg/L <sup>1</sup> )
NapaCounty-229	10 mg/L
1. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate as Nitrogen is 10 mg/L.	

**3.3.3 Minimum Threshold: Avoid Seawater Intrusion**

The minimum threshold for avoidance of undesirable results due to seawater intrusion is based on groundwater quality concentrations remaining stable in the representative well designated for this sustainability indicator (**Table 3-5**). NapaCounty-214s-swgw1 (i.e., Well 214s) is located along the Napa River at the southern boundary of the Northeast Napa Management Area. Although the well has a short period of record, having been constructed in 2014, it is an observation well with a screened interval located at the water table surface, and is suited to monitoring for changes in water quality that could result from the migration of the brackish to saline water from the adjacent Napa River into the groundwater of the Napa Valley Subbasin.

**Table 3-5. Minimum Threshold to Avoid Undesirable Results Due to Seawater Intrusion**

Well ID	Minimum Threshold: Maintain Chloride Concentrations at or Below Secondary MCL <sup>1</sup> (mg/L)
NapaCounty-214s-swgw1	500
1. Secondary Recommended Maximum Contaminant Level for chloride is 500 mg/L.	

**3.3.4 Minimum Thresholds: Avoid Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Reductions of Groundwater Storage, and Land Subsidence**

The minimum thresholds for avoidance of undesirable results due to chronic groundwater level decline, reductions in groundwater storage, and land subsidence are based on groundwater levels set at minimum fall level observed over the historical period. Two representative wells (Wells 214s and 218s) use the groundwater elevations for avoidance of streamflow depletion as the proxy (**Table 3-3**). Five other representative wells are also used for these sustainability indicators (**Table 3-6**). The minimum threshold for each well is the lowest fall level observed over the entire historical period.

**Table 3-6. Minimum Thresholds to Avoid Undesirable Results due to Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Reduced Groundwater Storage, and Land Subsidence**

Well ID	Minimum Threshold: Avoid Groundwater Level Decline over Successive Years and Land Subsidence (Fall GWE, Feet, NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )	Minimum Threshold: Avoid Reduced Groundwater Storage (Avoidance of Chronic GWE Decline is Proxy; Fall GWE, Feet, NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )
NapaCounty-122	-45	-45
NapaCounty-229	-62	-62
NapaCounty-76	-30	-30
Napa County 215d-swgw1	2	2
Napa County 219d-swgw3	29	29
1. Elevation in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).		

### 3.4 Northeast Napa Management Area Measurable Objectives

The GSP Regulations define “measurable objectives” as “specific, quantifiable goals for the maintenance or improvement of specified groundwater conditions” (Section 351). This section establishes measurable objectives for each sustainability indicator at representative monitoring sites designated for the Northeast Napa Management Area, based on quantitative values using the same metrics and monitoring sites that are used to define the minimum thresholds. These objectives provide a reasonable margin of operational flexibility under adverse conditions where applicable and utilize components such as historical water budgets, seasonal and long-term trends, and periods of drought. Similar to the minimum thresholds discussed in Section 3.3, groundwater elevations serve as the proxy for multiple sustainability indicators where reasonable. Interim milestones are not included here because the Subbasin has been shown to have been sustainably managed for a period of at least 10 years, consistent with the authorization contained in Section 10733.6(b)(3) of the California Water Code allowing for Alternative Submittals to meet the requirements of a GSP.

For representative monitoring sites where long-term periods of record are not available, as in the case of the dedicated monitoring wells constructed in 2014 to monitor groundwater-surface water interactions, measurable objectives established here will be reviewed and reevaluated in future years as the collection of available data for each site expands to better reflect true long-term variability at those sites.

### 3.4.1 Measurable Objectives: Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

Based on the analyses of surface water and groundwater interconnections, including the relationship of this connection to seasonal and annual groundwater elevation fluctuations (see Basin Analysis Report Chapter 4), measurable objectives for streamflow depletion are set at two wells in the Subbasin that are adjacent to the Management Area (**Table 3-7**). Both wells were constructed as dedicated monitoring wells, (i.e., observation wells) as part of the DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Program grant awarded to Napa County for purposes of evaluating the connectivity between groundwater and surface water. These objectives represent the mean fall groundwater level elevations that occurred historically. These objectives represent the fall groundwater elevations within which groundwater elevations are reasonably likely to fluctuate during fall without exacerbating streamflow depletion. These measurable groundwater elevation objectives also serve as proxies for many other sustainability indicators, as shown in **Table 3-2**. (Measurable objectives and minimum thresholds are shown together in **Table 3-11**.)

**Table 3-7. Measurable Objectives for Avoiding Undesirable Results Due to Surface Water Depletion**

Well ID	Measurable Objective for Streamflow: Fall Groundwater Elevation (Feet, NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )
NapaCounty-214s-swgw1	4
NapaCounty-218s-swgw3	32
1. Elevation in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).	

### 3.4.2 Measurable Objective: Maintain or Improve Groundwater Quality

The measurable objective for maintaining or improving groundwater quality is based on groundwater sample concentrations remaining below water quality objectives and groundwater quality at concentrations similar to and/or improved compared to historical observations in the groundwater basin. NapaCounty-229 (i.e., Well 229) is the only additional well newly designated as a representative site for the degraded groundwater quality sustainability indicator in the Northeast Napa Management Area (**Table 3-8**). Measurable objectives for this newly designated representative well will be re-evaluated after baseline water quality conditions are established (approximately three years of sampling and analysis of conditions). An example of measurable objectives for nitrate-nitrogen is shown in **Table 3-8**.

**Table 3-8. Measurable Objective to Avoid Undesirable Results Due to Degraded Groundwater Quality**

Well ID	Measurable Objective: GW Quality Objective (example Nitrate-N mg/L <sup>1</sup> )
NapaCounty-229	8 mg/L
1. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate as Nitrogen is 10 mg/L.	

**3.4.3 Measurable Objective: Avoid Seawater Intrusion**

The measurable objective for avoidance of undesirable results due to seawater intrusion is based on groundwater quality concentrations remaining stable in the representative well designated for this sustainability indicator (**Table 3-9**). NapaCounty-214s-swgw1 (i.e., Well 214s) is located along the Napa River at the southern boundary of the Northeast Napa Management Area. Although the well has a short period of record, having been constructed in 2014, it is an observation well with a screened interval located at the water table surface, and is suited to monitoring for changes in water quality that could result from the migration of the brackish to saline water from the adjacent Napa River into the groundwater of the Napa Valley Subbasin.

**Table 3-9. Measurable Objective to Avoid Undesirable Results Due to Seawater Intrusion**

Well ID	Measurable Objective: Maintain Chloride Concentrations At or Below Secondary MCL <sup>1</sup> (mg/L)
NapaCounty-214s-swgw1	300
1. Secondary Recommended Maximum Contaminant Level for chloride is 500 mg/L.	

**3.4.4 Measurable Objectives: Avoid Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Reductions of Groundwater Storage, and Land Subsidence**

The measurable objectives for avoidance of undesirable results due to chronic groundwater level decline, reductions in groundwater storage, and land subsidence are based on groundwater levels set at minimum fall level observed over the historical period. Two representative wells (Wells 214s and 218s) use the groundwater elevations for avoidance of surface water depletion as the proxy (**Table 3-7**). Five other representative wells are also used for these sustainability indicators (**Table 3-10**). The measurable objective is the fall level observed prior to the recent drought period. As described above, for the selected

representative sites for this indicator, the minimum threshold is the fall groundwater elevation above which groundwater elevations are to be maintained in order to avoid undesirable results. Similarly, for these sites, the measurable objective is the fall groundwater elevation, at or above which, to maintain groundwater sustainability or improve groundwater conditions. Well 229 was added to the Napa County monitoring network in 2016; therefore, it does not yet have a sufficient period of record with which to establish a measurable objective. The measurable objective for Well 229 will be re-evaluated after baseline conditions are established (approximately five years of monitoring to include a range of water year conditions).

**Table 3-10. Measurable Objectives to Avoid Undesirable Results due to Chronic Lowering of Groundwater Levels, Reduced Groundwater Storage, and Land Subsidence**

Well ID	Measurable Objective: Avoid Groundwater Level Decline over Successive Years and Land Subsidence (Fall GWE, Feet, NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )	Measurable Objective: Avoid Reduced Groundwater Storage (Avoidance of Chronic GWE Decline is Proxy; Fall GWE, Feet, NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )
NapaCounty-122	-26	-26
NapaCounty-229	-51	-51
NapaCounty-76	20	20
Napa County 215d-swgw1	4	4
Napa County 219d-swgw3	32	32
1. Elevation in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).		

**Table 3-11** summarizes the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives (respectively) for all representative sites and sustainability indicators.

**Table 3-11. Northeast Napa Management Area Representative Monitoring Sites: Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives for Sustainability Indicators**

Well ID	Sustainability Indicators and Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives											
	Min Threshold	Measur-able Objective	Min Threshold	Measur-able Objective	Min Threshold	Measur-able Objective	Min Threshold	Measur-able Objective	Min Threshold	Measur-able Objective	Min Threshold	Measurable Objective
	Chronic Lowering of GWLs (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88 <sup>1</sup> )	Chronic Lowering of GWLs (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)	Reduced GW Storage (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)	Reduced GW Storage (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)	Seawater Intrusion (Chloride, mg/L)	Seawater Intrusion (Chloride, mg/L)	Degraded GW Quality (NO3-N mg/L)	Degraded GW Quality (NO3-N mg/L)	Land Subsid-ence (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)	Land Subsid-ence (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)	Surface Water Depletion (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)	Surface Water Depletion (Fall GWE, Feet NAVD88)
NapaCounty-76	-30	20	-30	20								
NapaCounty-122	-45	-26	-45	-26					-45	-26		
NapaCounty-229	-69	-51	-69	-51			10	8	-69	-51		
Napa County 214s-swgw1	2	4	2	4	500	300					2	4
Napa County 215d-swgw1	2	4	2	4								
Napa County 218s-swgw3	29	32	29	32							29	32
Napa County 219d-swgw3	29	32	29	32								

1. Elevation in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

### **3.5 Preventing Undesirable Results Outside of the Northeast Napa Management Area**

As described in **Section 3.1**, the undesirable results described in this Amendment to the 2016 Basin Analysis Report are consistent for the Napa Valley Subbasin and for the Northeast Napa Management Area. In addition, it is acknowledged that, due to differences in geology and aquifer characteristics, the Management Area may, in the future, experience effects due to groundwater conditions that lead to undesirable results within the Northeast Napa Management Area that do not also occur throughout the Napa Valley Subbasin. In order to prevent any future localized undesirable results that occur within the Northeast Napa Management Area from affecting other portions of the Napa Valley Subbasin, the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives established in this Amendment are equivalent to similar criteria previously established for the Subbasin in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016b). Further, the criteria established for representative sites newly designated in this Amendment are set using rationale consistent with the rationale used to set sustainability criteria for other representative monitoring sites in the Subbasin.



## 4.0 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The following management actions were originally presented to the Napa County Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2017, as part of the Special Study Report. Napa County will lead implementation of these management actions, with outreach to users of groundwater and other stakeholders as described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016b). These management actions complement the management actions described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report in that they are intended to enable continued attainment of the Sustainability Goal for the Napa Valley Subbasin.

### 4.1.1 Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model

Modeling tools help facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface and groundwater resources. Large regional models can be especially useful tools to examine complicated scenarios. As described in this study (and previous studies LSCE and MBK, 2013 and LSCE, 2016b), the geologic and hydrogeologic setting in Napa County, and specifically the Napa Valley Floor, is extremely complex. The updated hydrogeologic conceptualization, aspects of which were utilized for the northeast Napa Area study, shows that the subsurface is so complex that the prior two-layer model for the north Napa Valley area, which focused on the alluvium with unconfined and semi-confined aquifer characteristics, needs significant refinement for future use and to improve the model's predicative utility.

The numerical groundwater flow model developed for the northeast Napa Area study allows quantitative assessment of locally occurring mutual well interference and potential streamflow depletion under varying water year types. It is a tool that facilitates understanding about the underlying groundwater system in this local area; however, that understanding is subject to assumptions.

Having completed the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization for the Napa Valley Subbasin and to facilitate further regional groundwater analyses and assessment of streamflow depletion required for continued implementation of SGMA, Napa County will develop a more detailed groundwater flow model for the entire Napa Valley Subbasin. Ongoing improvement of datasets and models/tools to understand mechanisms and results of predictive scenarios will help inform future approaches to ensuring sustainability.

Efforts to conduct groundwater modeling for the Napa Valley Subbasin would be similar to those implemented for the Special Study but on a larger scale. These include:

- Incorporation of updated physical hydrogeologic conceptualization in the model structure
- Updated aquifer parameters
- Incorporation of faults and other geologic features

- Estimating streambed properties
- Estimating water source utilization, including well types and points of surface water diversion as possible based on best available data
- Incorporation of surface water/groundwater interaction that allows quantification of streamflow depletion on a volumetric basis spatially and temporally
- Sensitivity analyses of parameters until such parameters can be refined through proper empirical analysis and testing.

**Groundwater Flow Model Development:** Napa County will develop a Napa Valley Subbasin-wide modeling tool to facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface and groundwater resources.

#### 4.1.2 Additional Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Facilities

As discussed in the County's report, *Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability: A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin* (LSCE, 2016b), the implementation of the DWR Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) program to construct and implement coupled surface water and groundwater monitoring in and near the Napa River system has been very valuable for improving the understanding of surface water and groundwater interaction. Similar facilities at additional locations would help further this understanding and are important for the County's SGMA sustainability goal. These facilities would be key to the objective of maintaining or improving streamflow during drier years and/or seasons. Although this study utilized dozens of monitoring wells with historical groundwater level records to evaluate observed and simulated groundwater level trends, there are no shallow monitoring wells located east of the Napa River and constructed in the alluvial deposits. Monitoring wells constructed to monitor groundwater level responses in the shallow alluvial deposits would improve understanding of the effect of pumping from relatively deeper parts of the groundwater system on the water table. This would further improve the understanding of the effect of pumping on potential streamflow depletion.

**Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Facilities:** Napa County will expand its existing network of dedicated surface water/groundwater monitoring facilities and construct shallow nested groundwater monitoring wells (like the recently installed Local Groundwater Assistance Surface Water/Groundwater monitoring facilities) east of the Napa River in the vicinity of Petra Drive. This will provide data to improve the understanding of the effect of pumping on potential streamflow depletion.

#### 4.1.3 Discretionary Project Review in the Management Area

Based on the results of the northeast Napa Area study, the groundwater system in the Study Area is "about in balance" over the study period. The model sensitivity scenario, in which

groundwater pumping was increased, provides insight into the relatively minor effect that an increase in pumping has on the overall water budget in the Study Area. Relatively small amounts of increased pumping may be considered for proposed discretionary projects in the Northeast Napa Management Area. However, it is recommended that additional project-specific analyses (as described in the Napa County Water Availability Analysis-Tier 2) be conducted to ensure that the proposed project location or planned use of groundwater does not cause an undesirable result (e.g., locate proposed wells at appropriate distances from surface water [or consider well construction approaches that avoid streamflow effects] and avoid mutual well interference to neighboring wells) (Napa County, 2015, see Basin Analysis Report Appendix I).

The project-specific information to be incorporated in the analysis includes:

- Parcel specific information on current and proposed water use (surface water and groundwater);
- Water demand estimates that include normal and dry-year water types;
- Existing and proposed well location and construction information (for all water uses);
- Existing well performance data, to the extent available. These data include well yields, specific capacities, water level recovery rates (from pumping tests), if any.

**Discretionary Project WAA Review in the Management Area:** For discretionary projects in the Northeast Napa Management Area, additional project-specific analyses (Napa County Water Availability Analysis-Tier 2) will be conducted to ensure that the proposed project location or planned use of groundwater does not cause an undesirable result (e.g., locate proposed wells at appropriate distances from surface water [or consider well construction approaches that avoid streamflow effects] and avoid mutual well interference to neighboring wells) (Napa County, 2015, see Basin Analysis Report Appendix I). In addition, the Napa County Board of Supervisors has directed staff to update the Napa County Groundwater Ordinance to reflect the additional requirements for project-specific analysis and to incorporate water use criteria and water use reporting requirements for the Management Area using an approach similar to what has already been implemented in the MST Subarea.

#### 4.1.4 New Well Tracking in the Management Area

Pumping amounts for existing domestic supply wells located in the Northeast Napa Management Area are relatively small.

**New Well Tracking in the Management Area:** As a precautionary measure, Napa County will track new non-discretionary groundwater wells constructed in the Northeast Napa Management Area, including their planned usage and location. The County will formalize the scope and procedures to be used for this effort as part of the update to the Napa County Groundwater Ordinance initiated by the County Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2017.

Applicants will be informed of potential well interference effects, if they propose well construction in an area that already has densely spaced wells.

#### 4.1.5 New Well Pump Testing to Refine Aquifer Properties Characterization

The distribution of the hydraulic conductivities in the Napa Valley as presented by Faye (1973) was based on data recorded on historical drillers' reports. During the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization (LSCE and MBK, 2013), it became evident, based on the approximately 1,300 reports reviewed, that most of the "test" data are insufficient to adequately determine or estimate aquifer characteristics and to reliably determine well yield, since most of these data were recorded during airlift operations rather than a pumping test. As further discussed in the Special Study, similar limitations were encountered with the quality of well test data in the Special Study Area. Currently, test methods accepted in the County's Well and Groundwater Ordinance allow bailing, airlifting, pumping, or any manner of testing generally acceptable within the well drilling industry to determine well yield.

**New Well Pump Testing:** Napa County will develop appropriate standards and require that pumping test data be collected when new production wells are constructed in areas where the distribution of hydraulic conductivities is less well known, including the Northeast Napa Management Area east of the Napa River and in deeper geologic units throughout the rest of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Because older and less productive geologic formations occur near ground surface in the northeast Napa Area east of the Napa River, it is likely that pump tests will need to be performed for all new production wells in that area (**Figure 2-1**). Test results will not only provide valuable information regarding aquifer properties; true pump testing will provide well owners with more meaningful information about well capacity than the typical tests of well yield reported on historical well completion reports. Similar pump testing will be required for non-domestic production wells, and for wells that are completed in deeper units below the Quaternary alluvium throughout the Napa Valley Subbasin.

#### 4.1.6 Increased Water Conservation and Evaluation of Recharge Opportunities

In recognition of the County's countywide goals to promote sustainable use and management of water, maintain or improve ecosystem health, and increase climate resiliency, these goals will receive extra attention across the entire Napa Valley Subbasin. Innovative conservation approaches will be encouraged, along with targeted recharge strategies that have the potential to improve ecologic habitat, sustain water resources, and improve water resources resiliency under future climate conditions. As described in the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report, opportunities for strategic recharge will be evaluated, particularly along the Subbasin margin and in consideration of hydrogeologic factors (LSCE, 2016b).

**Increased Water Conservation and Recharge:** Napa County will evaluate approaches for retaining and using stormwater and/or tile drain water to increase water conservation, examining opportunities to reduce pumping and streamflow diversions, potentially lessening

streamflow effects during drier years or drier periods of the year, and creating additional climate resiliency through targeted recharge strategies.

## 5.0 SUMMARY

This Amendment to the report *Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability, A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin* (LSCE, 2016b) designates the Northeast Napa Management Area over approximately 1,960 acres of the 45,928-acres Subbasin. Section 355.10(b) of the GSP Regulations allows that “An Agency may amend a Plan at any time, and submit the amended Plan to the Department for evaluation pursuant to the requirements of this Subchapter.” Napa County has developed this Amendment in order to support its continued implementation of the SGMA for the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin.

This Amendment does not change the findings of the 2016 Basin Analysis Report, instead it provides additional detail about conditions in the Study Area, specifically the area designated as the Northeast Napa Management Area and establishes additional sustainable management criteria and management actions intended to support continued groundwater sustainability in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

In 2016, Napa County initiated a Special Groundwater Study to understand recent, historical changes in water level trends in a small portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin. The study area included a portion of the Subbasin marked by abrupt variations in the nature and quality of water-bearing geologic formations in the Subbasin. The geologic variation has been mapped as coincident with the East Napa Fault Zone, which generally follows the Napa River channel in portions of the Subbasin between the Town of Yountville and the City of Napa.

A numerical groundwater flow model was developed for the study to analyze groundwater conditions in an area covering approximately 9.5 square miles over a 28-year period from 1988 to 2015. The average annual water budget developed for the Study Area using the numerical flow model shows the area to be in balance with inflows and outflows nearly equal over the 28-year period.

Additional analyses performed using the numerical flow model show that groundwater conditions in the Napa Valley Subbasin east of the Napa River within the study area are significantly influenced by climatic factors, geologic features that are distinct from those of the larger Napa Valley Subbasin, and cones of depression in the adjacent MST Subarea external to the Napa Valley Subbasin (LSCE, 2017).

GSP Regulations adopted by the California Water Commission in 2016 define a management area as, “an area within a basin for which the Plan may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors” (Section 351). Because the northeast Napa Area, east of the River, includes a relatively thin veneer of alluvial deposits overlying semi-consolidated rock and because groundwater conditions are significantly influenced by climatic factors, Napa County has designated the Northeast Napa Management Area within the Napa Valley Subbasin.

The management area designation includes seven representative monitoring sites, each with quantitative minimum thresholds and measurable objectives, established to aid the County in evaluating future groundwater conditions in the Northeast Napa Management Area.

This Amendment also incorporates six management actions developed based on needs identified during the Special Study. Napa County will lead implementation of these management actions, with outreach to users of groundwater and other stakeholders as described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016b). These management actions complement the management actions described in the 2016 Basin Analysis Report in that they are intended to enable continued attainment of the SGMA Sustainability Goal for the Napa Valley Subbasin. The management actions include:

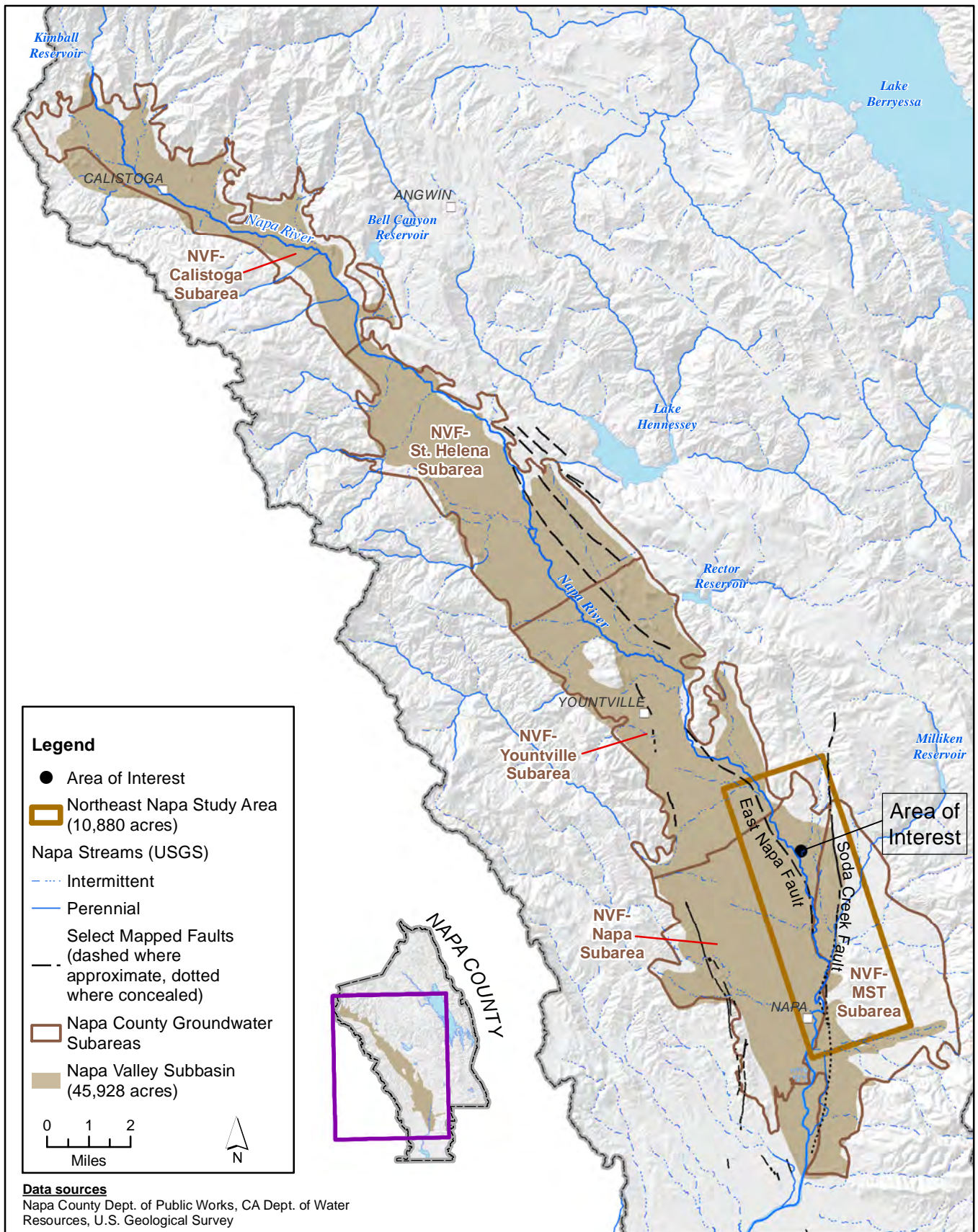
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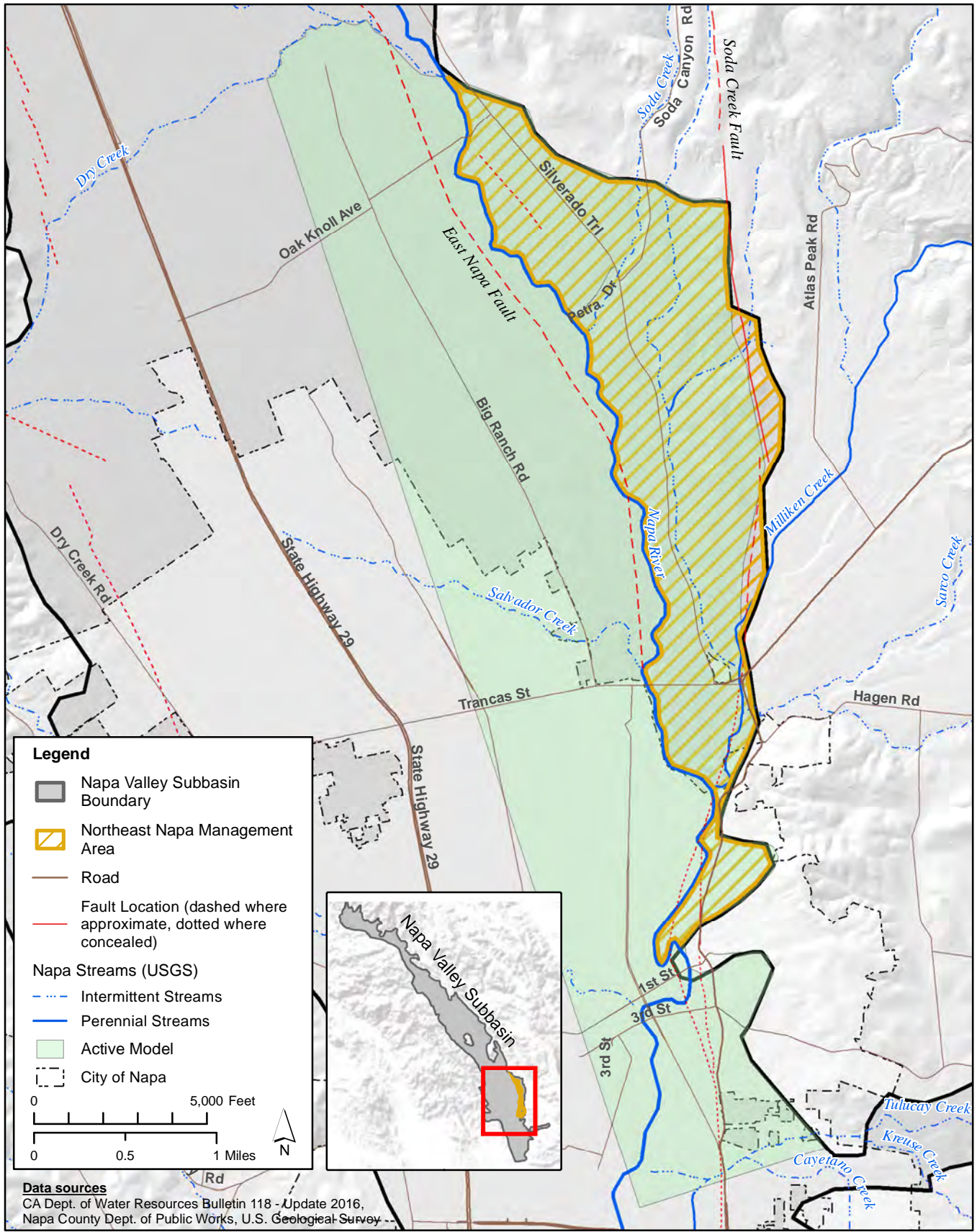
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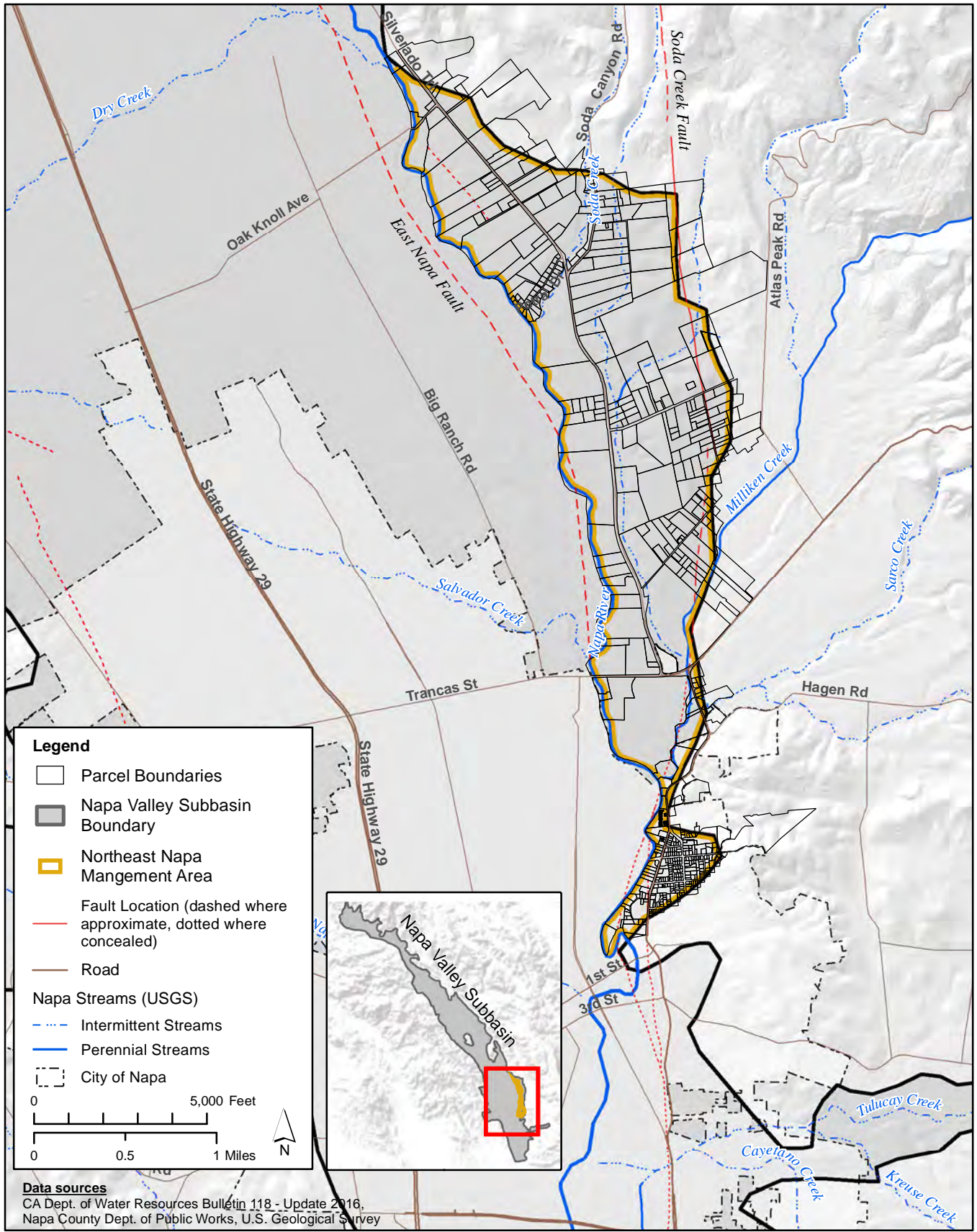


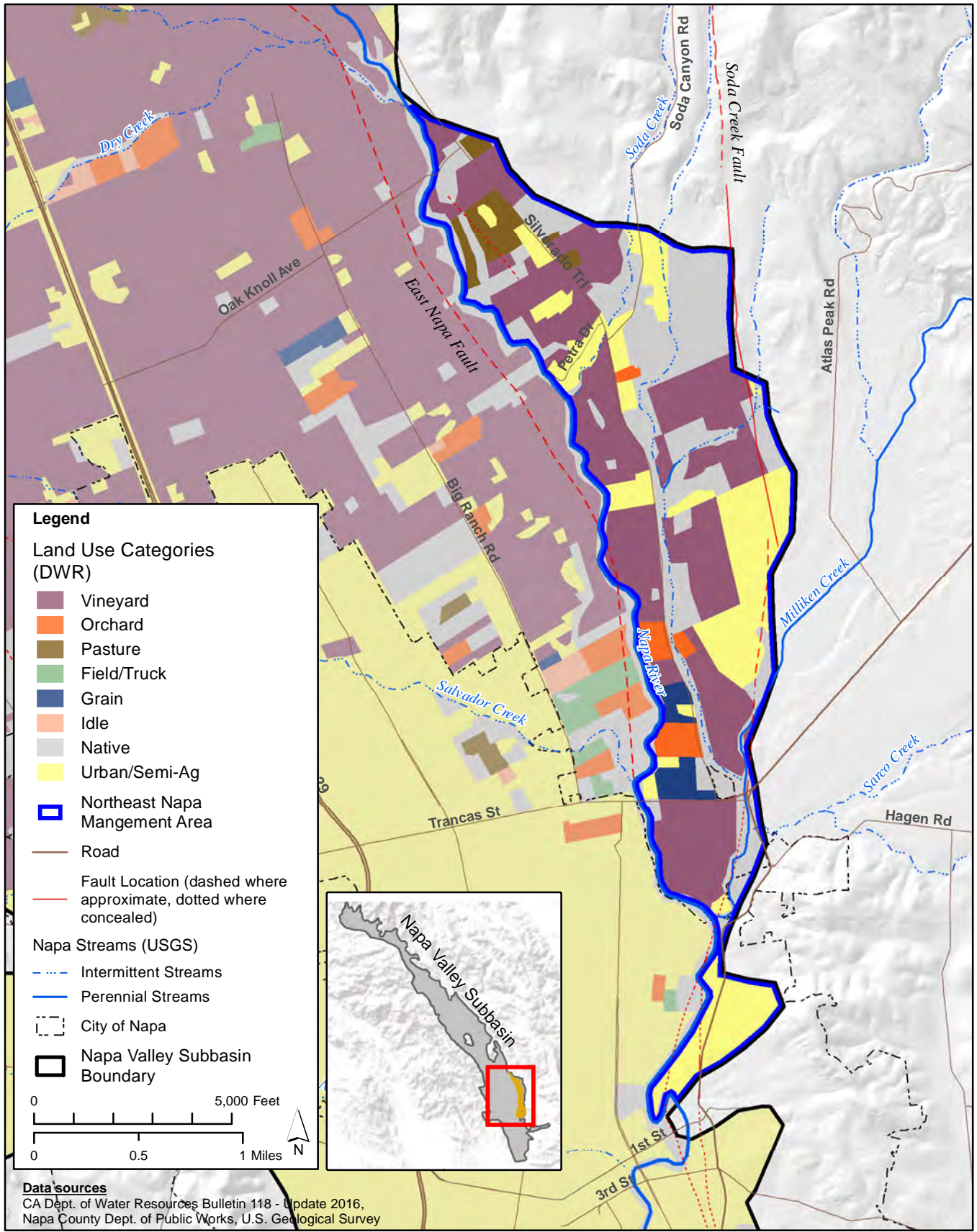
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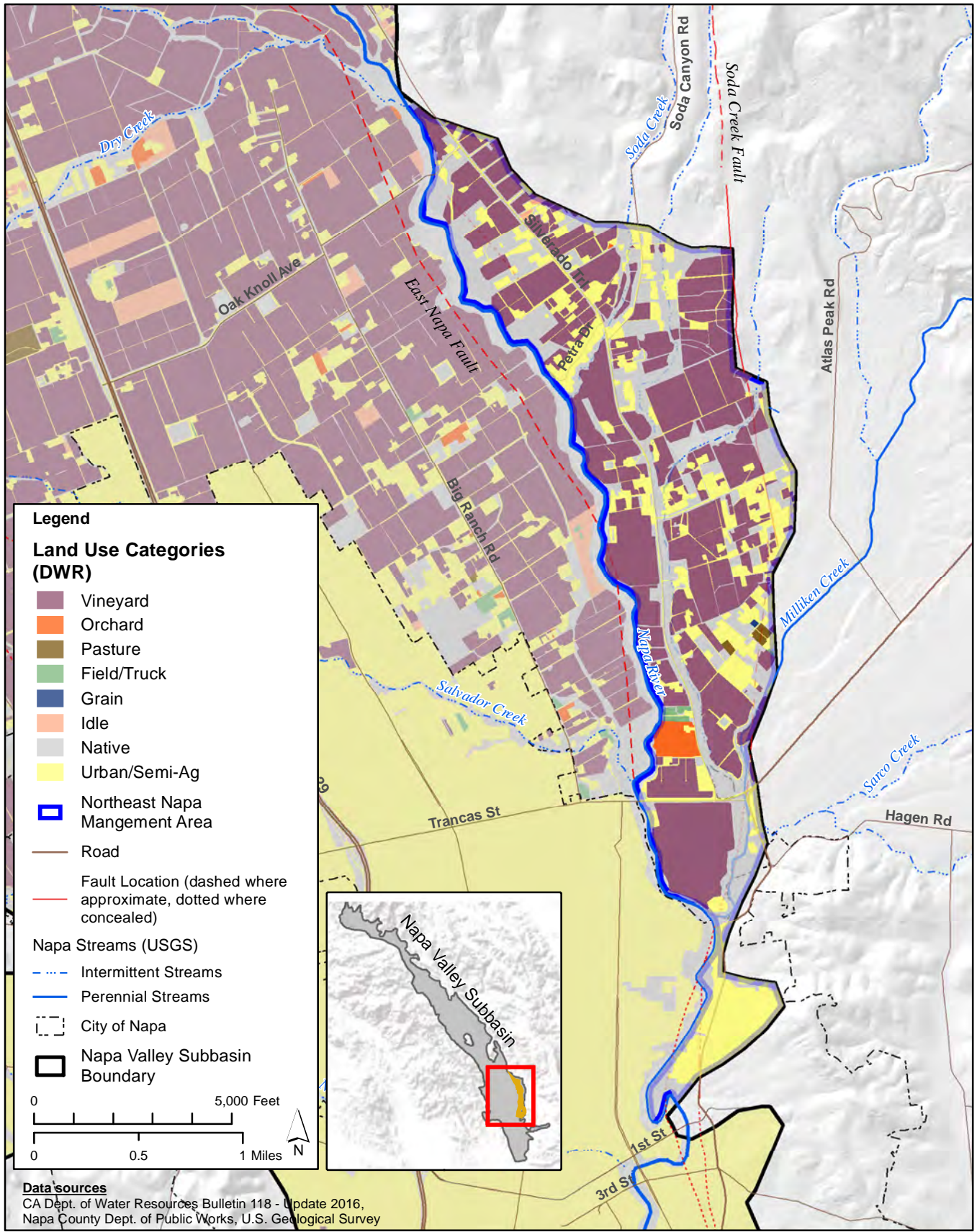
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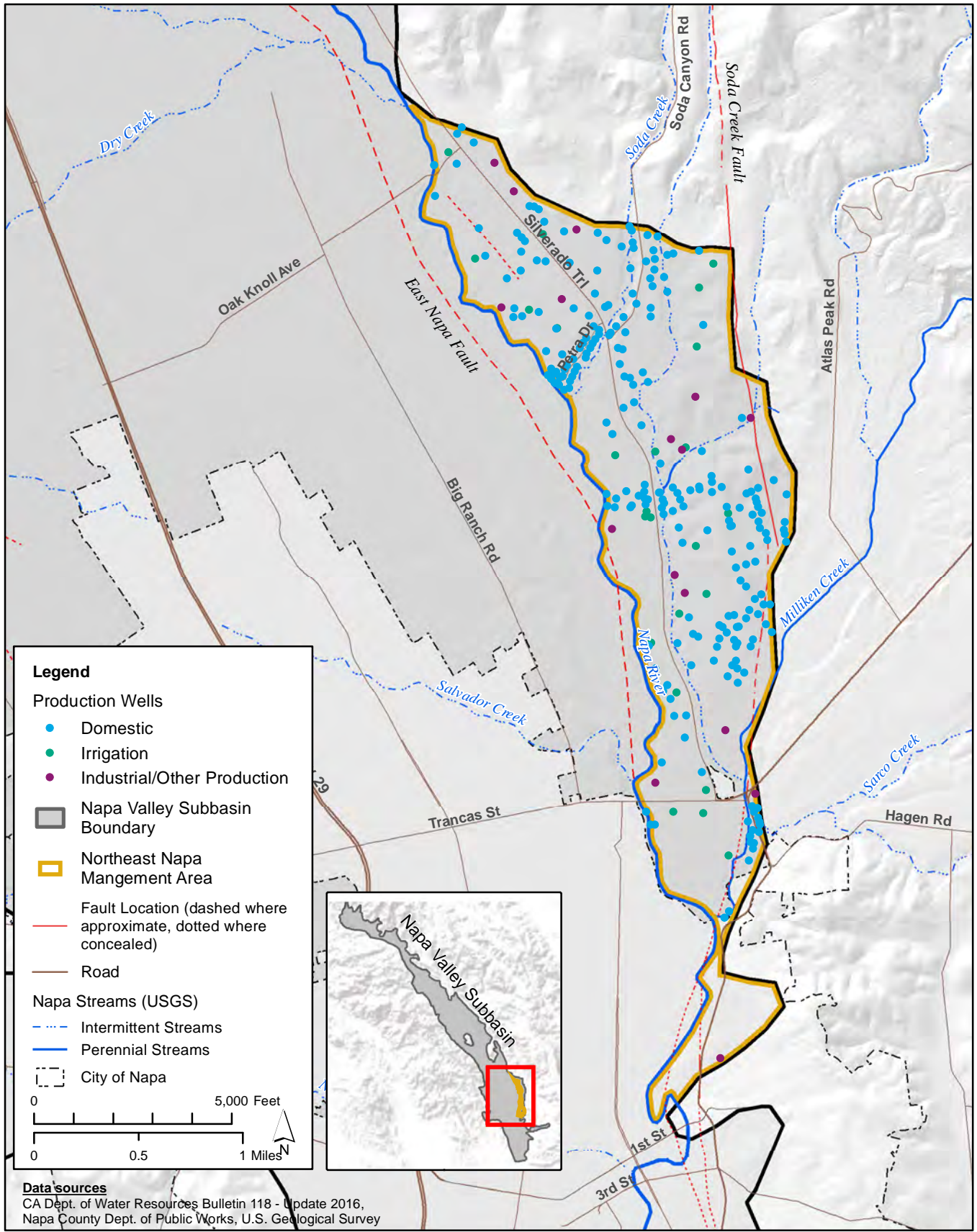


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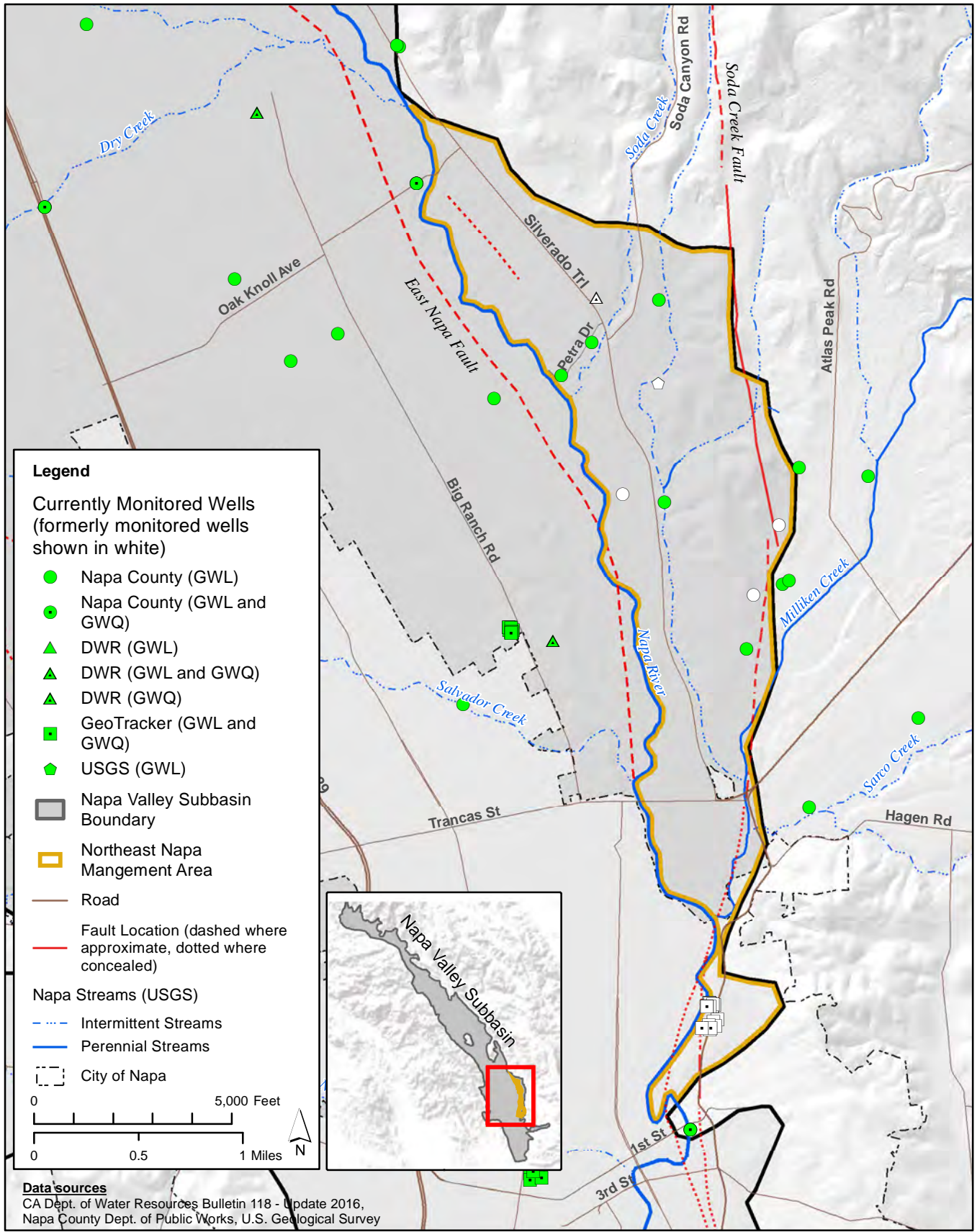


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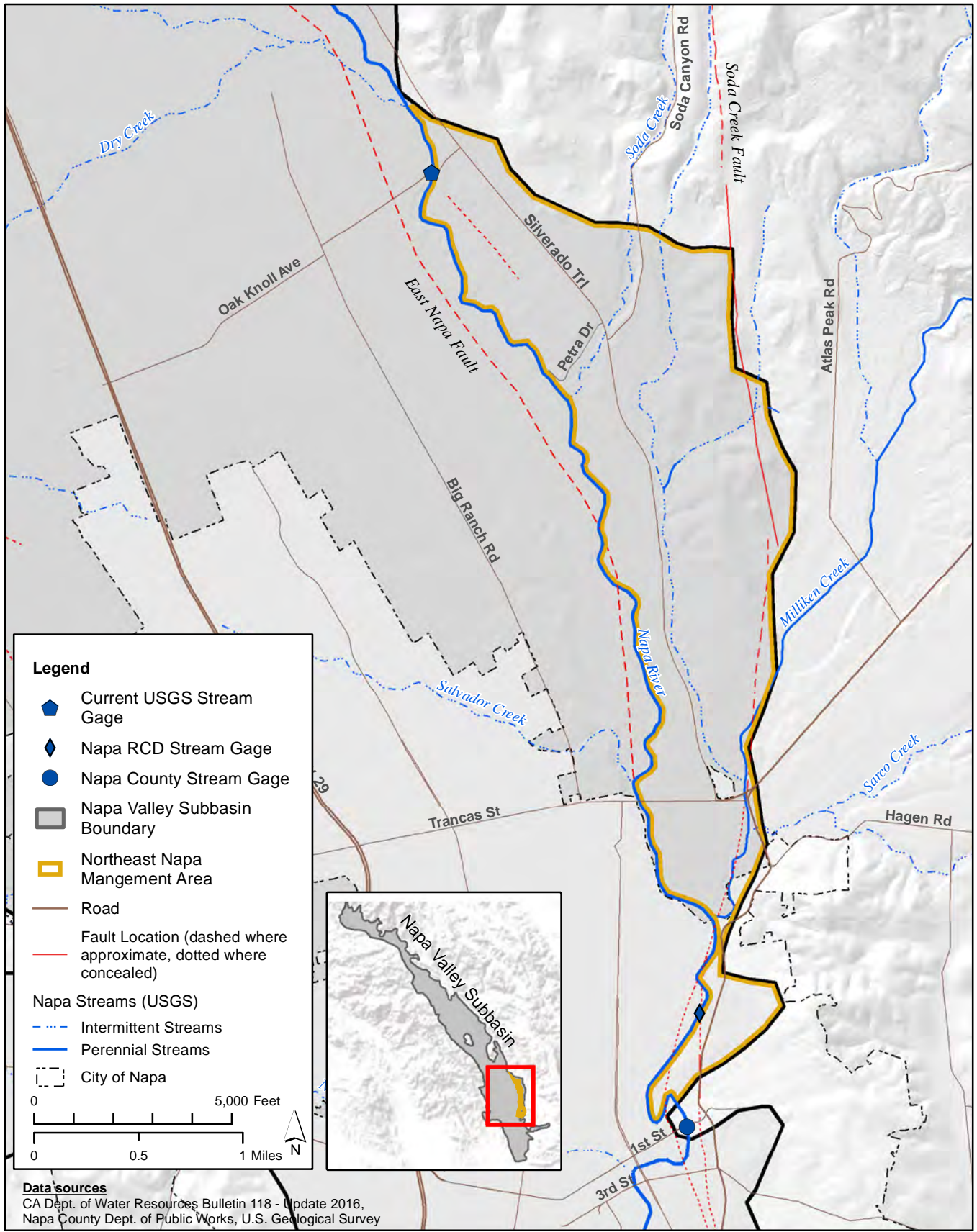
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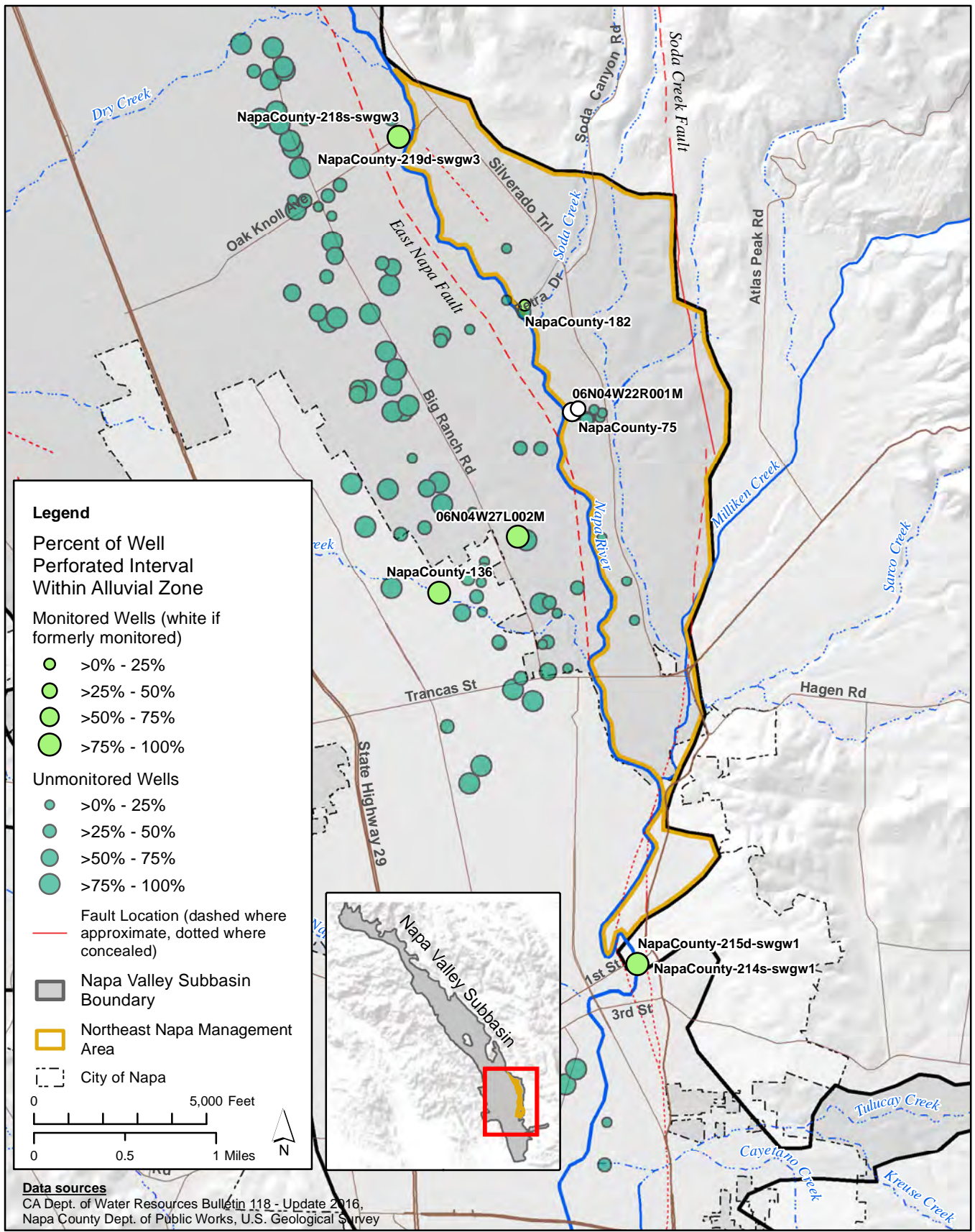
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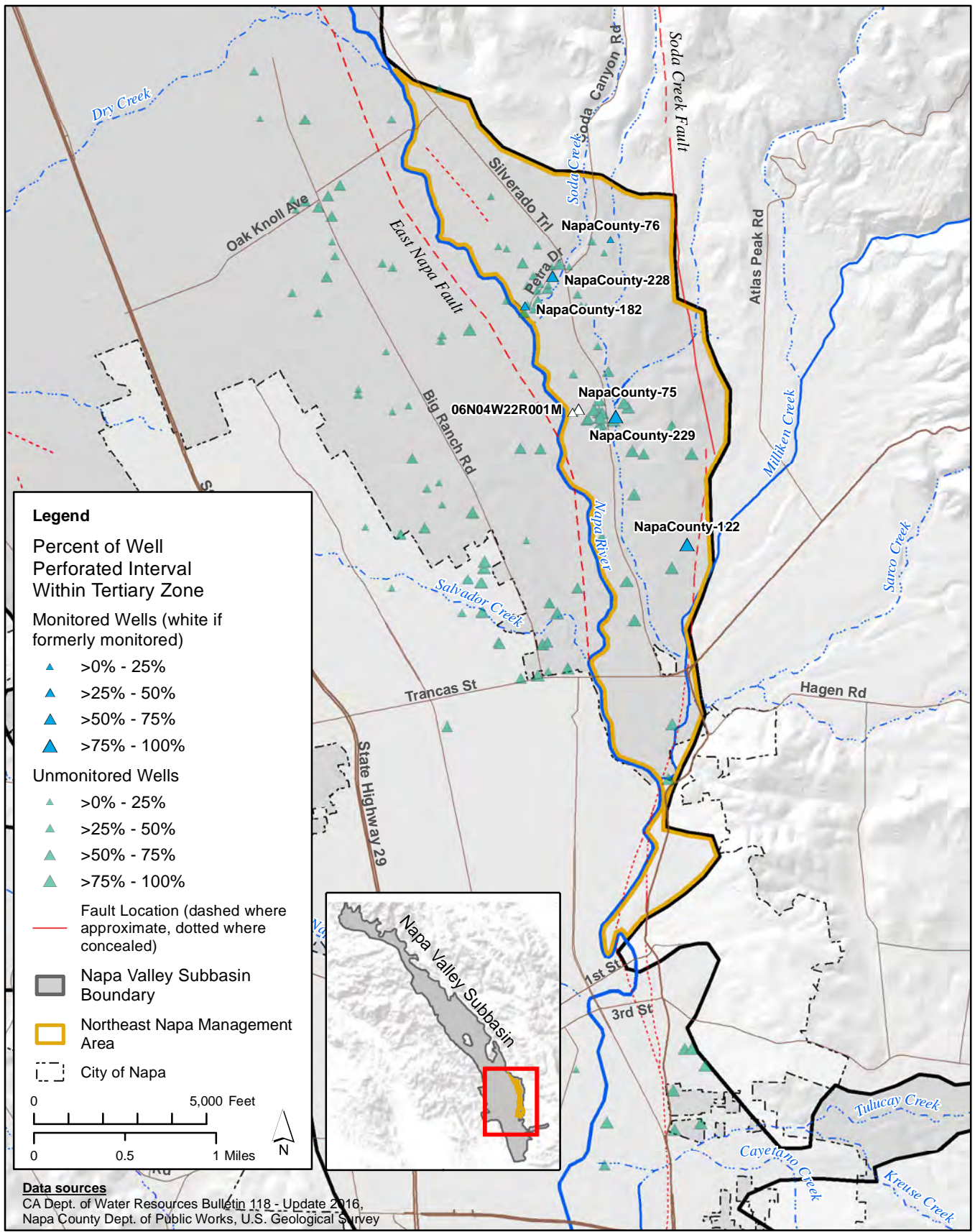




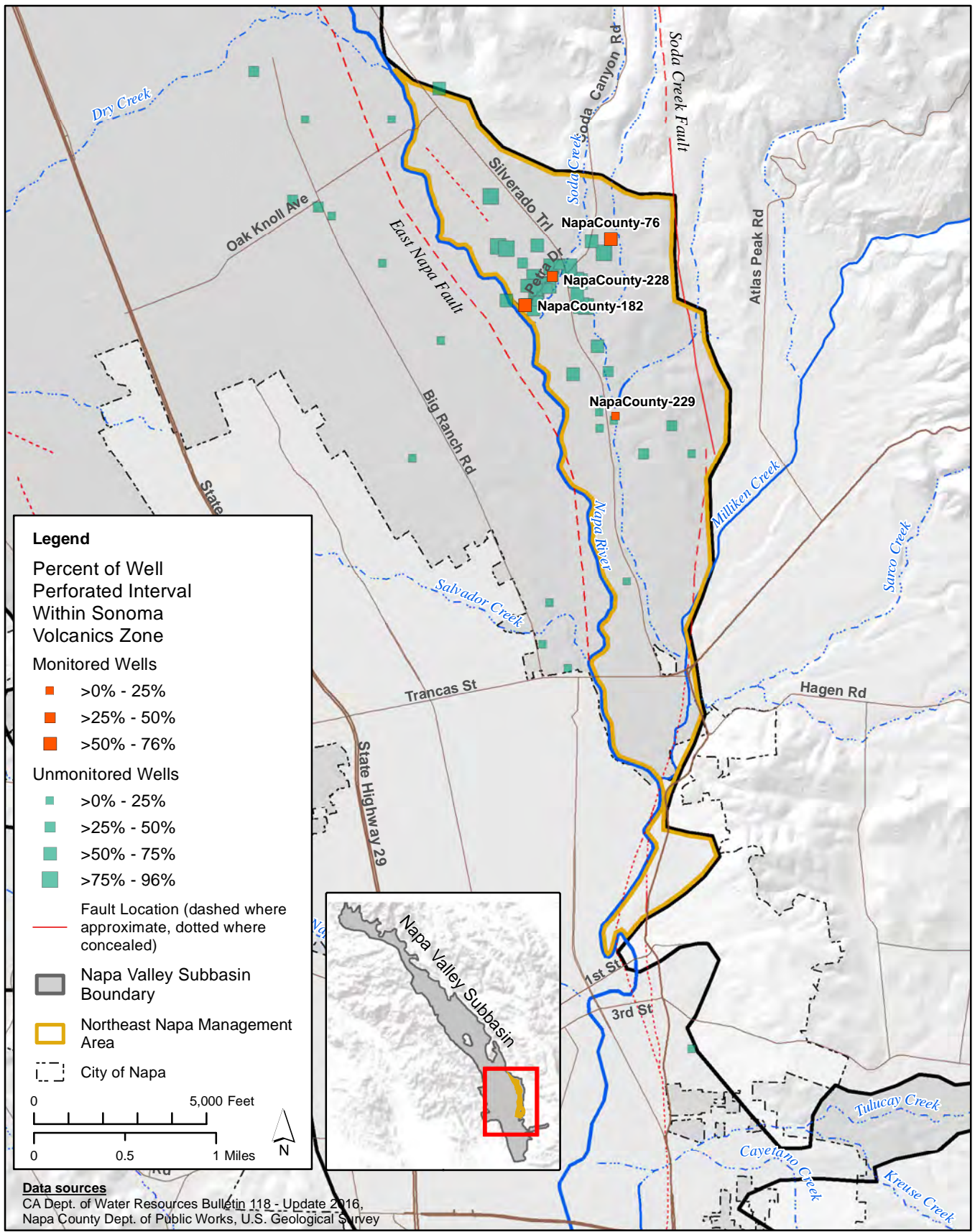
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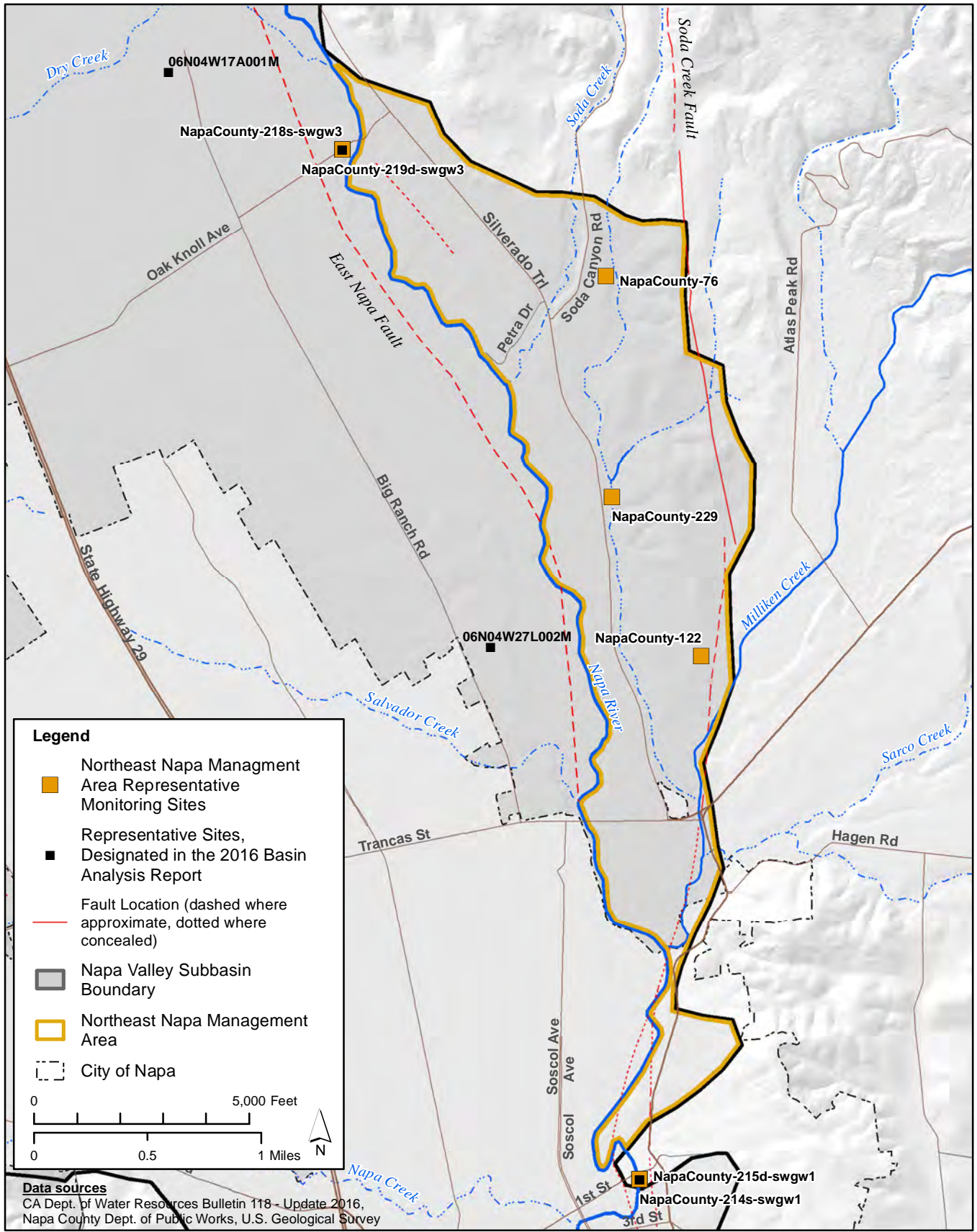


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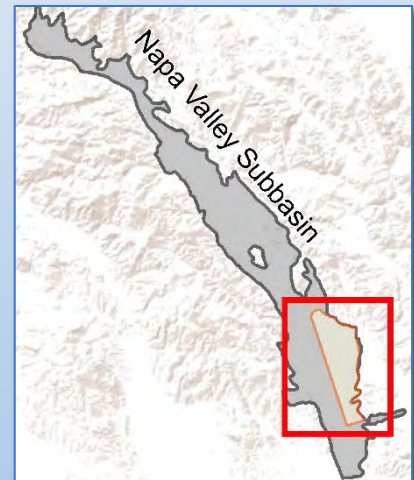
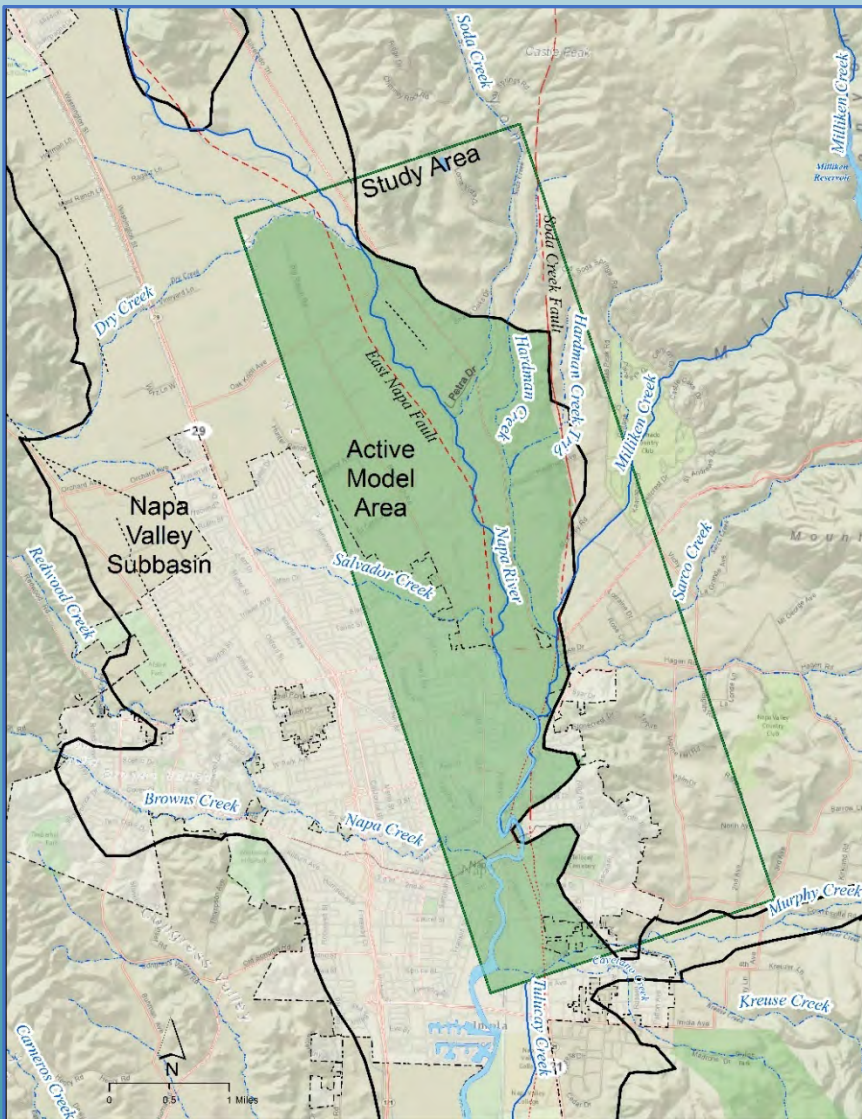
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## **Northeast Napa Area**

### **Special Groundwater Study**



# NORTHEAST NAPA AREA: SPECIAL GROUNDWATER STUDY



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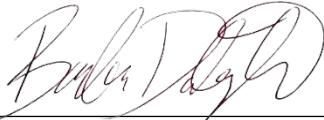


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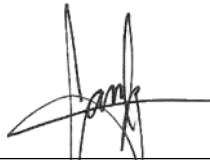
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AF	Acre-feet
AFY	Acre-feet per year
AOI	Area(s) of Interest
AWC	Available Water Capacity
BCM	U.S. Geological Survey California Basin Characterization Model
BMP	Best Management Practices
BOS	Board of Supervisors
CalEPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
CASGEM	California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring
CCP	Center for Collaborative Policy
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CEMAR	Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFS	Cubic feet per second
CFWS	California Fish and Wildlife Service
CGPS	Continuous Global Positioning System
CGS	California Geological Survey
CIMIS	California Irrigation Management Information System
DMS	Database Management System
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
DFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
EC	Electrical conductivity
ET	Evapotranspiration
eWRIMS	State Water Resources Control Board Electronic Water Rights Information Management System
ft	Feet
ft/d	Feet per day
ft <sup>3</sup> /d	Cubic feet per day
GAMA	Groundwater Ambient Monitoring Assessment

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GDE	Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPM	Gallons per minute
GRAC	Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
GPS	Global Positioning System
GWE	Groundwater Elevation
GWL	Groundwater Level
GWQ	Groundwater Quality
IRWMP	Integrated Water Resources Management Plan
ITRC	Irrigation Training & Research Center
Ksat	Saturated hydraulic conductivity
LGA	Local Groundwater Assistance
LSCE	Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers, Inc.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
mg/L	Milligrams per liter
MST	Milliken-Sarco-Tulucay
m.y.	Million years
NBA	North Bay Aqueduct
NCFCWCD	Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NSH	Napa State Hospital
POD	Points of Diversion
QA	Quaternary Alluvium
Qsb	Quaternary sedimentary basin
RCD	Resource Conservation District
RWMG	Regional Water Management Group
S	Storativity
SAGBI	Soil Agricultural Groundwater Banking Index

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SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SSURGO	Soil Survey Geographic Database
Subbasin	Napa Valley Subbasin
SWN	State Well Number
SWP	State Water Project
SWRCB	California State Water Resources Control Board
T	Transmissivity
Tca/b	Sonoma Volcanics conglomerate/breccias
Tcg/b	Tertiary Conglomerate/breccias
Td	Tertiary marine rocks
TDS	total dissolved solids
TQsb	Tertiary and early Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits
TQsbu	Tertiary - Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits undivided
Tsct	Tuff beds
Tss/h	Tertiary sedimentary rocks
Tsv	Sonoma volcanics
Tsva	Sonoma volcanics andesite
Tsvab	Andesite lava flows or breccias
Tsvt	Tuffs
µg/L	Micrograms Per Liter
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
UWMP	Urban Water Management Plan
WAA	Water Availability Analysis
WDL	Water Data Library
WELO	Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
WICC	Watershed Information & Conversation Council
WQ	Water Quality
WTP	Water Treatment Plant
WY	Water Year

## Overview

Groundwater level trends in a small portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin led to a special study of an area northeast of the City of Napa and west of the Milliken, Sarco, Tulucay (MST) Subarea. This area, referred to as the northeast Napa Area, or Study Area, shows historical groundwater level trends east of the Napa River that are different from and not representative of those that are typical of groundwater level trends for the overall groundwater basin. The Study Area contains some wells that have historical groundwater level declines, but those levels have stabilized since about 2009. Land use in the Study Area is marked by agriculture (vineyards) and wineries, as well as urban and semi-agricultural land uses.

The County authorized this study to better understand groundwater conditions and potential factors relating to historical groundwater level declines in this localized area. Potential concerns included continued groundwater development in the area (particularly east of the Napa River), a complex hydrogeologic setting which includes mapped faults (East Napa Fault Zone, the Soda Creek Fault and other concealed faults), and the presence of the Napa River.

The study includes evaluation of the potential effects from pumping in the Study Area; potential mutual well interference in the Petra Drive area; potential streamflow effects; assessment of the potential influence of previously documented groundwater cones of depression in the MST Subarea; assessment of the groundwater supply sufficiency to meet current and potential future groundwater demands for the Study Area; and assessment of whether potential groundwater management measures or controls are warranted in the Study Area.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ES 1 Introduction

In order to understand recent changes in water level trends in a small portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin, Napa County directed an investigation into the northeastern corner of the Napa Subarea (**Figure 1-1**). This area, referred to as the northeast Napa Area, or Study Area, shows historical groundwater level trends east of the Napa River that are different from and not representative of those that are typical of groundwater level trends for the overall Napa Valley Subbasin. The Study Area contains two wells that have historical groundwater level declines of between 20 feet and 30 feet<sup>1</sup>, but those levels have stabilized since about 2009. Due to potential concerns relating to continued groundwater development in the area, and due to the complex hydrogeologic setting which includes mapped faults and the Napa River in relatively close proximity to the area of interest, the County authorized this study to better understand groundwater conditions and potential factors relating to historical groundwater levels in the northeast Napa Area. The study includes evaluation of the potential effects from pumping in the overall Study Area, potential mutual well interference in the Petra Drive area, and potential streamflow effects.

The objectives of this study are designed to:

1. Examine existing and future water use in the northeast Napa Area,

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<sup>1</sup> Both of these wells are constructed in aquifer units with semi-confined characteristics. Groundwater level declines in these wells do not imply equivalent declines in the unconfined water table.

2. Identify sources of groundwater recharge, and
3. Evaluate the geologic setting to address questions regarding the potential for long-term effects on groundwater resources and streamflow.

Significant data collection and compilation occurred to complete the analysis. Existing information was reviewed, including well locations, well construction, and water use. Well performance data including yield, specific capacity, and pump test data (if available) were tabulated. The geologic and hydrogeologic setting was evaluated within the context of historical groundwater conditions and trends for the Study Area, and in consideration of previously mapped faults, the thickness of the alluvium, and the channel geometry of the Napa River and tributaries within the Study Area. The potential recharge to the Study Area was estimated spatially using a previously completed Root Zone Model (LSCE, 2016c). Datasets for water demands were developed for the study; these account for land uses, sources of supply, locations of wells and surface water diversions, and variations in rainfall over time. Streamflow, surface water level data (stage data), and diversion amounts were collected and estimated for the Napa River and 9 tributaries within the Study Area.

A transient numerical groundwater flow model has been developed that incorporates the data collected for a base period of water years from 1988 to 2015 to analyze groundwater conditions in the study area and the area of interest near Petra Drive. The purpose of the groundwater flow model included the assessment of potential mutual well interference of wells located in the Petra Drive area; assessment of the potential streamflow effects from current land use; assessment of the potential influence of previously documented groundwater cones of depression in the MST Subarea to the east of the Study Area; assessment of the groundwater supply sufficiency to meet current and potential future groundwater demands for the Study Area; and the assessment of whether potential groundwater management measures or controls (like those successfully implemented in the MST) are warranted in the Study Area.

## ES 2 Study Area Description

The northeast Napa Study Area (Study Area) covers approximately 10,880 acres within and adjacent to the Napa Valley Groundwater Subbasin and includes about 16% of the Subbasin (**Figure 2-3**). Approximately 1,960 acres of the Study Area (about 4% of the Napa Valley Subbasin) is east of the Napa River and includes the area of interest near Petra Drive. As its name suggests, the Study Area coincides with the northeastern portion of the Napa Valley Floor – Napa Subarea. The Study Area extends south from Dry Creek to Tulucay Creek along the Napa River, for about 6.5 miles. Laterally, the Study Area extends from the eastern boundary of the Napa Valley Subbasin westward to about the midline of the Subbasin. The Study Area purposely spans the Napa River to allow for a more complete analysis of interactions between surface water and groundwater, and to facilitate comparisons of groundwater conditions east of the Napa River with conditions in the larger portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin on the west side of the River.

The numerical groundwater flow model (Model) covers the Study Area, with its Active Model Area boundaries delineated based on the Napa Valley Subbasin hydrogeologic conceptual model (LSCE, 2016c). The Active Model Area covers 6,090 acres (which is somewhat smaller than the total Study Area), with over 2,000 acres located within the City of Napa, and the remainder overlying

unincorporated areas of the Napa Valley Subbasin (**Figure 1-1**). The model simulates groundwater and surface water conditions over the selected base period of water year<sup>2</sup>(WY) 1988 to 2015. This base period represents: long-term annual water supply; inclusion of both wet and dry stress periods; antecedent dry conditions; adequate data availability; inclusion of current land use conditions; and current water management conditions.

Land use in the Active Model Area is marked by agriculture (39%), as well as urban and semi-agricultural land uses (40%). Land use surveys from 1987, 1999, and 2011 conducted by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) were incorporated into this analysis, including some identification of irrigation water source and irrigation methods. Land use classifications used are consistent with those applied in DWR land use surveys. Agricultural uses, municipal land use, rural residential and farmsteads, and wineries were incorporated into the land use assessment in this report. Water sources for all land use classes in the Study Area include groundwater, surface water<sup>3</sup>, and recycled water.

### **ES 3 Geology, Aquifers, and Groundwater Occurrence**

The geologic setting of the Napa Valley Subbasin determines the physical properties of the aquifer system as well as the structural properties that influence groundwater storage, availability, recharge and flow within the subsurface. These physical and structural properties are described as part of the conceptual model for the Napa Valley Subbasin, which includes the current Study Area (LSCE, 2016c). The components of the hydrogeologic conceptual model also describe the primary processes that lead to inflows, outflows and groundwater storage.

Subbasin inflows are characterized by:

- 1) Root Zone Groundwater Recharge;
- 2) Napa Valley Subbasin Uplands Runoff;
- 3) Napa Valley Subbasin Uplands Subsurface Inflow; and
- 4) Surface Water Deliveries.

Subbasin outflows consist of:

- 1) Surface Water Outflow of Stormflow and Baseflow;
- 2) Subsurface Groundwater Outflow;
- 3) Consumptive Use of Surface Water and Groundwater; and
- 4) Urban Wastewater Outflow.

Subbasin groundwater storage consists of groundwater storage, primarily from Quaternary alluvial deposits.

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<sup>2</sup> In this report, a water year refers to the period from October 1 through the following September 30, designated by the calendar year in which it ends (e.g., November 1, 1987 and July 1, 1988 are both in the 1988 water year).

<sup>3</sup> Sources of surface water in the Study Area include direct diversions from the Napa River, primarily for crop production in areas of agricultural land uses, and surface water distributed by the City of Napa from sources including the City's reservoirs in the Napa River Watershed and reservoirs outside of the Napa River Watershed that are part of the State Water Project.

The Napa Valley Subbasin of the Napa-Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin underlies much of the Napa Valley and lies entirely within Napa County, overlain by the City of Napa, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, and City of Calistoga. Surficial geologic maps of the Napa Valley area, developed by various authors spanning over a hundred years. Three major geologic units in the Napa Valley area have been consistently recognized and remain largely unchanged, except in the names applied to them and interpretations of how they were originally formed. These three major units are Mesozoic rocks, Tertiary volcanic and sedimentary rocks, and Quaternary sedimentary deposits. These same major geologic units exist within the northeast Napa Study Area and are represented in the numerical groundwater flow model Active Model Area.

Contemporary geologic cross sections developed in the vicinity of the Active Model Area have informed the model development and have been used to incorporate the current day hydrogeologic conceptualization into the model design (LSCE and MBK, 2013). These cross sections show the general subsurface geologic patterns of the lower valley associated with the northeast Napa Study Area.

The Quaternary alluvial deposits comprise the primary aquifer units of the Subbasin. The alluvium was divided into three facies according to patterns detected in the lithologic record and used to delineate the depositional environment which formed them: fluvial, alluvial fan, and sedimentary basin (LSCE and MBK, 2013 and LSCE, 2013). The alluvial deposits have different well yields and variable hydraulic properties. In the Study Area, alluvial deposits are a significant source of groundwater west of the Napa River; however, east of the River the alluvium is thinner and also indicated to be unsaturated in some locations. All of the Tertiary units beneath the Napa Valley Floor and beneath the Study Area appear to be low to moderately water yielding with poor aquifer characteristics (LSCE and MBK, 2013). Although wells completed in these Tertiary units may be locally capable of producing sufficient volumes of water to meet various water demands, their contribution to the overall production of groundwater within the Study Area is limited, and their hydraulic properties are reflective of this.

There are two main faults in the Study Area: the East Napa Fault Zone and the Soda Creek Fault (**Figure-1-1**). The East Napa Fault is a concealed fault extending northward just west of or below the river from near Trancas Street to Oak Knoll Avenue (LSCE and MBK, 2013). Evidence of the fault zone has been derived from subsurface information and from an isostatic gravity map.<sup>4</sup> Other concealed faults, whether mapped or not, exist in this area as part of the East Napa Fault Zone. One such fault is located on the east side of the Napa River between Petra Drive and Oak Knoll Avenue, but its northward and southward extent is still unknown. Soda Creek Fault slices through the Sonoma Volcanics along the western edge of the MST and appears to limit flow from the MST into the Napa Valley, acting as a hydrologic barrier at depth.

#### **ES 4 Northeast Napa Area Model Development**

The U.S. Geological Survey public domain software, MODFLOW (and accompanying model packages), was selected as the modeling platform to develop a numerical groundwater flow model to conduct analyses in the Study Area. The total active modeled area is approximately 9.5 square miles and contains

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<sup>4</sup> Isostatic gravity maps depict detectable variations in gravitational force (e.g., gravity) observed over an area. After controlling for influences including latitude and tidal fluctuations, isostatic gravity maps provide a representation of geologic structure that results from variations in rock density across geologic formations.



6 model layers (**Figure 3-2**). The model grid cell size is 100 feet by 100 feet. The first three model layers (layers 1-3) compose the alluvial aquifer; the next two model layers (layers 4-5) represent the underlying Tertiary sediments and rocks; and the base layer (layer 6) represents the Sonoma Volcanics. The transient model simulates groundwater and surface water conditions over a 28-year period from 1988 to 2015. The model includes a total of 10 rivers, creeks, and tributaries. Eleven surface water diversions are also represented. The model contains 594 wells (actual and “inferred”, with the latter based on estimated water demands and water sources). Irrigation pumping demands include demands for agricultural crop irrigation as well as irrigation demands for landscaping associated with residences and commercial land uses. Where groundwater is identified as the water source, water demands for indoor residential uses and winery uses were also distributed to wells in the model domain.

The model was calibrated to improve its ability to simulate groundwater level measurements from throughout the Active Model Area by adjusting the following components: aquifer parameters (horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivity and storage), streambed conductivity, model layering, and general head boundary conditions. 182 wells with water level data were used for model calibration, including 12 County monitored wells and 4 County surface water/groundwater interaction monitored locations.

## **ES 5 Model Scenarios**

The calibrated baseline model provides insight into the workings of the groundwater system in the northeast Napa Area.

Three sensitivity scenarios were created to evaluate groundwater and surface water responses to a range of groundwater pumping conditions within the Active Model Area, relative to the results to the baseline calibrated model. The sensitivity scenarios include:

- Reduced pumping to zero (no pumping);
- Reduced pumping to rates in each well for each month in water year 1988;
- Doubled pumping in each well for each stress period for the duration of the simulation period.

## **ES 6 Findings and Recommendations**

The results for the northeast Napa Area study indicate that groundwater in this localized area is in balance, with inflows and outflows nearly equal, over the 28-year period studied. During drier years, groundwater levels have declined and in normal to wetter years groundwater levels have recovered. East of the Napa River, two wells in Napa County’s monitoring network, completed in deeper formations, showed historical groundwater level declines; however, groundwater levels in these wells have stabilized since about 2009. The study indicates that the main factor contributing to prior declines in these wells is the effect of the cones of depression that developed in the MST in response to pumping in poorly permeable aquifer materials. The dense spacing of private water supply wells, particularly in the Petra Drive area, may also have contributed to the localized groundwater decline.

Groundwater discharge contributes significantly to the baseflow component of streamflow during most months of the year in this reach of the Napa River in the model domain, which is categorized as perennial. However, most tributaries to the Napa River in the model domain, such as Soda Creek, are

categorized as seasonally intermittent. A losing condition is typical for Soda Creek during most times of the year (especially in the summer and fall), and its flows are affected more by drier water years rather than by pumping.

Typical of streams in the area, less groundwater is discharged to the Napa River during drier water years when recharge and lateral subsurface flows into the Study Area are reduced. The influence of groundwater pumping and climatic effects, represented by recharge and lateral subsurface flow, on groundwater discharge to the Napa River were analyzed using the results from the baseline calibrated model and two sensitivity scenarios: pumping restricted to 1988 pumping levels and doubled pumping relative to the estimated pumping that has occurred over the 1988 to 2015 base period.<sup>5</sup> Climatic effects were found to have a much greater effect on groundwater discharge to the River for all three groundwater pumping options.

Additional pumping can occur in the northeast Napa Study Area; however, targeted management measures are recommended to ensure groundwater conditions remain sustainable and streamflow depletion caused by pumping does not become significant and unreasonable. Because the northeast Napa Area, especially east of the River, includes a relatively thin veneer of alluvial deposits overlying semi-consolidated rock and because the average annual water budget is about in balance, it is recommended that the area east of the Napa River become a management area within the Napa Valley Subbasin to ensure groundwater sustainability. The management area would include 1,950 acres (4% of the Napa Valley Subbasin) (**Figure 5-1**).

Study findings and recommended actions to maintain groundwater sustainability in the northeast Napa Area (and also the Napa Valley Subbasin) are summarized below. The recommended actions are consistent with the potential groundwater management measures referenced in the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016c).

## FINDINGS

A summary of the findings from the analysis of groundwater and surface water in the northeast Napa Area are listed below:

- 1) Groundwater storage played the smallest role in the water budget, hovering around net-zero annually (inflow equals outflow and little water depleting or replenishing storage).
- 2) Groundwater pumping makes up the next smallest component of flow in the model domain's water budget.
- 3) Lateral subsurface flow through all of the model's boundaries is generally a net positive number; more groundwater is flowing into the model domain than is flowing out through the subsurface. When groundwater does flow out of the model area through the subsurface, it typically leaves the model via the east side near the Soda Creek Fault. This is likely influenced by the lower groundwater levels in the MST driving the easterly horizontal flow gradient.
- 4) Recharge plays a key role; it is the second largest water budget component.

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<sup>5</sup> The sensitivity scenario with no pumping was not included in the analysis because non-zero values are required for the analysis.

- 5) Within the model area flows to the Napa River dominate the groundwater budget; a large component of groundwater in the model discharges into the Napa River as baseflow. On the other hand, tributaries in the area most often discharge to groundwater, recharging the groundwater system on a seasonal basis.
- 6) Tributaries on the east side of the Napa River consistently show net losing<sup>6</sup> stream conditions over time, despite seasonal fluctuations where gaining stream conditions occur briefly. As an example, Soda Creek consistently exhibits net losing stream conditions on an annual basis (even during wet winter conditions and also during the scenario when no pumping was simulated); the Creek is more affected by precipitation, and therefore climate, than groundwater pumping in determining the rate of stream flow and leakage to groundwater.
- 7) The model results indicate a decreasing trend in the amount of groundwater contributing to stream flow starting in the late 1990s. As illustrated during the sensitivity scenario in which no groundwater pumping occurred, this recent trend can be attributed to less precipitation (climatic effects), and not due to groundwater pumping. Statistical analyses indicate that this trend is more related to climatic effects, including reduced recharge and subsurface lateral flows, rather than to groundwater pumping.
- 8) Lateral flow, the third largest component of the model domain water budget, was typically a net inflow into the area, but a trend is seen starting in 1992 that shows less regional groundwater flowing into the model area. In some years, the net annual lateral flow is out of the model domain, which may indicate a future trend, or may be the result of climatic effects during increasingly drier water years.
- 9) Geologic faulting in the model area is important to the overall behavior of water levels east of the Napa River. Additional concealed faults may be present, which may affect water levels in deeper wells in the Petra Drive area.
- 10) Statistical analyses of water budget components (including recharge, lateral flows and pumping) relative to stream leakage (groundwater contributions to Napa River baseflow) show that, over the 28-year base period, climate effects have a much greater influence on stream leakage than pumping. Climate-driven variables account for 87 to 92% of the effect on groundwater discharge to Napa River, while pumping contributes to 8 to 13% of the effect on groundwater discharge to the River.
- 11) Modeling scenarios showed:
  - a) Annual stream leakage fluxes (in and out of the surface water) were very similar even with no pumping occurring showing minimal stream impacts due to pumping;
  - b) When pumping was reduced, a slight increase in the amount of groundwater contribution to the Napa River occurred (this had about a third of the effect that subsurface lateral flow had on this type of change). For the period from 1995 to 2015, a subset of more recent years analyzed to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time, with pumping

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<sup>6</sup> Water is flowing into the ground from a stream when there is no direct connection between the stream and groundwater. A stream connected with groundwater may also have a losing condition when the stage in the stream is higher than the groundwater elevation.

reduced to 1988 conditions, the relative influence of pumping on baseflow was 2%. For the baseline scenario, over the same period, pumping is estimated to contribute to about 6% of the effect on baseflow.

- c) When pumping was doubled, a slight decrease in the amount of groundwater contributed to the Napa River occurred. For the period from 1995 to 2015, a subset of more recent years analyzed to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time, with pumping doubled, the relative contribution to baseflow effects was 10%. For the baseline scenario, over the same period, pumping is estimated to contribute to about 6% of the effect on baseflow.

12) Some drawdown effects on groundwater levels in the Petra Drive area are associated with mutual well interference; these are compounded by the high density of wells. However, these lowered levels are not as significant as the regional influence of the eastern boundary and movement of groundwater towards the MST.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

A summary of the recommendations from the analysis of groundwater and surface water conditions in the northeast Napa Area is provided below.

- A. **Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Facilities** It is recommended that the County construct shallow nested groundwater monitoring wells (like the recently installed Local Groundwater Assistance Surface Water/Groundwater monitoring facilities) east of the Napa River in the vicinity of Petra Drive. This will provide data to improve the understanding of the effect of pumping on potential streamflow depletion.
- B. **Management Area Designation** It is recommended that a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Management Area be designated for a portion of the Study Area, namely the Northeast Napa Area/East of the Napa River. SGMA defines a “management area” as an area within a basin for which a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (in this case, the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report) may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors (GSP Regulations Article 21, Section 351)(LSCE, 2016c). The northeast Napa Study Area east of the Napa River meets the criteria for management area designation due to geologic features and aquifer parameters that are distinct from those of the larger Napa Valley Subbasin.
- C. **Discretionary Project WAA Review in the Management Area** For discretionary projects, it is recommended that additional project-specific analyses (Napa County Water Availability Analysis (WAA)(2015)-Tier 2) be conducted to ensure that the proposed project location or planned use of groundwater does not cause an undesirable result (e.g., locate proposed wells at appropriate distances from surface water [or consider well construction approaches that avoid streamflow effects] and avoid mutual well interference to neighboring wells).
- D. **New Well Tracking in the Management Area** As a precautionary measure, it is recommended that the County track new non-discretionary groundwater wells constructed in this area, including their planned usage and location.

- E. **New Well Pump Testing** It is recommended that pumping test data be collected when new production wells are constructed in areas where the distribution of hydraulic conductivities is less known, including the northeast Napa Area east of the Napa River and in deeper geologic units throughout the rest of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Because older and less productive geologic formations occur near ground surface in the northeast Napa Area east of the Napa River, it is recommended that a pump test be performed for all new production wells in that area (**Figure 5-1**). Test results will not only provide valuable information regarding aquifer properties; true pump testing will provide well owners with more meaningful information about well capacity than the typical tests of well yield reported on historical well completion reports. Similar pump testing is recommended for non-domestic production wells completed in deeper units below the Quaternary alluvium throughout the Napa Valley Subbasin.
- F. **Groundwater Flow Model Development** It is recommended that a similar model be created for the entire Napa Valley Subbasin. The development of a Napa Valley Subbasin-wide modeling tool would help facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface and groundwater resources. With the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization for the Napa Valley Subbasin and the implementation of SGMA, it is recommended for regional groundwater analyses and assessment of streamflow depletion that a groundwater flow model be developed.
- G. **Increased Water Conservation and Recharge** It is recommended that countywide goals to promote sustainable use and management of water, maintain or improve ecosystem health, and increase climate resiliency receive extra attention in the northeast Napa Area. This should include evaluating approaches for retaining and using stormwater and/or tile drain water to increase water conservation, examining opportunities to reduce pumping and streamflow diversions, potentially lessening streamflow effects during drier years or drier periods of the year, and creating additional climate resiliency through targeted recharge strategies.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

Within the Napa Valley Subbasin, there is an area where historical groundwater level trends are different than those that are typical of groundwater level trends for the overall groundwater basin. This area, referred to below as the northeast Napa Area, or Study Area, is not considered to be representative of the overall Napa Valley Subbasin. In December 2015, Napa County staff reviewed updated groundwater monitoring data and the *Napa County Comprehensive Groundwater Monitoring Program 2014 Annual Report and CASGEM Update (2014 Annual Report)* and identified an area of potential concern, the northeastern corner of the Napa Subarea (Lederer, December 7, 2015 Memo). In this area, historical groundwater level declines had occurred in some wells, but groundwater levels have stabilized since about 2009. Because of the potential concerns relating to continued groundwater development in the area, and due to the hydrogeologic setting which includes mapped faults and the relative close proximity of the Napa River to the area of interest, the County authorized this study to better understand groundwater conditions and potential factors relating to historical groundwater level declines in this area. This analysis includes evaluation of the potential effects from pumping in the overall Study Area, potential mutual well interference in the Petra Drive area, and potential streamflow effects.

## 1.1 Background

Groundwater level trends in the Napa Valley Subbasin of the Napa-Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin are stable in the majority of wells with long-term groundwater level records (LSCE, 2016 and 2017). While many wells have shown at least some degree of response to recent drought conditions, the water levels observed in recent years are generally higher than groundwater levels in the same wells during the 1976 to 1977 drought. Elsewhere in the county, long-term groundwater level records are more limited, with the exception of the Milliken-Sarco-Tuluca (MST) Subarea.

Although designated as a groundwater subarea for local planning purposes, most of the MST is not part of a groundwater basin as mapped by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Groundwater level declines observed in the MST Subarea as early as the 1960s and 1970s have stabilized in most areas since about 2009. Groundwater level responses differ within the MST Subarea and even within the north, central, and southern sections of this subarea, indicating that localized conditions, whether geologic or anthropogenic in nature, might be the primary influence on groundwater level conditions in the MST Subarea.

While most wells in the Napa Valley Subbasin with long-term groundwater level records exhibit stable trends, periods of year-to-year declines in groundwater levels have been observed in some wells. From 2001 to 2009 water levels in spring declined by 28.8 feet at well NapaCounty-76 and 18.1 feet at well NapaCounth-75.<sup>7</sup> These wells are located near the Napa Valley margin, east of the Napa River, in an area where the East Napa Fault follows the Napa River and the Soda Creek Fault follows the eastern basin margin. This area (**Figure 1-1**) is characterized in part by relatively thin alluvial deposits, which may contribute to more groundwater being withdrawn from underlying semi-consolidated deposits that have low water producing properties.

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<sup>7</sup> Both of these wells are constructed in aquifer units with semi-confined characteristics. Groundwater level declines in these wells do not imply equivalent declines in the unconfined water table.

Water levels in northeastern Napa Subarea wells monitored by the County (NapaCounty-75 and Napa County-76) east of the Napa River have stabilized since 2009, though declines were observed over approximately the prior decade. To ensure continuation of the current stable groundwater levels, further study in this area was recommended in the Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Program 2014 and 2015 Annual Reports and CASGEM Updates (LSCE, 2015 and 2016). This study was also recommended given the potential for a hydraulic connection between the aquifer units in the vicinity of these wells and those of the MST Subarea and an apparent increase in new well permits over the past 10 years.

## 1.2 Study Objectives

The study was designed to examine existing and future water use in the northeast Napa Area, sources of groundwater recharge, and the geologic setting to address questions regarding the potential for long-term effects on groundwater resources and streamflow.

The study began in fall 2016 and involves the following tasks and objectives:

1. Review existing information (as known and available, such as well locations, well construction, and water use) pertaining to the Study Area, including Petra Drive;
2. Evaluate the geologic and hydrogeologic setting and historical groundwater conditions and trends for the Study Area, including previously mapped faults, the thickness of the alluvium in the Study Area, especially near the Napa River and Soda Creek;
3. Tabulate and evaluate existing well performance data (to the extent available), including yield, specific capacity, and pump test data (if any);
4. Estimate potential recharge to the Study Area;
5. Assess mutual well interference, including an analysis of potential effects from the wells located in the Petra Drive area and within the overall Study Area;
6. Assess potential streamflow effects from current land use and known proposed projects;
7. Investigate the potential influence of previously documented groundwater cones of depression in the MST Subarea on the Study Area;
8. Estimate water demands for the overall Study Area along with sources of supply used to meet Study Area water demands, including demands for variable water year types;
9. Estimate groundwater supply sufficiency to meet the current and potential future groundwater demands for the overall Study Area and other potential considerations with respect to proposed future groundwater use; and
10. Evaluate whether potential groundwater management measures or controls (like those that have been successfully implemented in the MST) are warranted.

### 1.3 Report Organization

The Northeast Napa Area report is organized as follows:

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## 2 STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION AND STUDY PERIOD DETERMINATION

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has identified the major groundwater basins and subbasins in and around Napa County; these include the Napa-Sonoma Valley Basin (which in Napa County includes the Napa Valley and Napa-Sonoma Lowlands Subbasins), Berryessa Valley Basin, Pope Valley Basin, and a very small part of the Suisun-Fairfield Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR, 2016) (**Figure 2-1**). These groundwater basins and subbasins defined by DWR are not confined by county boundaries, and DWR-designated “basin” or “subbasin” designations do not cover all of Napa County.

Groundwater conditions outside of the DWR-designated basins and subbasins are also very important in Napa County. An example of such an area is the Milliken-Sarco-Tuluca (MST) area, a locally identified groundwater deficient area. For purposes of local planning, understanding, and studies, the county has been subdivided into a series of groundwater subareas (**Figure 2-2**). These subareas were delineated based on the main watersheds and the County’s environmental resource planning areas, and with consideration of groundwater basins; these geographic subareas are not groundwater basins or subbasins. The subareas include the Knoxville, Livermore Ranch, Pope Valley, Berryessa, Angwin, Central Interior Valleys, Eastern Mountains, Southern Interior Valleys, Jameson/American Canyon, Napa River Marshes, Carneros, Western Mountains Subareas and five Napa Valley Floor Subareas (Calistoga, St. Helena, Yountville, Napa, and MST).<sup>8</sup>

DWR has given the Napa Valley Subbasin a “medium priority” ranking according to the criteria specified in California Water Code Part 2.11 Groundwater Monitoring (i.e., this relates to the CASGEM program).<sup>9</sup> The priority ranking method used by DWR primarily considers the population within a basin or subbasin, projected population growth, the density of wells, overlying irrigated agriculture, and the degree to which groundwater is used as a source of supply. As required by the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), in 2016 DWR published a list of basins subject to conditions of critical overdraft. No basins or subbasins in Napa County are designated on that list. In Fall 2017, DWR is due to release updated priority rankings that will incorporate additional criteria to address connections between surface water and groundwater.

The northeast Napa Study Area (Study Area) covers 10,880 acres within and adjacent to the Napa Valley Subbasin (**Figure 2-3**). As its name suggests, the Study Area contains the northeastern portion of the Napa Valley Floor – Napa Subarea. The Study Area extends from Dry Creek south to Tuluca Creek along the Napa River, for about 6.5 miles, with a width of about 2.5 miles (**Figure 1-1**). The Study Area is about 2.5 miles in width, extending from near the middle of the Napa Valley Subbasin eastward beyond the Soda Creek Fault. While the study was prompted in part due to groundwater level declines and reports of increased well replacement activity along Petra Drive east of the Napa River, the Study Area spans the Napa River to allow for a more complete analysis of interactions between surface water and

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<sup>8</sup> Most the MST is located outside the areas that are DWR-designated groundwater basins.

<sup>9</sup> As part of the CASGEM Program, DWR has developed the Basin Prioritization process. The California Water Code (§10933 and §12924) requires DWR to prioritize California’s groundwater basins and subbasins statewide. As such, DWR developed the CASGEM Groundwater Basin Prioritization Process. Details are available at [http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/basin\\_prioritization.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/basin_prioritization.cfm).

groundwater and to facilitate comparisons of groundwater conditions east of the Napa River with conditions in the larger portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin west of the River.

As part of the study, a numerical groundwater flow model (Model) has been developed to analyze groundwater conditions in the Study Area and in the vicinity of the area of interest near Petra Drive. The Active Model Area represented by the Model has boundaries delineated based on the Napa Valley Subbasin hydrogeologic conceptual model. The Active Model Area covers 6,090 acres within the Napa Valley Subbasin (**Figure 1-1**); 2,140 acres (35%) of the Active Model Area are located within the City of Napa, while 3,960 acres (65%) are in unincorporated areas of the Napa Valley Subbasin. **Sections 3.1 and 3.2** provide additional detail about the delineation of the Model boundaries.

## 2.1 Base Period Selection

The current study utilizes the same base period of water years (WY) 1988 to 2015 as developed for the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016c). The base period selection was carried out to establish a representative period of years over which analysis can be conducted to evaluate long-term conditions, with minimal bias that might result from wet or dry periods or significant changes in other conditions including land use and water demands. The base period selection process is detailed in the Basin Analysis Report.<sup>10</sup> The following list is a summary of the criteria applied to the selection process. For the Napa Valley Subbasin, the base period selected spans from WY 1988 to 2015, as this period represents:

- Long-term annual water supply
  - Long-term mean water supply, or the measure of whether the basin has experienced natural groundwater recharge during a particular time period and also what the primary component is that contributes to natural groundwater recharge (in this case, precipitation).
  - Long-term precipitation records and daily average streamflow discharges for the Napa River are used.
- Inclusion of both wet and dry stress periods
  - This removes any bias that might shift the sustainable yield number away from what is representative
- Antecedent dry conditions
  - This is intended to minimize differences in groundwater in the unsaturated (vadose) zone at the beginning and at the end of the base period, assuming that any water unaccounted for in the unsaturated zone is minimized.
- Adequate data availability
  - Available hydrologic and land and water use data are sufficient during the base period.
- Inclusion of current cultural conditions
  - There are relatively stable trends in major land uses, particularly the agricultural classes which are most dependent on water sources within the Subbasin.

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<sup>10</sup> See Section 6.1 in the Basin Analysis Report.

- Based on three snapshots in time of the land use and water use (1987, 1999, and 2011), the acreages of agriculture classes, native classes, and urban/semi-agricultural classes remain very similar.
- Vineyards dominate the agricultural land use, and the amount of irrigated acreage in the Napa Valley Subbasin fluctuates very little between those three snapshots (ranging between almost 17,000 acres to over 21,000 acres).
- Current water management conditions
  - Water sources for agricultural and urban entities during the base period are consistently from groundwater, surface water from local water ways, and imported via the North Bay Aqueduct

Demand for water within the Model area is determined by land uses, weather patterns, and cropping patterns, among other factors. The following sections describe the land uses and sources of water supply in the overall Napa Valley Subbasin, with an emphasis on the current Model area over the 1988 to 2015 base period.

## 2.2 Land Uses

For decades, land use in the Napa Valley Subbasin has been marked by agriculture (vineyards) and wineries. Total acreages of vineyards, other agricultural crops, native vegetation, and urban land uses (e.g., residential, commercial, and industrial areas occurring over a range of densities) in the Subbasin have remained relatively constant over the selected base period (LSCE, 2016c). Land use surveys were conducted by DWR in 1987, 1999, and 2011 during which DWR staff conducted thorough assessments of agricultural, urban, and native land use classes. In 1987 and 2011, DWR surveyors also recorded information on irrigation water source and irrigation methods across the land use classes.

Land use classifications used in this report are consistent with those applied in DWR land use surveys. Under this approach agriculture classes specifically reference areas used to grow a particular crop. Crop types identified in the Model area by the DWR land use surveys are summarized in **Section 2.2.1**. Across the larger Napa Valley Subbasin crop types mapped by DWR include vineyards, deciduous fruit and nut crops, citrus and subtropical crops, truck, nursery, and berry crops, grain crops, field crops, and pasture (DWR, 1987 and DWR, 2011). As mapped by DWR, agricultural classes do not include facilities primarily used for the processing of harvested crops, such as wineries. This is not equivalent to the Napa County General Plan definition of agriculture which is inclusive of winery facilities. Winery permit records and water demands are summarized in Sections 2.24 and 3.6.3, in this report.

Urban and Semi-Agricultural classes, as defined by DWR land use maps, include developed land uses that are not used for crop production. Urban sub-classes include residential, commercial, industrial, urban landscaping, and vacant land use types. Semi-agricultural sub-classes include farmsteads (with and without a residence), livestock production facilities, and miscellaneous areas such as small roads, ditches, and other areas within cropped fields that are not used for growing a crop. Wineries are not a specific land use class used by DWR, but instead are represented as semi-agricultural or urban-commercial classifications.

Due to differences in the sources of water supply for areas served by municipal water systems in the Subbasin and those areas outside of municipal service areas, this Report includes an additional

distinction between municipal and unincorporated areas. Municipal areas are those within the water system service boundaries as depicted in the spatial dataset Napa County of water system boundaries maintained by Napa County, except for agricultural land use units within those boundaries, which are considered to have an independent source of supply. Unincorporated water uses referenced within this Report refer to land use units and areas of the Subbasin not served by municipal water systems, excluding the agricultural land uses that are specific to the production of a crop. These include rural residences, which may be mapped by DWR as semi-agricultural or urban-residential land uses, and wineries.

As noted in above, 65% (3,960 acres) of the Active Model Area is in unincorporated areas of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Most this area was mapped as having an agricultural land use in 1987 and 2011 (**Table 2-1**). **Figures 2-4 and 2-5** show how the urban and agriculture land uses are differentiated from north to south across the Active Model Area, with agriculture being the primary land use in the northern part of the study area and urban land uses associated with the City of Napa predominating to the south. Native vegetation and associated land use classes occur primarily along the Napa River and around ponds located within the northern portion of the study area.

**Table 2-1. Active Model Area Land Use Summary**

	1987 (acres)	2011 (acres)
Total Agriculture Classes	2,549	2,391
Total Native Classes <sup>1</sup>	1,178	1,266
Total Urban and Semi-Ag <sup>2</sup>	2,302	2,433
<i>unclassified</i>	61	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>6,090</b>

<sup>1</sup> Native classes in 2011 include 315 acres of Napa River riparian corridor and a pond near Hardman Ave that have no designated land use class in the 2011 DWR survey data.

<sup>2</sup> Semi-Ag classes (e.g., Farmsteads)

Sources: DWR (1987 & 2011)

### 2.2.1 Agricultural

Vineyards comprised much of the agricultural land uses in the Active Model Area over the base period. In 1987, vineyards and orchards comprised 91% of the total agricultural land uses, while in 2011 they accounted for 97% of total agricultural land uses (**Table 2-2**). Out of six classes of agricultural land uses found in the Active Model Area, only vineyards and idle lands were stable to slightly increasing in size between 1987 and 2011. All other classes declined considerably, with pasture and grain acreage nearly absent in 2011.

Changes in the irrigation status were minor between 1987 and 2011 in the Active Model Area (**Table 2-3**). The total irrigated acreage in both surveys was about 4,500 acres. Areas classified as not irrigated decreased between 1987 and 2011, by about 250 acres. **Figures 2-6 and 2-7** show that despite the overall consistency in total irrigated acreage, some areas have shifted from non-irrigated to irrigated, particularly in the unincorporated portion of the Active Model Area. West of Big Ranch Road between Oak Knoll Avenue and Trancas Street several land use units are shown to have converted to an irrigated status in the 2011 survey relative to the 1987 survey.

**Table 2-2. Active Model Area Agriculture Land Use Classes Summary**

Agriculture Classes	1987 (acres)	2011 (acres)
Vineyard	2,129	2,294
Orchard	177	33
Pasture	80	3
Field/Truck	80	21
Grain	59	1
Idle	23	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>2,391</b>

Sources: DWR (1987 & 2011)

Another area where a similar transition occurred is east of Silverado Trail from Oak Knoll Avenue to approximately one-half mile south of Soda Creek Road. While some of these changes may be due to more precise survey methods used in 2011, some of these changes also coincide with changes in land use types between the two surveys.

**Table 2-3. Active Model Area Irrigation Status – All Land Use Classes Summary**

Irrigation Status	1987 (acres)	2011 (acres)
Irrigated	4,490	4,515
Not Irrigated	1,516	1,260
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>5,775</b>

Sources: DWR (1987 & 2011)

### 2.2.2 Municipal

Municipal land use in the Active Model Area consists of areas incorporated in the City of Napa. Water supplied to City of Napa customers within the Active Model Area consists of surface water from reservoirs located in the Napa River Watershed outside of the Active Model Area or from State Water Project accounts (City of Napa, 2011). Well completion reports on file with DWR show that non-municipal production wells do exist within the City. These include two community supply wells located amongst residential parcels that are very near the municipal boundary. These wells are likely associated with small community water systems not supplied by the City of Napa. **Section 3.6** provides additional information about how water demands in the Active Model Area may be met by groundwater pumping at wells located within the City of Napa.

### 2.2.3 Rural Residential and Farmsteads

Data from the Napa County Assessor identify 511 single family residences in the unincorporated Active Model Area. This represents 17.4 % of the total number of single family residences in the Napa Valley Subbasin. Comparisons between the unincorporated area residential and semi-agricultural (e.g., farmstead) land uses is difficult due to the limited survey resolution of the 1987 survey. However, the 2011 land use data, and well completion report records indicate that the greatest densities of residences

in the unincorporated Active Model Area occur along Petra Drive, along and near Hardman Avenue, and near the intersections of El Centro Avenue and Big Ranch Road and Salvador Avenue and Big Ranch Road.

### 2.2.4 Wineries

Napa County records show that, as of 2015, 24 permitted wineries exist within the Active Model Area (**Figure 2-8**). As of early 2017, these include two wineries with proposed use permit modifications to increase the winery size and the scope of associated marketing activities. Three other new wineries are proposed in addition to the 24 existing, permitted wineries in Active Model Area.<sup>11</sup>

## 2.3 Water Sources

Water supplies for agricultural and urban entities are currently sourced from groundwater pumped from the Subbasin, surface water diverted and captured from local water ways within the Napa Valley Watershed, and imported surface water delivered from the State Water Project via the North Bay Aqueduct. Over the 1988 to 2015 base period, the sole water source for the City of Napa, has been surface water (LSCE, 2016c). While the population within the Active Model Area has likely increased from 1988 through 2015, the effect on water supplies within the Subbasin has been limited. The 1987 DWR Land Use survey indicates that agriculture was somewhat more reliant on surface water at the beginning of the base period, with about 60% of agricultural classes mapped as using surface water in 1987 (**Figure 2-9**). For the agricultural sector, water demand is mostly met by groundwater as identified by the 2011 DWR Land Use Survey and reports of surface water diversion filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (**Figure 2-10**). However, given the lack of agricultural water districts or large scale irrigation water conveyance infrastructure in Napa Valley, those diversions of surface water would also have been sourced from within the Subbasin, as opposed to streams or reservoirs elsewhere.

**Table 2-4. Active Model Area Water Sources – All Land Use Classes Summary**

Water Source	1987 (acres)	2011 (acres)
Groundwater	2,291	2,401
Surface Water	3,715	3,374
Recycled Water	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>5,775</b>

Sources: DWR (1987 & 2011)

## 2.4 GEOLOGY, AQUIFERS, AND GROUNDWATER OCCURRENCE

### 2.4.1 Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

The geologic setting of the Napa Valley Subbasin determines the physical properties of the aquifer system as well as the structural properties that influence groundwater flow. These physical and structural properties are described as part of the conceptual model for the Napa Valley Subbasin, which includes the current Study Area (LSCE, 2016c). The hydrogeologic conceptual model also describes the

<sup>11</sup> Summaries of proposed winery modification permits and new winery permits were provided by Napa County Planning, Building, and Environmental Services Department in February 2017.

major physical components and interactions of surface water and groundwater systems within the Subbasin, to provide a framework for understanding Subbasin conditions and responses to management actions (**Figure 2-11**).

**Table 2-5** lists the components of the hydrogeologic conceptual model of the Napa Valley Subbasin developed for the Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016c). The components of the hydrogeologic conceptual model are depicted in **Figure 2-11**. Together the components represent the physical properties of the Subbasin aquifer system and the primary processes that lead to inflows and outflows of water. The following sections describe the hydrogeologic conceptual model components that occur within the Study Area.

#### 2.4.1.1 *Prior Studies*

Previous hydrogeologic studies and mapping efforts in Napa County are divisible into geologic studies and groundwater studies. The more significant studies and mapping efforts are mentioned in this section. Additional information about recent studies and mapping efforts in the Napa Valley Subbasin is available in the *Napa County Comprehensive Groundwater Monitoring Program 2016 Annual Report and CASGEM Update* (LSCE, 2017a). Weaver (1949) presented geologic maps which covered the southern portion of the county and provided a listing of older geologic studies. Kunkel and Upson (1960) examined the groundwater and geology of the northern portion of the Napa Valley. DWR (Bulletin 99, 1962) presented a reconnaissance report on the geology and water resources of the eastern area of the County; Koenig (1963) compiled a regional geologic map which encompasses Napa County. Fox and others (1973) and Sims and others (1973) presented more detailed geologic mapping of Napa County. Faye (1973) reported on the groundwater of the northern Napa Valley. Johnson (1977) examined the groundwater hydrology of the MST area.<sup>12</sup>

Helley and others (1979) summarized the flatland deposits of the San Francisco Bay Region, including those in Napa County. Fox (1983) examined the tectonic setting of Cenozoic rocks, including Napa County. Farrar and Metzger (2003) continued the study of groundwater conditions in the MST area.

Wagner and Bortugno (1982) compiled and revised the regional geologic map of Koenig (1963) at a scale of 1:250,000. Graymer and others (2002) presented detailed geologic mapping of the southern and portions of the eastern areas of the County, while Graymer and others (2007) compiled geologic mapping of the rest of Napa County.

In 2005 to 2007, DHI Water & Environment (DHI) contributed to the 2005 *Napa County Baseline Data Report* (DHI, 2006a and Jones & Stokes et al., 2005) which was part of the County's General Plan update (Napa County, 2008). A groundwater model was developed by DHI in conjunction with the Napa Valley and Lake Berryessa Surface Water models to simulate existing groundwater and surface water conditions on a regional basis primarily in the North Napa Valley and the MST and Carneros Subareas (DHI, 2006b). A 2007 technical memorandum, *Modeling Analysis in Support of Vineyard Development Scenarios Evaluation* (DHI, 2007), was prepared to document the groundwater model update which was used to evaluate various vineyard development scenarios. Additional geologic maps, groundwater

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<sup>12</sup> The term MST area is used in this report when describing conditions in the general vicinity of the Milliken, Sarco, and Tulucay creeks. The term MST Subarea refers to the region defined by Napa County for water resources planning and management purposes (see **Figure 2-2**).

studies, and reports are listed in the references of the *Napa County Groundwater Conditions and Groundwater Monitoring Recommendations* (LSCE, 2011a).

**Table 2-5. Napa Valley Subbasin Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model Components**

Component	Processes
<b>Subbasin Inflows</b>	
Root Zone Groundwater Recharge (Recharge)	Percolation of soil moisture originating as precipitation and irrigation less losses due to evapotranspiration
Napa Valley Subbasin Uplands Runoff	Surface water flow into the Subbasin from the Napa River Watershed hillsides/uplands
Napa Valley Subbasin Uplands Subsurface Inflow	Groundwater flow into the Subbasin from upslope geologic formations
Surface Water Deliveries	Includes water imported by municipal purveyors and used to meet consumptive and non-consumptive uses
<b>Subbasin Outflows</b>	
Surface Water Outflow: Stormflow and Baseflow <sup>13</sup>	Surface water flows leaving the Subbasin through the Napa River, includes storm runoff and groundwater discharge to surface water (i.e., baseflow)
Subsurface Groundwater Outflow	Groundwater flow from the Napa Valley Subbasin into the Lowlands Subbasin through Quaternary deposits at the Subbasins' boundary
Consumptive Use of Surface Water and Groundwater	Surface water and groundwater use within the Subbasin that meet consumptive demands and result in Subbasin outflows through evapotranspiration.
Urban Wastewater Outflow	Wastewater conveyed out of the Subbasin to the Napa Sanitation District Treatment Facility
<b>Subbasin Groundwater Storage</b>	
Quaternary Alluvial Deposits Groundwater Storage	Groundwater stored in the unconsolidated Quaternary age deposits within the Subbasin <sup>14</sup>

<sup>13</sup> In this report the exchange of water between surface water and groundwater is referred to as “stream leakage”. This term accounts for both the contribution to surface water baseflow by the groundwater system (negative stream leakage values) and the flow of water from surface waters into the groundwater system (positive stream leakage).

<sup>14</sup> Groundwater storage in deeper unconsolidated Tertiary deposits is discussed briefly in the model results section, but this is a very small proportion of the storage available in the Quaternary Alluvial Deposits.



In more recent years, Napa County has implemented several projects to refine the hydrogeologic conceptualization and characterization of hydrogeologic conditions particularly for the Napa Valley Floor (LSCE and MBK, 2013; LSCE, 2013, LSCE, 2016b; and LSCE, 2016c). These projects provided the first updates to the hydrogeologic conceptualization of Napa Valley outside of the MST Subarea in over 30 years, accounting for new information from hundreds of wells drilled during that time. The work conducted on behalf of Napa County has included: 1) an updated Napa Valley hydrogeologic conceptualization, 2) linking well construction information to groundwater level monitoring data, 3) groundwater recharge characterization and estimates, 4) sustainable yield analysis, and 5) analyses of surface water/groundwater interrelationships.

## 2.4.2 Basin/Subbasin Boundaries

As with all groundwater basins and subbasins delineated by DWR, the Napa Valley Subbasin boundary is generally delineated based on the presence of water-bearing geologic formations and boundaries to groundwater flow. The Napa Valley Subbasin was delineated based on a 1:250,000 scale map of surficial geology, resulting in some variation between the Subbasin boundary and later maps of surficial geology produced at larger scales (Wagner and Bortugno, 1982).

### 2.4.2.1 Napa Valley Subbasin

The Napa Valley Subbasin of the Napa-Sonoma Valley Groundwater Basin (Subbasin) underlies much of Napa Valley from a southern boundary near the Highway 12/29 Bridge over the Napa River northward for approximately 30 miles to the head of Napa Valley upstream of Calistoga (**Figure 2-1**). The Subbasin lies entirely within Napa County and is overlain in part by the City of Napa, Town of Yountville, City of St. Helena, and City of Calistoga.

The Subbasin, located in the southern-central Coast Range Province north of the San Francisco Bay region, is an active zone of complex tectonic deformation and downwarping generally associated with the San Andreas Fault. This region of the Coast Range is characterized by northwest trending faults and low mountainous ridges separated by intervening stream valleys. The Napa Valley is a relatively narrow, flat-floored stream valley drained by the Napa River. The Valley Floor descends from elevations of about 420 feet at the northwest end to about sea level at the southern end.

The Subbasin is bounded by the north, east, and west by mountainous areas. The mountains to the north are dominated by Mount St. Helena at a height of 4,343 feet. The lower mountainous area to the east of the Subbasin is the Howell Mountains declining from 2,889 feet southward through lower elevations at 2,037 feet above Stag's Leap, 1,877 feet at Mount George, and 1,630 feet at Sugarloaf south of the MST area. To the west of the Subbasin, the Mayacamas Mountains decline from peaks to 2,200 feet in the north, to about 1,500 feet northwest of Napa. Farther south, the mountainous area declines to elevations of 200 to 100 feet, then disappears beneath the plains of the Carneros area and Lowlands Subbasin that border San Pablo Bay.

**Figure 2-12a** describes the major rock types and deposits in Napa Valley according to relative time of formation and serves as a legend for the Napa Valley surficial geology map (**Figure 2-12b**). Minor rock types and deposits are described in their respective original sources published by Bezore and others (2002, 2004 and 2005) and Clahan and others (2004 and 2005) by the California Geological Survey and Graymer and others (2002, 2006 and 2007) by the United States Geological Survey. **Figure 2-12b** shows

a composite simplification of outcropping deposits, rock types, and structural fault boundaries at the land surface in and around Napa Valley Subbasin.

Surficial geologic maps of the Napa Valley area, developed by various authors spanning over a hundred years, differ through time in the detail of mapping, characterization of rock types, and nomenclature of various units. In the last forty years, the development of radiometric-age dating techniques and the evolution of plate tectonic theory have led to a better understanding of the geologic history of the region. However, even the most recent geologic reports and maps exhibit conflicting map units, lithology, and nomenclature.

Despite the differences noted above, three major geologic units in the Napa Valley area have been consistently recognized and remain largely unchanged, except in the names applied and interpretations of how they formed. These three units are Mesozoic rocks, Tertiary volcanic and sedimentary rocks, and Quaternary sedimentary deposits (**Figures 2-12a** and **2-12b**). In the Subbasin, the geologic units are divisible into two broad categories based on geologic age, degree of lithification (i.e., the hardness or rock-like nature), and the amount of deformation (i.e., deformed by folding and faulting). These two categories are Mesozoic (older than 63 million years (m.y.)) rocks and Cenozoic (younger than 63 m.y.) rocks and unconsolidated deposits. The Quaternary deposits and Tertiary Sonoma Volcanics comprise the major geologic units within the Active Model Area.

#### 2.4.2.2 MST Subarea (*not a basin*)

To the east of the City of Napa, there is a unique feature of a low elevation around a central low highland. The area is drained by the tributary Milliken, Sarco, and Tulucay Creeks headed on the higher mountainous area to the north, east, and south. This area is termed the MST Subarea from the contraction of the primary tributary creek names. Only the westernmost portions of the MST Subarea, between Hardman Creek and the Soda Creek Fault, and a narrow band of alluvial deposits along the lower reaches of Tulucay Creek are included in the Napa Valley Subbasin.

### 2.4.3 Cenozoic Rocks and Unconsolidated Deposits

The Cenozoic geologic units are divisible into two main groups: 1) the older Tertiary (post 63 m.y. – 2.5 m.y.) volcanic and sedimentary rocks, 2) and the Quaternary (2.5 m.y. – present) sedimentary deposits. The main Tertiary rocks in the Subbasin are of the youngest age, largely Pliocene (5 m.y. to 2.5 m.y.). These consist of volcanic rocks and sedimentary rocks which are interfingered and interbedded. The volcanic rocks are composed of a complex sequence, including lava flows and fine-grained volcanic ejecta composed of ash and flow tuffs. Variations in mineral composition, types of volcanic processes, and the location of eruption sites lead to complex relationships in the volcanic deposits which make surface mapping difficult.

The Tertiary volcanic rocks have been termed the Sonoma Volcanics; these rocks extend across much of the Subbasin and across much of Sonoma County to the west. In the Napa Valley area, the Sonoma Volcanics are exposed at the surface over large areas around the upper valley, across large areas in the Howell Mountains to the east, and at more limited areas along the west margin of the Napa Valley. Beneath the Napa Valley Floor, the Sonoma Volcanics occur largely buried beneath younger geologic units. In the Yountville Narrows, there are many small knobs of outcropped Sonoma Volcanics. In the

MST area, the Sonoma Volcanics occur in the surrounding mountains, the central upland, and beneath the entire area.

The Tertiary sedimentary rocks are more limited in surface exposures and commonly referred to as the Huichica Formation. North of Conn Creek, these rocks occur in a small area on the Napa Valley Floor margin and a larger area occurs in the adjacent mountainous area. In the MST area, Tertiary sedimentary rocks occur on the north margin and lap into the Napa Valley Floor margin. A large area of Tertiary sedimentary rocks is exposed across most of the Carneros area to the southwest of the Napa Valley. The relationship between these three areas and to the Sonoma Volcanics is not entirely clear.

The Sonoma Volcanics units which were formed at high temperatures as (e.g., lava flows and flow tuffs) appear to be well lithified, Sonoma Volcanics units formed at lower temperatures, such as landslide tuffs, ash falls, and volcanic-sedimentary interbeds appear to be weakly to moderately lithified. The thicker Tertiary sedimentary rocks also appear to be moderately to well lithified. Both the Sonoma Volcanics and the Tertiary sedimentary rocks are strongly deformed as evidenced by the commonality of steeply dipping beds, folding, and faulting.

The Quaternary (post 2.5 m.y) sedimentary deposits, collectively termed alluvium, cover the Napa Valley Floor. The youngest deposits of the current streams and alluvial fans are of Holocene age (100,000 years to present). Older deposits exposed as terraces, alluvial fans, and beneath the Holocene deposits are of Pleistocene age (2.5 m.y. to 100,000 years). At the south end of the Napa Valley Subbasin marshland, tidal flat, and estuary deposits occur. The Quaternary deposits appear to be only slightly deformed and weakly consolidated to unconsolidated. The Quaternary deposits are the primary water bearing formation of the Subbasin (LSCE and MBK, 2013; Faye 1973).

#### 2.4.3.1 *Geologic Cross Sections*

Geologic sections developed in the vicinity of the Active Model Area have informed the model development and have been used to incorporate the existing hydrogeologic conceptual model into the model design. These five cross sections were developed as part of the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization (LSCE and MBK, 2013) and the installation report for surface water-groundwater monitoring facilities (LSCE, 2016b). The locations and details of three cross-valley geologic sections and two surface water-groundwater monitoring sites were developed and are shown on **Figures 2-13a** through **2-18** with a legend for the corresponding geologic units on **Figure 2-13b**. The following sections summarize the geologic observations on the cross sections by the various valley areas from south to north. These cross sections show the general geologic patterns of the lower valley. Quaternary alluvium (Qa) grades southward into fine-grained Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits (Qsb). The alluvium overlies Tertiary sedimentary rocks (Tss/h) which declines southward and transitions into thick, fine-grained Tertiary and early Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits (TQsb). The sedimentary rocks and basin deposits overlie the lower member Sonoma Volcanics andesite flows with tuffs (Tsva, Tsvt), which descend to depths of 1,000 feet or more below the City of Napa.

At the north end of the lower valley, cross-section D-D' appears to show Quaternary alluvium of unconsolidated deposits, including lenses of thick sands and gravel beds, especially to the east, and more widespread fine-grained clays with thin beds of sand with gravels (**Figure 2-14**). The alluvium thins east and west towards the margins of the valley. Below the alluvium, a thin sequence of finer-grained

deposits occurs with some thin sand and gravel beds and some volcanic ash beds. This unit was correlated to the Tertiary sedimentary rocks (Tss/h) exposed in the MST area.

Deeper boreholes encountered volcanic materials of the lower member Sonoma Volcanics, but these appeared to occur in bands or zones. To the east, andesite lava flows and breccias with tuffs (Tsva) occur. In this area, thin Tertiary sedimentary rocks occur overlying the andesite unit. In the center of cross-section D-D', between two possible faults, limited information indicates tuff beds (Tstct) occur, but whether these are of the lower or upper member is not clear. To the west, a mix of andesite lava flows or breccias (Tsvab?), and tuffs (Tsvt) occur; these are probably the lower member Sonoma Volcanics.

Cross-section E-E' (**Figure 2-15**) shows a similar pattern for the Quaternary alluvium. The east side of cross-section E-E' shows Tertiary sedimentary rocks above the Sonoma Volcanics in the MST area. Beneath the alluvium, the main valley area shows thick, fine-grained deposits with some sand and gravel beds. This unit is termed Tertiary Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits. Only one deep well (projected on to this section) encountered Sonoma Volcanics of uncertain correlation at great depth. On the west side of cross-section E-E', lower member Sonoma Volcanics (Tsva) are overlain by sedimentary deposits of uncertain correlation (TQsu) in a fault band block.

Cross-section F-F' (**Figure 2-16**) shows Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits (Qsb) up to about 300 feet thick and largely composed of clays with thin interbeds of sand. These are believed to be floodplain, marshland, and estuary origin. These deposits are underlain by thick clay with sands deposits of the Tertiary-Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits (TQsb). Some thick sand or sandstone beds occur interbedded with fine-grained units. The TQsb units are believed to be marshland, estuary, and lacustrine deposits. The unit may be equivalent, in part, to the diatomaceous lake beds in the MST area, and the Tertiary sedimentary rocks of the MST and Carneros areas. As such, the age of the unit would range from the Pliocene and possibly into the Quaternary (early Pleistocene). Below these units, the lower member of the Sonoma Volcanics of andesite flows and tuffs rise from great depth below the center of the valley to surface exposures, or near surface, by faulting.

Cross-section 1A-1A' is located near the eastern margin of the Napa Valley Floor. USGS surficial geologic mapping indicates that the alluvium at the site consists of younger alluvium (Qhay) with terrace deposits (Qht) also in the vicinity (Graymer et al. 2007). Four well completion reports (WCRs) used for cross section preparation at this site indicate that Quaternary alluvium (Qa) thicknesses range from approximate 50 feet bgs east of Site 1 to approximate 200 feet bgs west of the project site (**Figure 2-17**). WCRs for a shallow monitoring well drilled nearest to the proposed monitoring well site indicates an alluvium largely composed of sandy silt and silty sand, with sand and gravel units beginning at 19 feet to 25 feet bgs. The WCR for well 05N04W02N-01, a 560-foot boring approximately 800 feet west of the project site, records two coarse-grained units beginning at 20 feet bgs and continuing to 70 feet bgs. The project monitoring well encountered similar materials from 29 feet bgs to 52 feet bgs. The lithologic log for well 05N04W02N-01 (approximately 800 feet west of the project site) records a transition from alluvial deposits to volcanic deposits at a depth of about 220 feet. Construction records for 05N04W02L-80b and 05N04W02L to the east of the project site indicate a shallower contact with volcanic rock at depths of less than 100 feet. This offset is interpreted to occur in part due to displacement by the East Napa Fault Zone (LSCE and MBK, 2013).

Cross-section 3A-3A' is located near the eastern margin of the Napa Valley Floor. **Figure 2-18** shows the alluvium increasing in thickness from the valley margin westward to a thickness of about 100 feet near

the Site 3 monitoring facilities. The alluvium at Site 3 is underlain by Sonoma Volcanics sedimentary rocks (Tss/h). Here the sedimentary rocks are thinner and underlain by the andesite flows and breccias (Tsva). Four well completion reports for wells nearest to the monitoring well at Site 3 indicate that Quaternary alluvium (Qa) thickness ranges from approximately 30 feet to 100 feet below ground surface. Well completion reports west of the Napa River indicate locally thick coarse-grained lithologic units distributed throughout the alluvium. These are consistent with observations reported for wells used in the development of cross-section D-D' in the *Updated Hydrogeologic Conceptualization and Characterization of Conditions* report (LSCE and MBK, 2013).

## 2.4.4 Key Geologic Formations and Structures

### 2.4.4.1 Alluvium

The Quaternary deposits comprise the primary aquifer units of the Napa Valley Subbasin. From the geologic cross-sections and correlations of other water well drillers' reports, the Quaternary alluvium was distinguished from underlying units, and an isopach map<sup>15</sup> was constructed (**Figure 2-19**). The alluvium was divided into three facies according to patterns detected in the lithologic record and used to delineate the depositional environment which formed them: fluvial, alluvial fan, and sedimentary basin (LSCE and MBK, 2013 and LSCE, 2013). The fluvial facies consists of a thin narrow band of stream channel sands and gravels deposited by the Napa River. The sand and gravel beds tend to be thicker and/or more numerous in the fluvial facies area. They are interbedded with finer-grained clay beds of probable floodplain origin. Groundwater production from Quaternary alluvium is variable. According to Faye (1973), average yield of wells completed in the alluvium is 220 gpm. Wells constructed in the fluvial facies tend to be moderately high yielding (for the valley, roughly 50 to 200 gpm). Many wells drilled in the alluvium within the last 30 years extend beyond the alluvium and into the underlying Cenozoic units.

The alluvial plain facies of the Quaternary alluvium extends outward from the central fluvial facies and thins to zero thickness at the edge of the valley sides (**Figure 2-19**). These deposits consist of interbedded sandy clays with thin beds (less than 10 feet thick) of sand and gravel and appear to have been deposited as tributary streams and alluvial fans. Wells constructed in the alluvial plain facies tend to be low yielding, ranging from a few gpm to a few tens of gpm. By at least 1970, most wells drilled on the alluvial plain facies were constructed to deeper depths into the underlying Sonoma Volcanics.

At the northern end of the lower valley, the sedimentary basin facies of the alluvium is characterized by fine-grained silt, sand, and clays with thin to scattered thicker beds of sand and gravel. The sedimentary facies is believed to be floodplain deposits that extend to the southern marshland/estuary deposits. As noted, the extent of this facies is poorly known due to lack of well control farther south. Limited information indicates low to moderate well yields of a few gpm to possibly up to 100 gpm. Again, the lack of pump test information makes hydraulic properties of the deposits difficult to assess. Portions of Napa Valley north of Deer Park Road were not characterized according to their Quaternary alluvial facies by LSCE and MBK (2013).

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<sup>15</sup> Isopach contours are lines of equal thickness and represent the depth to the bottom of alluvial deposits from the land surface at a given location.

#### 2.4.4.2 *Sonoma Volcanics*

Beneath the alluvium is a complex sequence of Tertiary sedimentary deposits (Huichica Formation) and igneous deposits of the Sonoma Volcanics. These units are strongly deformed by folding and faulting and have complex stratigraphic relationships. A structure contour map (elevations) of the top of these subcrop units where they are in contact with overlying alluvium (**Figure 2-20**) was developed from the geologic cross-sections, lateral correlations, and surficial map relationships (LSCE and MBK, 2013). From north of the City of Napa and southward, these deposits are dominated by fine-grained basin fill with few sand and gravels of floodplain, estuary origin. North towards Yountville, sedimentary deposits of the Huichica Formation appear to overlie Sonoma Volcanic andesites and tuffs.

All of the Tertiary units beneath the Napa Valley Floor appear to be low to moderately water yielding with poor aquifer characteristics (LSCE and MBK, 2013). Although wells completed in these units may be locally capable of producing sufficient volumes of water to meet various water demands, their contribution to the overall production of groundwater within the Subbasin is limited.

#### 2.4.4.3 *Faults*

##### East Napa Fault Zone

The east boundary fault has been mapped in the Active Model Area as a concealed fault extending northward just west of or below the river from near Trancas Street to Oak Knoll Avenue (**Figure 1-1**) (LSCE and MBK, 2013). Evidence of the fault zone has been derived from subsurface information and from the isostatic gravity map<sup>16</sup> from Langenheim and others (2006). LSCE and MBK (2013) found some subsurface evidence that a concealed fault may extend northward below the trend of Napa River parallel to the valley side, with a secondary segment located east of the Napa River between Petra Drive and Oak Knoll Avenue. This fault zone may extend further north on the east side of the Yountville Narrows as shown on the California Geological Survey (CGS) map of the Yountville Quad (Bezore and others, 2005).

##### Soda Creek Fault

The Soda Creek Fault slices through the Sonoma Volcanics along the western edge of the MST (**Figure 1-1**). To the west of the fault the Sonoma Volcanics have been down dropped as much as 700 feet and covered by the younger Cenozoic alluvium (Qoal) described above. The Soda Creek Fault appears to limit flow from the MST into the Napa Valley. Others have concluded that this fault acts as a hydraulic barrier at depth. This study re-considers that finding using the numerical flow model described in **Section 3**.

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<sup>16</sup> Isostatic gravity maps depict detectable variations in gravitational force (e.g., gravity) observed over an area. After controlling for influences including latitude and tidal fluctuations, isostatic gravity maps provide a representation of geologic structure that results from variations in rock density across geologic formations.

## 2.4.5 Hydrologic Features

### 2.4.5.1 Streams

In addition to the mainstem Napa River, streams within or adjacent to the study area include Dry Creek, Soda Creek, Salvador Creek<sup>17</sup>, Hardman Creek<sup>18</sup>, Milliken Creek, Sarco Creek, Napa Creek, Tuluca Creek, and Cayetano Creek (**Figure 1-1**). Within the Active Model Area only the Napa River and Milliken Creek are designated as perennial streams by the USGS. Nevertheless, surface water-groundwater interactions are considered along all of the streams and the Napa River within the Active Model Area for this study.

### 2.4.5.2 Tile Drains

An uncertain number of vineyards in the Active Model Area have subsurface drain tile systems installed to remove shallow groundwater from the root zone to benefit crop health at certain stages of growth. No public data on the specifics of tile drains in the Subbasin are available presently, but the prevalence of farm ponds across the Valley and the incentive to reuse water when possible suggests that a portion of the drained water offsets groundwater pumping.

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<sup>17</sup> The name Salvador Creek is used in the U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset. Other sources refer to this feature as Salvador Channel.

<sup>18</sup> Hardman Creek is a tributary to Milliken Creek. The name Hardman Creek is a designation developed for this study because it was necessary to account for its flows into the Study Area separately from the flows from Milliken Creek because the two streams enter the Study Area at different locations. The U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset and a dataset of streams maintained by Napa County show this feature as an unnamed intermittent stream. It has a confluence with Milliken Creek near Monticello Road and Silverado Trail.

### 3 NORTHEAST NAPA AREA MODEL DEVELOPMENT

The Northeast Napa Area Model is developed using the MODFLOW-NWT platform, utilizing the Newton-Raphson formulation for MODFLOW-2005. This platform was selected due its ability to improve solution of unconfined groundwater flow problems. This platform also helps with solving problems involving drying and rewetting nonlinearities of the unconfined groundwater flow equation. The Northeast Napa Area Model also utilizes the Streamflow Routing Package (SFR2) for MODFLOW, due to its ability to include unsaturated flow beneath streams, along with other stream/aquifer interactions, and diversions of surface water from streams for surface water deliveries. Another MODFLOW package that the Northeast Napa Area Model utilizes is the Revised Multi-Node Well (MNW2) Package. This package can simulate wells that are open to multiple aquifers, which can provide preferential pathways to flow that short-circuit normal fluid flowlines, as well as account for wells' being partially penetrating within a model layer or aquifer unit. The General Head Boundary (GHB) Package for MODFLOW was also used for most of the model boundaries.

#### 3.1 Model Discretization

##### 3.1.1 Model Domain Discretization

The Active Model Area (or active model domain) coincides with the western and southern boundary of the Study Area. The active model domain is bounded in the north by Dry Creek on the northwest and the edge of the alluvium on the northeast. The eastern boundary of the active model domain is the Soda Creek Fault and the edge of the alluvium. The active model domain's boundary is made up mostly of general head boundaries except for the northeastern edge of the alluvium which is a no-flow boundary (**Figure 3-1a and 3-1b**).

The total active modeled area is approximately 9.5 square miles (6,090 acres) on a finite-difference grid comprising 359 rows and 132 columns, and 6 layers. About 56 percent of the cells are active. The model has a uniform horizontal discretization of 100 feet by 100 feet, and is oriented parallel to the Napa Valley axis, at about 19.5 degrees west of north.

The vertical discretization of the model consists of six layers that generally thicken with depth. The top layer (layer 1) has an upper altitude of land surface. The first three model layers compose the alluvial aquifer; the next two lower model layers represent the underlying Tertiary sediments and rocks; and the base layer, layer 6, represents the Sonoma Volcanics. The base of the alluvium is used as the bottom of layer 3, and the bottom of the model (bottom of layer 6) represents 1,200 feet below land surface to accommodate the deepest wells in the area (**Figure 3-2**).

The depth of layer 3, the base of the Quaternary alluvium, is based on previous work by LSCE (LSCE and MBK, 2013), which mapped the isopach and facies of the alluvial units in the Napa Valley Floor. The alluvium ranges in thickness from less than a foot on the eastern edges of the model domain (where the Tertiary deposits and the Sonoma Volcanics outcrop) to almost 250 feet in the northwest and western portion of the model (**Figure 3-3**). There are many occurrences of interbedded clay deposits seen in well completion reports on the east side of Napa River. To capture the nature of this heterogeneity, the Quaternary alluvium is generally divided equally into the model's uppermost three layers to allow for different aquifer properties to be assigned with depth.



Layers 4 and 5 are comprised of Tertiary and early Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits (TQsb) on the western portion of the active model domain, and Tertiary sedimentary rocks (Tss/h) on the east and north. The base elevation of layer 5 is interpolated from geologic cross sections that denote the depth to the bottom of these two units. The East Napa Fault Zone provides sharp changes in the depths of layer 5 (LSCE and MBK, 2013). The thickness of these deposits, making up the combined thickness of layers 4 and 5, ranges from less than 50 feet in the northeast model area to over 300 feet and as thick as 600 feet in the southern portion of the model (**Figure 3-4**). The thickness of layers 4 and 5 are equal, equally dividing the Tertiary unit in half.

Layer 6 consists of the lower Tertiary member Sonoma Volcanics andesite flows and tuffs, which descend to depths of 1,000 feet or more below the City of Napa. Layer 6 on the west side of the model domain represents the tuffaceous Sonoma Volcanic unit (Tsvt), and the east side of the model domain represents the andesite lava flows and breccias with tuff seen in the Tsva unit (LSCE and MBK, 2013). The base of layer 6 occurs at approximately 1,200 feet below land surface, with thicknesses ranging from about 500 feet in the south to over 1,000 feet in the northeast (**Figure 3-5**).

### 3.1.2 Temporal Discretization

The flow model is transient; this means it has many different stress periods which are divided into time steps. To represent the agricultural growing season adequately, the annual hydrologic cycle was divided into 12 monthly stress periods. Model stresses, including boundary conditions, pumping, recharge, surface water diversions, and streamflows are constant within each monthly stress period. Variations in stresses are simulated by changing stresses from one monthly stress period to the next. Stress periods for this model were further divided into two time steps for which water levels and flows were calculated. The total simulation length was 28 years (or 336 monthly stress periods), from October 1987 through September 2015.

## 3.2 Model Boundary

### 3.2.1 General Heads

The active model boundary consists of no-flow cells in the northeast and general head boundaries elsewhere. The general head boundaries allow for groundwater to move in and out of the model domain with more flexibility compared to a specified head or constant head boundary. The general head boundary cells are defined for each monthly stress period based on groundwater level elevations and monthly fluctuations interpolated from available groundwater level measurements.

Available groundwater level data from 41 wells within and adjacent to the Active Model Area were used to generate spatially continuous spring and fall seasonal raster datasets for each year of the base period and encompassing all general head boundary cells. Wells with data were classified according to their construction information as representative of unconfined aquifer conditions (associated with model layers 1 to 3) or semiconfined to confined aquifer conditions (associated with model layers 4 to 6). Interpolations of available data occurred separately for the unconfined and semi-confined to confined datasets. Semi-annual head boundary values defined for each general head cell were then interpolated temporally for each cell to define the boundary head for both unconfined and semiconfined to confined conditions for all 336 monthly stress periods.

An adjustment to the general head boundaries occurred during calibration to obey the observed vertical hydraulic gradient on the east side of the Model where the Soda Creek Fault is coincident with the model boundary. Although it remains unknown what the exact effect the Soda Creek Fault has on the aquifer units on either side of it, wells completed in deeper parts of the Tertiary sediments and the Sonoma Volcanics are known to have lower water levels compared to wells completed in upper portions of the Tertiary sedimentary unit. General heads in layer 5 were decreased by 30 feet from the potentiometric surface seen in layer 4; general heads in layer 6 were decreased by 80 feet from those in layer 4. This allowed the Model to simulate the vertical hydraulic gradient that is observed in wells completed at different depths within the subsurface in that area, which is assumed to be a result of the Soda Creek Fault.

### 3.3 Physical Parameters

#### 3.3.1 Aquifer Parameter Data

Aquifer properties were initially assigned according to the range of hydraulic conductivity values developed by LSCE in 2013 (LSCE, 2013). Specific yield and storage values were assigned based on typical values for unconfined, semiconfined, and confined aquifers.

##### 3.3.1.1 *Horizontal Hydraulic Conductivity, Kh*

Existing literature provided initial estimates of horizontal hydraulic conductivity. Estimates for aquifer hydraulic conductivity ranges were developed and reported in LSCE (2013) for the Quaternary alluvium. The Quaternary alluvium and sedimentary basin deposits on the west and east sides of the Napa River have slightly lower hydraulic conductivities compared to the thin band of high conductivity fluvial deposits running in a north-northwest to south-southwest direction on the west side of the East Napa Fault Zone. Well completion reports and existing cross sections do not depict any continuous clay unit that would provide a defined aquitard unit. Rather, the well completion reports illustrate that the Quaternary alluvium deposits on the east side of the model area exhibit some degree of heterogeneity with depth, with the presence of interbedded clay beds of varying thicknesses. To capture this heterogeneity within the Quaternary alluvium on the east side of the model, the occurrence of a lower conductivity unit is simulated on the east side of the model in layer 2. Layer 3's hydraulic conductivity on the east side is greater than layer 2 and relatively lower than layer 1, to be consistent with the interbedded nature of clays in that area with depth. The hydraulic conductivity for layer 1, the uppermost layer, is related to the recharge potential (O'Geen et al., 2015) to appropriately allow recharge to percolate down to the water table. This was done by applying the range of estimated hydraulic conductivity for the horizontal conductivity (HK, or K<sub>x</sub> and K<sub>y</sub>) to the recharge potential units of the Soil Agricultural Groundwater Banking Index (O'Geen et al., 2015), and then applying a multiplier to achieve the vertical hydraulic conductivity (VK, or K<sub>z</sub>).

The hydraulic conductivity of the Tertiary sedimentary rocks (Tss/h) in the north and east of layers 4 and 5 is low, consistent with the thin sequence of finer-grained deposits with some thin sand and gravel beds and some volcanic ash beds. This unit is reported to have slightly higher well yields compared to the Sonoma Volcanics below it, but it still has low well yields (LSCE and MBK, 2013). The Tertiary and early Quaternary sedimentary basin deposits (TQsb) in layers 4 and 5 have lithologic characteristics similar to those recorded in the Tertiary sedimentary rocks – fine-grained, clay with sand deposits.

Hydraulic conductivity values in layer 4 are the same as in layer 5, but differ between the Tss/h on the east and the TQsb on the west, with slightly higher hydraulic conductivity values on the west compared to the east.

The hydraulic conductivity of layer 6 represents either the andesitic Sonoma Volcanics on the east or the tuffaceous Sonoma Volcanics on the west. The andesite unit of the Sonoma Volcanics has lower hydraulic conductivity compared to the tuffaceous unit, and the hydraulic conductivities for layer 6 reflect this.

The calibrated horizontal hydraulic conductivity distribution is shown for all 6 layers **Figure 3-6**.

### 3.3.1.2 *Vertical Hydraulic Conductivity, $K_v$*

Generally, the vertical hydraulic conductivity is an order of magnitude lower than the horizontal hydraulic conductivity. There are four exceptions to this general rule in the Model. One exception lies in areas where upper model layers are extremely thin; as seen on the eastern part of the Model, where the Tertiary sediments and Sonoma Volcanics outcrop, where layers 1, 2, 3, and sometimes 4 are essentially non-existent placeholders. These areas are assigned very thin thicknesses (about 0.1 feet thick) and high vertical conductivity for the Model to allow for recharge to pass through directly to the exposed Tertiary sediments and Sonoma Volcanics unit appropriately. A second exception to this general rule of vertical conductivity being one order of magnitude less than the horizontal conductivity occurs in layer 1, the uppermost layer, where the recharge potential (O'Geen et al., 2015) as a percentage is used as a multiplier to the horizontal conductivity. This allows the Model to more accurately depict layer 1's soil properties' ability to transmit recharge water to the lower layers of the aquifer materials. A third exception occurs in the Tertiary sedimentary rocks (Tss/h) unit on the east side of Napa River, where more vertical hydraulic gradients are observed in water levels from wells in this area. Instead of one order of magnitude lower for vertical hydraulic conductivity, this unit has a vertical hydraulic conductivity that is three orders of magnitude lower compared to the horizontal hydraulic conductivity. The fourth, and last, exception is for the conductivity of fault cells representing the East Napa Fault Zone and the concealed fault to the east of the Napa River in the northeast area of the model. Here, these cells are assigned a very low hydraulic conductivity for both the horizontal and vertical direction parameters.

The calibrated vertical hydraulic conductivity distribution is shown for all six layers **Figure 3-7**.

### 3.3.1.3 *Storage Coefficient*

The storage values for the model are typical of unconfined, semi-confined, and confined aquifers, with layer 1 representing a more unconfined aquifer; layers 2 and 3 represent a more semi-confined to confined aquifer, and layers 4 and 5 have storage values in the confined aquifer range. Storage values were developed during model calibration to accommodate variability in water levels as seen by seasonal fluctuation in observed water levels with depth. Storage values decrease with depth and range from 0.001 in layer 1 to 1e-7 in layers 4, 5, and 6.

### 3.3.1.4 *Fault Zones*

During model calibration, two wells (e.g., NapaCounty-182 and NapaCounty-228) were showing measured water levels significantly lower than simulated water levels. Even with adjusting aquifer

parameters and general head boundary conditions to improve the vertical hydraulic gradient, it became evident that wells in this area may be subject to some other hydrogeologic function. The East Napa Fault Zone, on the west side of the Model in that area was initially only used to help create the shift of the model layering where layers 4 and 5 were shifted up on the east. During calibration, a two to three-cell wide line of low permeability cells was placed in layers 4, 5, and 6 (the Tertiary sedimentary rocks and the Sonoma Volcanics) to represent a suspected hindrance to flow along the fault boundary. Simulated water levels improved in those wells of concern, but still not enough to capture the full picture. Another concealed fault has been mapped on the east side of the Napa River (LSCE & MBK, 2013), which is located between approximately 500 and 1,000 feet east of the Napa River near Petra Drive. This fault was added to the model simulation as a 200-foot wide low permeability unit with the same hydraulic conductivity as the East Napa Fault Zone (1e-3 ft/d) in layers 4, 5, and 6. The Soda Creek Fault on the east side of the Model is not explicitly simulated in the same manner as the two previous faults because it coincides with part of the eastern general head boundary. This part of the general head boundary is assigned lower heads in layers 5 and 6 to account for the vertical hydraulic gradient that occurs near this area.

### 3.3.2 Stream Alignments and Streambed Properties

The surface water bodies present in the flow model consist of a total of 10 rivers, creeks, and tributaries. Eleven surface water diversions are also represented in the model area. The surface water bodies are simulated using MODFLOW's Streamflow Routing Package as shown in **Table 3-1**.

These surface water features have incised below the ground surface. To accommodate this with the model layering, the bottom elevation of layer 1 coincides with of the bottom of the streambed thickness. The streambed thickness was set to 5 feet for all tributaries to the Napa River. The Napa River is simulated to have a streambed thickness of 5 feet in the northern portion of the model domain, 7 feet in the middle of the model area, and 10 feet in the southern portion of the model domain. Streambed conductivity was a calibrated parameter to allow for the appropriate relationship of baseflow to groundwater recharge to occur (LSCE, 2016c).

### 3.4 Deep Percolation

The recharge for the model period is based on spatial interpolation from LSCE's Root Zone Model (LSCE, 2016c). The Root Zone Model uses land use information, crop type, root depths, water source (surface water/groundwater), irrigation type, soil properties (moisture capacity, soil type, etc.), precipitation, and evapotranspiration data. Transient monthly recharge values are applied to each active model cell for the duration of the model time period. Recharge values are spatially interpolated to model grid cells using Root Zone Model data for water years 1988 to 2015. Examples of the monthly variability in groundwater recharge are shown using April 2003 (**Figure 3-8**) and December 2002 (**Figure 3-9**).

**Table 3-1. Surface Waters Represented in the Active Model Area**

Surface Water Body	SFR Segments	Stream Outflow	Diversion ID	SFR Segment	Diverting water from:
Napa River	1-19	Not applicable (leaves model through southern boundary)	A023886B	55	Napa River (seg 2)
Soda Creek	20-26	Enters Napa River	S002619	56	Napa River (seg 6)
Hardman Creek	27-32	Enters Milliken Creek	A002914	57	Napa River (seg 8)
Hardman Creek Tributary	33-34	Enters Hardman Creek	S002270	58	Napa River (seg 9)
Milliken Creek	35-36	Enters Napa River	S022596	59	Napa River (seg 10)
Sarco Creek	37-38	Enters Milliken Creek	A025449	60	Napa River (seg 10)
Salvador Channel	39-42	Enters Napa River	A000631	61	Napa River (seg 13)
Tuluca Creek	43-47	Enters Napa River	S015457	62	Napa River (seg 13)
Cayetano Creek	48-49	Enters Tuluca Creek	A023522	63	Salvador Channel (seg 42)
Napa Creek	50-54	Enters Napa River	S015025	64	Salvador Channel (seg 42)
			S001799	65	Napa River (seg 17)

### 3.5 Streamflow and Diversions

The datasets for the Streamflow Routing Package (SFR2) were developed at the locations where the streams enter the model domain using a combination of available stream gage records spanning the base period for the Napa River near Napa gage (at Oak Knoll Avenue) and for calculated streamflow in the streams that enter the Active Model Area. **Figure 3-10** shows the location of stream gages and precipitation gages near the Active Model Area.

Streamflow data sets for streams other than the Napa River that enter the active model were developed using the U.S. Geological Survey Basin Characterization Model (BCM). The BCM simulates watershed hydrologic processes from 1900 to 2010 on monthly time steps based on observed precipitation,

potential evapotranspiration, and site-specific geologic conditions. BCM results for groundwater recharge and runoff for the individual tributary watershed were post-processed to calculate streamflow discharge into the Active Model Area. For years between 2011 and 2015, when BCM data are not available, regression analyses were performed to derive relationships between observed precipitation and calculated BCM streamflow discharge. Those relationships were then used to estimate monthly streamflow from 2011 through 2015. **Figure 3-11** shows the results of the regression analyses at six tributaries. **Figure 3-12** provides an example of the extrapolation that occurred to estimate monthly streamflow post-2011 for the Napa Creek subwatershed.

Streamflow data from gages other than the Napa River near Napa gage were reviewed for consistency with calculated streamflow data from the BCM.

Diversions of streamflow were accounted for based on permitted direct diversions published by the State Water Resources Control Board through the electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) within the Active Model Area. The locations of permitted Points of Diversions are shown in **Figure 3-13**. The Points of Diversion in **Figure 3-13** are labeled with the associated water right Application Number, since only the Application Number is provided in reports of diversion. All Points of Diversion within the Active Model Area are located in unincorporated portions of Napa Valley Subbasin. For this report surface water diverted at these locations is assumed to be applied to meet water demands in the unincorporated portion of the Active Model Area. Although the municipal water supply for the City of Napa was sourced from surface waters throughout the study period, those sources have Points of Diversion located out of the Active Model Area, either elsewhere in the Napa River Watershed (City of Napa reservoirs) or elsewhere in California (State Water Project north of Delta reservoirs).

All the permitted Points of Diversion are located along the Napa River except for two associated with diversion Application Numbers S015025 and A023533, which are along Salvador Creek. The reported diversions amounts were downloaded from the State Water Resources Control Board eWRIMS for all available years, which ranged from water years 2007 through 2015. Average monthly values for each Point of Diversion were used to account for diversions of surface water in the Model throughout the base period (**Table 3-2**).

Average reported diversions were 156 AFY throughout the Active Model Area (**Table 3-2**). For comparison purposes, **Table 3-2** groups reported diversions by their location relative to the Napa River. Although reports filed by surface water diverters do not specify exactly where diverted water is used, for this report the location of the point of diversion provided by the State Water Resources Control Board is interpreted to be consistent with the side of the Napa River where the water is eventually used.<sup>19</sup> Based on available eWRIMS reports, the majority of surface water diversions have occurred at points of diversion along the eastern side of the Napa River (**Table 3-2**).

While the reports of surface water diversions available through eWRIMS do not specify the locations where diverted water is used, the reports do describe the acreage over which water is applied. **Table 3-3** shows that 1,723 acres in the Active Model Area were mapped as having surface water as the source of

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<sup>19</sup> In the Active Model Area one water right Application Number, A025449, is associated with two Points of Diversion, one east of the Napa River and one west of the Napa River. In this case the diversion is attributed, in this report, as occurring west of the Napa River because the Application Number is classified as a Point of Diversion to Offstream Storage and the western Point of Diversion coincides with a pond.

supply in 2011 (DWR, 2011). Reports of diversion filed between water years 2007 and 2015 account for diversions applied to 556 acres, leaving 1,176 acres where land use mapping designates surface water as the source of supply and where no reports of diversions are available through eWRIMS.

Average annual rates of diversion within the study area are calculated to be 0.28 AFY/Acre, compared to 0.27 AFY/Acre across the entire Napa Valley Subbasin. At the Subbasin average annual rate of diversion, it is estimated that 315 AFY of additional unreported diversions may have occurred throughout the Active Model Area. After accounting for potential unreported diversions, total diversions of surface water are estimated to average 471 AFY across the Active Model Area (Table 3-3).

**Table 3-3. Average Reported Surface Water Diversions and Estimated Volume of Unreported Surface Water Diversions in the Northeast Napa Study Area**

	<b>West of Napa River</b>	<b>East of Napa River</b>	<b>Entire Study Area</b>
2011 irrigated agricultural land use units supplied by surface water (acres)	1,098	625	1,723
Area accounted for by reported diversions of surface water for irrigation and/or frost protection (acres)	146	410	556
Average of reported annual water diversion for irrigation and/or frost protection: 2007-2015 (AFY)	15.7	140.3	156
Areal average of reported surface water diversions in study area (AFY/Acre)	0.11	0.34	0.28
Surface water supplied area with no reported surface water diversions: 2007 – 2015 (acres)	952	215	1,167
Estimated unreported surface water diversions in study area at 0.27 AFY/Acre rate of reported diversions in Napa Valley Subbasin for irrigation with or without frost protection (AFY)	<b>257</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>315</b>

**Table 3-2. Average Reported Surface Water Diversions in the Northeast Napa Study Area: Water Years 2007-2015**

Diversion Application Number <sup>1,2</sup>	Average Diversion (AF)												Annual Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
<i>Points of Diversion on the West Side of Napa River</i>													
S015025	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.11	0.8
S002270	0.00	0.00	3.28	1.05	2.66	2.29	1.96	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.3
A025449	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.25	1.08	1.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.1
A023886B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
A023522	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.5
<b>Total: West Side</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.39</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<i>Points of Diversion on the East Side of Napa River</i>													
S022596	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.1
S015457	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88	3.83	0.00	2.83	0.00	2.84	0.00	10.8
S002619	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
S001799	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.14	6.43	9.00	9.00	5.57	0.57	35.7
A002914	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.20	31.20	31.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.6
A000631	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
<b>Total: East Side</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31.20</b>	<b>32.08</b>	<b>40.17</b>	<b>6.43</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>9.03</b>	<b>8.43</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>140.3</b>
<b>Total – All Diversions</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>34.95</b>	<b>35.46</b>	<b>42.26</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>12.06</b>	<b>9.27</b>	<b>8.69</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>155.9</b>

1 Four points of diversion within the study area (S008239, A025449 (East Side), S015308, and S015765) have no annual reports available on the State Water Resources Control Board Electronic Water Rights Information System

2 Three points of diversion (A023886B, S002619, and A000631) have filed annual reports showing no diversions for water years 2007 – 2015.



## 3.6 Well Locations and Pumping Demand Allocation

The model contains 594 wells in the active model domain. Well completion depths are based on information recorded in well completion reports (WCR) provided by DWR. For wells with a well completion report, 174 wells, the well depth and well screen interval information for that specific well were used. For wells without a well completion report, but whose location was inferred (e.g., 420 wells), the well depth and screen interval information were set to average values for wells of the same type within the same Township/Range/Section. Groundwater pumping is simulated using the Multi-Node Well Package (MNW2), which allows for wells to be screened in one or more layers, and the model determines how much water is withdrawn from each layer based on pumping rates, water levels, and aquifer properties. Well pumping rates are developed by accounting for the total water uses applicable to each well based on well type and water demand, as described below.

### 3.6.1 Well Locations

Production wells (i.e., wells other than monitoring wells, cathode protection wells, or other well types not associated with groundwater pumping demands) in the study area were located by reviewing well completion reports provided by DWR for the Study Area. **Figure 3-14a** shows the distribution of those wells. Inferred wells are those whose existence was inferred based on the presence of an unmet groundwater demand. County Assessor records for residential dwellings in the unincorporated part of the Active Model Area were compared against records of domestic wells with a well completion report. Where no record of a well completion report was found, an inferred well was placed. Irrigation wells were inferred when the density of located irrigation wells by Township/Range/Section was less than that represented by DWR in a summary of WCRs for Napa County.

**Figure 3-14b** depicts the location of all located and inferred production wells in 3D to convey their vertical and horizontal distribution. In addition to the wells, this figure shows the land surface and model layer 6.

### 3.6.1 Pumping Demands for Irrigation

Irrigation pumping demands include demands for agricultural crop irrigation as well as irrigation demands for landscaping associated with residences and commercial land uses, including wineries. These demands were incorporated from the Napa Valley Subbasin Root Zone Model (LSCE, 2016c). Root Zone Model irrigation demands for groundwater are specific to land uses where groundwater is the identified source of supply. In some cases, where no source of supply is noted in the land use surveys, the Root Zone Model assumes the groundwater is the source of supply by default, unless the land use is within an area with a municipal distribution system. **Figure 3-15** shows an example of how the irrigation pumping demands from the Root Zone Model were overlaid with the Napa County parcel dataset in order to attribute the land use based groundwater demands to wells in the Active Model Area. Irrigation demands for wells located on residential parcels are applied to a domestic well on that parcel, if available. In some cases, typically on larger parcels that contain both a residence and agricultural land uses, the only record of well construction is for an irrigation well. In those cases, irrigation demands are applied to the available irrigation well.

### 3.6.2 Pumping Demands for Residential Uses

The total annual groundwater demand for indoor domestic use in the Active Model Area was derived from the estimate of annual demands for indoor domestic water use for the unincorporated portion of the Napa Valley Subbasin (LSCE, 2016c). The Subbasin-wide annual values were reduced for the study area based on the 17.43% of residences in the unincorporated part of the Study Area as compared to the unincorporated Subbasin as whole. Annual demands are distributed equally amongst all Study Area residences and divided evenly into monthly increments.

### 3.6.3 Pumping Demands for Winery Uses

The annual water demand of each of the 24 permitted wineries in the Study Area was obtained from the Napa County Winery permit database. As in the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report, both the annual and monthly demands were assumed to be supplied entirely by groundwater and constant throughout the 1988 to 2015 period (LSCE, 2016c).

**Table 3-4** presents the total groundwater pumping demands calculated to have occurred in the Active Model Area during the study period. Groundwater demand for domestic and winery uses are generally steady over the study period, with some variation in the domestic demand due to water year types, with wetter years such as 2011 having less groundwater demand due to lower demand for residential irrigation in areas supplied by groundwater. Similarly, crop irrigation groundwater demands vary by water year type. Groundwater demand is shown to be evenly distributed in the Active Model Area east and west of the Napa River.

**Table 3-4. Summary of Annual Groundwater Pumping by Groundwater Use Sector in Northeast Napa Study Area**

Water Year	Pumping by Sector <sup>1,2</sup> (AF) - West of Napa River						Pumping by Sector <sup>1,2</sup> (AF) - East of Napa River						Total in Study Area (AF)
	Domestic - Located	Domestic - Inferred	Irrigation - Located	Irrigation - Inferred	Winery Demand	Total - West Side	Domestic - Located	Domestic - Inferred	Irrigation - Located	Irrigation - Inferred	Winery Demand	Total - East Side	
1988	64	313	267	0	16	660	101	304	86	34	50	574	1234
1989	63	287	257	2	16	624	95	279	83	34	50	540	1164
1990	58	280	236	5	16	594	89	276	81	39	50	536	1130
1991	68	302	275	8	16	667	100	300	97	51	50	598	1266
1992	70	296	281	11	16	675	101	297	103	58	50	609	1284
1993	63	277	248	14	16	616	93	280	96	57	50	576	1192
1994	71	294	278	17	16	677	101	300	110	70	50	631	1307
1995	60	270	232	19	16	596	88	275	94	62	50	569	1166
1996	58	273	223	22	16	592	87	279	94	63	50	573	1164
1997	80	309	312	28	16	745	110	324	135	99	50	718	1463
1998	57	252	209	26	16	560	82	261	93	67	50	554	1114
1999	73	279	275	31	16	673	98	296	124	97	50	665	1338
2000	71	276	263	34	16	660	95	294	122	96	50	657	1317
2001	82	289	310	38	16	735	107	314	147	122	50	741	1475
2002	83	295	310	42	16	745	108	321	150	127	50	756	1501
2003	72	269	256	41	16	653	94	291	127	108	50	670	1324
2004	93	319	348	53	16	828	120	354	178	156	50	858	1685
2005	68	252	227	43	16	605	86	274	116	99	50	625	1229
2006	80	278	284	50	16	708	102	310	150	136	50	747	1455
2007	94	313	339	60	16	823	118	354	182	167	50	871	1693
2008	104	323	388	64	16	896	130	374	212	201	50	966	1862
2009	89	295	305	62	16	766	109	335	169	158	50	820	1587
2010	79	262	265	56	16	678	97	299	149	143	50	738	1416
2011	65	234	193	51	16	558	77	258	108	98	50	591	1149
2012	86	277	292	61	16	732	104	319	166	160	50	800	1531
2013	97	306	338	68	16	825	118	354	193	185	50	900	1725
2014	90	299	298	68	16	770	109	339	169	159	50	827	1597
2015	99	315	347	71	16	849	122	366	199	191	50	927	1776
<b>Average</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>1398</b>

1. "Located" refers to water uses on parcels with a known a record of well construction. "Inferred" refers to water uses on parcels where groundwater is identified as the source of supply, based on land use mapping, but where a well completion report was not found.

2. Pumping by domestic wells includes water for indoor residential use and outdoor irrigation demands at residential parcels as calculated by the Napa Valley Subbasin Root Zone Model (LSCE, 2016c). Pumping by irrigation wells is assigned to meet irrigation demands calculated by the Napa Valley Subbasin Root Zone Model (LSCE, 2016c). Winery pumping is calculated to meet winery-specific water demands based on the permitted uses for each County-permitted winery.

### 3.7 Initial Conditions

#### 3.7.1 Unconfined Aquifer System

Groundwater levels for the unconfined layers in the model, layers 1–3, were interpolated across all cells based on the available monitoring data from Fall 1987 in the model vicinity. **Figure 3-18** depicts the distribution of water levels for the initial condition in layers 1–3.

#### 3.7.2 Semi-Confined Aquifer System

Groundwater levels for the semi-confined layers in the model, layers 4 – 6, were interpolated across all cells based on the available monitoring data from Fall 1987 in the model vicinity. **Figure 3-19** depicts the distribution of water levels for the initial condition in layers 4–6.

### 3.8 Model Calibration and Sensitivity

The MODFLOW-NWT model was calibrated manually by adjusting the following components: aquifer parameters (horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivity and storage), streambed conductivity, model layering, and general head boundary conditions.

#### 3.8.1 Observations Used in Model Calibration

There are 280 wells that have been identified to be within the Active Model Area and have historical water level measurements during the model simulation period. When the well's screened interval was known, the observation location was placed in the Model accordingly spatially and vertically. If the well's screened interval or well depth was unknown, an assumption was made about the vertical placement of the well depth. Of the 280 wells with available water level data, 182 wells were used in calibration. Some target wells were removed from the calibration target dataset because they were located too close to the general head boundary and not representative of modeled results. 153 of the target wells are shallow monitoring wells from regulated facilities; many wells are clustered together in various locations. The non-regulated facility wells, for which there are 29, are a mix of Napa County monitored wells (12 County monitored wells and 4 County surface water/groundwater interaction monitored locations), DWR wells (7), and USGS wells (6), for a total of 182 simulated observation points for use in calibration. (**Figure 3-20**).

Aquifer properties, including horizontal conductivity, vertical conductivity, storage, and streambed conductivity, were adjusted until simulated water levels reasonably matched observed water levels at the 182 calibration target locations throughout the active model domain. Other changes to the initial model included separating the Tertiary geologic unit into two separate layers to account for the vertical hydraulic gradient observed in wells with water levels completed at different depths within it on the east side of the Napa River. Another adjustment to model layering occurred with the deepening of the alluvium in the corridor of the Napa River to accommodate historical erosion and incision by the Napa River, which was a minor change from the isopach development of the base of the Quaternary alluvium from LSCE and MBK (2013) based on cross sections developed by LSCE (2013) which showed the alluvium thickness near the Napa River increasing from about 100 to 200 feet thick from north to south.

The model area lacks long-term surface water gaging data, except for the USGS station 11458000 NAPA R NR NAPA CA located near the northern boundary of the model. Although this stream data matches the simulated data, the station is too close to the model boundary where surface water input data are specified, so this does not provide an effective calibration observation target location. Another gage station located on Salvador Creek only has data from 2014-2015 during the simulation period; it also does not provide a sufficient dataset to be used as an effective calibration observation target location. Lastly, Napa River at Lincoln Bridge was considered as a potential surface water calibration target for the southern portion of the model area, but this gage station is heavily influenced by the tides, which the groundwater model does not explicitly simulate. The lack of long-term surface water observation data is not an issue for the scale and scope of this model, as multiple groundwater monitoring locations of various depths are available for calibration, near and far from surface water bodies.

### 3.8.2 Simulated and Observed Water Levels

A simple method of assessing the overall model fit is to plot the simulated water levels against the observed water levels. For a perfect fit, all points would show a 1:1 relationship and fall on the 1:1 diagonal line on the plot. Factors that can affect the 1:1 relationship include unknown and assumed screened intervals for target wells. Target well screen completions were not always known, so the model layer that the target well was placed in may be inaccurate, leading to overestimation or underestimation by the Model, depending on the actual target well screen. **Figure 3-21** shows the simulated vs observed water level plot. Many of the target wells plot on or near the 1:1 line, but there are several outliers.

Hydrographs were created that plot the observed water levels with the simulated water levels at each model layer for all target well locations. These hydrographs are included in **Appendix A**. Select hydrographs for seven wells of interest are included in **Figure 3-22**. This figure shows the behavior of the simulated water levels fluctuating seasonally and over the years, related to the climate and pumping demands in various parts of the model area. Wells of interest in the Petra Drive area (Napa County Wells 75, 76, 182, and 228) show the behavior of the Model in that area of interest.

In the northeast, NapaCounty-76 shows a lot of simulated vertical variability between model layers, and seasonal fluctuations of about 40 feet as seen in the upper portion of the Tertiary sedimentary deposits (layer 4). The calibrated model generally follows the observed yearly trends, dropping in water levels between 2002 and 2009, rising slightly until 2011, then dropping to 2014, and rising into 2015.

Following Soda Creek to the southwest, two selected calibration wells, NapaCounty-228 and NapaCounty-182, show a different trend. The observed water level records for these wells are brief, starting in 2015 for well 228 and 2014 for well 182, but the observed records show seasonal fluctuations between 20 and 70 feet for well 228 and about 25 to 40 feet for well 182. Simulated water levels at this location were unable to replicate the high end of the seasonal fluctuation. The Model was not able to drop water levels to the depths observed. The calibration process included varying aquifer properties (conductivity, storage, and streambed conductivity) but these low observed levels were still unachievable. As a result, a closer look at the geology and mapping of faults was undertaken. The East Napa Fault was added to the Model as a series of cells with low permeability. This improved the model's fit to these two wells. Another fault, a concealed fault, was mapped on the east side of the Napa River, to the northwest of these wells. The extent of this concealed fault is unknown, so for this model

exercise, the extent is limited to the mapped feature. It is possible that this concealed fault extends to the south closer to the Petra Drive wells. The mapped extent of the concealed fault feature was added to the model simulation, and simulated water levels in these two wells dropped somewhat, but the levels are still about 60 feet higher than the observed water levels. Simulated results indicate that the alluvium (layers 1-3) is mostly dry in this area, which is corroborated by driller's accounts of first encountered water in well completion reports in this area. Simulation results also indicate that surface water flow to the groundwater aquifer via Soda Creek is mostly positive for the simulation period, indicating losing stream conditions (**Figure 3-23**). These two wells (NapaCounty-182 and -228) are within 200 to 500 feet from Soda Creek, which is likely why the simulated water levels in these two wells are higher than observed, as the Model simulates surface water recharging the groundwater in this area.

Further to the south along the Napa River, NapaCounty-75 is another selected well used for model calibration. This well has a lengthy period of record with observed water levels fluctuating seasonally about 20 feet. The calibrated model generally follows the seasonal fluctuations and the yearly trends in the Tertiary sedimentary deposits (comprising layers 4 and 5) for this location.

On the west side of the Napa River, three wells are selected for model calibration discussion: 06N04W27L002M (27L2), NapaCounty-136, and T0605500110MW-5. Well 27L2 is in a part of the Model where simulations have very little vertical hydraulic gradient. The simulated water levels in these three wells show a good match in the magnitude of the elevation, and the yearly trends compared to observed water levels. The simulated seasonal fluctuations in NapaCounty-136 and T0605500110MW-5 are a good match to observed measurements, but the simulated seasonal fluctuations in 27L2 are muted compared to observed values.

### 3.8.3 Baseline Water Budget

The water budget components discussed in this section include: 1) groundwater storage, 2) lateral flow (via general head boundaries or through the sides of an area of interest), 3) recharge, 4) stream leakage, and 5) groundwater pumping. When discussing water budget components, positive fluxes indicate water entering the groundwater system (to be used or made available by the Model for lateral flow, pumping, and regional flow). Negative fluxes indicate water leaving the groundwater system (e.g., via groundwater pumping and discharges to streamflow). In modeling terms, negative fluxes for storage indicate groundwater leaving the portion of the active groundwater system that is used for pumping or lateral flow or stream contributions, and being placed into groundwater storage, indicating replenishment of storage. In modeling terms, a positive net storage term indicates that water is entering the active model domain to be made available for pumping/lateral flow/stream contribution by *leaving* storage, which occurs during storage depletion. Negative fluxes for stream leakage indicate water leaving the groundwater system to feed the surface water feature during gaining stream conditions; positive fluxes for stream leakage indicate water leaving the stream and entering the groundwater system.

The water budget for the entire model is available for each time step and stress period (two time steps per monthly stress period, for a total of 672 values for the 28-year simulation period), but it is summarized by water year for discussion of results (**Table 3-5**). The net change in storage for the entire model domain ranges from a replenishment of 2,015 AFY (an excess of groundwater placed into storage) during a brief replenishment period in 2000 to a depletion of 3,524 AFY (decrease in groundwater in

storage, or depletion) during a dry period in 2007. Generally, the storage component of the water budget hovers around zero (inflow equal outflows); on average storage accounts for the smallest portion of the water budget (**Figure 3-24**). Groundwater pumping makes up the next smallest component, averaging around -1,357 AFY (which equates to approximately 0.22 AFY/acre for the entire active model area).<sup>20</sup> Net recharge across the model domain ranges from zero AFY in 1991 to as high as 11,685 AFY in 1998, averaging around 4,900 AFY (which equates to approximately 0.8 AFY/acre), and is based on Root Zone Model results for this area (LSCE, 2016c).<sup>21</sup>

Net lateral flow through the sum of all of the model's general head boundary cells is generally positive (water flowing overall into the Model), averaging around 2,700 AFY for the 28-year model period. Net lateral flow remains mostly positive during the simulation period, except for five years when the net flow is out of the model domain to neighboring areas (negative numbers of average annual flow). Most of the water leaving the Model is through the general head boundary on the east side near the Soda Creek Fault. **Figure 3-25** shows the different regions of the general head boundary that have been used to examine how water flows in and out of the model domain with depth. The average annual flow through these eight different regions of the model's boundary is depicted in **Figure 3-26**. Generally, on average, water flows in from the west, northwest, and southeast towards the east and southwest (**Figure 3-26**).

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<sup>20</sup> Groundwater pumping rates output by the Model reflect the net flow between Model layers through all wells simulated by the Model. These amounts differ from the pumping demands used as an input dataset because the model accounts for inflow and outflow from groundwater storage in such a way that the groundwater body within the Model domain is tracked separately from the volume of groundwater storage. In some time steps some amount of pumping demand is met by reductions in storage rather than outflows from the groundwater body.

<sup>21</sup> The annual recharge value of zero AFY in 1991 indicates that over the course of that year, within the Active Model Area, the timing of precipitation and irrigation applications did not exceed the amount removed from the root zone by evaporation and transpiration and the amount retained in the soil profile as soil moisture storage.

**Table 3-5. Water Budget Components for the Model Domain**

Water Year	Net Change in Storage (AFY)	Lateral Flow In/Out (AFY)	Recharge (AFY)	Net Stream Leakage (AFY)	Pumping (AFY)
1988	2,740	4,509	3,320	-9,423	-1,147
1989	-550	4,451	3,434	-6,252	-1,085
1990	953	5,394	1,220	-6,517	-1,051
1991	-294	7,953	0	-6,471	-1,188
1992	-1,574	8,510	1,855	-7,579	-1,213
1993	-833	5,665	7,540	-11,247	-1,125
1994	1,390	5,453	2,754	-8,356	-1,242
1995	-1,104	-421	11,115	-8,484	-1,106
1996	205	2,334	7,350	-8,786	-1,104
1997	170	2,444	7,781	-8,988	-1,407
1998	-422	-108	11,685	-10,092	-1,064
1999	2,335	2,422	4,523	-7,988	-1,293
2000	-2,015	5,835	4,323	-6,870	-1,274
2001	875	6,553	2,050	-8,042	-1,438
2002	-134	3,390	5,264	-7,056	-1,465
2003	-590	831	7,073	-6,023	-1,291
2004	1,068	1,187	5,483	-6,083	-1,655
2005	-1,593	3,372	7,164	-7,744	-1,201
2006	-389	-820	10,837	-8,199	-1,430
2007	3,524	454	1,611	-3,918	-1,672
2008	1,623	-3,863	4,265	-177	-1,849
2009	-1,741	1,945	2,962	-1,597	-1,569
2010	-1,960	2,752	5,064	-4,453	-1,404
2011	-1,030	887	7,726	-6,451	-1,133
2012	2,259	2,803	1,590	-5,133	-1,520
2013	1,520	-673	2,915	-2,046	-1,717
2014	-779	510	2,174	-323	-1,583
2015	-839	1,685	4,208	-3,290	-1,766

	<i>Avg Annual Change in Storage (AFY)</i>	<i>Avg Annual Net Lateral Flow (Into Model) (AFY)</i>	<i>Avg Annual Recharge (AFY)</i>	<i>Avg Annual Stream Leakage (AFY)</i>	<i>Avg Annual Pumping (AFY)</i>
<b>Average</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>4,903</b>	<b>-6,342</b>	<b>-1,357</b>

Time series plots for groups of model boundaries show net annual flow on the west and east sides of the model (**Figures 3-27 and 3-28**). The model output also allows for observing which aquifer units (vertically) are accepting or providing the most water through each of the different model boundary regions (**Tables 3-6, 3-7, and 3-8 and Figures 3-27, 3-28, and 3-29**). The net flow through the western side of the Model is almost always into the Model (positive values), as exemplified by flow through the Quaternary alluvium through this side of the Model, but some water is leaving the model domain via layers 4 and 5, and a very small amount via layer 6 starting around 2001. A small amount of water enters the Model through the eastern side of the Model in layers 1-3 (Quaternary alluvium), and most of the water leaves the Model out of the eastern boundary through the deeper aquifer units, including the Sonoma Volcanics.



**Table 3-6. Annual Flows Through the Eastern General Head Boundary**

Water Year	Soda Creek Fault				Southeast				Qa Flow (Lays 1-3) Total	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5) Total	Tsv Flow (Lay 6) Total	Grand Total
	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total				
1988	162	-585	-3,398	-3,821	487	1,605	1,131	3,222	649	1,019	-2,267	-599
1989	172	-833	-3,491	-4,152	478	1,636	1,144	3,258	650	803	-2,347	-894
1990	197	-974	-3,533	-4,310	499	1,491	1,114	3,104	696	517	-2,419	-1,206
1991	201	-621	-3,431	-3,851	510	1,598	1,099	3,207	711	977	-2,332	-644
1992	186	-652	-3,440	-3,905	500	1,660	1,116	3,276	686	1,008	-2,324	-629
1993	119	-359	-3,368	-3,609	440	1,664	1,092	3,196	558	1,304	-2,276	-413
1994	170	-505	-3,386	-3,722	515	1,578	1,066	3,160	685	1,073	-2,320	-562
1995	101	-1,121	-3,520	-4,540	434	840	939	2,212	534	-281	-2,581	-2,328
1996	134	-906	-3,476	-4,249	468	1,109	994	2,572	602	203	-2,482	-1,677
1997	129	-991	-3,470	-4,331	442	1,225	1,044	2,712	572	235	-2,425	-1,619
1998	96	-1,279	-3,557	-4,740	396	1,141	1,045	2,582	492	-138	-2,512	-2,158
1999	168	-923	-3,476	-4,231	467	1,407	1,092	2,965	634	484	-2,384	-1,266
2000	179	-1,102	-3,519	-4,443	448	1,594	1,180	3,222	626	492	-2,339	-1,221
2001	196	-871	-3,441	-4,116	451	2,070	1,281	3,802	646	1,200	-2,160	-314
2002	161	-1,268	-3,516	-4,623	449	1,407	1,126	2,982	610	138	-2,390	-1,641
2003	153	-1,837	-3,654	-5,337	443	902	1,035	2,381	597	-935	-2,618	-2,956
2004	168	-1,512	-3,573	-4,917	464	1,007	1,042	2,513	632	-505	-2,531	-2,405
2005	150	-1,616	-3,615	-5,081	441	1,094	1,063	2,598	590	-522	-2,551	-2,483
2006	133	-1,834	-3,700	-5,402	387	751	1,028	2,166	520	-1,083	-2,672	-3,236
2007	199	-1,284	-3,513	-4,598	499	1,429	1,142	3,070	697	146	-2,371	-1,528
2008	191	-1,809	-3,655	-5,273	492	808	1,056	2,356	683	-1,001	-2,599	-2,917
2009	192	-1,538	-3,580	-4,926	488	1,185	1,119	2,792	680	-353	-2,461	-2,134
2010	188	-1,739	-3,632	-5,183	451	1,162	1,122	2,736	639	-577	-2,510	-2,448
2011	153	-1,698	-3,633	-5,178	420	1,263	1,137	2,820	573	-436	-2,496	-2,358
2012	204	-1,331	-3,523	-4,649	476	1,638	1,207	3,322	681	307	-2,316	-1,328
2013	193	-1,604	-3,589	-5,000	474	1,137	1,121	2,732	667	-467	-2,468	-2,268
2014	208	-1,646	-3,603	-5,041	490	1,061	1,107	2,658	698	-586	-2,495	-2,383
2015	180	-1,401	-3,515	-4,736	467	1,242	1,111	2,819	647	-159	-2,404	-1,916
<b>Average</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-1,209</b>	<b>-3,529</b>	<b>-4,570</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-2,430</b>	<b>-1,698</b>

Table 3-7. Annual Flows Through the Northern and Southern General Head Boundary

Water Year	North				South			
	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total
1988	804	-849	-474	-520	-684	626	99	41
1989	1,433	-748	-392	293	-640	665	126	151
1990	467	-752	-423	-709	-728	694	128	94
1991	519	-522	-270	-273	-676	683	125	132
1992	1,398	-562	-239	596	-648	677	131	159
1993	725	-521	-228	-24	-699	610	117	28
1994	441	-356	-144	-58	-646	637	116	107
1995	689	-299	-104	286	-751	476	84	-191
1996	589	-245	-53	292	-716	462	72	-182
1997	362	-232	-43	87	-735	594	103	-37
1998	332	-49	35	318	-748	561	100	-86
1999	499	-7	89	582	-702	637	115	51
2000	759	-282	-49	428	-711	655	117	60
2001	611	-270	-53	287	-696	685	117	107
2002	222	-99	31	154	-725	634	114	23
2003	219	-100	32	151	-743	604	109	-31
2004	384	-184	-6	194	-718	596	107	-15
2005	439	-233	-45	161	-715	626	115	26
2006	528	-252	-95	181	-717	584	109	-24
2007	420	-444	-162	-186	-682	693	129	139
2008	311	-696	-336	-721	-678	670	126	119
2009	1,208	-571	-230	408	-653	674	127	147
2010	1,244	-548	-193	503	-666	627	113	74
2011	675	-395	-119	161	-733	565	99	-69
2012	234	-193	-4	37	-699	581	98	-20
2013	403	-359	-109	-65	-733	696	128	91
2014	75	-162	6	-81	-732	709	131	108
2015	139	-99	37	78	-779	690	126	38
<b>Average</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>-358</b>	<b>-126</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-705</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>37</b>

Table 3-8. Annual Flows Through the Western General Head Boundary

Water Year	Northwest Higher K				Northwest of Salvador Crk				Southwest				West Central				Qa Flow (Lays 1-3) Total	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5) Total	Tsv Flow (Lay 6) Total	Grand Total
	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total	Qa Flow (Lays 1-3)	TQsb Flow (Lays 4-5)	Tsv Flow (Lay 6)	Total				
1988	1,242	-380	-225	636	9,826	-5,879	-810	3,137	-3,300	2,754	277	-268	-1,546	3,005	563	2,022	6,223	-500	-196	5,527
1989	1,286	-264	-137	886	5,122	-2,483	-233	2,406	-3,612	3,010	305	-298	-1,024	2,417	462	1,855	1,771	2,681	397	4,849
1990	1,068	-262	-120	686	10,842	-5,882	-742	4,218	-3,133	2,901	299	67	2,154	-108	117	2,163	10,931	-3,351	-446	7,134
1991	1,216	-245	-124	847	11,238	-5,480	-624	5,134	-2,915	2,732	280	97	925	1,313	353	2,590	10,463	-1,680	-115	8,669
1992	1,737	-278	-141	1,318	10,046	-4,829	-536	4,681	-3,021	2,760	283	21	-804	2,590	514	2,300	7,958	244	119	8,321
1993	1,272	-259	-135	877	5,751	-1,818	-8	3,925	-3,331	2,667	261	-403	-5,223	5,847	964	1,588	-1,532	6,437	1,082	5,987
1994	887	-171	-77	639	6,444	-2,286	-98	4,060	-3,405	2,645	254	-505	-3,367	4,309	739	1,682	560	4,498	818	5,876
1995	855	-131	-50	674	3,635	-1,324	-8	2,303	-3,980	2,315	201	-1,464	-2,629	2,471	433	275	-2,118	3,330	576	1,788
1996	1,197	-166	-69	962	7,018	-3,161	-291	3,566	-3,081	2,216	214	-651	-5,117	4,441	689	13	17	3,330	543	3,891
1997	982	-169	-77	737	10,312	-5,934	-791	3,587	-3,861	2,707	255	-899	-1,872	2,024	369	521	5,562	-1,371	-244	3,947
1998	463	11	57	531	2,256	-682	64	1,638	-3,902	2,734	258	-909	-2,275	2,359	411	495	-3,458	4,422	790	1,754
1999	610	25	71	706	3,387	-1,269	-66	2,052	-3,427	2,772	277	-378	-1,169	1,491	289	611	-599	3,019	571	2,991
2000	1,357	-210	-100	1,048	13,115	-7,917	-1,180	4,018	-3,313	2,810	282	-220	1,084	418	153	1,655	12,244	-4,899	-844	6,501
2001	1,216	-147	-50	1,019	8,490	-4,130	-447	3,913	-3,960	3,173	314	-474	-944	2,425	467	1,948	4,801	1,321	284	6,406
2002	865	-102	-29	734	9,396	-5,142	-667	3,588	-4,053	3,056	307	-690	642	382	143	1,167	6,850	-1,805	-246	4,799
2003	855	-102	-29	724	10,565	-6,529	-958	3,077	-3,982	2,908	293	-781	3,301	-2,414	-287	600	10,738	-6,138	-981	3,619
2004	930	-136	-51	743	9,805	-6,096	-878	2,831	-4,104	2,960	300	-845	2,433	-1,625	-159	648	9,063	-4,898	-788	3,377
2005	1,047	-158	-66	823	10,887	-6,337	-886	3,665	-3,667	2,766	269	-631	3,773	-1,871	-147	1,755	12,040	-5,600	-829	5,611
2006	1,147	-65	30	1,113	11,641	-7,285	-1,069	3,287	-4,805	3,010	281	-1,514	1,319	-1,763	-242	-687	9,303	-6,103	-1,000	2,199
2007	1,258	-242	-123	893	10,564	-7,050	-1,081	2,434	-4,796	3,376	336	-1,084	-1,707	1,255	173	-279	5,319	-2,661	-695	1,964
2008	1,411	-373	-216	822	15,299	-11,509	-2,006	1,784	-4,947	3,176	308	-1,464	118	-1,379	-290	-1,550	11,881	-10,085	-2,204	-408
2009	1,721	-322	-177	1,222	14,876	-10,175	-1,684	3,017	-4,160	3,092	312	-755	664	-588	-101	-25	13,101	-7,993	-1,649	3,459
2010	1,793	-322	-175	1,296	15,397	-10,542	-1,732	3,123	-4,034	3,043	314	-678	3,170	-2,069	-259	841	16,325	-9,890	-1,852	4,583
2011	1,442	-255	-131	1,056	12,844	-8,402	-1,300	3,142	-4,414	3,126	323	-965	-864	661	102	-101	9,007	-4,870	-1,006	3,131
2012	985	-160	-69	757	12,772	-8,052	-1,213	3,507	-4,352	3,425	378	-549	-274	570	106	403	9,131	-4,216	-797	4,118
2013	1,218	-249	-133	836	14,724	-10,695	-1,836	2,192	-4,734	3,250	320	-1,164	1,539	-1,638	-265	-365	12,748	-9,333	-1,914	1,500
2014	974	-176	-87	710	16,328	-11,568	-1,999	2,761	-4,875	3,296	325	-1,254	4,993	-3,861	-552	580	17,420	-12,309	-2,314	2,797
2015	893	-115	-41	737	12,606	-7,872	-1,194	3,540	-4,956	3,316	320	-1,320	1,642	-1,060	-117	466	10,185	-5,731	-1,031	3,423
<b>Average</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>-194</b>	<b>-88</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>10,185</b>	<b>-6,083</b>	<b>-867</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>-3,933</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>-714</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>-2,648</b>	<b>-499</b>	<b>4,208</b>

Stream leakage (or surface water flow to the aquifer) is another component of special interest in the water budget. This component accounts for the largest outflow of groundwater from the model domain (on average -6,342 AFY, leaving the model and discharging into surface water). The annual stream leakage from the Napa River and all of its simulated tributaries in the model varies from -177 AFY (the negative number indicates that groundwater is contributing to surface water during gaining stream conditions) to nearly -11,250 AFY. A more detailed discussion of stream leakage from different sections of the Napa River and its individual tributaries is in **Section 4.2** below.

### 3.9 Sensitivity Analysis

Four categories of model sensitivity are discussed in this section, including: aquifer parameter adjustments; general head boundary conditions; streambed properties; recharge; and groundwater pumping. The Model's sensitivity to aquifer parameter adjustments was seen during calibration, where certain adjustments to horizontal conductivity did little to change the simulated water levels at target calibration well locations. The relationship of horizontal conductivity to storage (or hydraulic diffusivity), however, was an important sensitivity explored during model calibration. Changing this ratio allowed for the model to simulate the seasonal fluctuations observed in measured water level data.

The two faults that are simulated to occur in layers 4, 5, and 6 (the East Napa Fault Zone and a concealed fault located about 500 to 1,000 feet east of the Napa River in the vicinity of Petra Drive) were tested for their sensitivity to hydraulic conductivity changes. The cells representing these two fault zones were simulated with  $1\text{e-}6$  ft/d and  $1\text{e-}3$  ft/d for both horizontal and vertical conductivity, and the resultant simulated water levels did not show a notable change using these two values; this indicates that as long as the low hydraulic conductivity barrier unit is present, the model is insensitive to decreasing the order of magnitude of those low permeability units.

Initial estimates of streambed conductivity were similar to low permeability clays (e.g. 0.005 ft/d), but this resulted in very little groundwater contribution to surface water (or baseflow), which is inconsistent with previous analyses in the Annual Water Budget for the whole Napa Valley Subbasin that show the relationship between baseflow (groundwater contribution to surface water) and recharge (as a function of precipitation) (LSCE, 2016c). The Model showed sensitivity to streambed conductivity when streambed conductivity was increased to allow for more groundwater contribution. The streambed conductivity was adjusted until the Model's overall water balance was consistent with the relationship described in the Napa Valley Subbasin Annual Water Budget Results for 1988 to 2015 (LSCE, 2016c). The calibrated streambed conductivity was 0.5 ft/d.

#### 3.9.1 Sensitivity to Groundwater Pumping

To test the sensitivity of the model to groundwater pumping, three additional model scenarios were developed: 1) the first sensitivity scenario involved reducing the amount of groundwater pumping to zero (no pumping); 2) the second sensitivity scenario involved reducing the amount of groundwater pumping to the groundwater pumping rates seen in each well for each month in water year 1988 (prior to the pumping increase occurring in the 1990s); and 3) the third sensitivity scenario involved doubling the amount of pumping in each well for each stress period. The overall water budget components of

storage and recharge are similar to the baseline calibrated model scenario for all three sensitivity scenarios (**Figure 3-30**).

The sensitivity scenario of double pumping increases the amount of groundwater flowing into the model domain laterally through the boundaries, whereas the sensitivity scenario with zero pumping reduces the average net lateral flow into the model. Differences in stream leakage are small, with the difference between stream leakage from sensitivity scenarios being smaller than the difference in pumping between scenarios. Differences in stream leakage between different pumping sensitivity scenarios are small, but the cumulative effect over time is of note. For example, doubling the pumping results in approximately 9,300 AF cumulatively less groundwater contributed to streams over a 28-year period (approximately 330 AFY). This means that approximately 9,300 AF of groundwater would have contributed to stream baseflow; but instead, when pumping is doubled, it is unavailable to surface waters during this 28-year period (**Figure 3-31**).

Differences in simulated Napa River stage and water table elevations at Petra Drive are very small for the scenario in which groundwater pumping is eliminated. While eliminating pumping does result in higher stage in the Napa River during both wet years and dry years, the resulting change in stage is less than 0.02 feet (**Figure 3-32**). Water table elevations<sup>22</sup> at the River are also increased slightly in both wet years and dry years with pumping eliminated, with increases of less than 0.06 feet. (**Figure 3-33**).

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<sup>22</sup> Water table elevations in Layer 1, the uppermost model layer in the unconfined aquifer.

## 4 DISCUSSION OF MODEL RESULTS

Three main topics of discussion are presented below using the calibrated Northeast Napa Area Model simulation results. The first topic of discussion is the availability of groundwater in the model area, looking particularly at the difference between simulated water budget components east of the Napa River and west of the Napa River. Second, simulation results are discussed pertaining to surface water and groundwater interaction (including stream leakage when 1) groundwater discharges to surface water and contributes to stream baseflow, or 2) surface water discharges to groundwater<sup>23</sup>), including comparisons of portions of the Napa River and its various tributaries. Last, the Petra Drive area in the northeastern portion of the model domain is discussed, including recent water level observations as they pertain to local water budget components. Throughout this section, the behavior of groundwater (and surface water) during different water year types (wet, dry) is also discussed.

### 4.1 Groundwater Availability in the Model Area

This Model was constructed to better understand groundwater availability in the model area, particularly east of the Napa River, which may be constrained by two faults and may have a limited subsurface inflow component. **Table 4-1** tabulates the annual water budget components for the land east of the Napa River and allows for comparison to the land west of (and including) Napa River.

**Appendix B** illustrates the spatial distribution of simulated water levels for select months during the 28-year model period.

The annual water budget is illustrated in **Figure 4-1**, which shows the average annual flows for selected water budget components from the west and east sides of the Napa River. In general, for the entire model domain, groundwater storage changes are minimal, with slightly more storage changes occurring in the Quaternary Alluvial deposits (layers 1-3) compared to the deeper Tertiary deposits (layers 4-6). Tertiary deposits have a much lower storativity value, and as a result, much less water moves in or out of storage compared to upper model layers. Water enters the model more on the west side and leaves on the east side (via general head boundaries). There is more recharge on the west side of the Napa River (average of 3,129 AFY over its 3,720 acres, or 0.84 AFY/acre) compared to the east side of the Napa River (average of 1,774 AFY over its 2,368 acres, or 0.75 AFY/acre). The stream leakage component on the different sides of the Napa River shows large variations (more detailed discussion of the relationship between streamflow and groundwater is in **Section 4.2**), with much more groundwater contribution to surface water bodies in the west (including to the Napa River) compared to the east, where on average the net stream leakage component indicates losing stream conditions. The streams on the west side include the Napa River, Salvador Channel, and Napa Creek. The streams on the east side include the following tributaries to Napa River: Soda Creek, Hardman Creek (and Tributary), Milliken Creek, Sarco Creek, Tulucay Creek, and Cayetano Creek. Total pumping on the east side of the Napa River (average annual pumping is 712 AFY, or 0.30 AFY/acre) is slightly higher on average compared to the west side (average annual pumping is 645 AFY, or 0.17 AFY/acre).

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<sup>23</sup> Surface water infiltrates to the groundwater system when the stage in the stream is higher than groundwater elevations or groundwater head at the streambed. Surface water can also infiltrate to the groundwater system when there is no direct connection between a stream and the groundwater body. Streamflow depletion occurs when pumping causes less groundwater to be discharged to surface water by capturing groundwater that would have discharged to the stream, or by inducing infiltration and reducing streamflow.



Both sides of the Napa River typically replenish groundwater storage during wet years (e.g., 1995, 1998, 2010, and 2011) and sometimes remove water from storage during dry years (e.g., 2012 and 2013). The largest proportion of water moving in and out of storage occurs in the Quaternary alluvium (layers 1-3), as these upper units have a higher storage coefficient compared to deeper more confined units. The stream leakage component on the west side and including the Napa River mimic the reverse pattern of the recharge, so groundwater contribution to the streams occurs more during wet years (e.g., 1993, 2006, 2007). The eastern tributaries follow a similar but muted pattern, although streams are always showing net losing (contributing to groundwater) conditions on an annual basis on the east side of the Napa River; drier years result in more surface water flow to groundwater (e.g., 1991, 2001, 2014) compared to wet years (e.g., 1995, 1998, 2006) (**Figure 4-2**).

Pumping increased during the base period on both sides of the Napa River. Relative annual trends in groundwater pumping tend to be related to the amount of recharge; low recharge (during drier years) is typically associated with higher pumping amounts, and lower pumping amounts tend to occur when recharge is typically higher (during wet years).

Lateral groundwater movement between the east and west sides of the Active Model Area is mostly toward the Napa River, to the west, with exceptions occurring during recent periods of low recharge (e.g., 2007 to 2010 and 2013-2014) where the net lateral movement of all aquifer units was in the easterly direction. The largest component of lateral flow east or west occurs in the Quaternary alluvium (layers 1-3). The Tertiary deposits (layers 4-5) show a trend of net lateral movement toward the east over time within the 28-year simulation period. The Sonoma Volcanics unit (layer 6) is consistently moving water to the east at the Napa River border. The lateral movement shows similar groundwater pumping trends starting in 1993 when increases in pumping result in less movement to the west, with movement to the east in some years as noted above.

Vertical movement within the different aquifer units is typically in the downward direction, with larger amount of water moving downward on the west side of the Napa River from the Quaternary alluvium (layers 1-3) down to the Tertiary deposits (layers 4-5) on an average annual basis, as compared to areas east of the Napa River. The eastern side shows more water moving vertically downward from the Tertiary deposits (layers 4-5) to the Sonoma Volcanics (layer 6). The vertical flow generally follows the annual trend of the recharge with a slight delay (of about one year) where the west side of Napa River shows less downward flow to deeper aquifer units during or soon after wetter years; more downward flow occurs in drier years. The east side of the Napa River exhibits less downward flow during dry years compared to wet years with little to no delay. These results indicate recharge infiltrates downward to the Tertiary units on the east side where the Quaternary alluvium is typically thinner than alluvial deposits to the west of the Napa River.

## 4.2 Streamflow Effects

This Model simulates the interaction between surface water and groundwater at ten different rivers and creeks. The stream leakage component, or groundwater-surface water interaction component, from all simulated surface water features is discussed below. The Napa River is divided into six different areas for understanding the simulated behavior of the river and its interaction with the aquifer below it.



Tributaries are further grouped into western and eastern tributaries based on their location relative to the Napa River.

#### 4.2.1 Napa River Surface Water Flow to Groundwater

The Napa River is divided into six different stream segments for the purposes of observing the surface water – groundwater interaction of the Napa River along its natural course in the model domain (almost 8 miles). The stream segments are listed below from north to south, and are illustrated in **Figure 4-3**:

- 1) North segments (Napa River to Soda Creek Tributary)
- 2) Middle segments (north of Salvador Creek)
- 3) Southern segment 1 (north of Milliken Creek)
- 4) Southern segment 2 (north of Napa Creek)
- 5) Southern segment 3 (north of Tuluca Creek)
- 6) Outflow (north of model boundary)

Most of the Napa River segments exhibit gaining stream conditions throughout the simulation period, except for the southernmost segment (near the model's outflow, near the model boundary). Time series plots of the monthly surface water flow to groundwater values for the Napa River segments are shown in **Figure 4-4**. This plot reveals the behavior of the surface water – groundwater interaction at various locations along the Napa River, including over the entire Napa River in the model domain. The time series plot shows typical surface water hydrograph patterns with peaks of negative surface water flow to the aquifer (meaning that flow is moving from groundwater to surface water, under gaining stream conditions) occurring between February and May, followed by less contribution from groundwater in the summer, with some brief months of losing stream conditions at the end of fall or early winter (December to February).

The total (or net) annual surface water flow to groundwater attributed to the Napa River is shown in **Figure 4-5** for each water year in the 28-year simulation period. This plot indicates that, on average, most segments of the Napa River exhibit gaining stream conditions, again except for the outflow portion of Napa River in the southernmost part of the Active Model Area near the southern model boundary. A trend appears starting in the late 1990s and early 2000s where on average, less groundwater contributes to the Napa River, as seen in the North Segments and Middle Segments. The Middle Segment (north of Salvador Creek and south of Soda Creek) trends toward losing stream conditions toward the end of the simulation period (in 2014). The net annual surface water flow to groundwater component for the Napa River shows a related pattern to recharge in that as recharge increases, more contribution from groundwater occurs. In wet years, there is more groundwater contributed to surface water than in dry years.

**A closer look at the relationship between surface water and groundwater in the Napa River reveals that the climate (precipitation and recharge) plays a stronger role in the simulated contribution to surface water from groundwater, compared to other factors such as groundwater pumping.** Plotting the precipitation on one axis and the stream leakage component for the Napa River on the other axis illustrates the relationship between water availability and groundwater contribution to surface water (**Figure 4-6**). The three pumping sensitivity scenarios' annual stream leakage components for the Napa River are also plotted in this figure. The relatively small difference between stream leakage values compared from the two extreme scenarios: 1) a scenario with double the amount of groundwater

pumping to 2) the scenario with zero pumping. This comparison demonstrates the relatively minor role groundwater pumping has on Napa River groundwater contributions compared to the larger effect climate and precipitation have on this component. When annual precipitation totals are greater, stream leakage is more negative, which means more groundwater contribution to the Napa River during wetter years. Conversely, when annual precipitation totals are low, less groundwater is contributed to the Napa River, despite the scenario where there is zero groundwater pumping (See Section 3.9.1).

#### 4.2.2 Tributaries Surface Water Flow to Groundwater

There are nine different tributaries simulated in the model domain; seven occur on the east side of Napa River, and two occur on the west side of Napa River. The net annual surface water flow to groundwater time series plot is presented in **Figure 4-7**. Sarco Creek consistently shows stable gaining stream conditions, with groundwater contributing to surface water. Napa Creek begins the simulation period as a gaining stream, but the creek exhibits a trend toward losing stream conditions starting in the early 2000s (and becomes a net losing stream during water years 2007-2009 and 2012-2015). Cayetano Creek and the Hardman Creek Tributary show the smallest amount of surface water-groundwater interaction, likely due to their short length in the model area and their apparent intermittent flow nature. The remainder of the tributaries (Salvador Channel in the west, Soda Creek, Hardman Creek, Milliken, Sarco, and Tulucay Creeks in the east) all exhibit net annual losing stream conditions during the entire simulation period. One exception occurs in Tulucay Creek in 2006 when the net surface water-groundwater flow was showing slight gaining stream conditions.

**The tributaries' stream leakage (or annual surface water flow to groundwater) sensitivity to groundwater pumping is minimal, with stream leakage being influenced more by the amount of precipitation in a given year compared to how much groundwater is being pumped.** For example, the simulated stream leakage in Soda Creek is plotted against annual precipitation in **Figure 4-8**. Without any groundwater pumping in the Active Model Area, surface water still enters the groundwater body each year along Soda Creek. The relationship between stream leakage in Soda Creek and precipitation is that of less losing stream conditions with more precipitation.

**Overall, the total annual simulated surface water flow to groundwater component of the Model indicates that the Napa River is a major sink for groundwater (groundwater discharges to surface water);** groundwater discharge to the Napa River dominates the stream leakage water budget component for the entire model domain (**Figure 4-9**). Overall, the tributaries on the west side of the Napa River show annual variations between being net gaining stream and net losing stream conditions, with more occurrences of net annual losing stream conditions starting in the early 2000s. The later trend likely reflects more recent climatic changes with more dry years of less than average precipitation. The eastern tributaries on the whole exhibit solely losing stream conditions, indicating that more surface water leaks out of those tributaries to enter the groundwater system than groundwater contributes to them in the form of baseflow, which is consistent with increased depths to groundwater, increased vertical gradients and separation between groundwater and streambeds in these areas.

#### 4.2.3 Statistical Analysis of the Relative Influence on Stream Leakage

A multiple linear regression (MLR) analysis was performed on the Napa River stream leakage component of the water budget to ascertain how variability in the three other major water budget components account for variations in stream leakage along the Napa River on an annual basis across the model

domain. The analysis focused on Napa River stream leakage because the Napa River is a primary surface water feature in the model domain and because at this location within the Subbasin it experiences a consistent hydraulic connection to groundwater as compared to the tributaries that are more variably connected to groundwater within the model domain. The analysis shows that recharge to the model due to percolation from the soil root zone accounts for the largest influence on Napa River stream leakage, 48% (**Table 4-2**). Almost as high an influence, but slightly lower, is the influence of subsurface lateral flow through the model’s boundaries, 44%. Groundwater pumping had a very small relative influence on stream leakage, six times less than the influence of recharge for the baseline calibrated model scenario over the 1988 to 2015 study period, at only 8% (**Table 4-2**).

The MLR analysis used annual datasets for groundwater pumping, recharge, and stream leakage. This analysis is similar to the MLR analysis conducted for the Basin Analysis Report (LSCE 2016c), except that this analysis includes lateral flow and is based on annual datasets. These additions to the analytical approach were implemented to more fully account for relevant groundwater flow processes and to improve the regression coefficient results. **During the full study period, the relative influence of groundwater pumping on stream leakage was 8%, compared to 92% for the two climate-influenced variables (48% for recharge and 44% for lateral flow) (Table 4-2)**. This proportion was unchanged for the scenario where pumping rates were held at 1988 levels throughout the study period. The proportional impact of pumping increased to 13% for the scenario where pumping was doubled relative to the baseline scenario.<sup>24</sup>

**Table 4-2. Summarized Results of Multiple Linear Regression Analysis of Napa River Stream Leakage as a Function of Groundwater Pumping, Recharge and Lateral Flow**

Model Scenario	Relative influence of Recharge	Relative influence of Pumping	Relative influence of Lateral flow	Coefficient of multiple correlation (R)	R <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>
For 1988-2015 Period (Entire study period)						
(1) Baseline	48%	8%	44%	0.87	0.76	0.70
(2) 1988 Pumping	47%	8%	44%	0.88	0.77	0.71
(3) Double Pumping	46%	13%	41%	0.87	0.76	0.70
For 1995-2015 Period						
(1) Baseline	49%	6%	46%	0.88	0.77	0.69
(2) 1988 Pumping	50%	2%	48%	0.88	0.77	0.69
(3) Double Pumping	47%	10%	43%	0.88	0.77	0.69
Note: Relative influence values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.						

A subset of more recent years was also analyzed by MLR to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time. The 1995-2015 period was selected, to allow for an approximately equal number of years with above average and below average precipitation, to minimize the potential impacts of variations in recharge on the analysis. For this period, influences of recharge and lateral flow

<sup>24</sup> The sensitivity scenario with no pumping was not included in the analysis because non-zero values are required for the analysis.

were similar to the results for the entire study period, with relative influences of 49% and 46%, respectively. The influence of pumping over the 1995 to 2015 period decreased to 6% for the baseline water budget, 2% for the 1988 pumping scenario and 10% for the doubled pumping scenario.

### 4.3 Mutual Well Interference and Regional Effects on Water Levels

In the Petra Drive area, where many private wells are densely spaced, water level declines until about 2009 have been observed in some wells (e.g., Napa County Wells 75 and 76). The water budget of this particular area sheds light on the mechanisms for water level changes in this area. Water budget components have been estimated for the main Petra Drive area (**Figure 3-25**) using post-processed simulation results. These flows have been summarized by water year for the 28-year simulation period. A panel of time-series plots illustrates the amount of flow associated with each water budget component within the Petra Drive main area over time (**Figure 4-10**). Average annual storage changes were less than 10 AFY, so these do not play an important role in the overall water budget in this area. The recharge and stream leakage in this area show similar trends over time (increases in recharge during wet periods are associated with more negative stream leakage, which means that recharge water is being made available to contribute to surface water bodies in the area (Napa River and Soda Creek). Groundwater in this area moves downward vertically over time, showing a trend of more water moving downward throughout the simulation period, and more water moving vertically from the thin Quaternary alluvium down to the Tertiary sedimentary deposits (Tss/h). The thickness of the Quaternary alluvium increases from less than a foot near the northeastern model boundary to just over 100 feet to the southwest at the Napa River, and this vertical flow likely represents much of the recharge percolating downward toward pumping stresses.

For discussion of lateral flow through the Petra Drive area, the area was divided into four directions (northwest, east, west, and south) (**Figure 3-25**). Time series plots of the annual net lateral flow are shown in the four lower panels of graphs in **Figure 4-10**. Groundwater enters the main Petra Drive area from the northwest, mostly coming from the Quaternary alluvium (Qa, layers 1-3) and Sonoma Volcanics (Tsv, layer 6), and a minor contribution from the Tertiary sedimentary unit (Tss/h, layers 4-5).

**Groundwater leaves the main Petra Drive area out of the eastern and southern borders (in the direction of the MST), mostly via the Sonoma Volcanics.** A very small amount of the flow through the eastern border is into the main Petra Drive area in the Quaternary alluvium upper model layers, likely because of recharge water following the path of the water table and topography, and a connection to Soda Creek. Some groundwater leaves the Petra Drive area to the east through the Tertiary sedimentary unit, and over time it appears that the amount of groundwater moving to the east out of the Petra Drive area is increasing since 1993 (doubling in this period from around 60 AFY in 1993 to about 120 AFY in 2015). The western border of the Petra Drive area coincides with the Napa River, and groundwater flows into the Petra Drive area to the east in all model layers, with the most water entering the area via the Quaternary alluvium, which follows the pattern of the net stream leakage, with more groundwater flowing into the Petra Drive area via the western border when there is more groundwater contributing to the Napa River during wet years (e.g., water year 2006). All model layers show groundwater leaving the main Petra Drive area through the south, with most of the water leaving through the lower Tertiary model layers. On average, more water comes in laterally via the west and northwest than leaves via the south and east.

The average annual water budget components of the Petra Drive area (**Figure 4-11**) indicate that the two largest components of flow in the Petra Drive area are stream leakage and lateral flow. Gaining stream conditions in the Napa River dominate the stream leakage term in the water budget, as Soda Creek is consistently a losing stream on an overall annual basis. Lateral flow provides the greatest amount of inflow to the Petra Drive area, followed by recharge. Pumping accounts for the other mechanism for groundwater to leave the Petra Drive area, making up about half of the amount of water that recharge provides.

Groundwater flows from the north and northwest to the south and southeast, with some minor deviations (**Figure 4-12**). The local effects of Petra Drive pumping (and mutual well interference) are visible in the spring 2009 and spring 2016 maps, where the groundwater levels are pulled slightly lower to the northwest in the vicinity of the Petra Drive cluster of wells on the northwest side of Soda Creek. **The groundwater levels locally in the Petra Drive area are slightly lower due to mutual well interference, but also due to the more regional drawdown occurring to the east in the MST outside the Napa Valley Subbasin.** Wet years (e.g., 2006) show the mutual well interference being minimal to nonexistent compared to drier years, while the lower water levels are still present in the southeast.

A brief analytic analysis of distance drawdown was performed using the calibrated Model's aquifer parameters of storage and hydraulic conductivity for a typical well in the Petra Drive area. The Modified Nonequilibrium Equation (Driscoll, 1986) for flow from a pumping well and drawdown at a specified distance was employed. For the Petra Drive example, the following equation was used:

$$s = \frac{0.183 Q}{T} \log \frac{2.25Tt}{r^2S}$$

Where  $Q$  is the pumping rate (here 1 gpm, or 192.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/d),  $r$  is the distance to the nearby well (here 115 feet <sup>25</sup>),  $S$  is the storativity (here 1.00E-07),  $T$  is the transmissivity or hydraulic conductivity times saturated thickness (here the HK = 10 ft/d and the typical screened interval was 100 ft, making the transmissivity 1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/d), and  $t$  is for time since pumping started (here 1 day, 100 days, and 365 days). The resultant drawdown felt at 115 feet from a typical well on Petra Drive is 0.22 feet after 1 day; 0.29 feet after 100 days; and 0.31 feet after 1 year. This indicates that less than half of a foot of drawdown or mutual well interference from one well occurs, and is relatively minor compared to the regional trends of water levels, but also that when compounded, many wells in close proximity will result in superimposing that incremental drawdown to further lower groundwater levels.

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<sup>25</sup> The average distance between each well located along Petra and the nearest neighboring well is 115 feet.

## 5 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section summarizes the findings of this investigation and describes recommended actions to maintain groundwater sustainability in the northeast Napa Area (and the Napa Valley Subbasin) and to ensure that future land and water uses do not contribute to significant and unreasonable streamflow depletion.

The results for the northeast Napa Area study indicate that groundwater in this localized area is in balance, with inflows and outflows nearly equal, over the 28-year period studied. During drier years, groundwater levels have declined and in normal to wetter years groundwater levels have recovered. East of the Napa River, two wells in Napa County's monitoring network, completed in deeper formations, showed historical groundwater level declines; groundwater levels in these wells have stabilized since about 2009. The study indicates that the main factor contributing to the declines in these wells is the effect of the cones of depression that developed in the MST in response to pumping in poorly permeable aquifer materials. However, the dense spacing of private water supply wells, particularly in the Petra Drive area, may also have contributed to the localized groundwater decline.

Groundwater discharge contributes significantly to streamflow in the reach of the Napa River in the model domain that is categorized as perennial. However, other tributaries to the Napa River in the model domain, such as Soda Creek, are categorized as seasonally intermittent. A losing condition is typical for Soda Creek, and its flows are more affected by drier water years rather than by pumping.

Less groundwater is discharged to the Napa River during drier water years when recharge and lateral subsurface flows into the Study Area are reduced. The study assessed the difference in effects on groundwater discharge when no pumping occurred in the Study Area and also the effect of doubling the pumping relative to the pumping estimated for the 1988 to 2015 study period. Climatic effects were found to have a much greater effect on groundwater discharge to the River when statistically compared to: 1) the base period pumping, 2) pumping held steady at a rate comparable to what was estimated for 1988, and 3) double the pumping relative to the base period. Additional pumping can occur in the northeast Napa Study Area; however, other measures are recommended to ensure groundwater conditions remain sustainable and streamflow depletion caused by pumping does not become significant and unreasonable. Because the northeast Napa Area, especially east of the River, includes a relatively thin veneer of alluvial deposits overlying semi-consolidated rock and because the average annual water budget is about in balance, it is recommended that the area east of the Napa River become a management area within the Napa Valley Subbasin to ensure groundwater sustainability. The management area would include 1,950 acres (4% of the Napa Valley Subbasin) (**Figure 5-1**).

Study findings and recommended actions to maintain groundwater sustainability in the northeast Napa Area (and also the Napa Valley Subbasin) are summarized below. The recommended actions are consistent with groundwater management measures referenced in the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report (LSCE, 2016c).

## 5.1 Summary of Findings

A summary of the findings from the analysis of groundwater and surface water in the northeast Napa Area are listed below.

- 1) Groundwater storage played the smallest role in the water budget, hovering around net-zero annually (inflow equals outflow and little water depleting or replenishing storage).
- 2) Groundwater pumping makes up the next smallest component of flow in the model domain's water budget.
- 3) Lateral subsurface flow through all of the model's boundaries is generally a net positive number; more groundwater is flowing into the model domain than is flowing out through the subsurface. When groundwater does flow out of the model area through the subsurface, it typically leaves the model via the east side near the Soda Creek Fault. This is likely influenced by the lower groundwater levels in the MST driving the easterly horizontal flow gradient.
- 4) Recharge plays a key role; it is the second largest water budget component.
- 5) Within the model area flows to the Napa River dominate the groundwater budget; a large component of groundwater in the model discharges into the Napa River as baseflow. On the other hand, tributaries in the area most often discharge to groundwater, recharging the groundwater system on a seasonal basis.
- 6) Tributaries on the east side of the Napa River consistently show net losing stream conditions over time, despite seasonal fluctuations where gaining stream conditions occur briefly. As an example, Soda Creek consistently exhibits net losing stream conditions on an annual basis (even during wet winter conditions and also during the scenario when no pumping was simulated); the Creek is more affected by precipitation than groundwater pumping in determining the rate of stream leakage to groundwater.
- 7) The model results indicate a decreasing trend in the amount of groundwater contributing to stream flow starting in the late 1990s. As illustrated during the sensitivity scenario in which no groundwater pumping occurred, this recent trend can be attributed to less precipitation (climatic effects), and not due to groundwater pumping. Statistical analyses indicate that this trend is more related to climatic effects, including reduced recharge and subsurface lateral flows, rather than to groundwater pumping.
- 8) Lateral flow, the third largest component of the model domain's water budget, was typically a net inflow into the area, but a trend is seen starting in 1992 that shows less regional groundwater flowing into the model area. In some years, the net annual lateral flow is out of the model domain, which may indicate a future trend, or may be the result of climatic effects during increasingly drier water years.
- 9) Geologic faulting in the model area is important to the overall behavior of water levels east of the Napa River. Additional concealed faults may be present, which may affect water levels in deeper wells in the Petra Drive area.
- 10) Statistical analyses of water budget components (including recharge, lateral flows and pumping) relative to stream leakage (groundwater contributions to Napa River baseflow) show that, over the 28-year base period, climate effects have a much greater influence on stream leakage than

pumping. Climate-driven variables account for 87 to 92% of the effect on groundwater discharge to Napa River, while pumping contributes to 8 to 13% of the effect on groundwater discharge to the River.

11) Modeling scenarios showed:

- a) Annual stream leakage fluxes (in and out of the surface water) were very similar even with no pumping occurring showing minimal stream impacts due to pumping;
- b) When pumping was reduced, a slight increase in the amount of groundwater contribution to the Napa River occurred (this had about a third of the effect that subsurface lateral flow had on this type of change). For the period from 1995 to 2015, a subset of more recent years analyzed to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time, with pumping reduced to 1988 conditions, the relative influence of pumping on baseflow was 2%. For the baseline scenario, over the same period, pumping is estimated to contribute to about 6% of the effect on baseflow.
- c) When pumping was doubled, a slight decrease in the amount of groundwater contributed to the Napa River occurred. For the period from 1995 to 2015, a subset of more recent years analyzed to evaluate whether the relative influence of pumping has changed with time, with pumping doubled, the relative contribution to baseflow effects was 10%. For the baseline scenario, over the same period, pumping is estimated to contribute to about 6% of the effect on baseflow.

- 12) Some drawdown effects on groundwater levels in the Petra Drive area are associated with mutual well interference; these are compounded by the high density of wells. However, these lowered levels are not as significant as the regional influence of the eastern boundary and movement of groundwater towards the MST.

## 5.2 Recommendations

A summary of the recommendations from the analysis of groundwater and surface water conditions in the northeast Napa Area are listed below.

### 5.2.1 Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Facilities

As discussed in the County's report, *Napa Valley Groundwater Sustainability: A Basin Analysis Report for the Napa Valley Subbasin* (LSCE, 2016c), the implementation of the DWR Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) program to construct and implement coupled surface water and groundwater monitoring in and near the Napa River system has been very valuable for improving the understanding of surface water and groundwater interaction. Similar facilities at additional locations would help further this understanding, and are important for the County's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act sustainability goal. These facilities would be key to the objective of maintaining or improving streamflow during drier years and/or seasons. Although this study utilized dozens of monitoring wells with historical groundwater level records to evaluate observed and simulated groundwater level trends, there are no shallow monitoring wells located east of the Napa River and constructed in the alluvial deposits. Monitoring wells constructed to monitor groundwater level responses in the shallow alluvial deposits would improve understanding of the effect of pumping from relatively deeper parts of the



groundwater system on the water table. This would further improve the understanding of the effect of pumping on potential streamflow depletion.

Recommendation:

- A. **Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring Facilities** It is recommended that the County construct shallow nested groundwater monitoring wells (like the recently installed Local Groundwater Assistance Surface Water/Groundwater monitoring facilities) east of the Napa River in the vicinity of Petra Drive. This will provide data to improve the understanding of the effect of pumping on potential streamflow depletion.

## 5.2.2 Northeast Napa Area – East of the Napa River

### 5.2.2.1 *Proposed Management Area – Northeast Napa/East of the Napa River*

The findings of the northeast Napa Area study indicate groundwater conditions are significantly influenced by climatic factors, geologic features that are distinct from those of the larger Napa Valley Subbasin, and cones of depression in the adjacent MST Subarea, outside of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Because the northeast Napa Area, especially east of the River, includes a relatively thin veneer of alluvial deposits overlying semi-consolidated rock and because the average annual water budget shows the area to be in balance with inflows and outflows nearly equal, it is recommended that this area (east of the Napa River) become a management area within the Napa Valley Subbasin (**Figure 5-1**).

Recommendation:

- B. **Management Area Designation** It is recommended that a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Management Area be designated for a portion of the Study Area, i.e., Northeast Napa Area/East of the Napa River. SGMA defines a “management area” as an area within a basin for which a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (in this case, the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report) may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors (GSP Regulations Article 21, Section 351)(LSCE, 2016c). The northeast Napa Study Area east of the Napa River meets the criteria for management area designation due to geologic features and aquifer parameters that are distinct from those of the larger Napa Valley Subbasin.

### 5.2.2.2 *Discretionary Projects in the Management Area*

Based on the results of this study, the groundwater system in the Study Area is “about in balance” over the study period. The model sensitivity scenario, in which groundwater pumping was increased, provides insight into the relatively minor effect that an increase in pumping has on the overall water budget in the Study Area. Relatively small amounts of increased pumping may be considered for proposed discretionary projects in the Management Area: Northeast Napa/East of the Napa River. However, it is recommended that additional project-specific analyses (as described in the Napa County Water Availability Analysis (2015), Tier 2) be conducted to ensure that the proposed project location or planned use of groundwater does not cause an undesirable result (e.g., locate proposed wells at appropriate distances from surface water [or consider well construction approaches that avoid stream flow effects] and avoid mutual well interference to neighboring wells).

The project-specific information recommended to be incorporated in the analysis includes:

- Parcel specific information on current and proposed water use (surface water and groundwater);
- Water demand estimates that include normal and dry-year water types;
- Existing and proposed well location and construction information (for all water uses);
- Existing well performance data, to the extent available. These data include well yields, specific capacities, water level recovery rates (from pumping tests), if any.

Recommendation:

- C. **Discretionary Project WAA Review in the Management Area** For discretionary projects, it is recommended that additional project-specific analyses (Napa County Water Availability Analysis (WAA)(2015)-Tier 2) be conducted to ensure that the proposed project location or planned use of groundwater does not cause an undesirable result (e.g., locate proposed wells at appropriate distances from surface water [or consider well construction approaches that avoid streamflow effects] and avoid mutual well interference to neighboring wells).

#### 5.2.2.3 *New Well Tracking in the Management Area*

Pumping amounts for existing domestic supply wells located in the recommended Management Area: Northeast Napa/East of the Napa River are relatively small.

Recommendation:

- D. **New Well Tracking in the Management Area** As a precautionary measure, it is recommended that the County track new non-discretionary groundwater wells constructed in this area, including their planned usage and location.

Applicants should be informed of potential well interference effects, if they propose well construction in an area that already has densely spaced wells.

Following installation of the recommended monitoring facilities (**Section 5.1**), and ongoing data collection, evaluation and reporting, it is recommended that the County assess whether any further measures are needed in the future to ensure groundwater sustainability.

### 5.2.3 New Well Pump Tests

The distribution of the hydraulic conductivities in the Napa Valley as presented by Faye (1973) was based on data recorded on historical drillers' reports. During the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization (LSCE and MBK, 2013), it became evident, based on the approximately 1,300 reports reviewed, that most of the "test" data are insufficient to adequately determine or estimate aquifer characteristics and to reliably determine well yield, since most of these data were recorded during airlift operations rather than a pumping test. As discussed in this study, similar limitations were encountered with the well test data. Currently, test methods accepted in the County's Well and Groundwater Ordinance allow bailing, airlifting, pumping, or any manner of testing generally acceptable within the well drilling industry to determine well yield.

Recommendation:

- E. **New Well Pump Testing** It is recommended that pumping test data be collected when new production wells are constructed in areas where the distribution of hydraulic conductivities is less known, including the northeast Napa Area east of the Napa River and in deeper geologic units throughout the rest of the Napa Valley Subbasin. Because older and less productive geologic formations occur near ground surface in the northeast Napa Area east of the Napa River, it is recommended that a pump test be performed for all new production wells in that area (**Figure 5-1**). Test results will not only provide valuable information regarding aquifer properties; true pump testing will provide well owners with more meaningful information about well capacity than the typical tests of well yield reported on historical well completion reports. Similar pump testing is recommended for non-domestic production wells, and for wells that are completed in deeper units below the Quaternary alluvium throughout the Napa Valley Subbasin.

#### 5.2.4 Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Flow Model

In 2006, a groundwater flow model was developed for the Napa River watershed which was generally conceptualized as a large basin of impermeable rock overlain in three distinct areas by more permeable units (DHI, 2006). The three areas that were the focus of the groundwater model were the north Napa Valley area and the MST and Carneros Subareas. The groundwater model encompassed the Napa River watershed and consisted of two layers. The upper layer was designated as being unconfined and the lower layer was designated as confined. Each of the three modeled areas was represented as a separate water-producing geologic unit. The geologic unit that was conceptualized as the primary source for groundwater in the north Napa Valley area was the alluvium. Aquifer parameters and their distribution were based on previous work presented in Faye (1973), and extrapolated to the rest of the Napa Valley Floor to the south.

Modeling tools help facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface and groundwater resources. Large regional models can be especially useful tools to examine complicated scenarios. As described in this study (and previous studies LSCE and MBK, 2013 and LSCE, 2016b), the geologic and hydrogeologic setting in Napa County and specifically the Napa Valley Floor, is extremely complex. The updated hydrogeologic conceptualization, aspects of which were utilized for this study, shows that the subsurface is so complex that the prior two-layer model for the north Napa Valley area, which focused on the alluvium with unconfined and semi-confined aquifer characteristics, needs significant refinement for future use and to improve the model's predicative utility.

The numerical groundwater flow model developed for the northeast Napa Area study allows quantitative assessment of locally occurring mutual well interference and potential streamflow depletion under varying water year types. It is a tool that facilitates understanding about the underlying groundwater system in this local area; however, that understanding is subject to assumptions.

With the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization for the Napa Valley Subbasin and the implementation of SGMA, it is recommended for regional groundwater analyses and assessment of streamflow depletion that a groundwater flow model be developed for the entire Napa Valley Subbasin. Ongoing improvement of datasets and models/tools to understand mechanisms and results of predictive scenarios will help inform future approaches to ensuring sustainability.

Efforts to conduct groundwater modeling for the Napa Valley Subbasin would be similar to those implemented for this study but on a larger scale. These include:

- Incorporation of updated physical hydrogeologic conceptualization in the model structure
- Updated aquifer parameters
- Incorporation of faults and other geologic features
- Estimating streambed properties
- Estimating water source utilization, including well types and points of surface water diversion as best possible based on available data
- Incorporation of surface water/groundwater interaction that allows quantification of streamflow depletion spatially and temporally
- Sensitivity analyses of parameters until such parameters can be refined through proper empirical analysis and testing.

Recommendation:

- F. **Groundwater Flow Model Development** It is recommended that a similar model be created for the entire Napa Valley Subbasin. The development of a Napa Valley Subbasin-wide modeling tool would help facilitate the examination of water resources management scenarios, including the effects of climate change and other stresses on surface and groundwater resources. With the updated hydrogeologic conceptualization for the Napa Valley Subbasin and the implementation of SGMA, it is recommended for regional groundwater analyses and assessment of streamflow depletion that a groundwater flow model be developed.

### 5.2.5 Increased Water Conservation and Evaluation of Recharge Opportunities

It is recommended, in addition to the County's countywide goals to promote sustainable use and management of water, maintain or improve ecosystem health, and increase climate resiliency, that these goals receive extra attention across the entire northeast Napa Study Area. Innovative conservation approaches are encouraged, along with targeted recharge strategies that have the potential to improve ecologic habitat, sustain water resources, and improve water resources resiliency under future climate conditions. As described in the Napa Valley Subbasin Basin Analysis Report, it is recommended that opportunities for strategic recharge be evaluated, particularly along the Subbasin margin and in consideration of hydrogeologic factors (LSCE, 2016c).

Recommendation:

- G. **Increased Water Conservation and Recharge** It is recommended that countywide goals to promote sustainable use and management of water, maintain or improve ecosystem health, and increase climate resiliency receive extra attention in the northeast Napa Area. This should include evaluating approaches for retaining and using stormwater and/or tile drain water to increase water conservation, examining opportunities to reduce pumping and streamflow diversions, potentially lessening streamflow effects during drier years or drier periods of the year, and creating additional climate resiliency through targeted recharge strategies.

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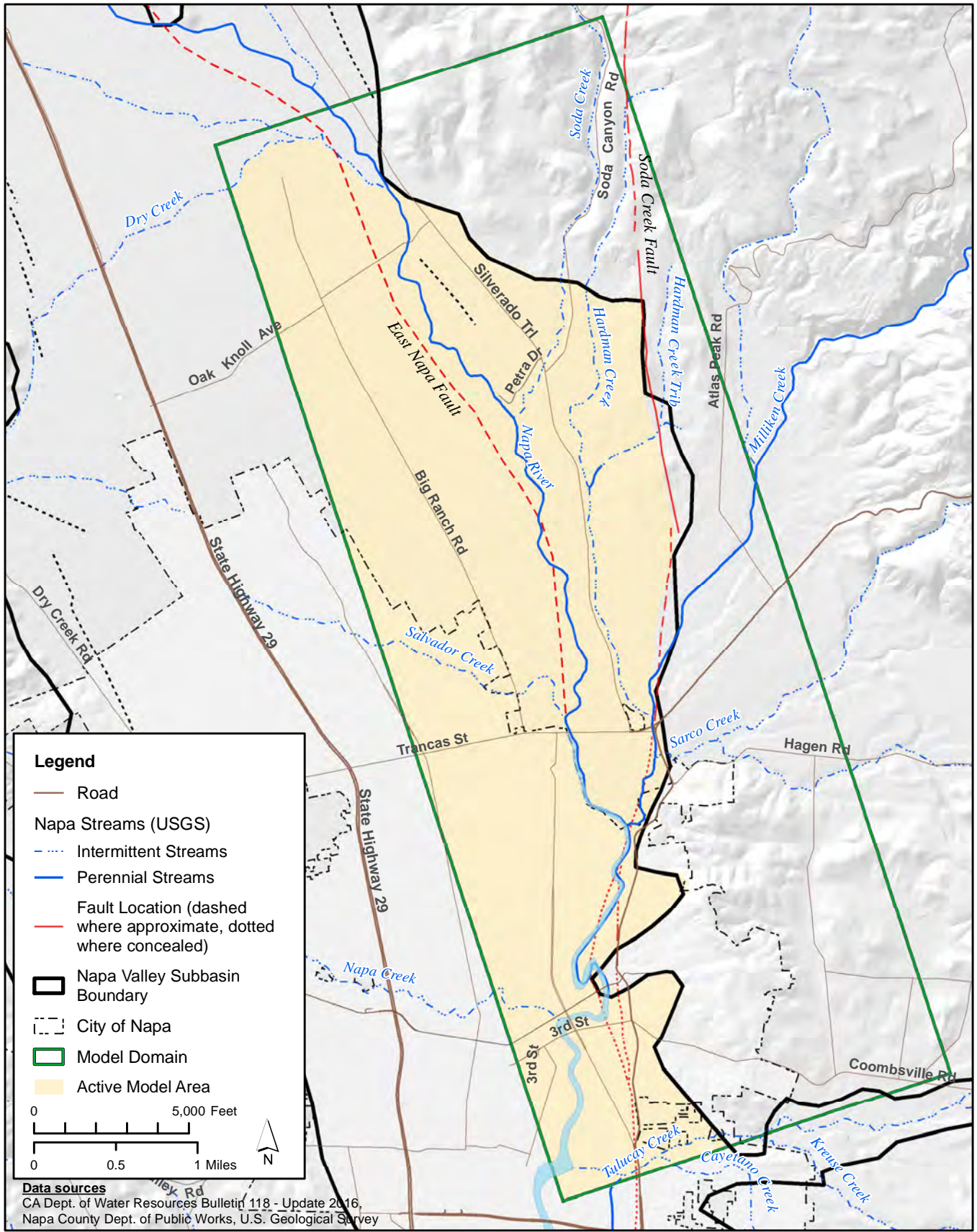
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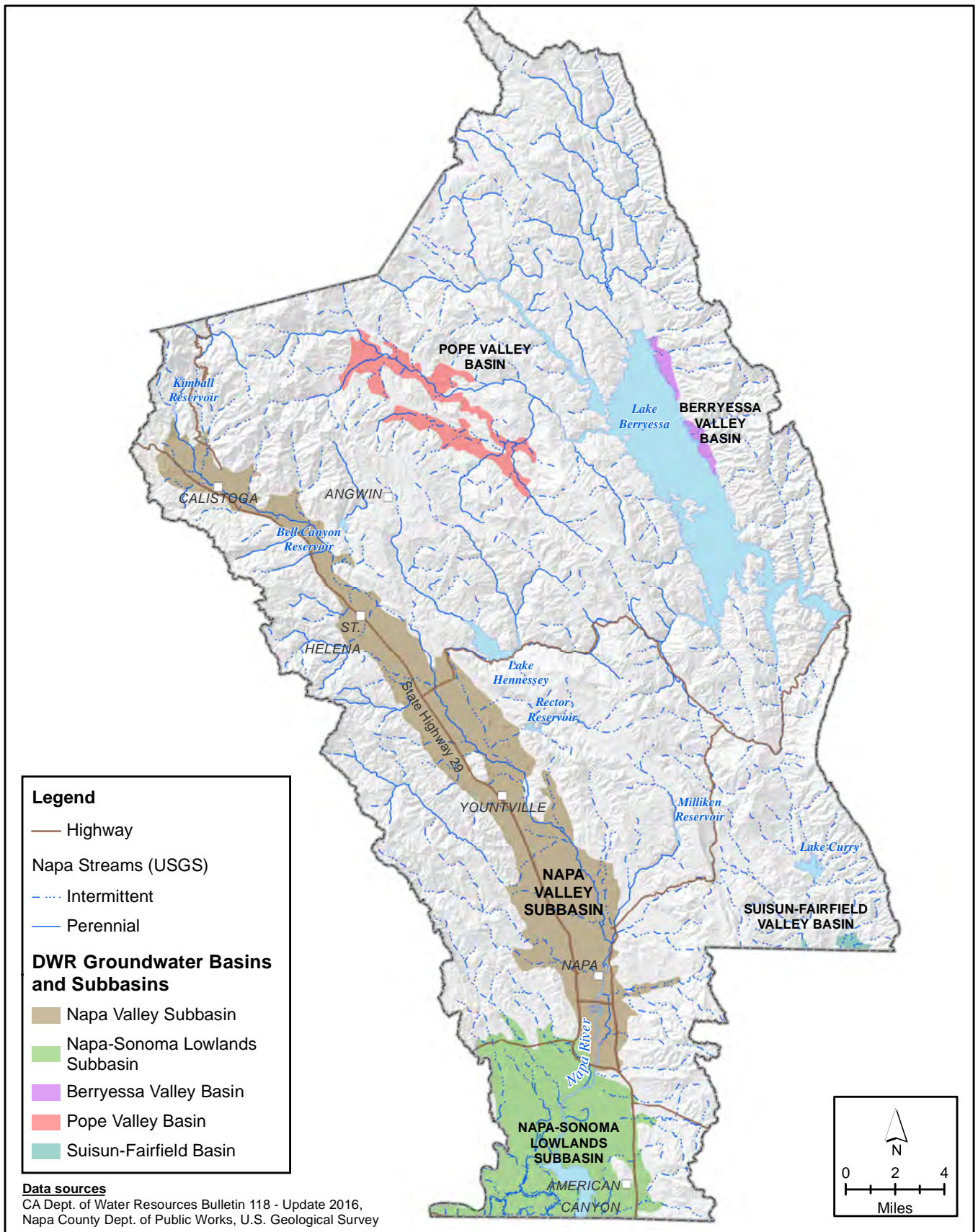
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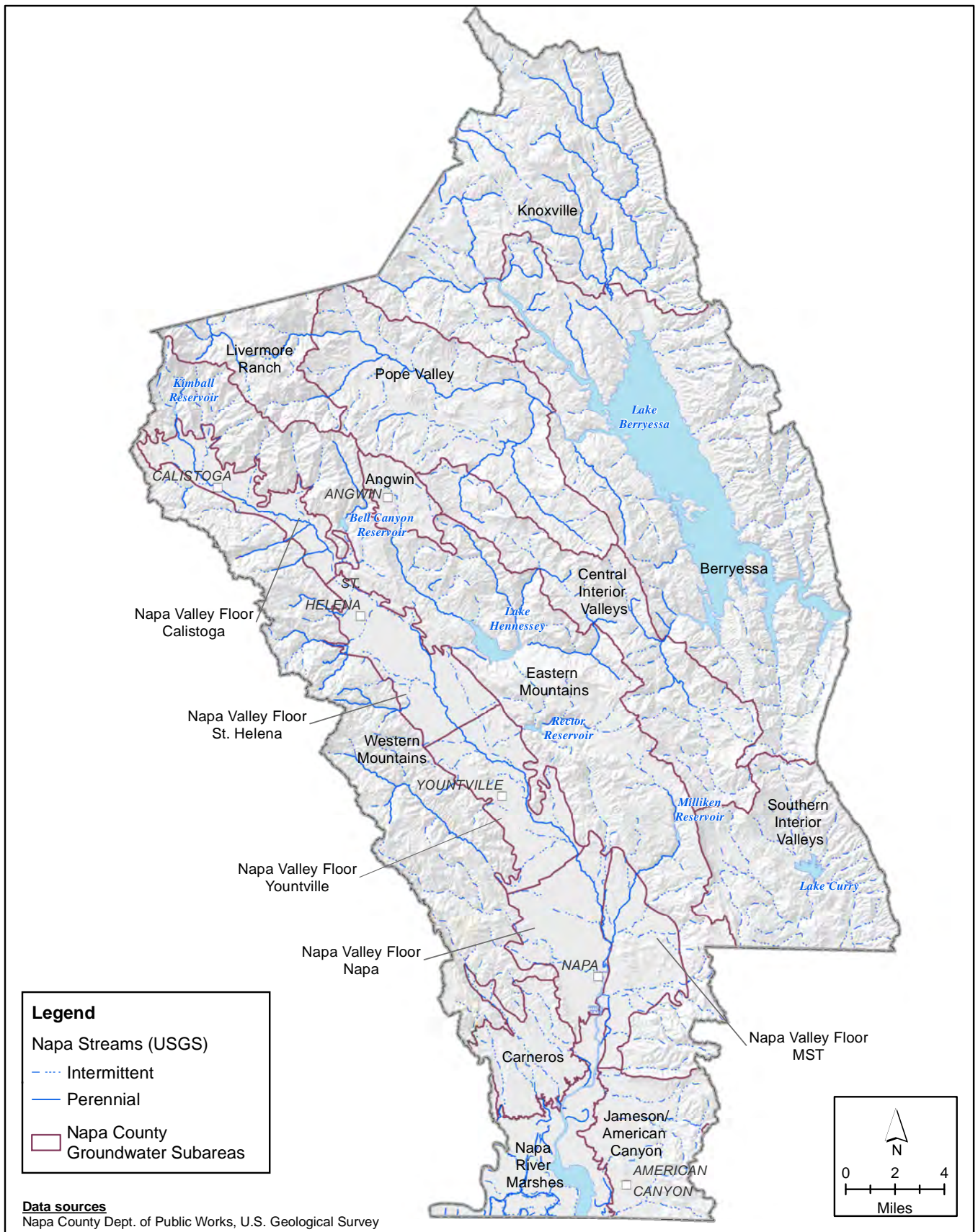
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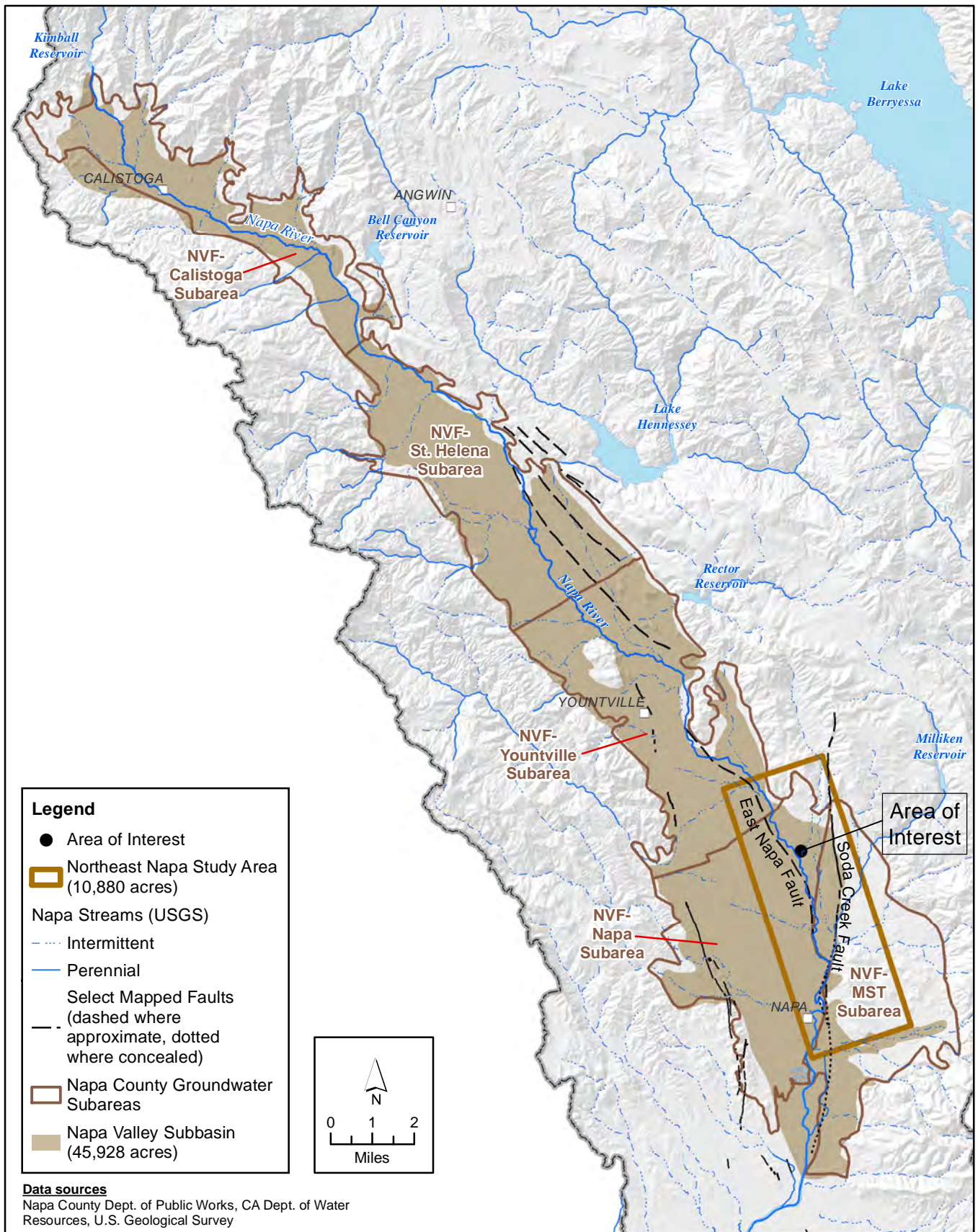
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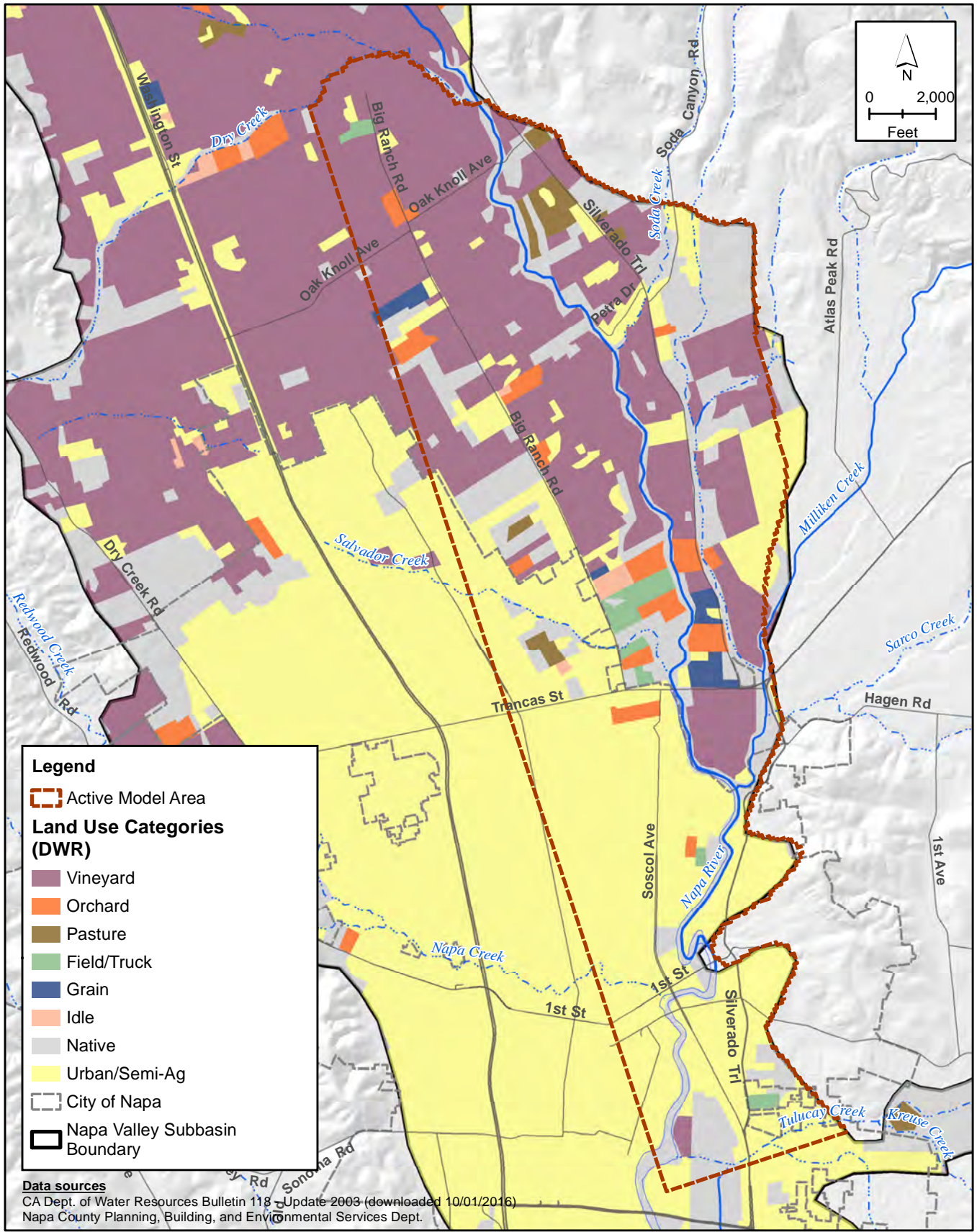
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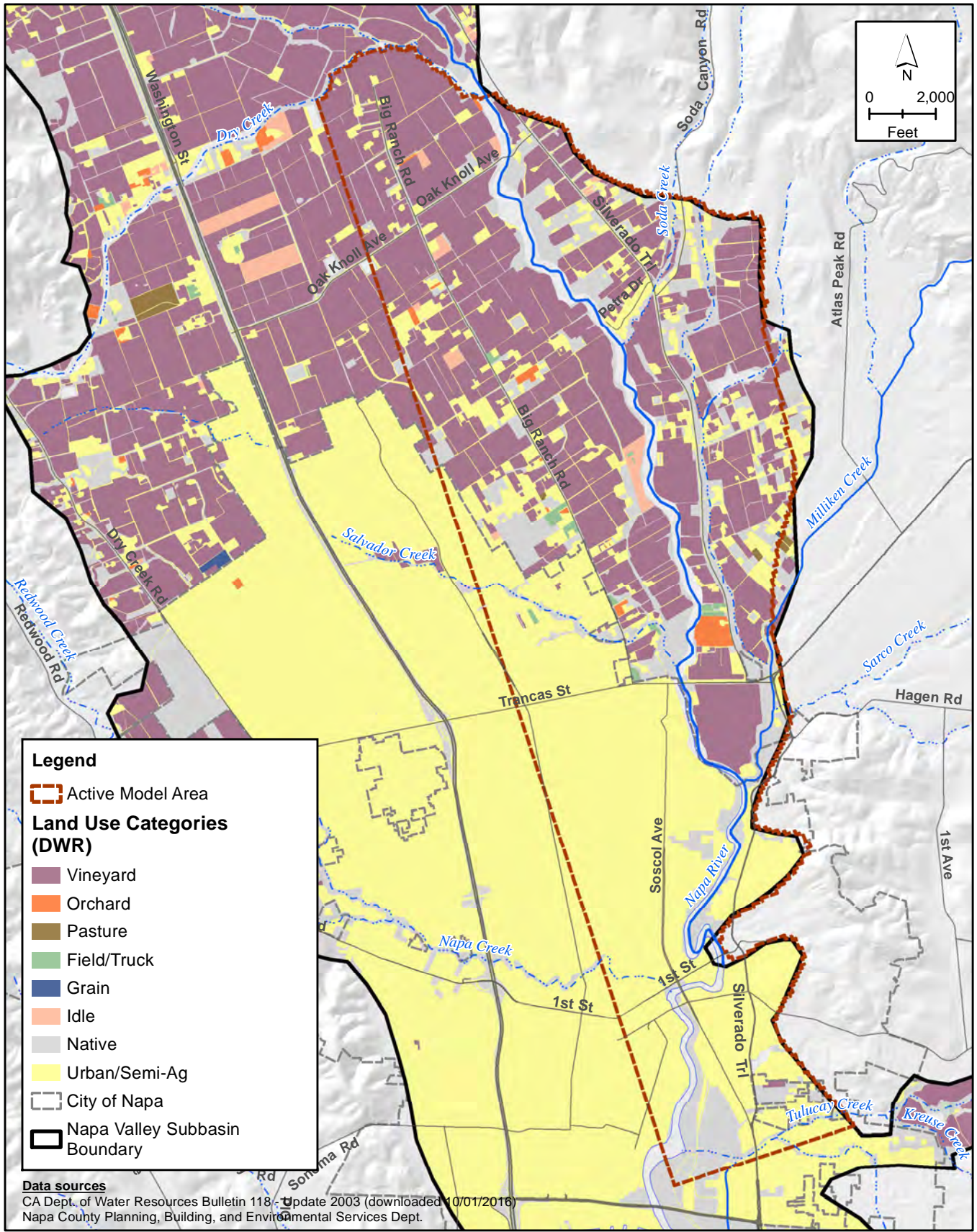
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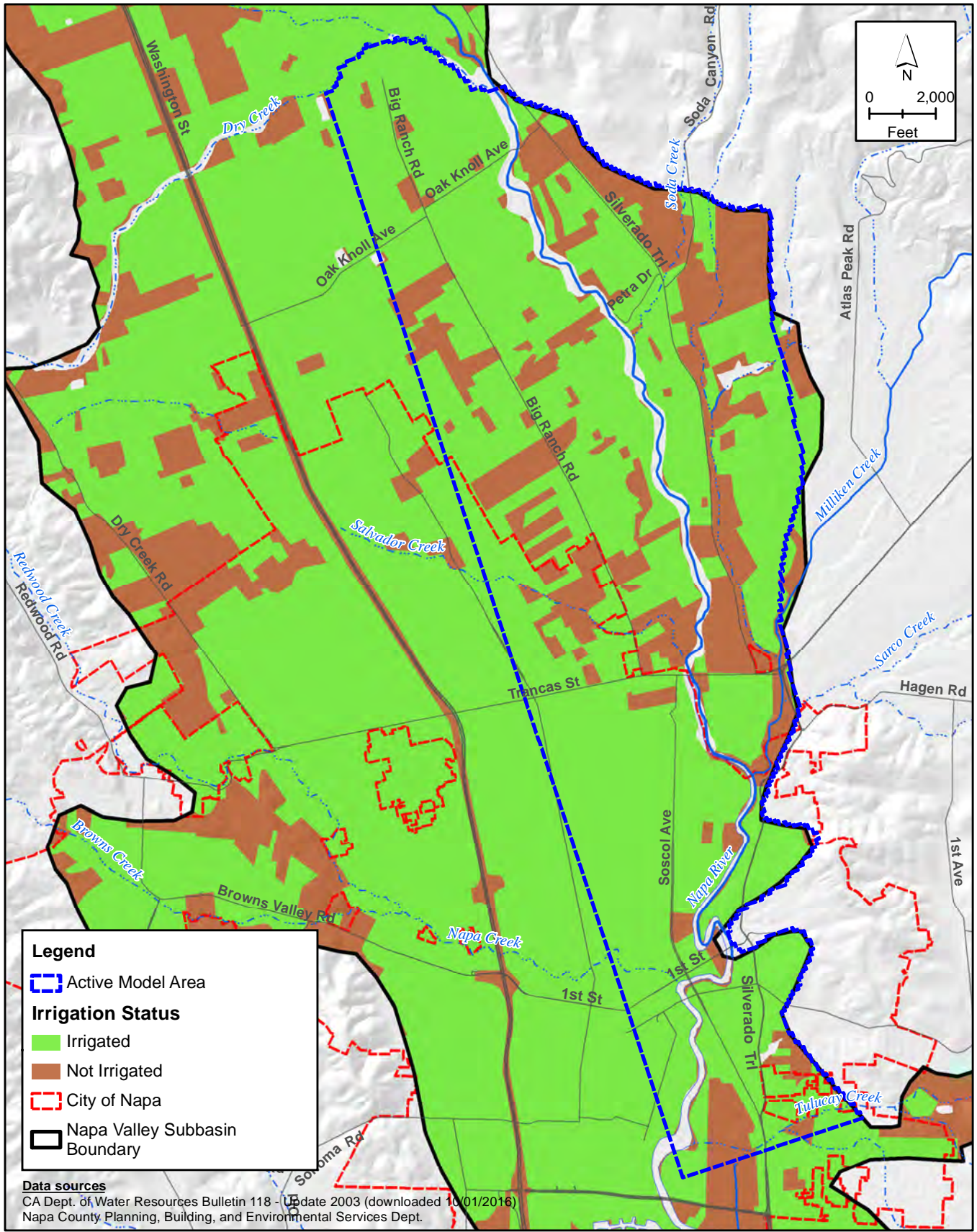


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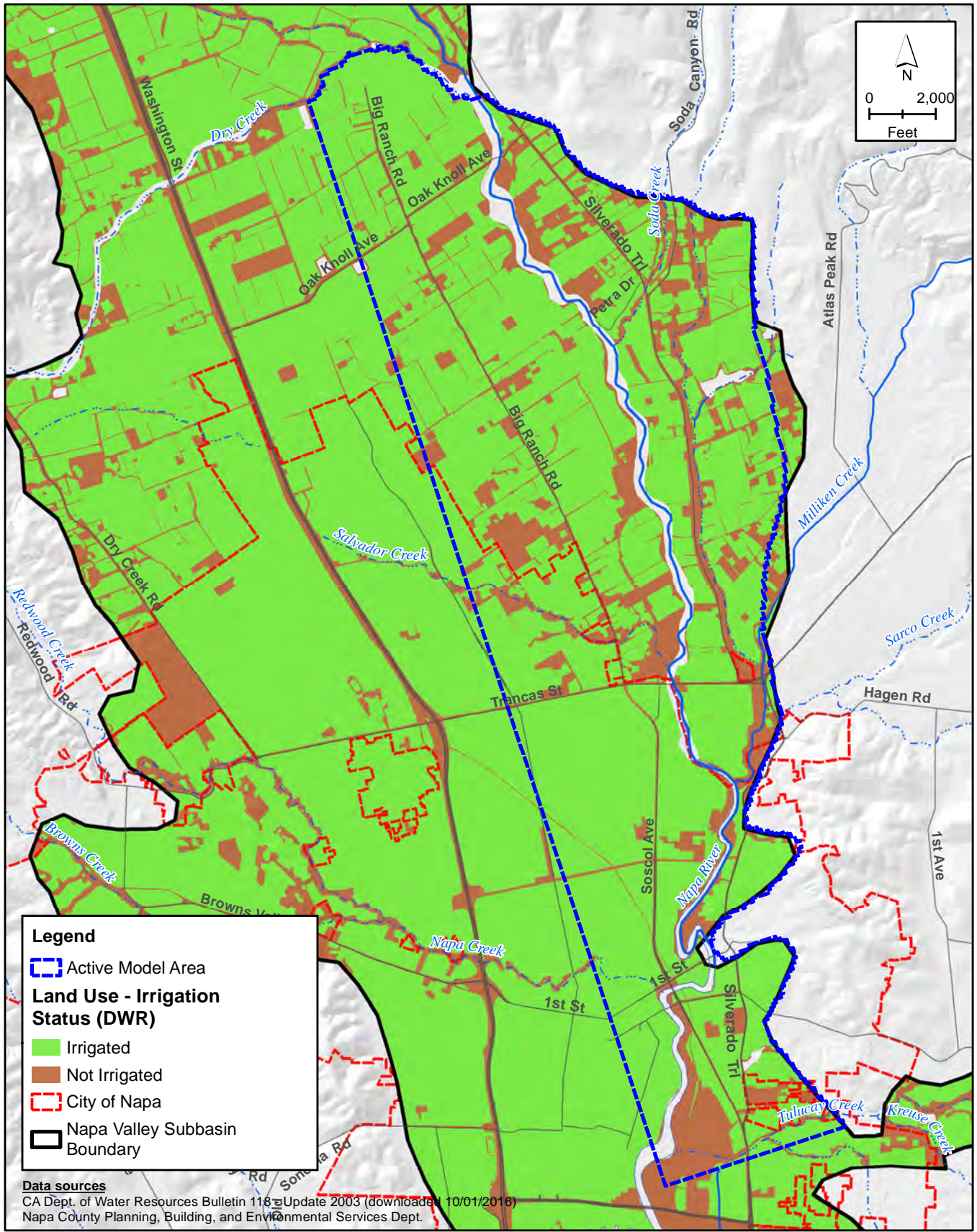




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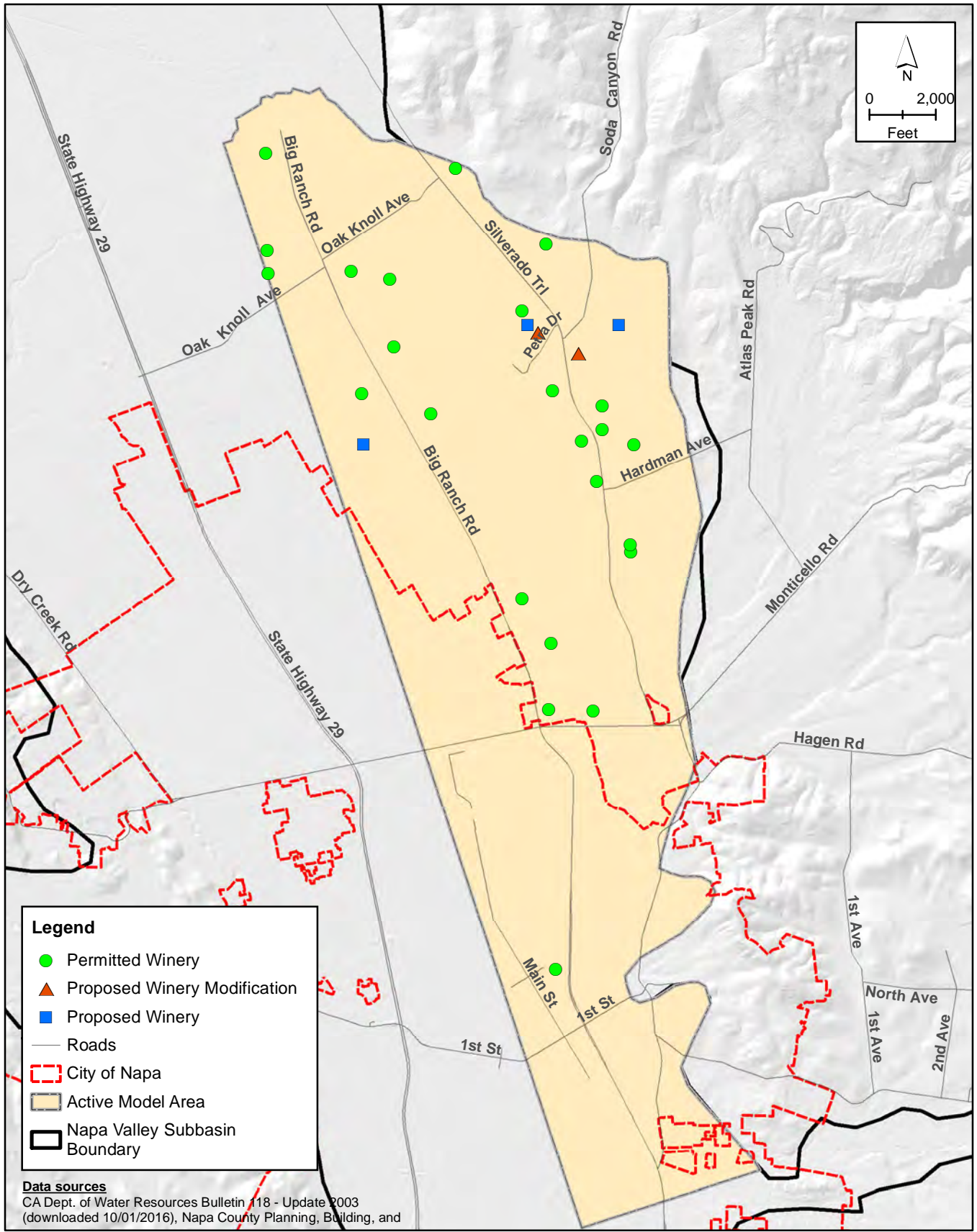


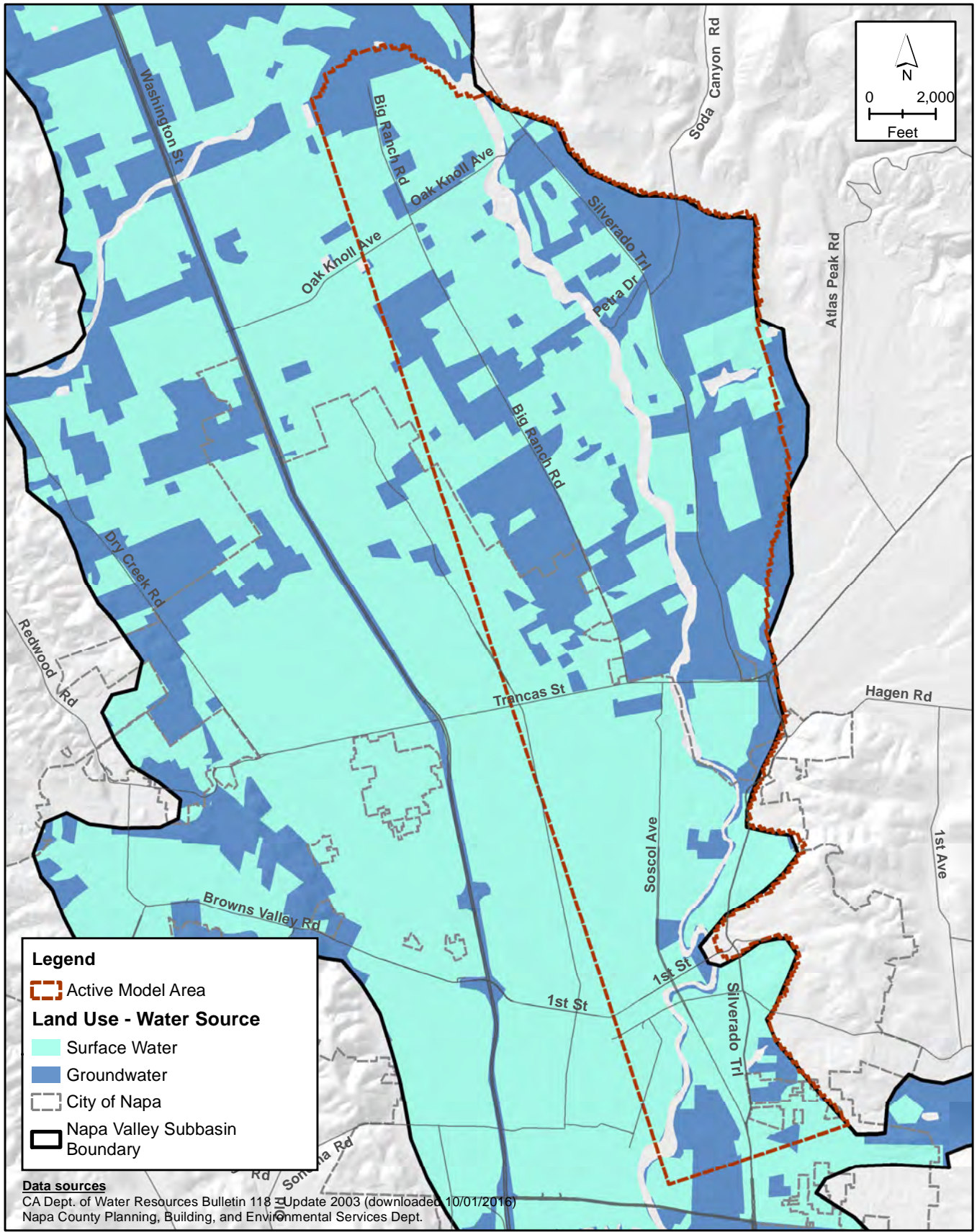
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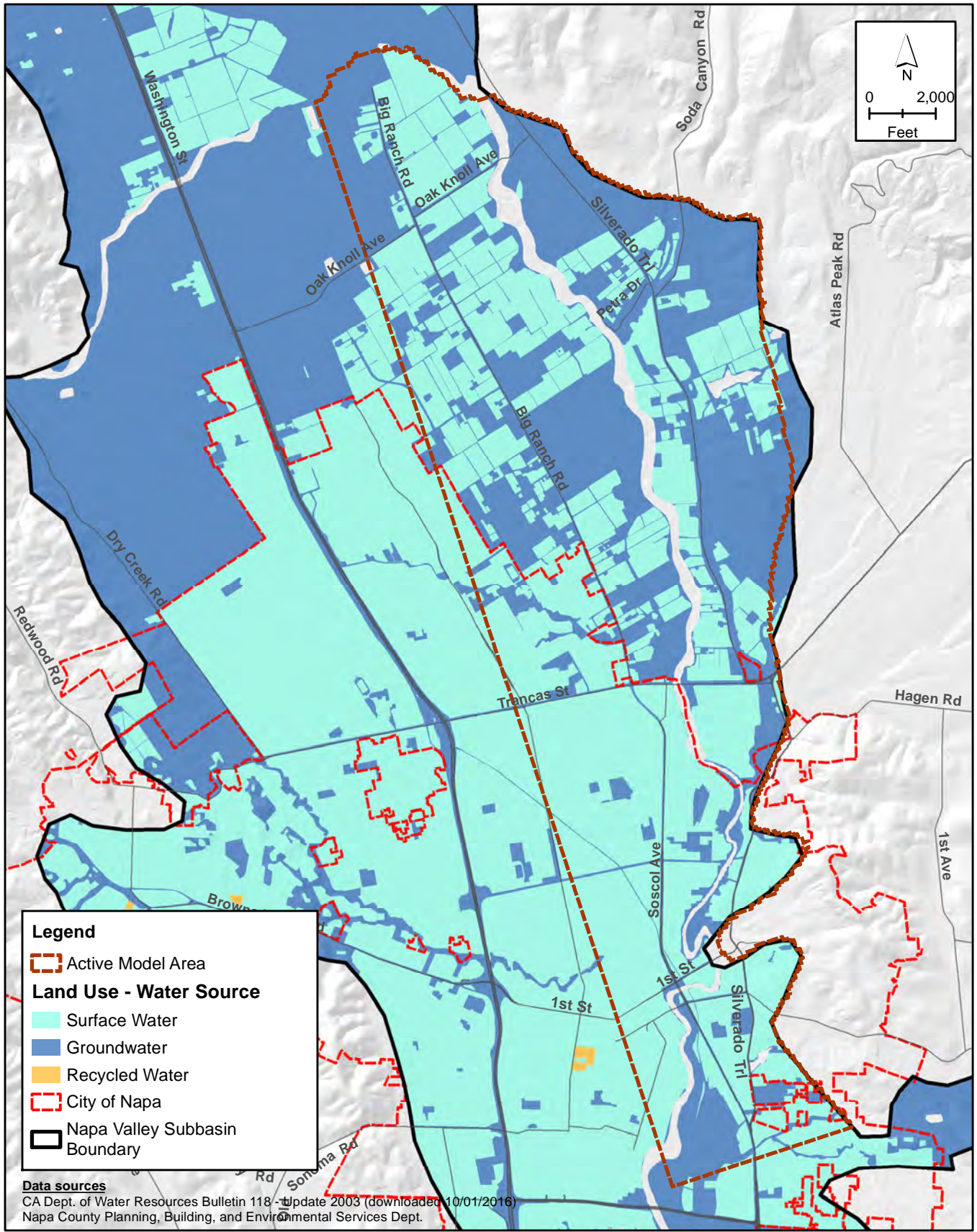
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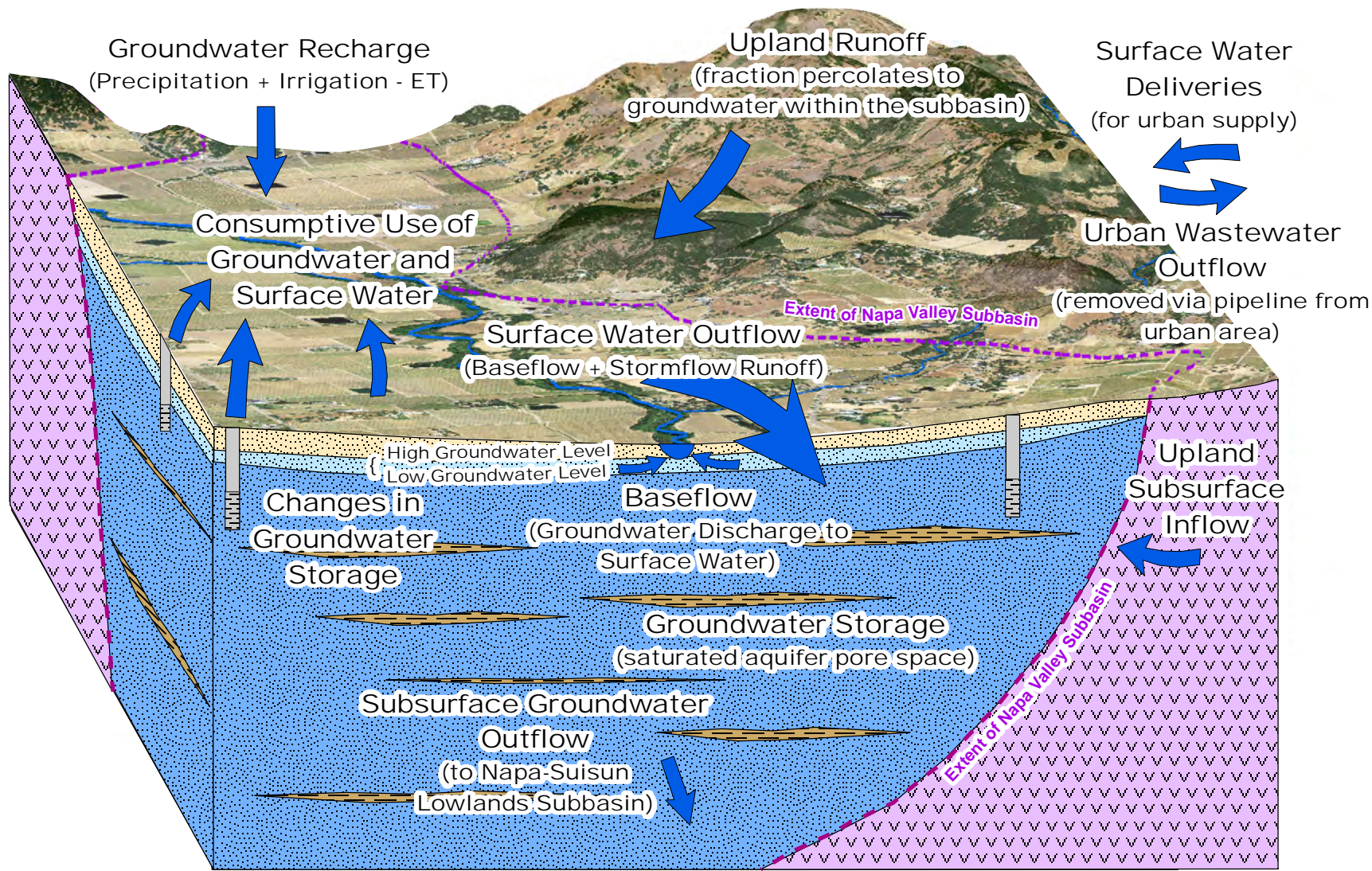




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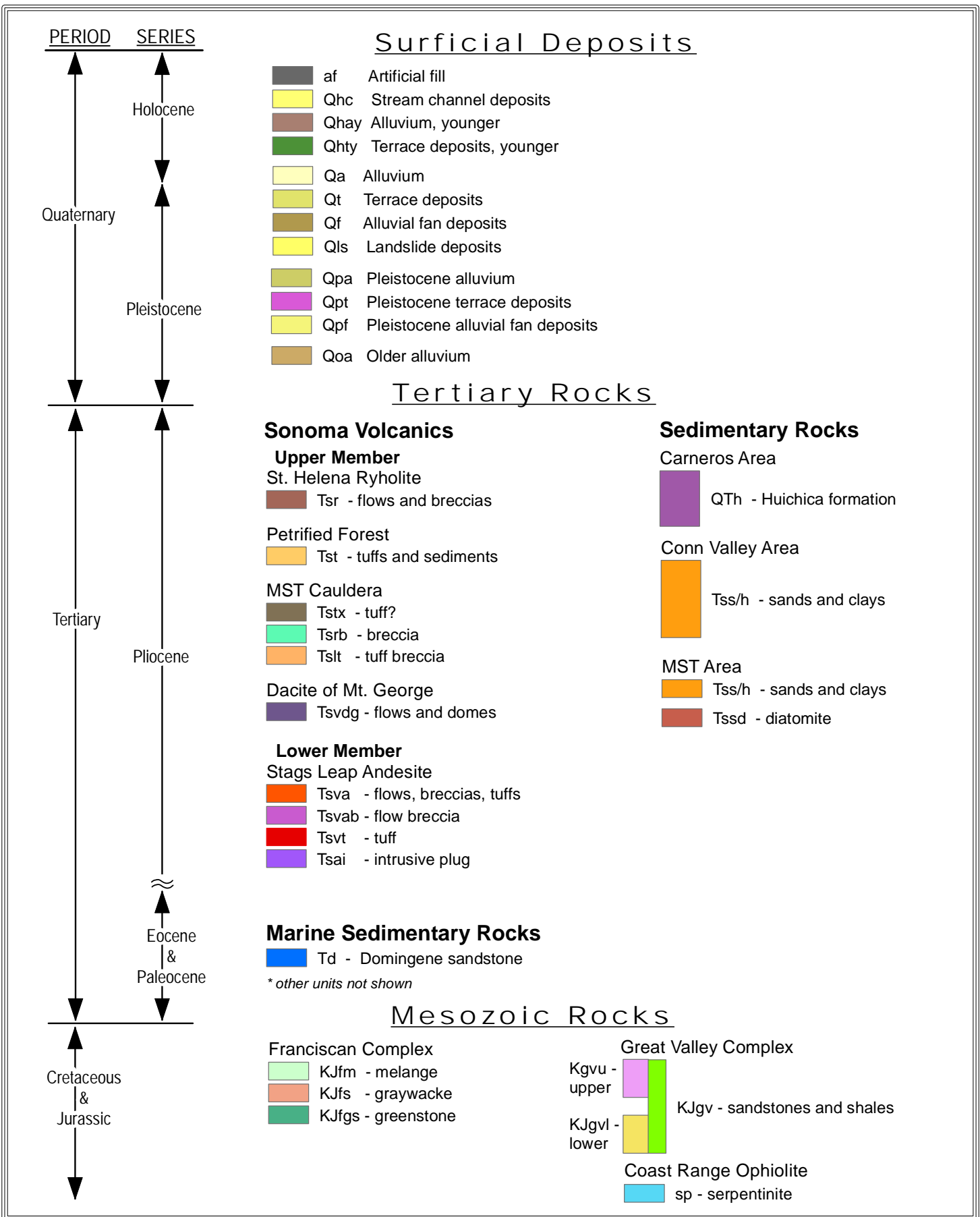


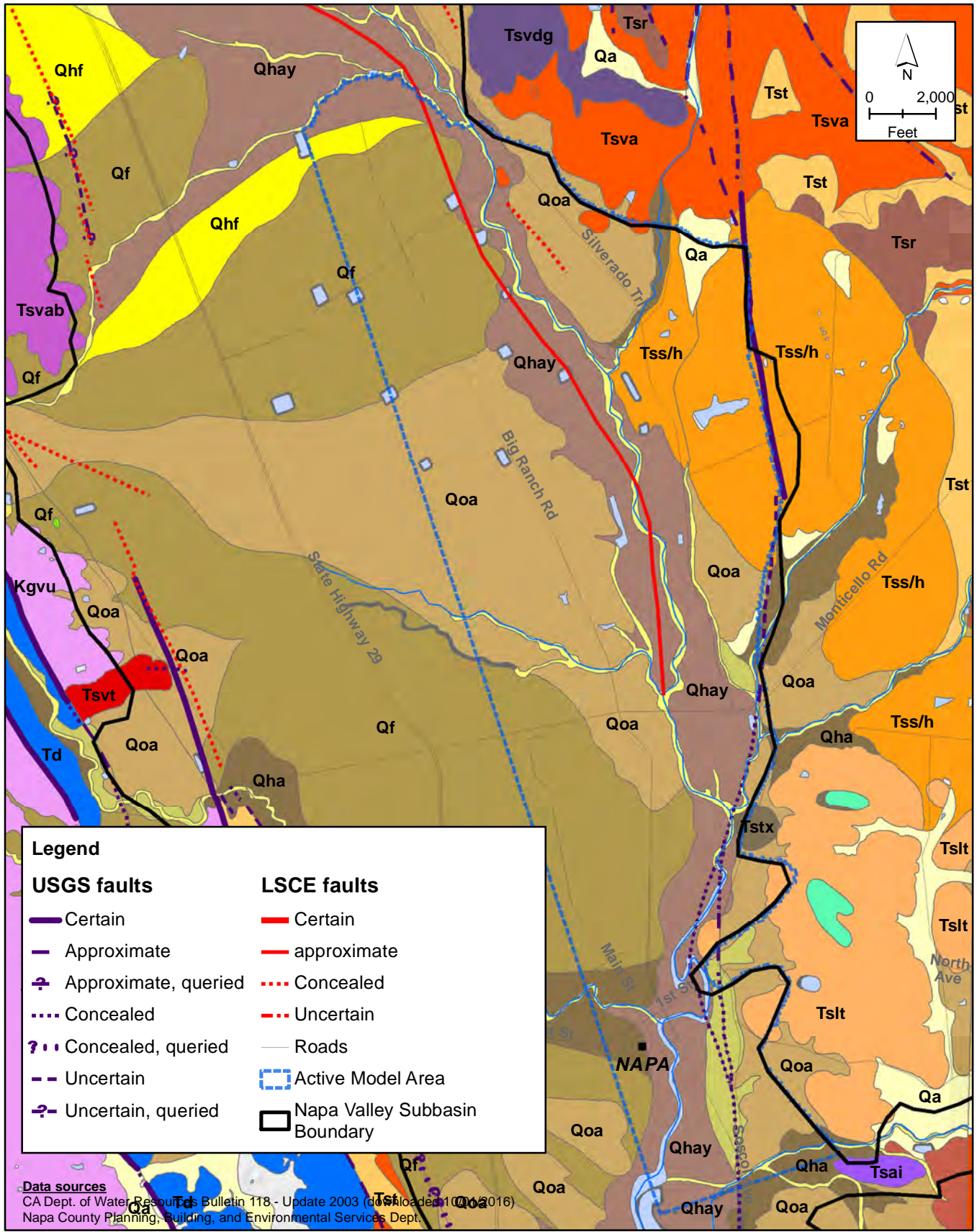
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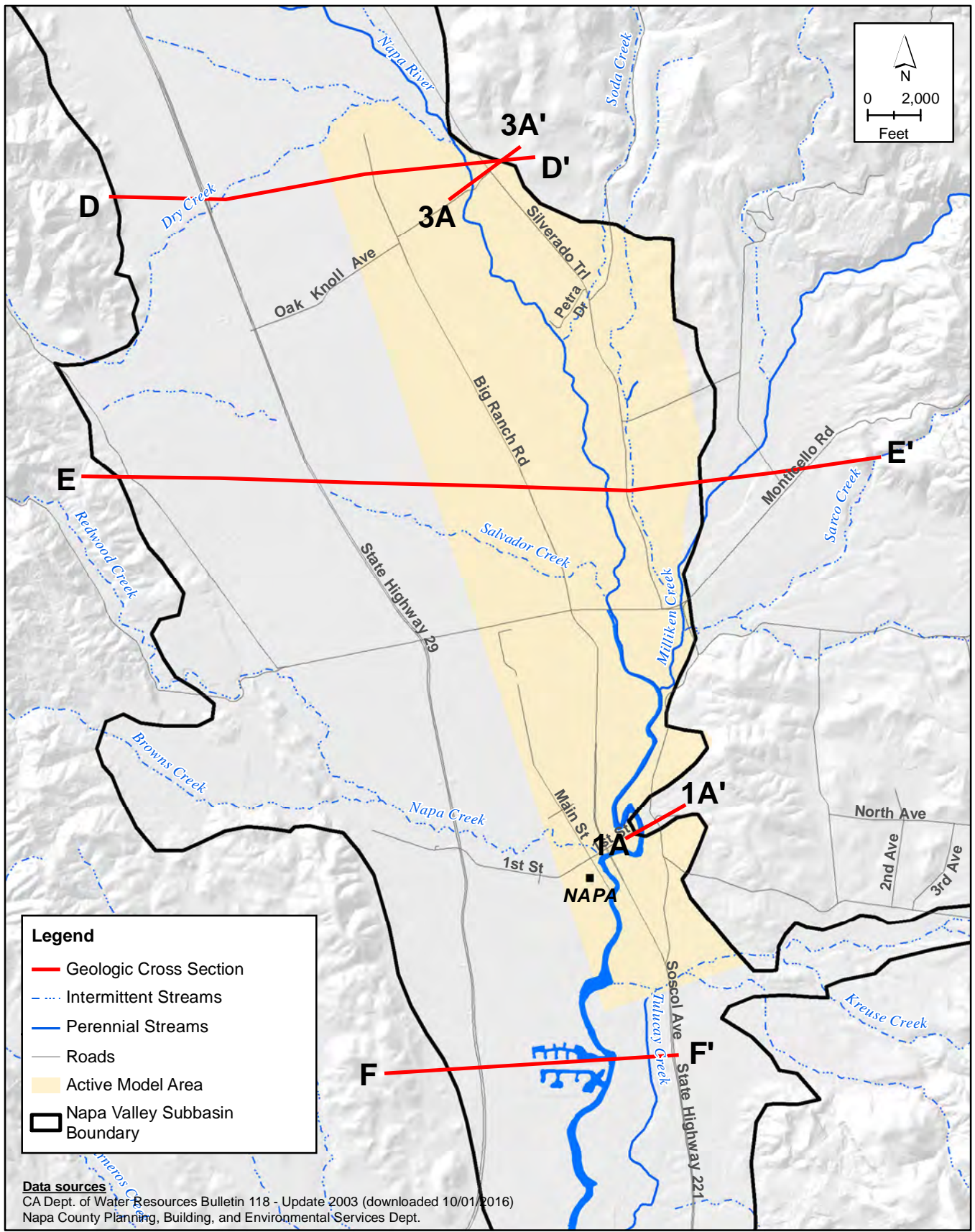
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**FIGURE 2-11**  
**Schematic of Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model**  
**Components in the Napa Valley Subbasin**



























**FIGURE 2-12b**  
**Surficial Geology of NE Napa Study Area**







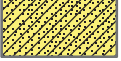



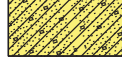








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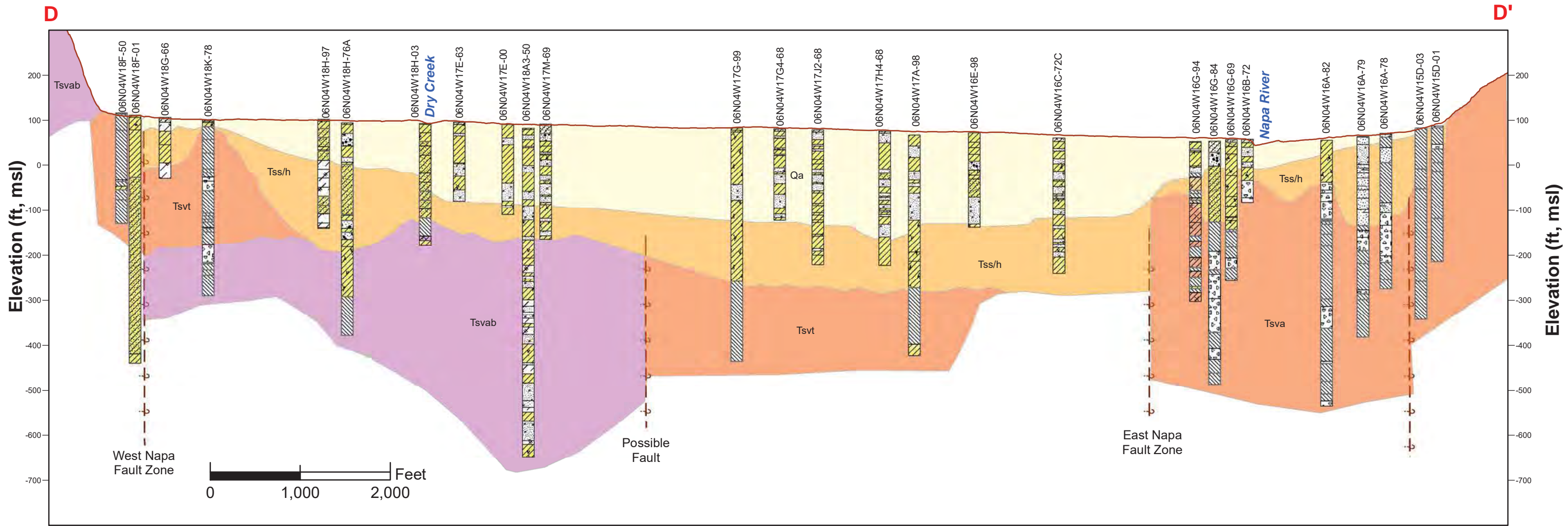
### Stratigraphy

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 Tst/s: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic tuff and sediments	 Tcg/ab?: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic conglomerate/breccia	 Tsva?: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic andesite flow
 TQsu: Tertiary Quaternary sedimentary deposits, undifferentiated	 Td: Tertiary marine rock	 Tsvab: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic andesite flow or breccia
 KJgv: Mesozoic Great Valley Complex	 Tsr: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic rhyolite	 Tsvt: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic tuff
 Qa: Quaternary alluvium	 Tss/h: Tertiary sedimentary rock	 Tsvt?: Tertiary Sonoma Volcanic tuff
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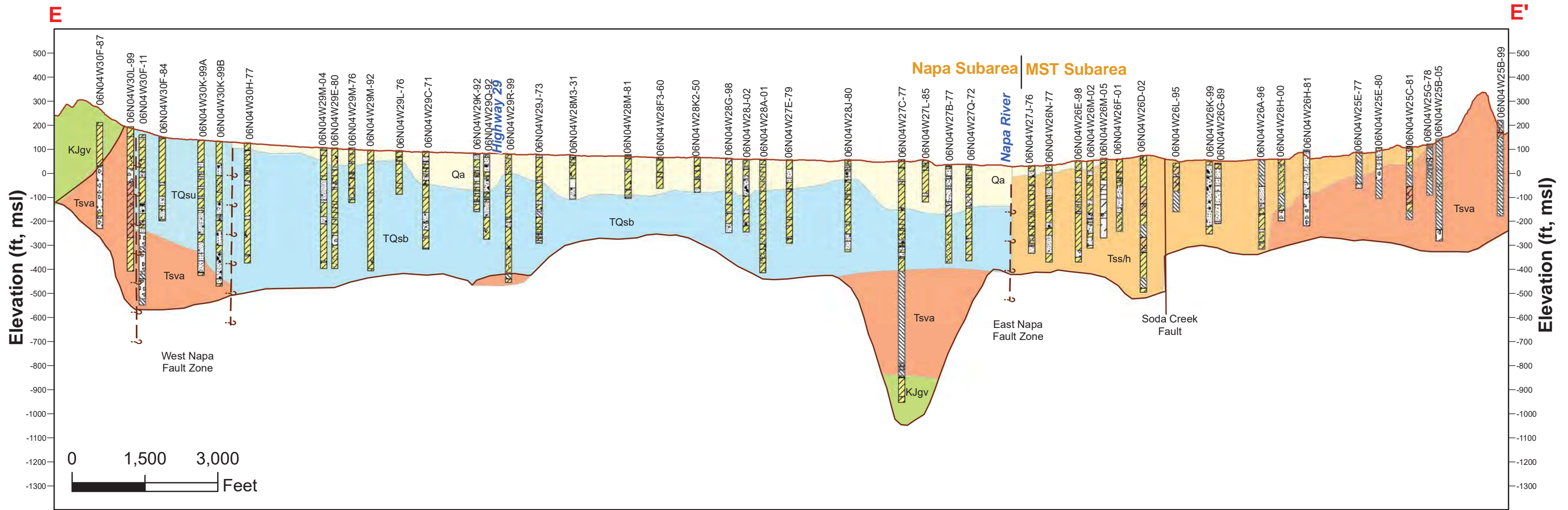
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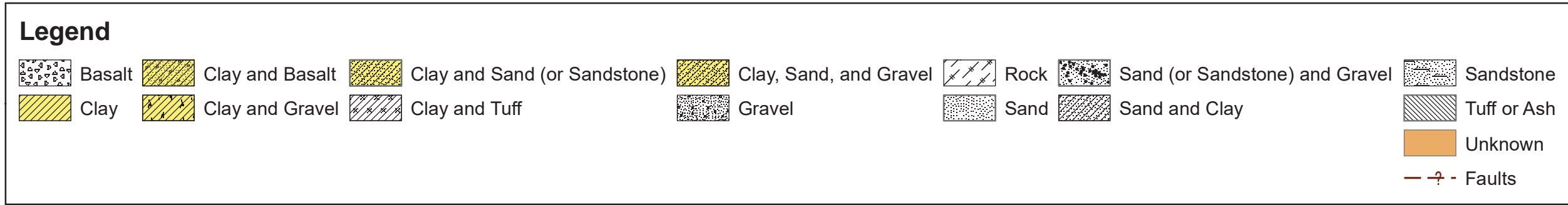
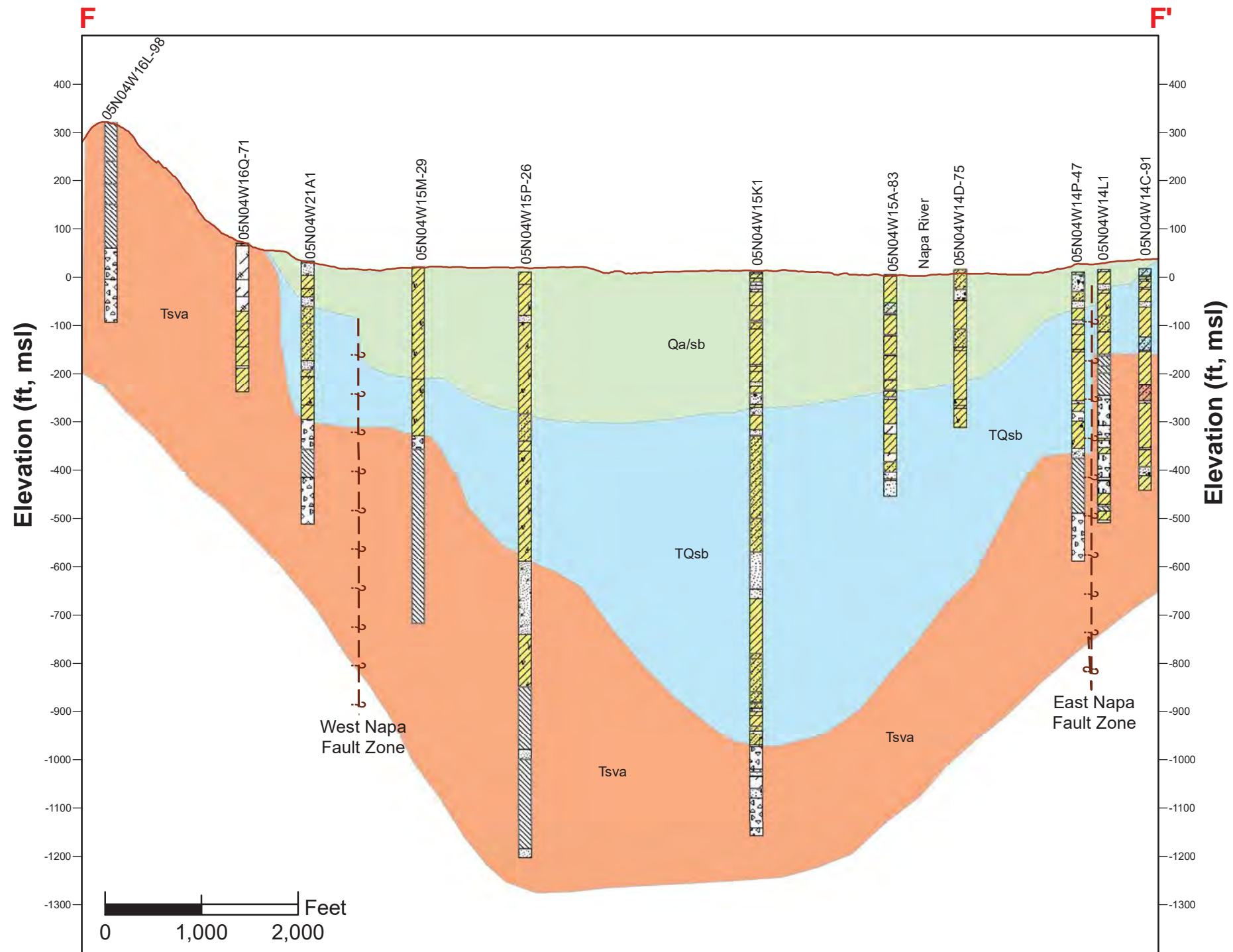
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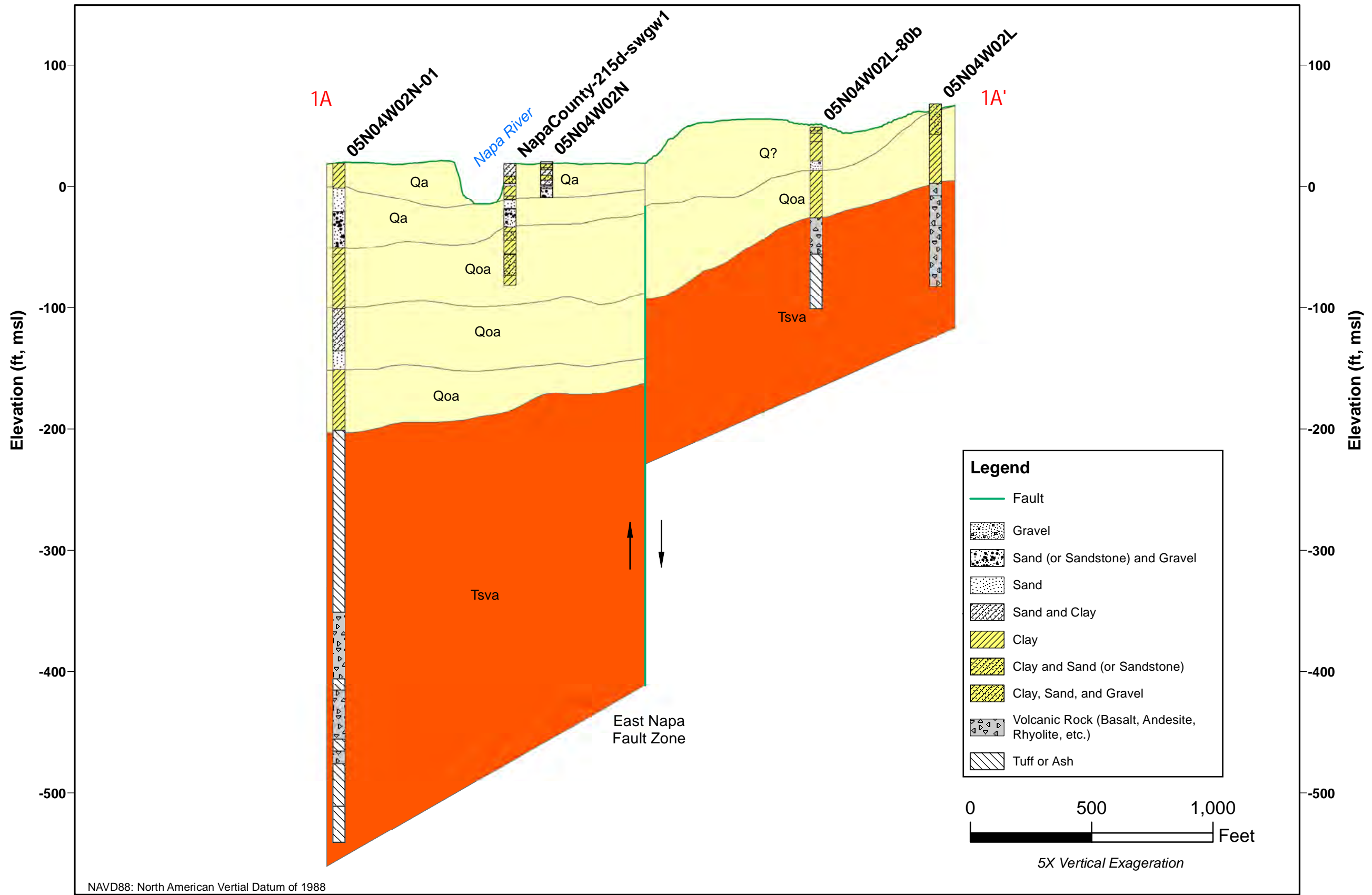
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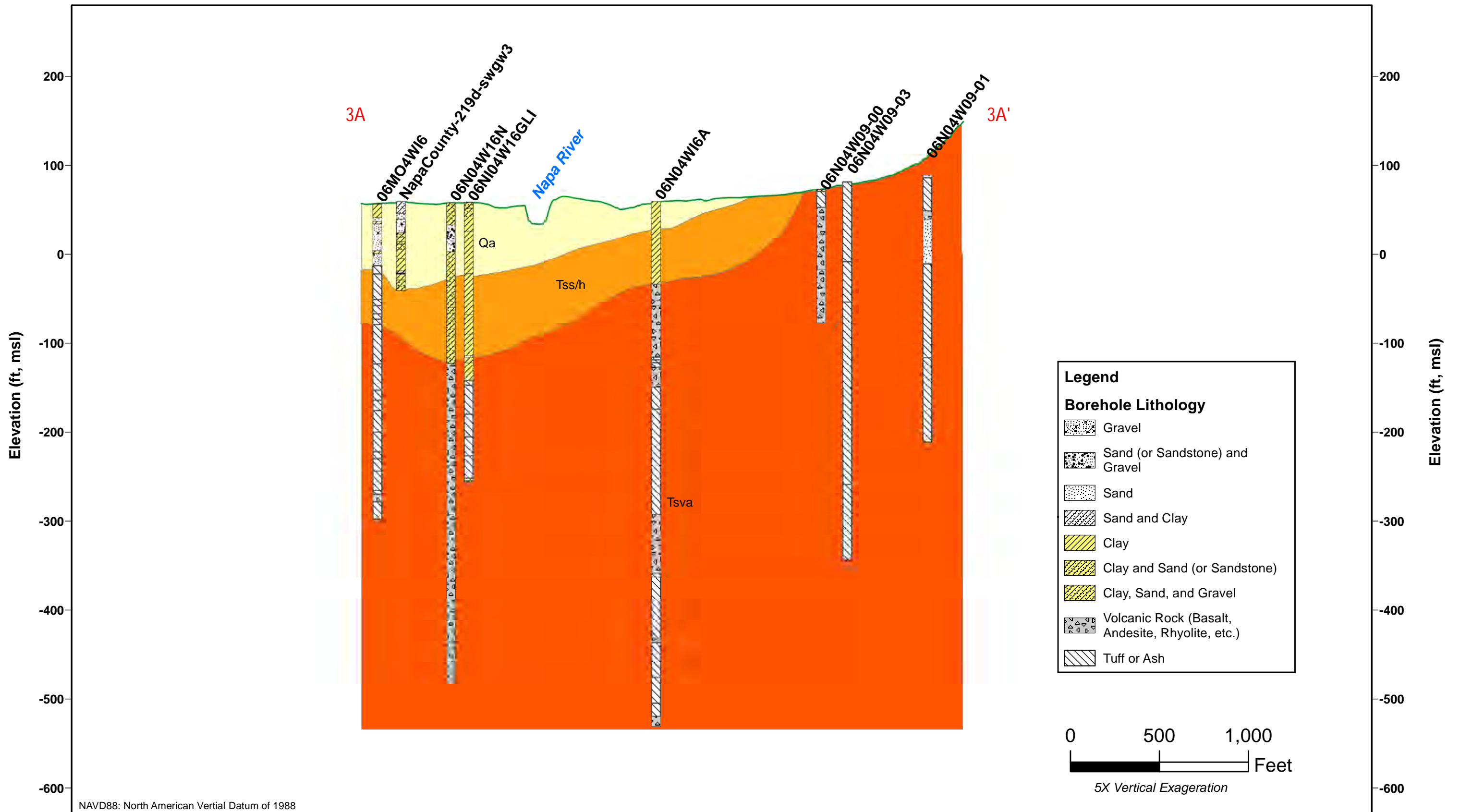


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**Figure 2-17**  
**Geologic Cross Section**  
**Site 1 - Napa River at First Street**

Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study

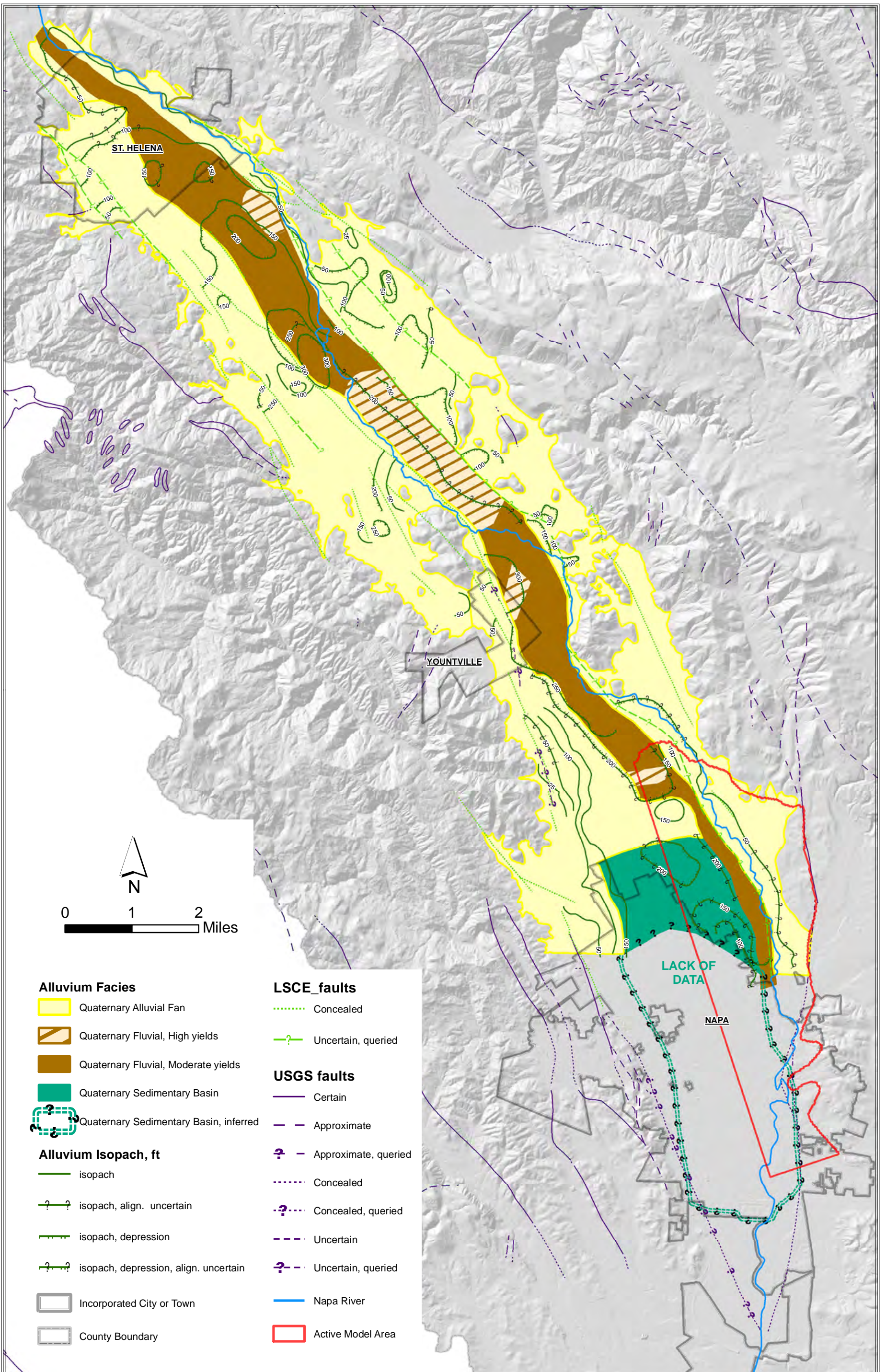


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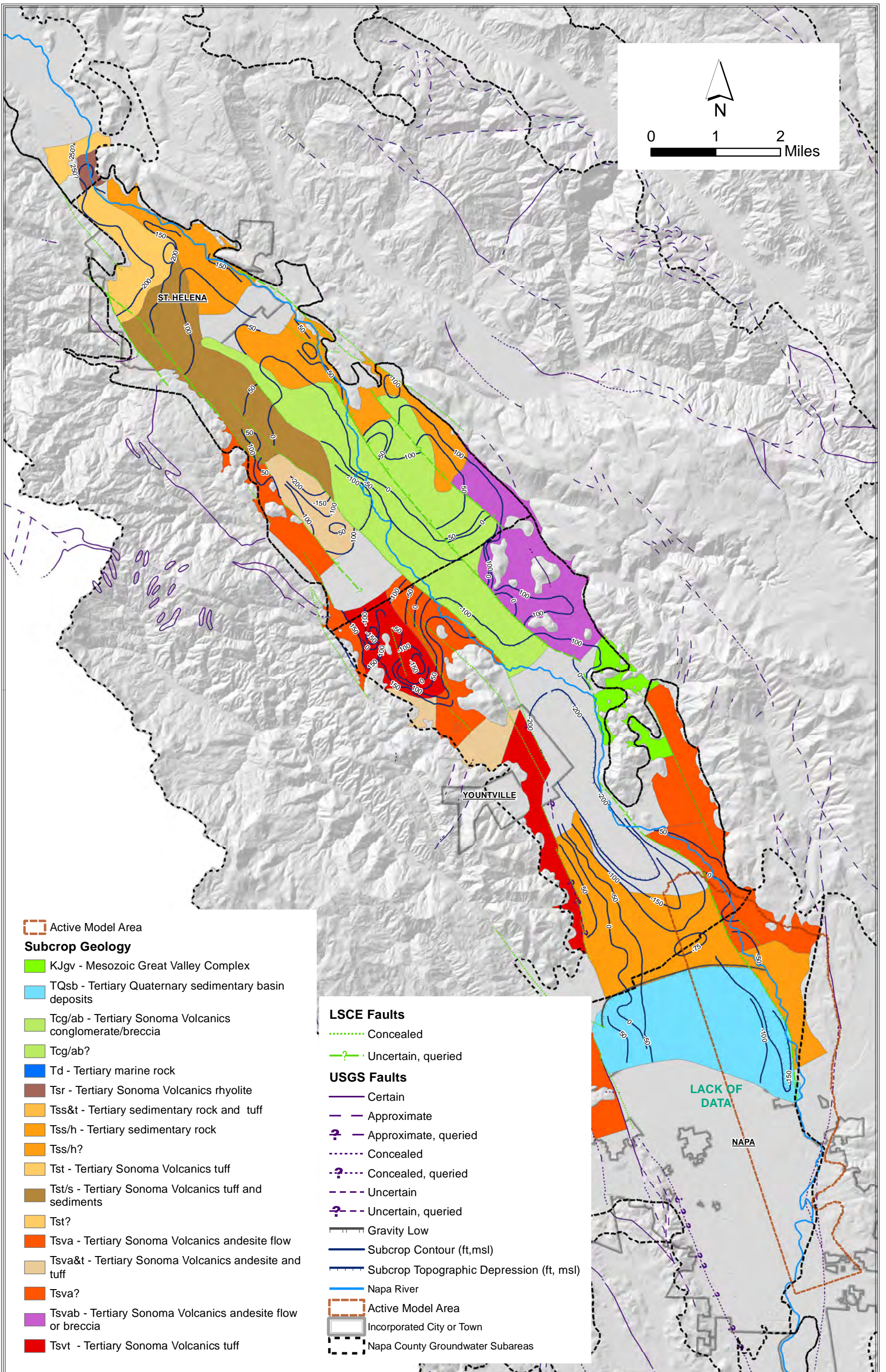


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**Geologic Cross Section**  
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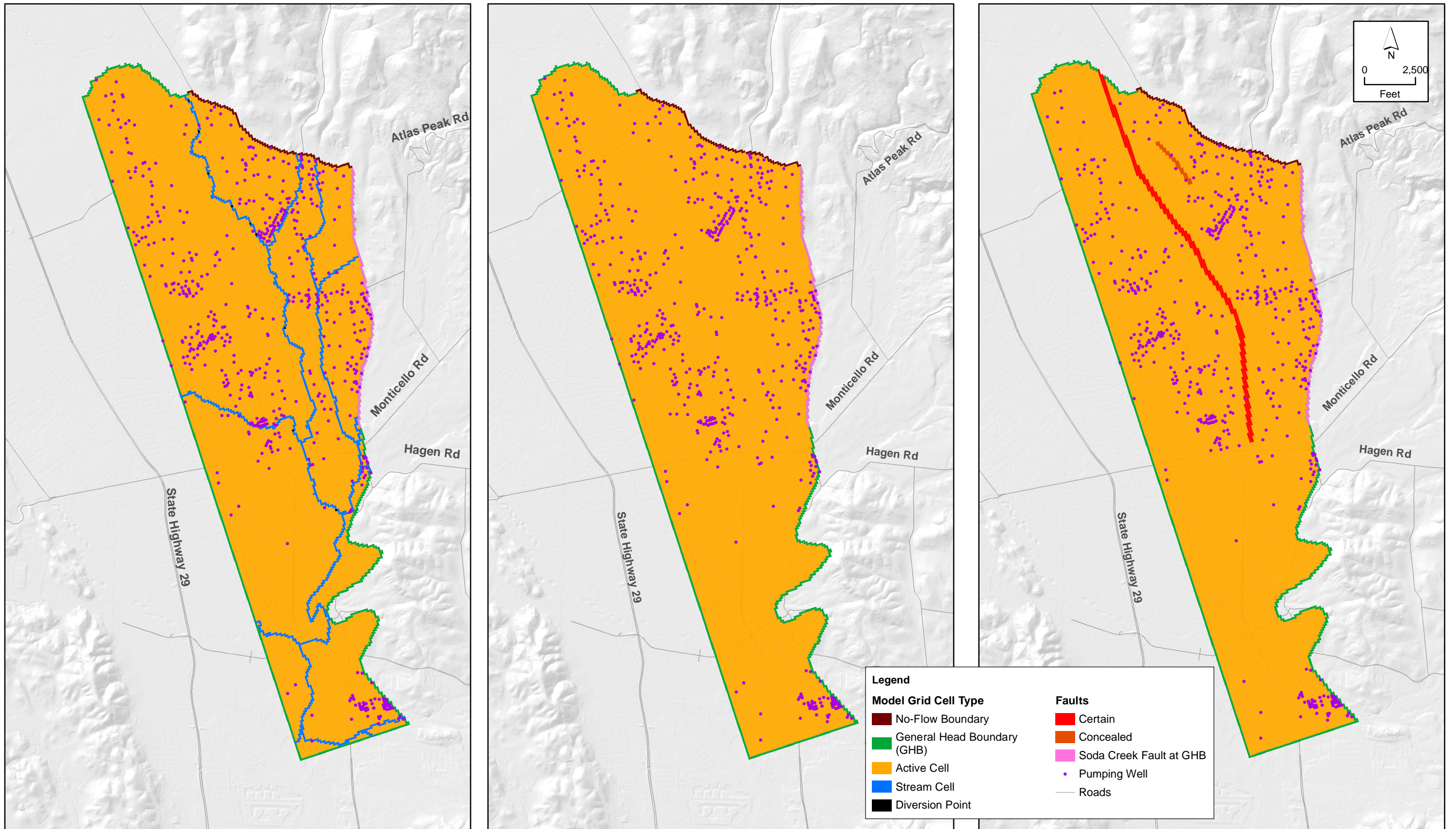
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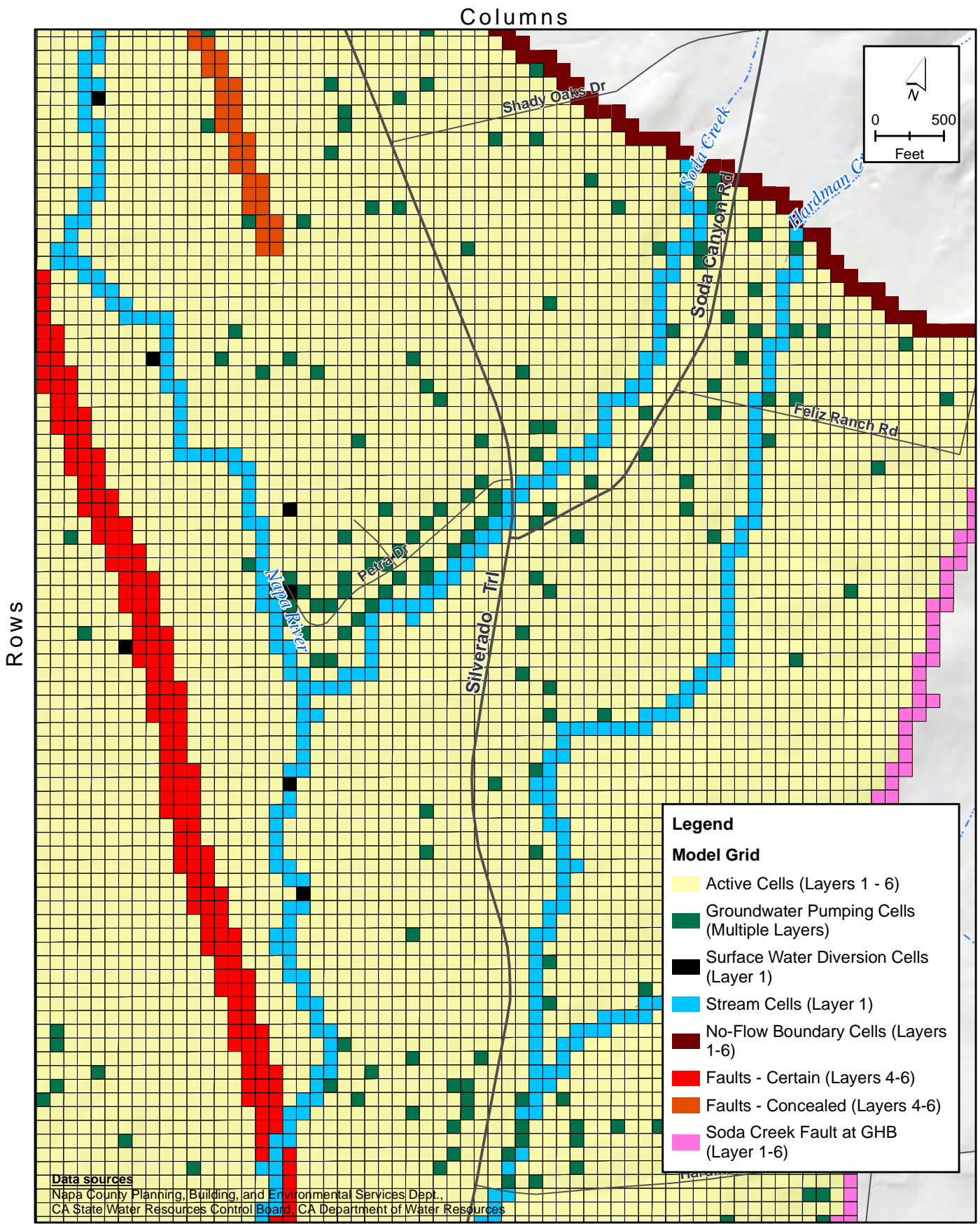
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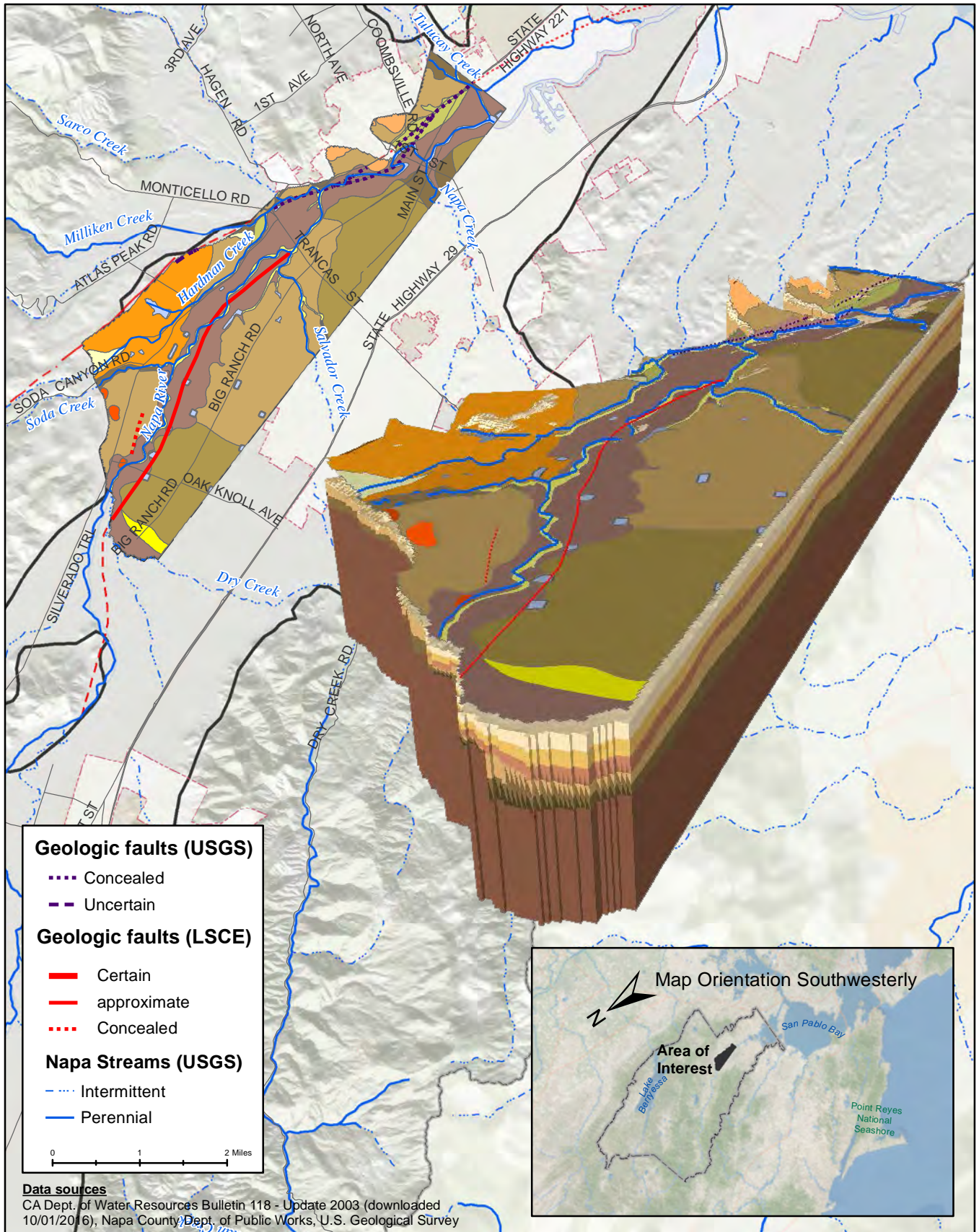


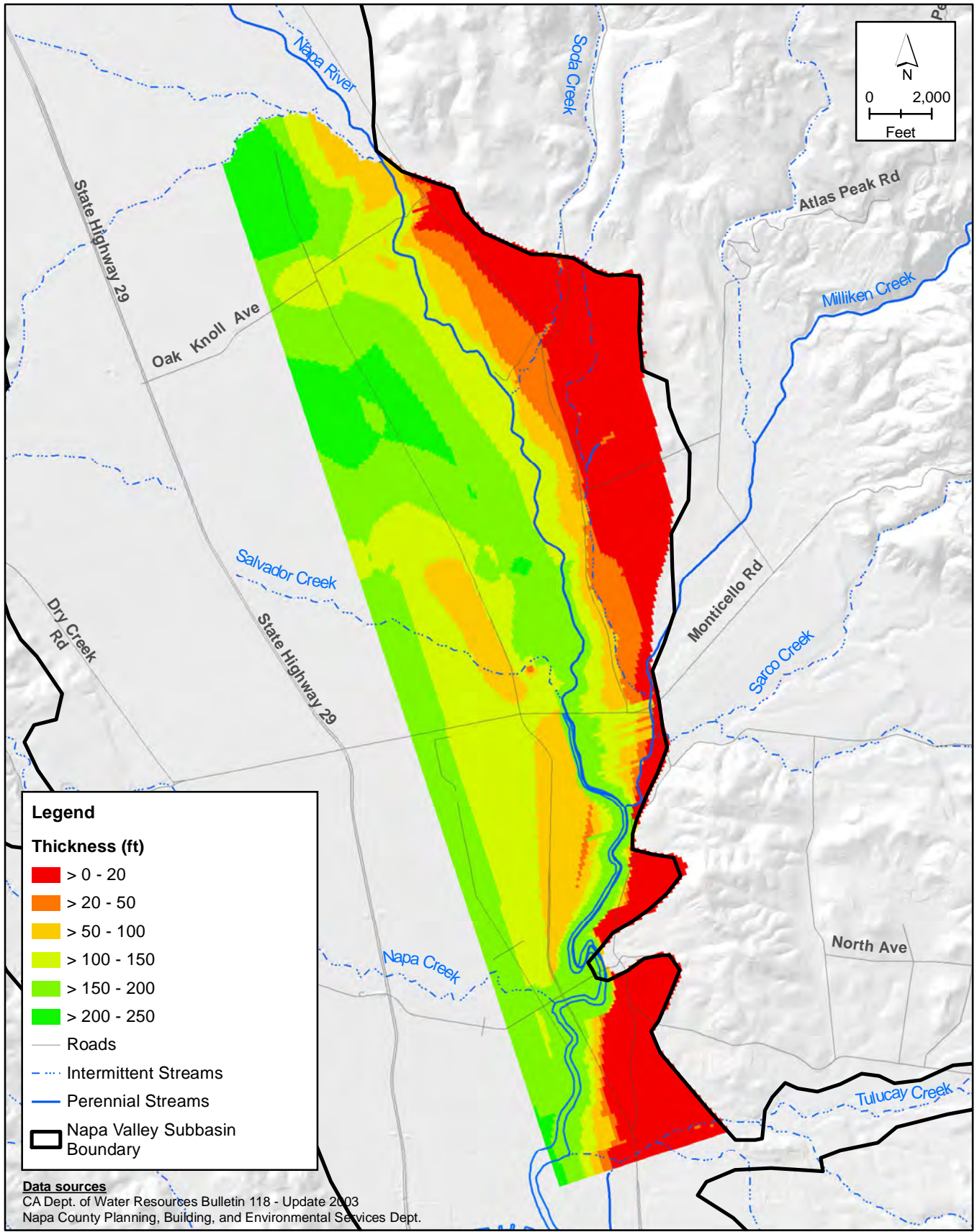
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**FIGURE 3-1a**  
**Model Features**  
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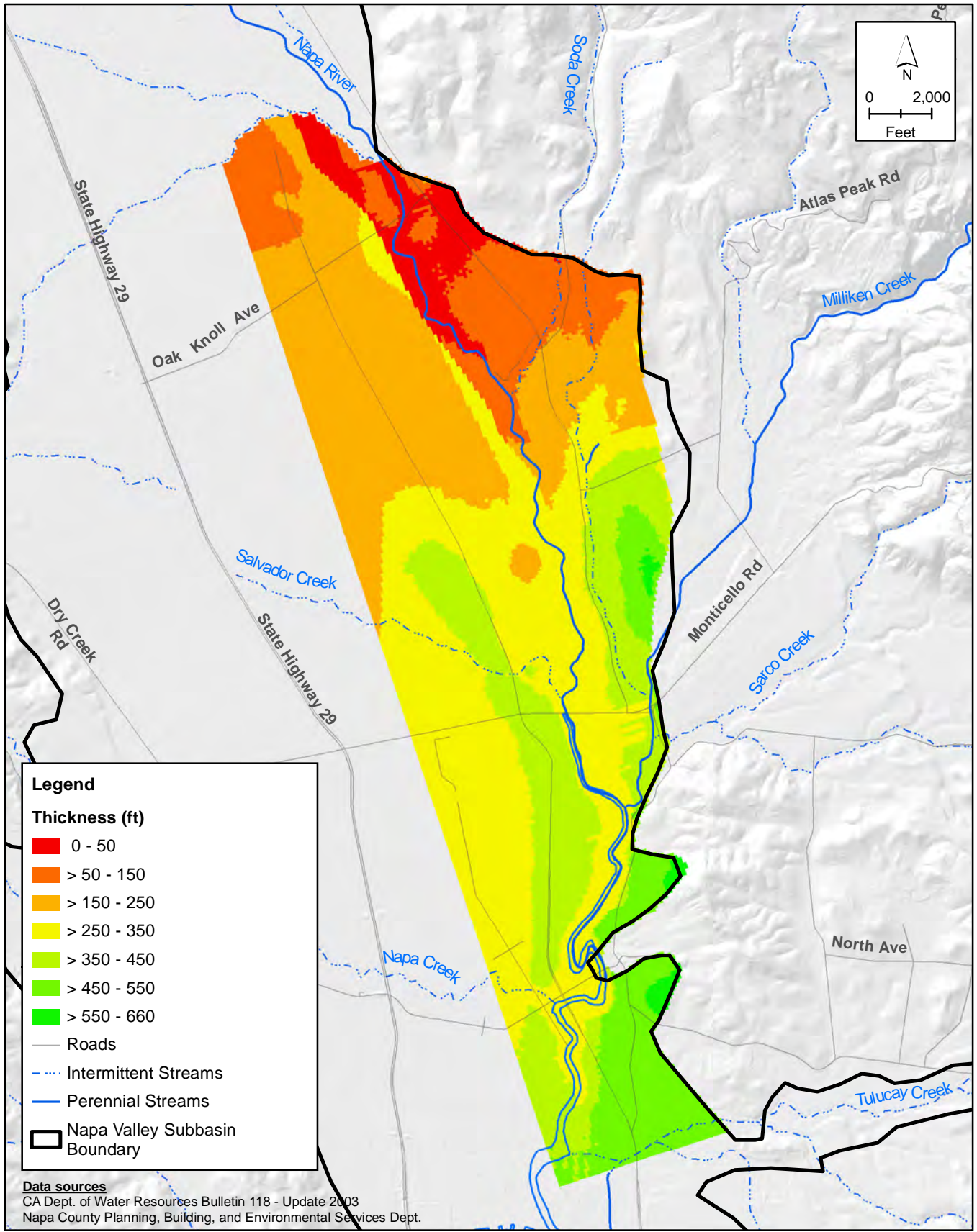




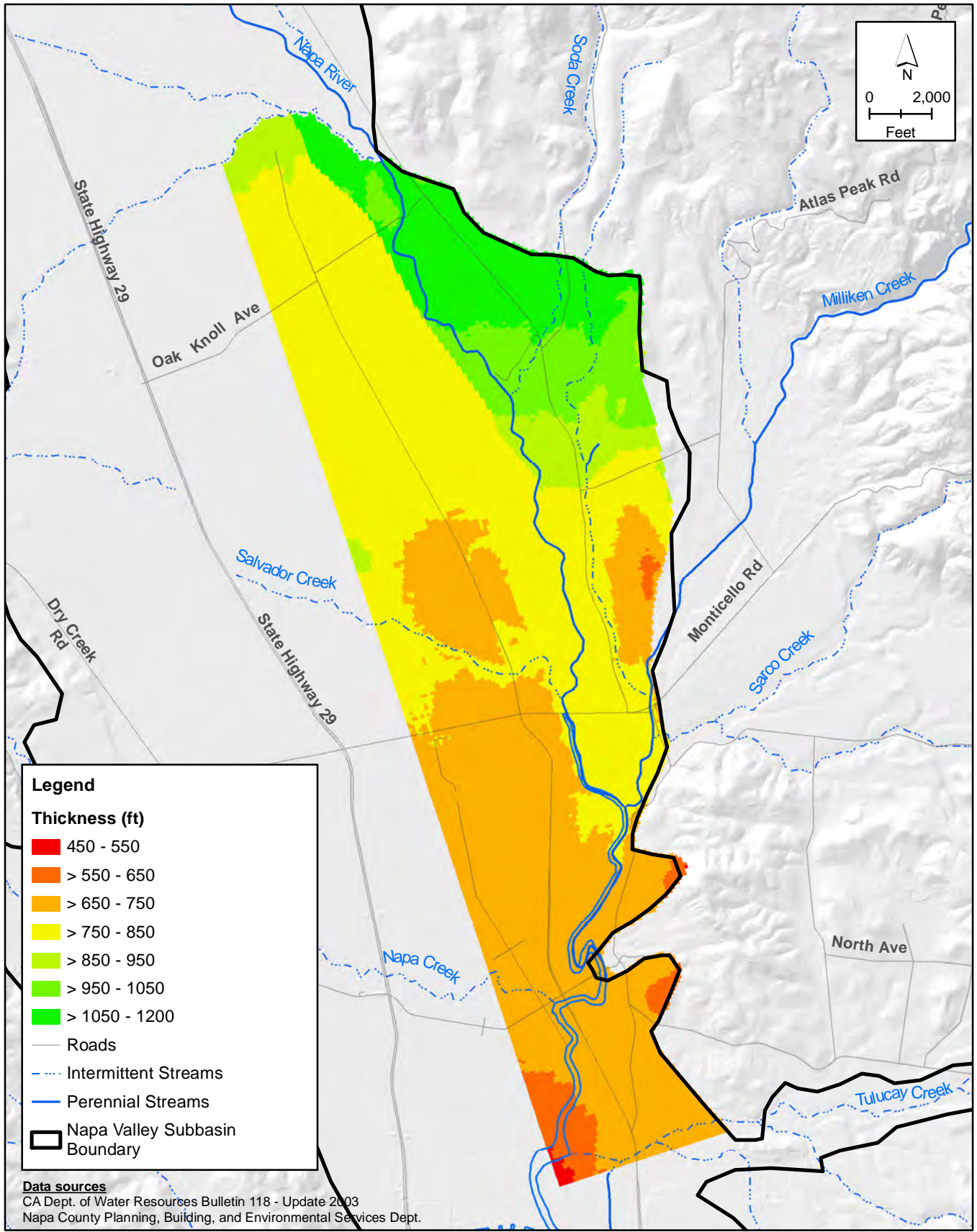




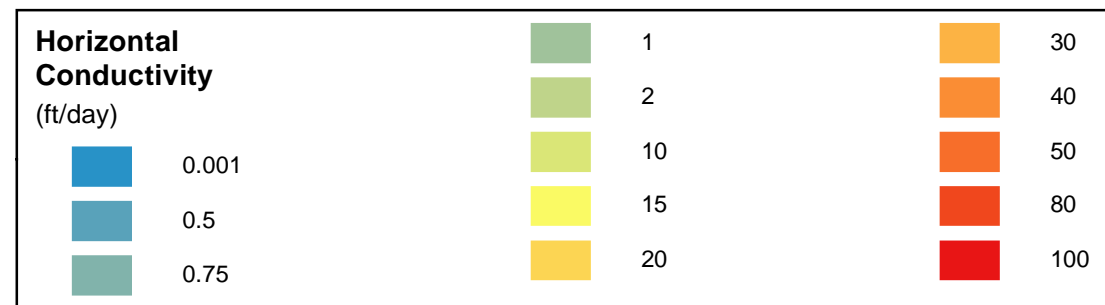
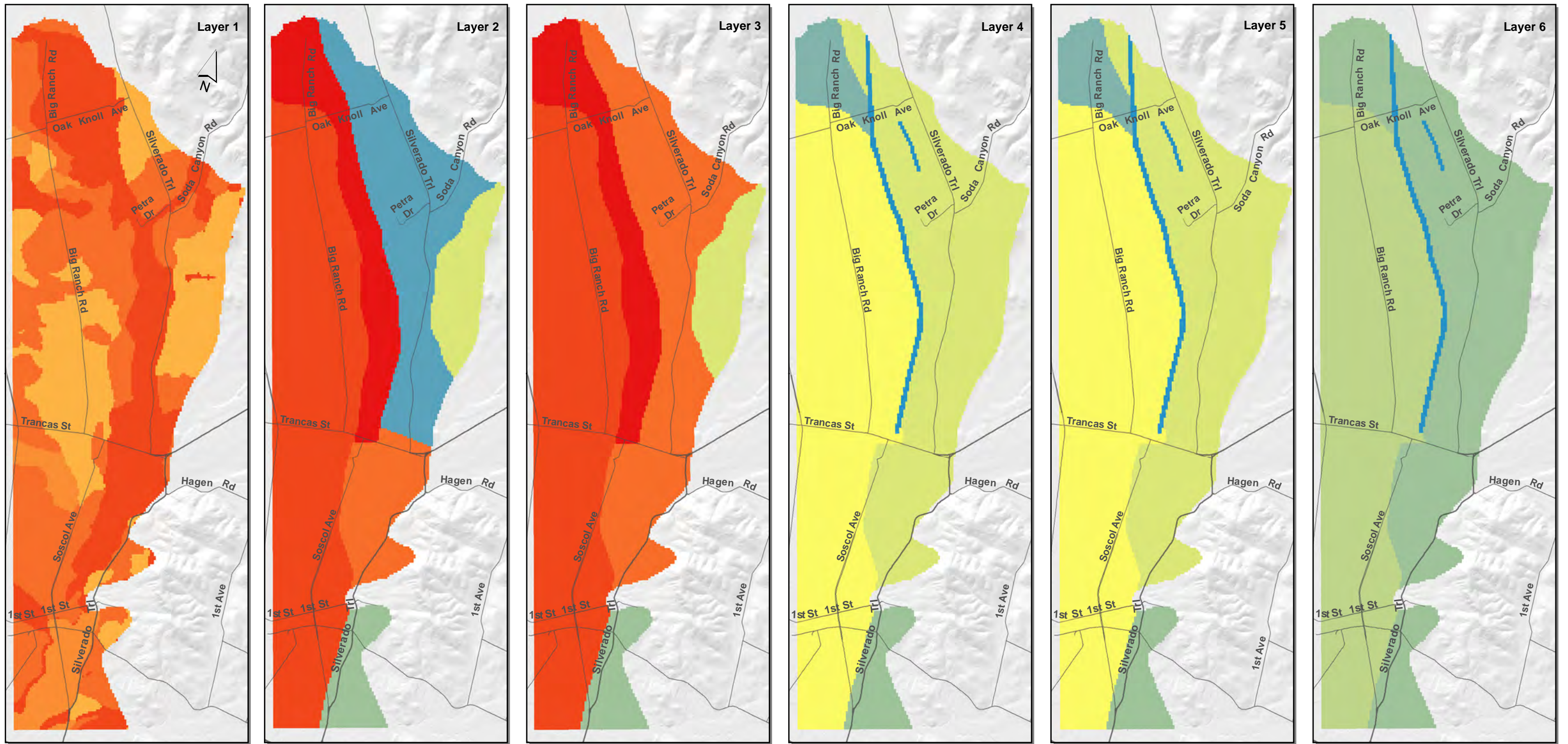
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**Thickness of Quaternary Alluvium,**  
**Model Layers 1 through 3**



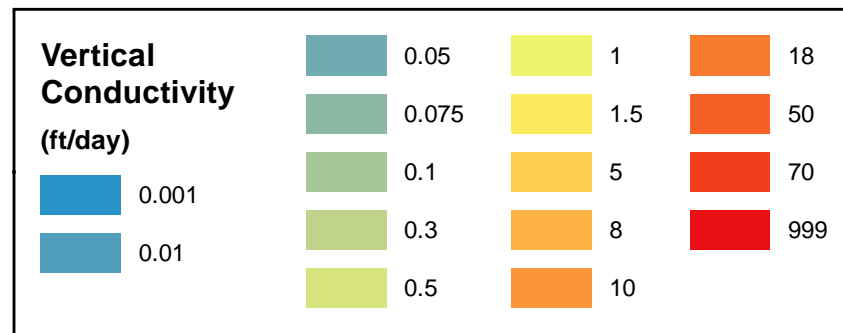
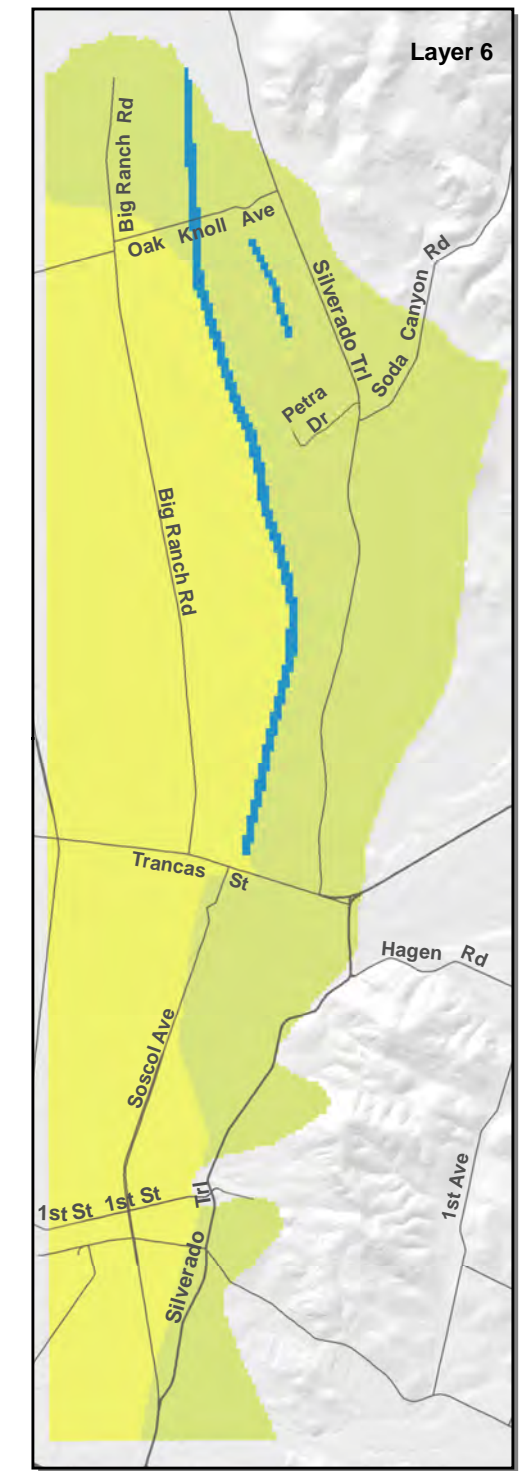
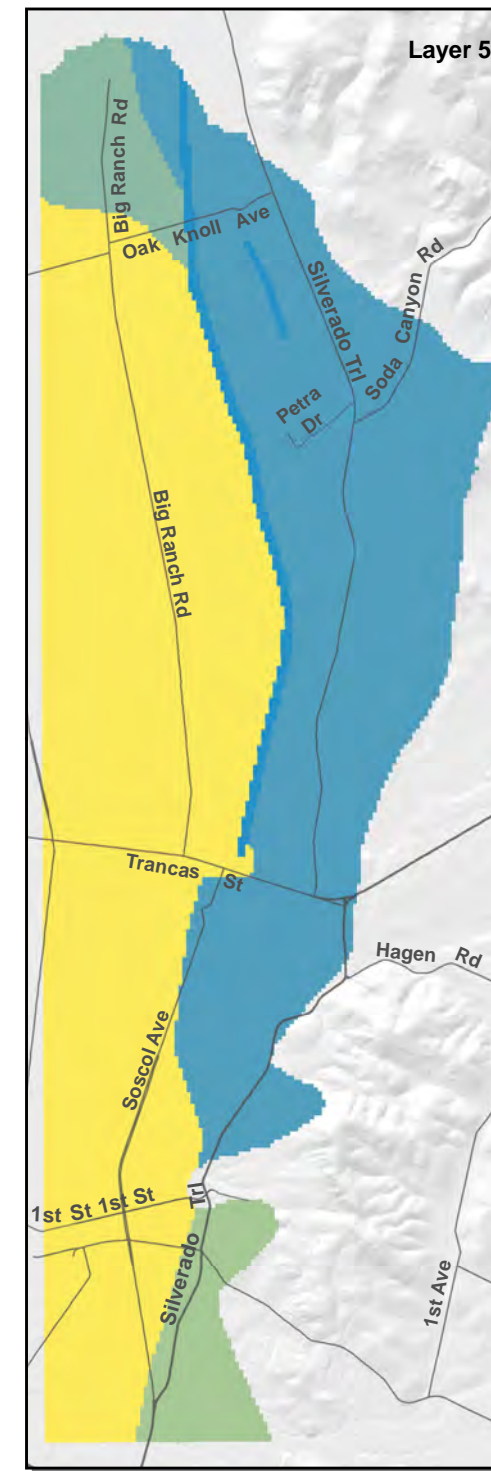
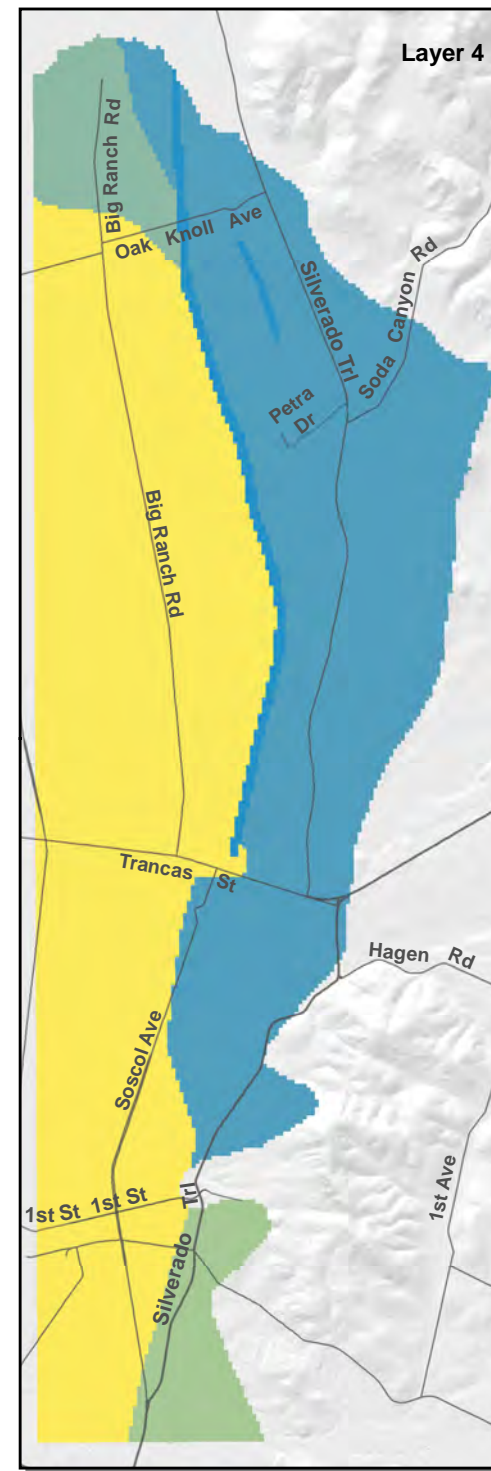
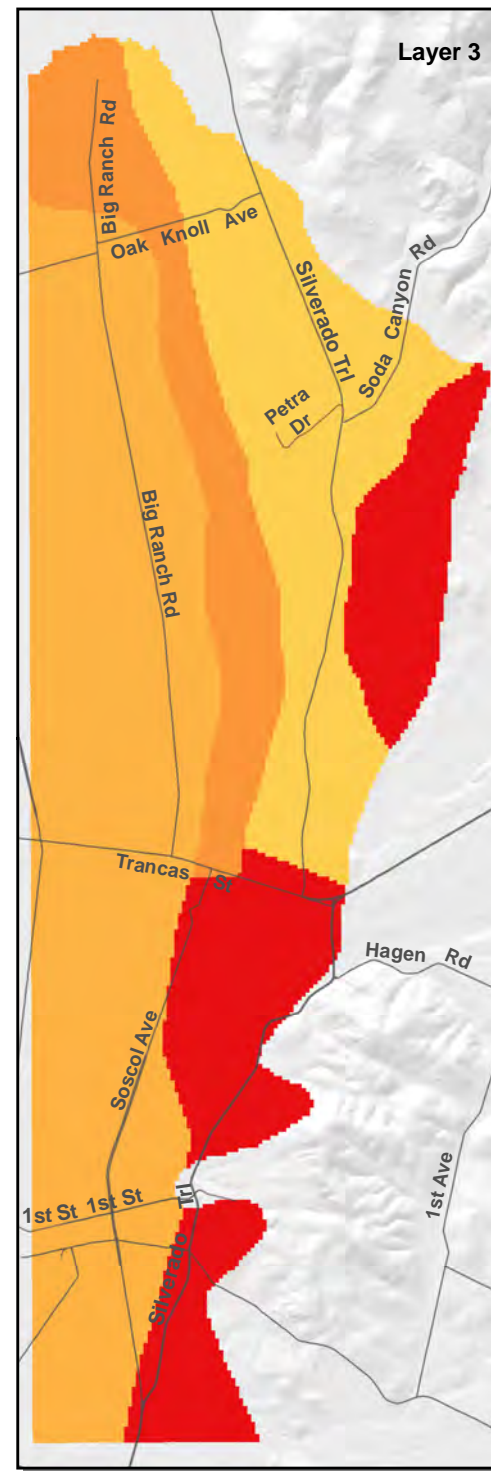
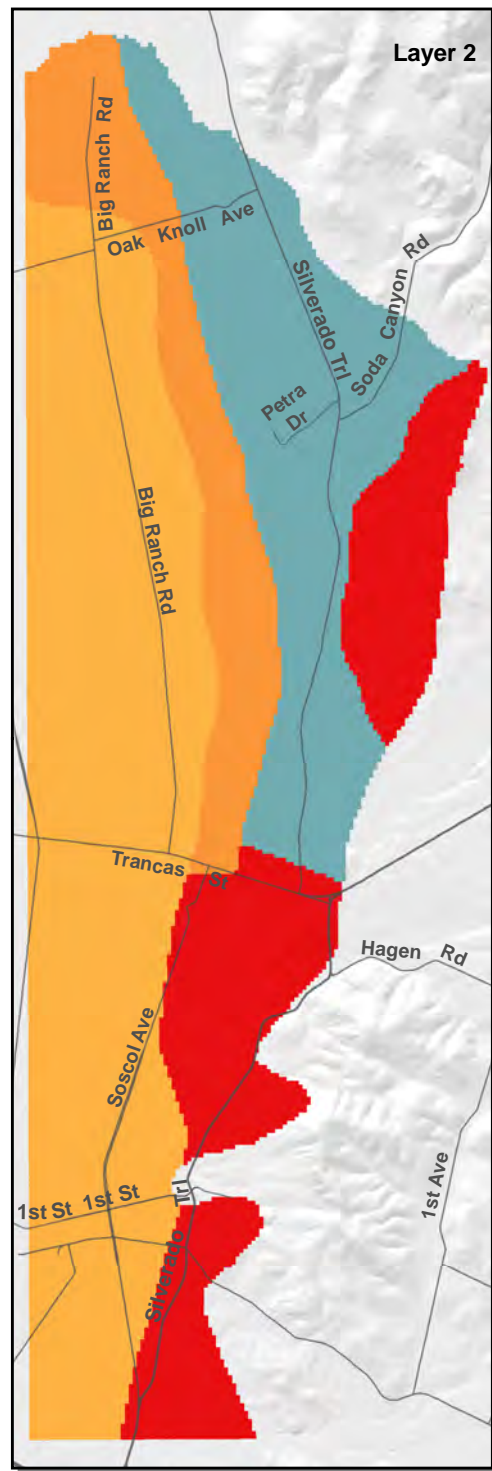
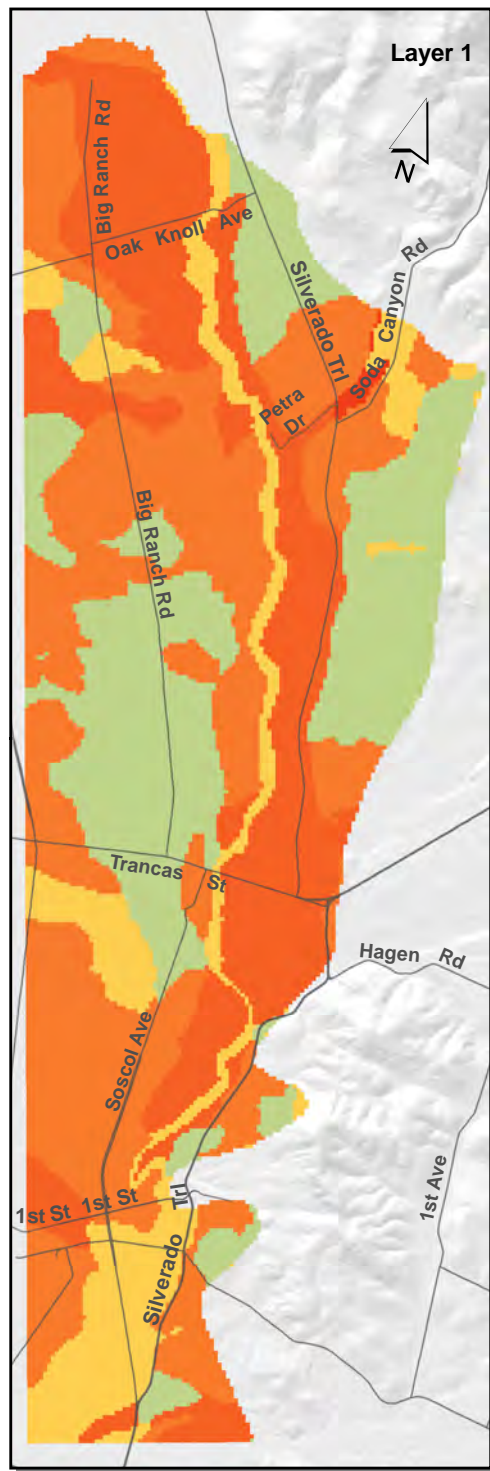
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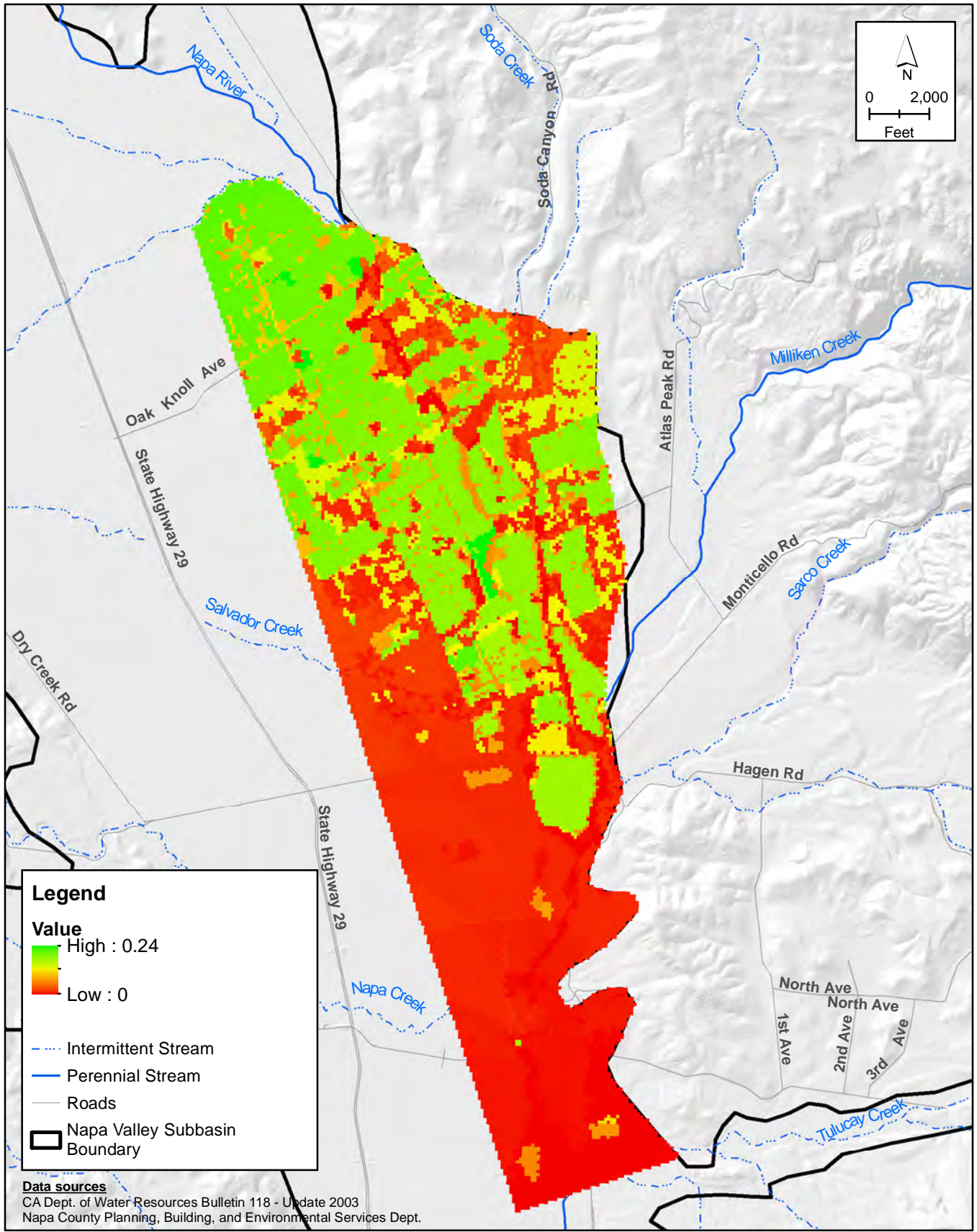
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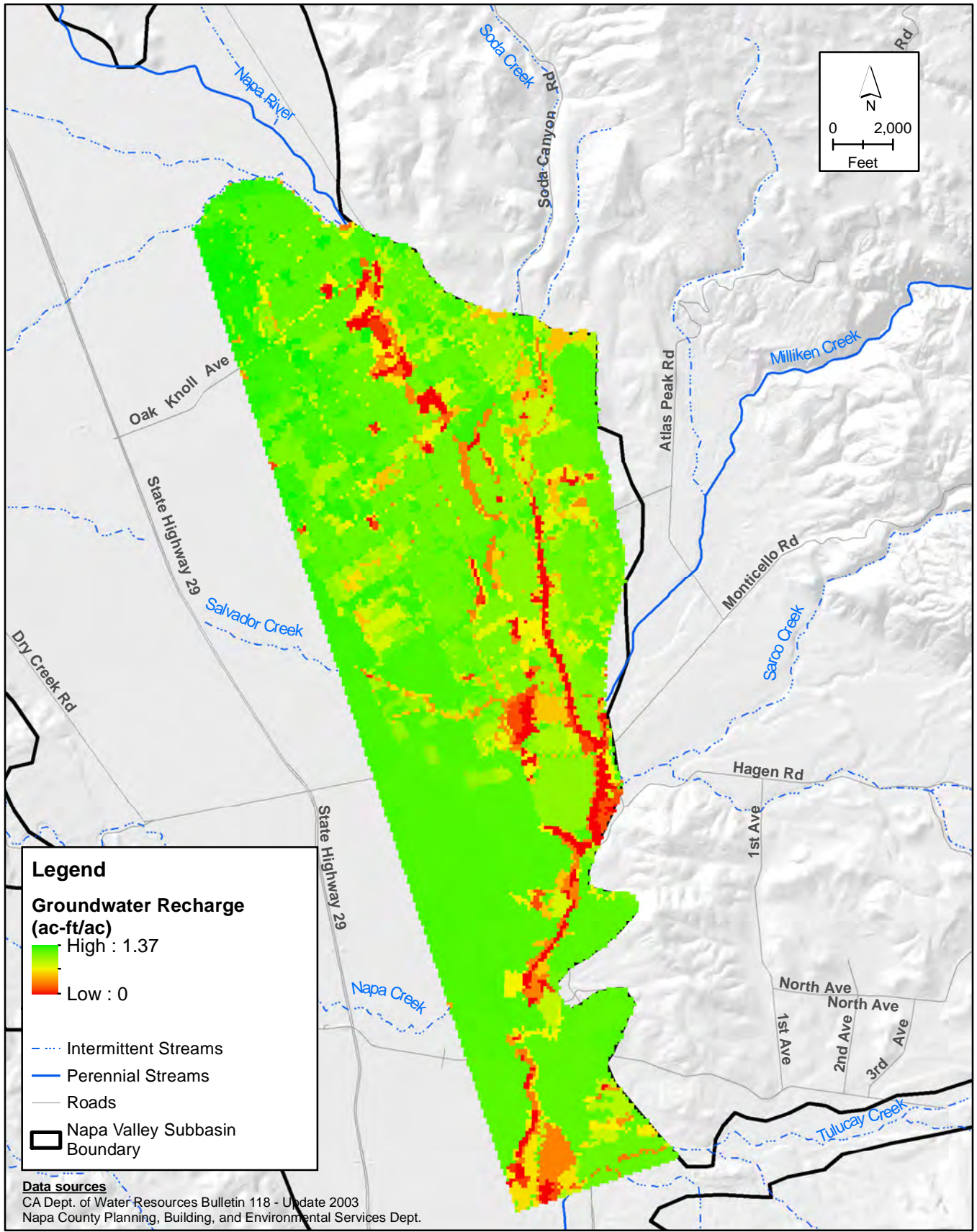
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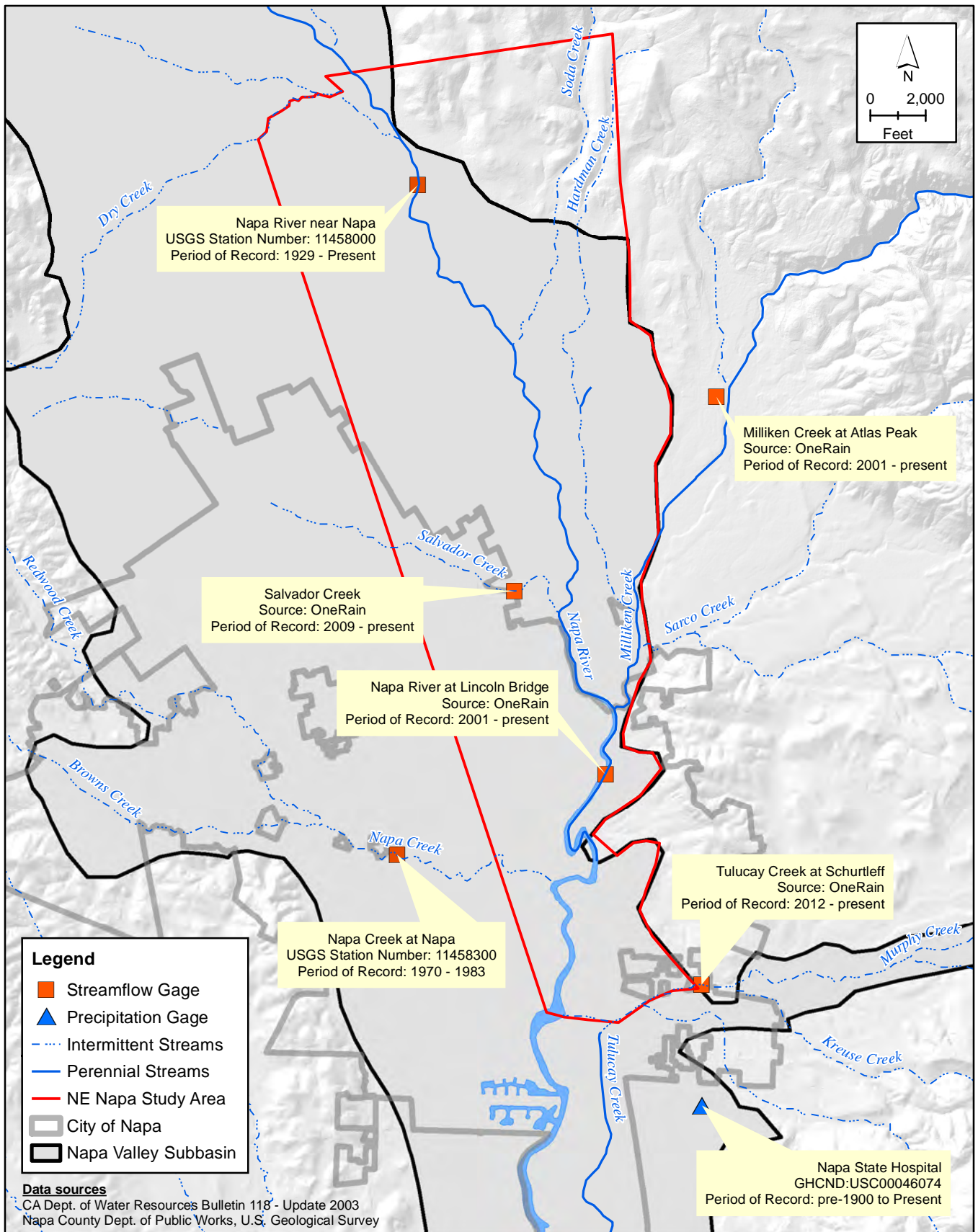


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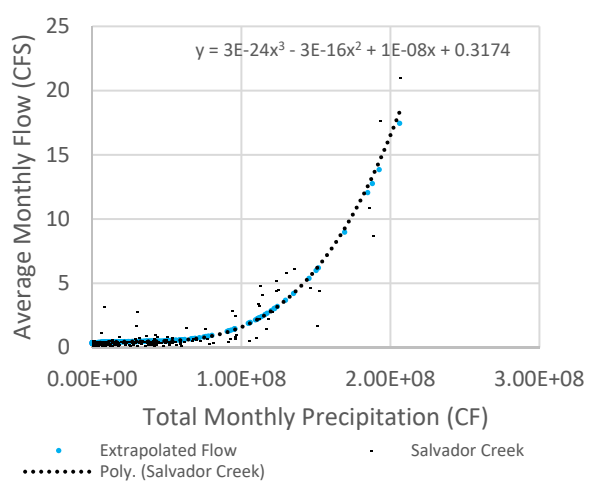
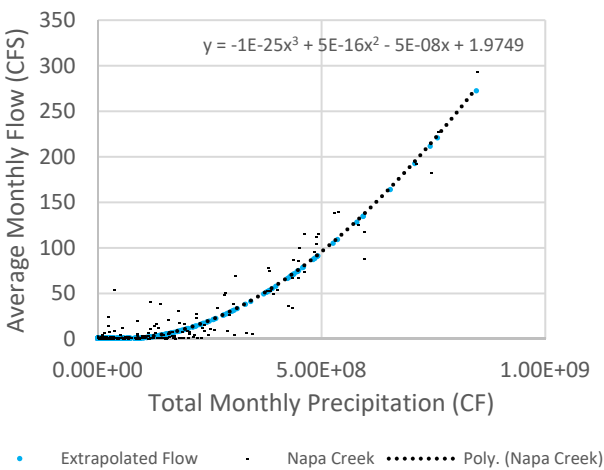
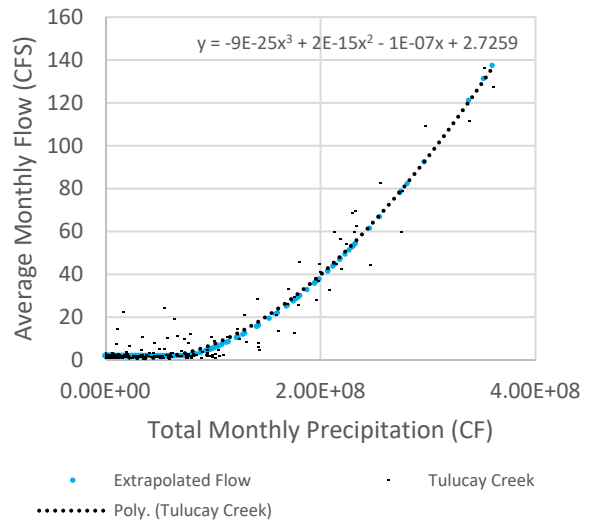
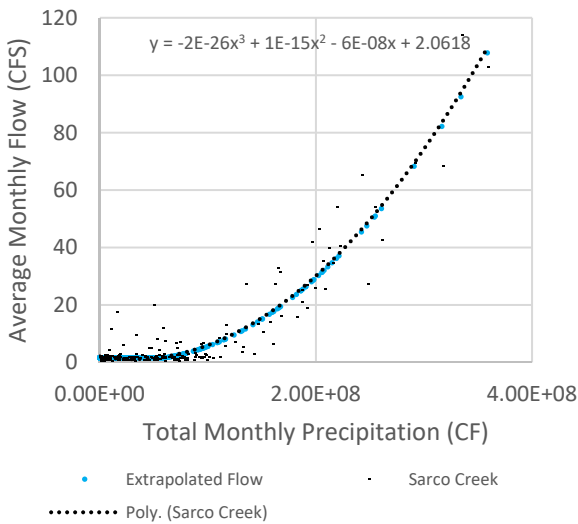
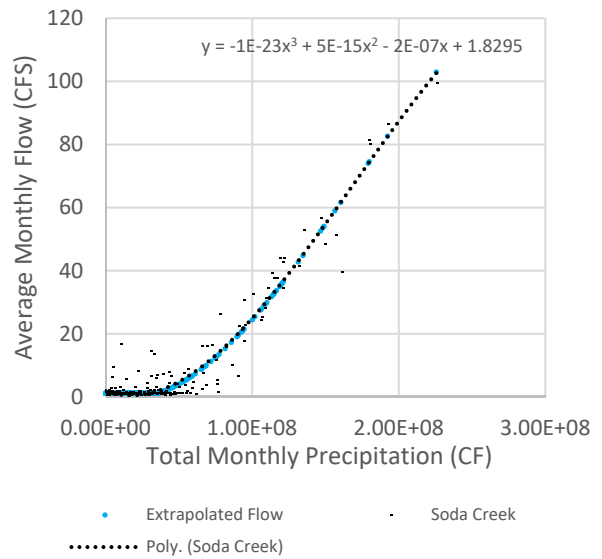
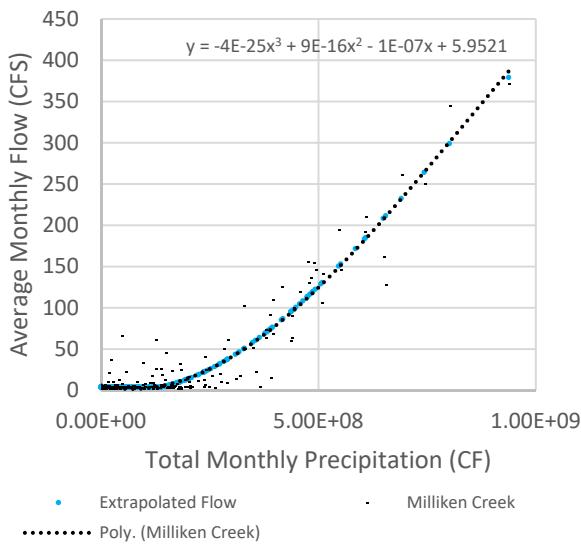








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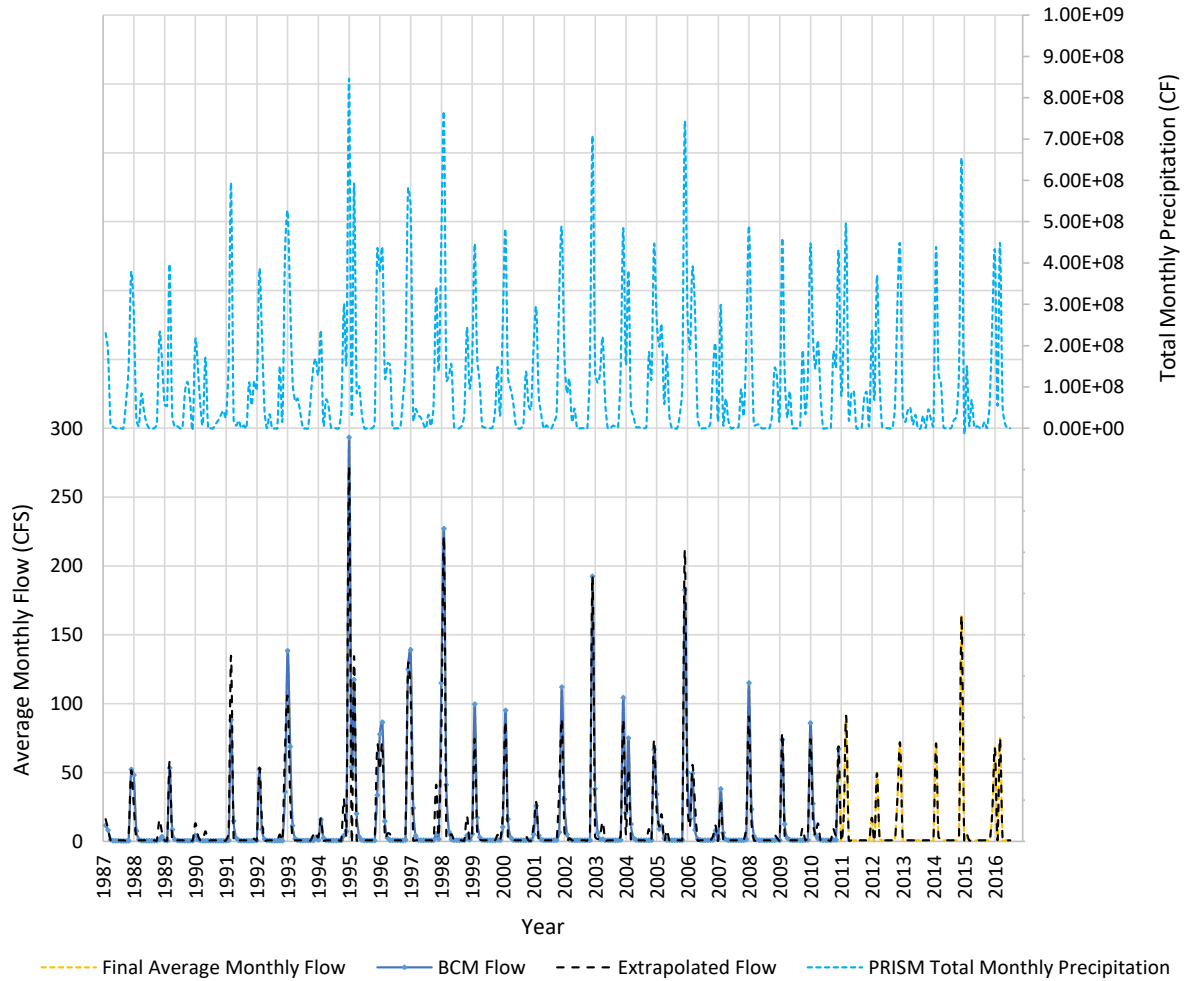
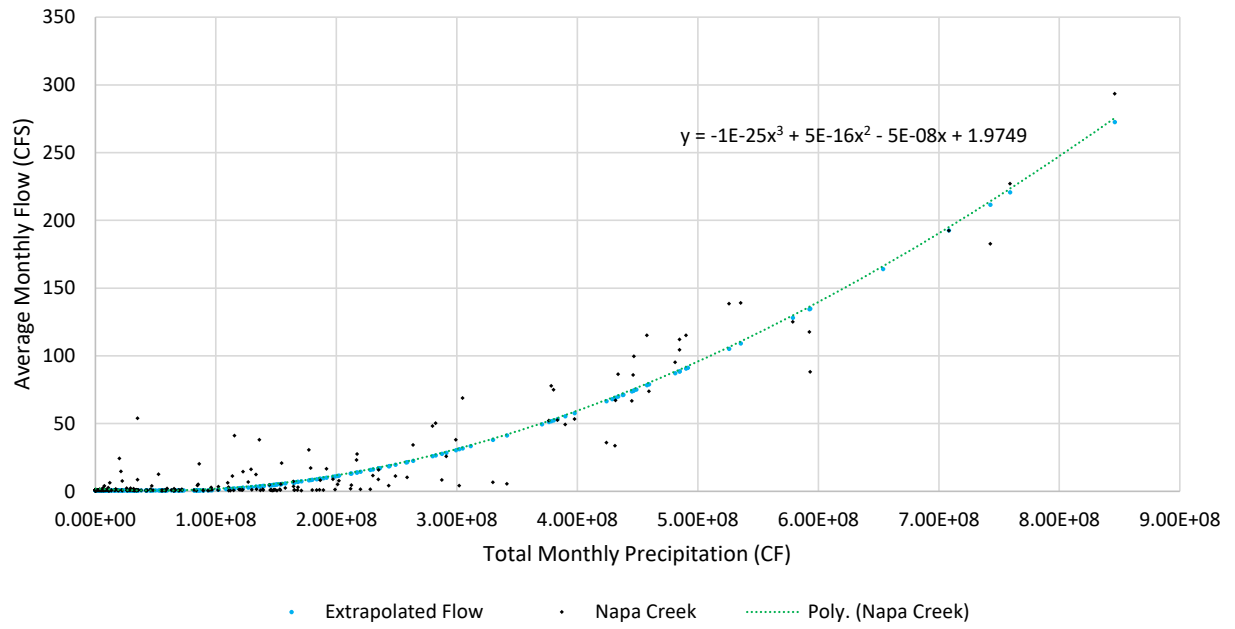
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**FIGURE 3-11**

**Example Regression Analyses for Streamflow Extrapolations**

*Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study*

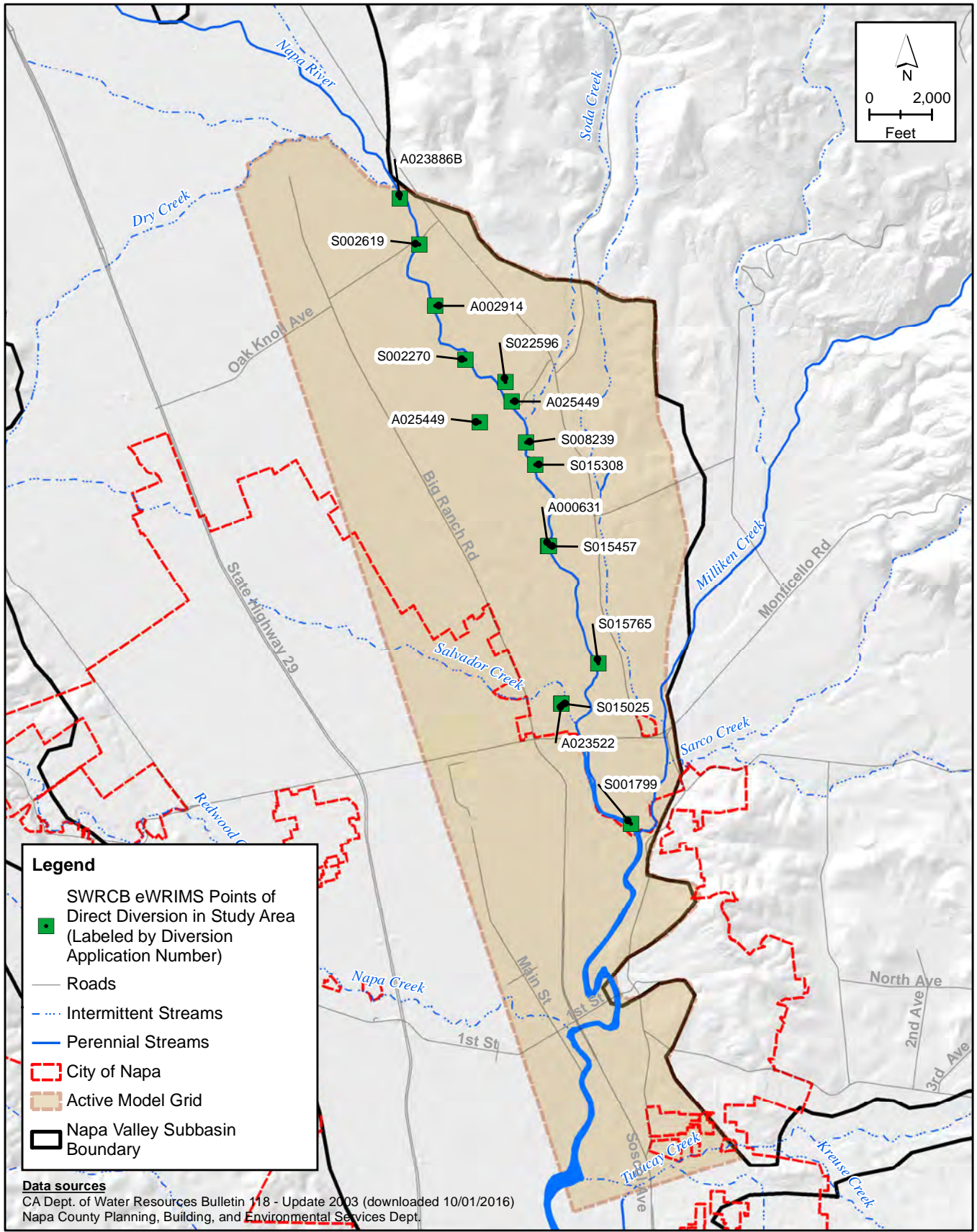


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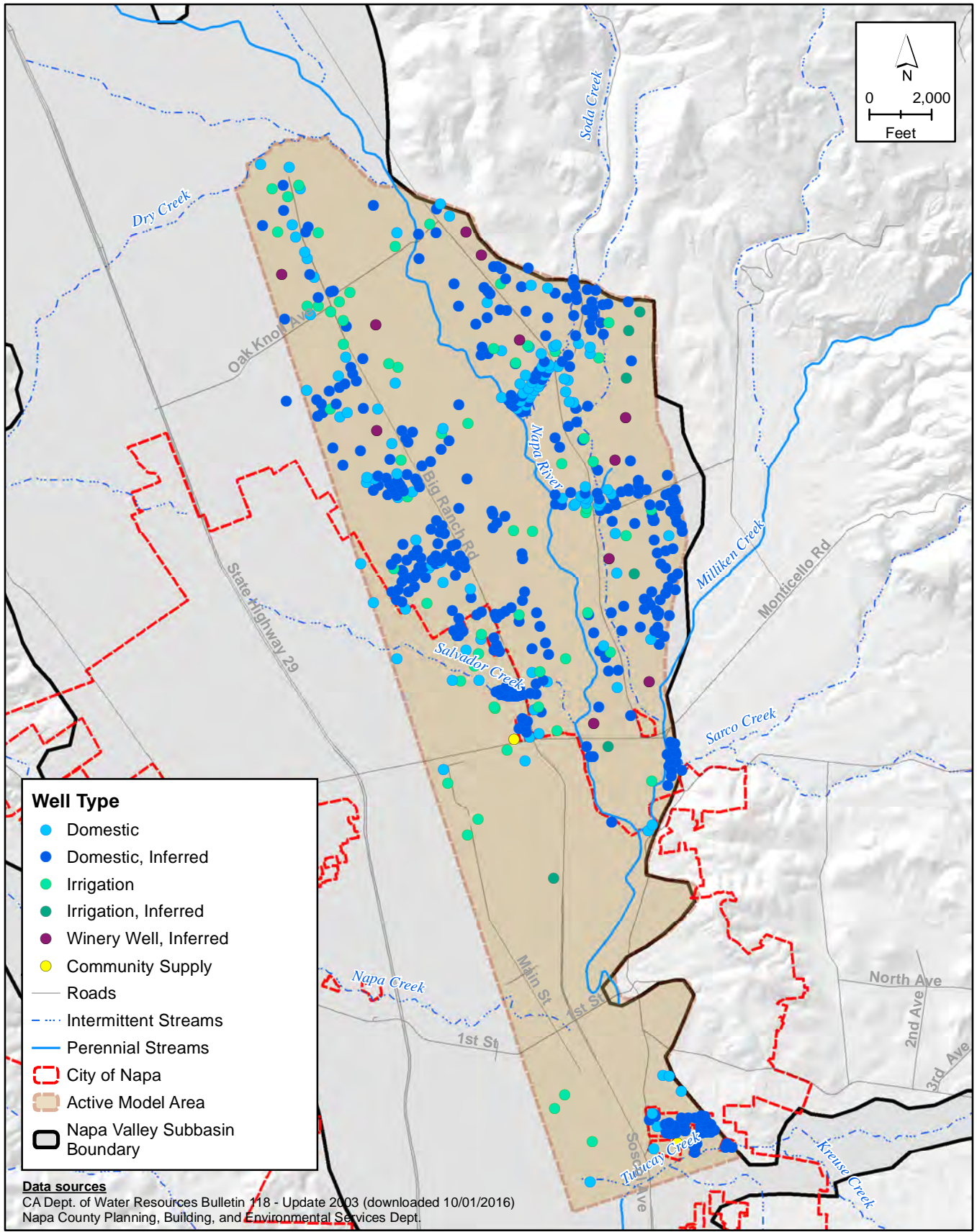


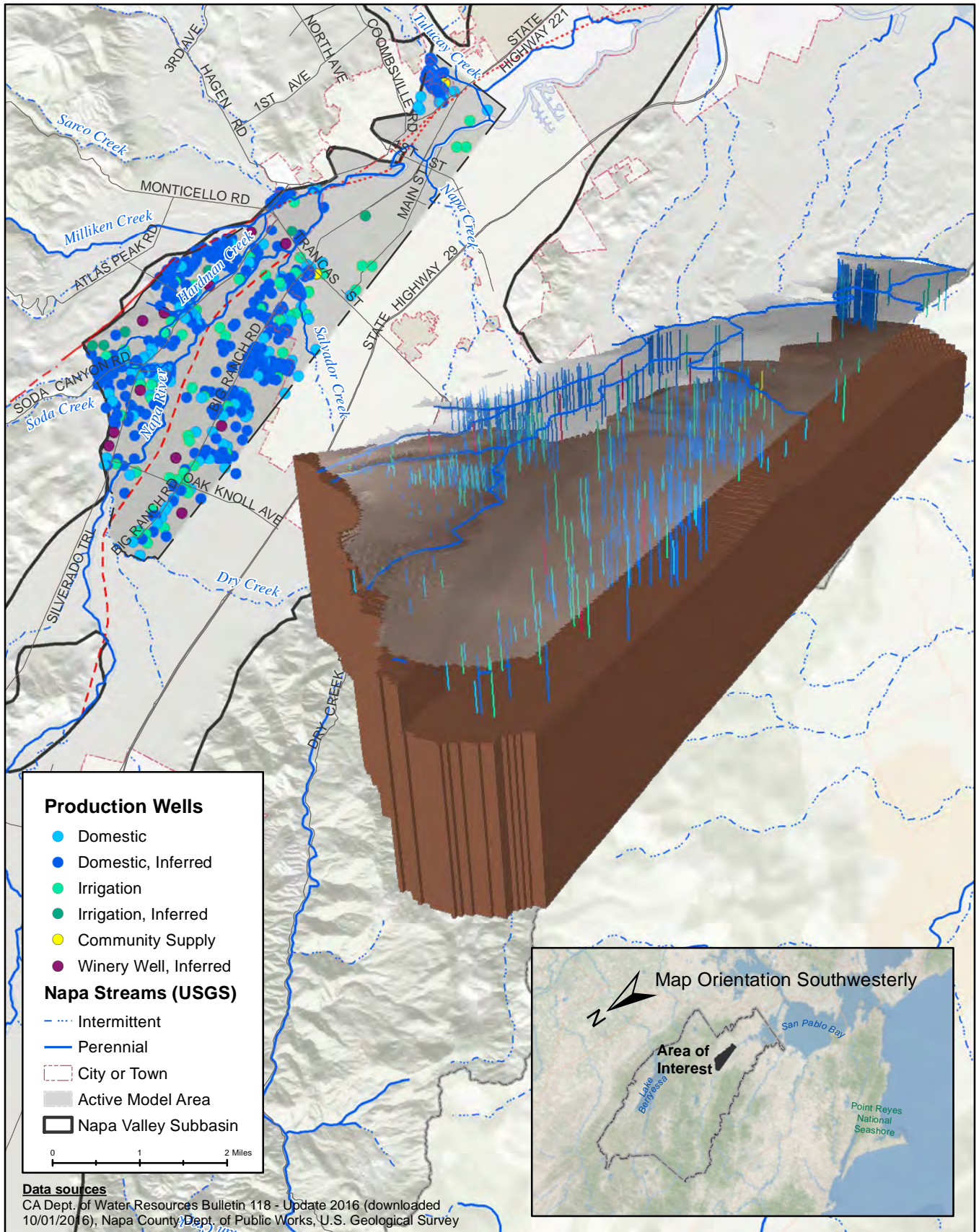
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**Napa Creek Subwatershed Precipitation and Streamflow**

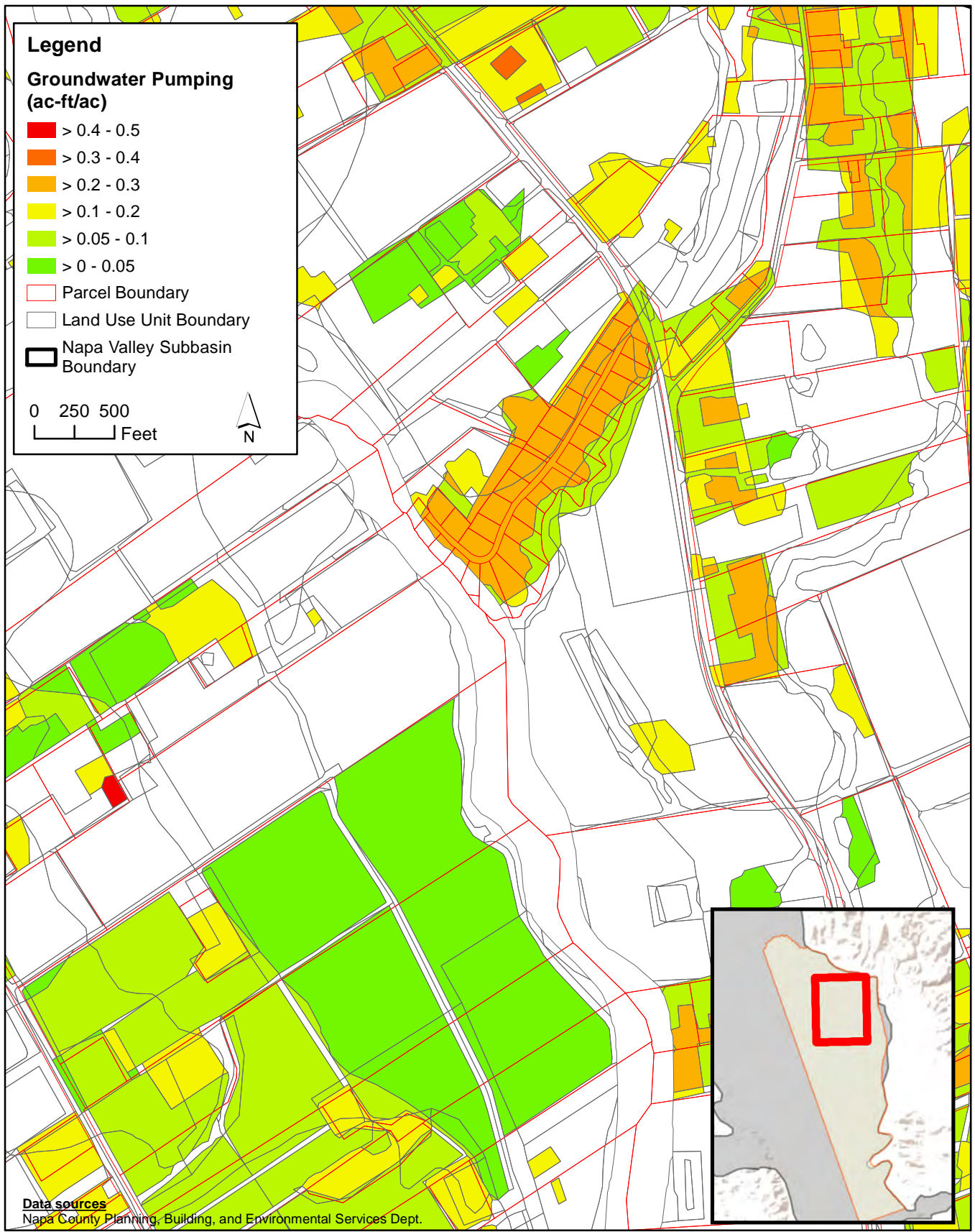
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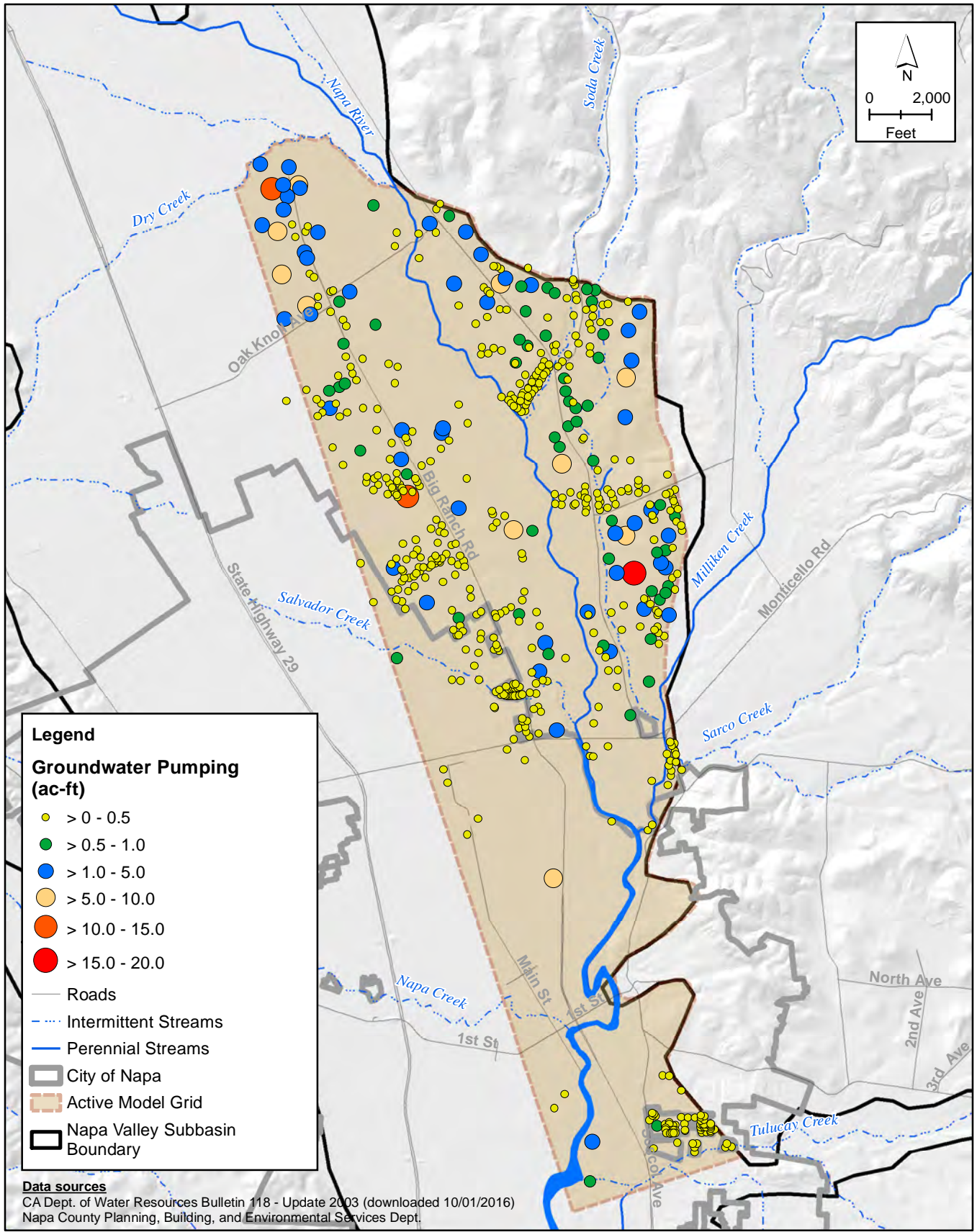


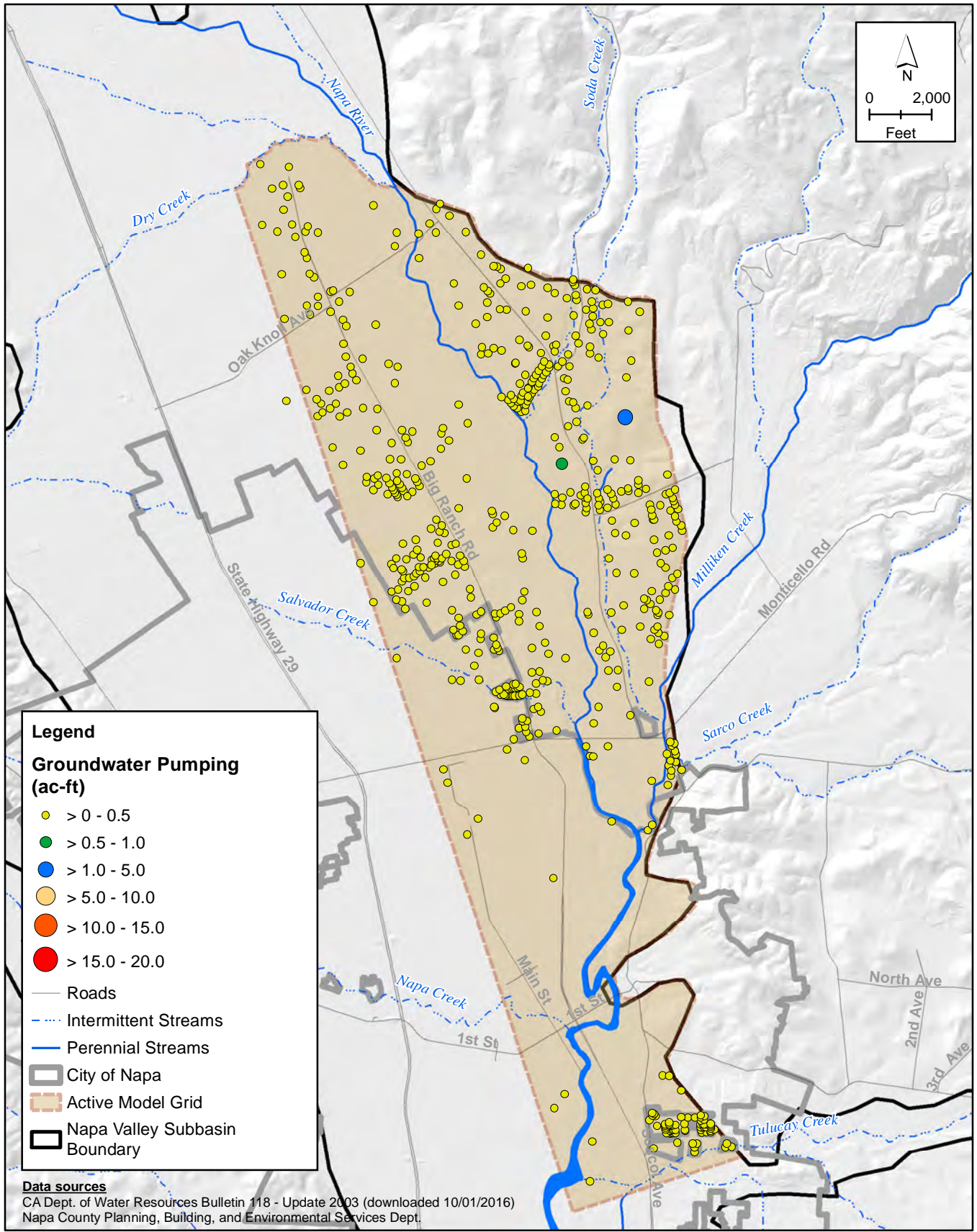


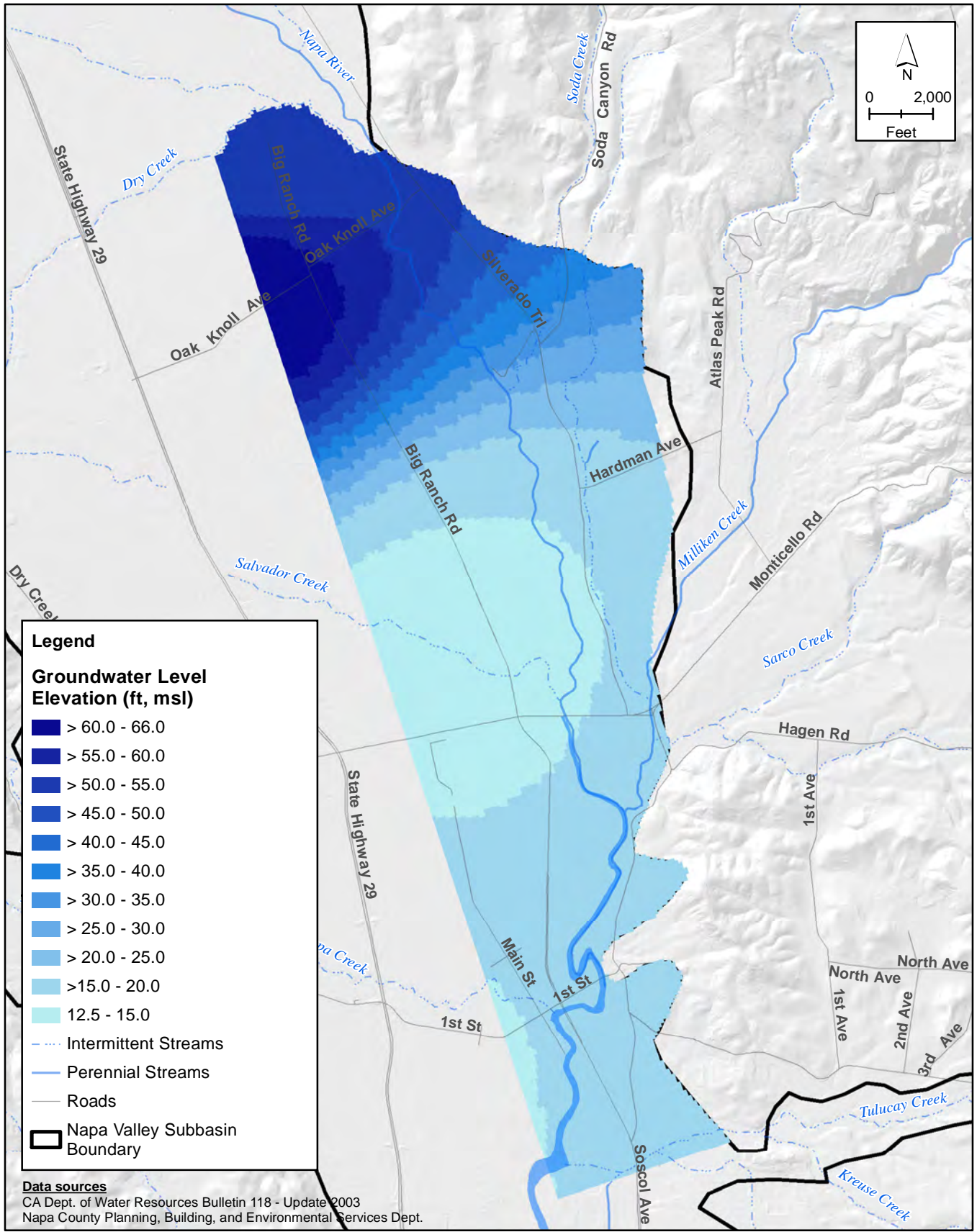


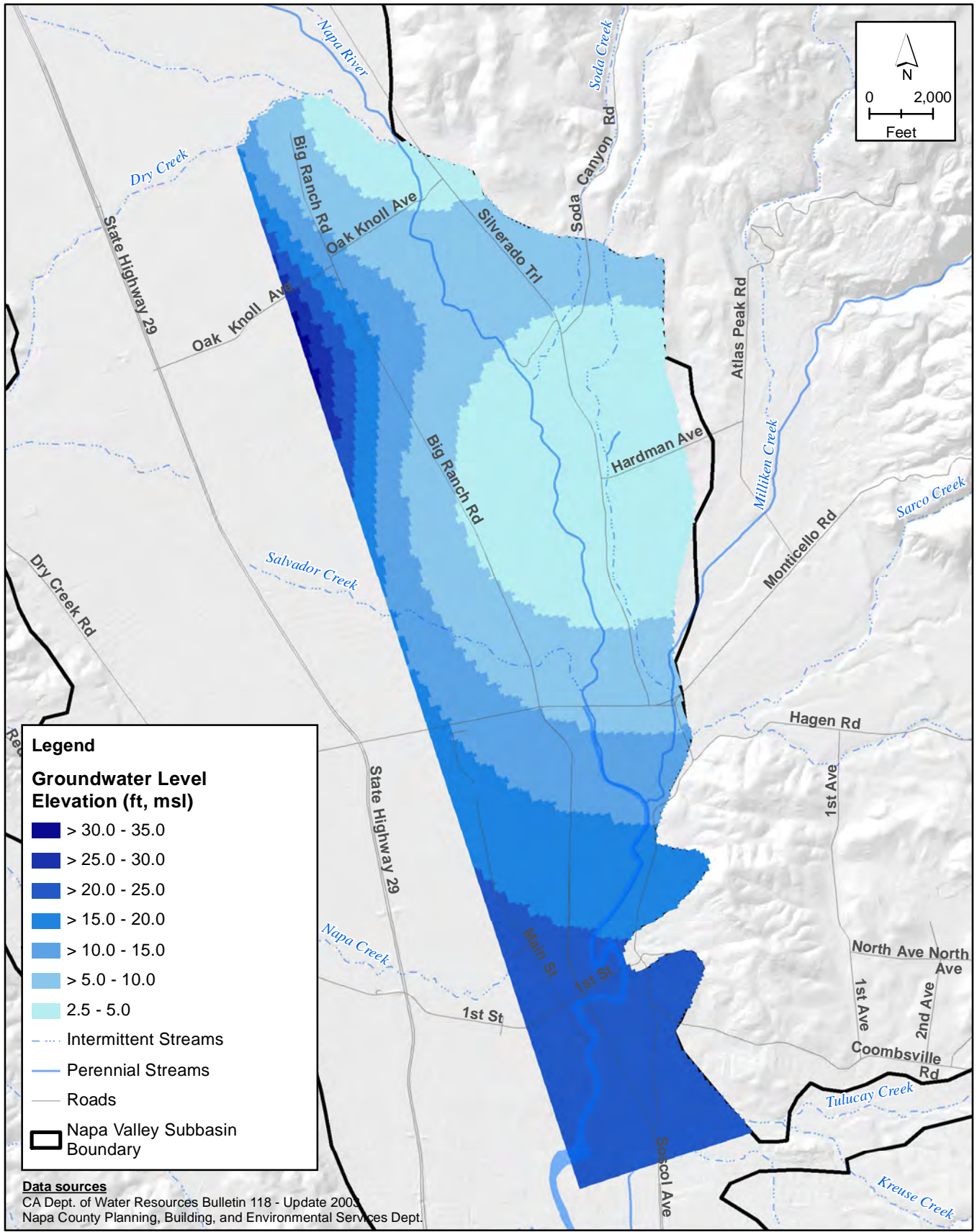
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**Groundwater Demand for Irrigation in July 2003**  
**An Example from a Selected Area in NE Napa Study Area**

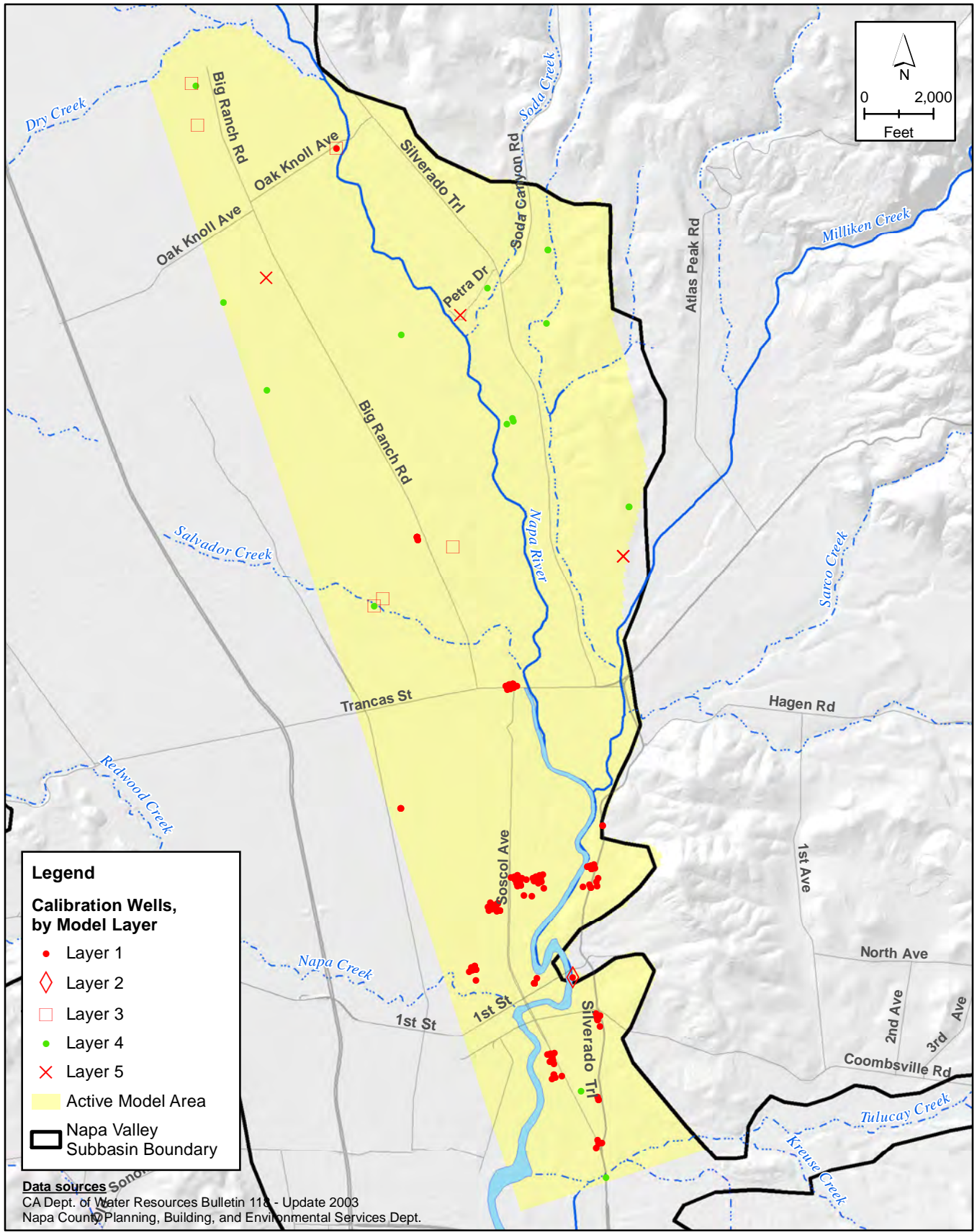


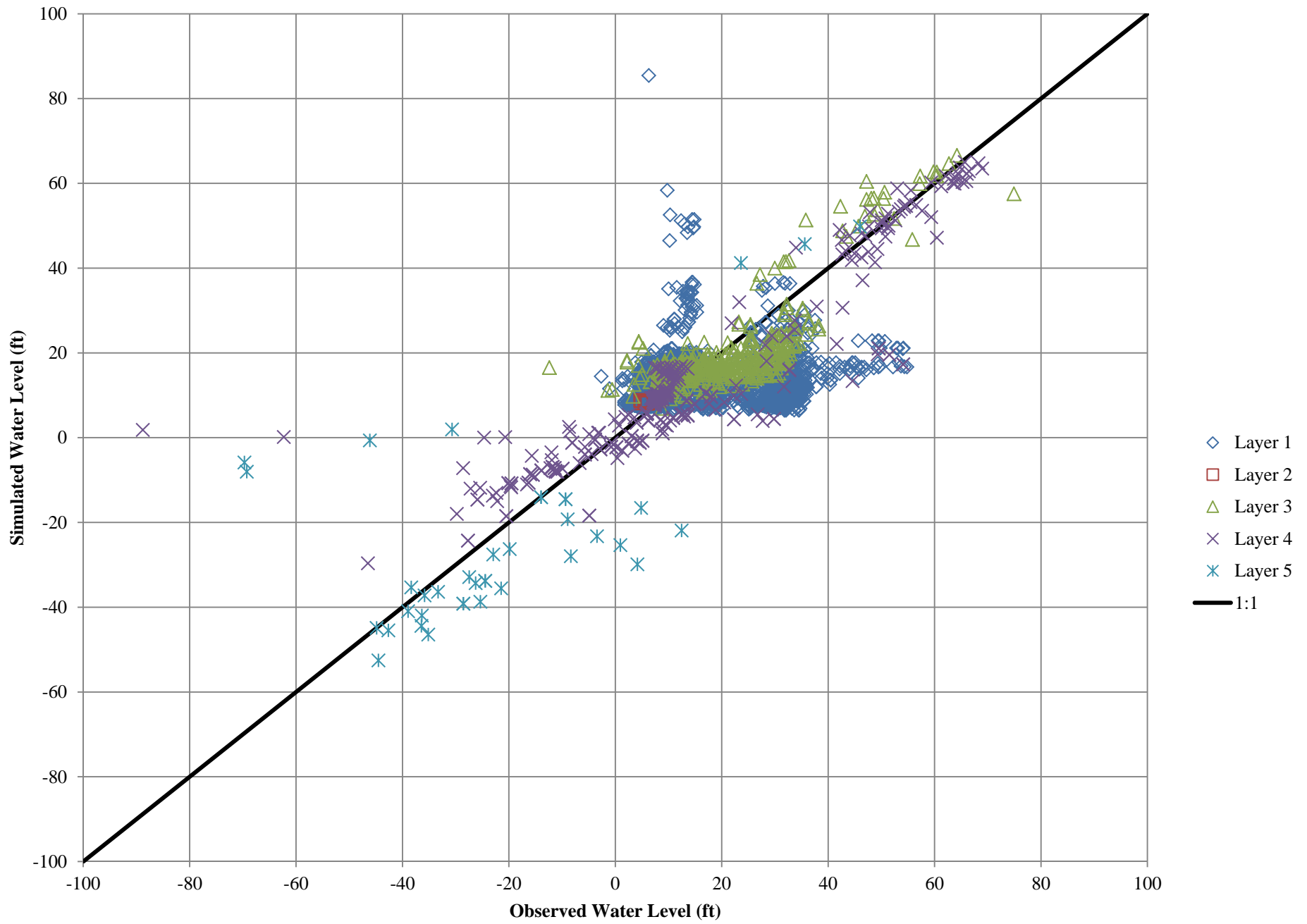


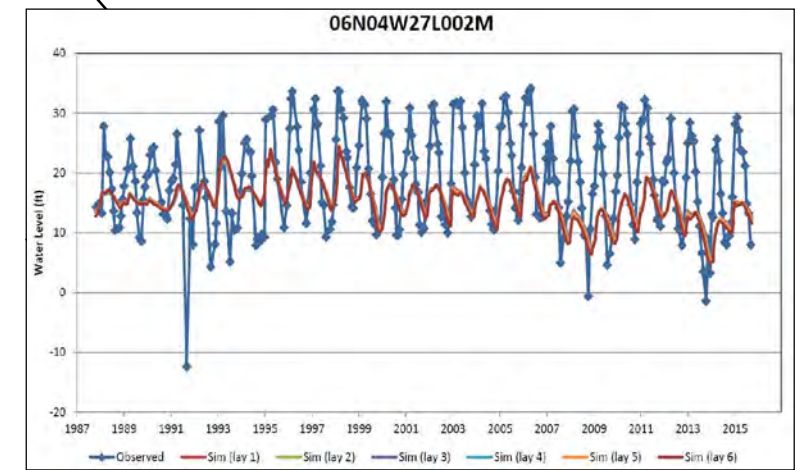
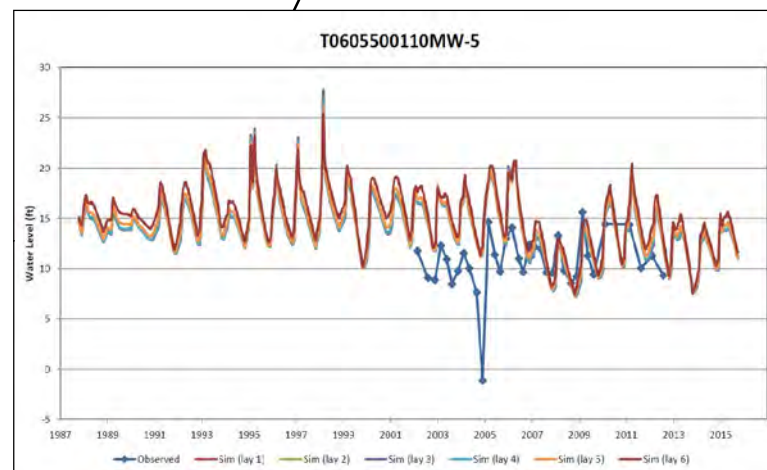
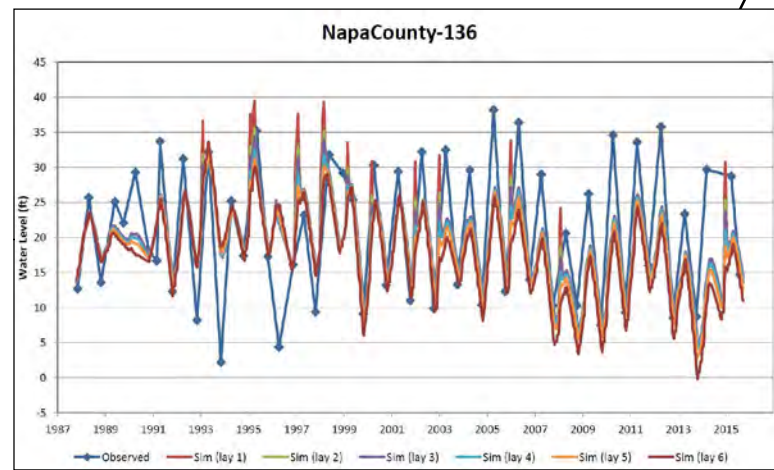
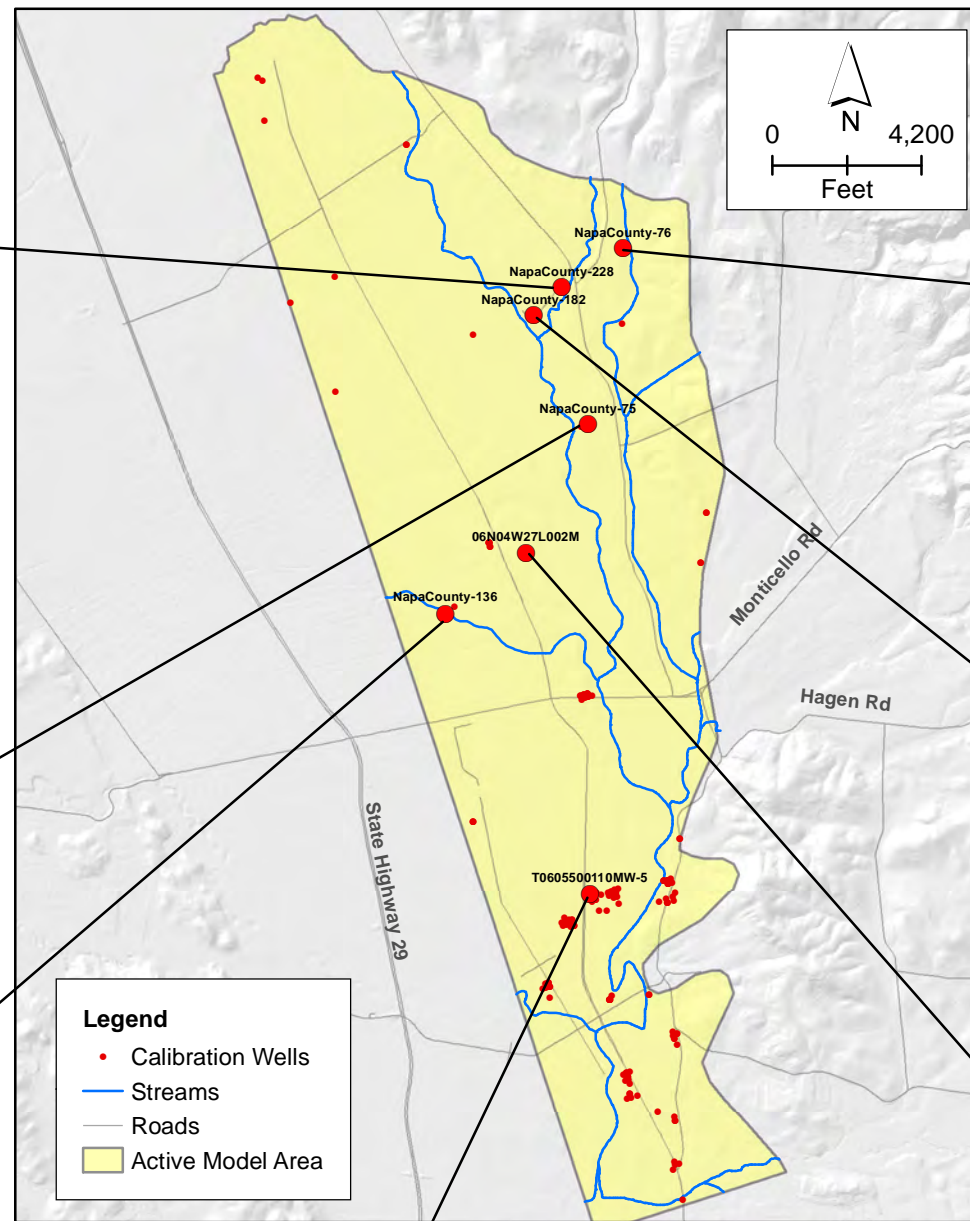
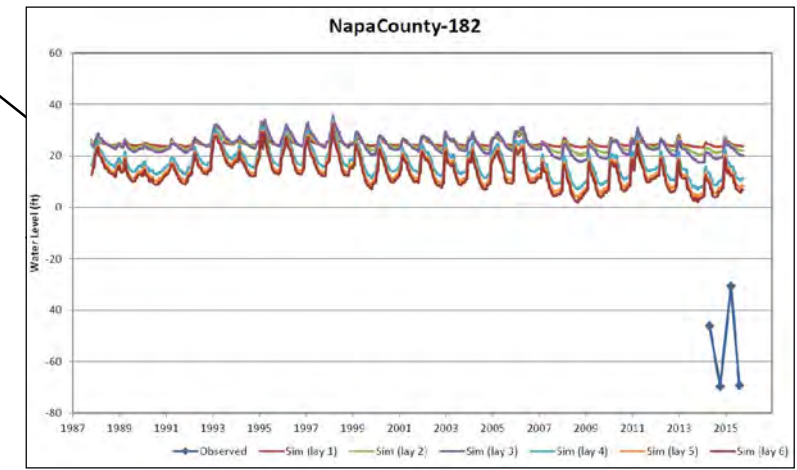
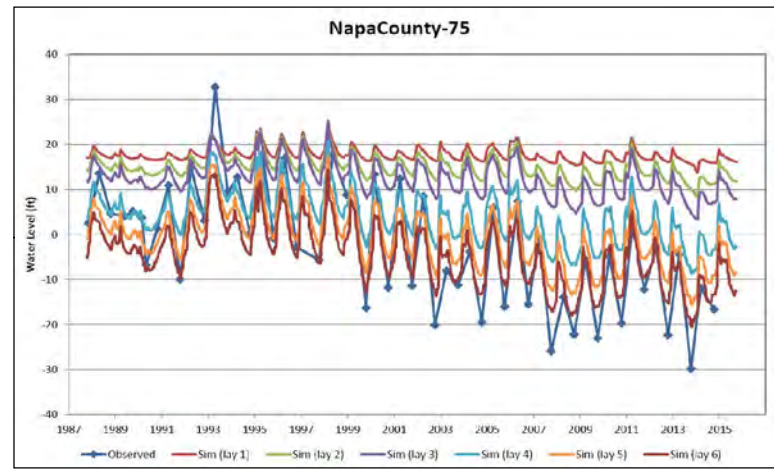
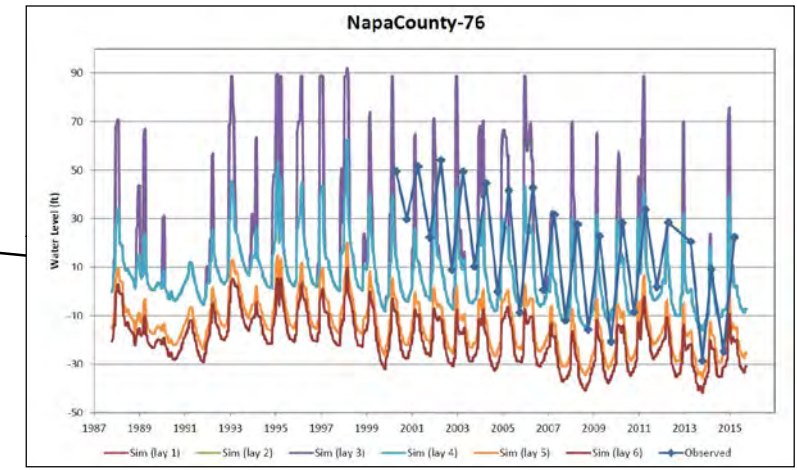
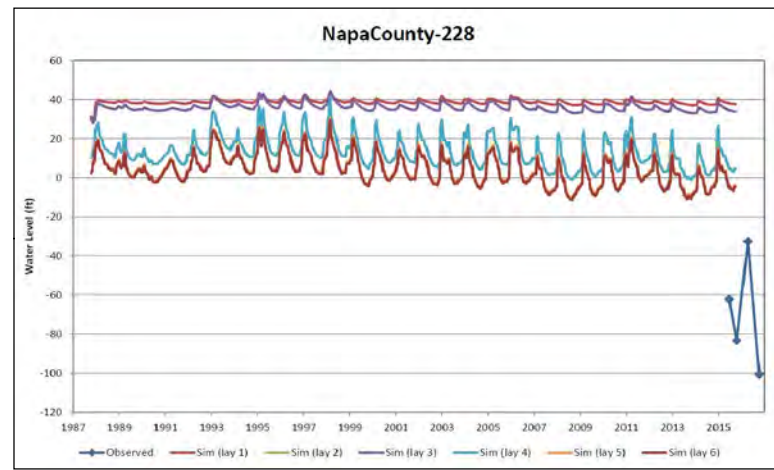




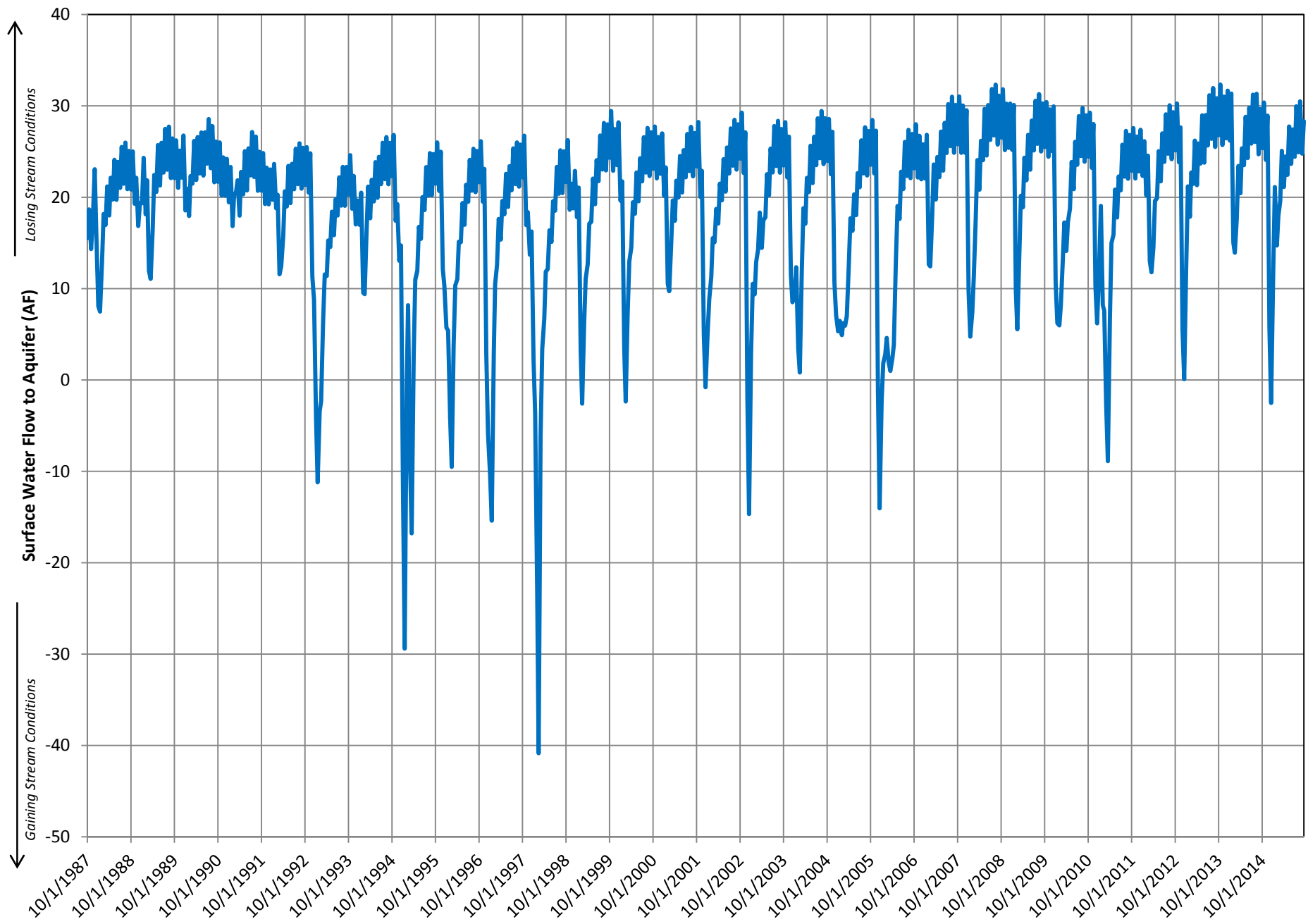






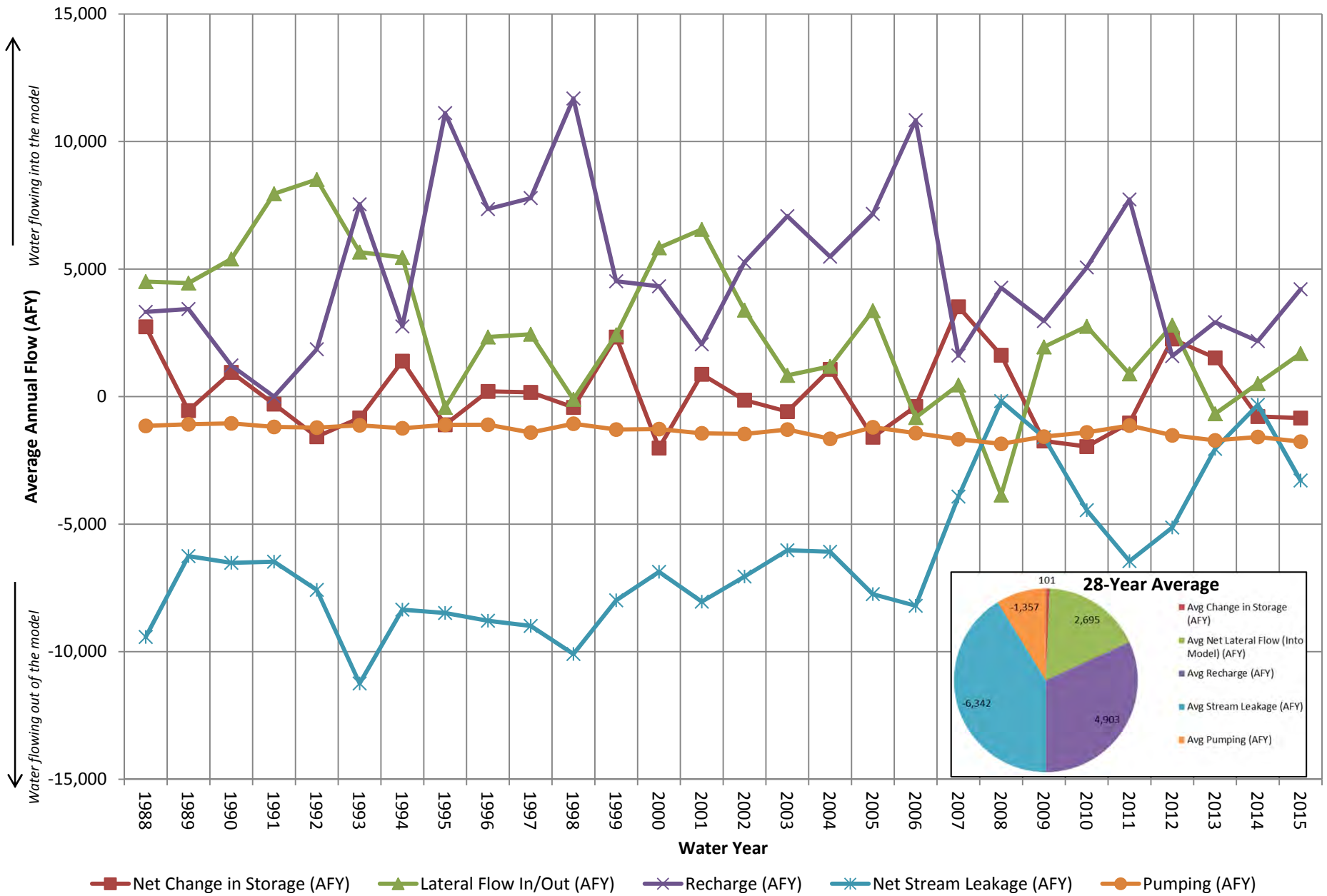


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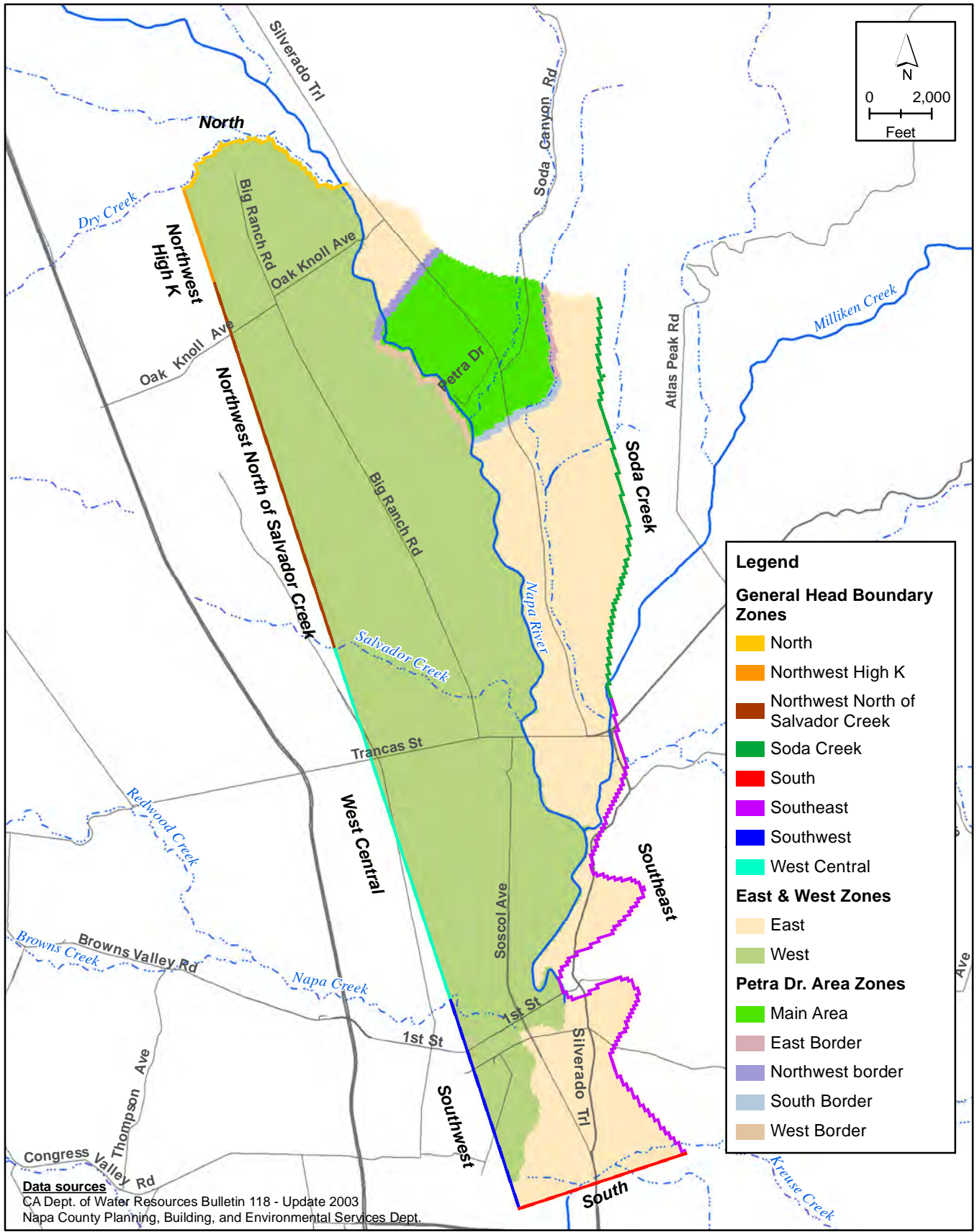


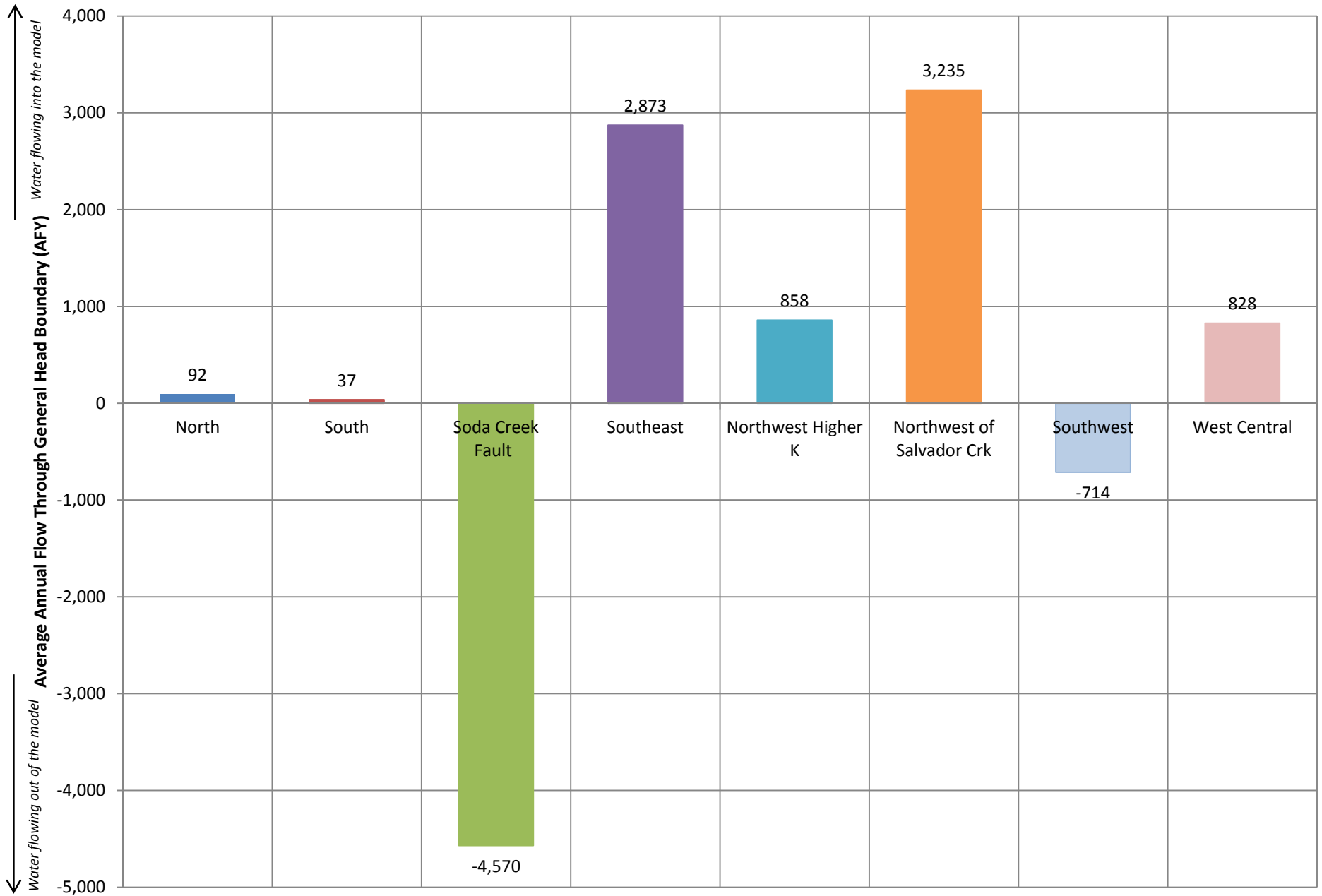
**FIGURE 3-23**  
**Simulated Surface Water Flow to Aquifer**  
**in Soda Creek Model Segments**  
*Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study*

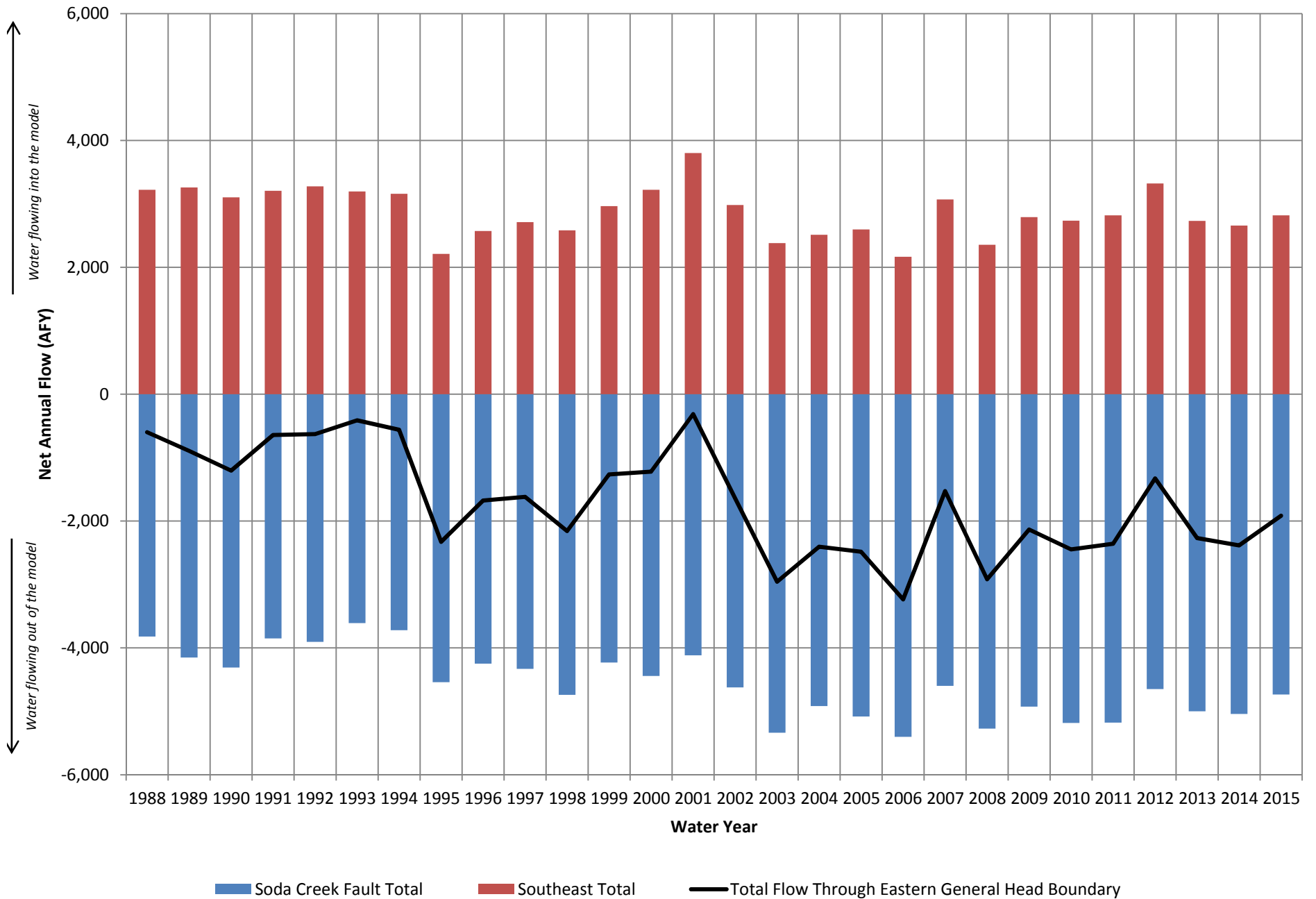




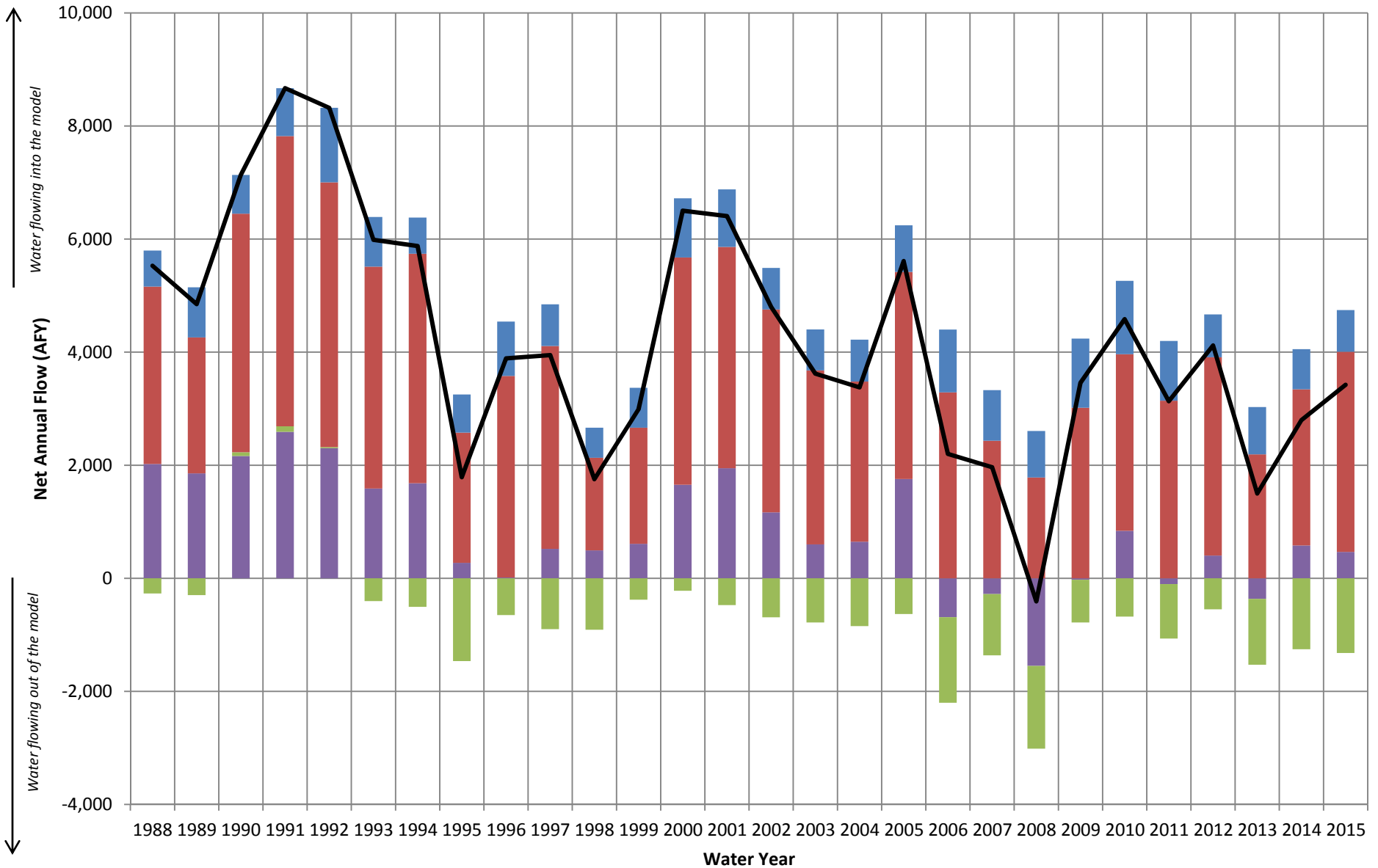
Note: Positive storage value indicates water entering the model via storage depletion; negative storage value indicates water going into storage restoration. Negative stream leakage indicates gaining stream conditions. Positive lateral flow indicates water entering the model domain through its boundaries; negative lateral flow indicates water leaving the model domain via its boundaries.





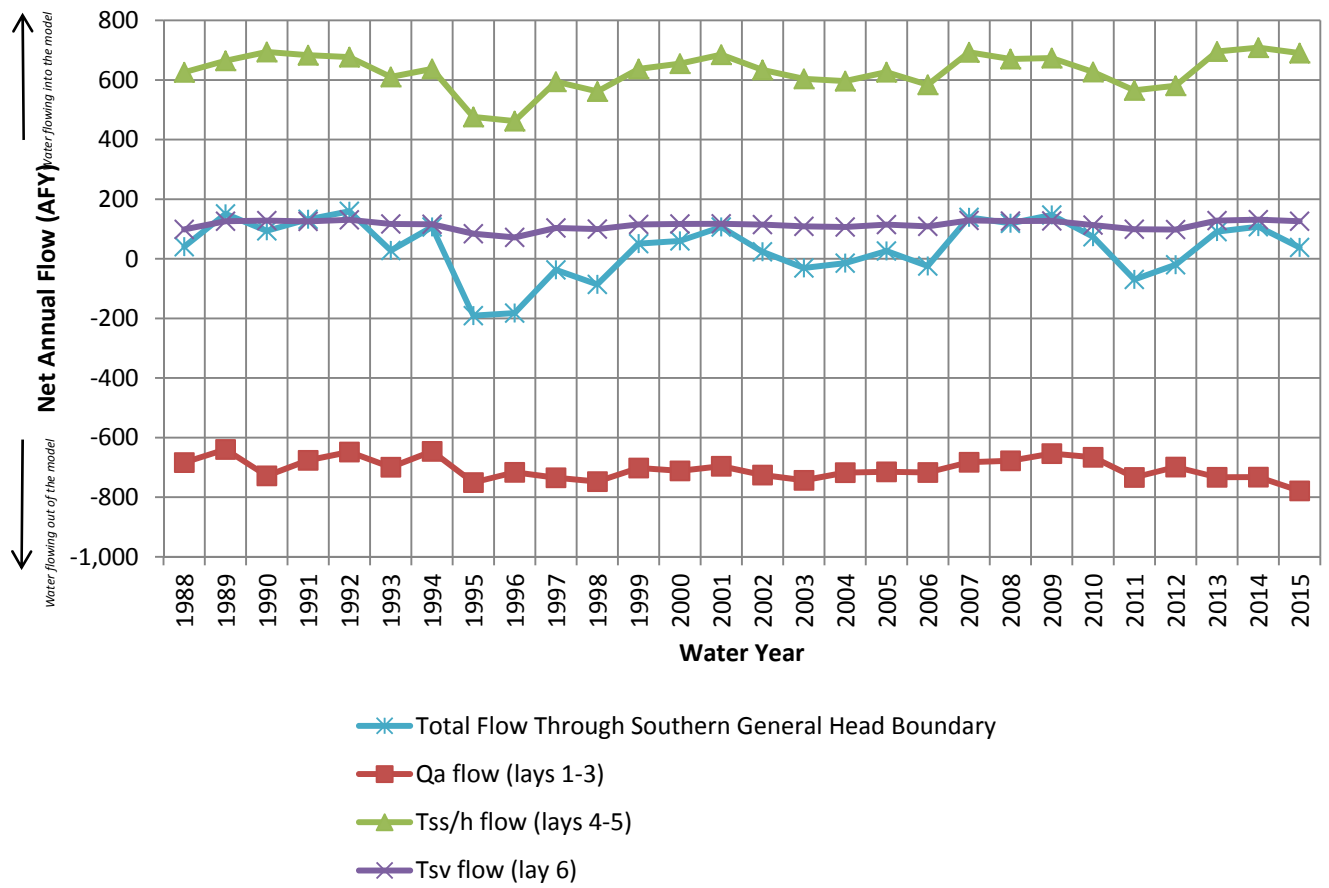
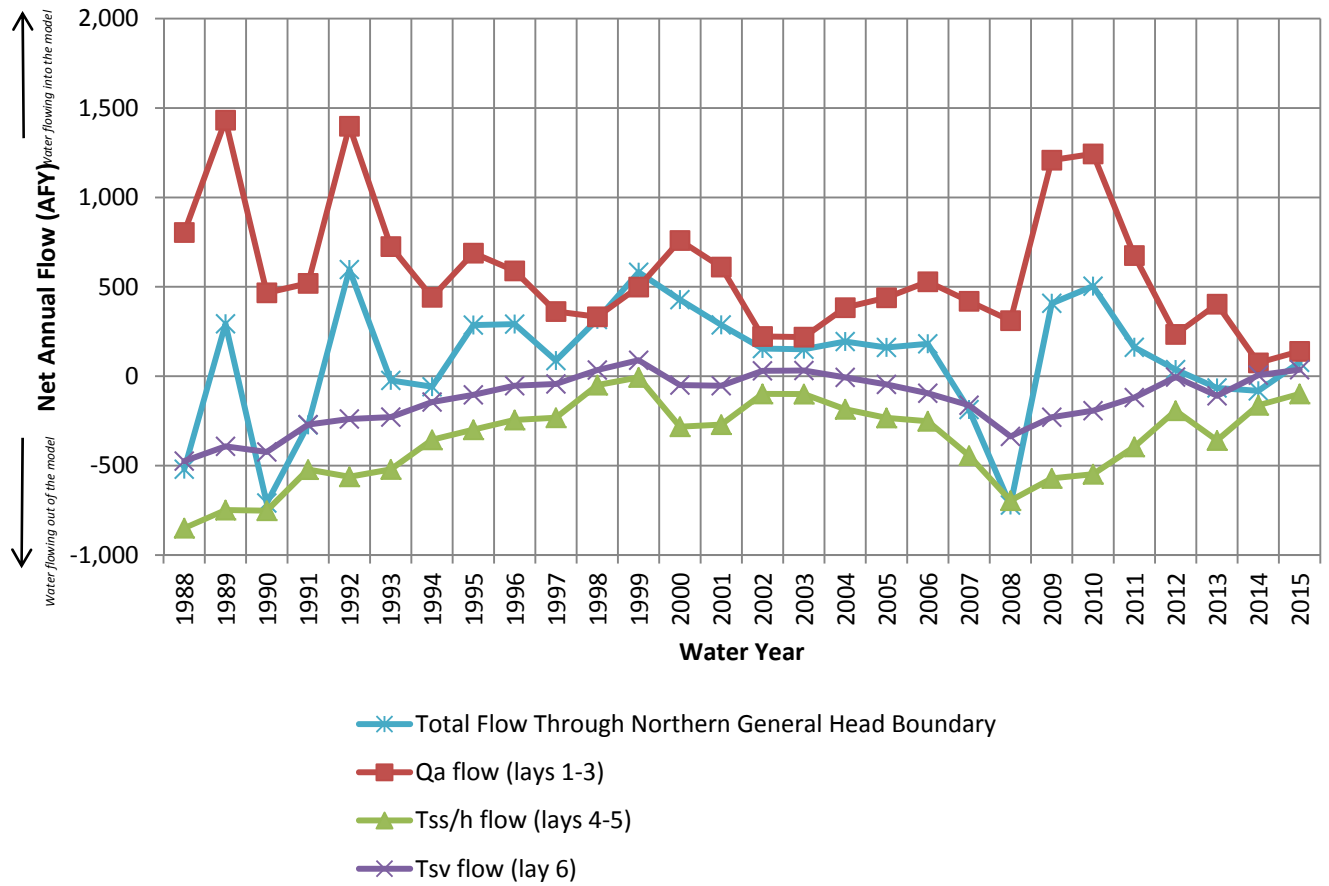


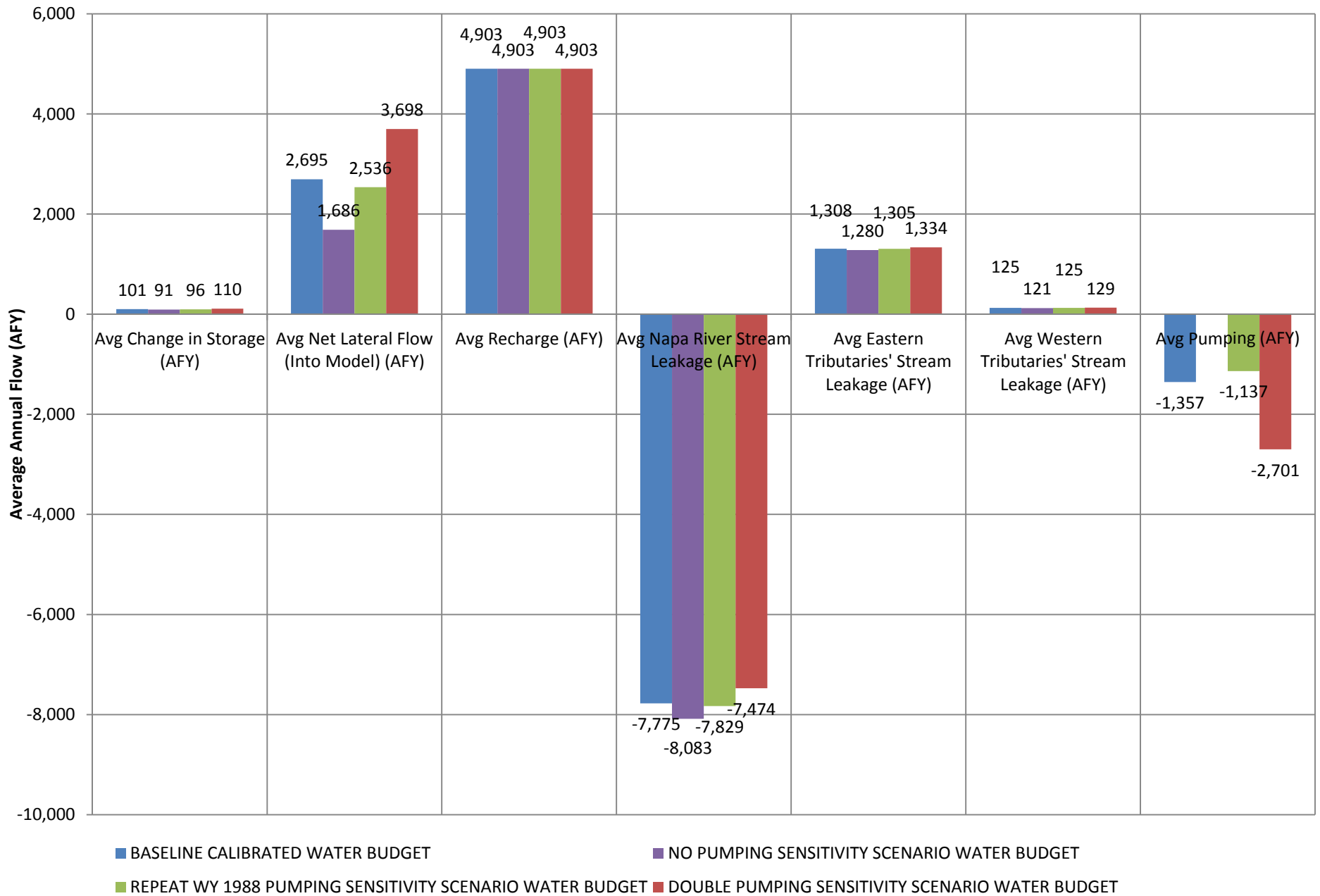
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**Net Annual Flow Through Different Sections of the**  
**Eastern General Head Boundary**  
*Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study*

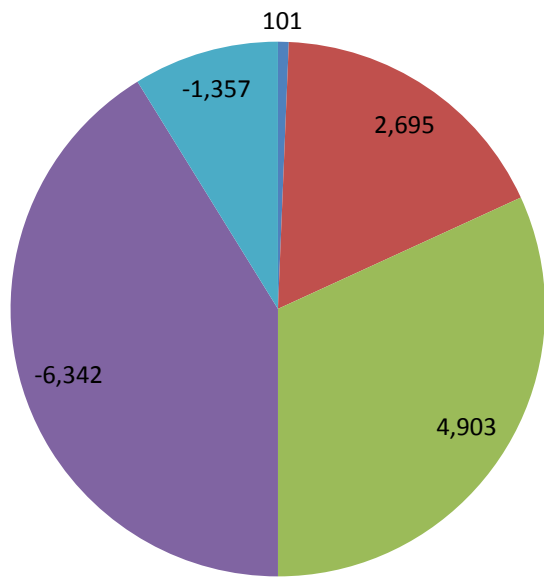


West Central Total
  Southwest Total
  Northwest of Salvador Crk Total

Northwest Higher K Total
  Total Flow Through Western Boundary

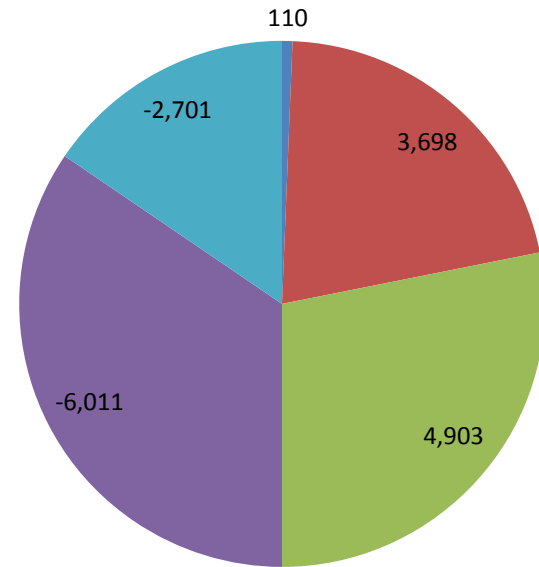






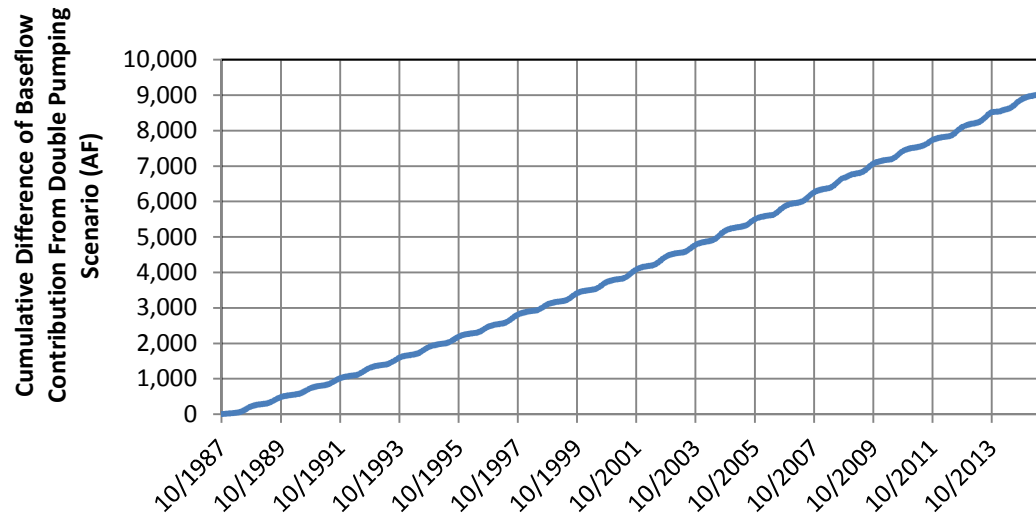
**BASELINE CALIBRATED WATER BUDGET**

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- Avg Stream Leakage (AFY)
- Avg Pumping (AFY)

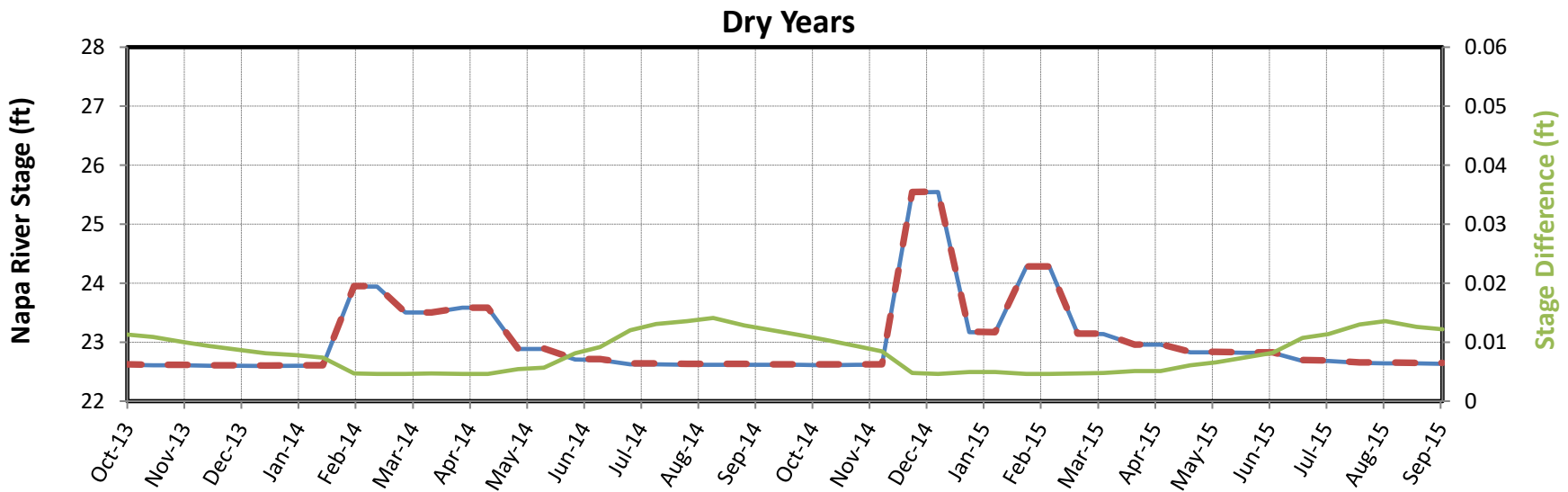
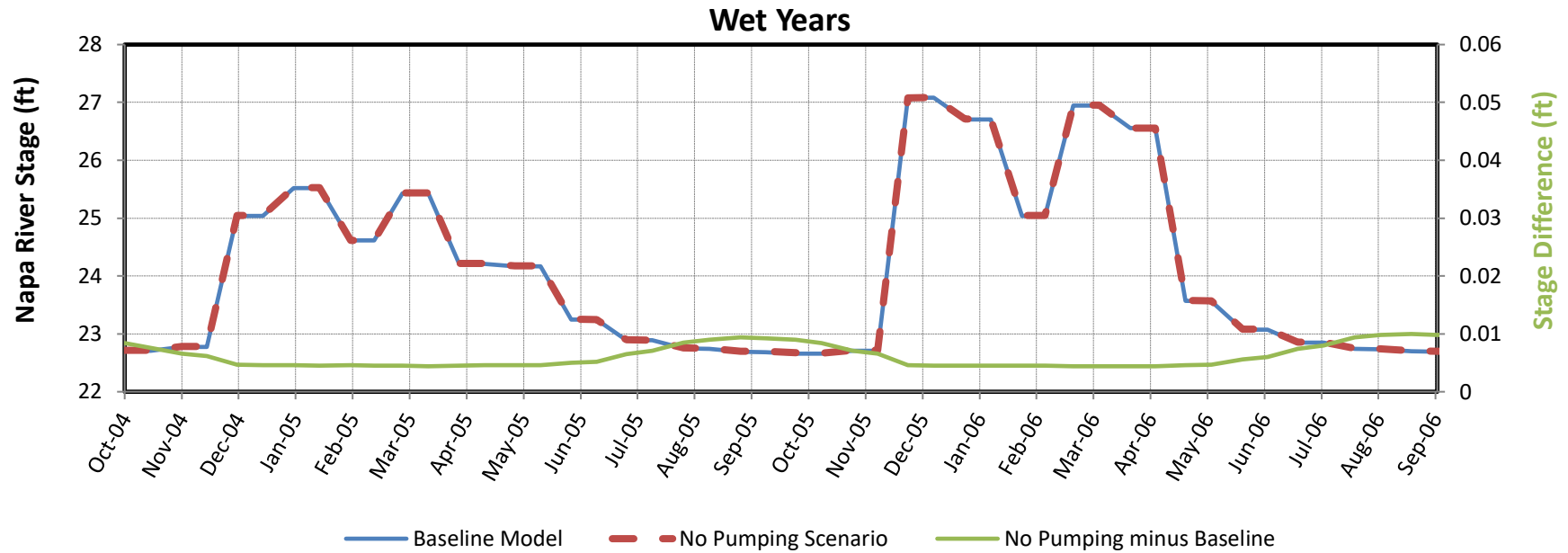


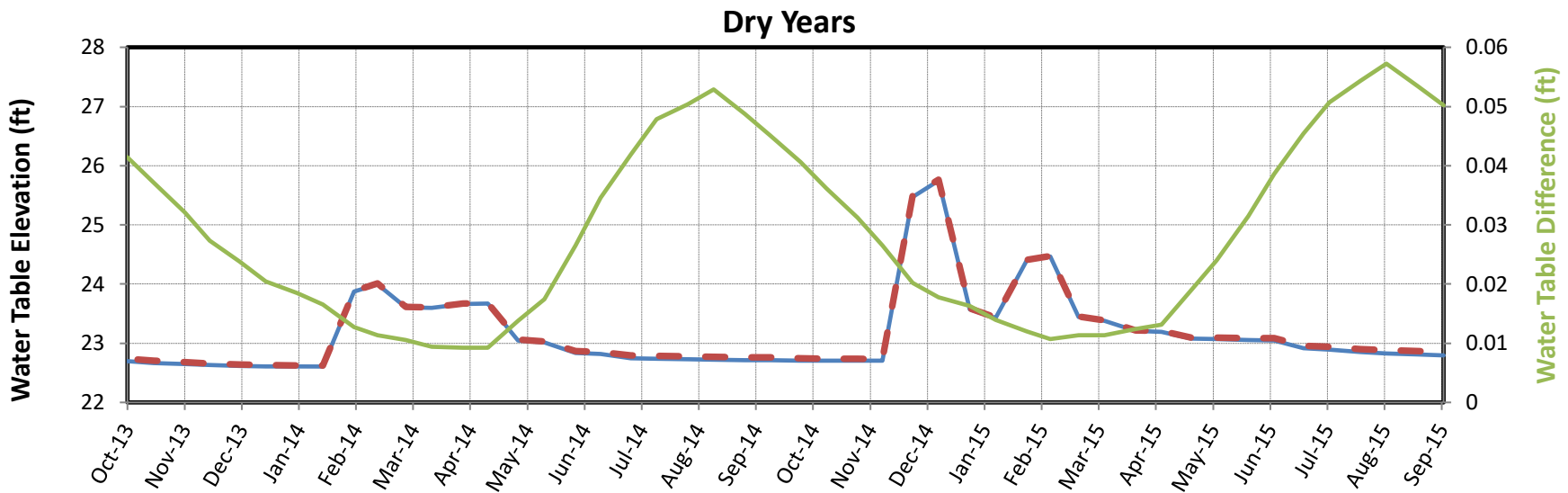
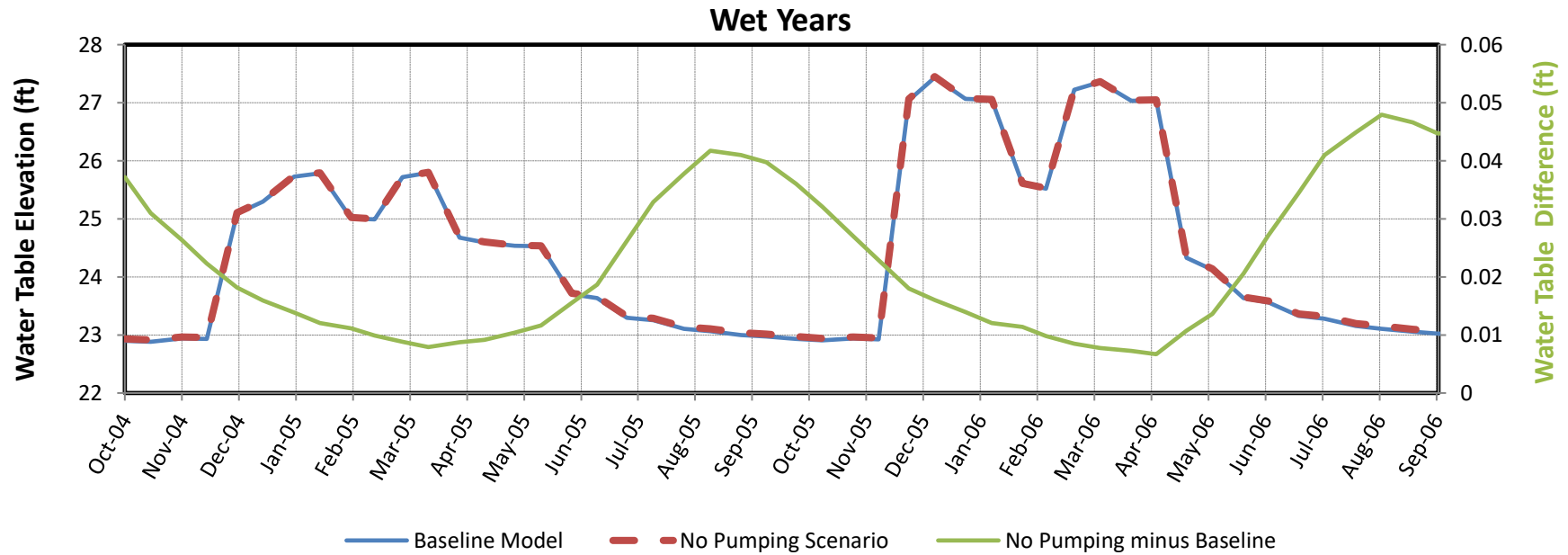
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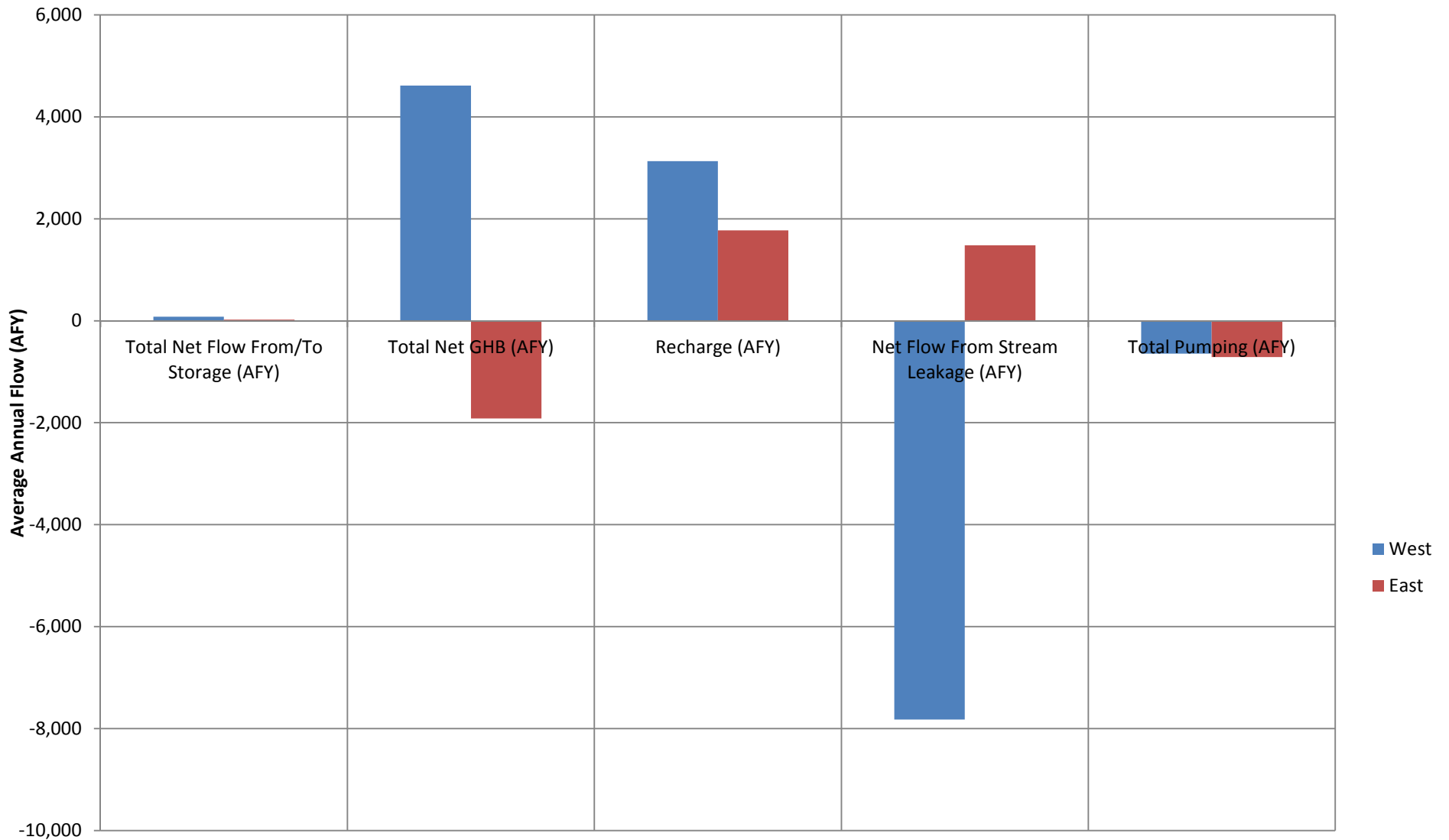
**Cumulative Loss of Groundwater Contribution to Streams (AF)**



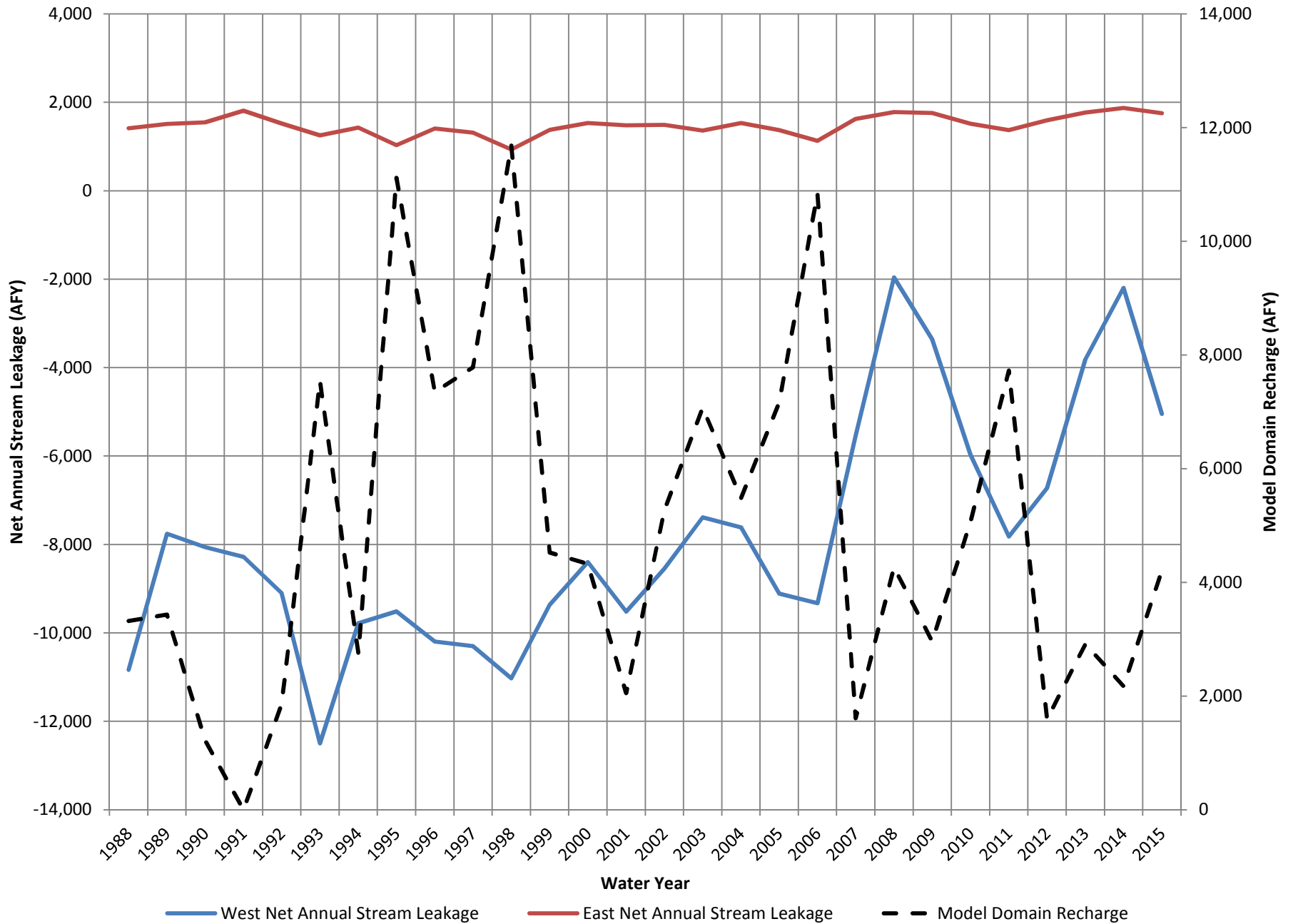




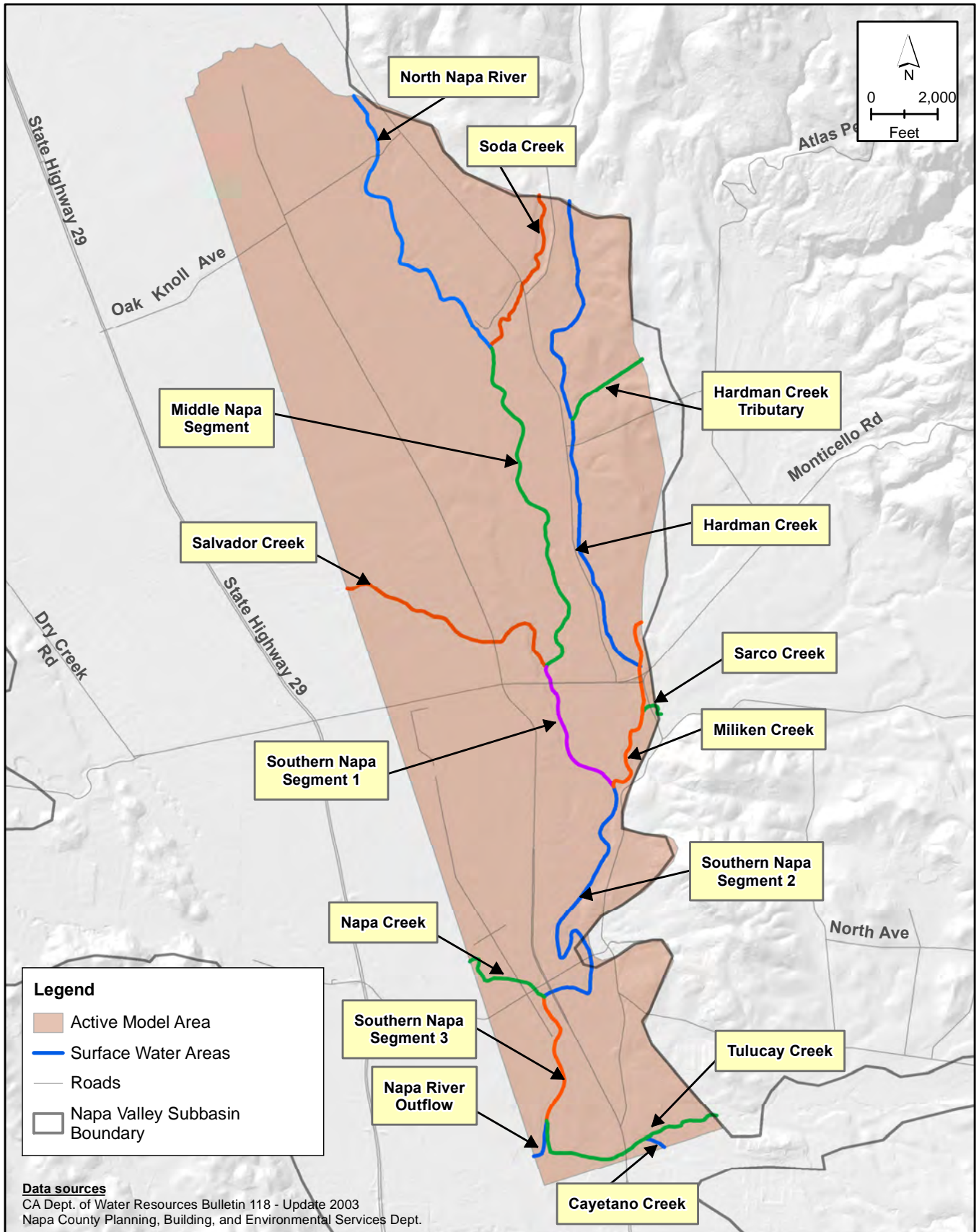




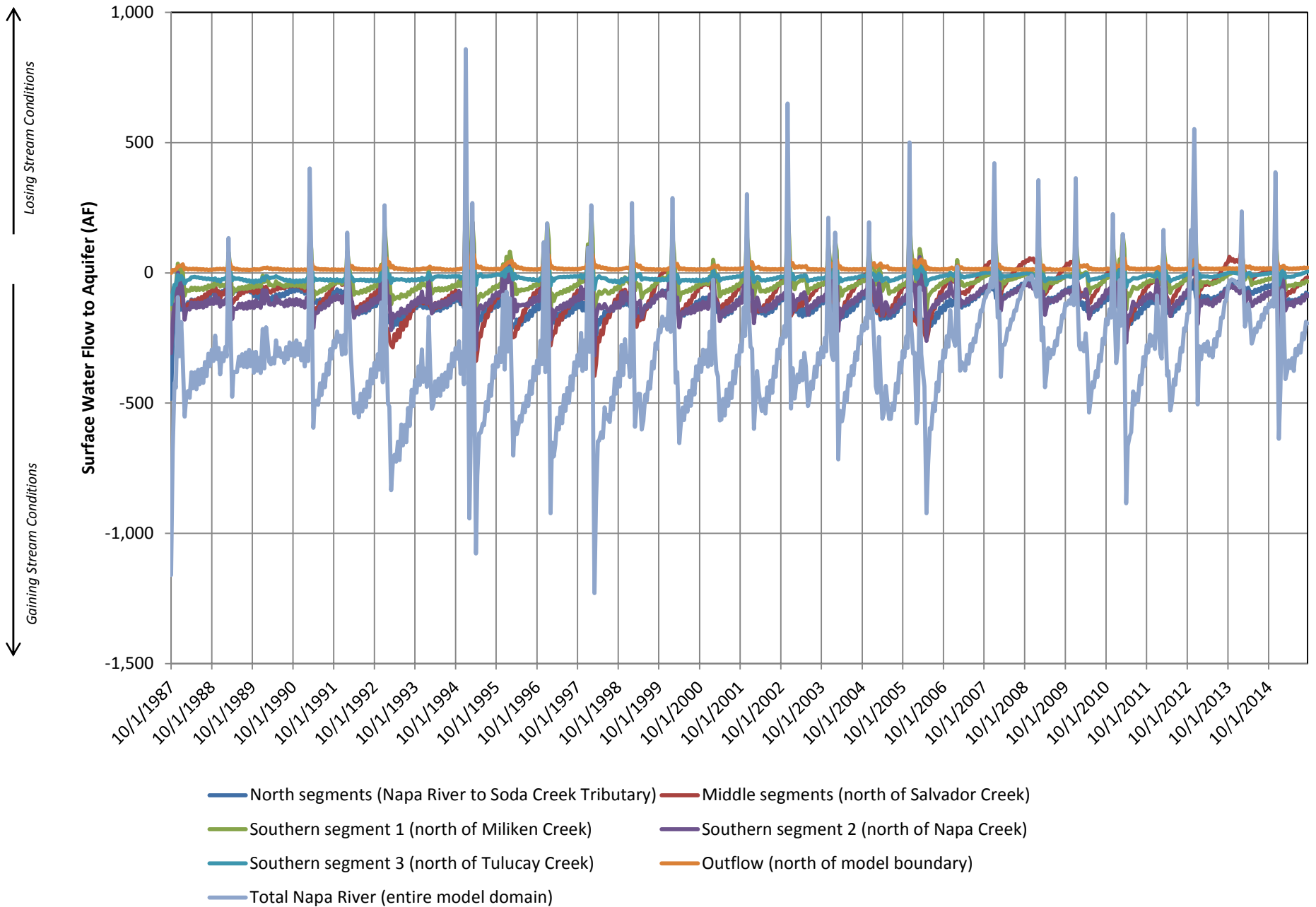
*Note: The western portion of the model in this analysis contains all of the Napa River model cells and accompanying stream leakage components, as well as Salvador Channel and Napa Creek and the land west of the Napa River. The eastern portion contains land on the east side of Napa River and only eastern tributaries to the Napa River (including Soda Creek, Hardman Creek (and Tributary), Miliken Creek, Sarco Creek, Tulucay Creek, and Cayetano Creek.*

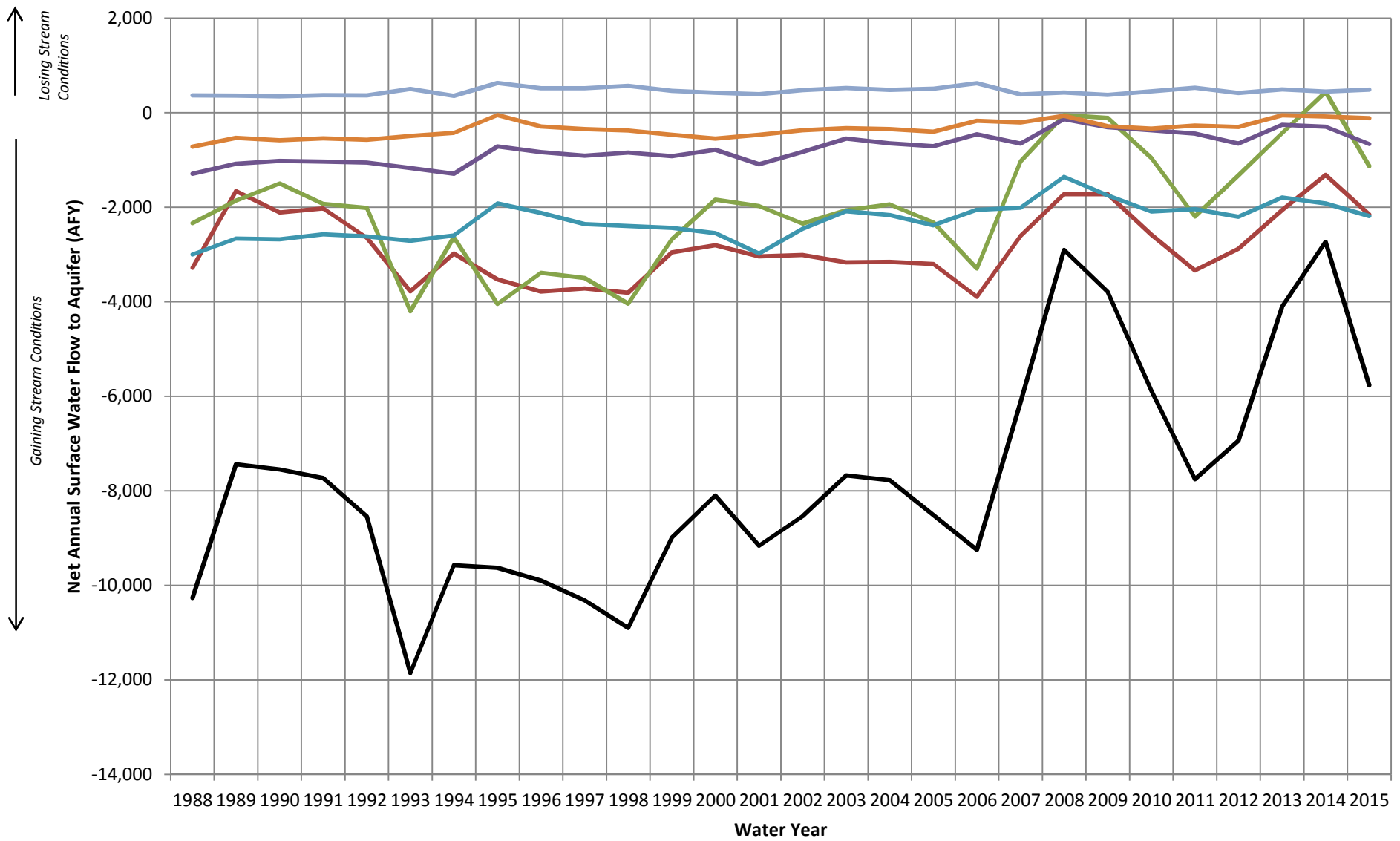


**FIGURE 4-2**  
**Net Annual Stream Leakage**  
**Comparison of Western and Eastern Sides of the Model Domain**  
*Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study*

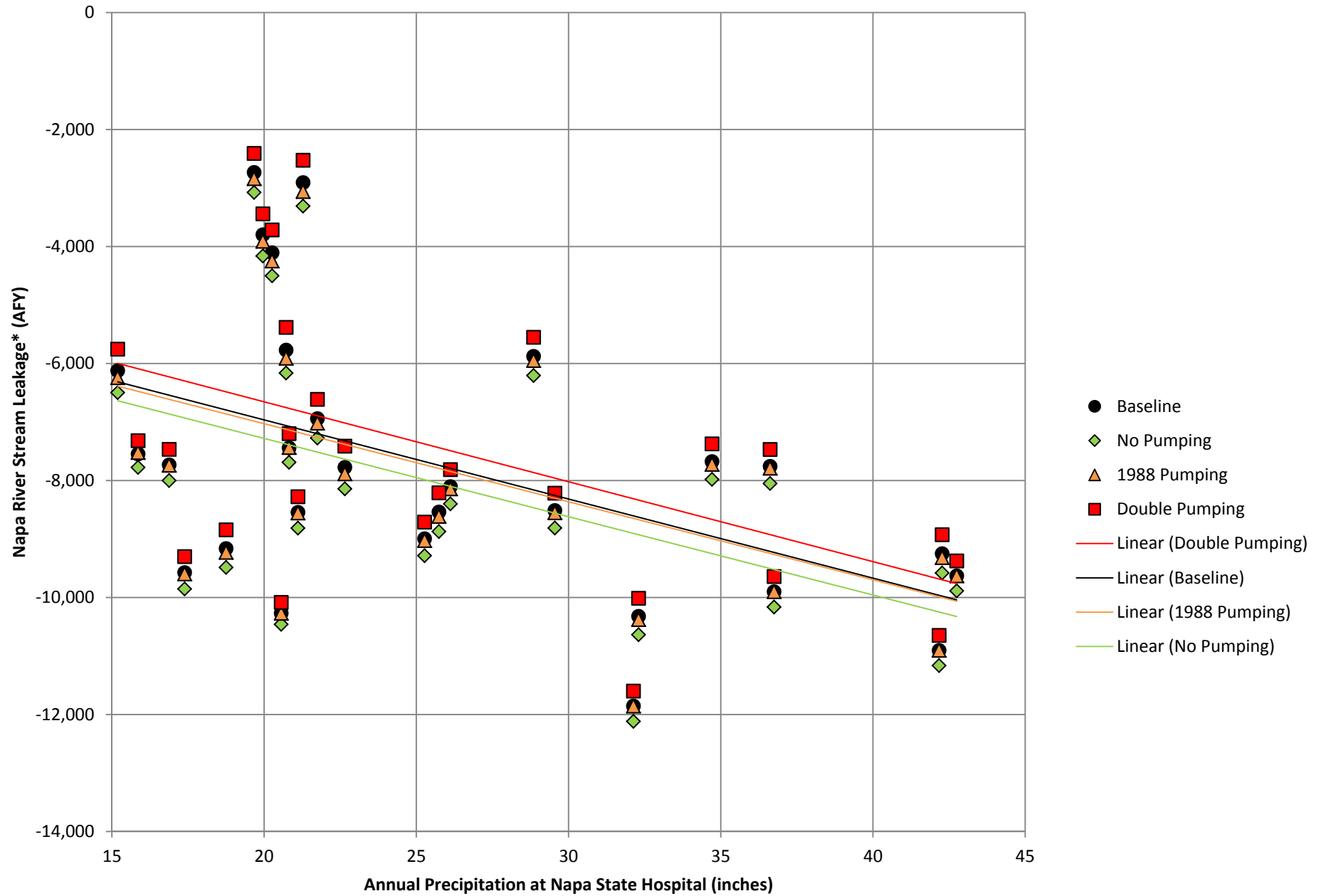


**FIGURE 4-3**  
**Surface Water Areas of Interest for**  
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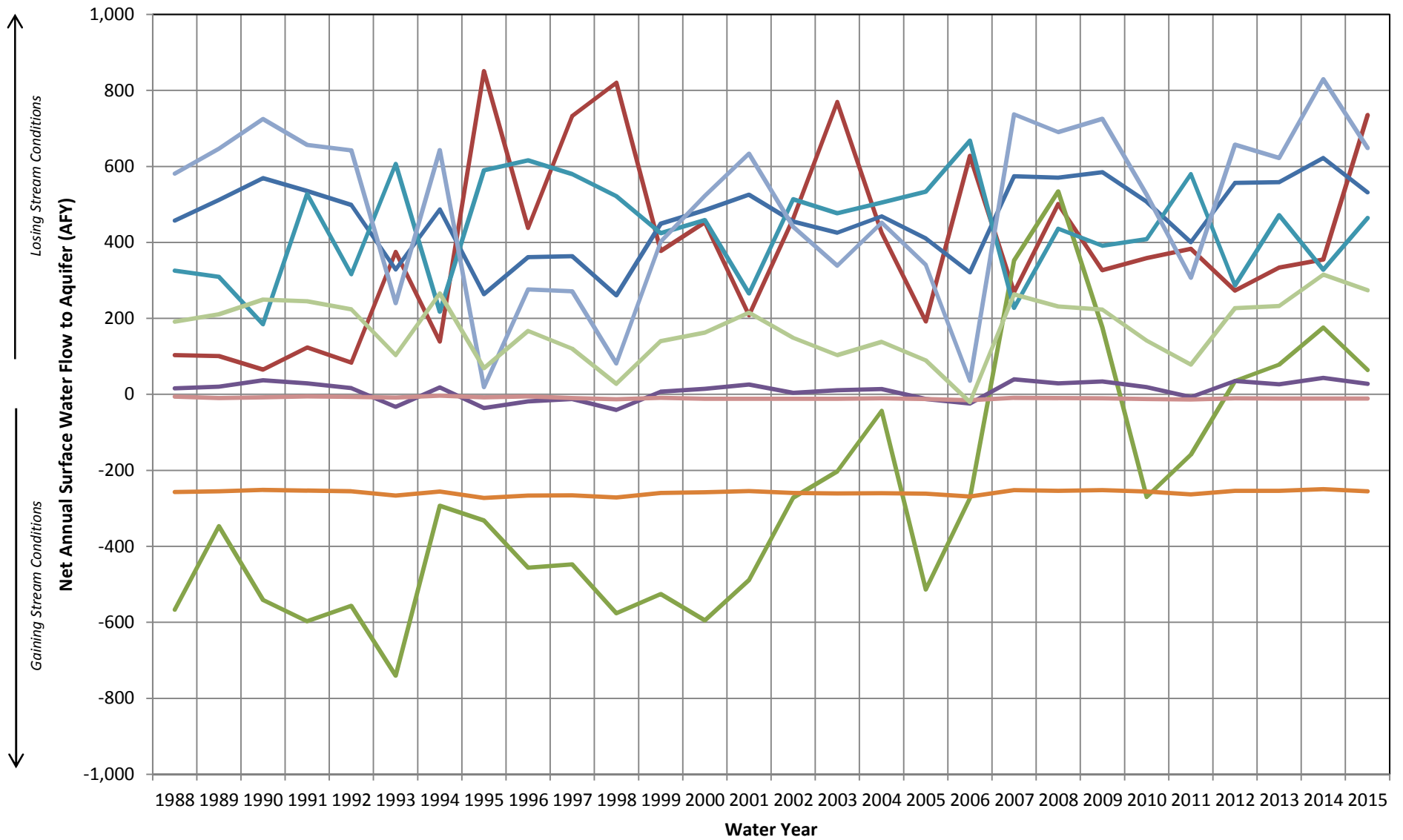


- North segments (Napa River to Soda Creek Tributary) SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Middle segments (north of Salvador Creek) SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Southern segment 1 (north of Miliken Creek) SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Southern segment 2 (north of Napa Creek) SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Southern segment 3 (north of Tulucay Creek) SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Outflow (north of model boundary) SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Total SW Flow to Aquifer (all Napa River) (AFY)

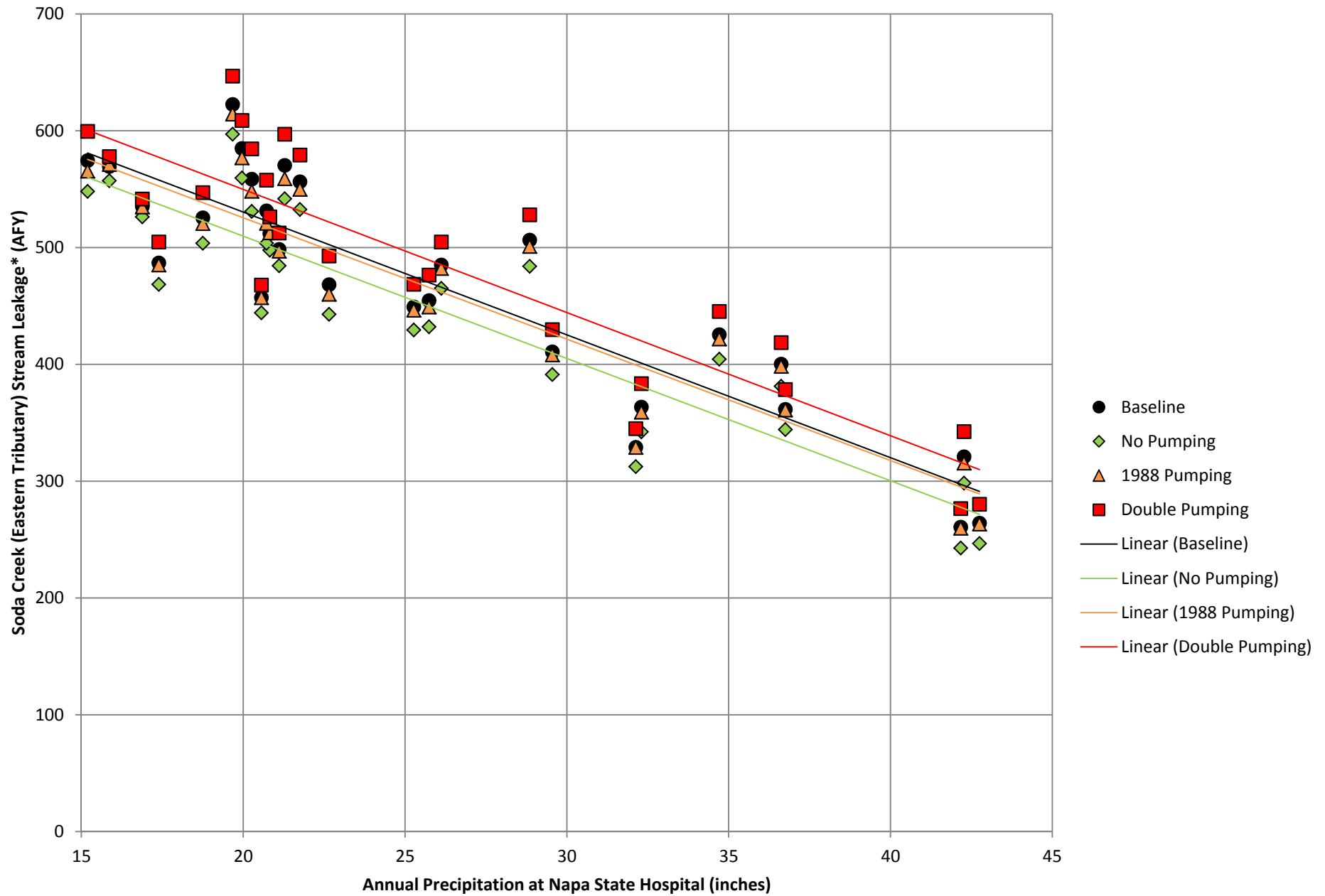


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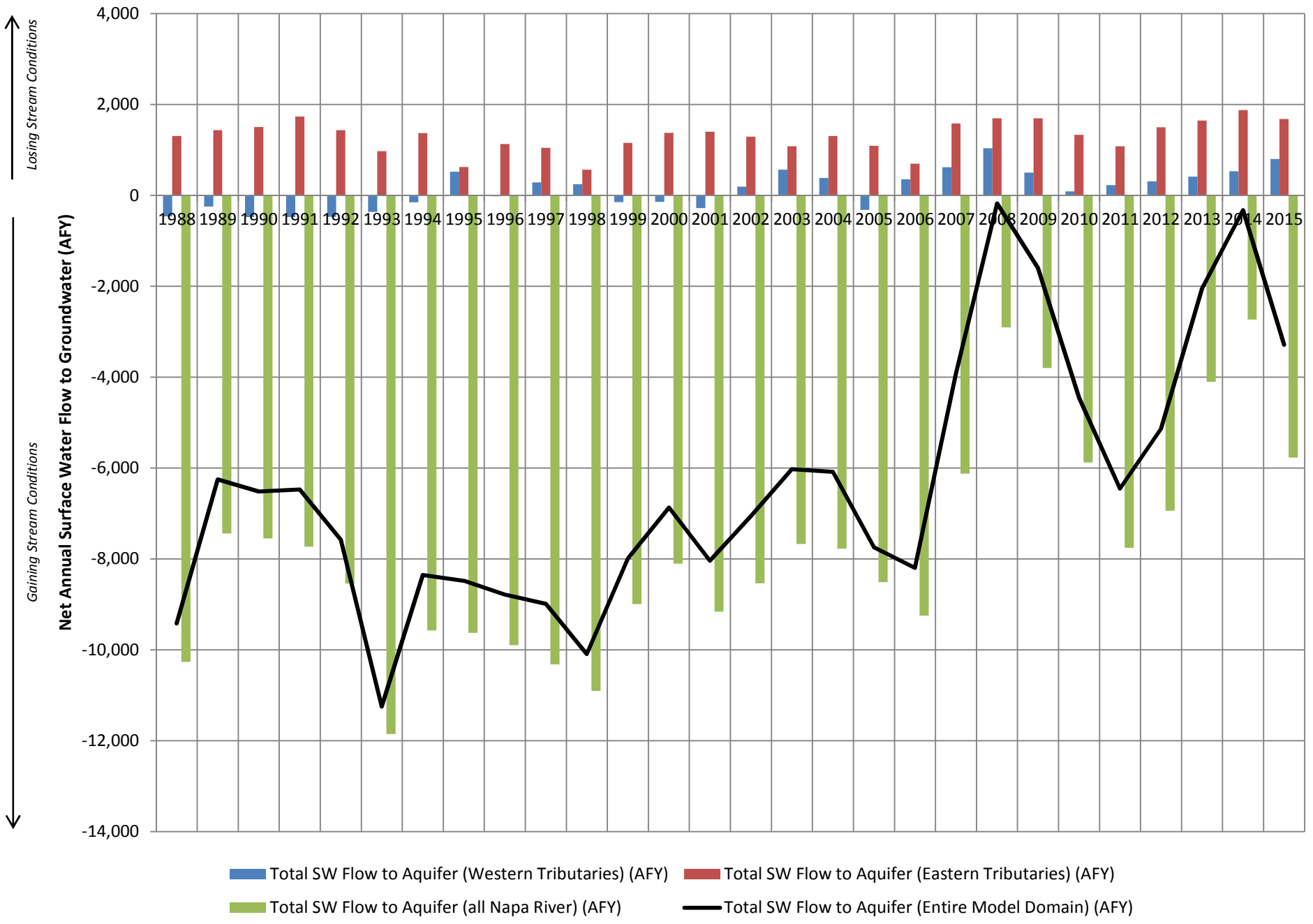




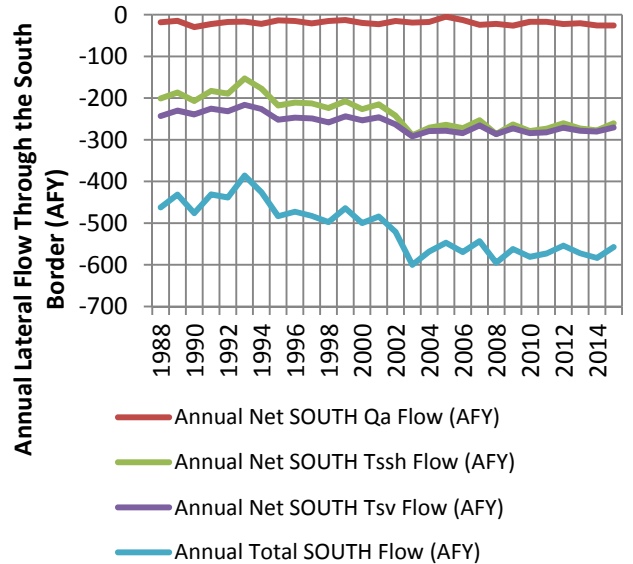
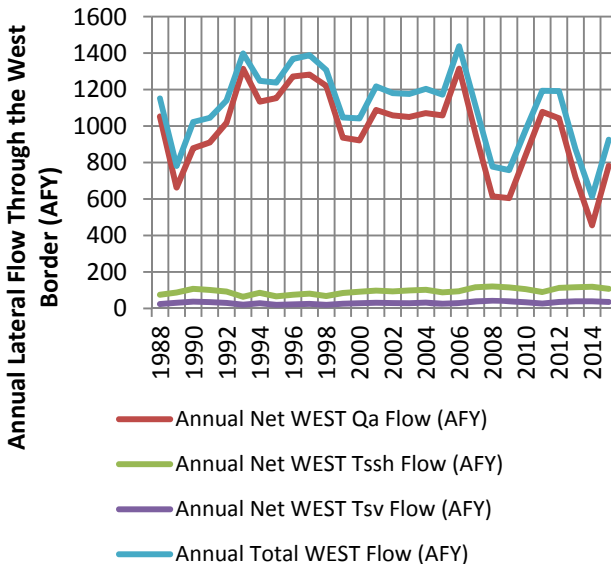
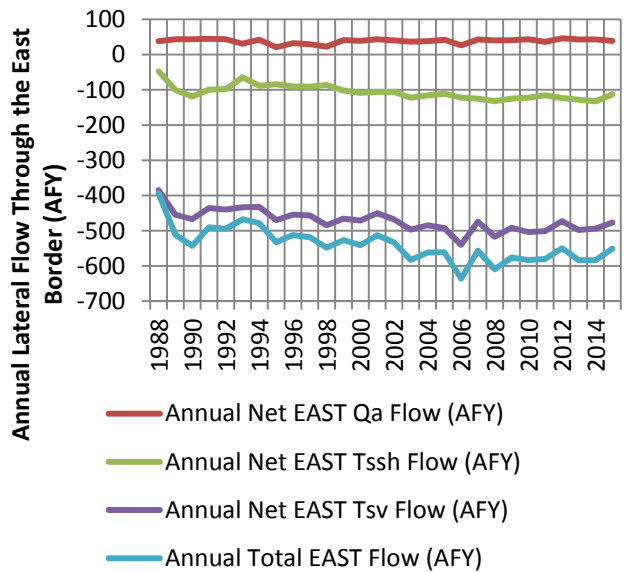
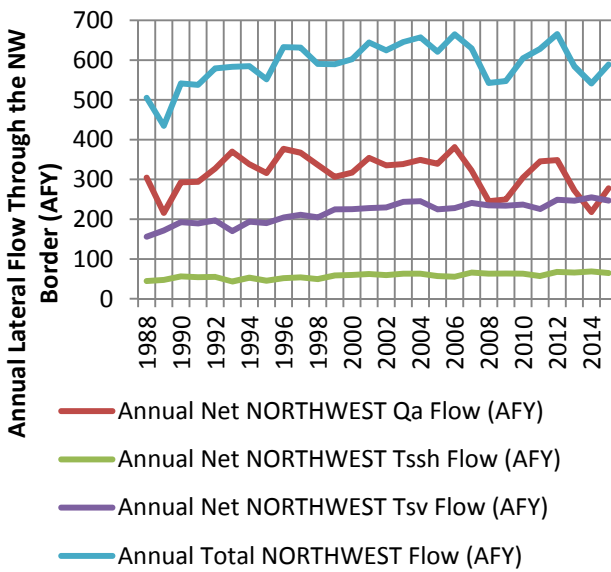
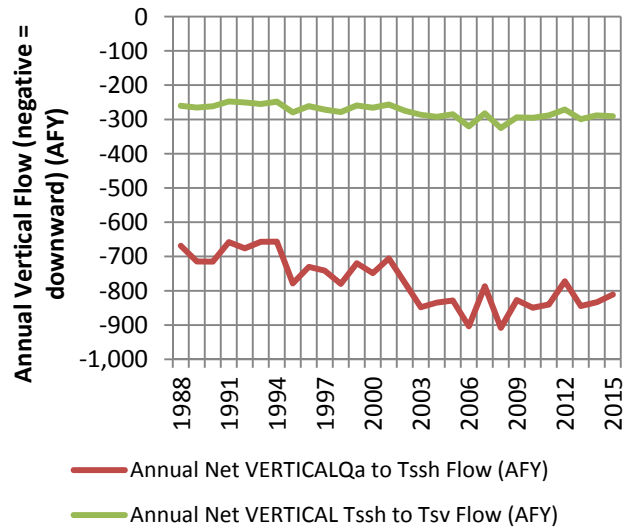
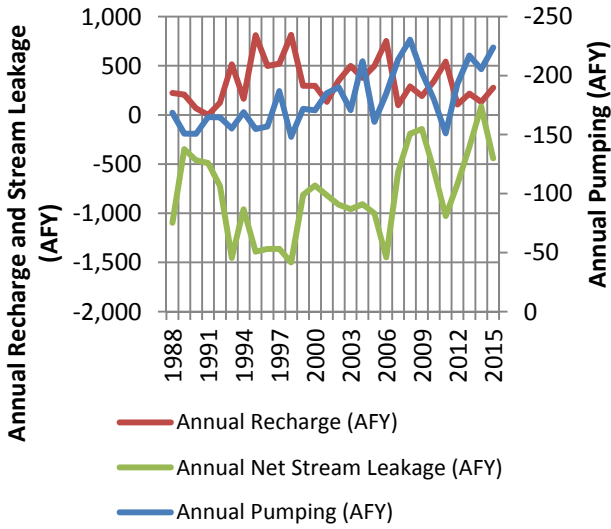
- Salvador Channel SW Flow to Aquifer (AFY)
- Soda Creek SW Flow to Aquifer (AFY)
- Hardman Creek SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Miliken Creek SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Tulucay Creek SW Flow to Aquifer (AFY)
- Napa Creek SW Flow to Aquifer (AFY)
- Hardman Creek Tributary SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Sarco Creek SW Flow To Aquifer (AFY)
- Cayetano Creek SW Flow to Aquifer (AFY)



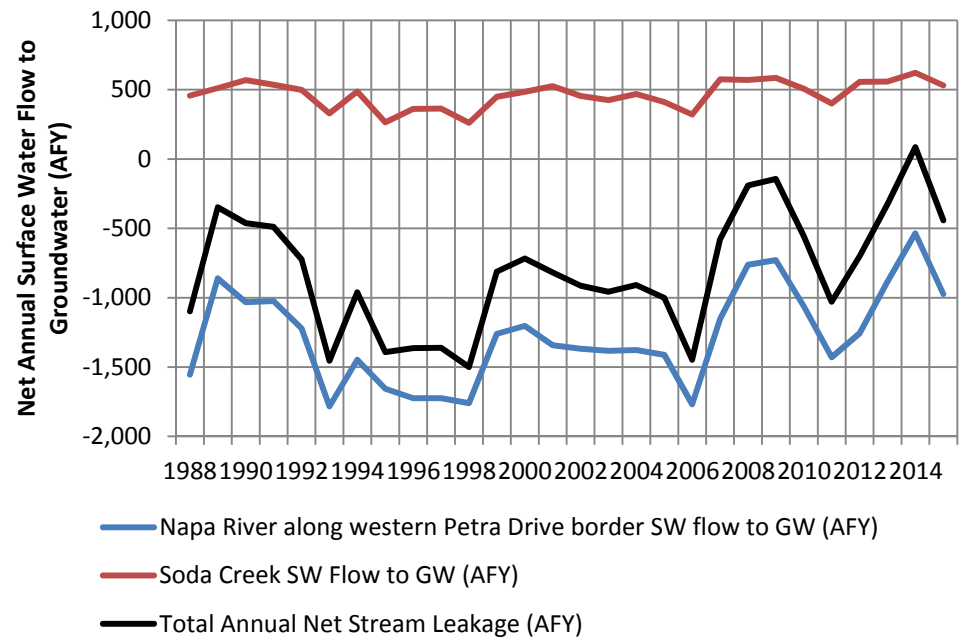
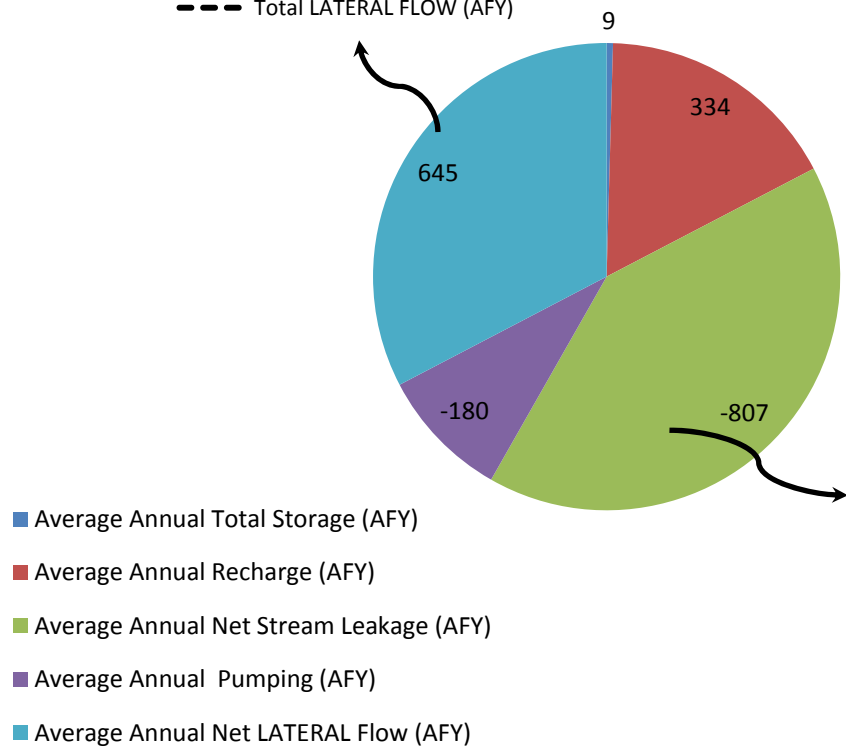
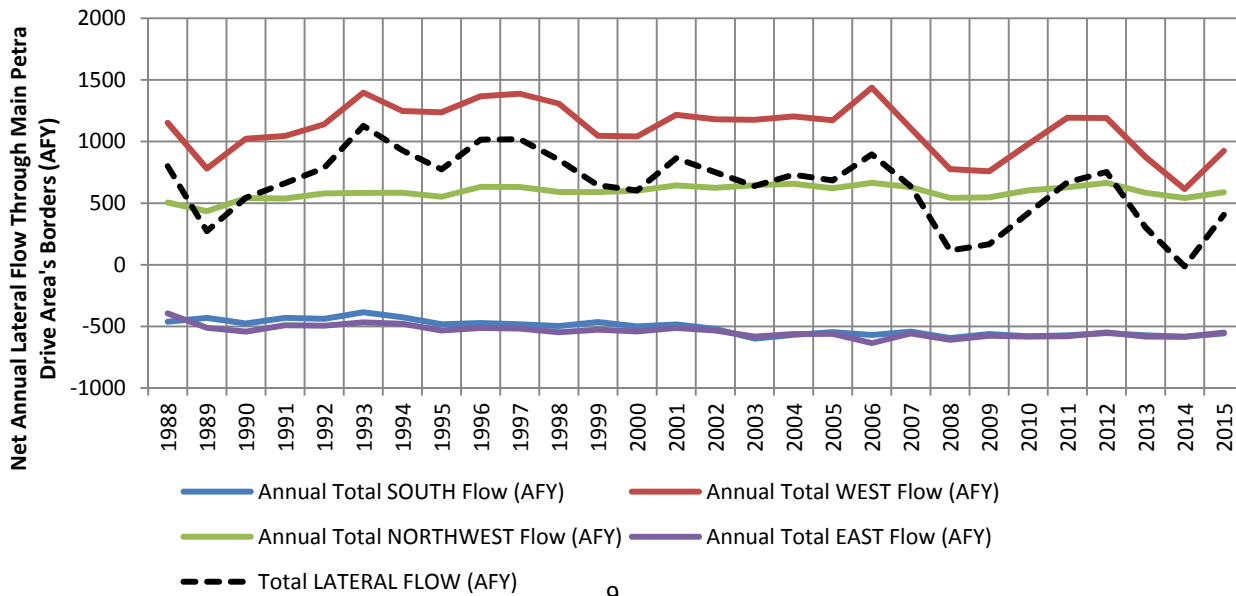
\*Positive stream leakage indicates surface water entering the groundwater body and leaving Soda Creek during net losing stream conditions.

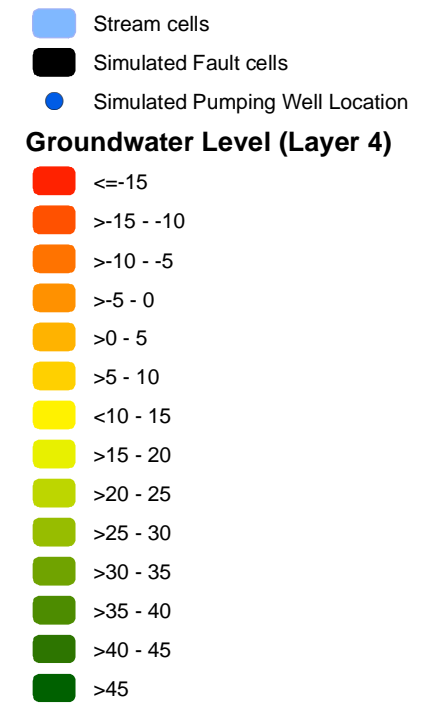
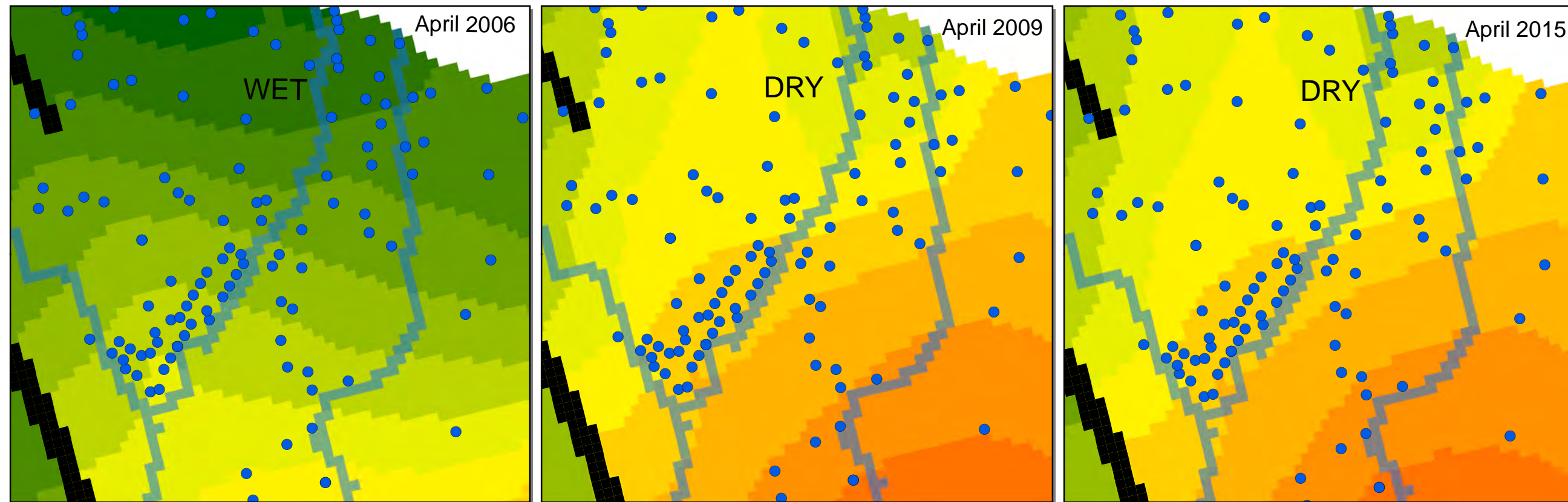
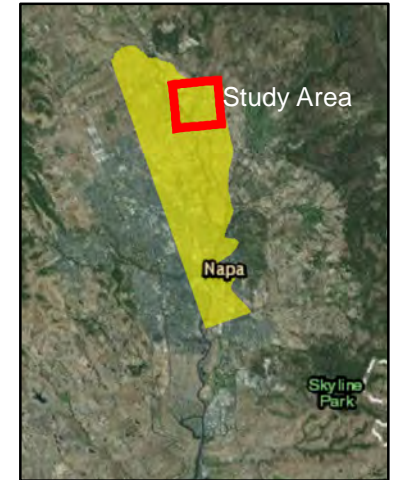
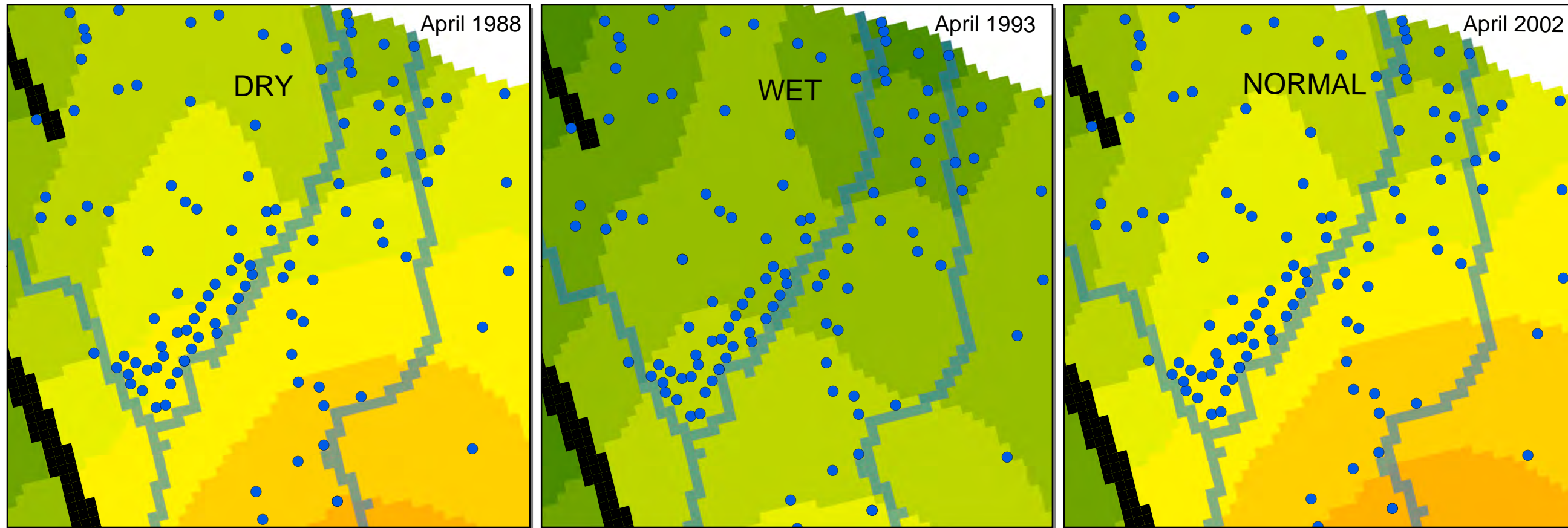


**Figure 4-9**  
**Total Annual Simulated Surface Water Flow to Groundwater**  
**in Western & Eastern Tributaries, Napa River, and the Entire Model Domain**  
*Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study*



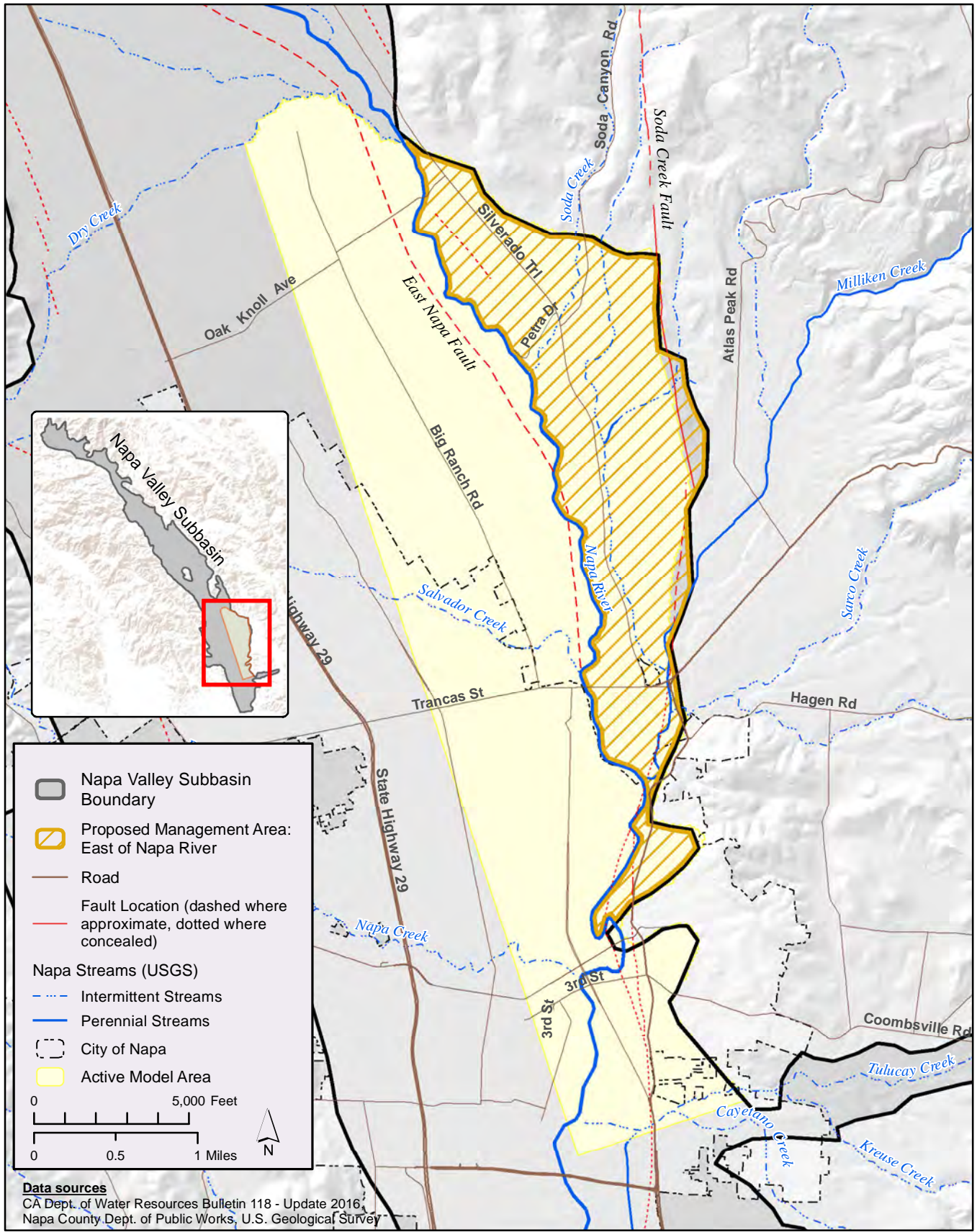
Note: negative flows indicate water leaving the groundwater body within the Petra Drive area; positive flows indicate water entering the groundwater body within the Petra Drive area.





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**FIGURE 4-12**  
**Simulated Water Level Maps**  
**Layer 4 Select Time Periods**  
 Northeast Napa Area: Special Groundwater Study



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**FIGURE 5-1**  
**Proposed Management Area:**  
**Northeast Napa Area/East of the Napa River**

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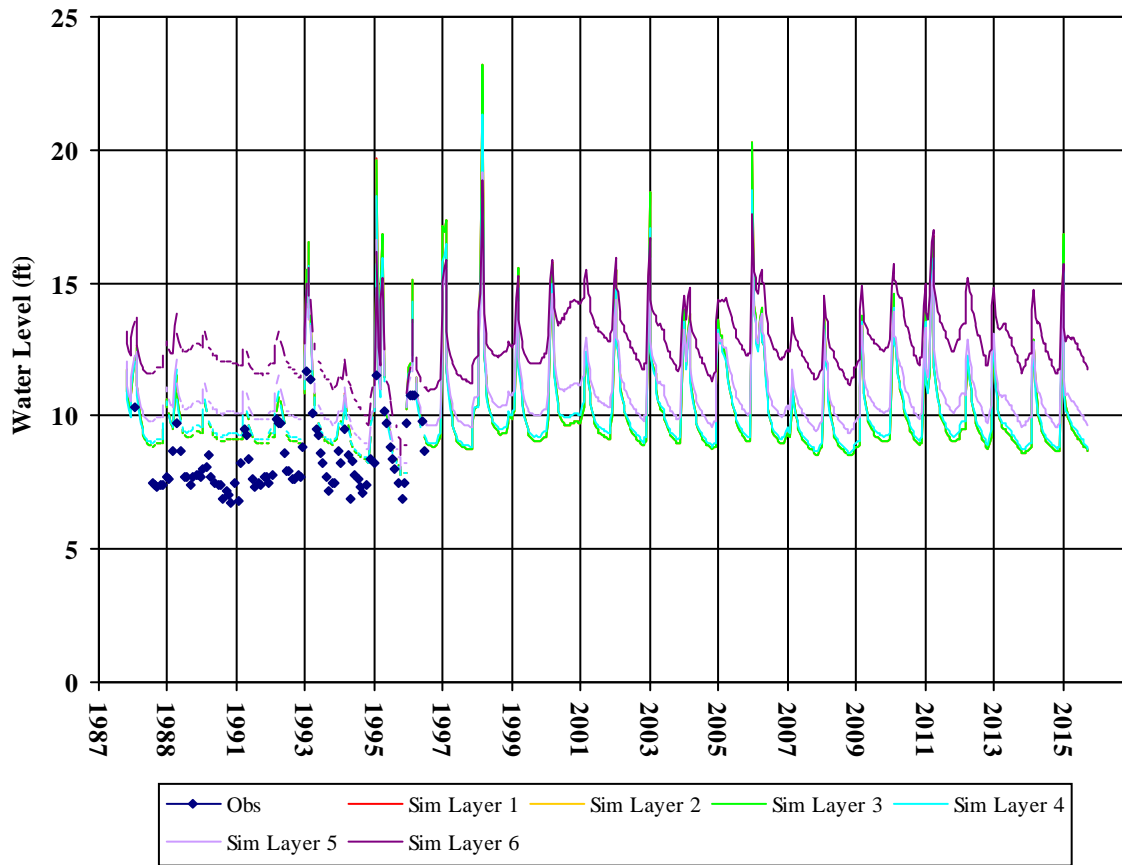


# **APPENDIX A**

# **Calibration Target**

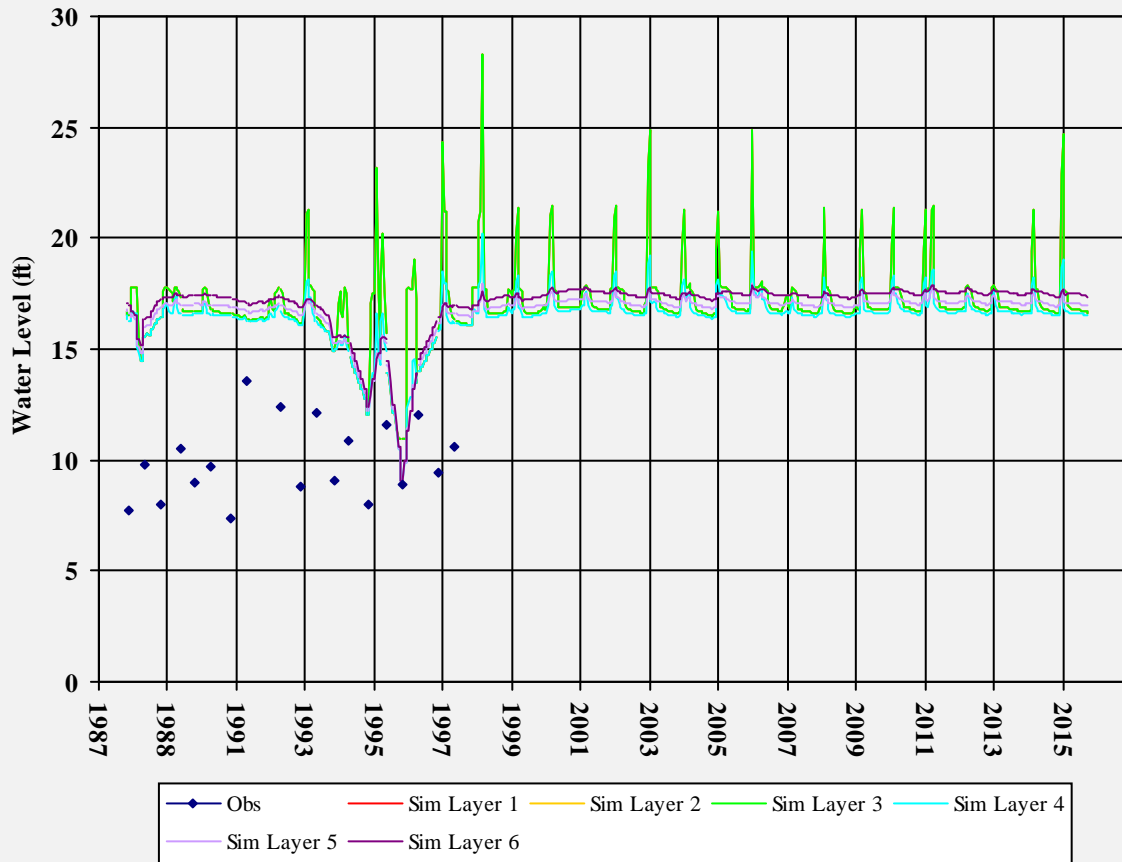
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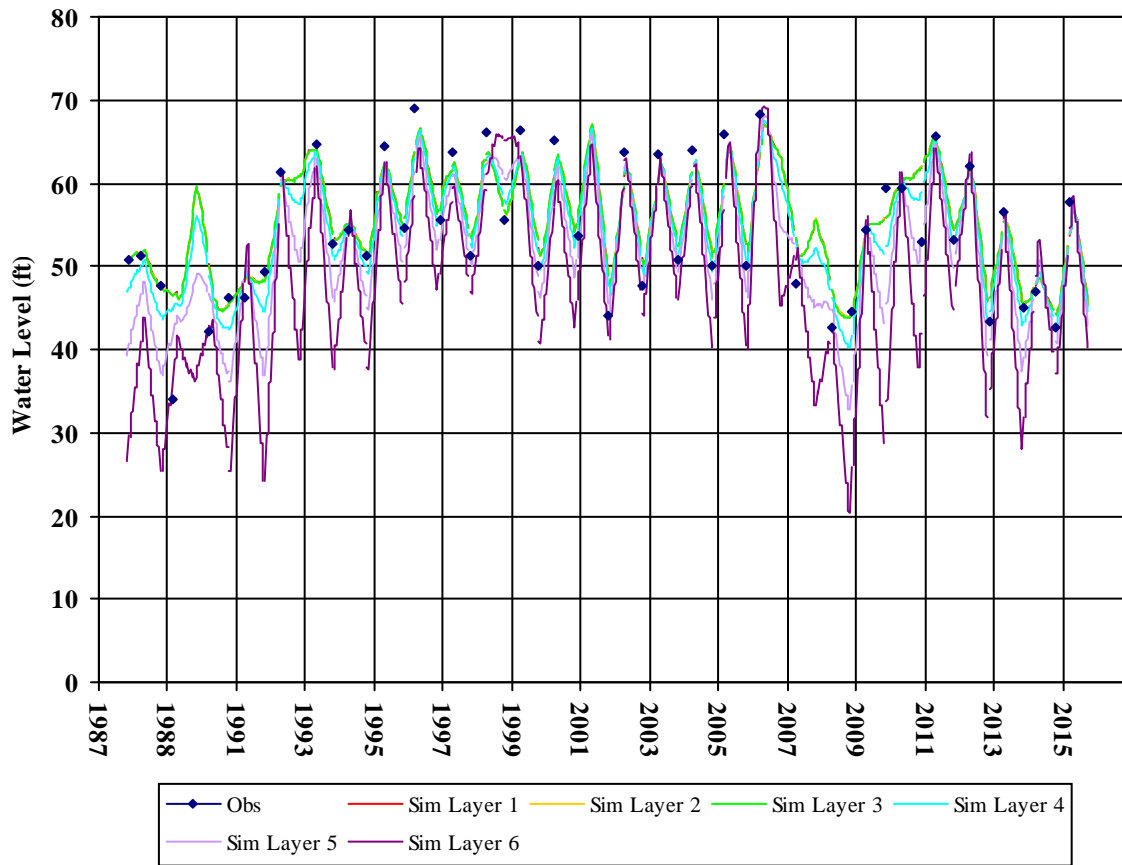
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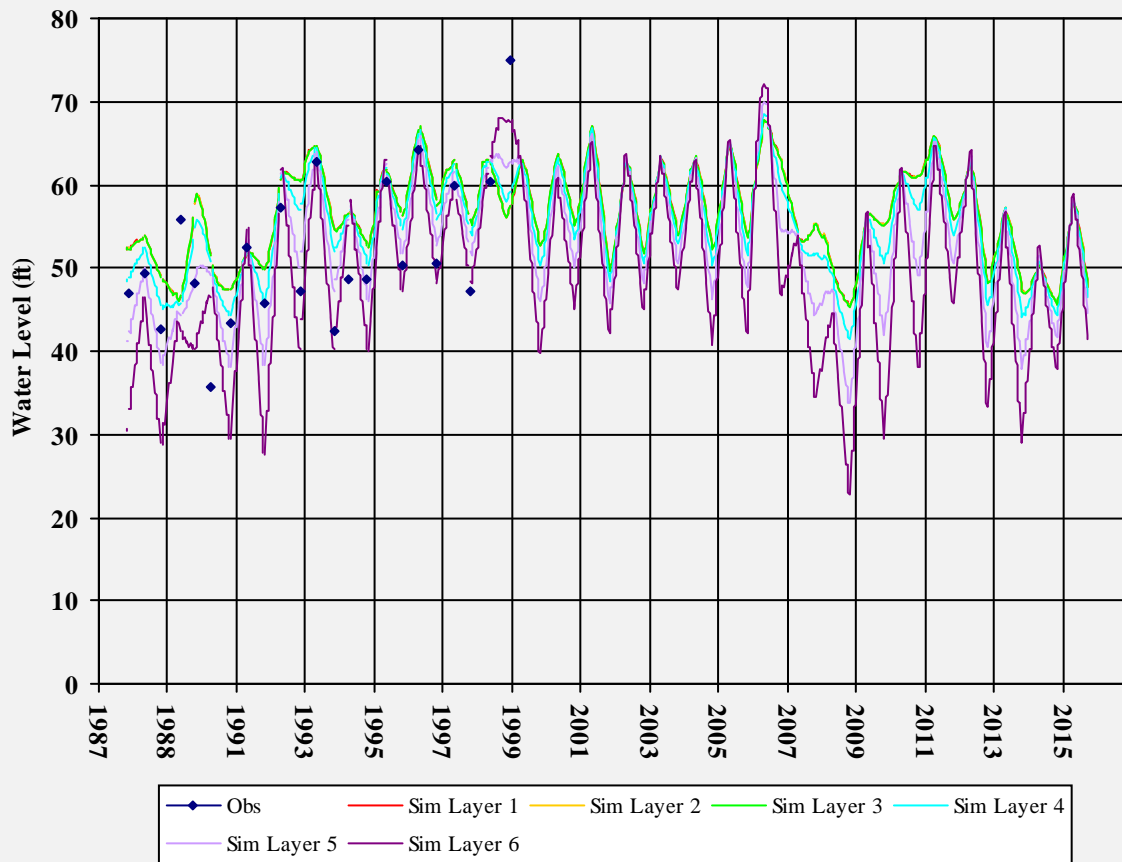
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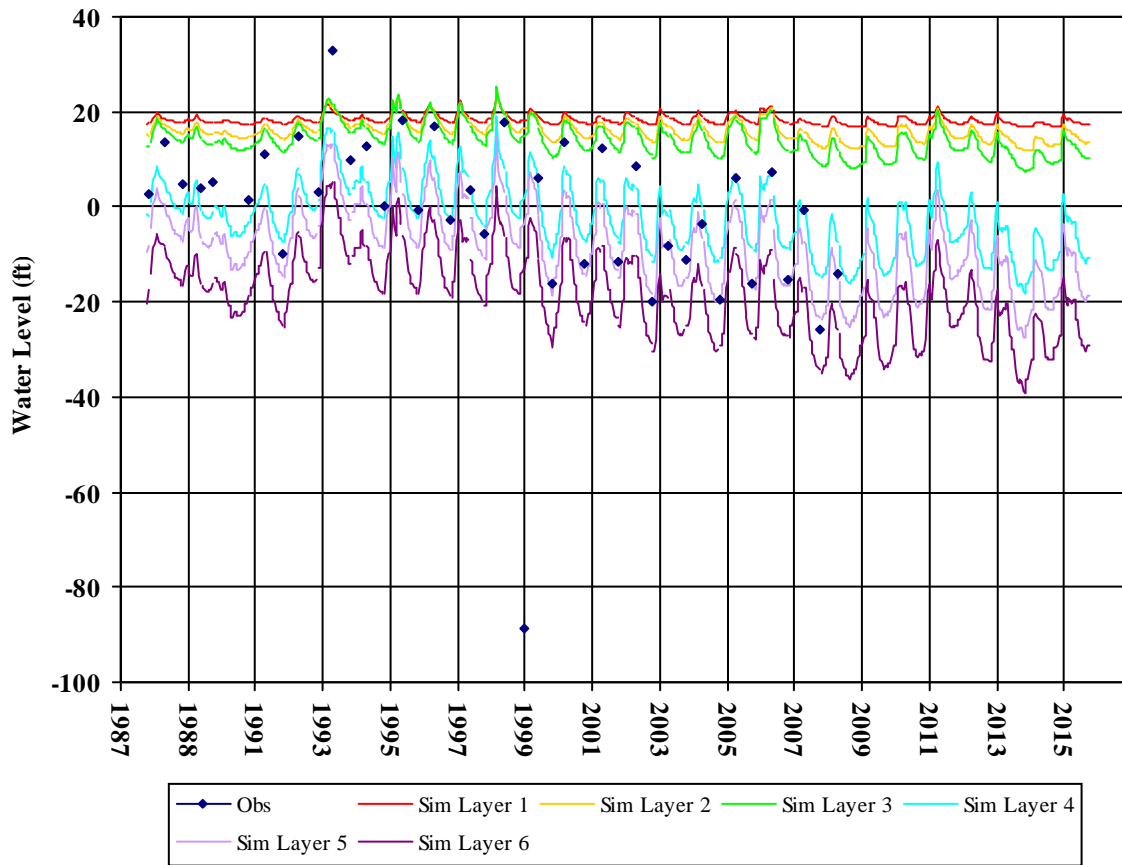
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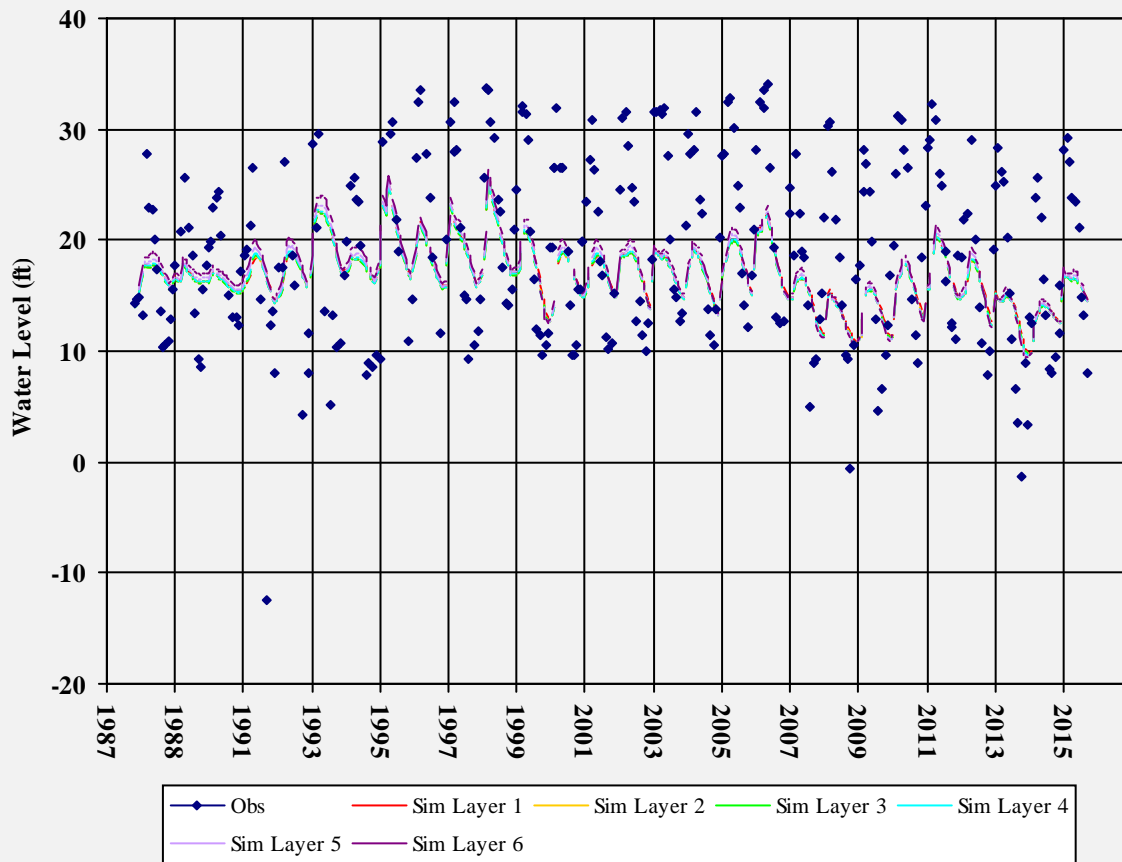
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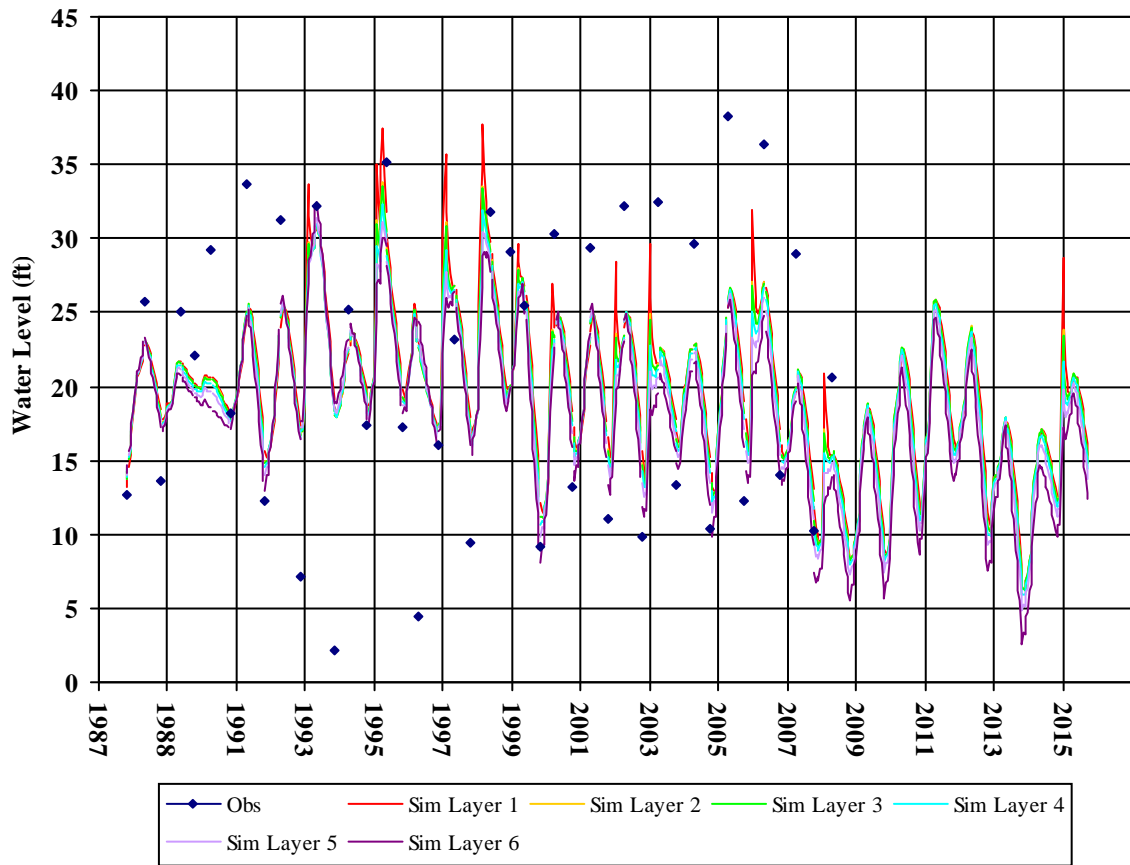
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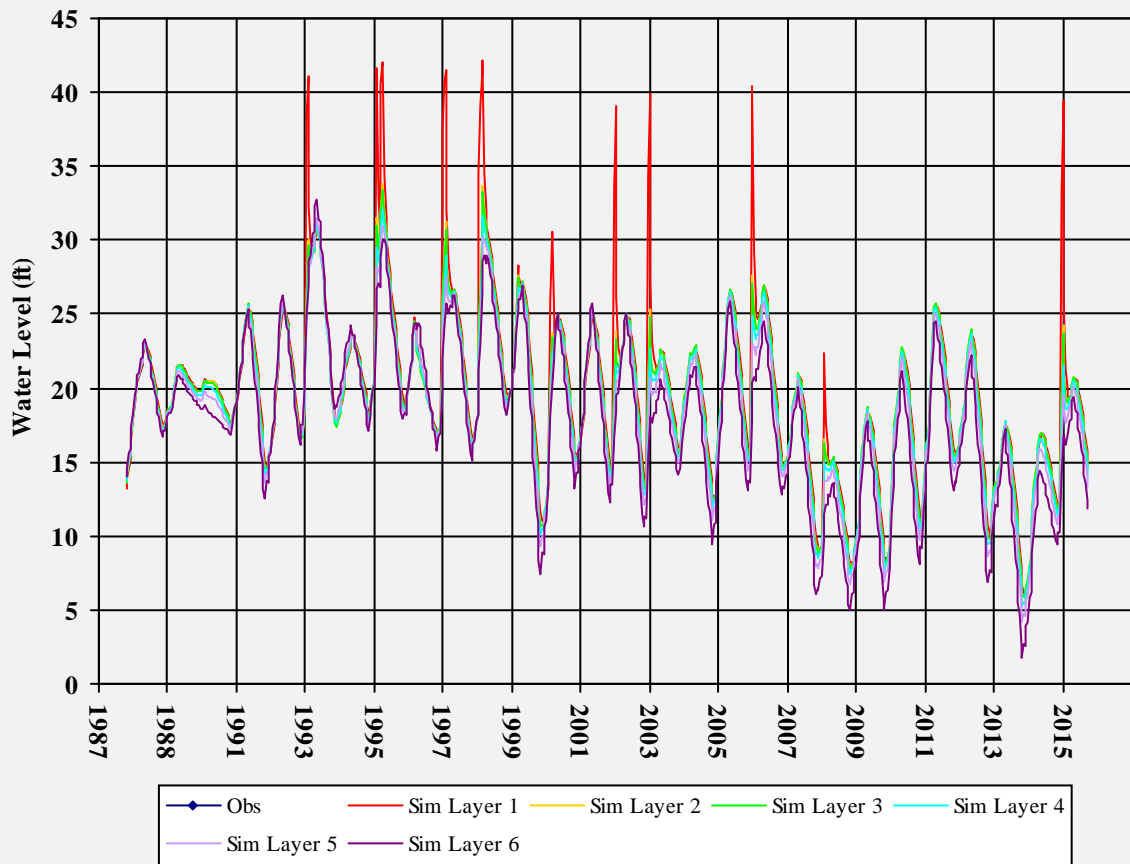
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Bottom Perf: 120  
Est Model Layer: 3

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Top Perf:  
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Est Model Layer: 3

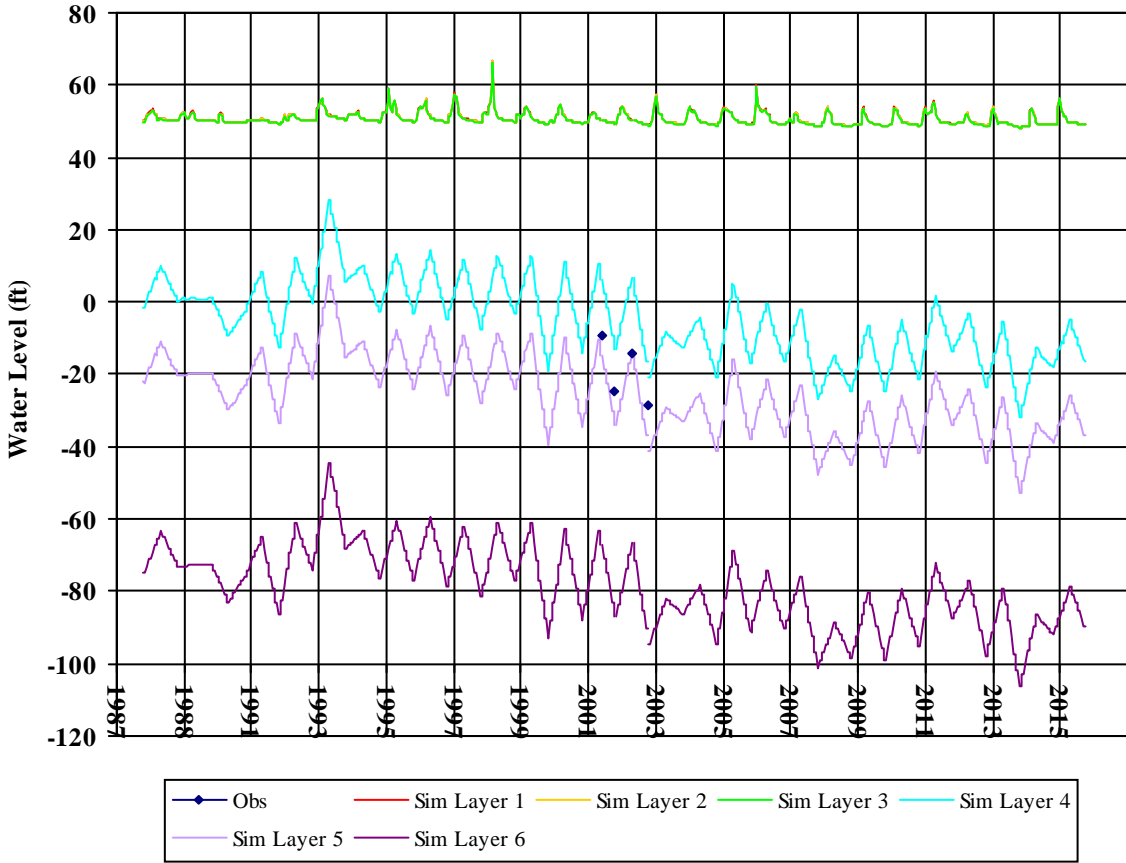
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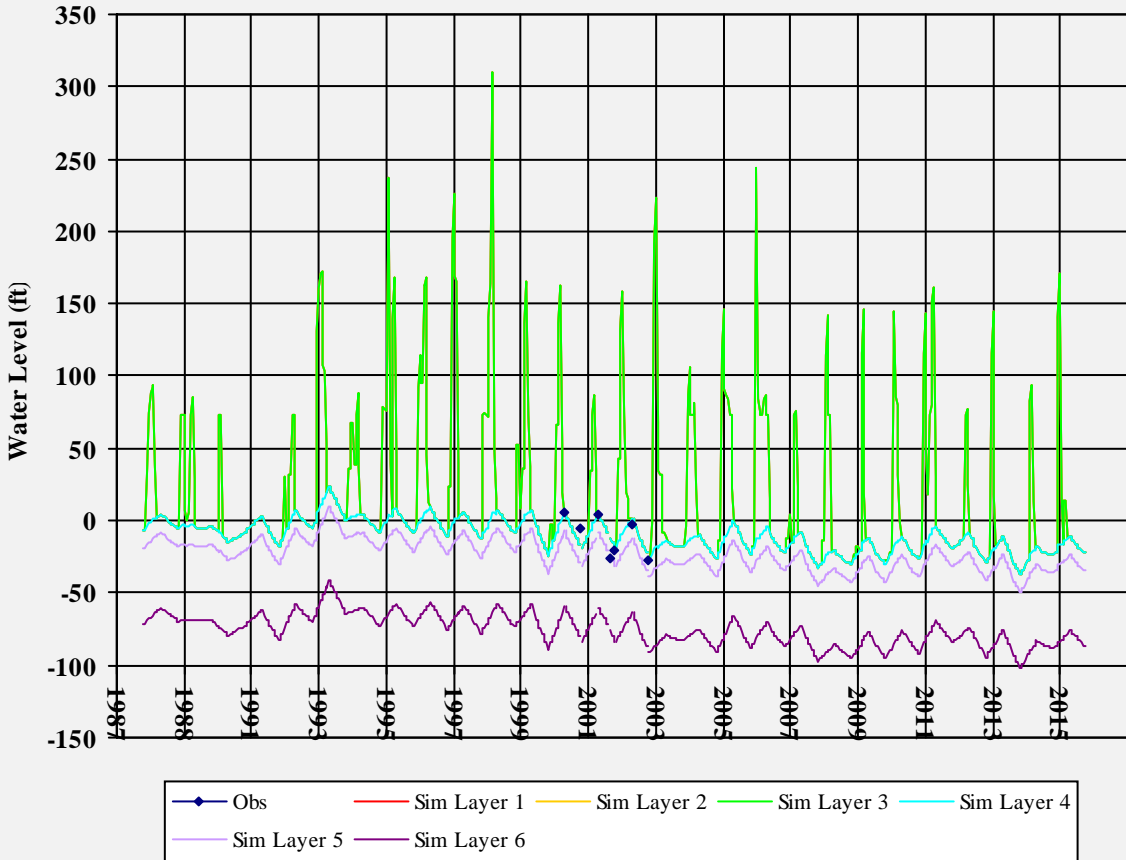
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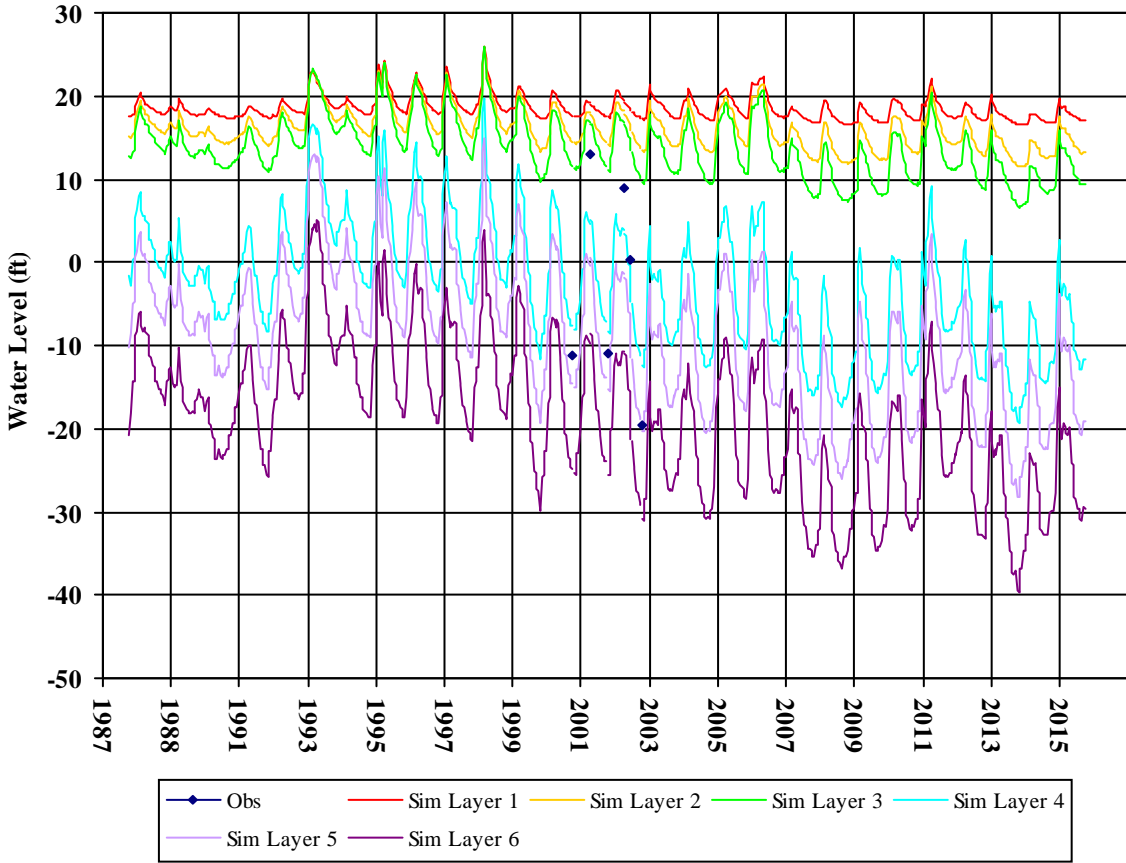


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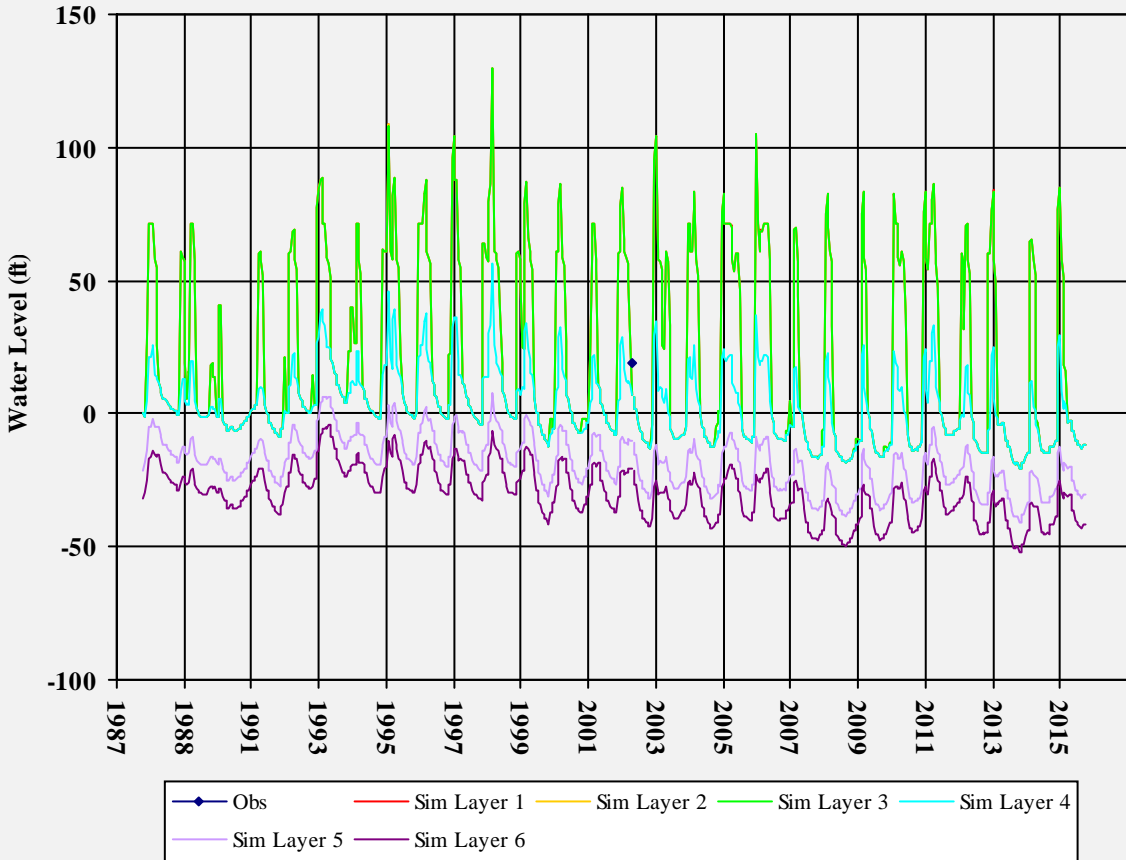
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Est Model Layer: 4



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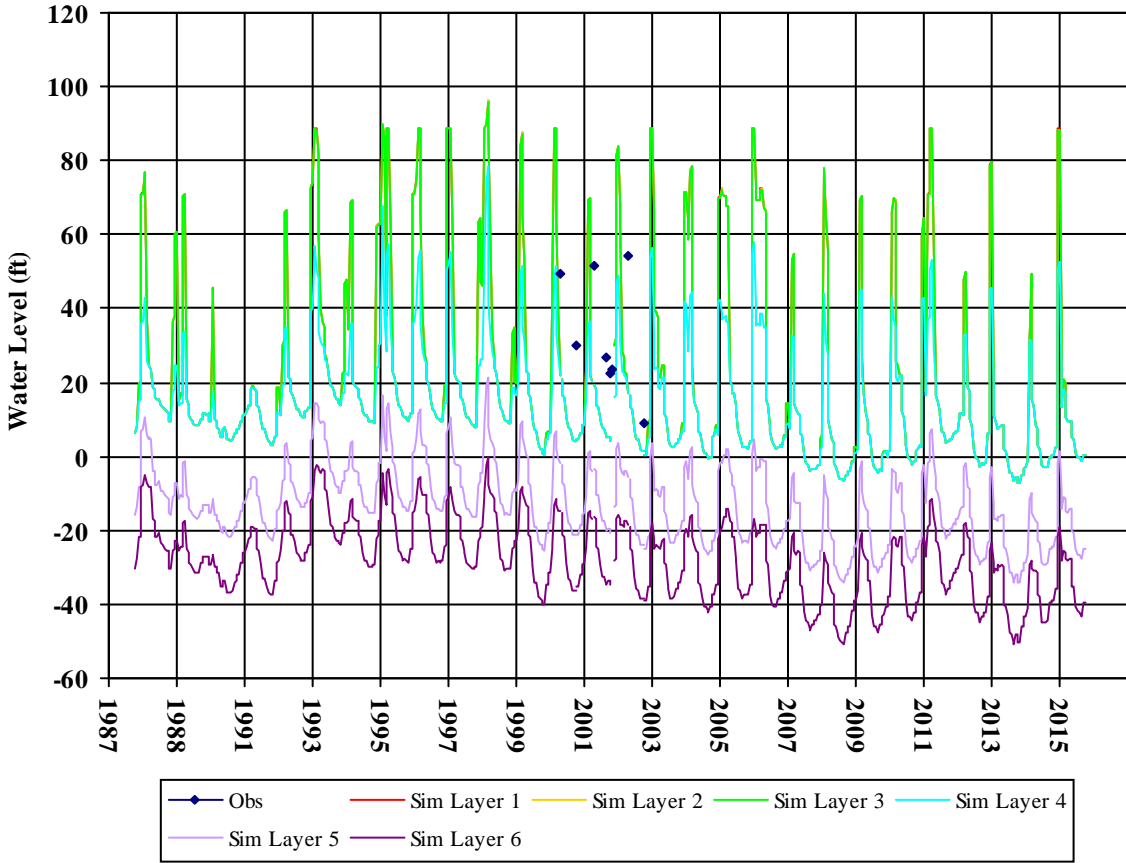


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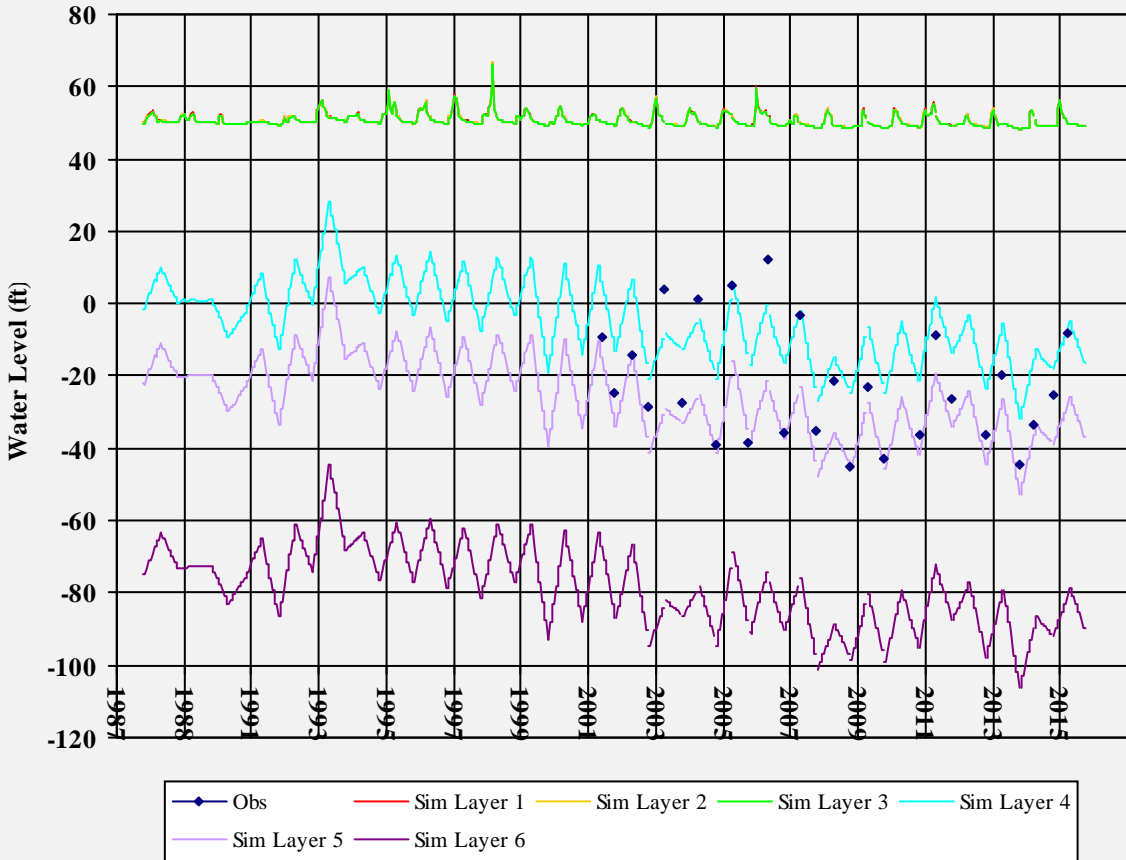
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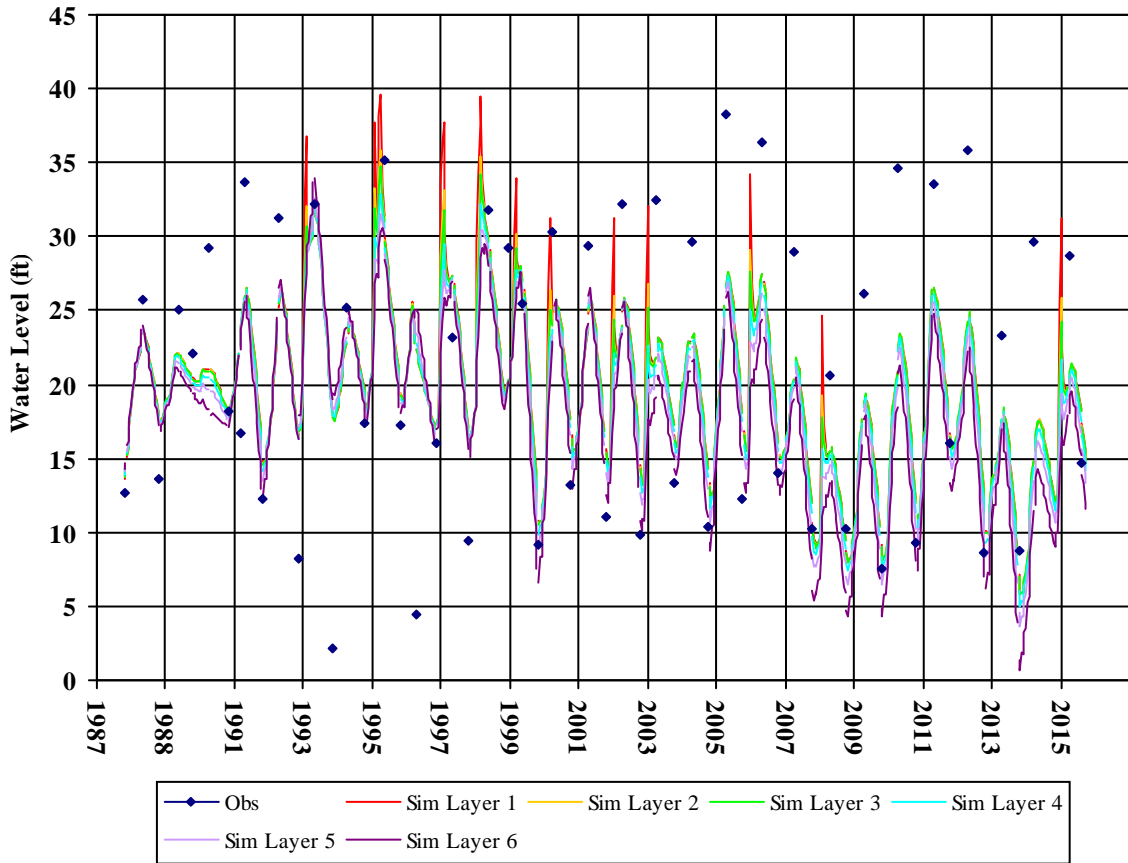
NapaCounty-122

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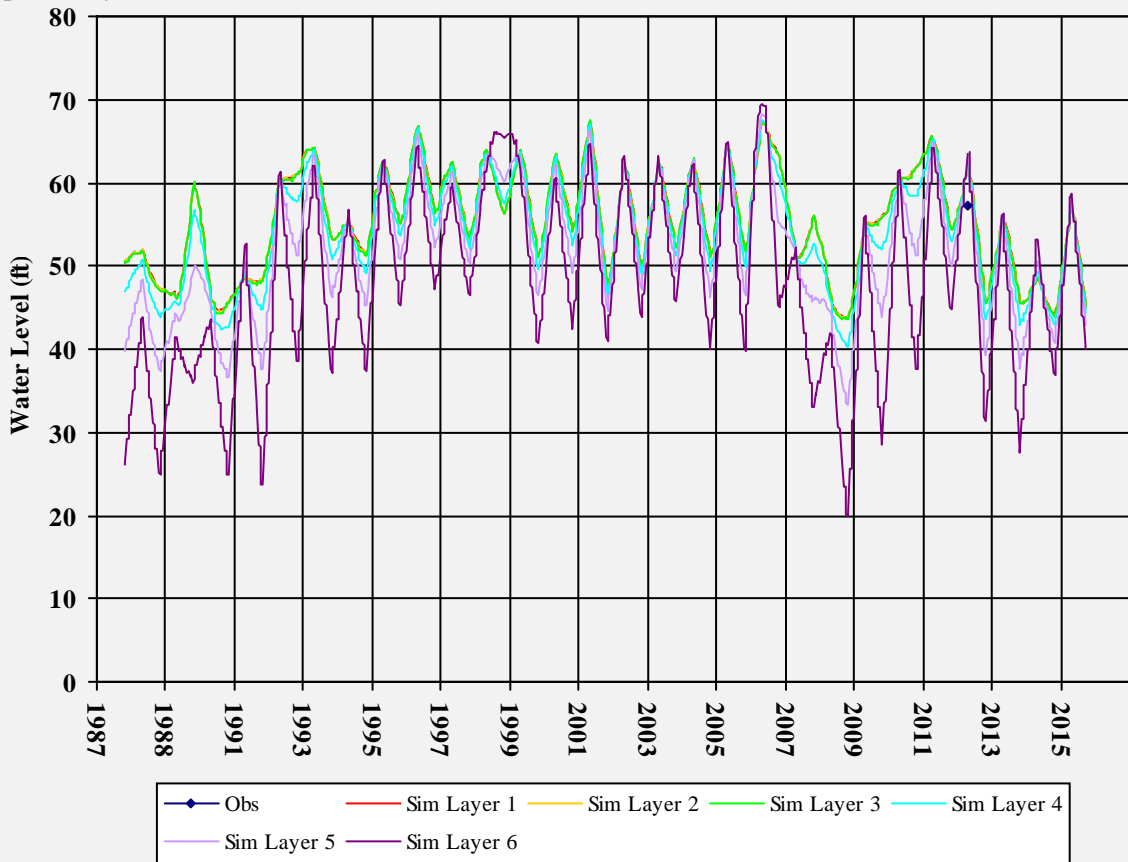




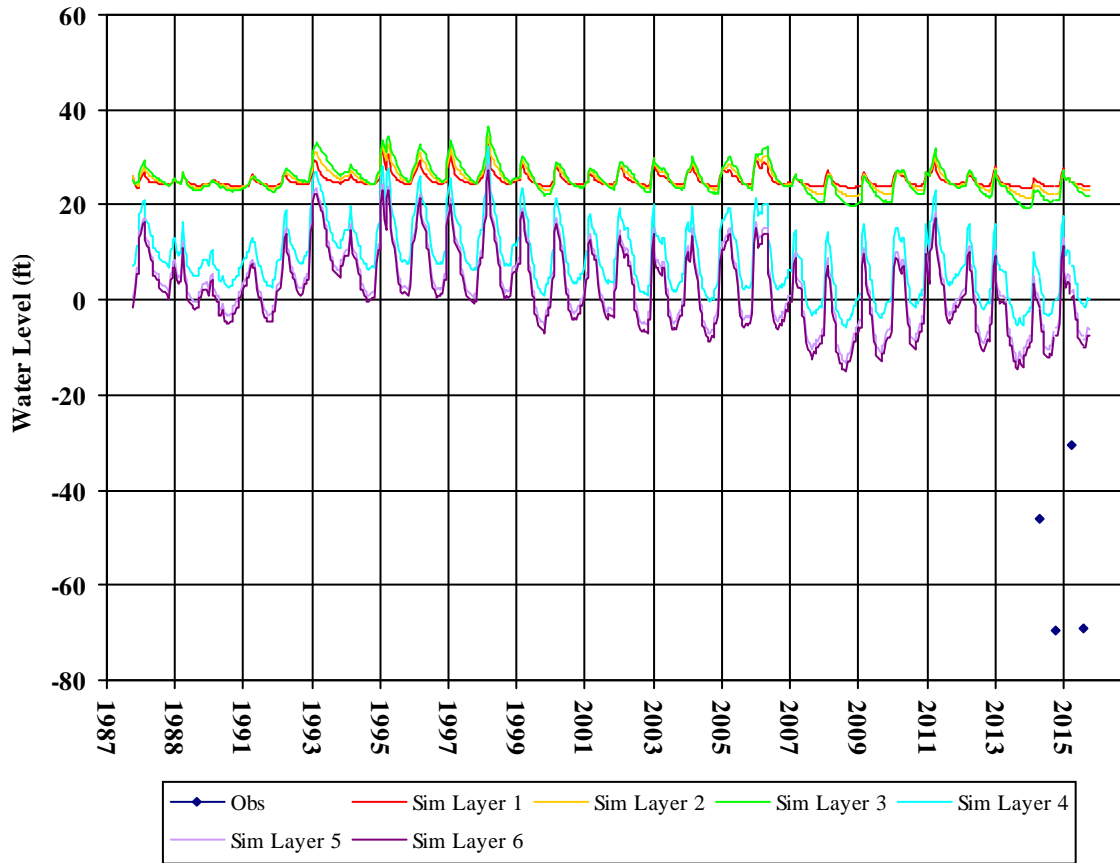
NapaCounty-136



NapaCounty-151

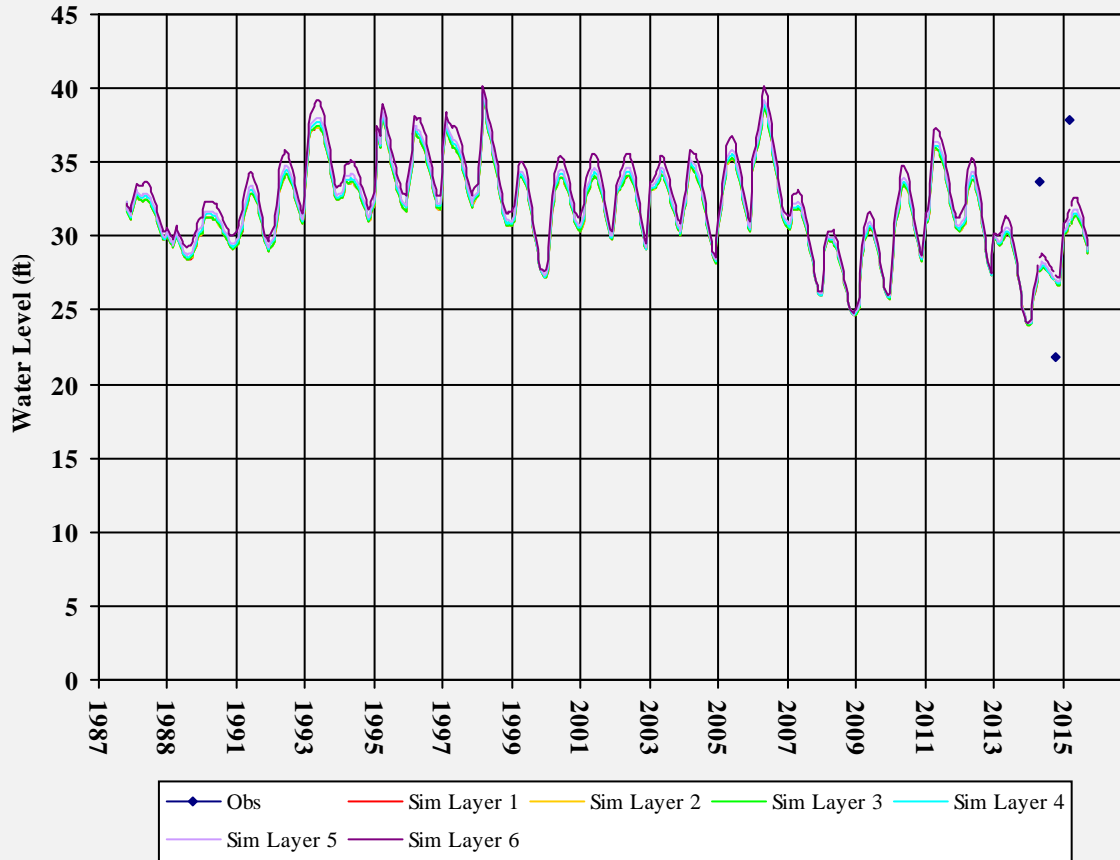


NapaCounty-182



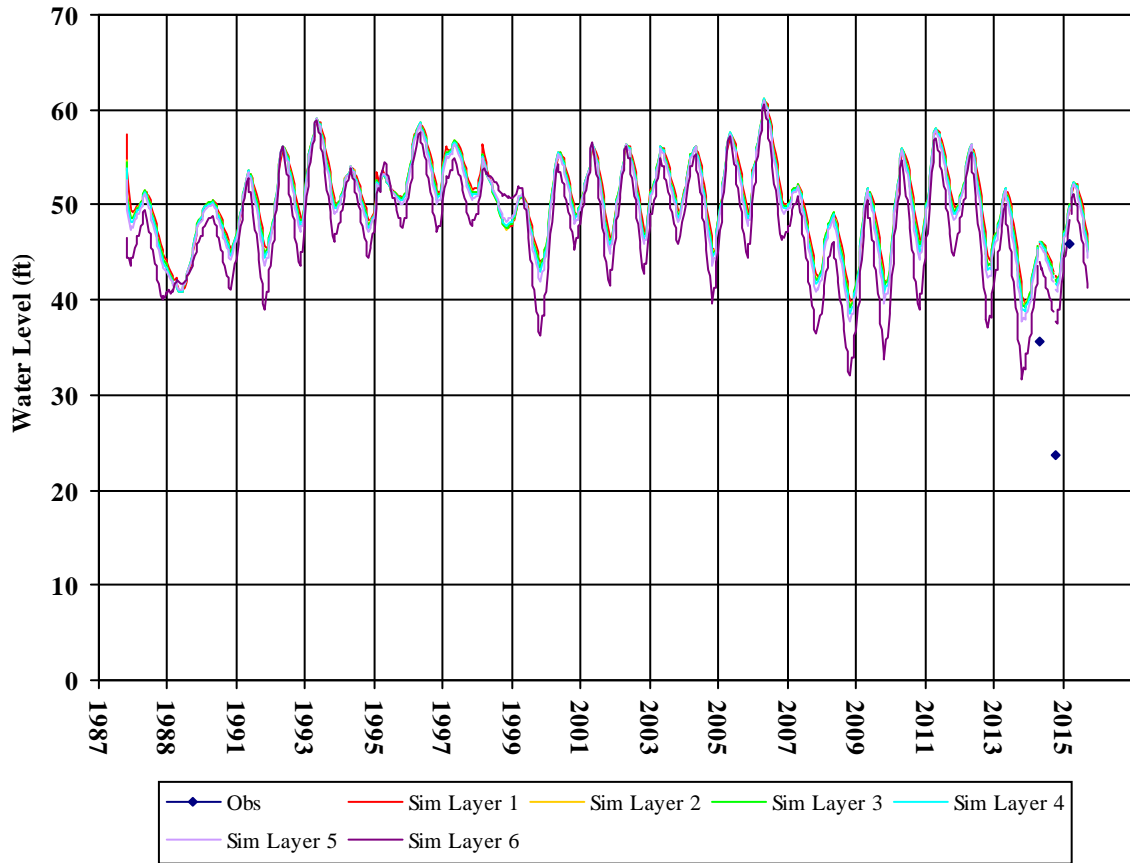
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NapaCounty-183



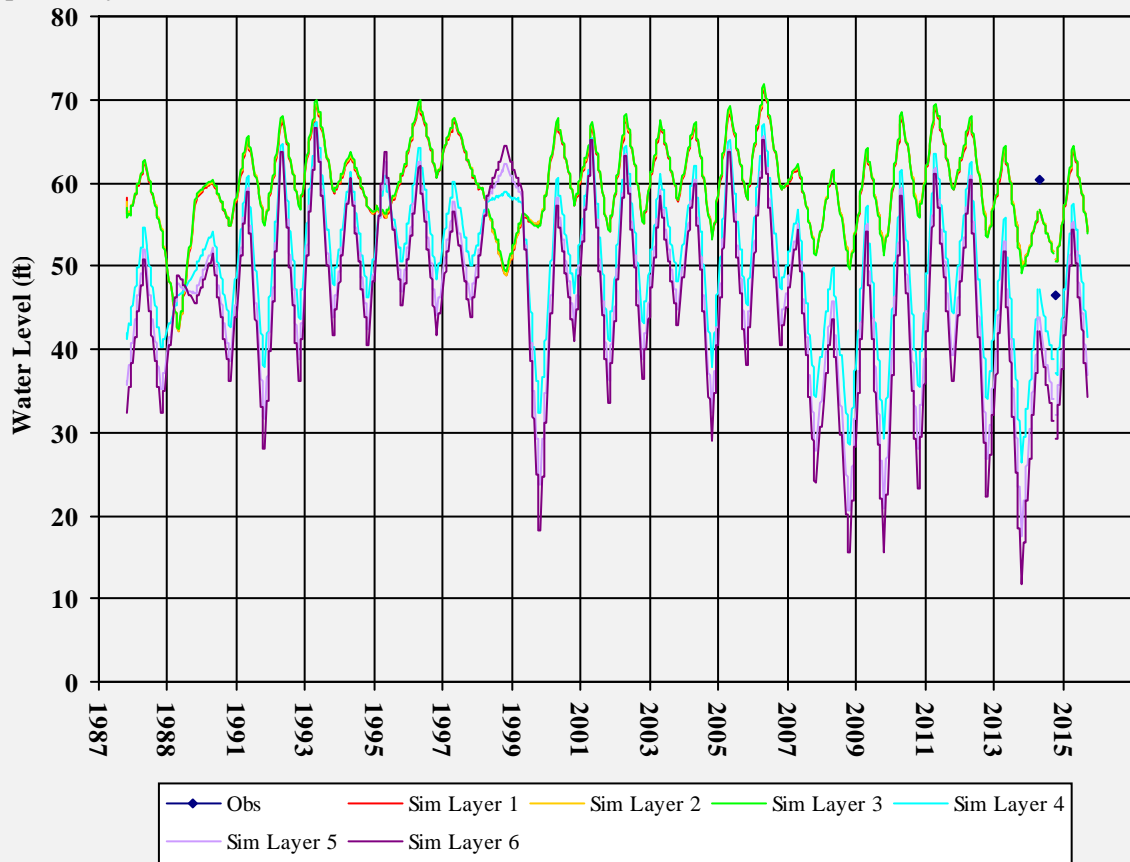
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 Top Perf:  
 Bottom Perf:  
 Est Model Layer: 4

NapaCounty-184



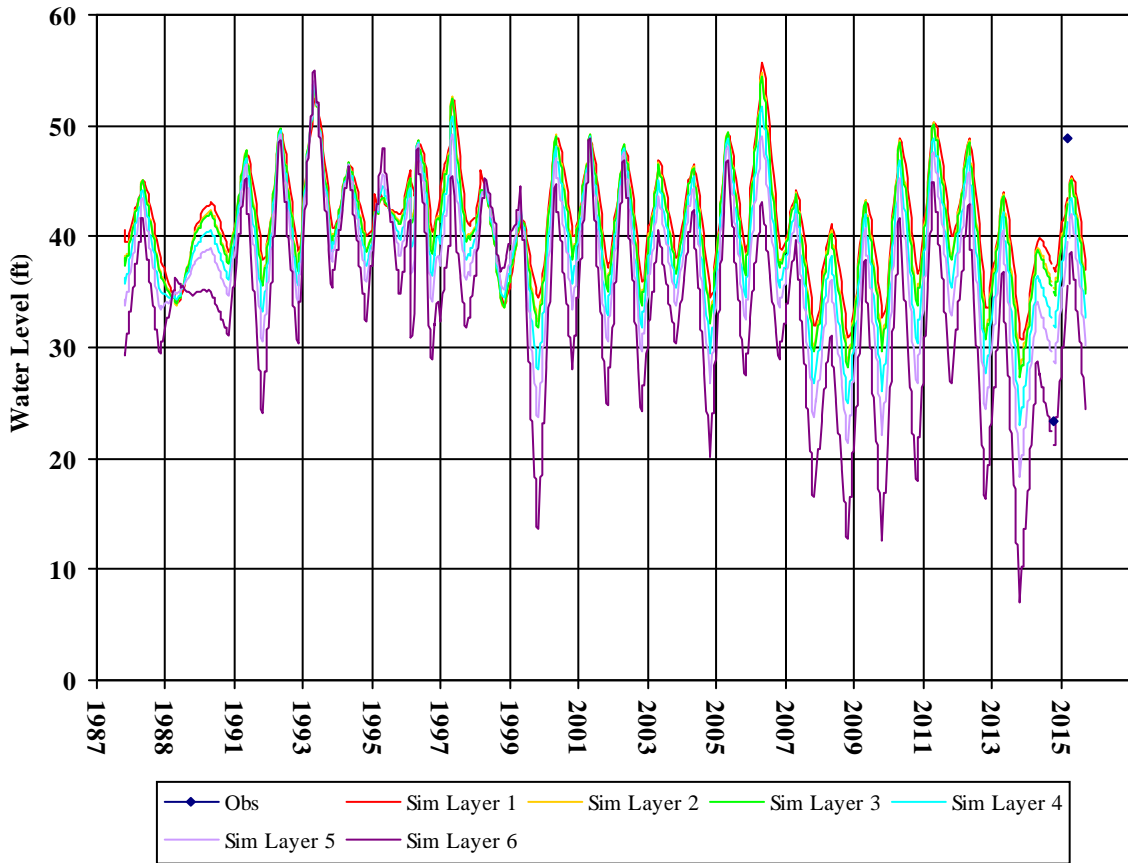
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Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 5

NapaCounty-185



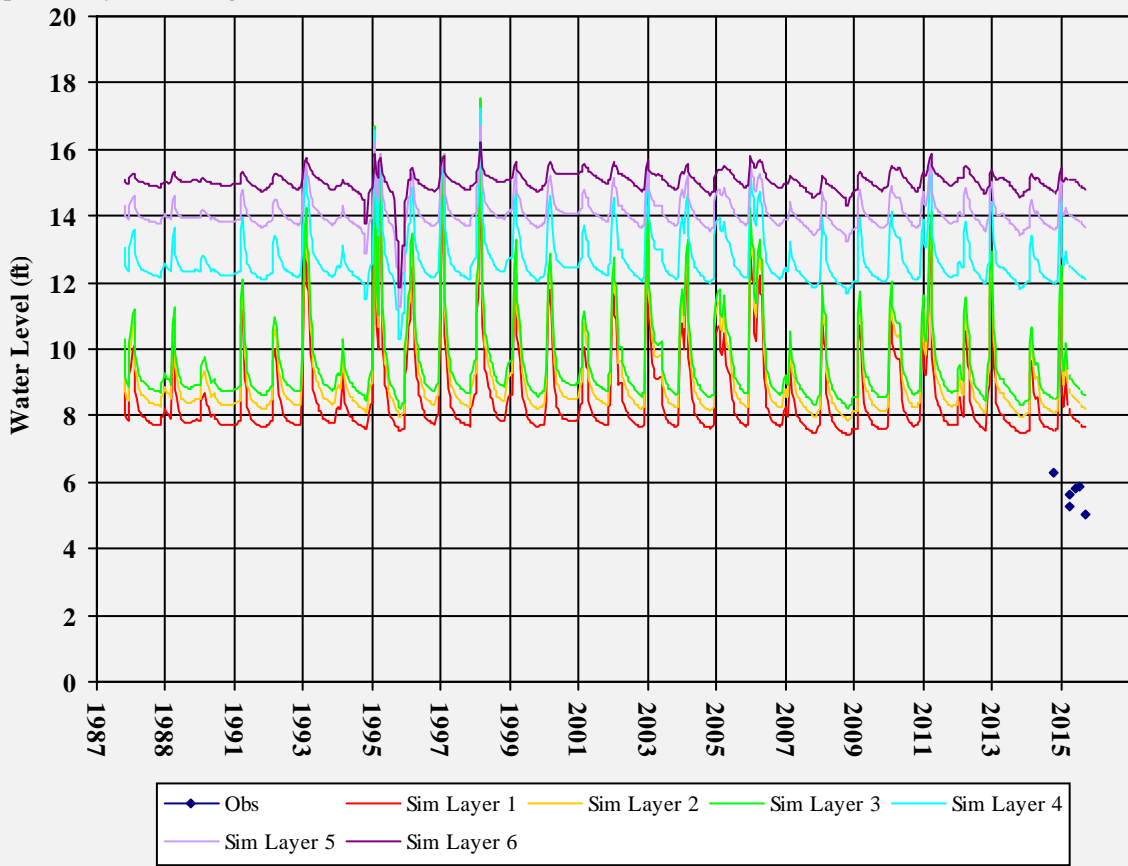
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Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 4

NapaCounty-190



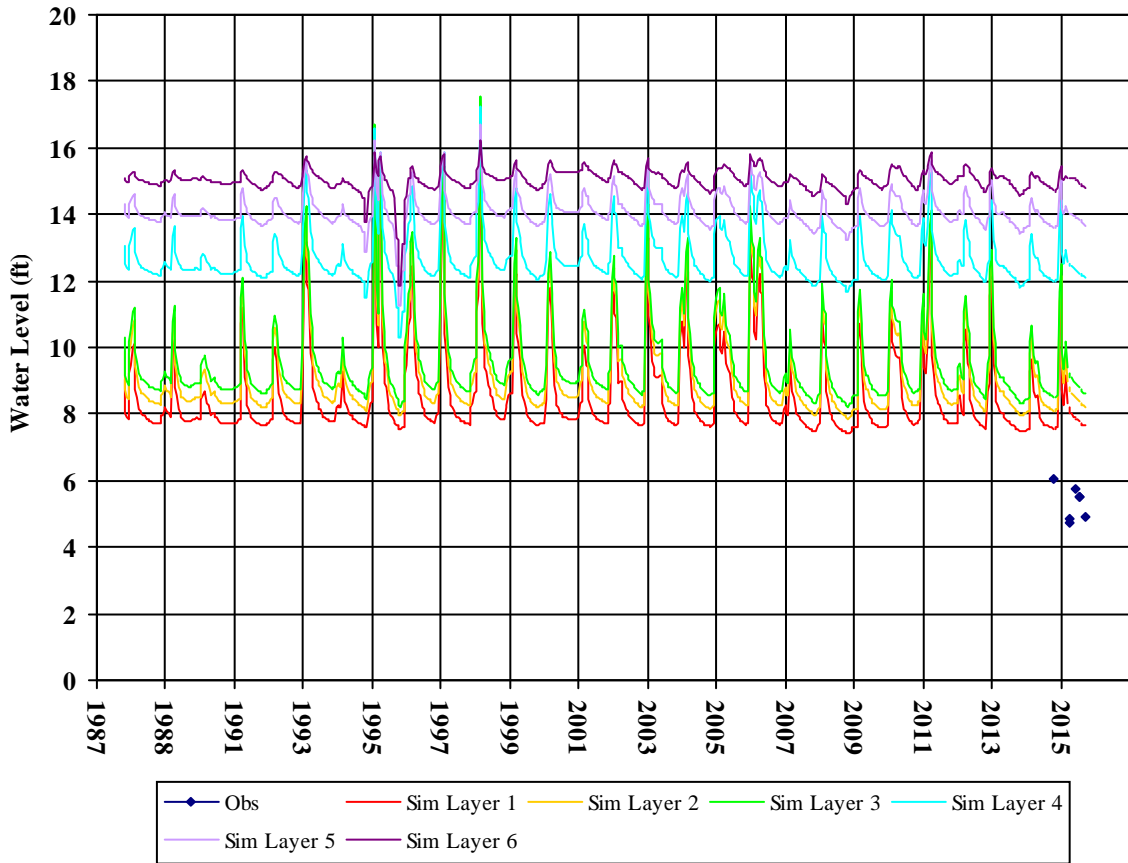
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NapaCounty-214s-swgw1



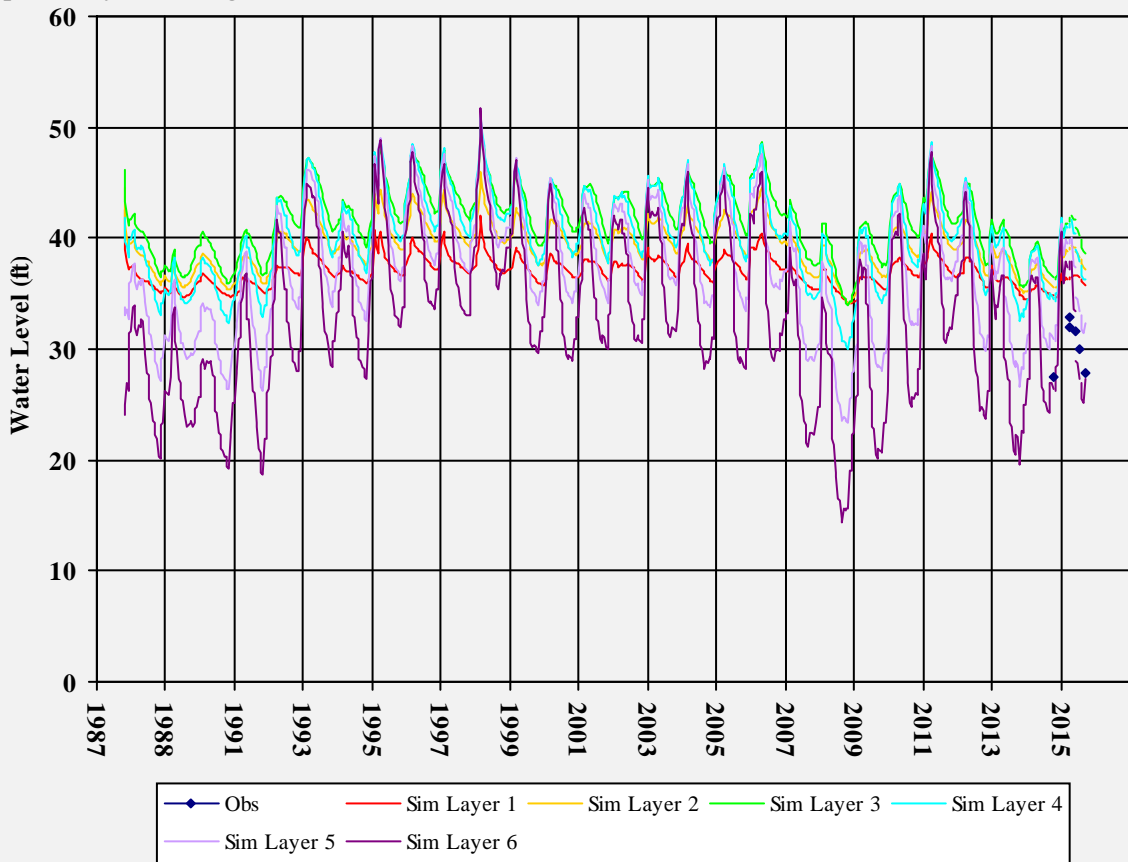
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Est Model Layer: 1

NapaCounty-215d-swgw1



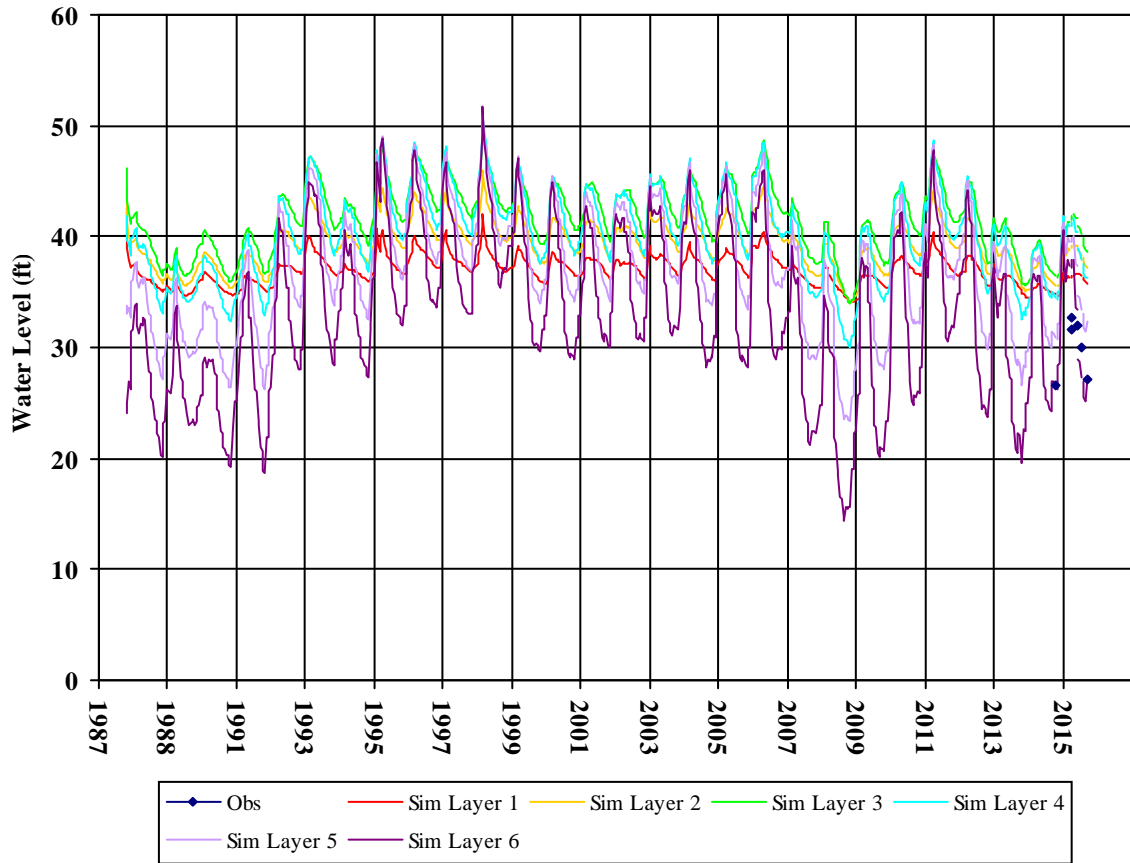
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 Top Perf: 75  
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NapaCounty-218s-swgw3



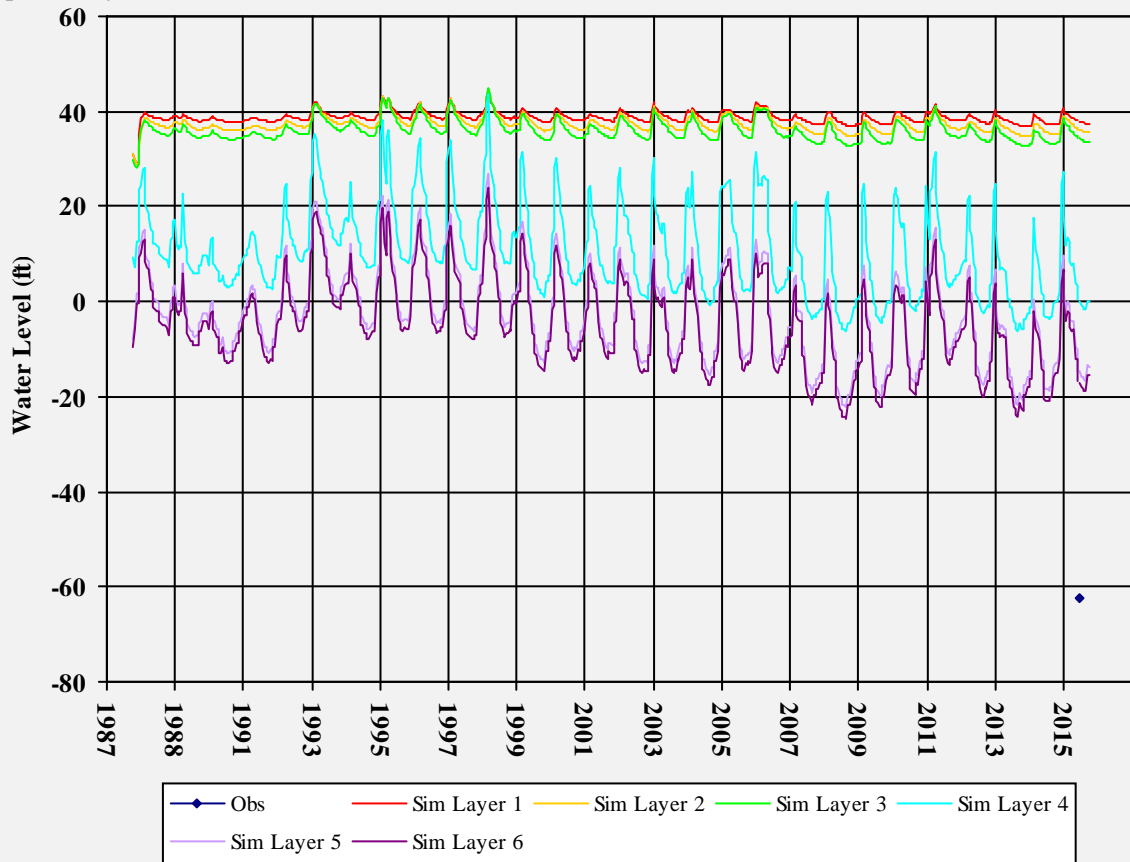
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 Top Perf: 25  
 Bottom Perf: 35  
 Est Model Layer: 1

NapaCounty-219d-swgw3



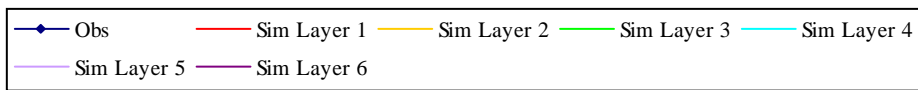
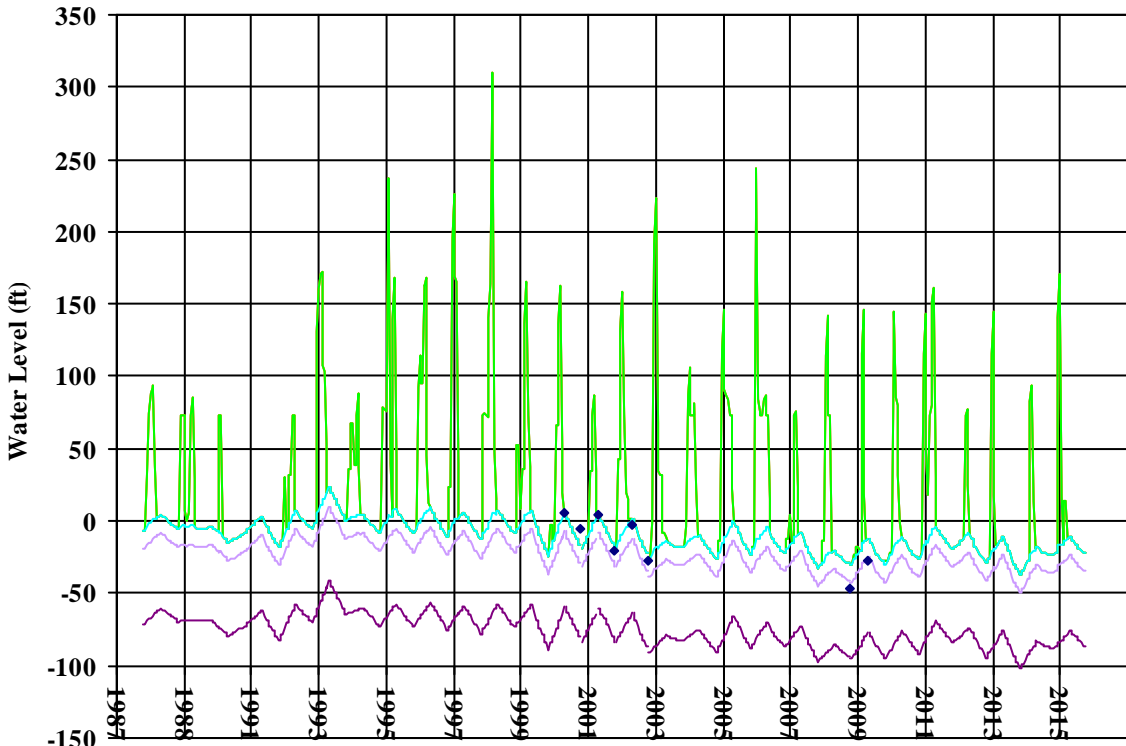
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 Top Perf: 78  
 Bottom Perf: 88  
 Est Model Layer: 3

NapaCounty-228



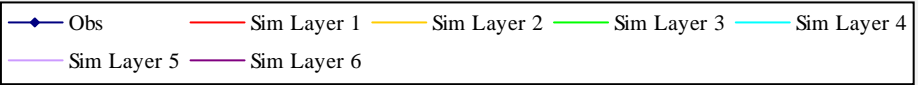
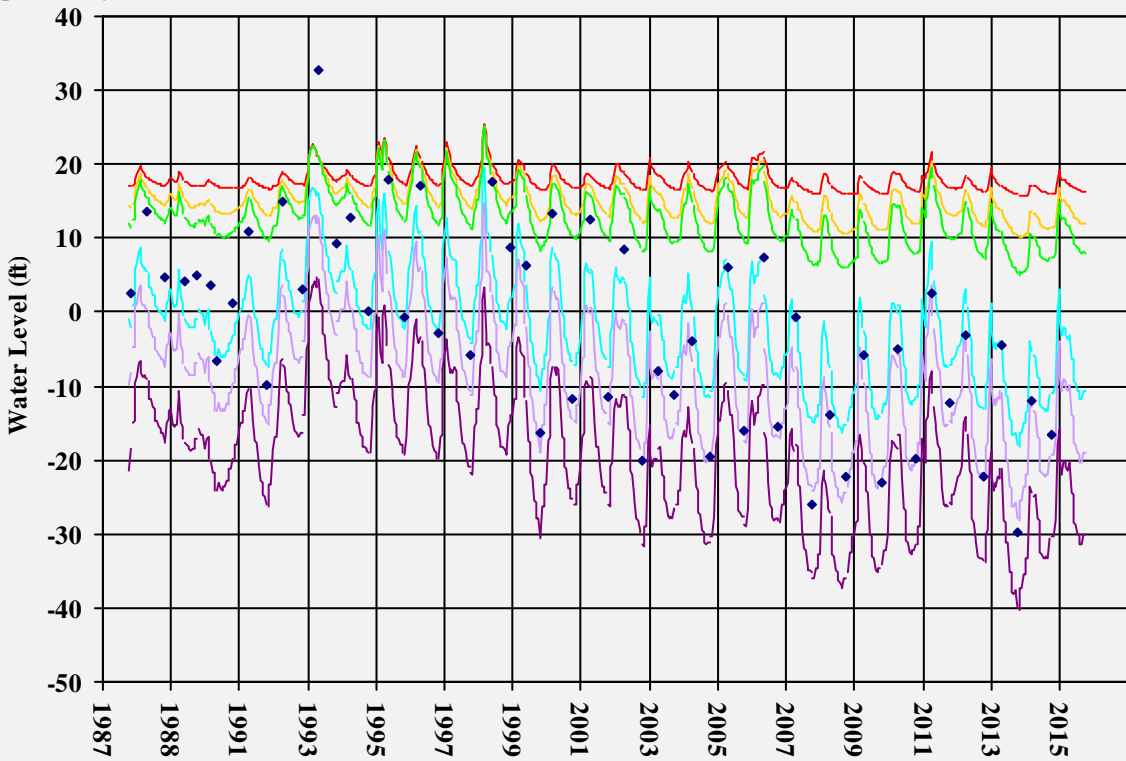
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 Top Perf: 96  
 Bottom Perf: 206  
 Est Model Layer: 4

NapaCounty-55



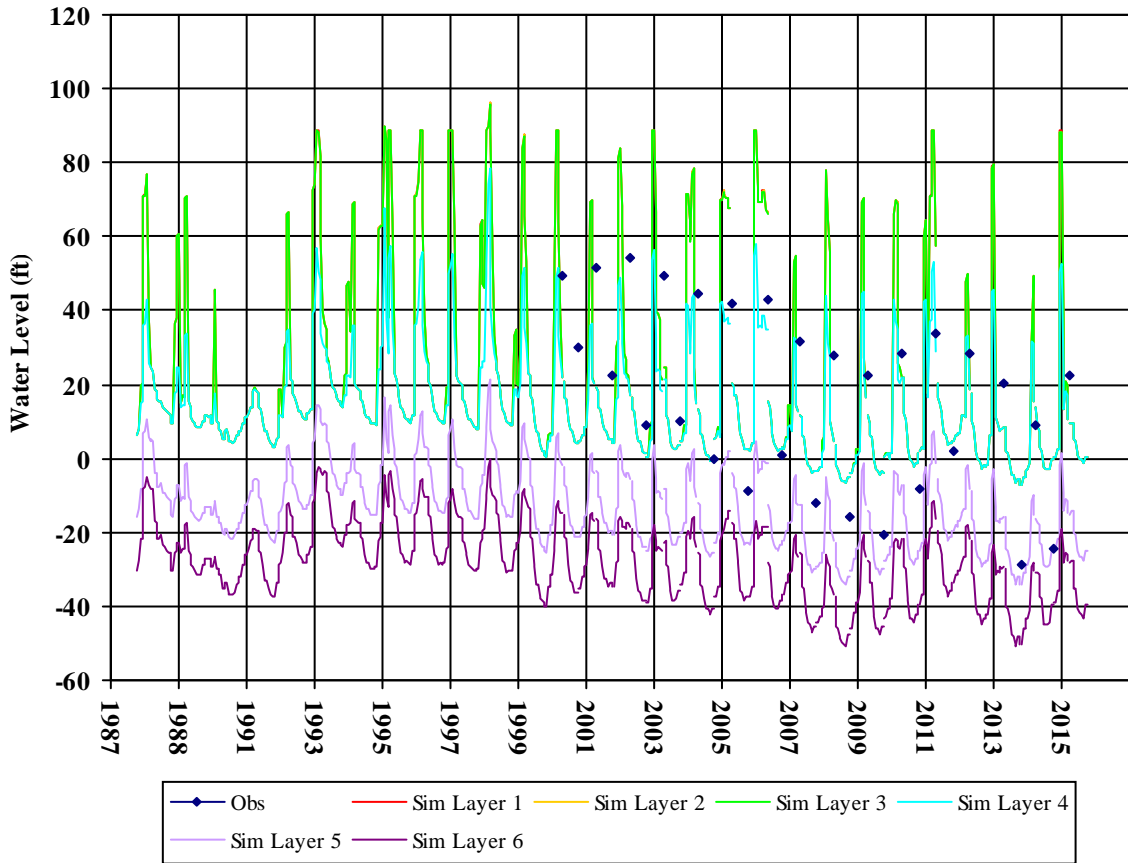
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 Bottom Perf:  
 Est Model Layer: 4

NapaCounty-75



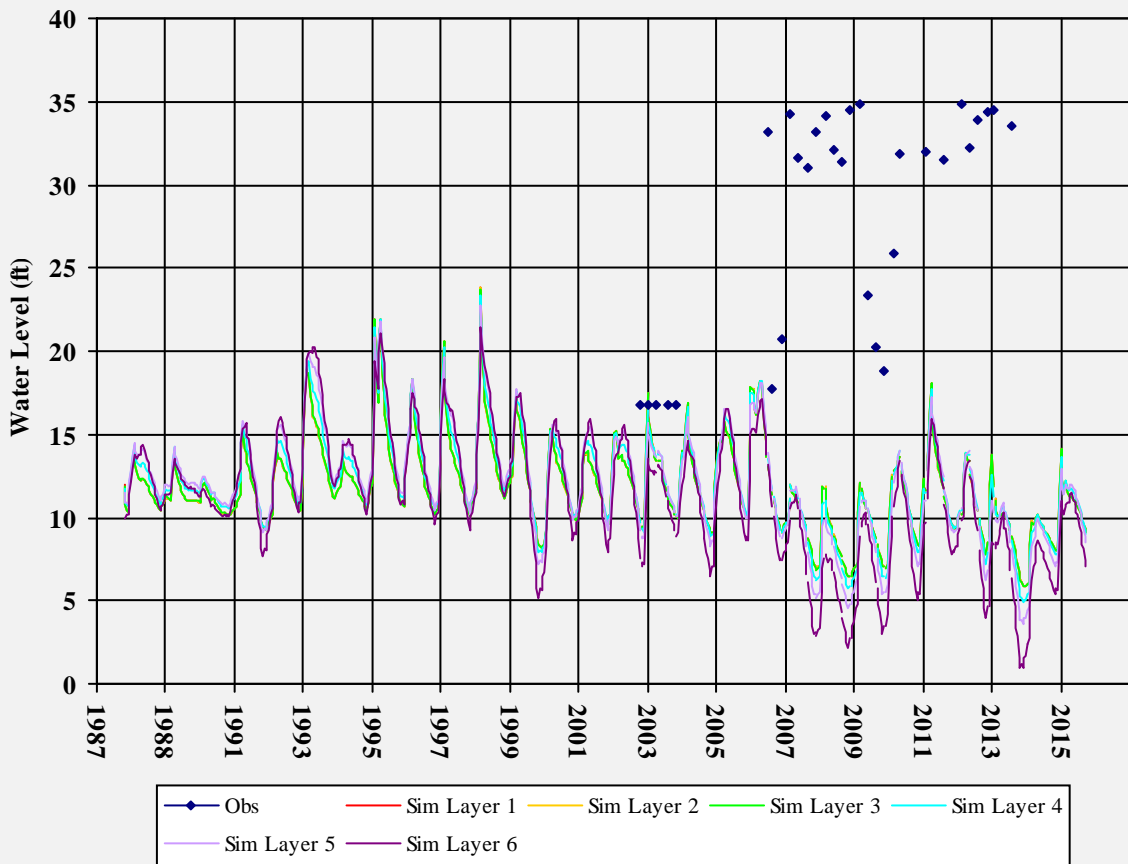
Well Depth: 205  
 Hole Depth: 208  
 Top Perf: 45  
 Bottom Perf: 205  
 Est Model Layer: 4

NapaCounty-76



Well Depth:  
 Hole Depth:  
 Top Perf:  
 Bottom Perf:  
 Est Model Layer: 4

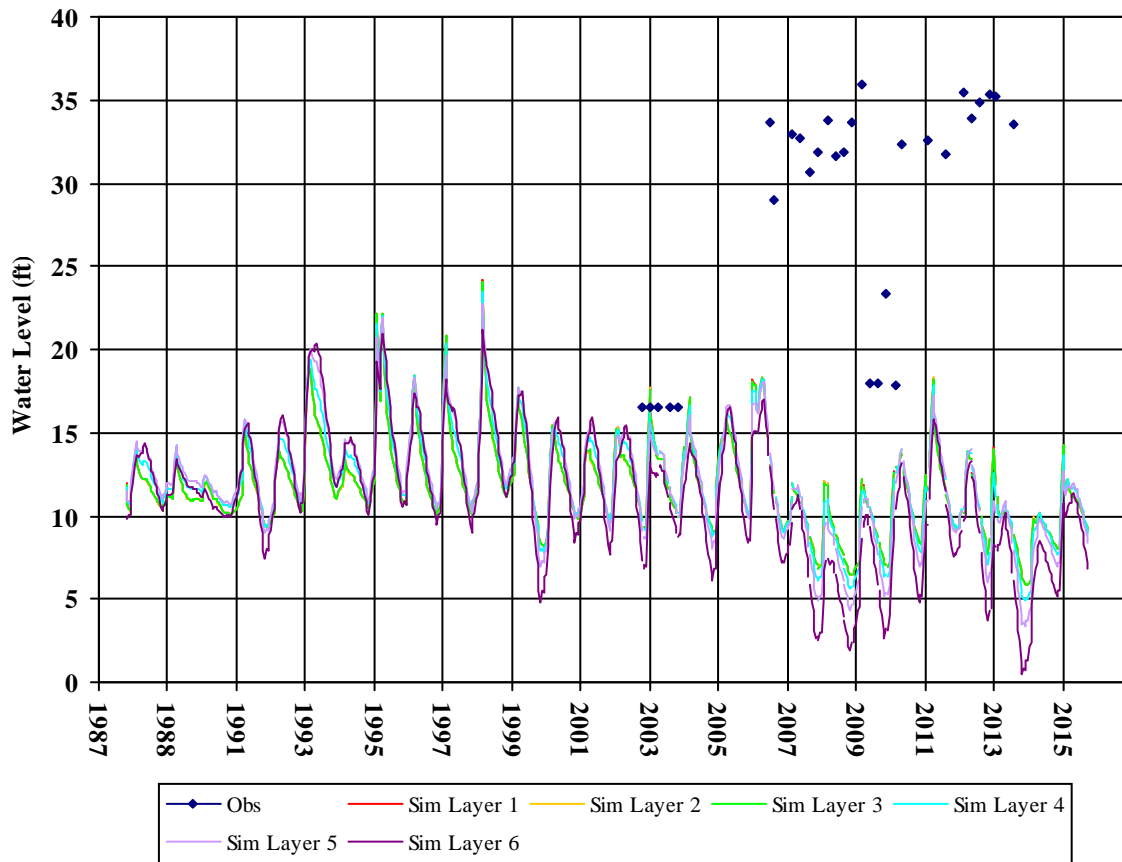
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Well Depth: 12.63  
 Hole Depth:  
 Top Perf:  
 Bottom Perf:  
 Est Model Layer: 1

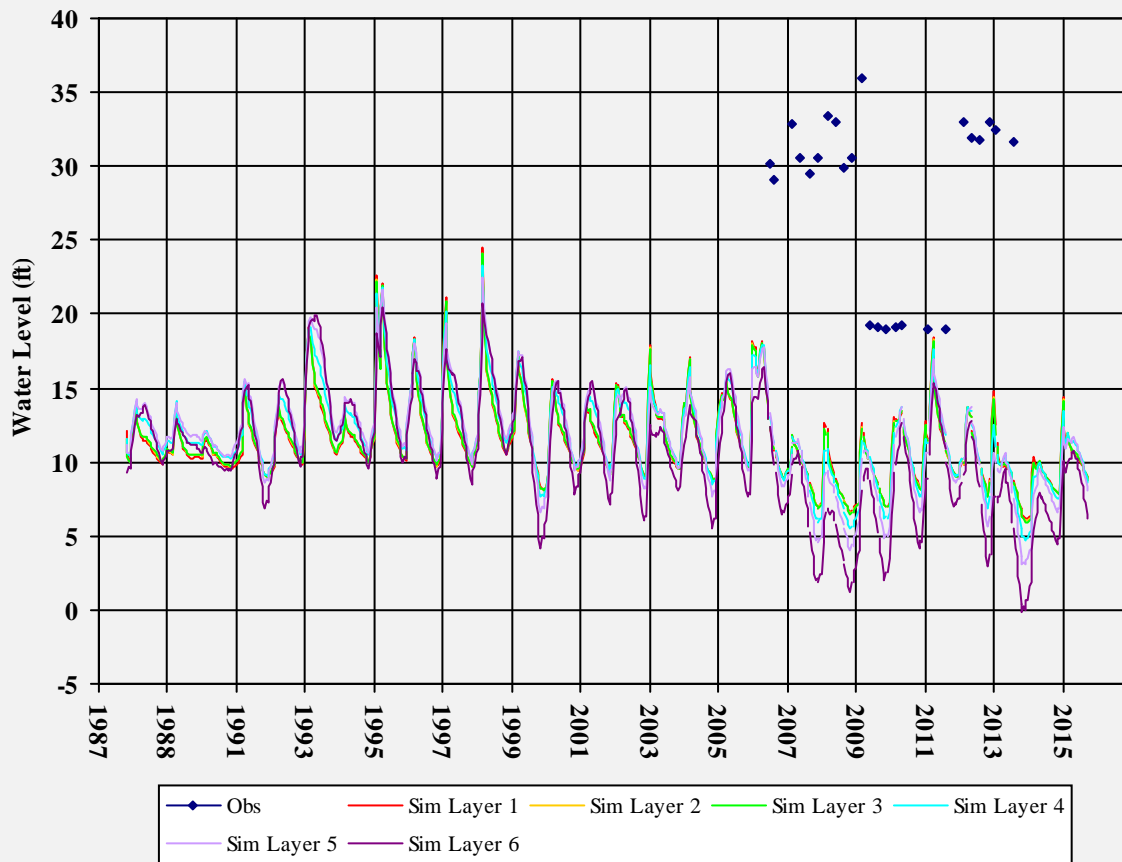


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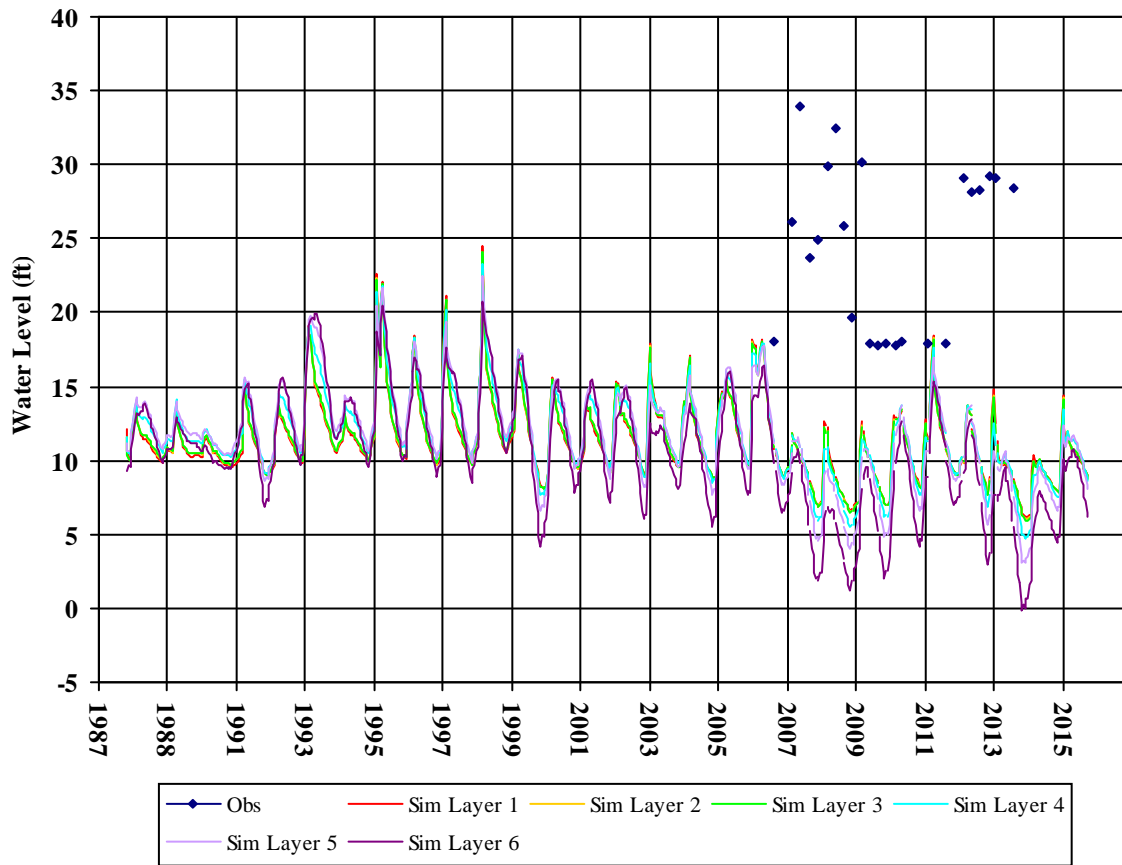
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Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500044EX-5



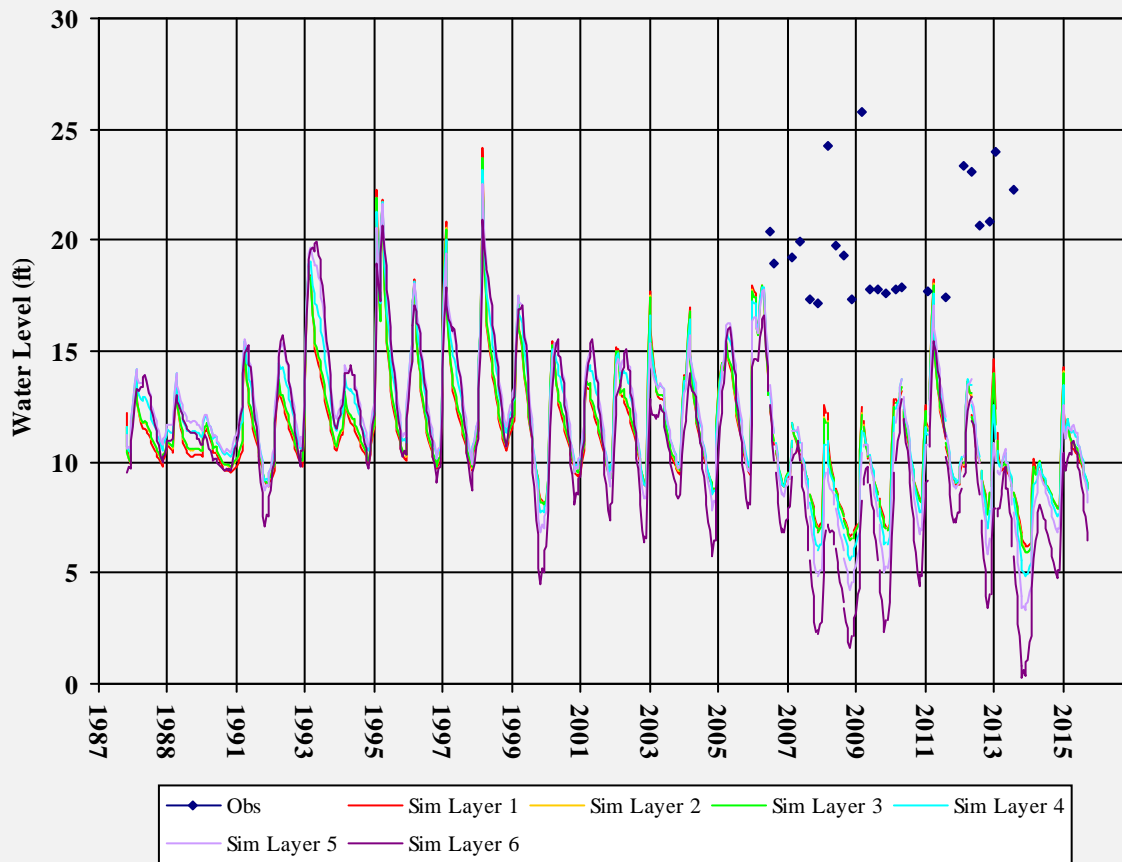
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Top Perf:  
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Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500044EX-6



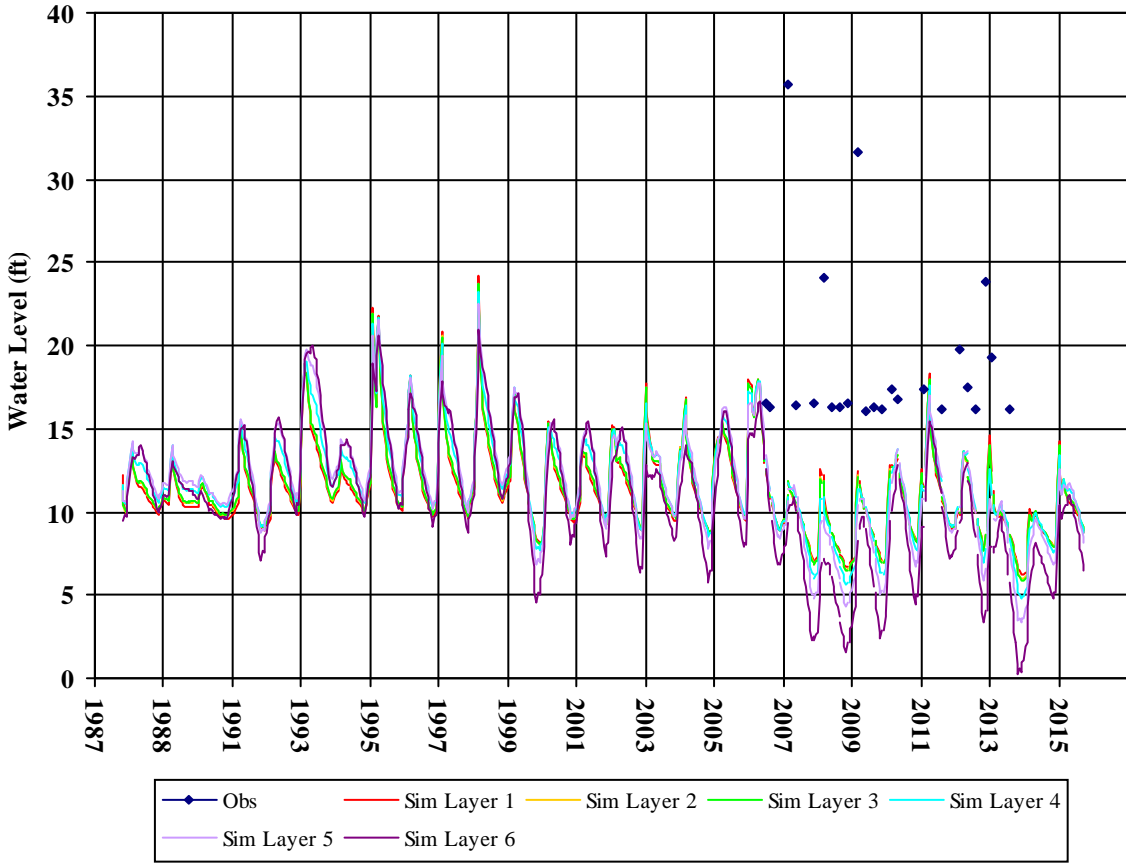
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Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500044EX-7



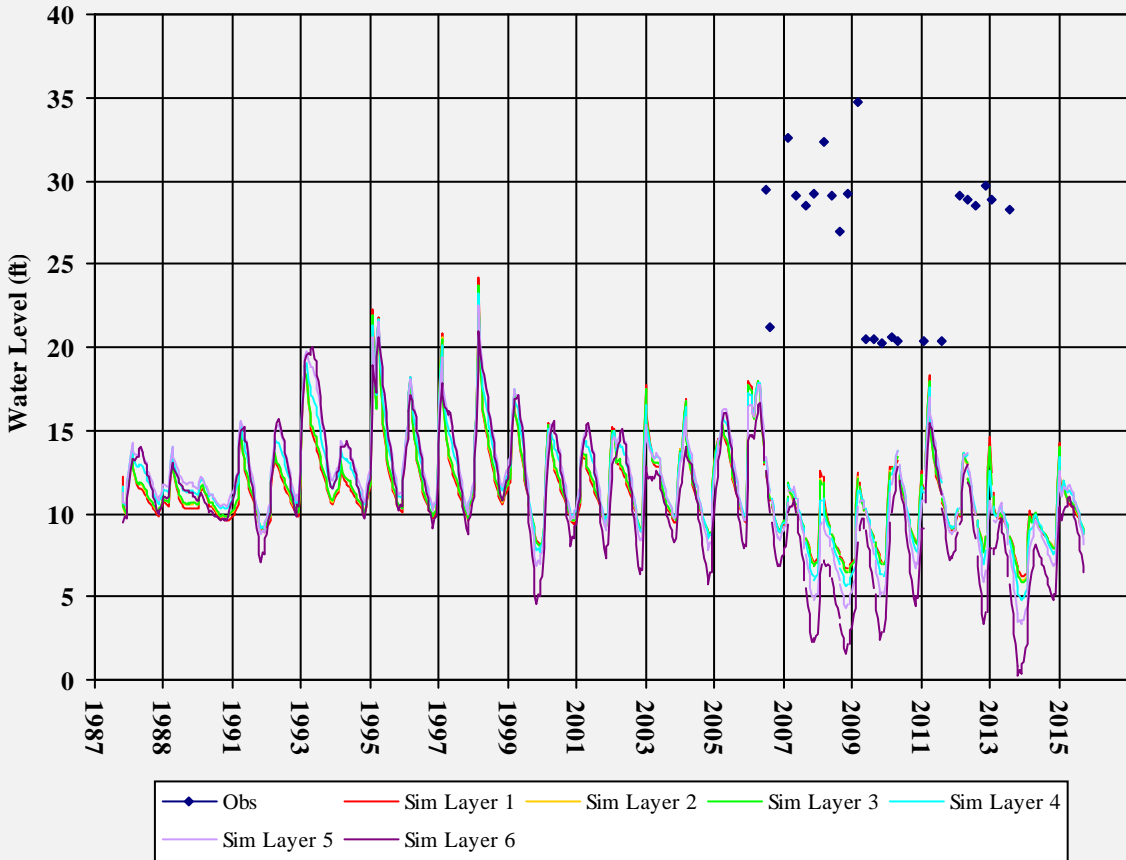
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Hole Depth:  
Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500044EX-8



Well Depth: 27.56  
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Top Perf:  
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Est Model Layer: 1

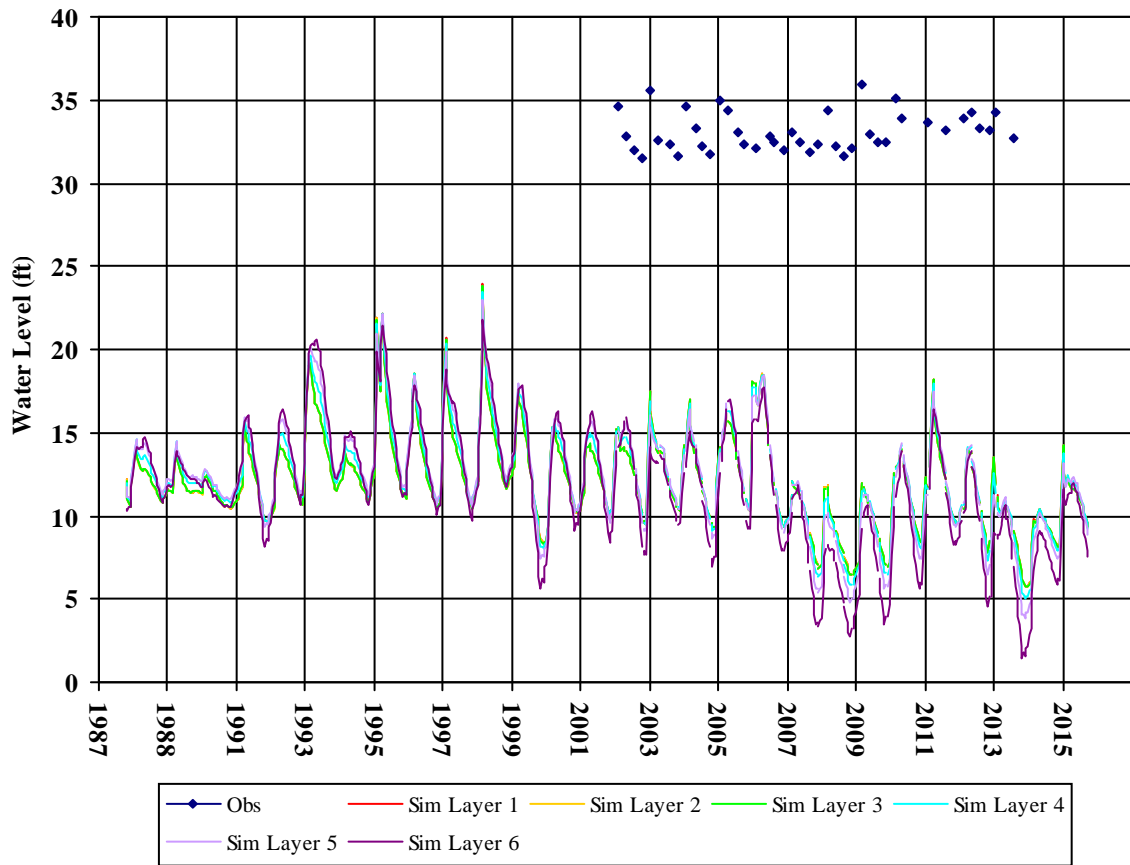
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Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

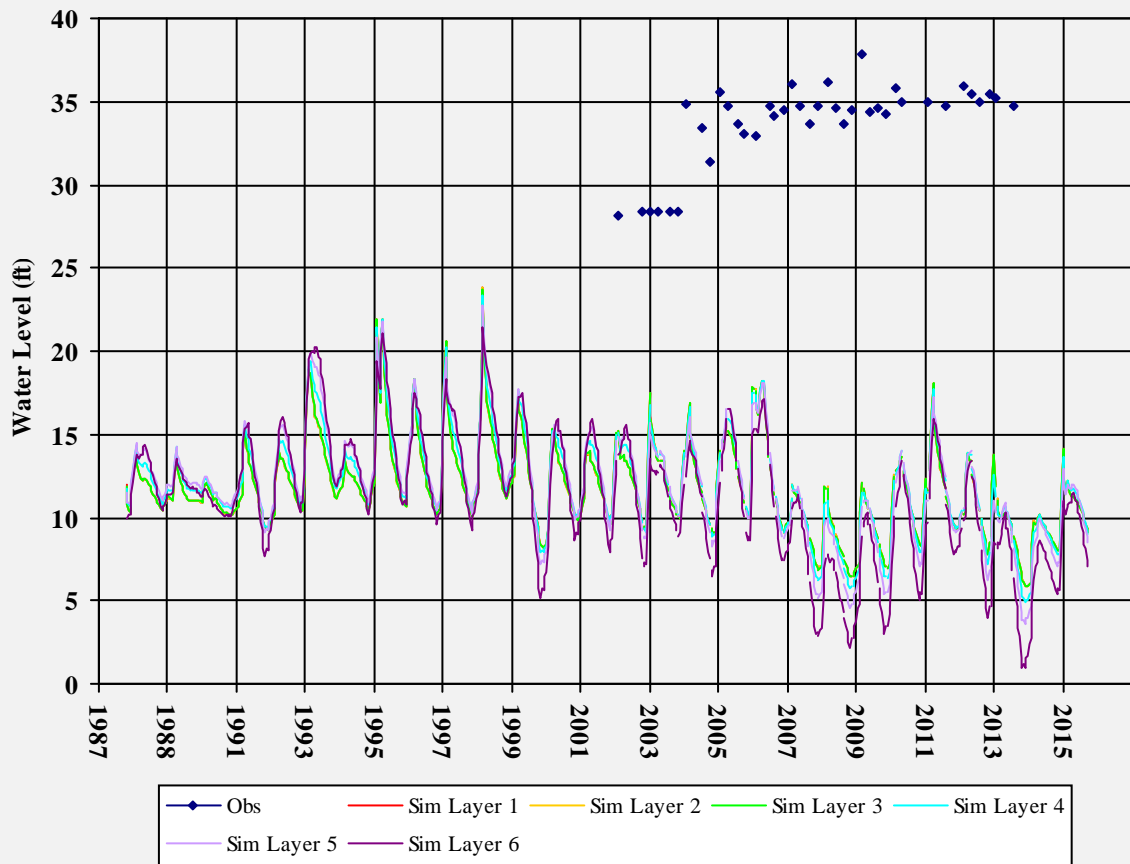
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Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

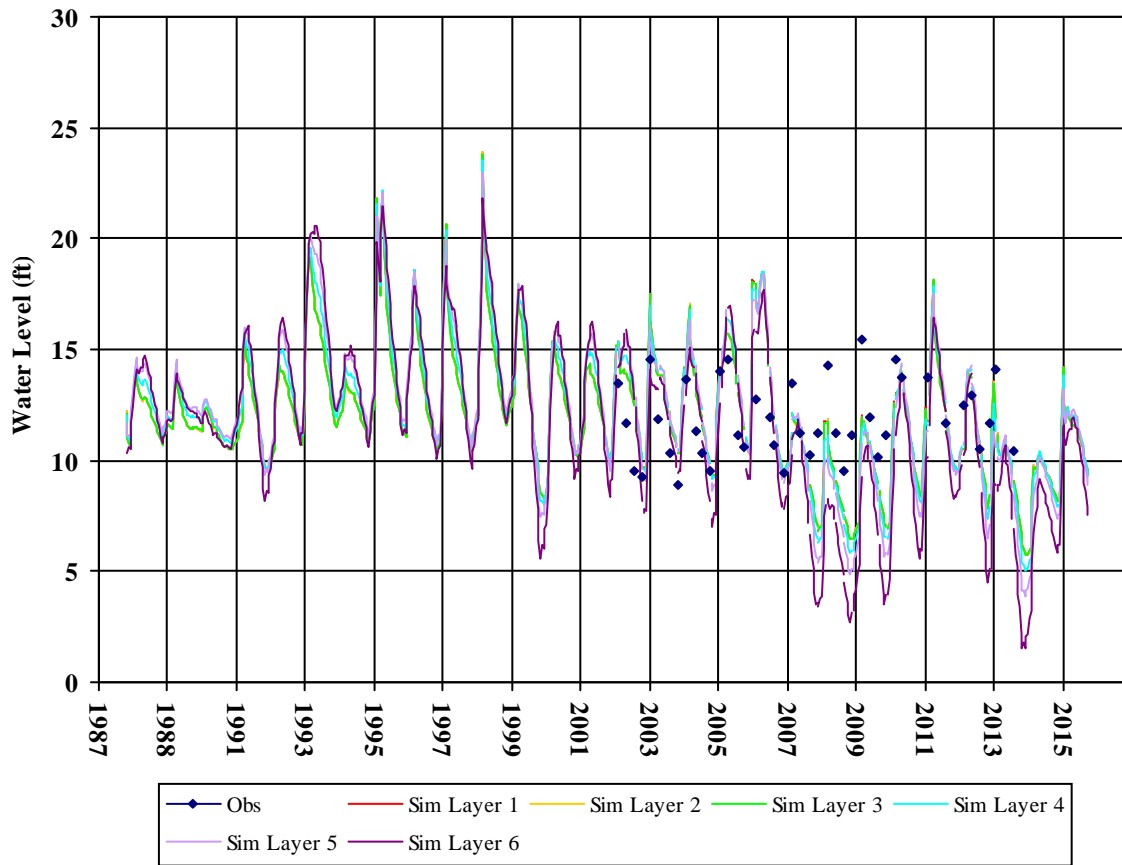


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Top Perf:  
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Est Model Layer: 1

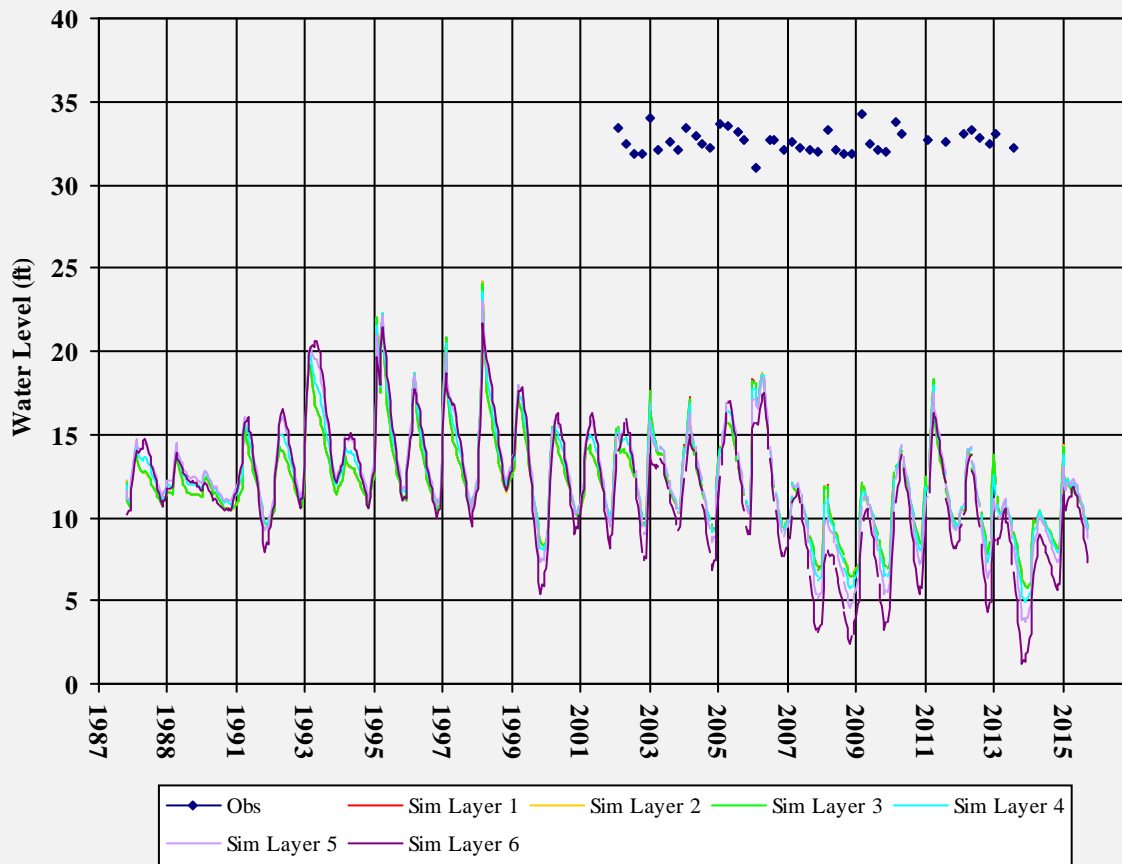


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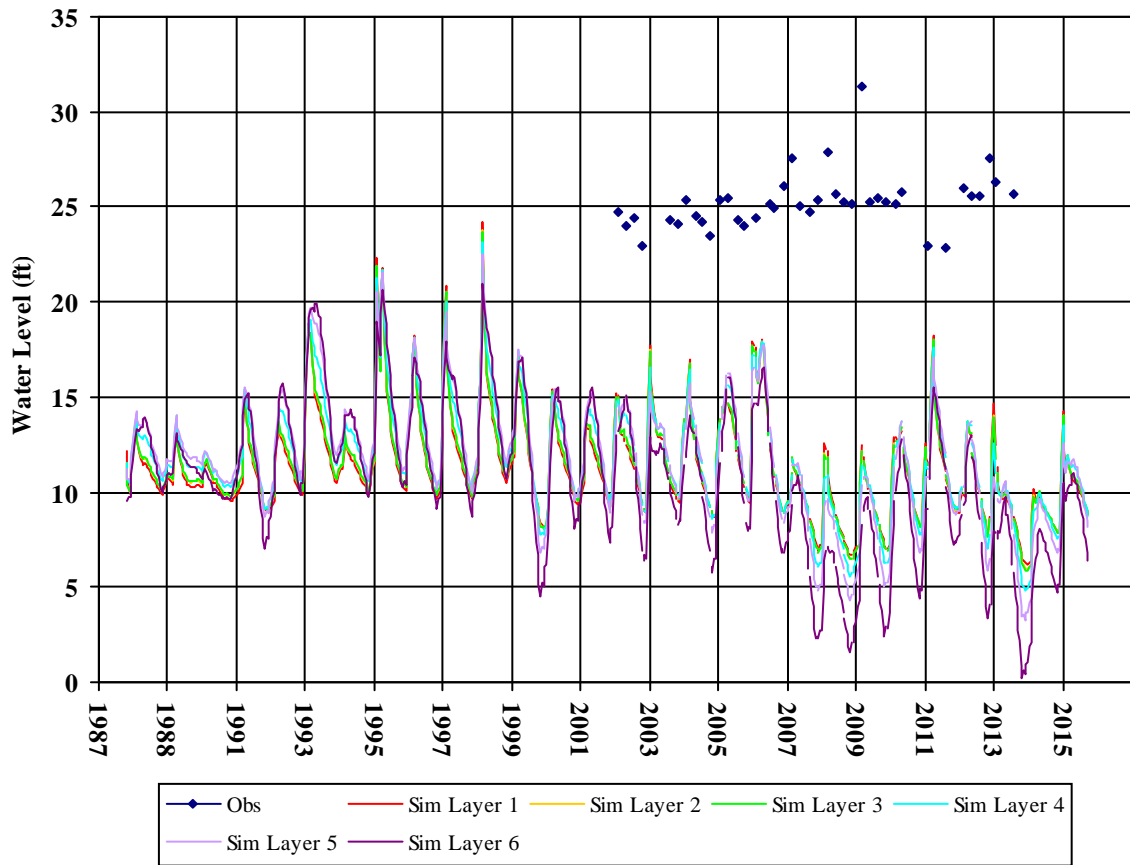
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Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500044MW-17



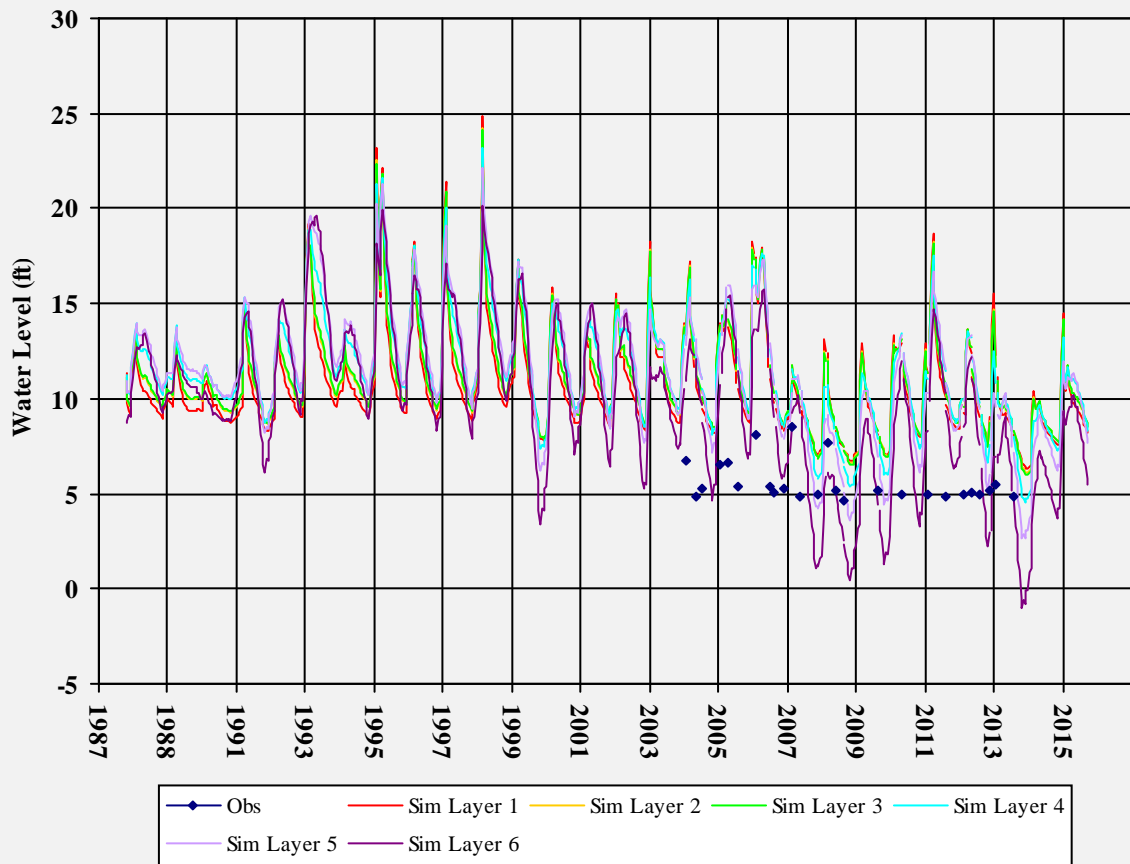
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Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500044MW-18



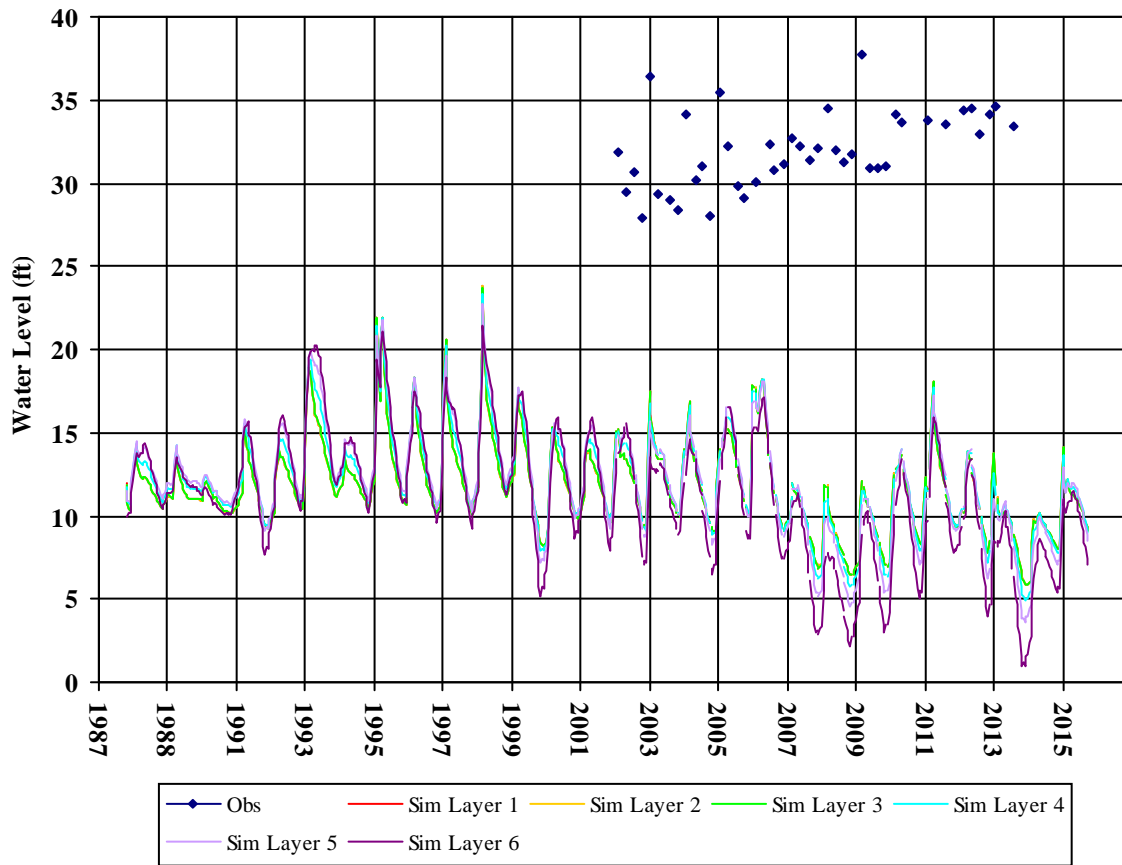
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Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

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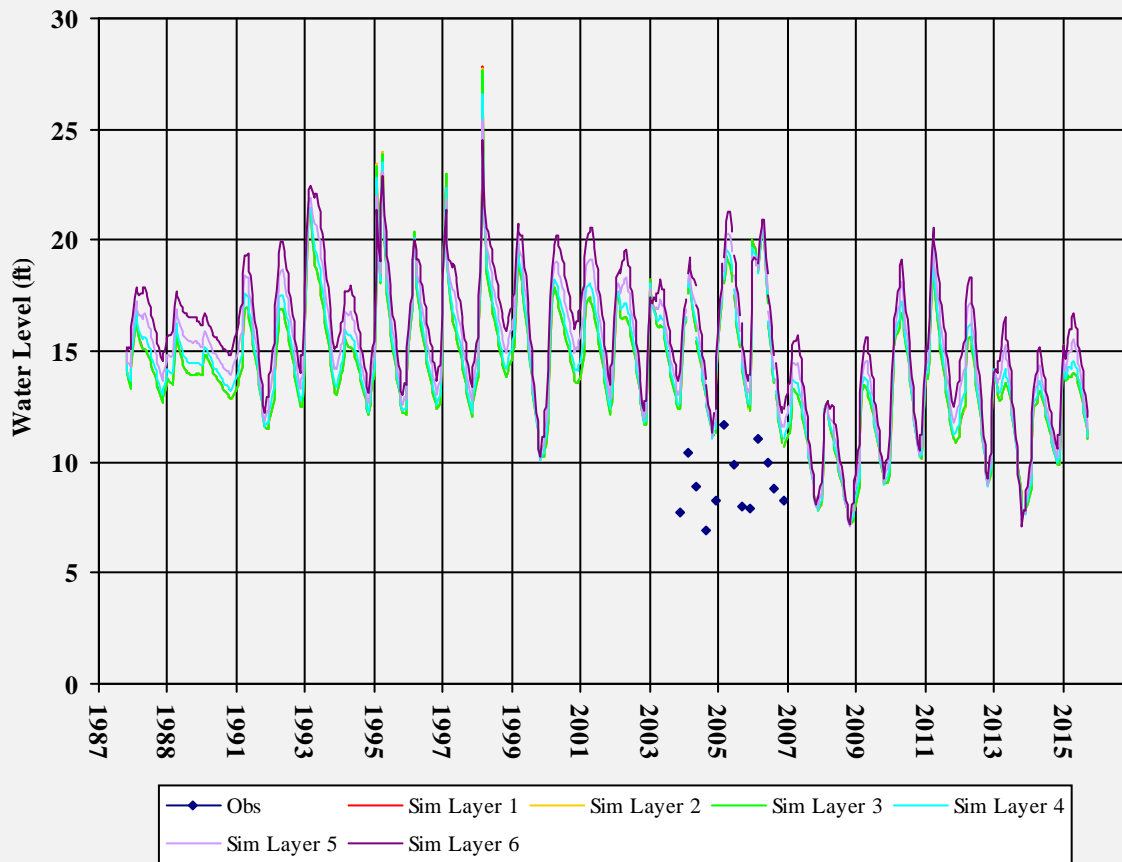


Well Depth: 21.14  
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Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

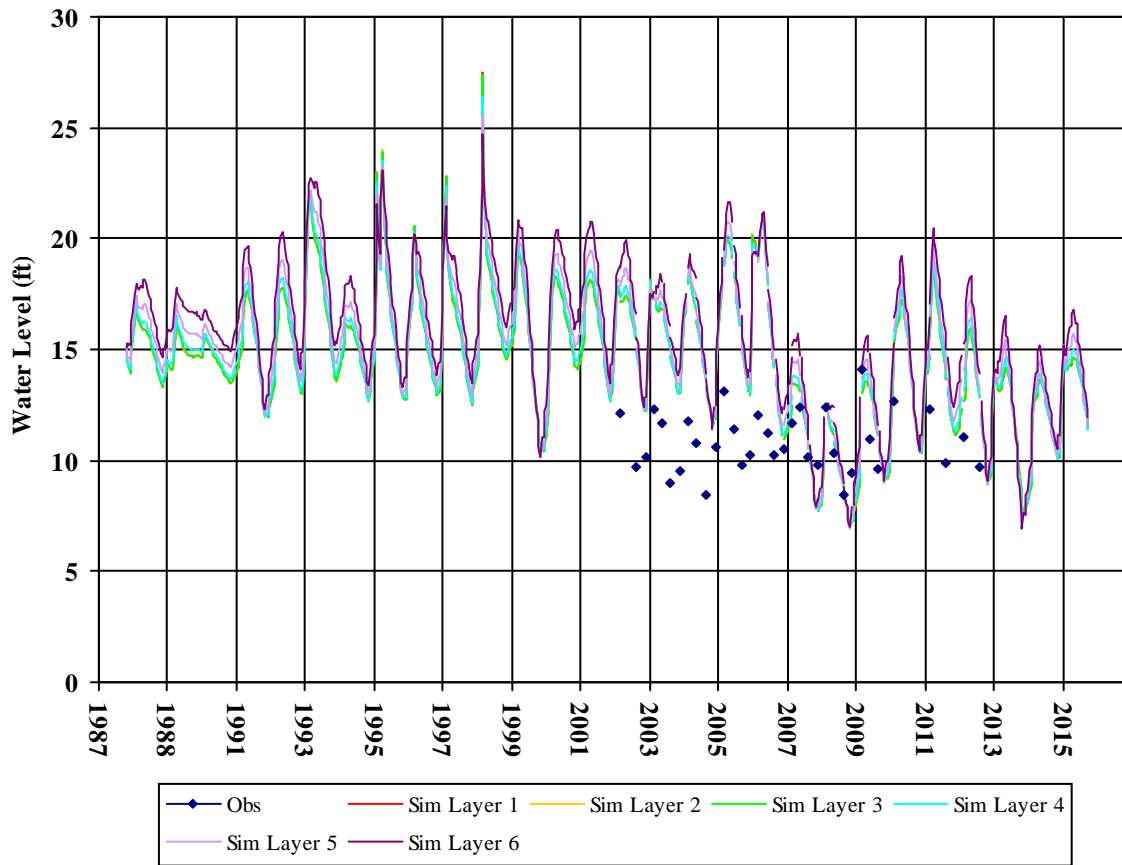
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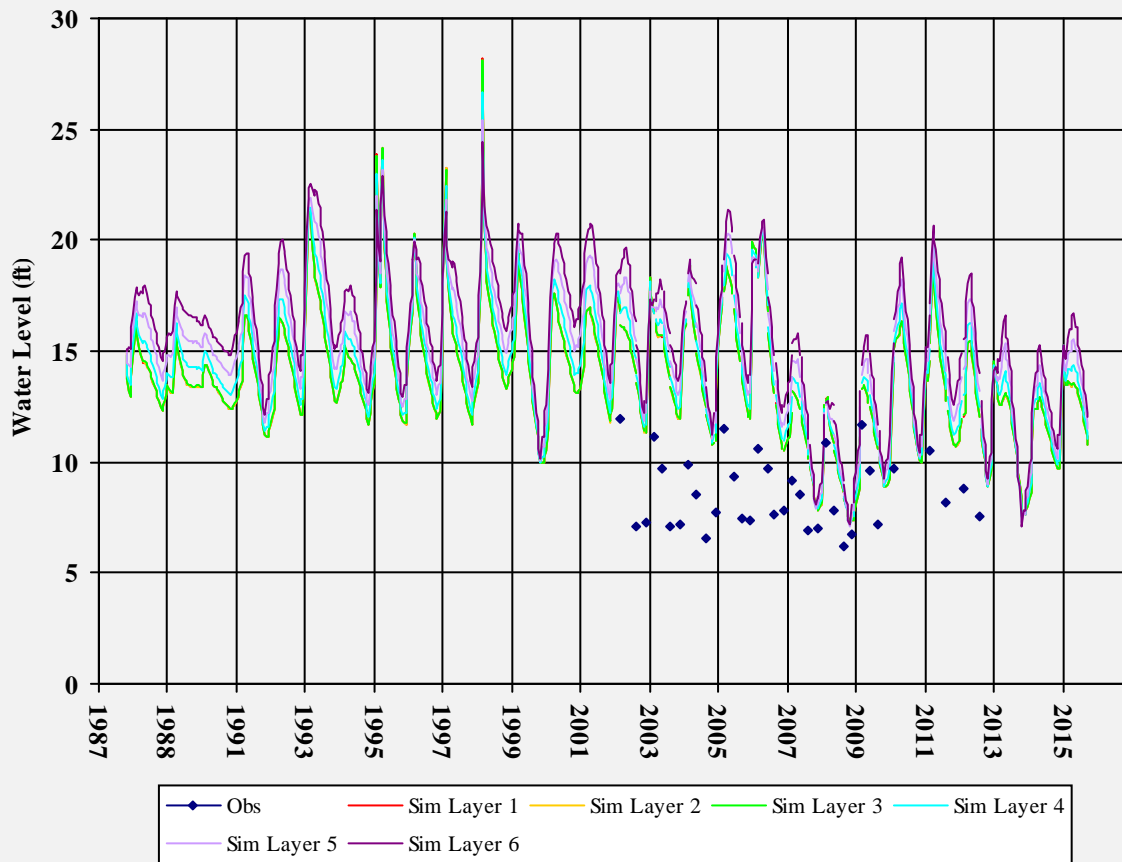
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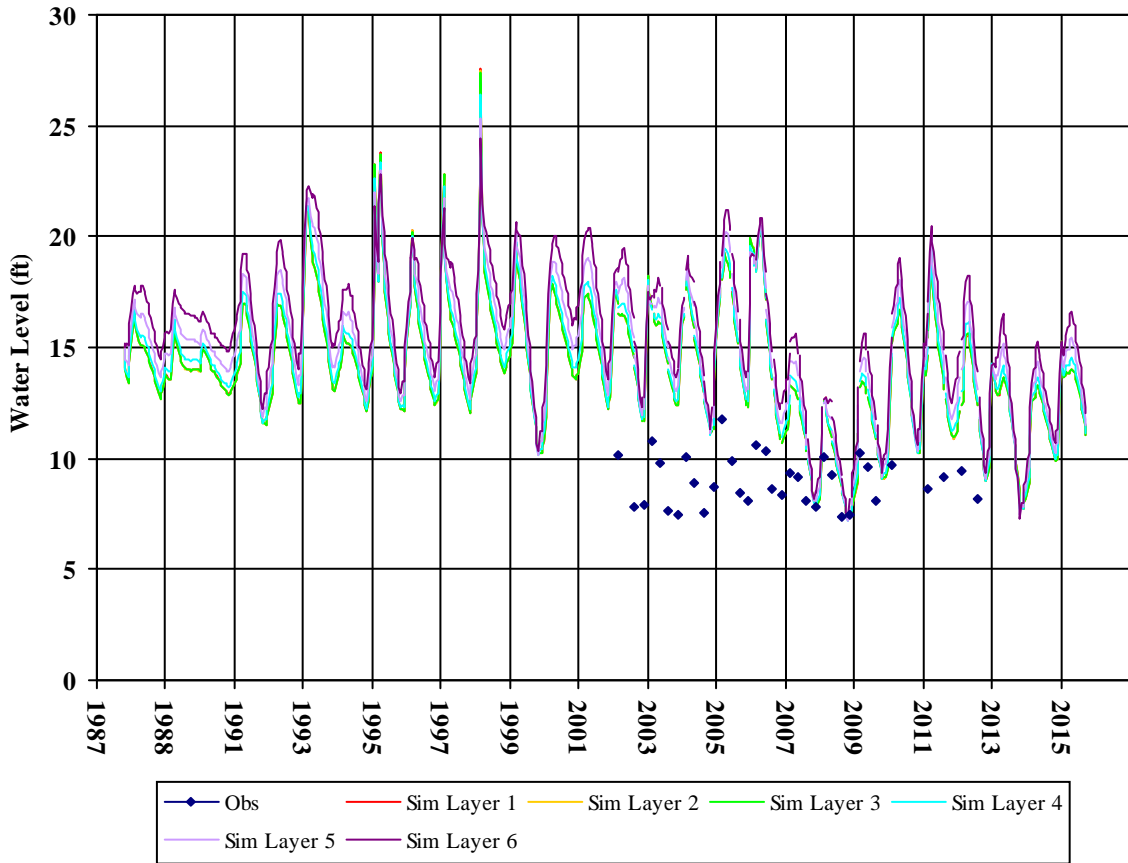
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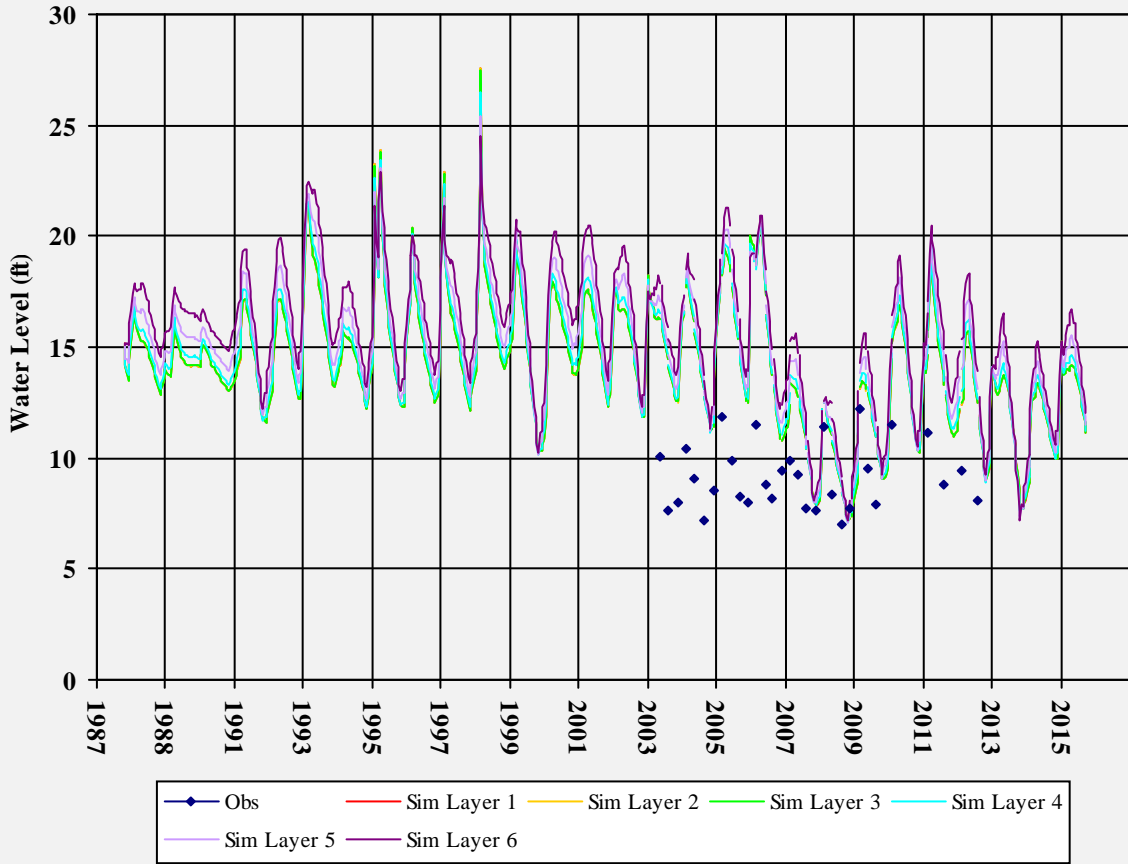
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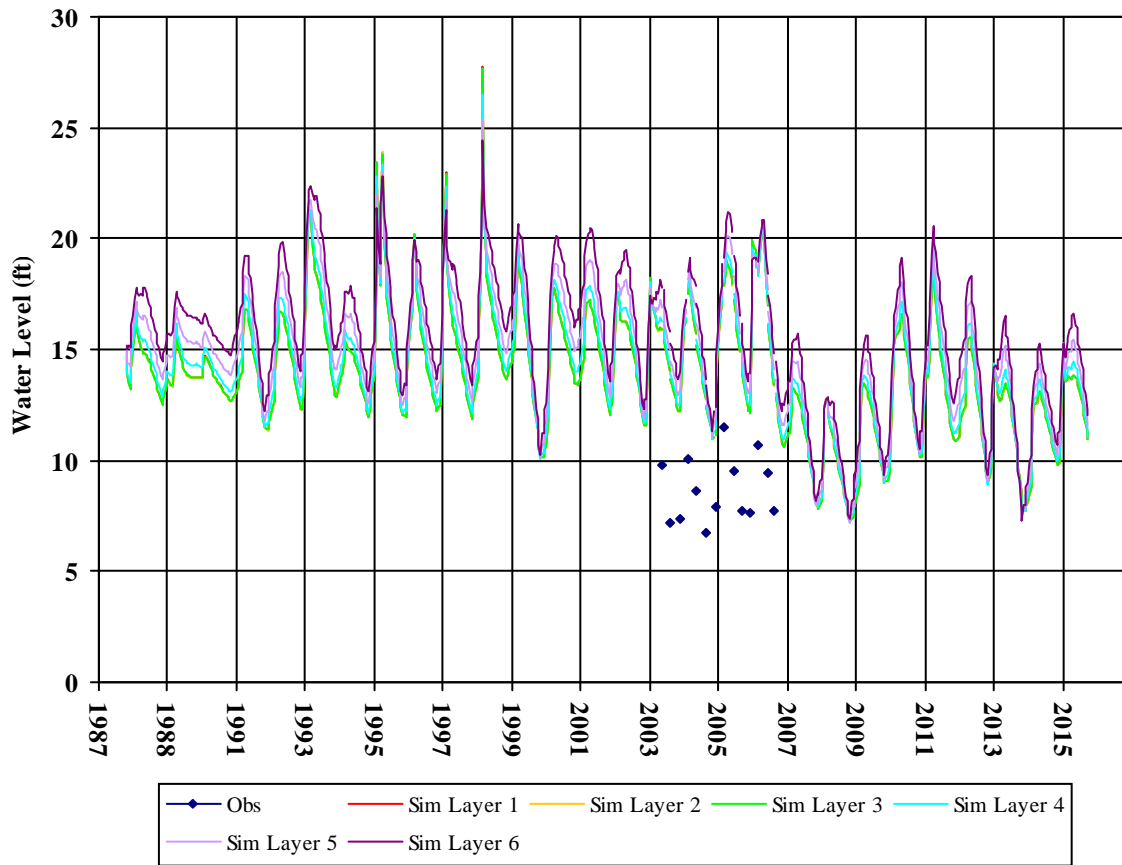


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Top Perf:  
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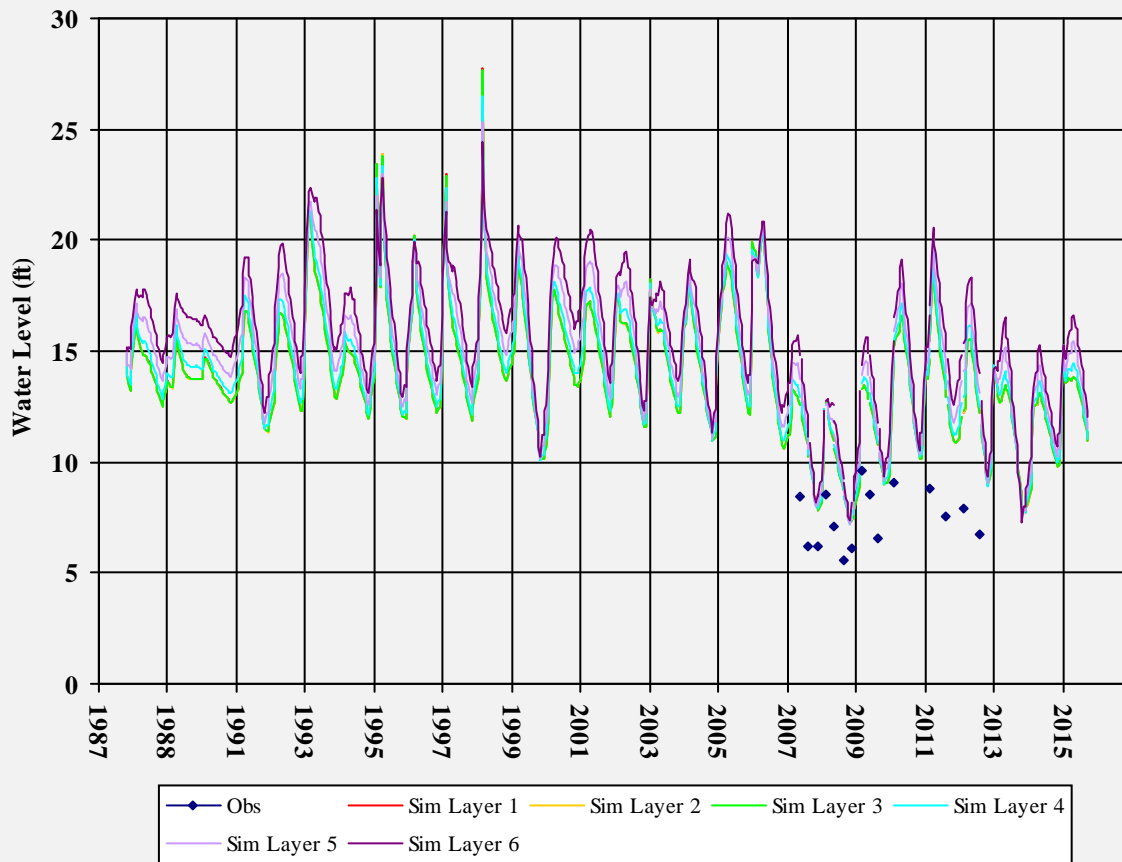


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Est Model Layer: 1

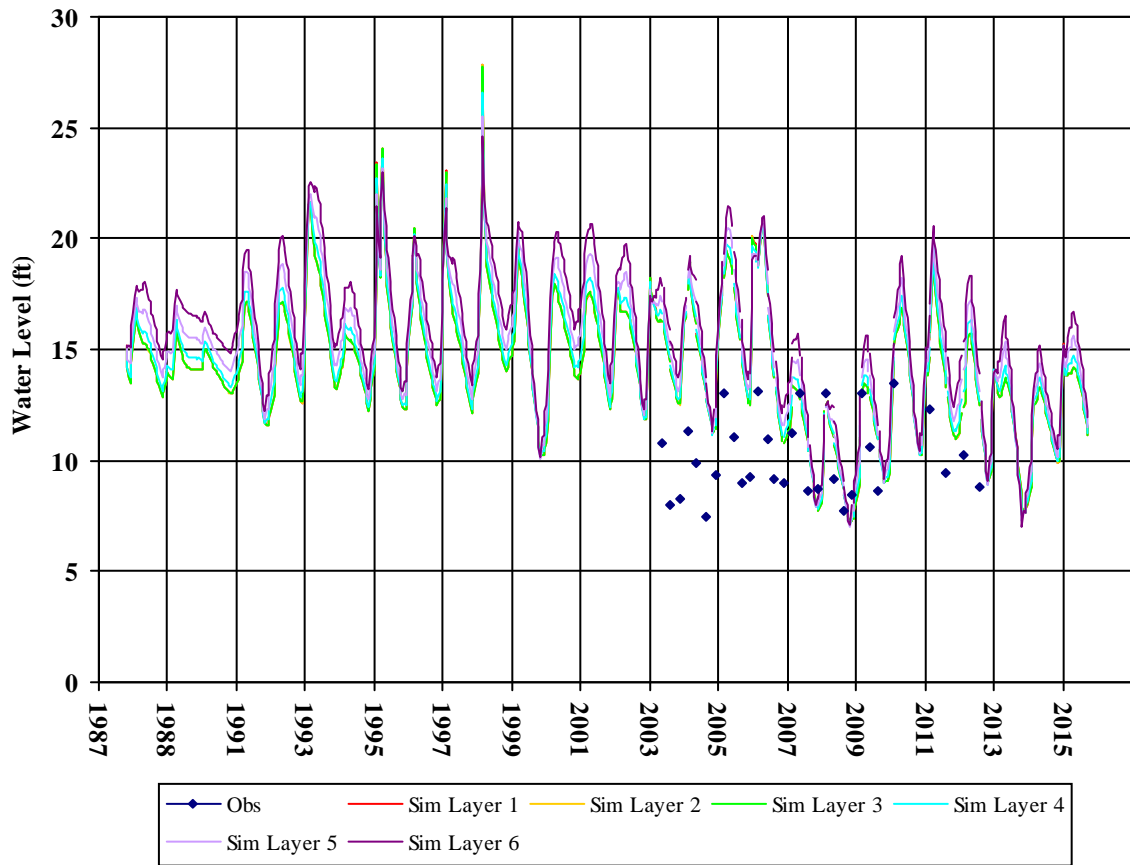
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Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

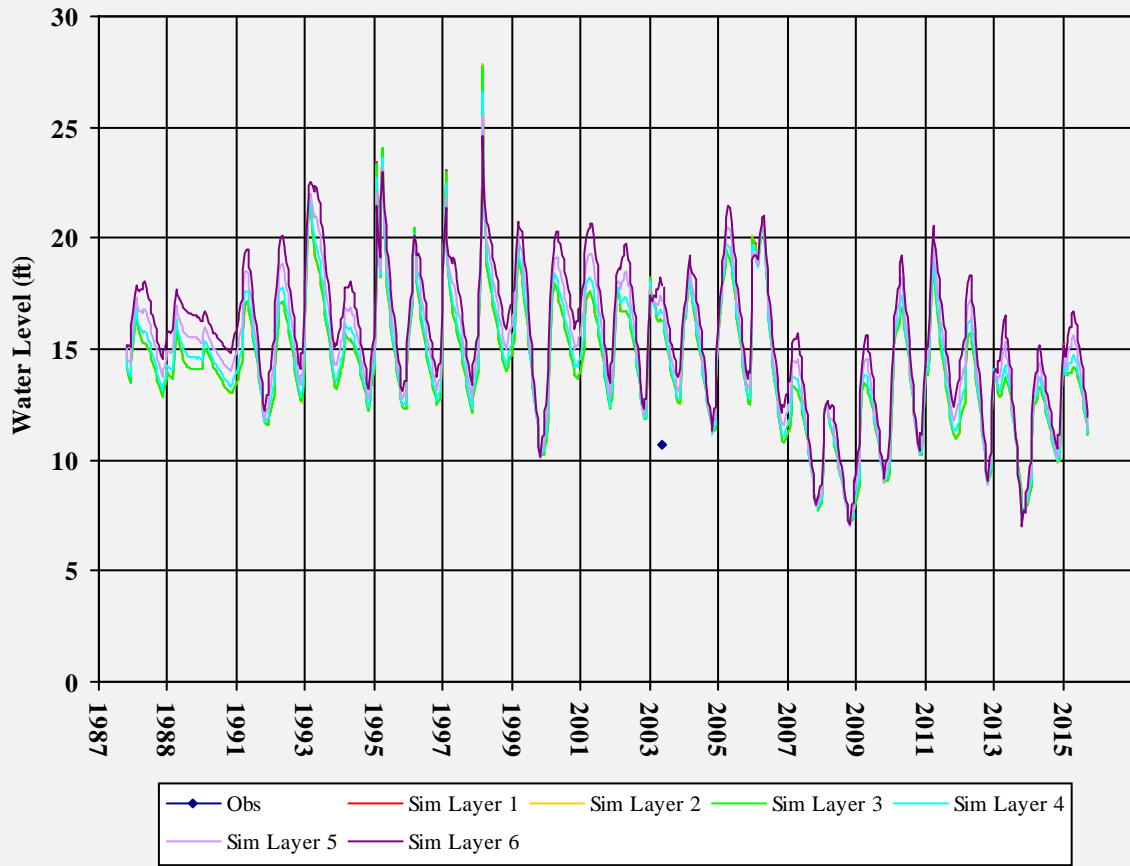
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Top Perf:  
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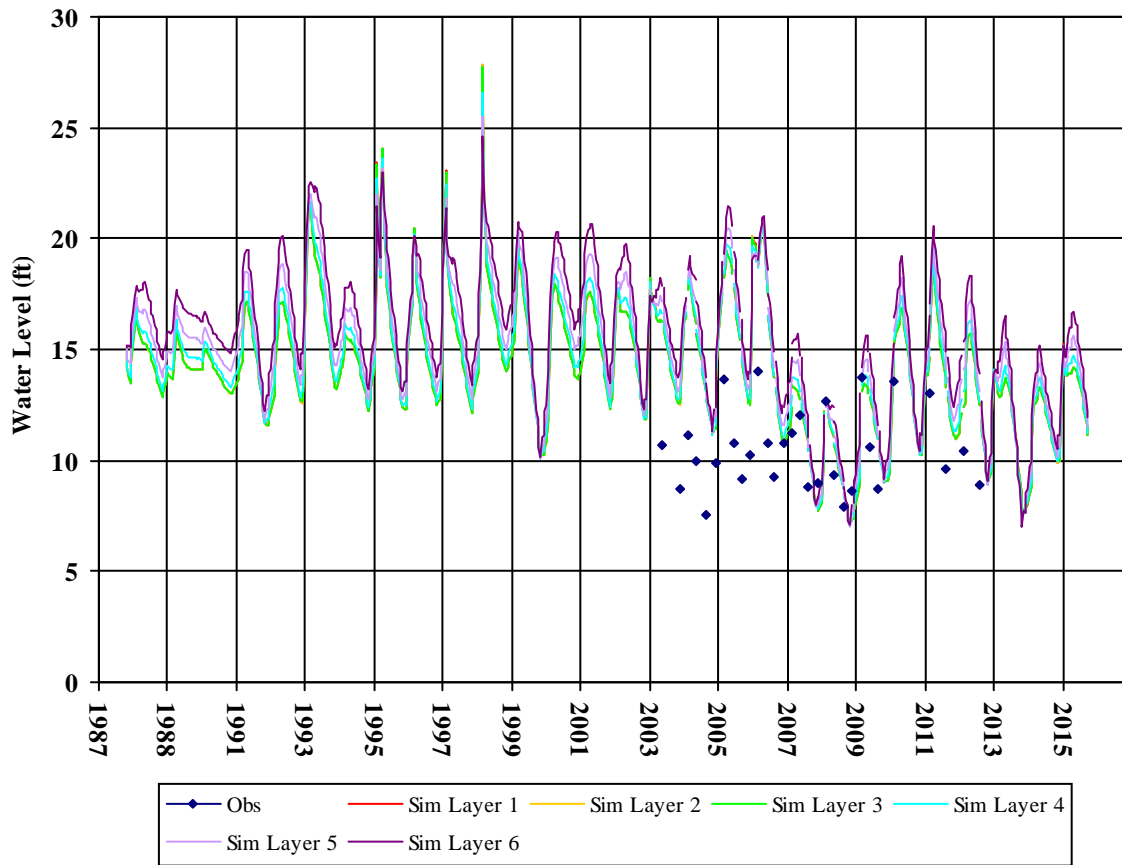


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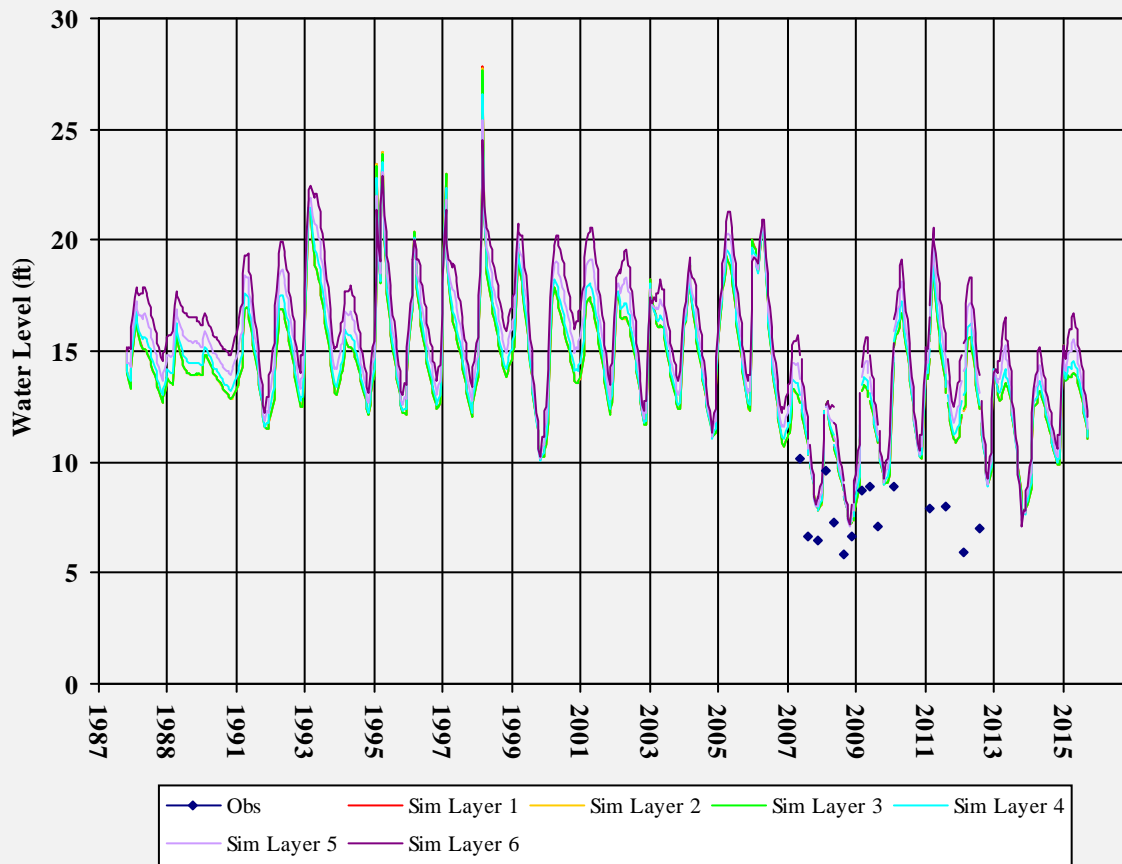


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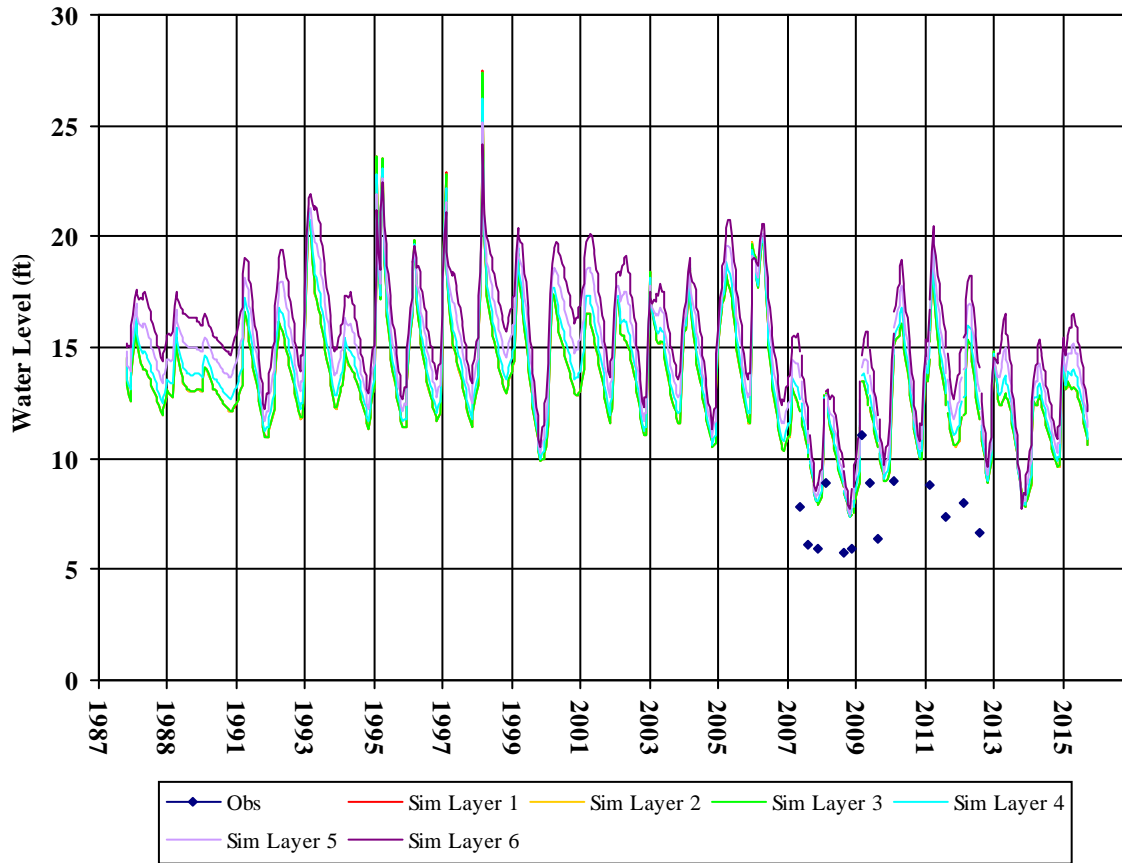
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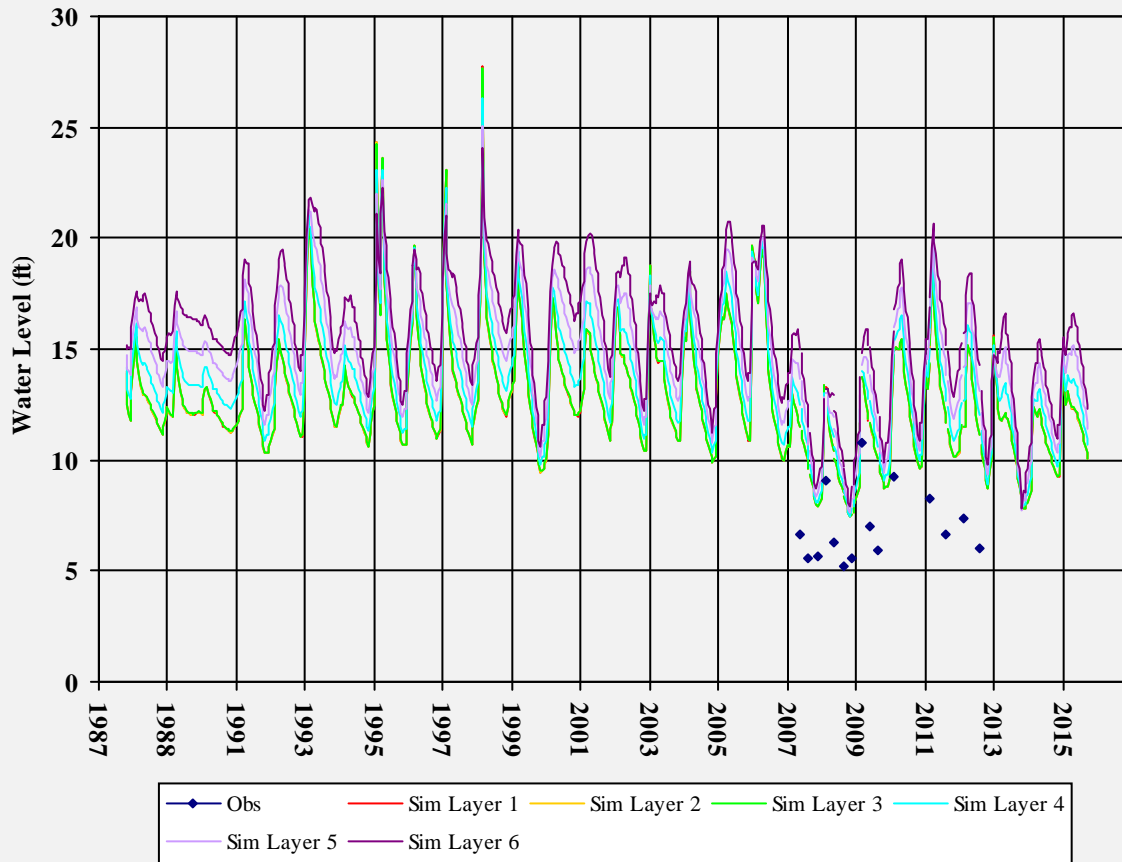
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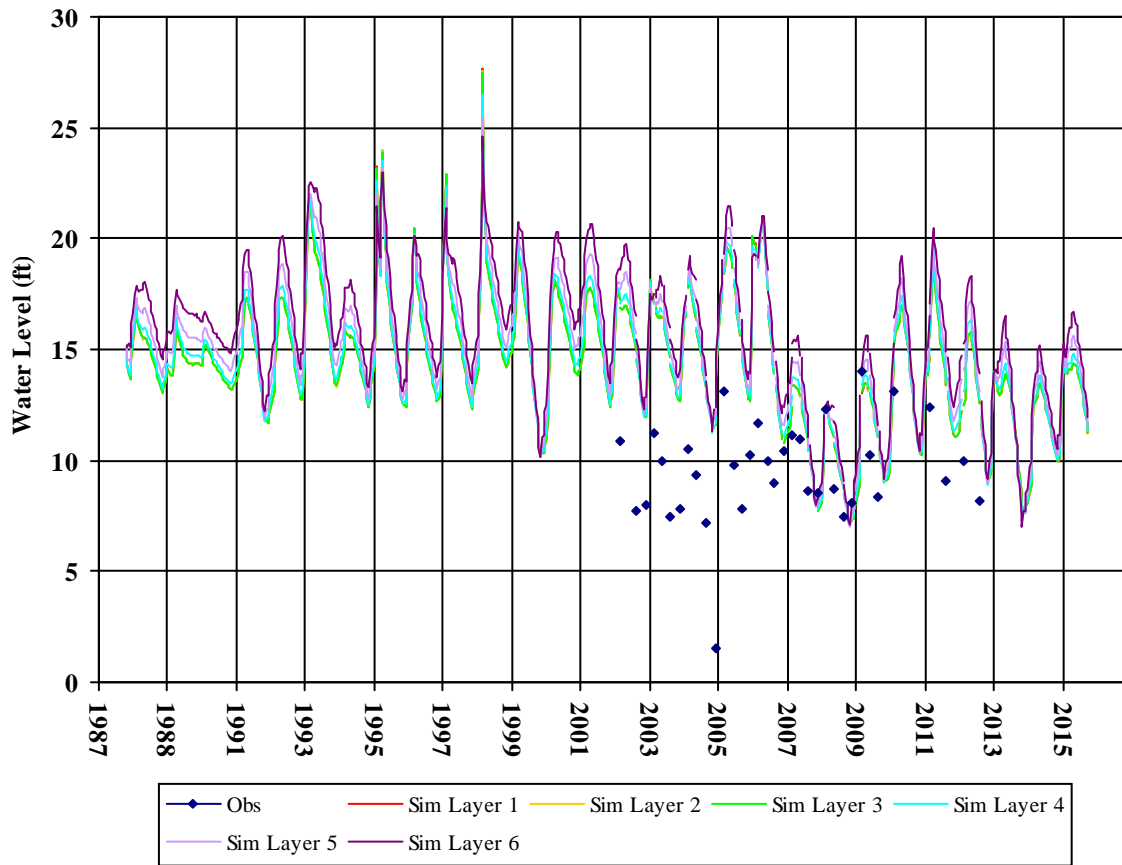


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Top Perf:  
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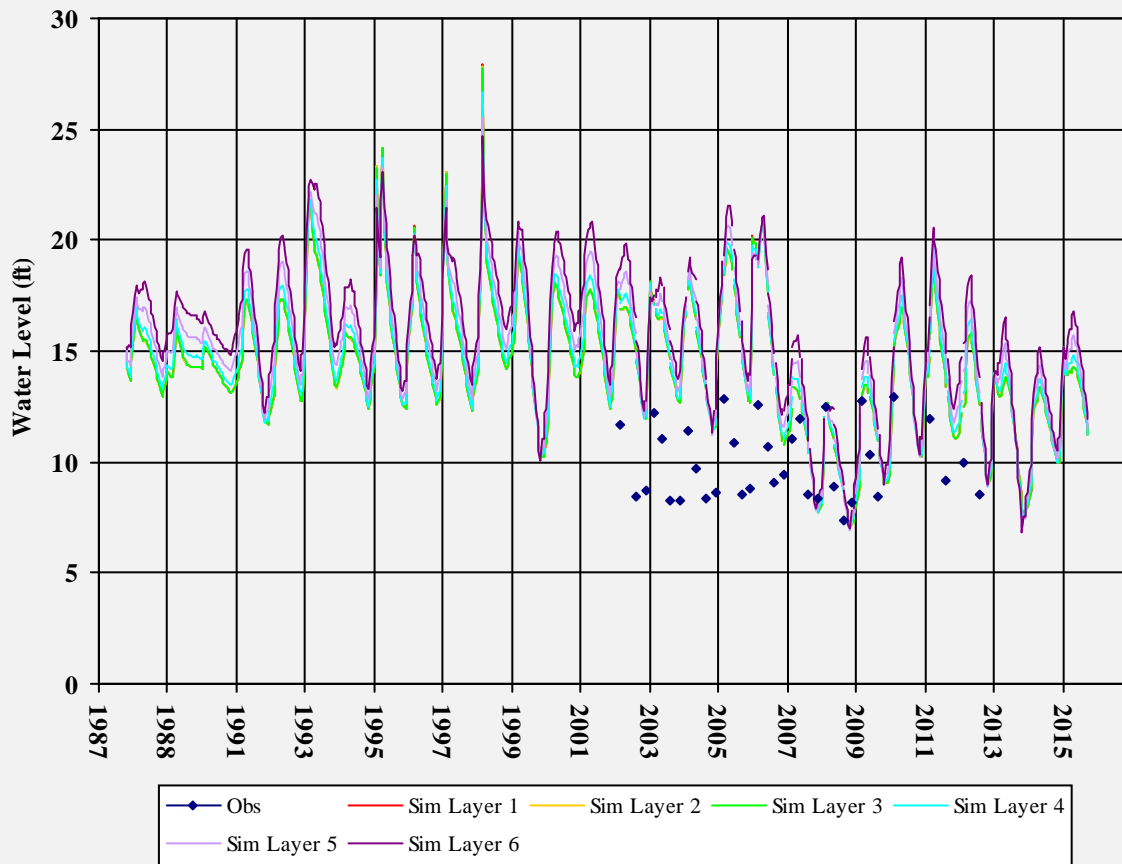


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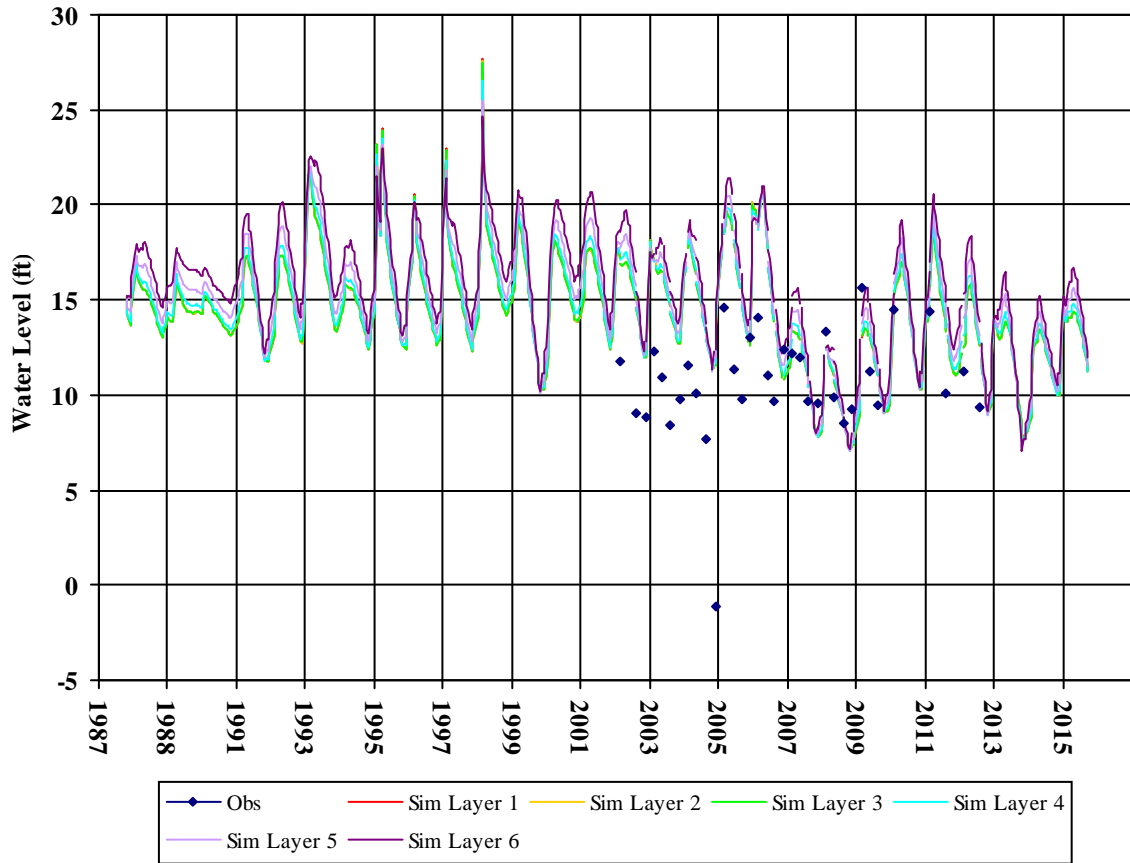
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T0605500110MW-4



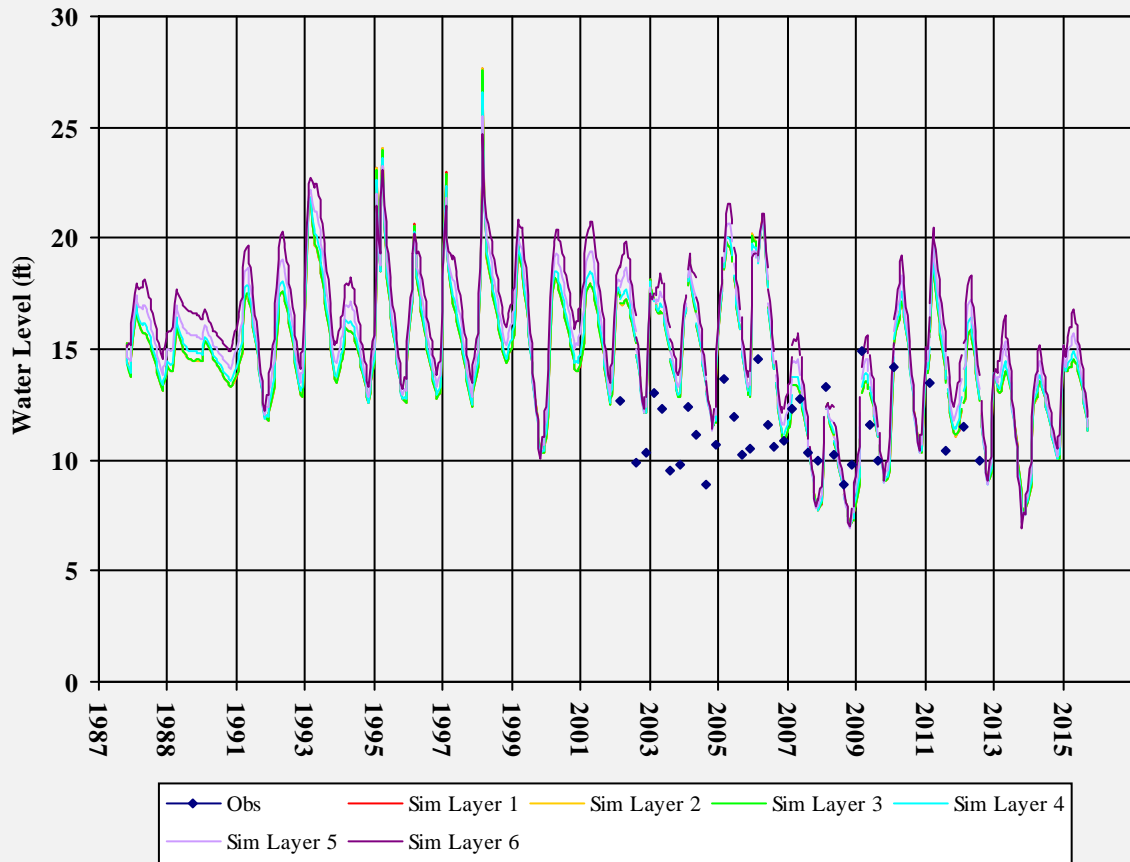
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Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500110MW-5



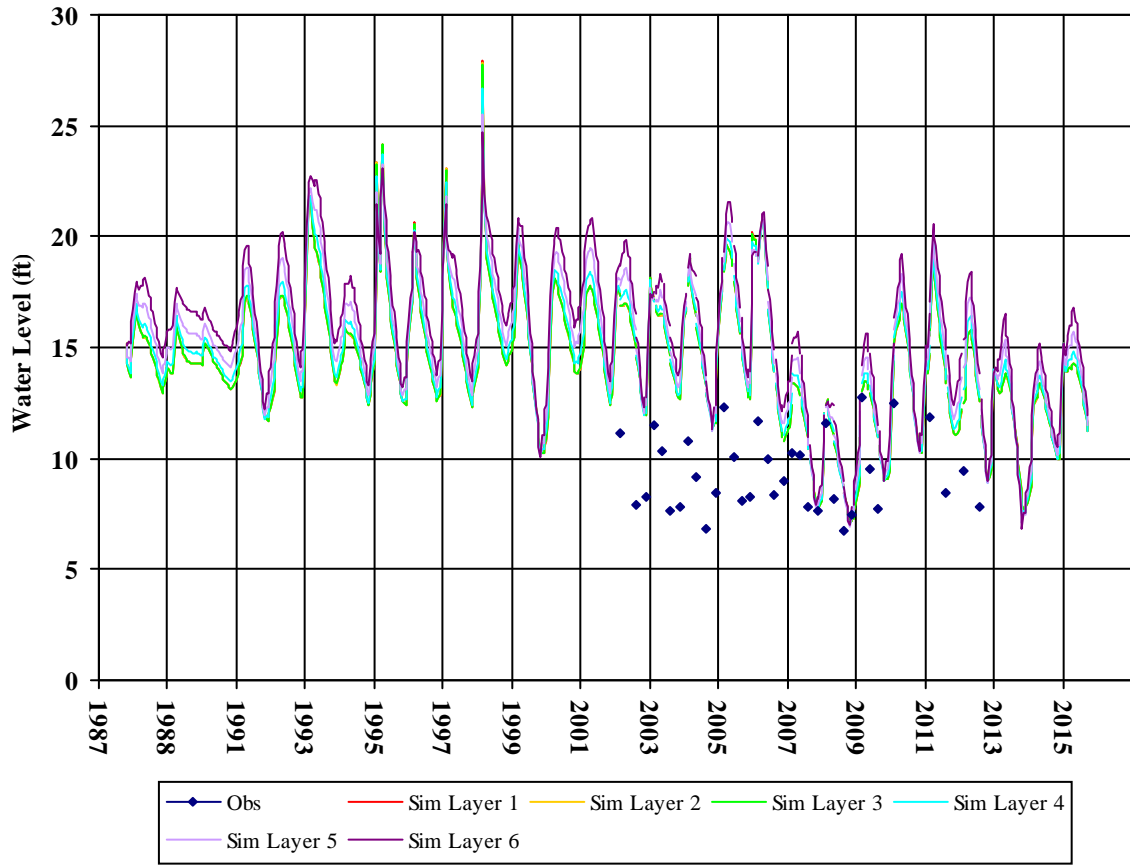
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T0605500110MW-6



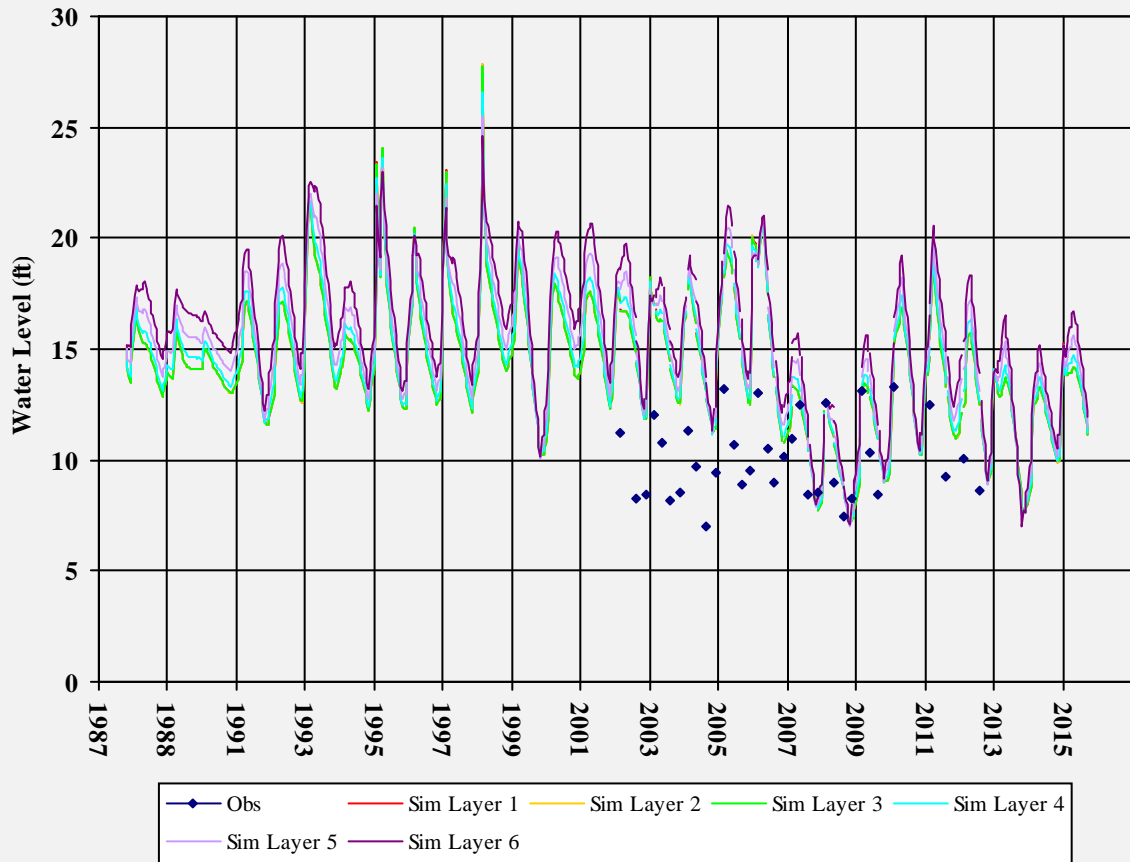
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Est Model Layer: 1

T0605500110MW-7



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Top Perf:  
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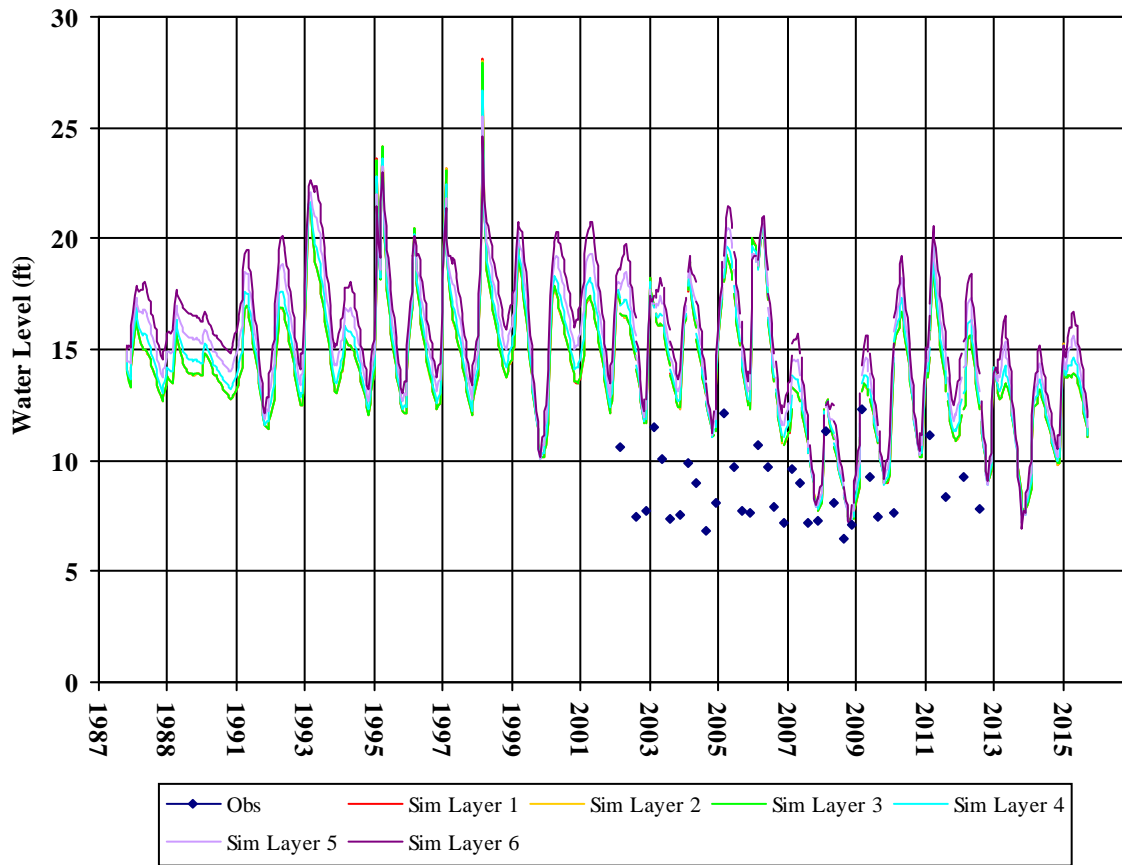
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Top Perf:  
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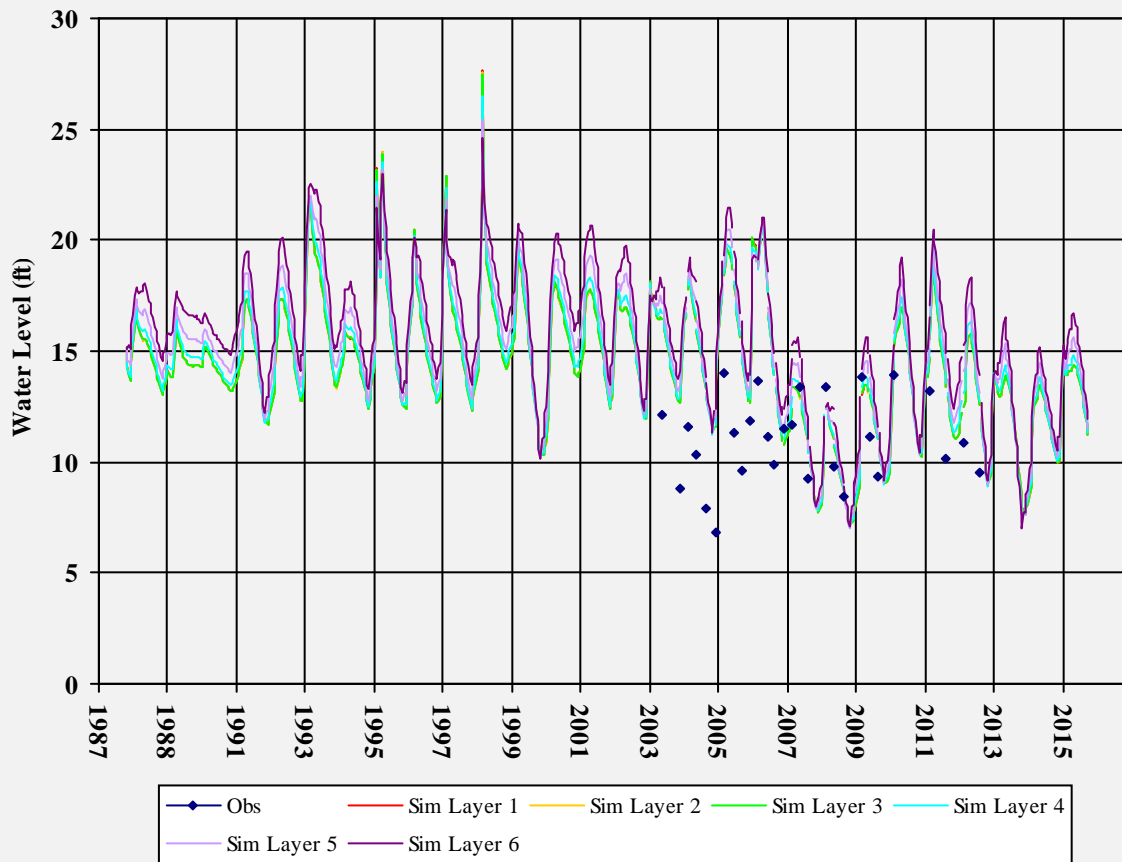


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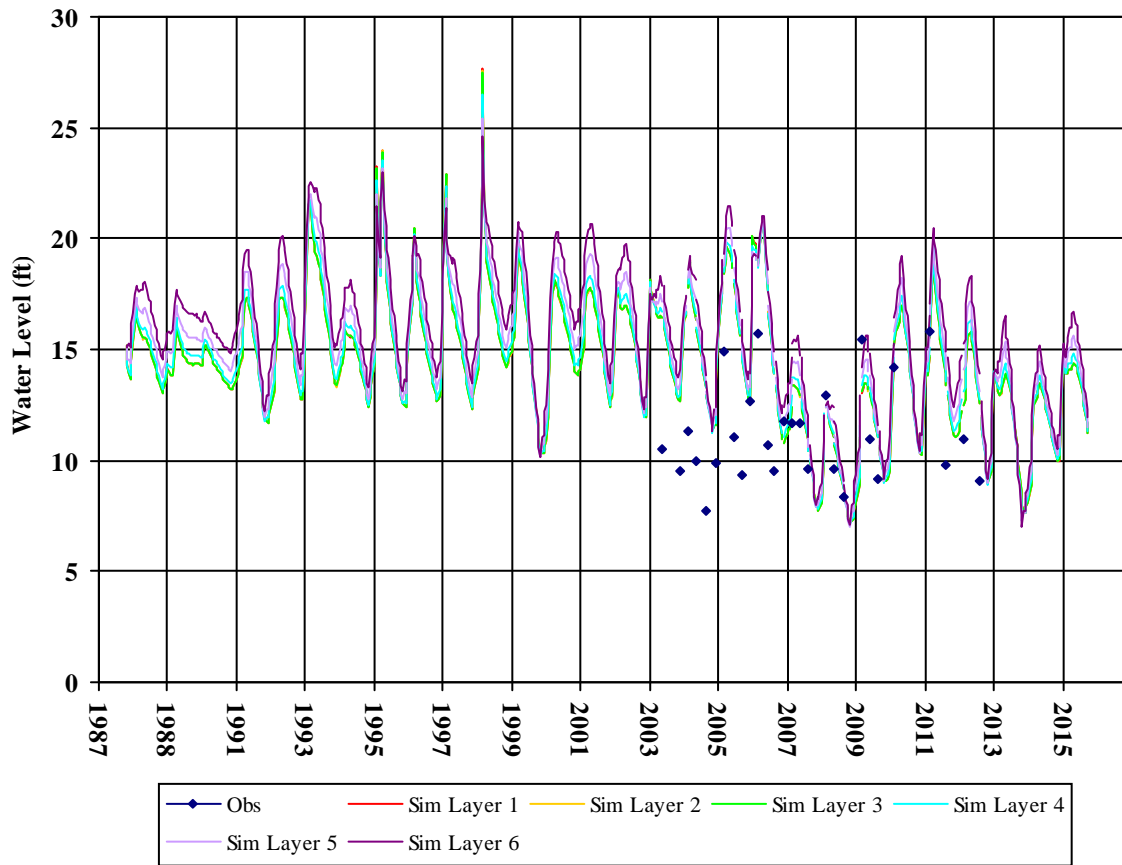
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T0605500110SVE-5



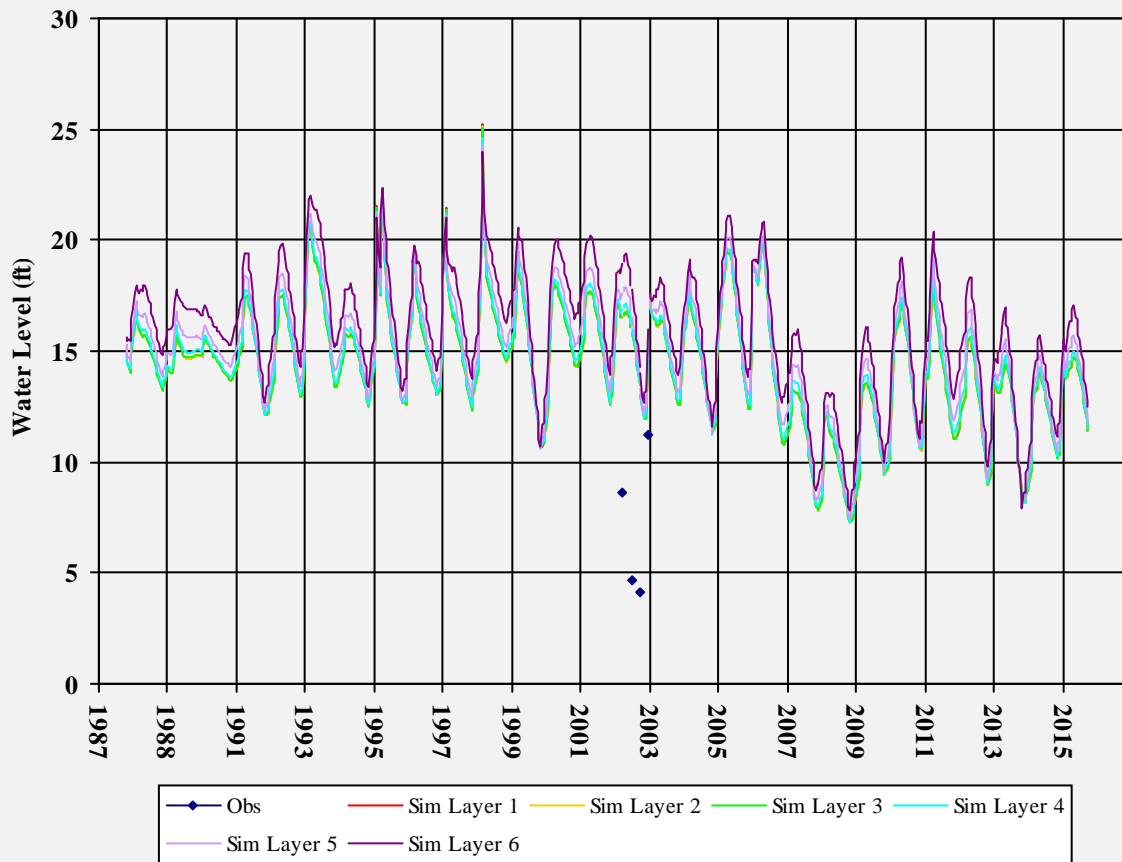
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T0605500110SVE-6



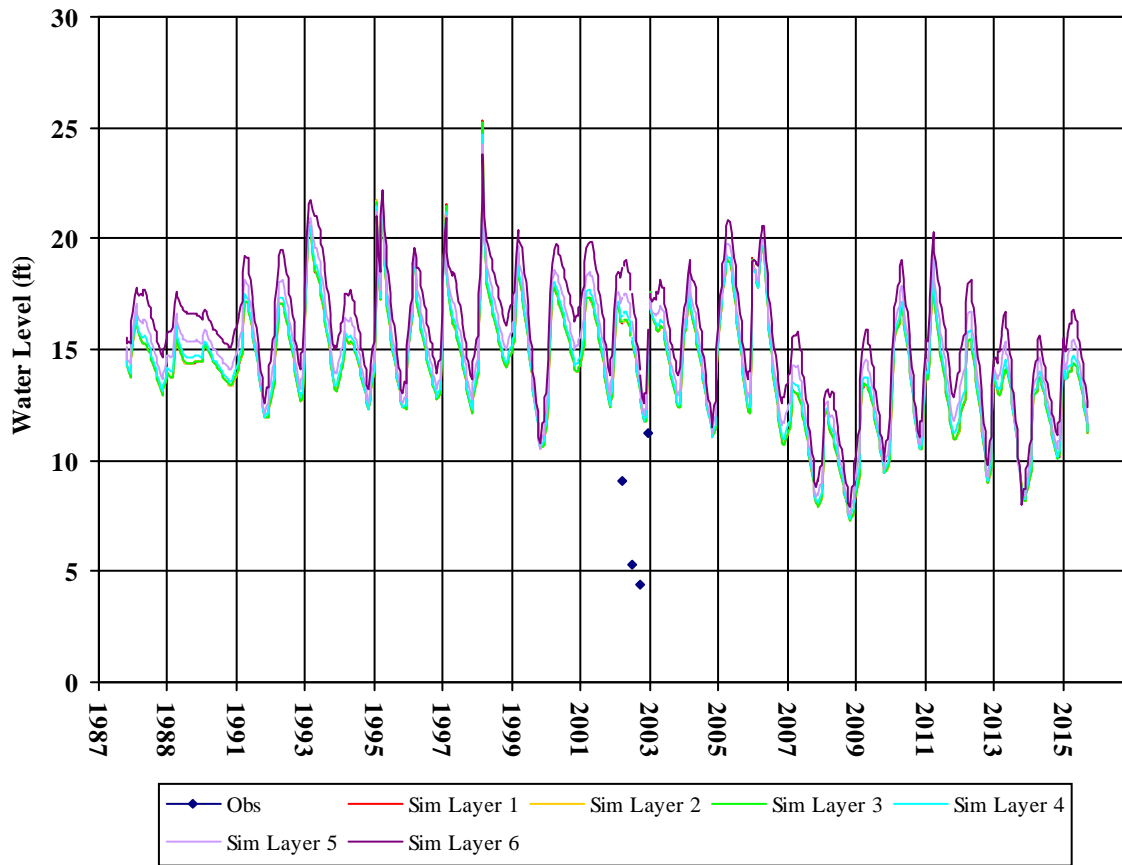
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T0605500111MW-2



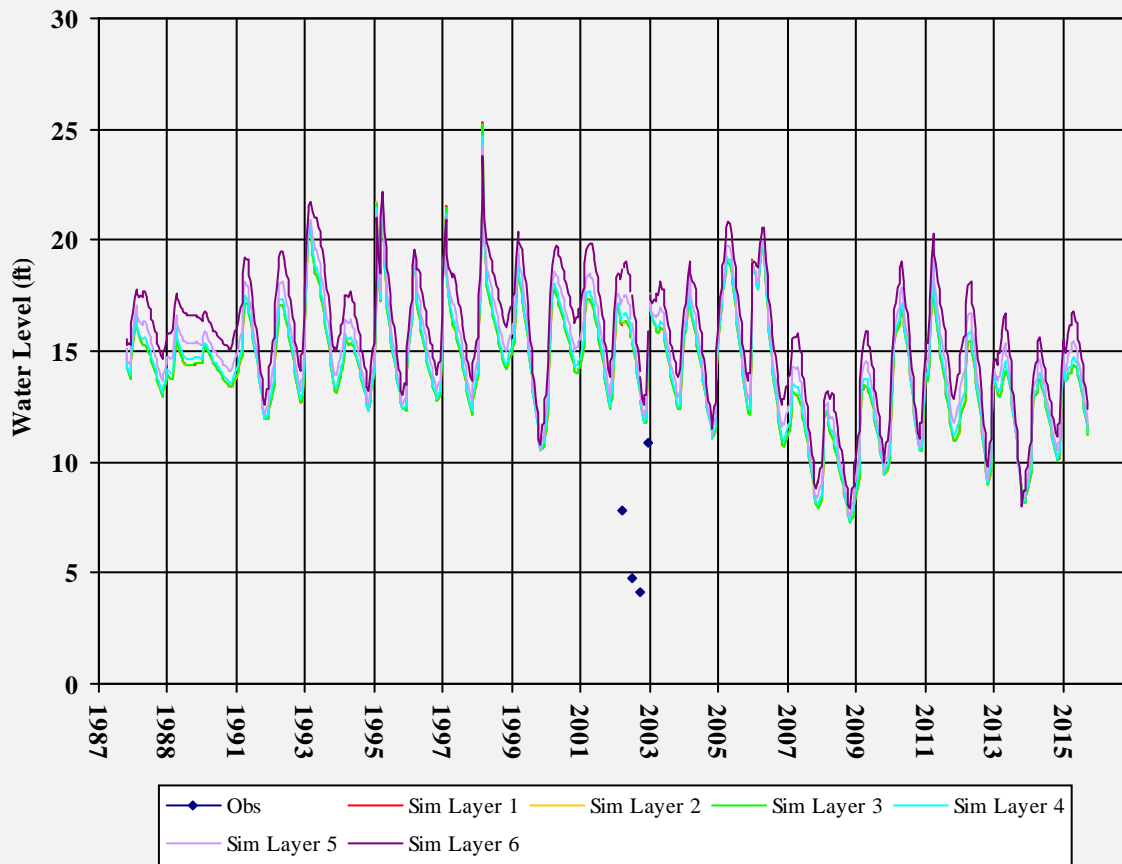
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T0605500111MW-3



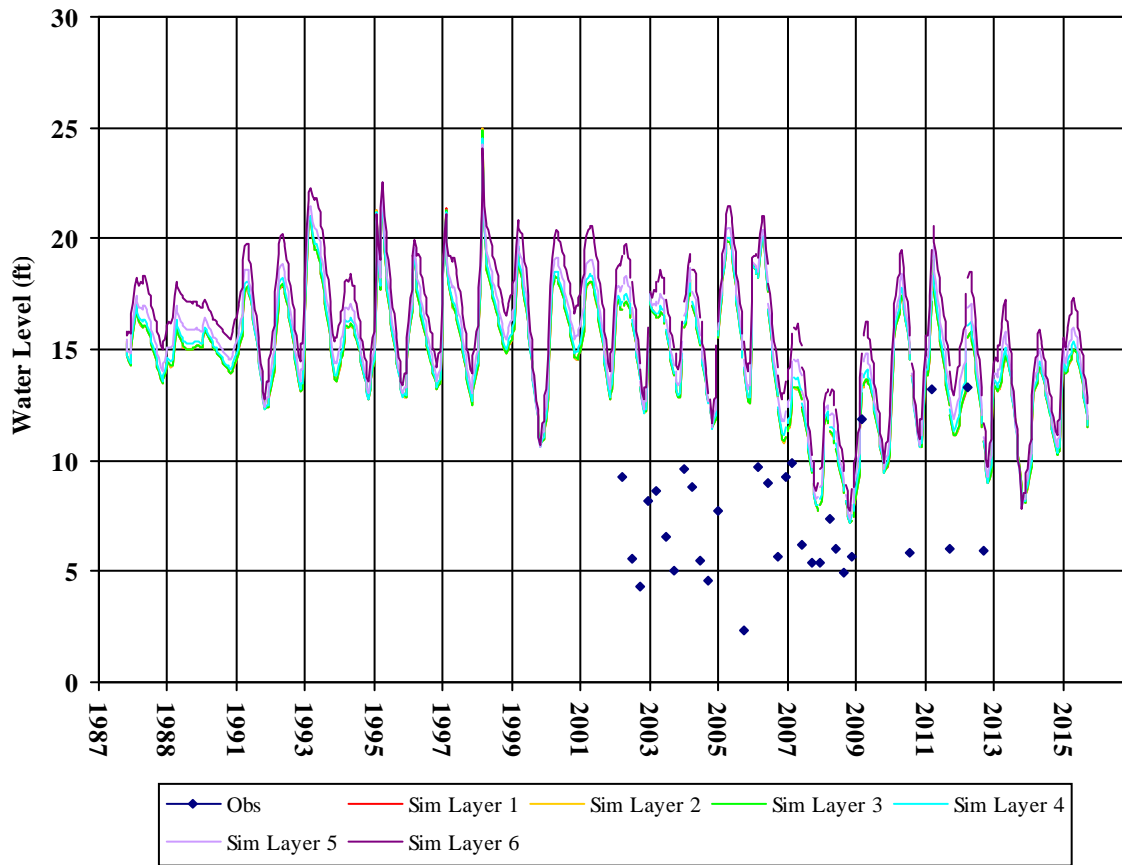
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Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
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T0605500111MW-4



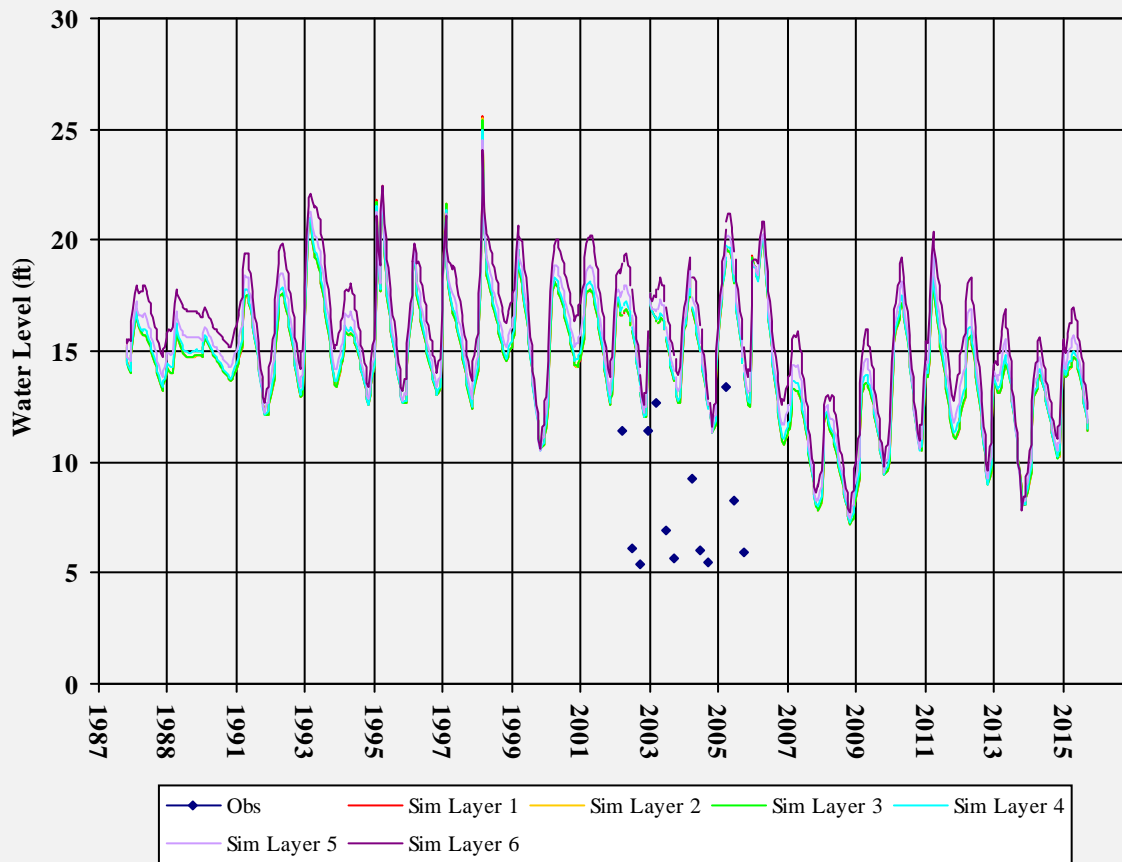
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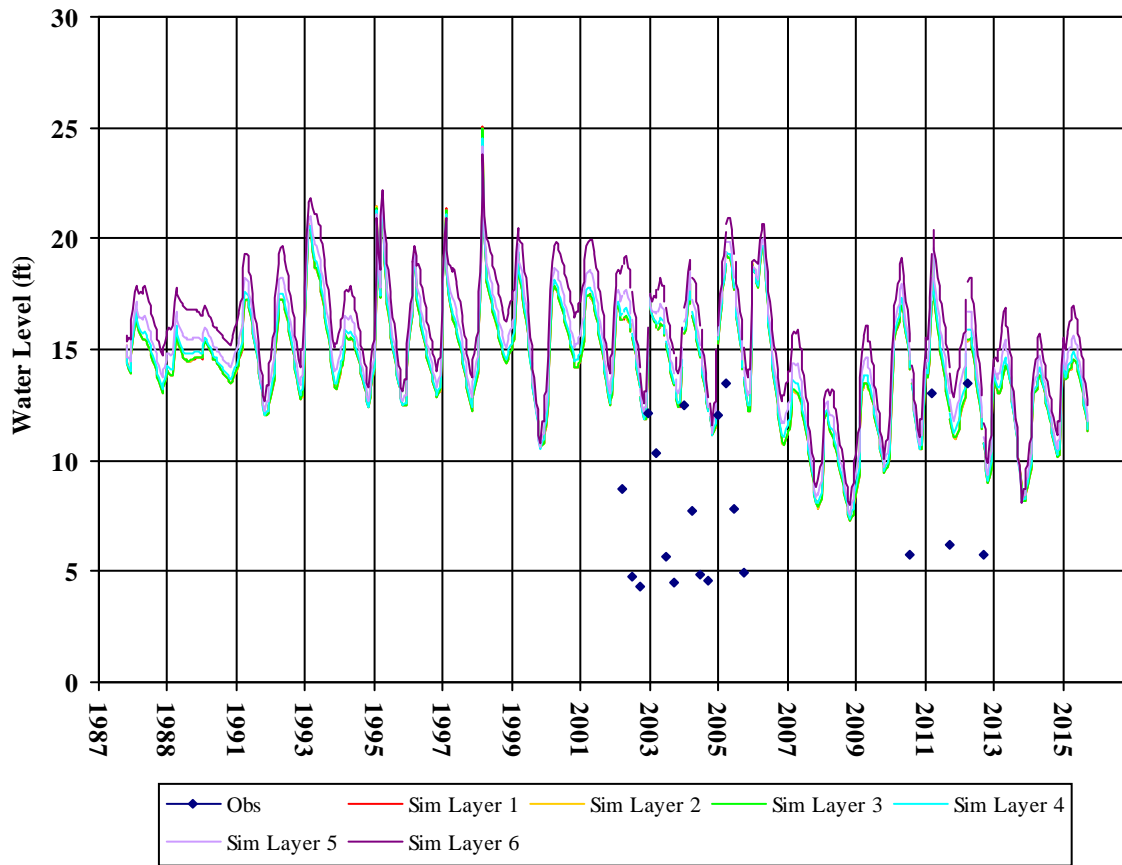
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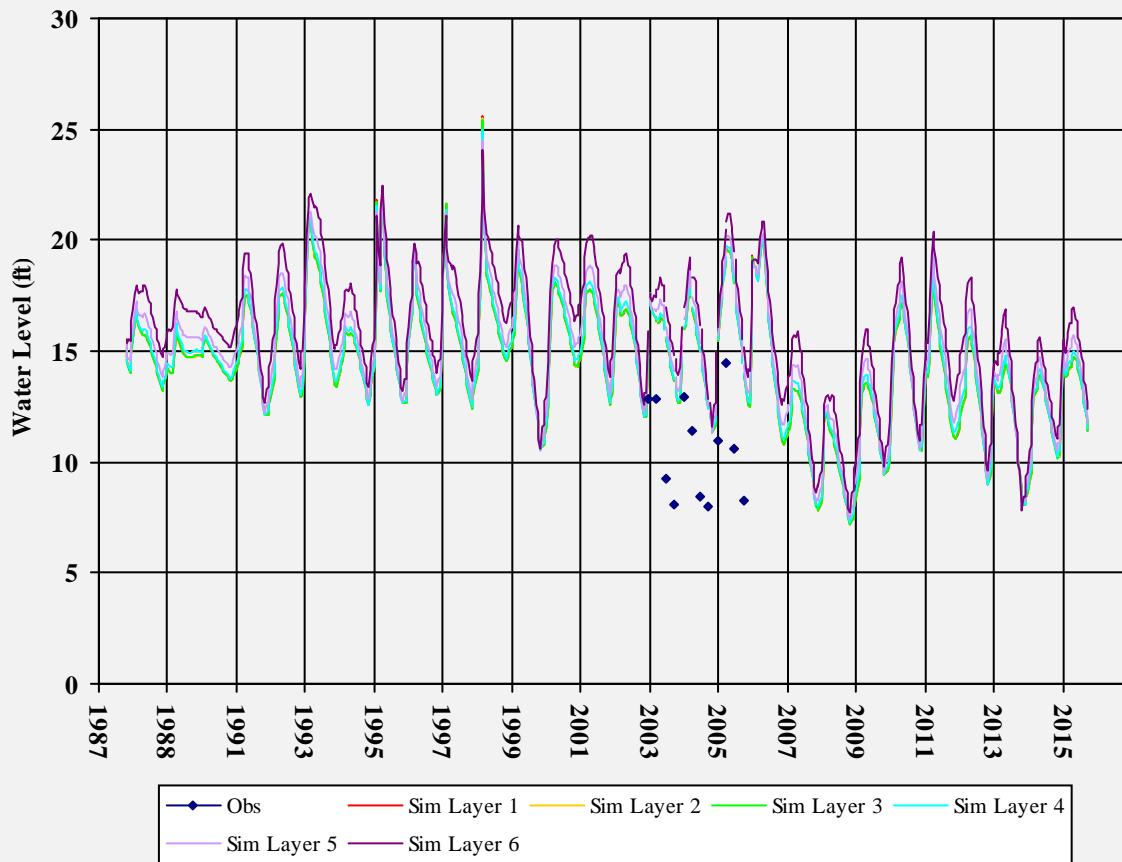
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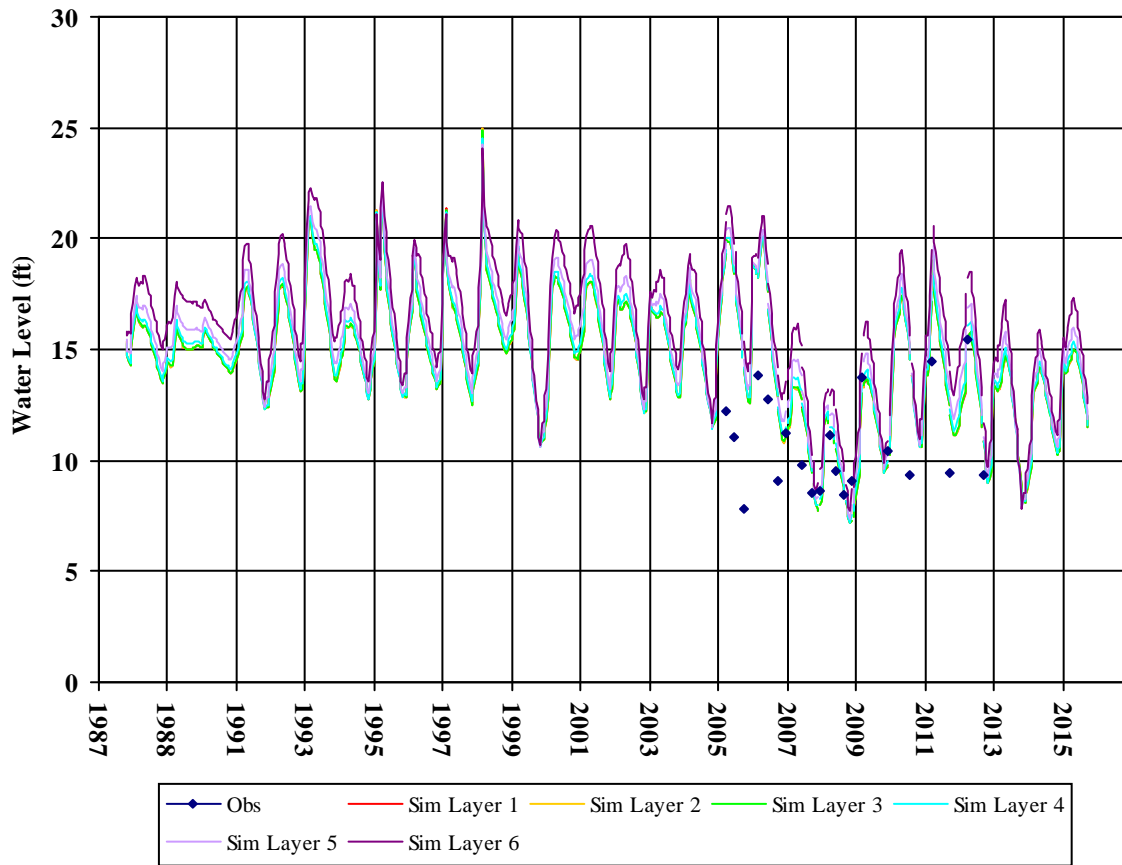
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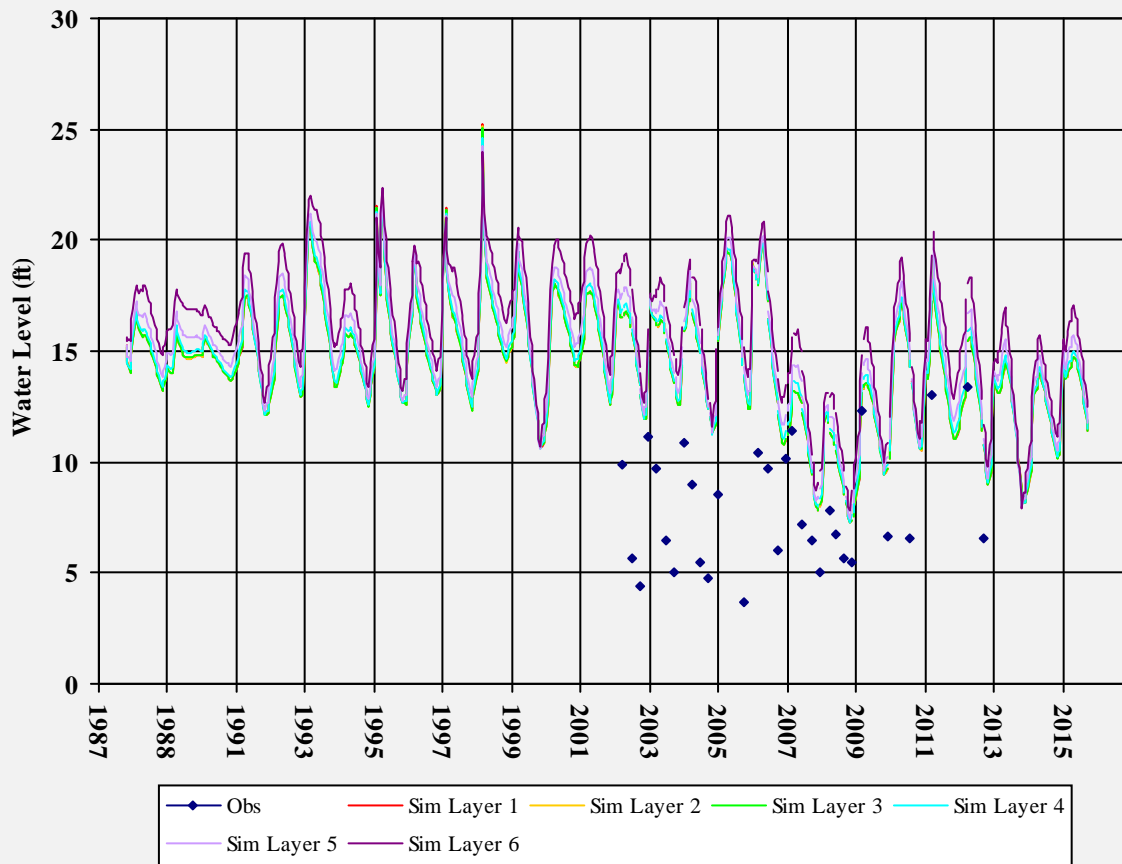
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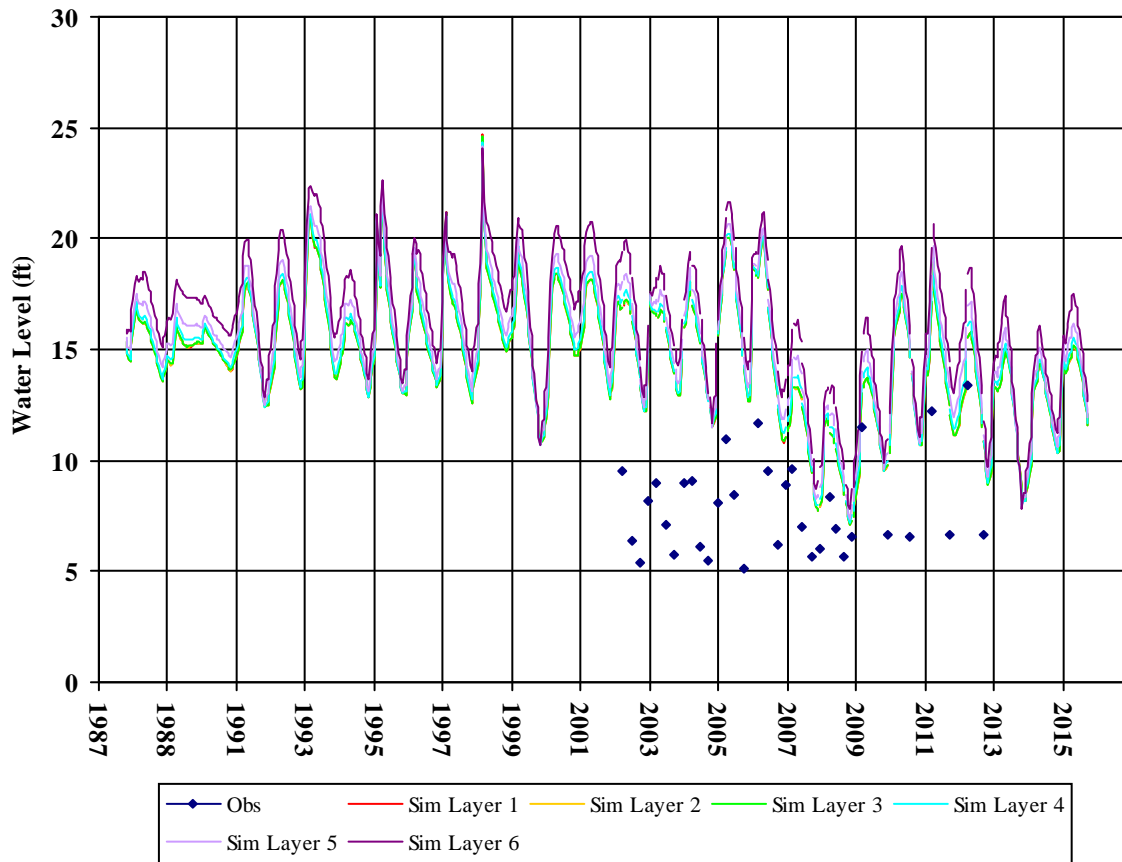
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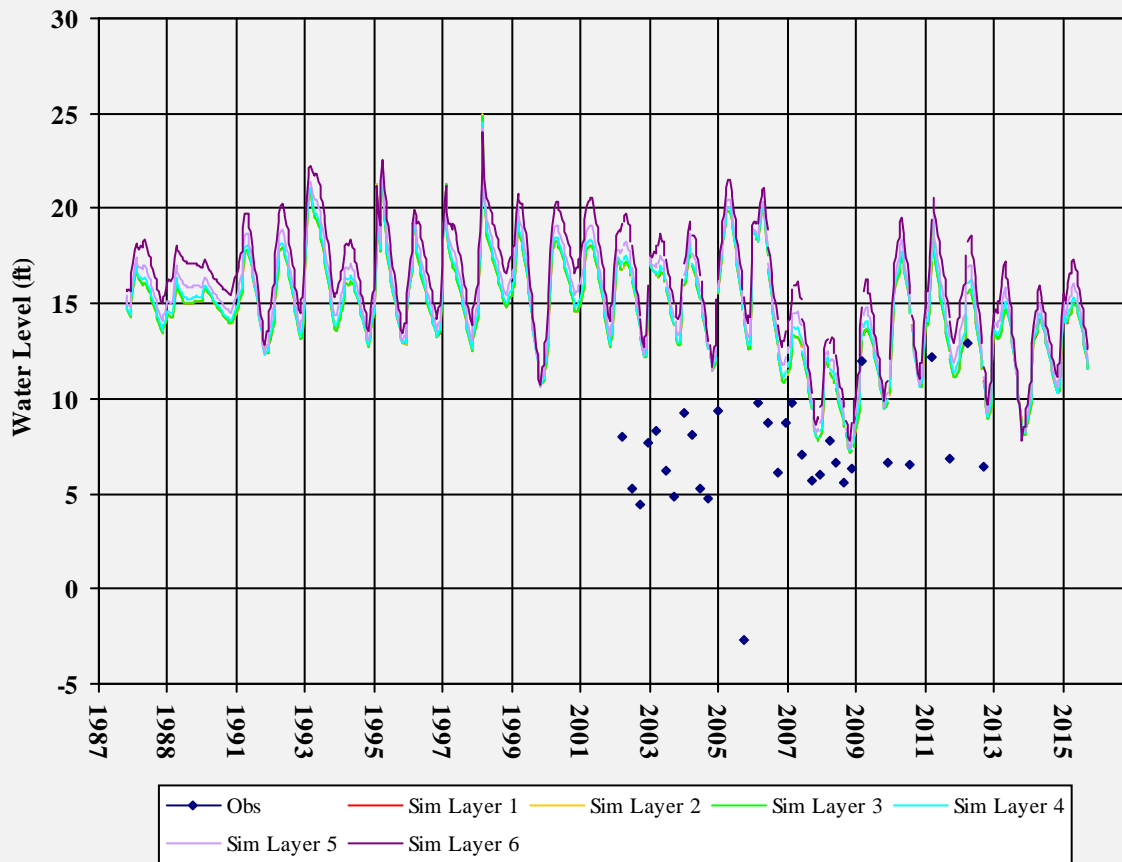
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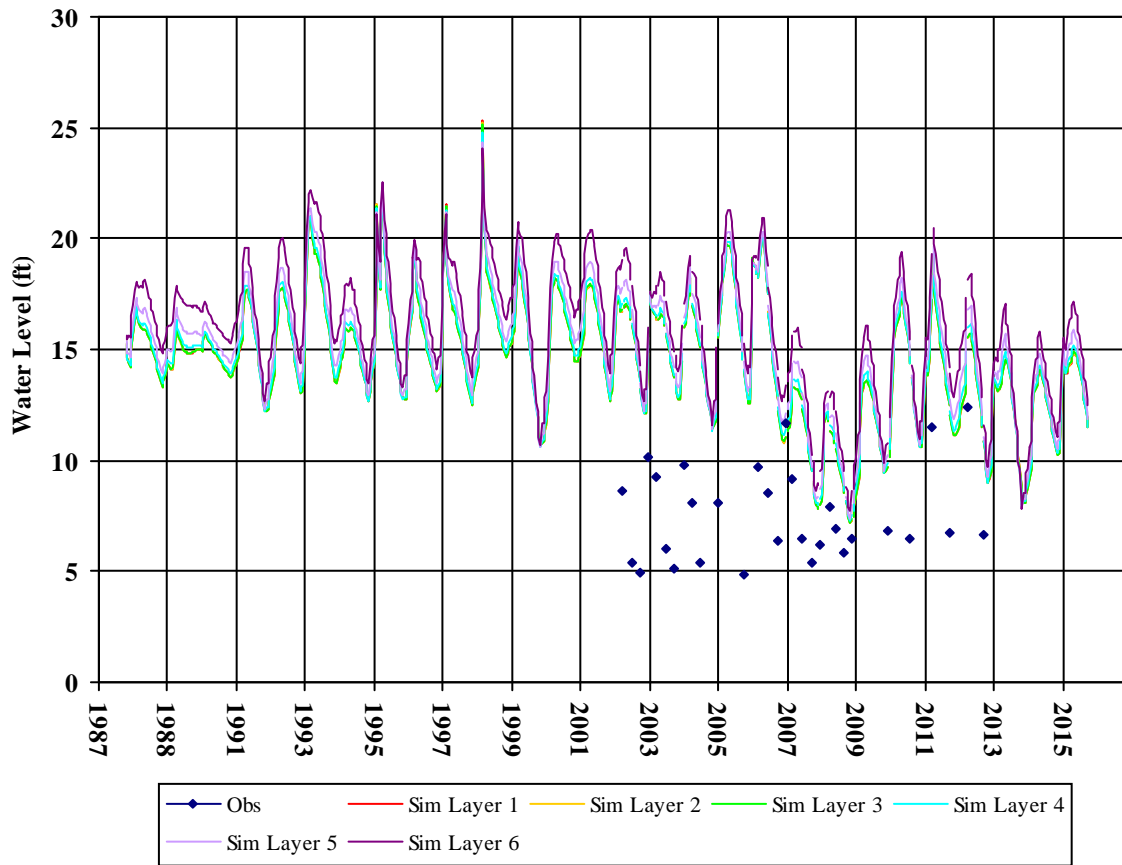
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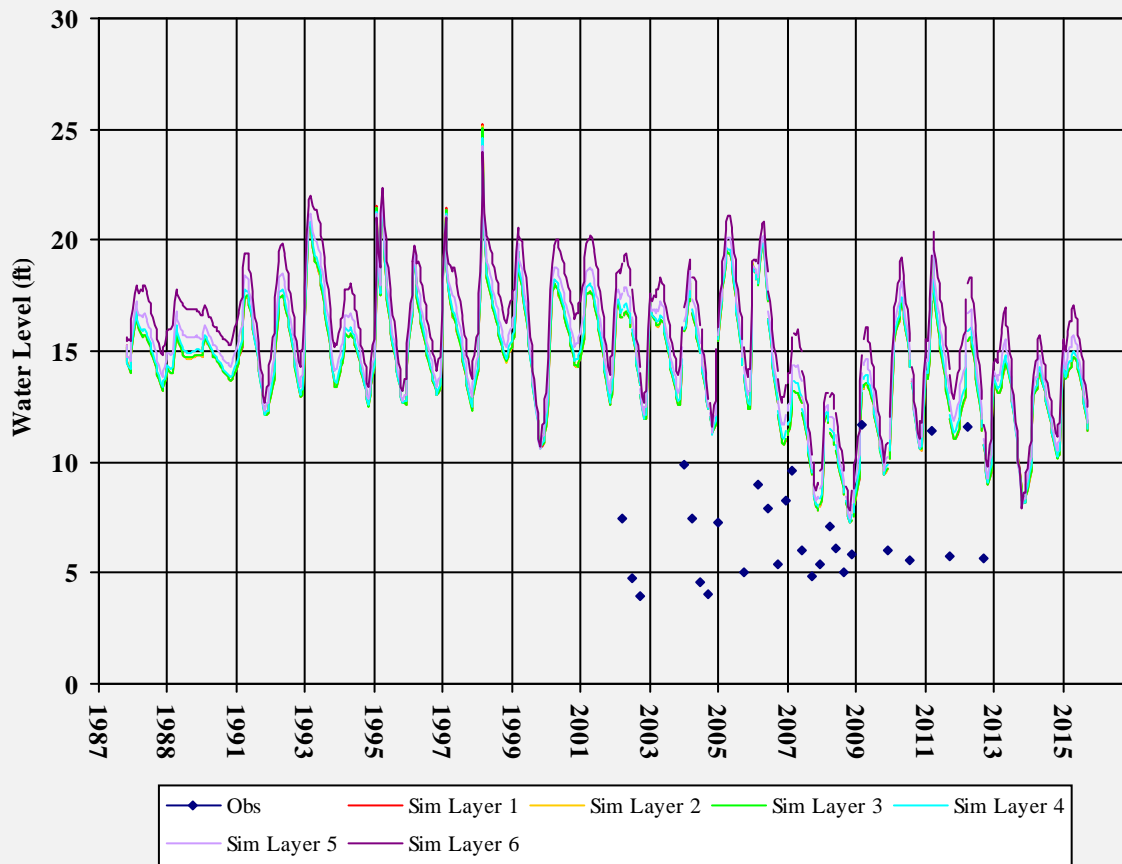
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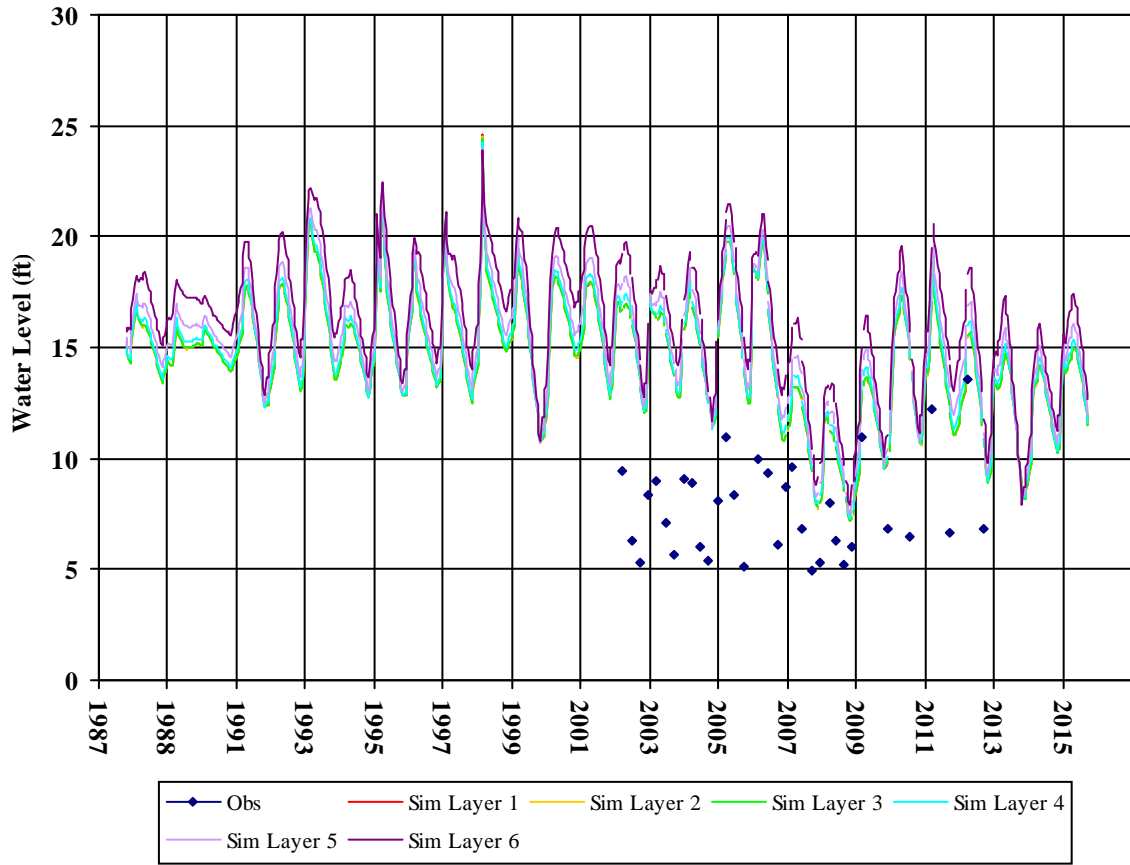
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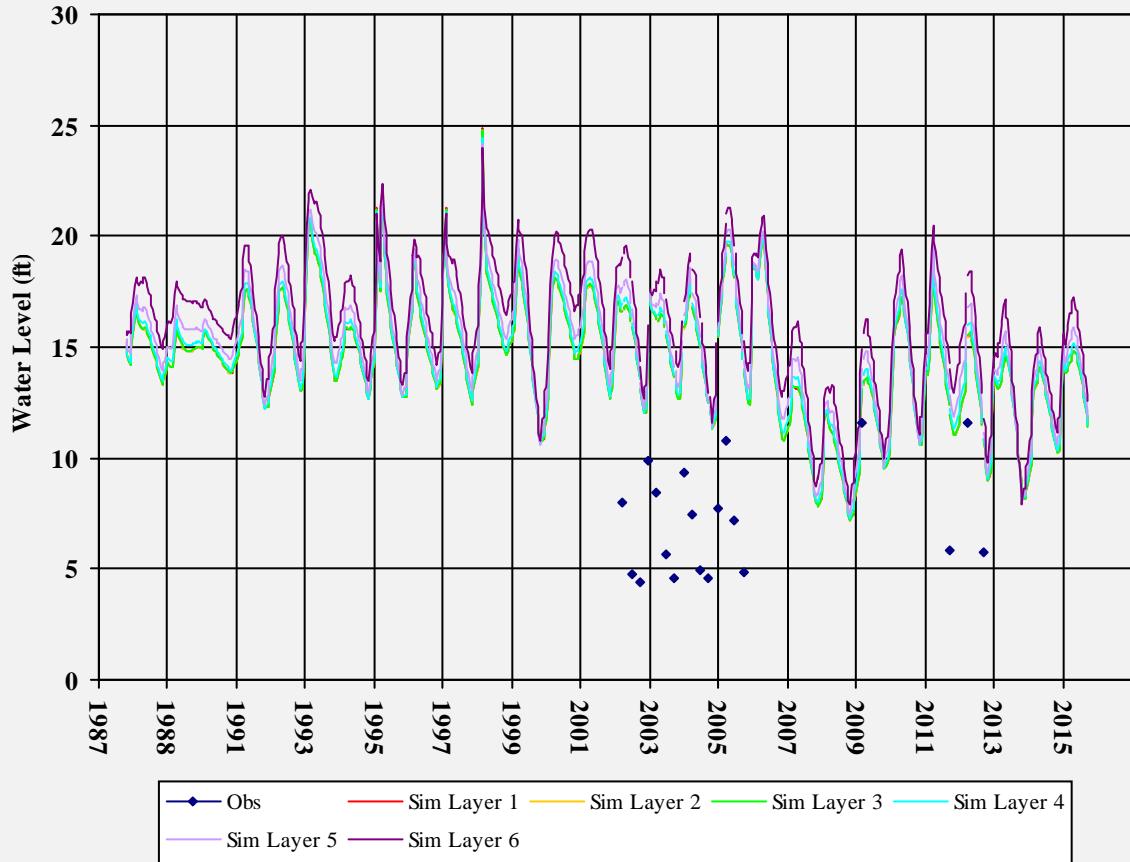


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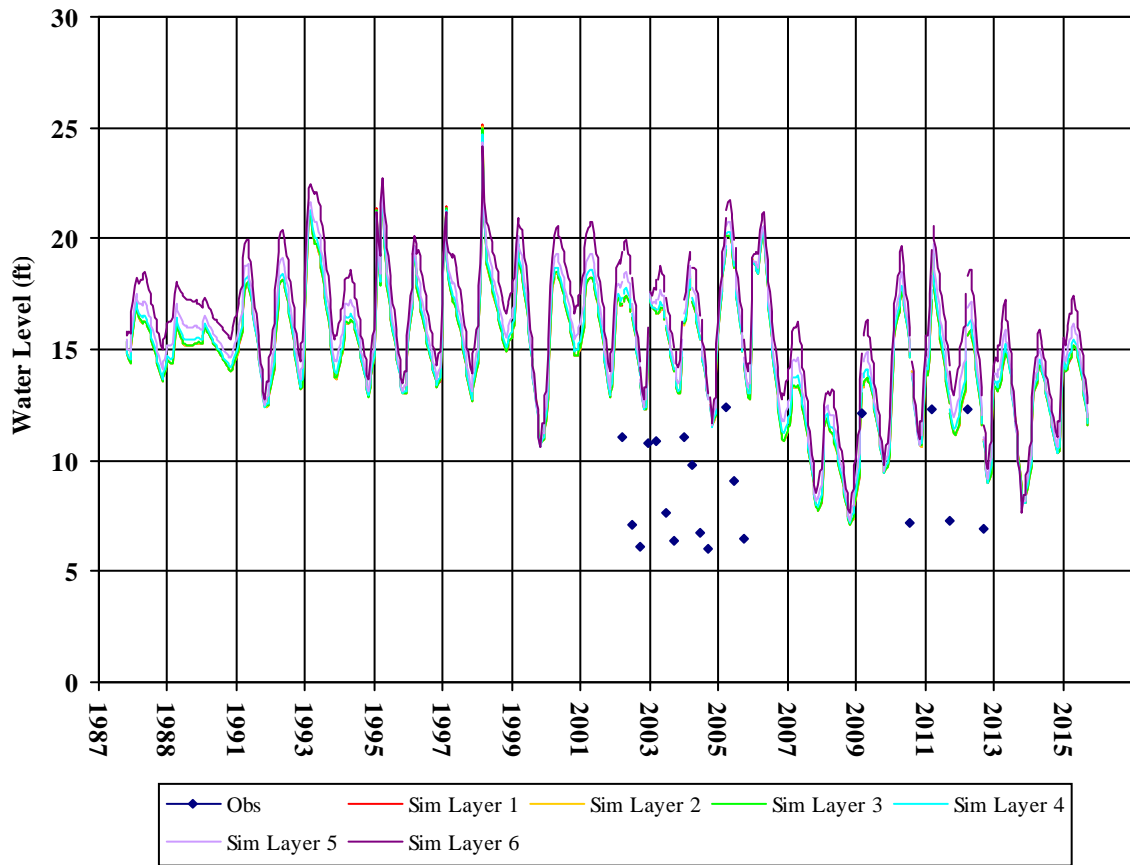
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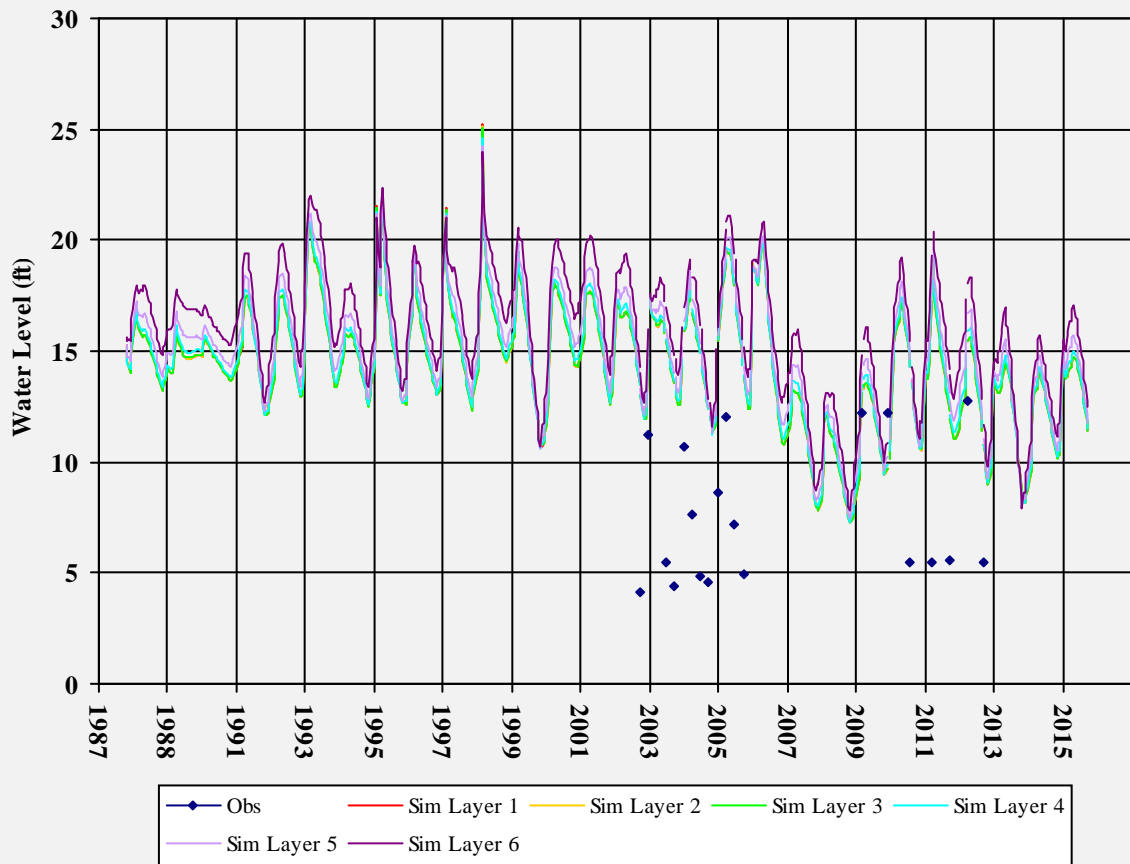
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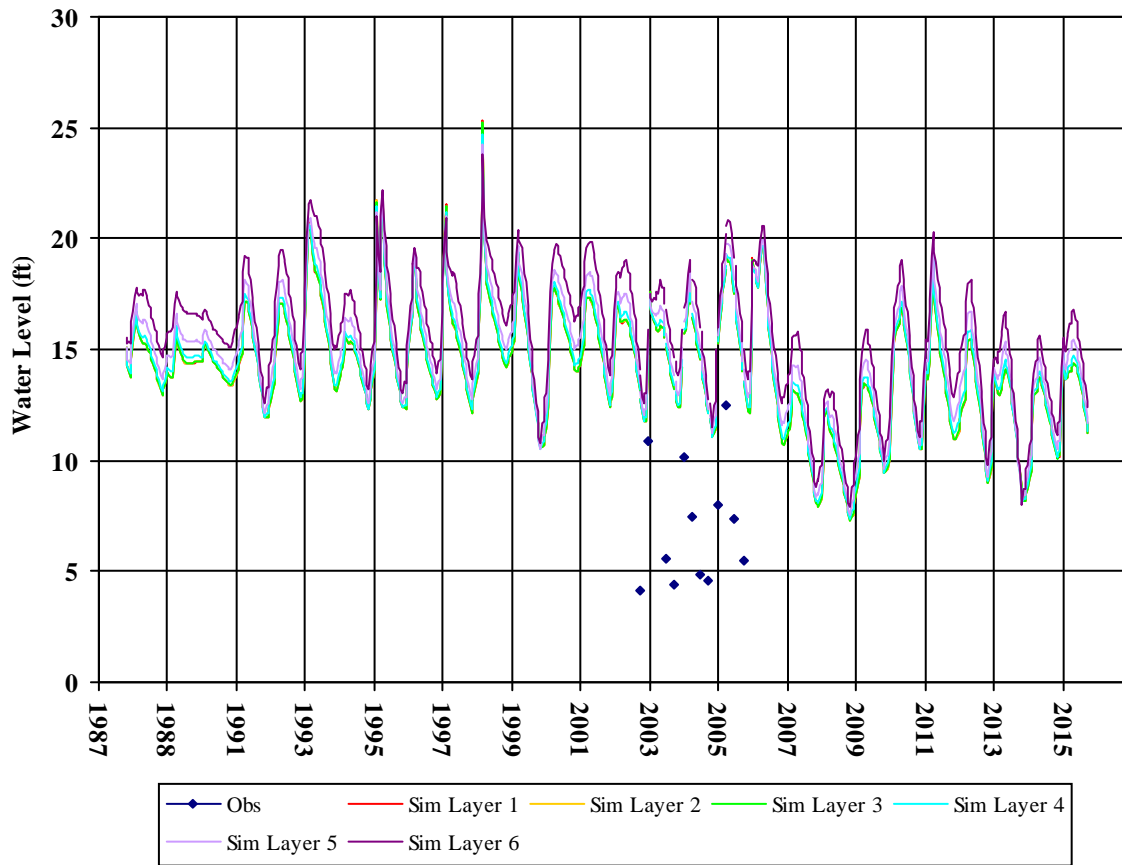
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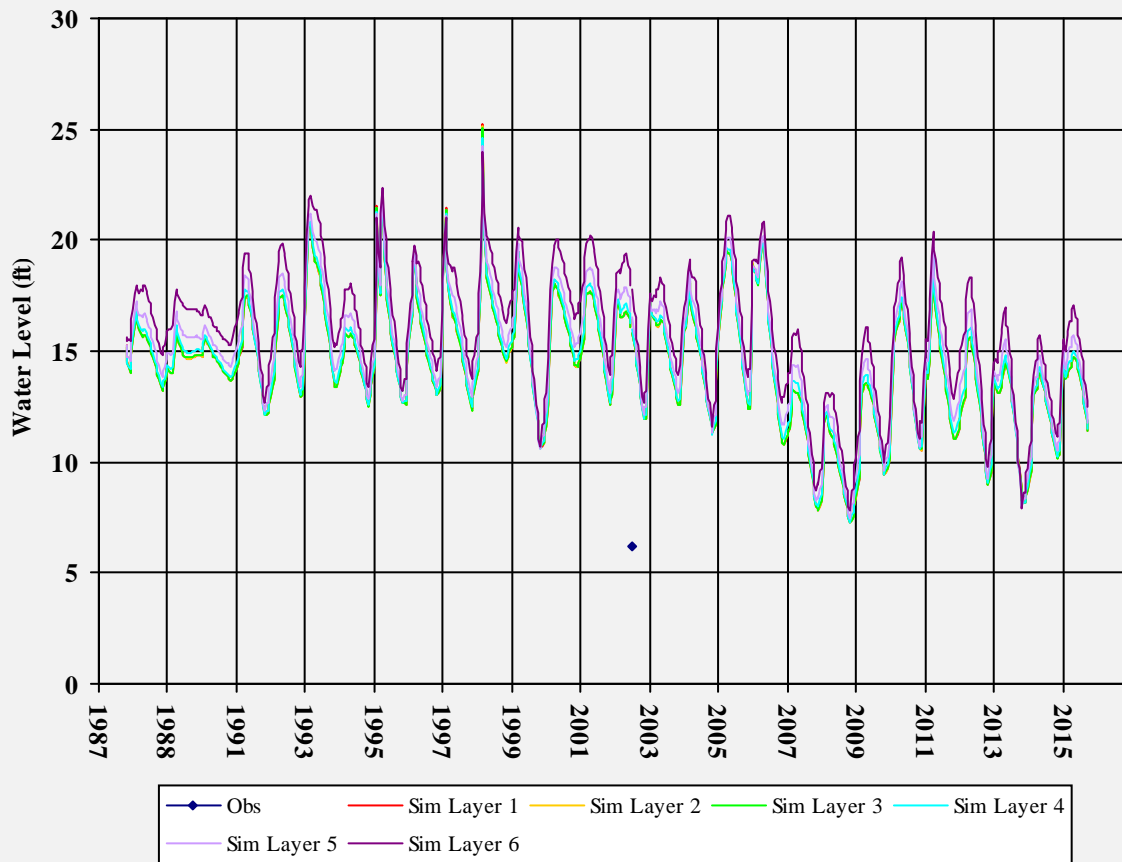
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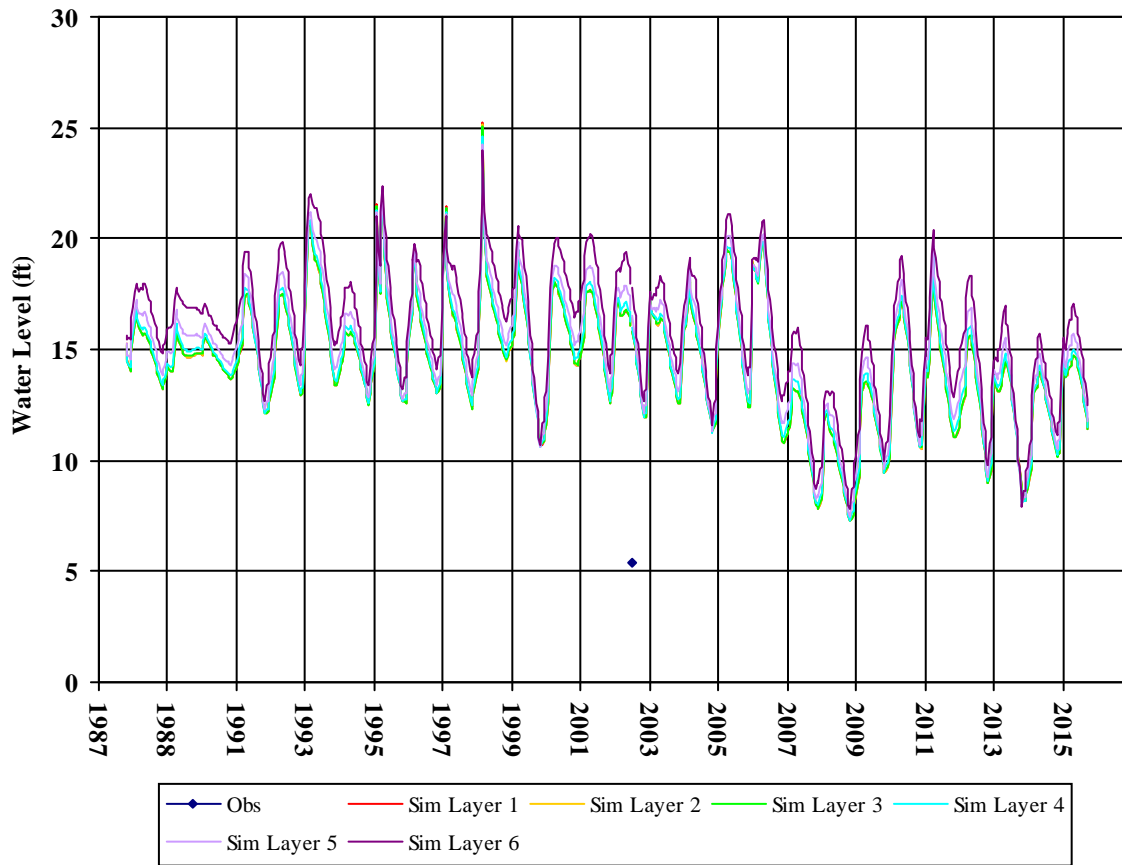
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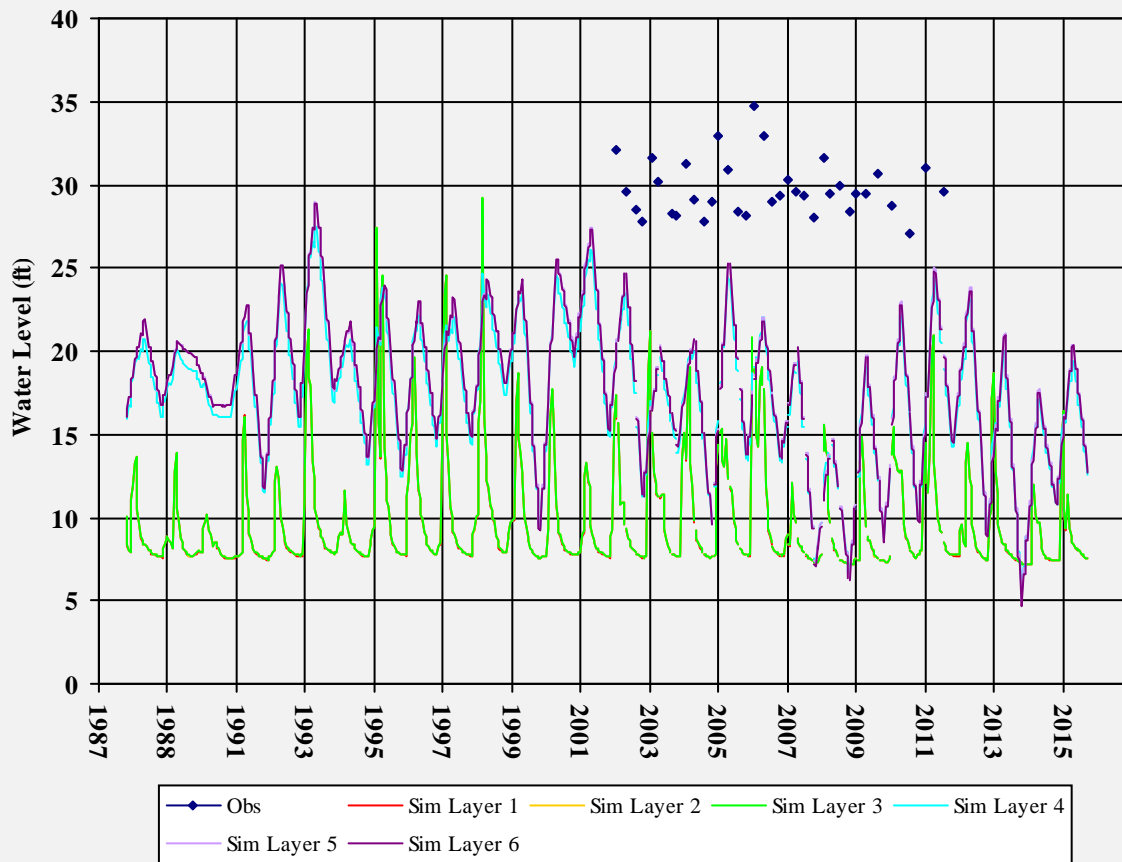


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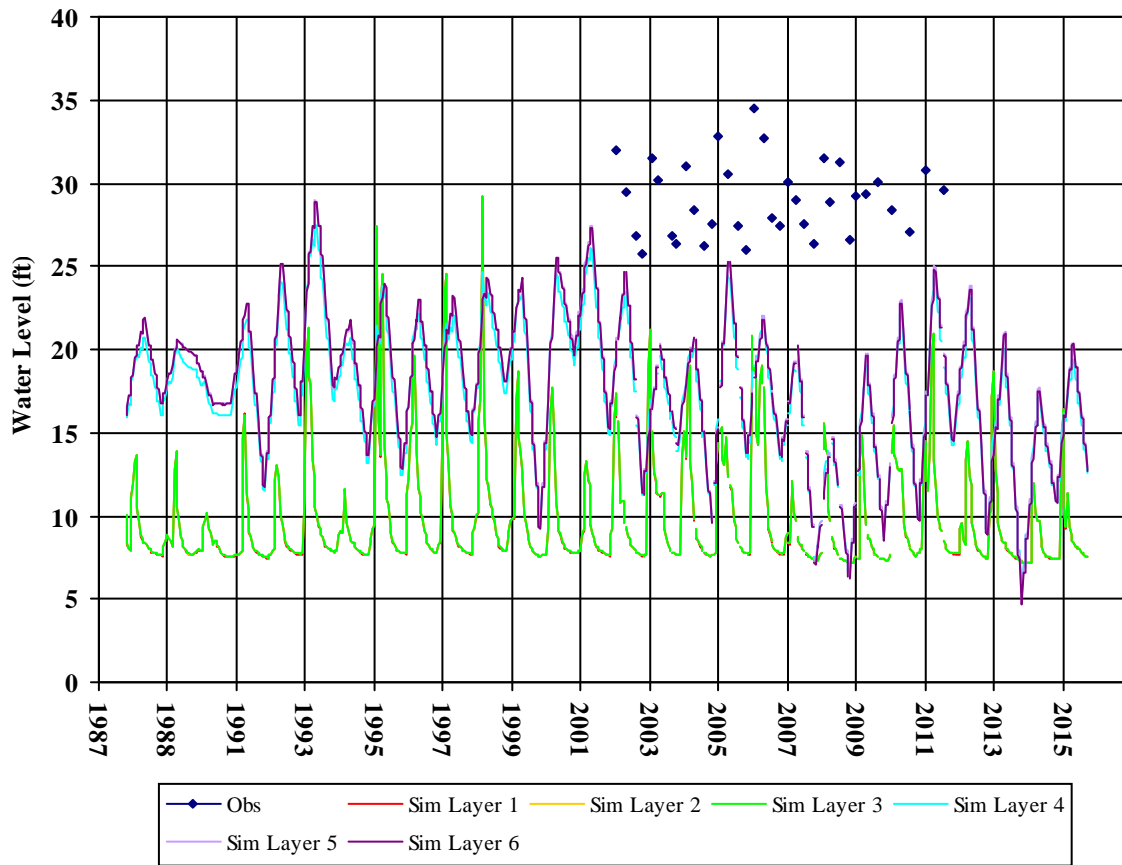
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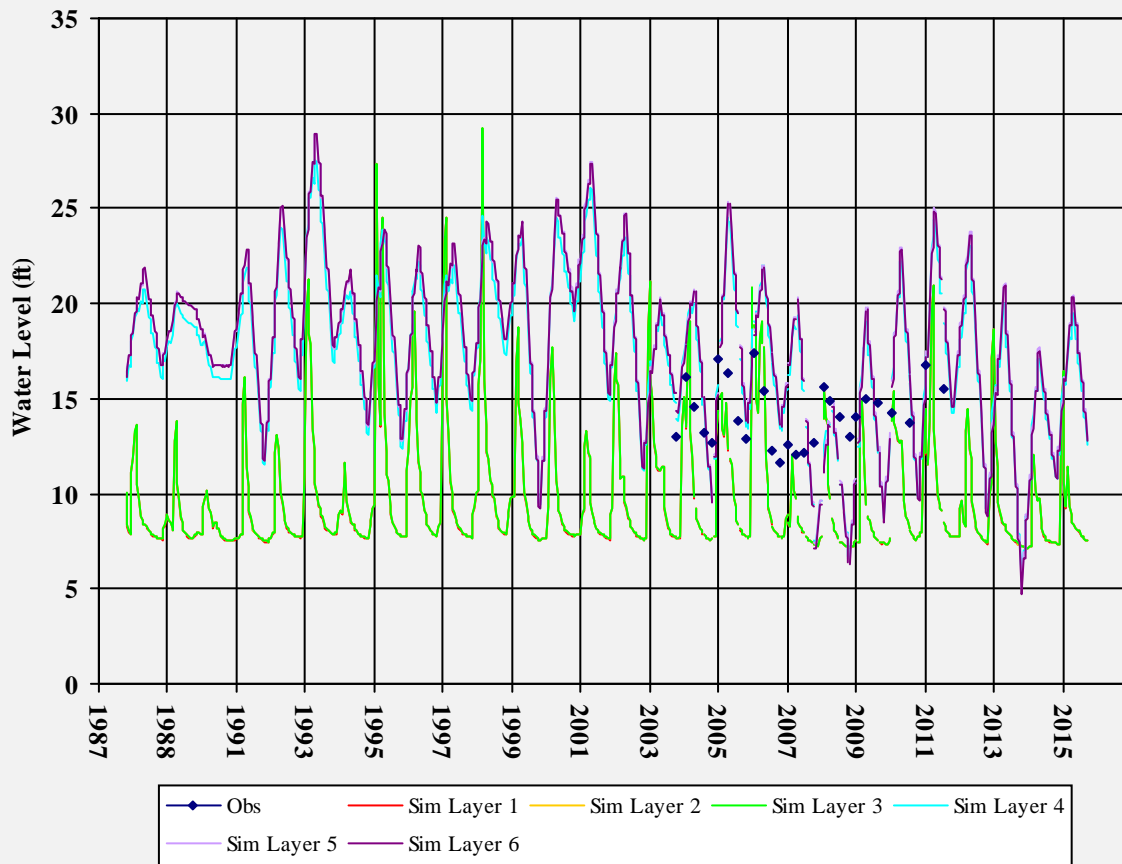


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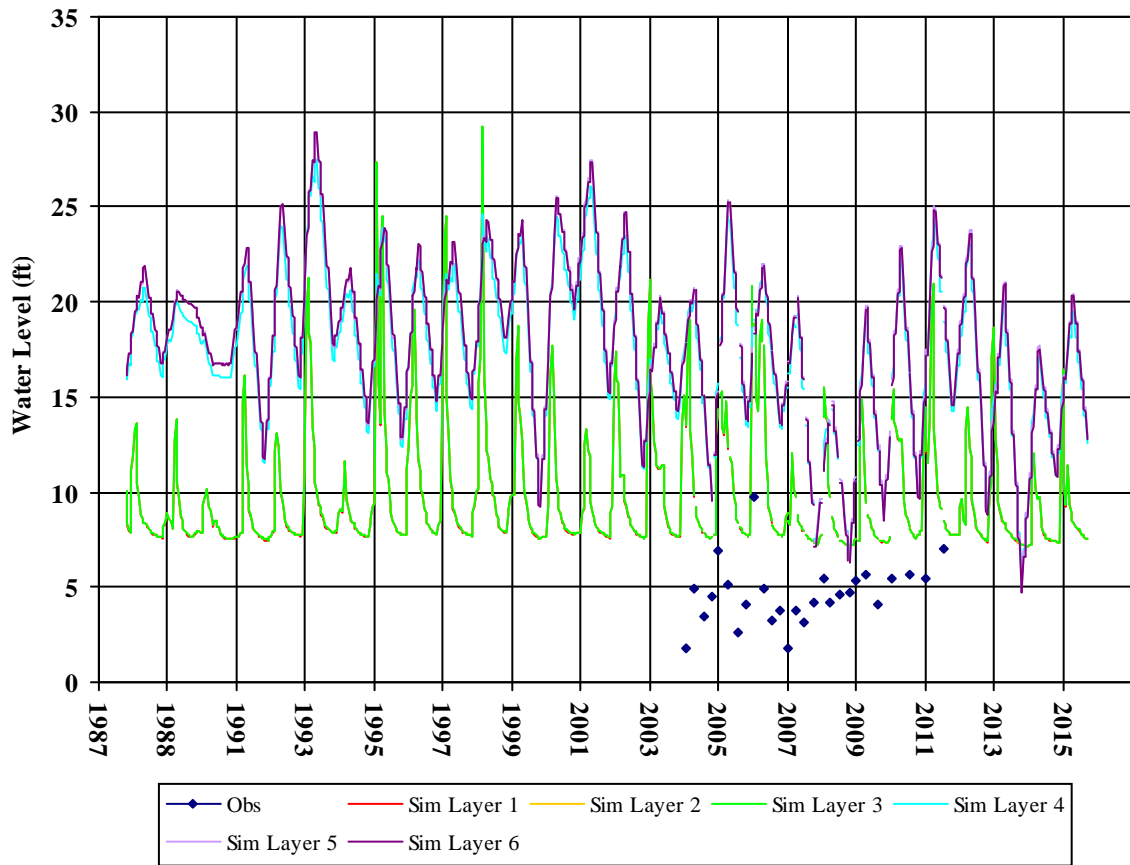
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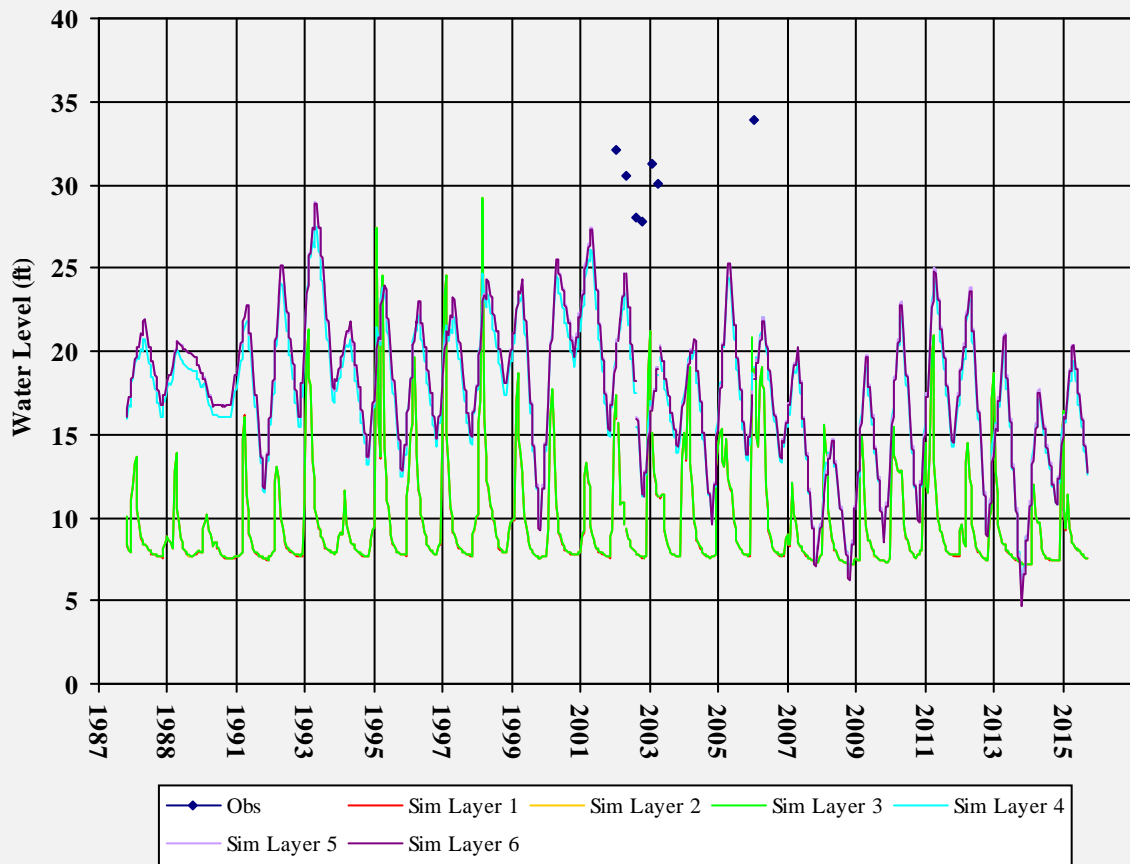
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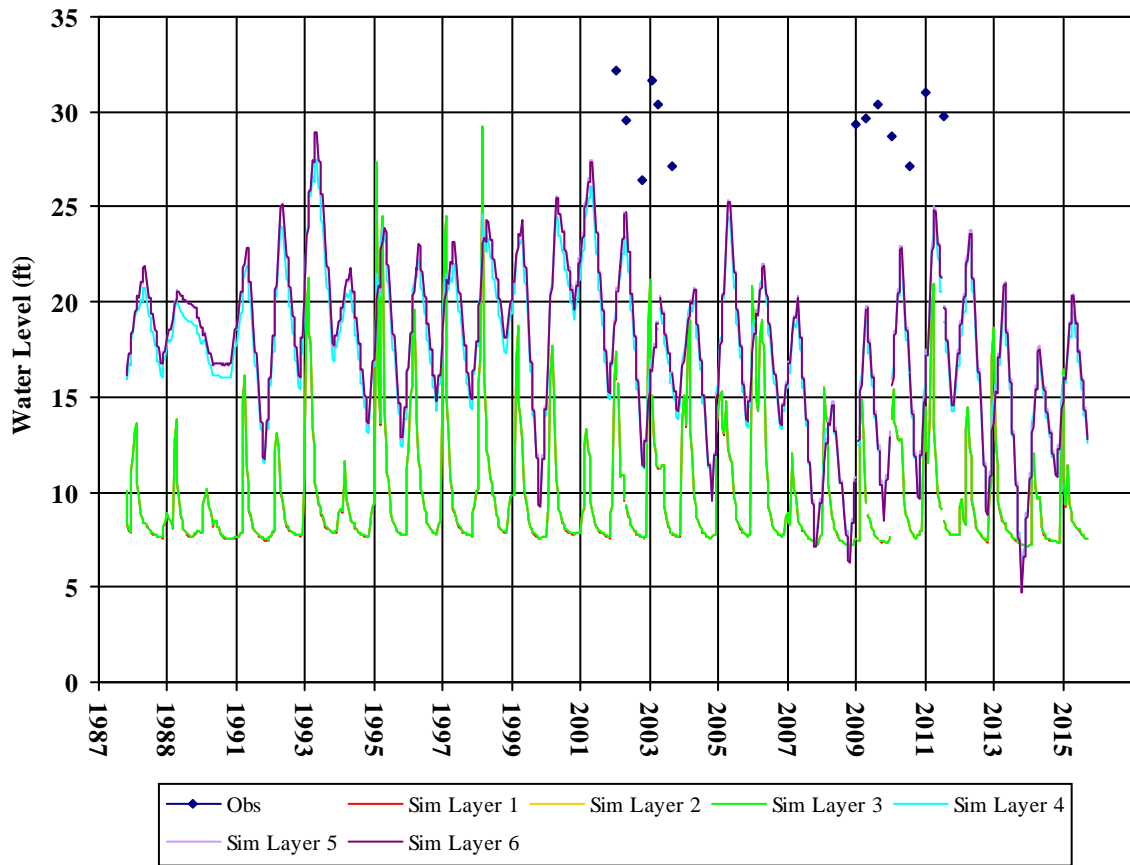
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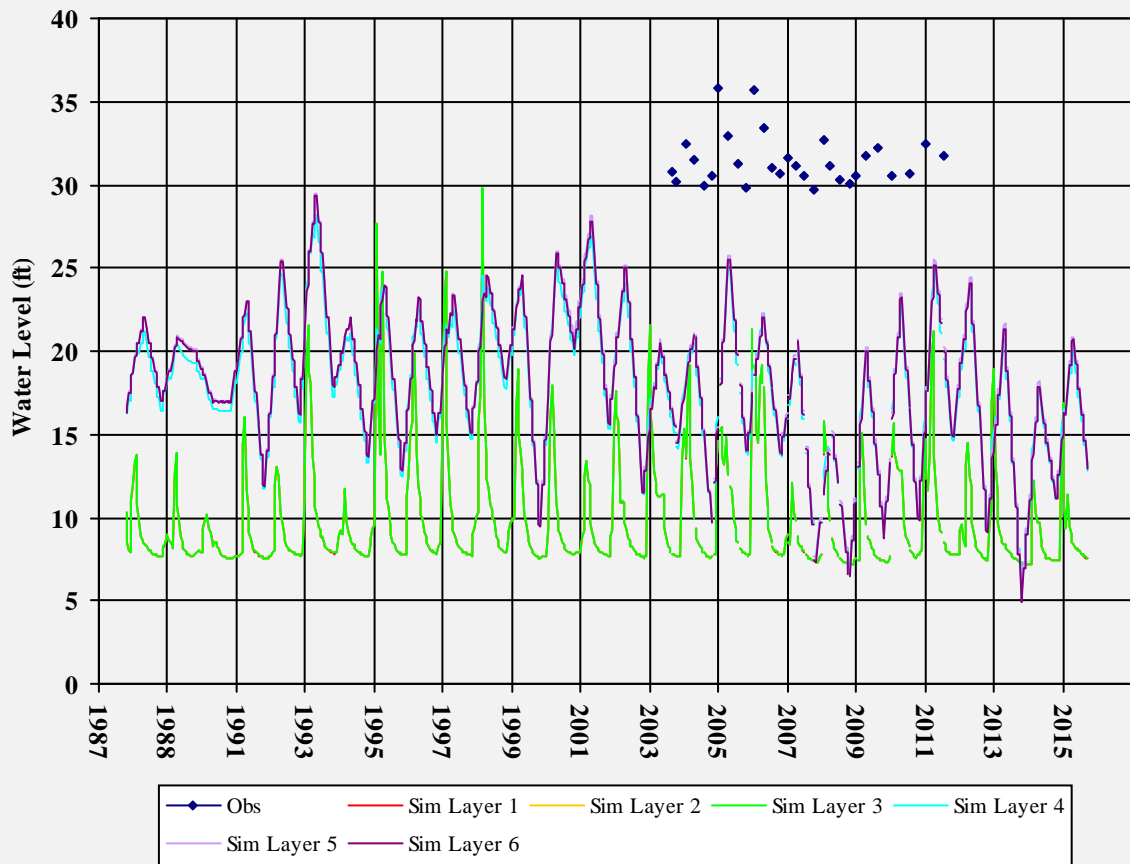


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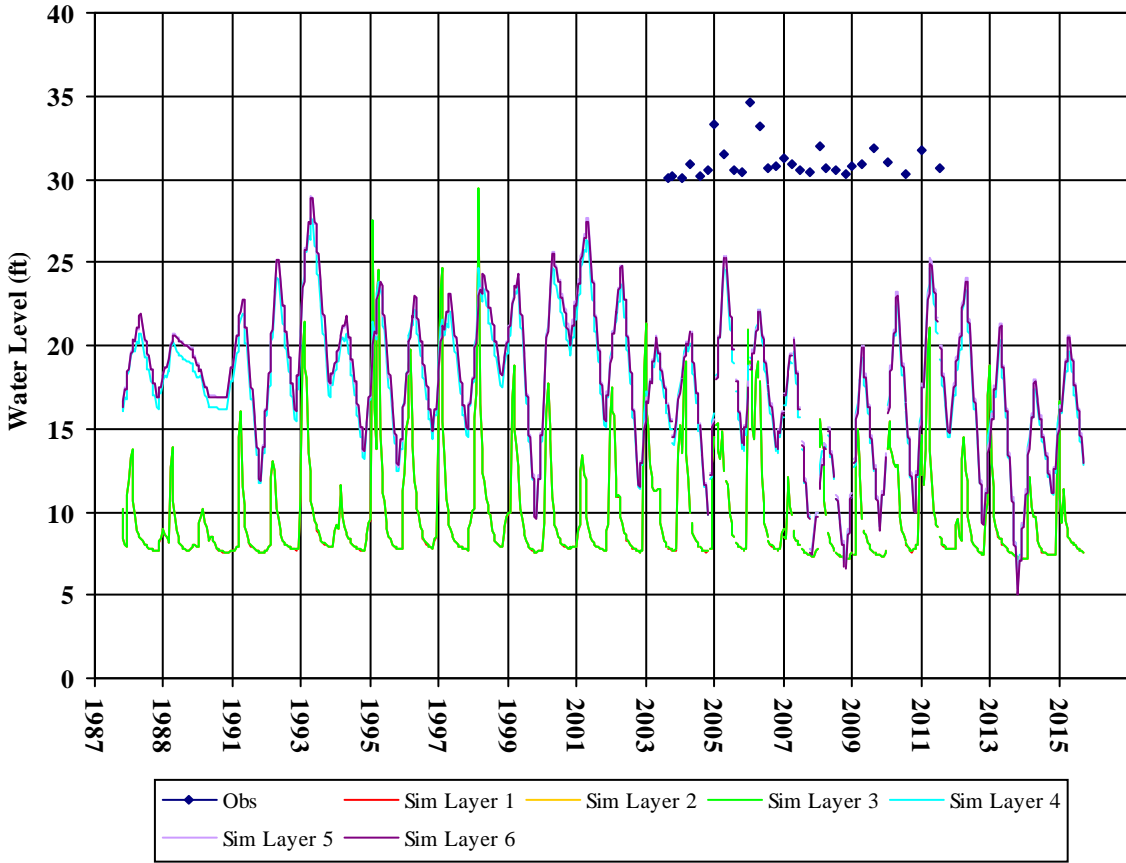
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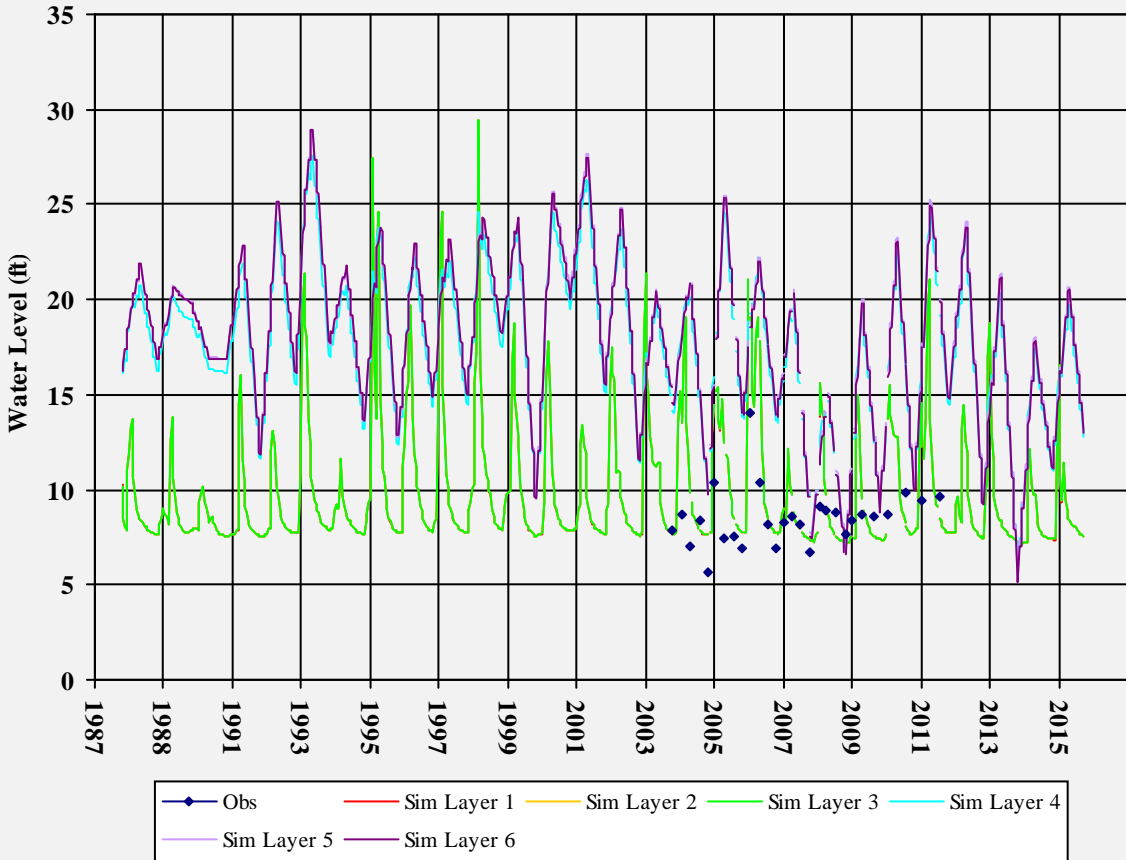


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Well Depth:  
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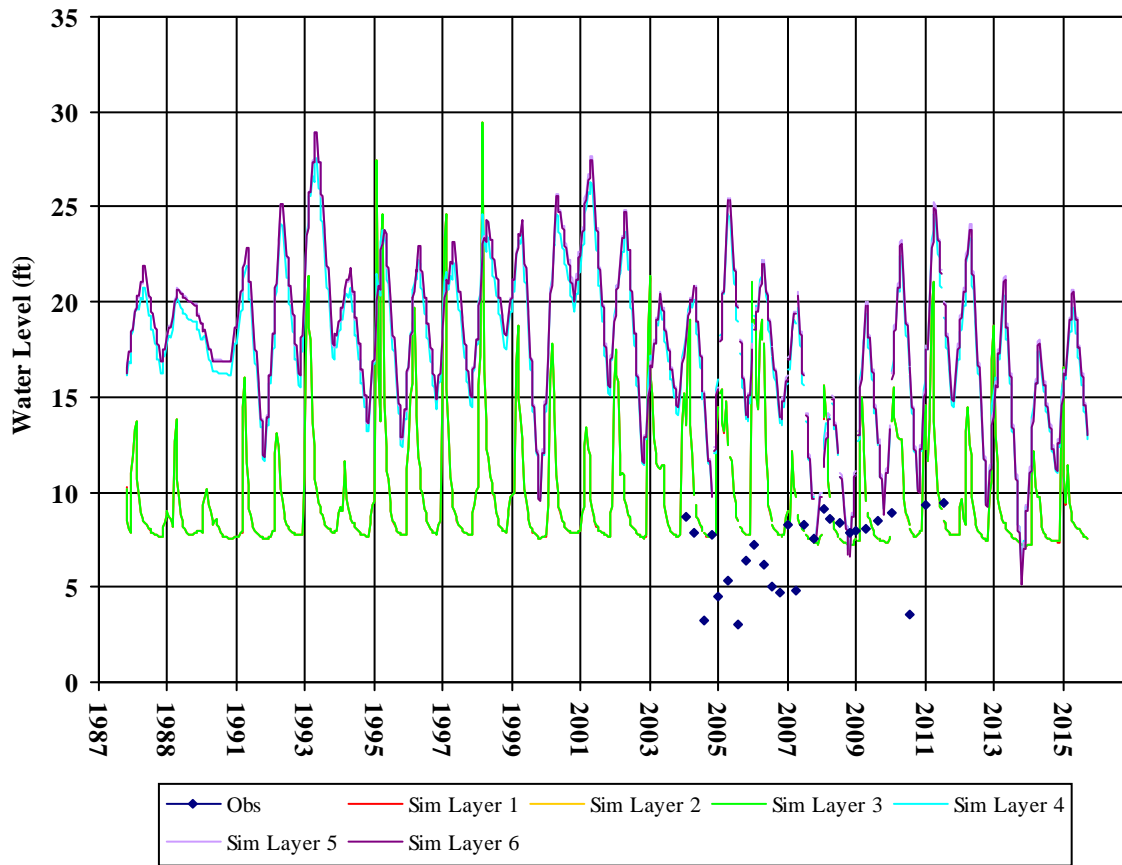
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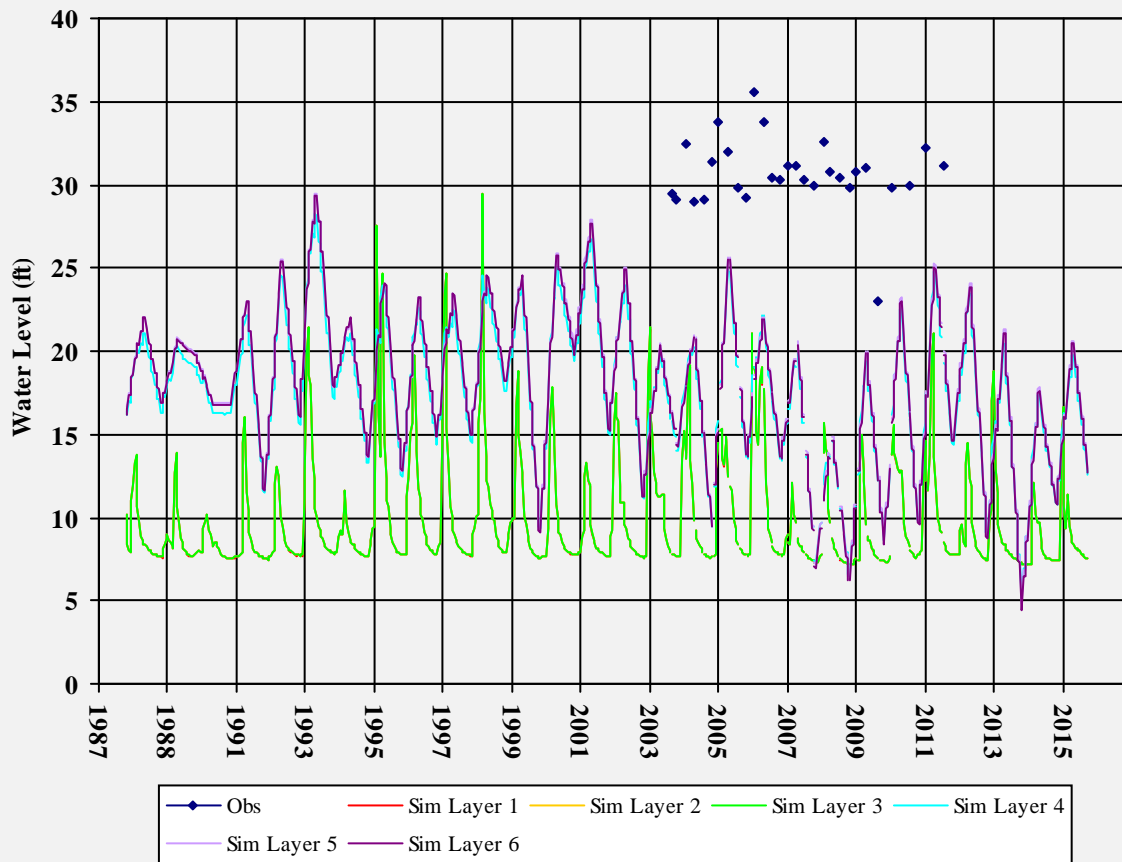
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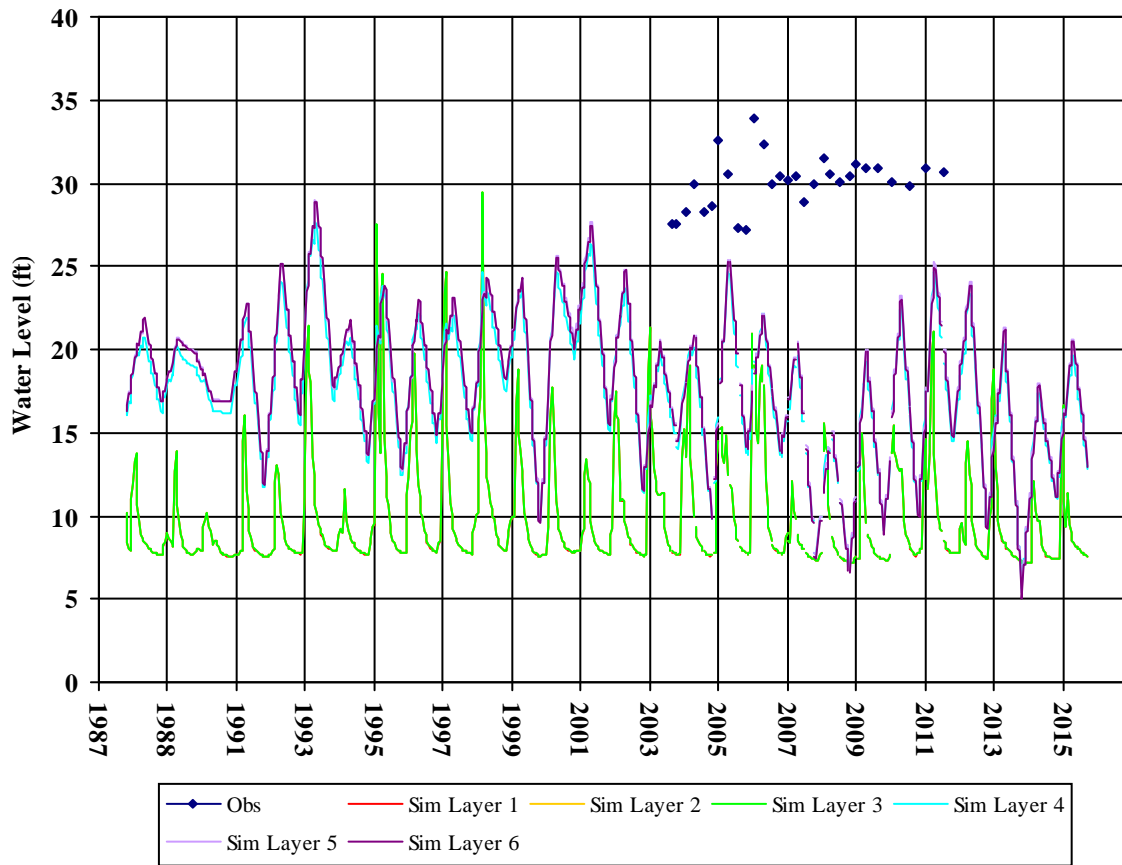
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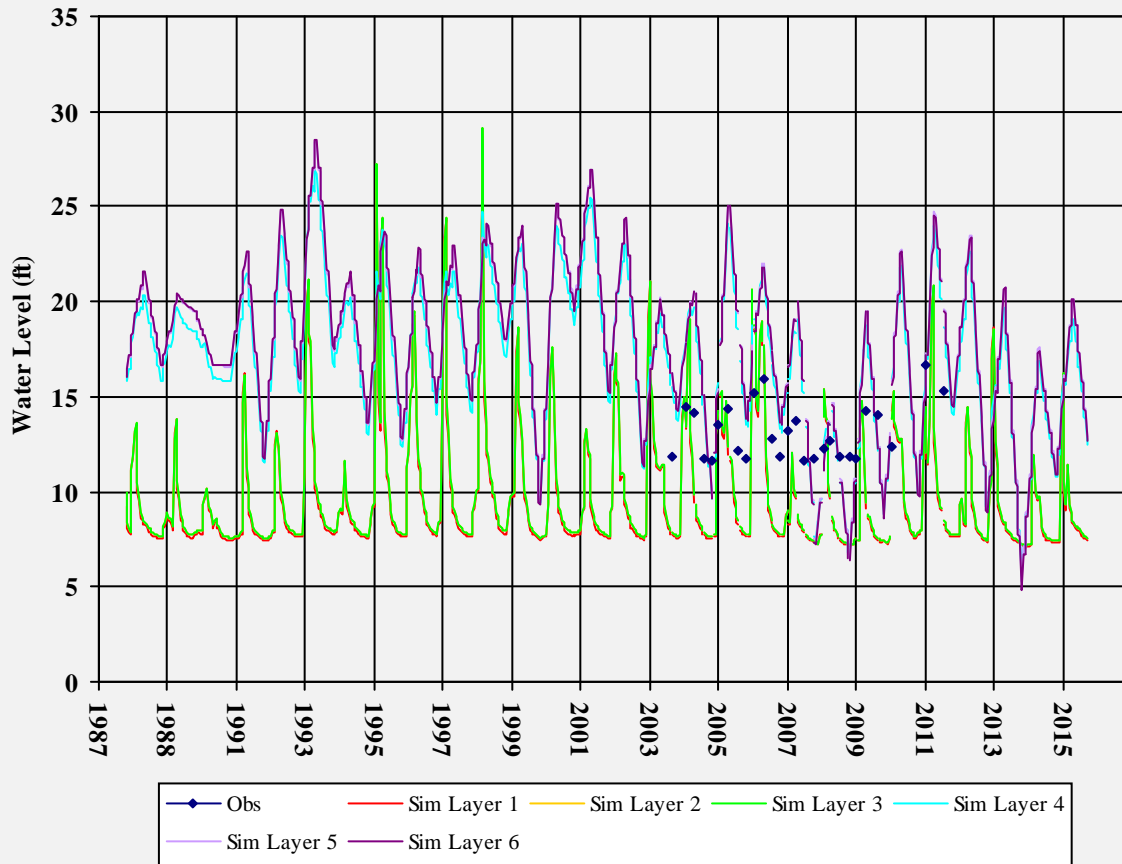


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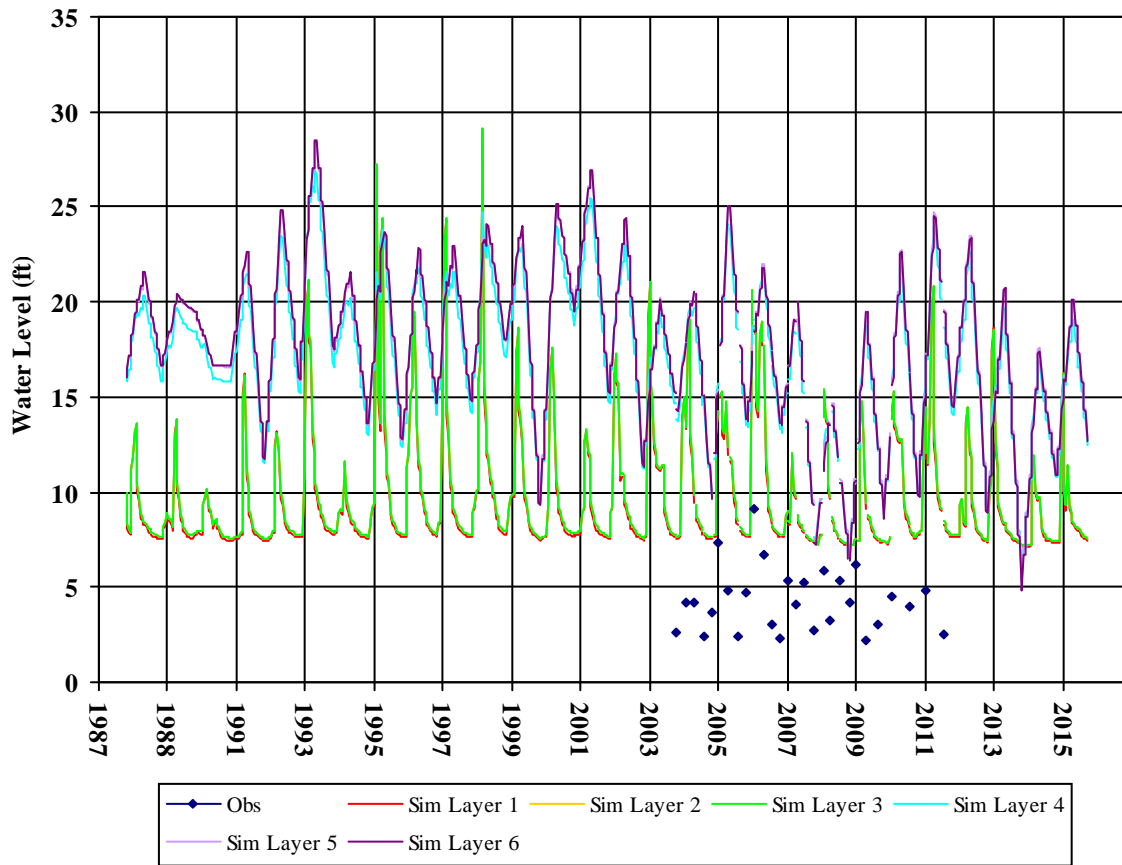
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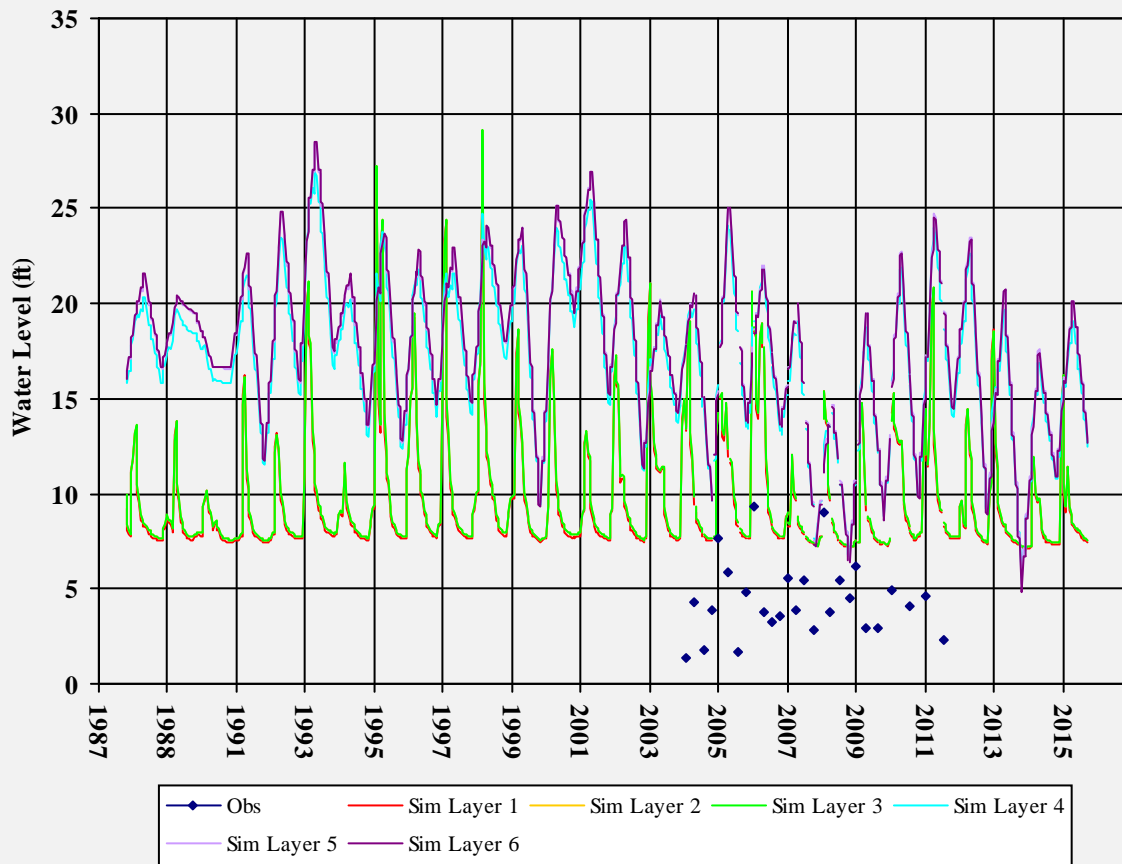
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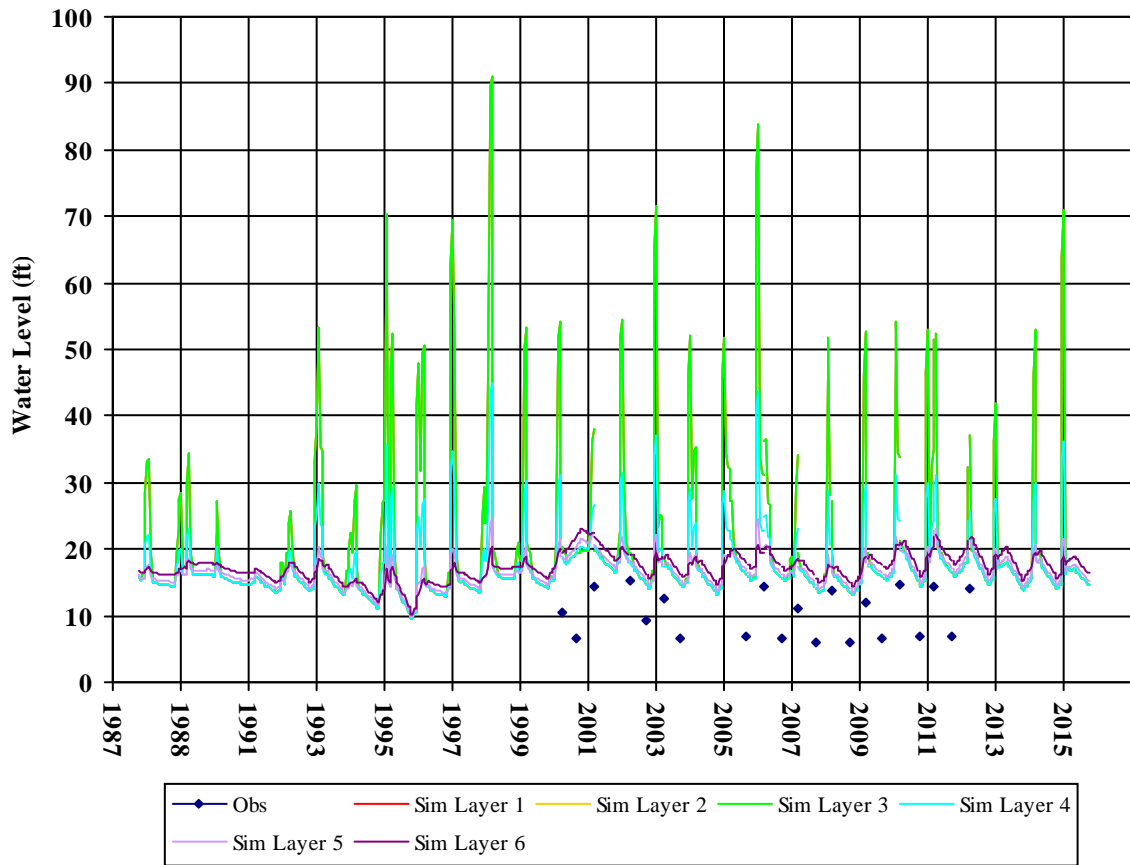
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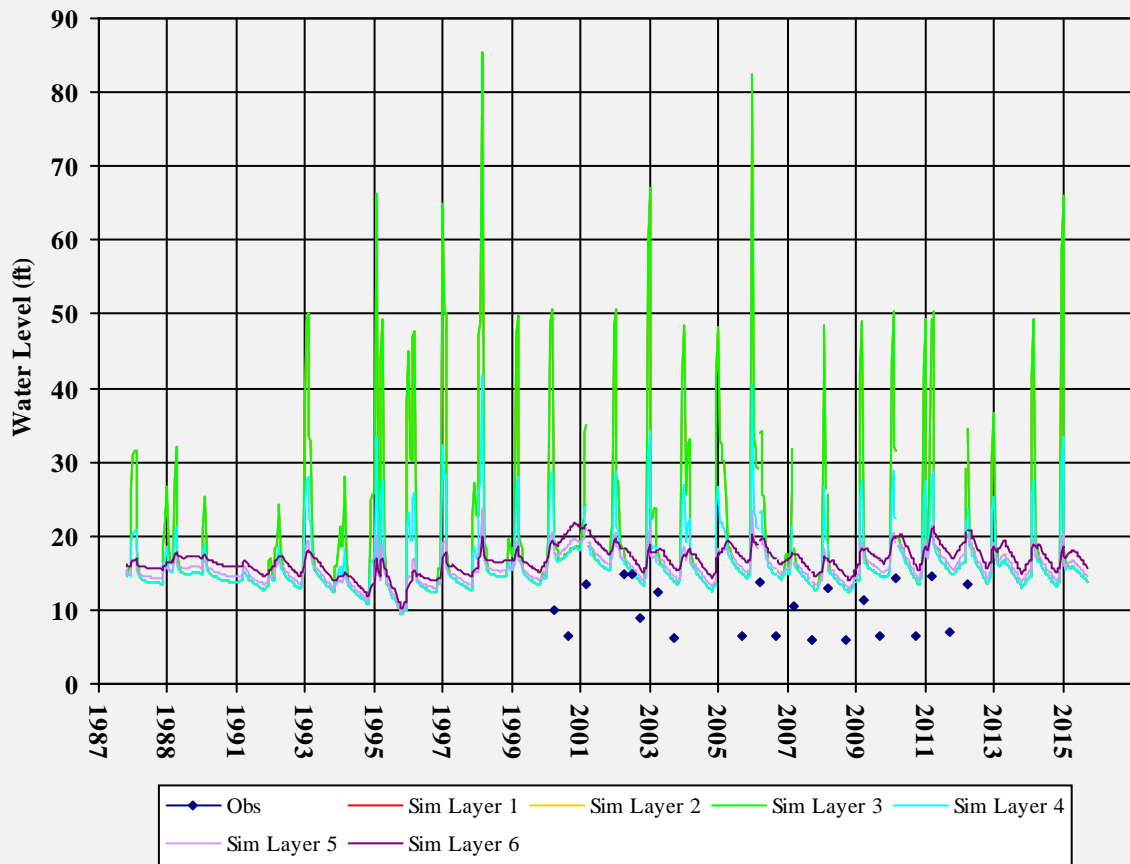
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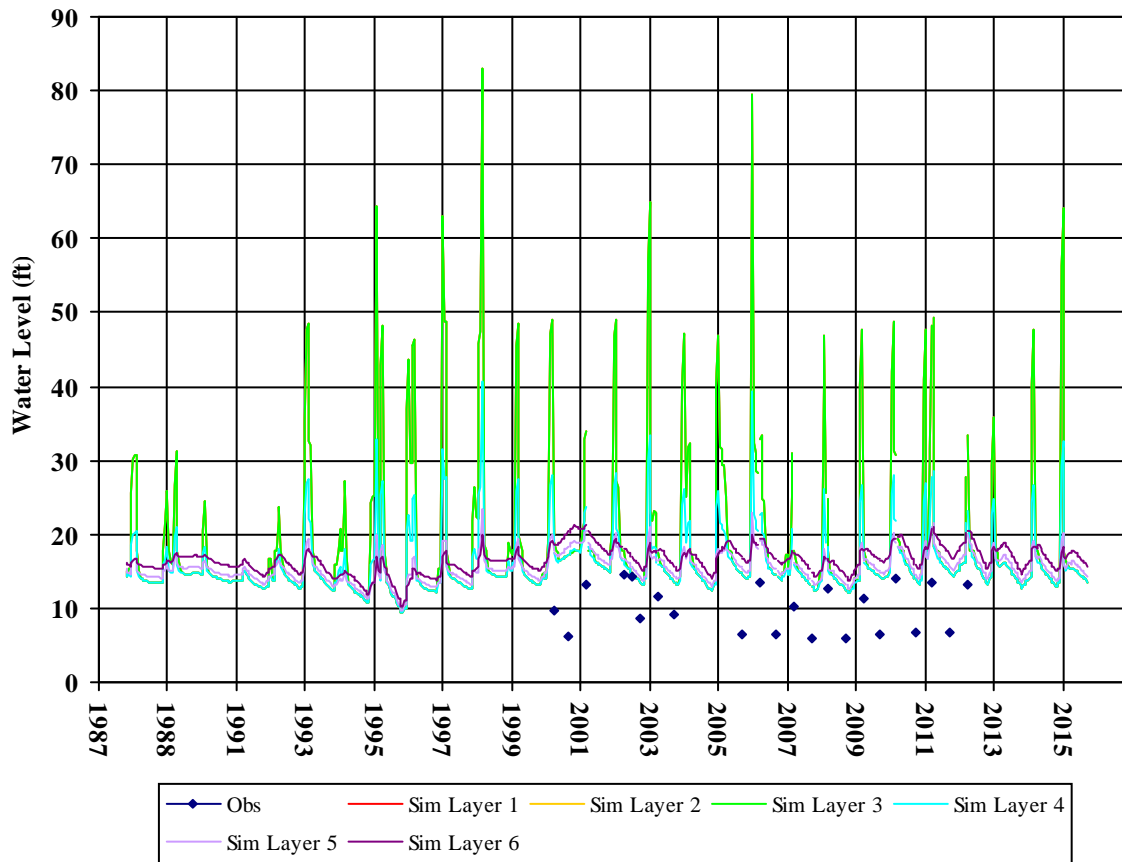
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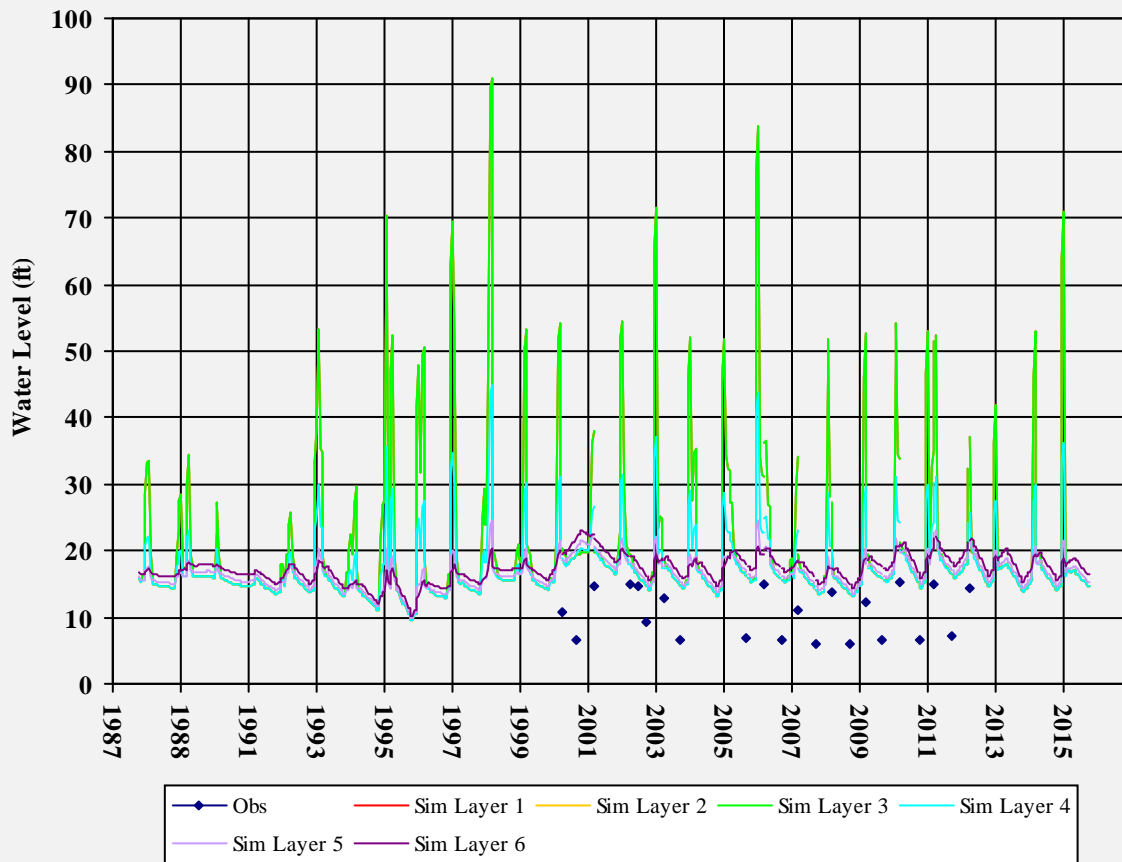


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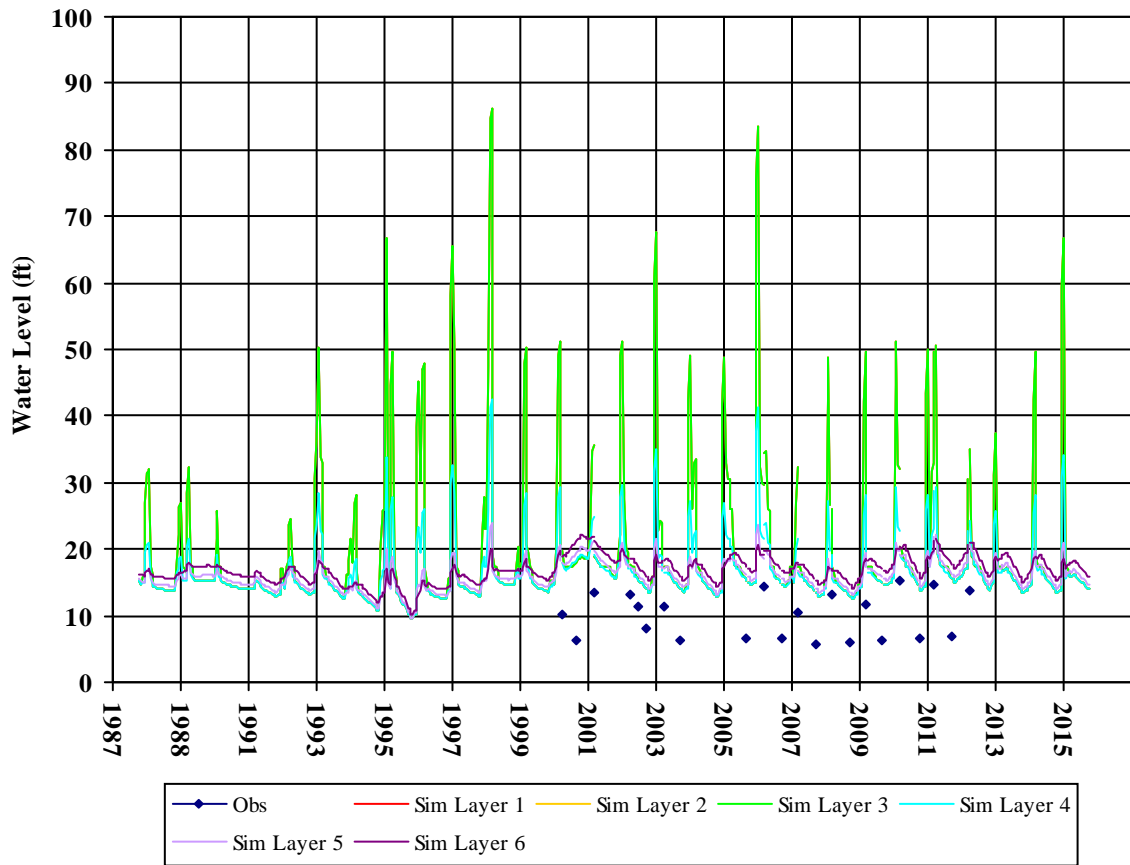
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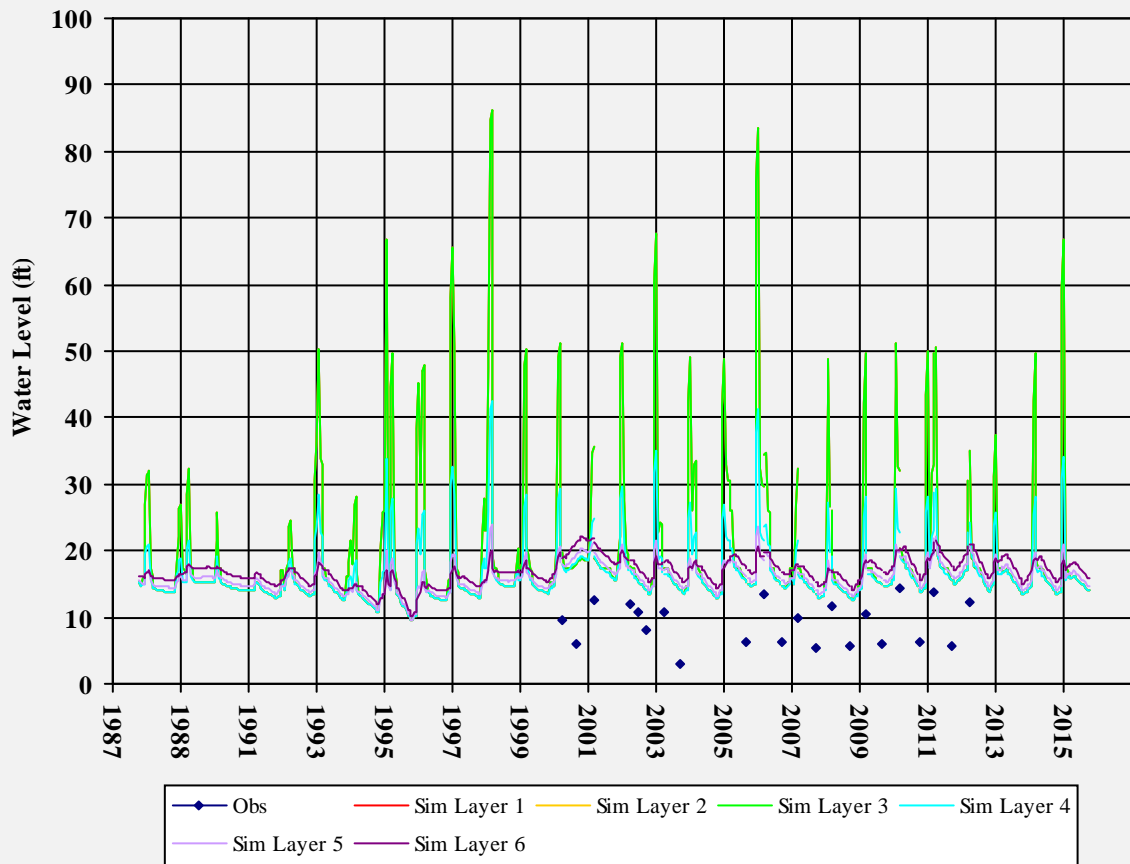


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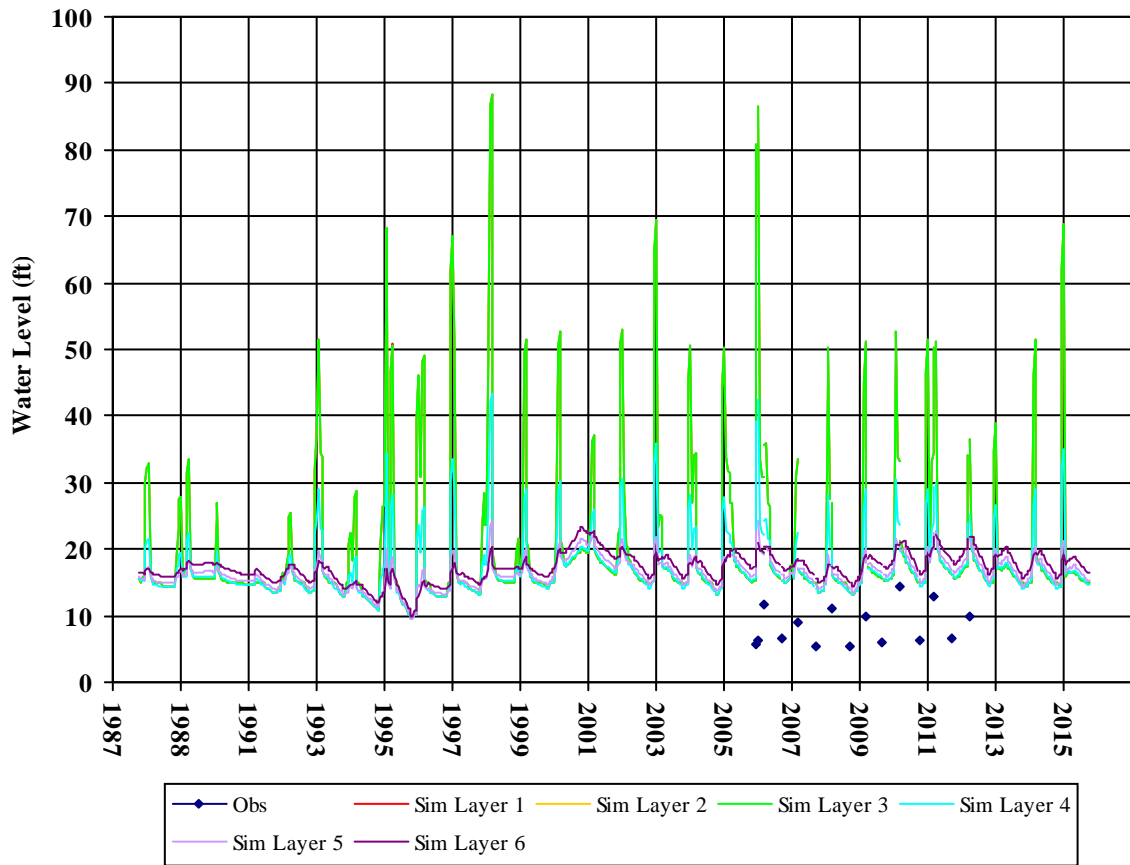
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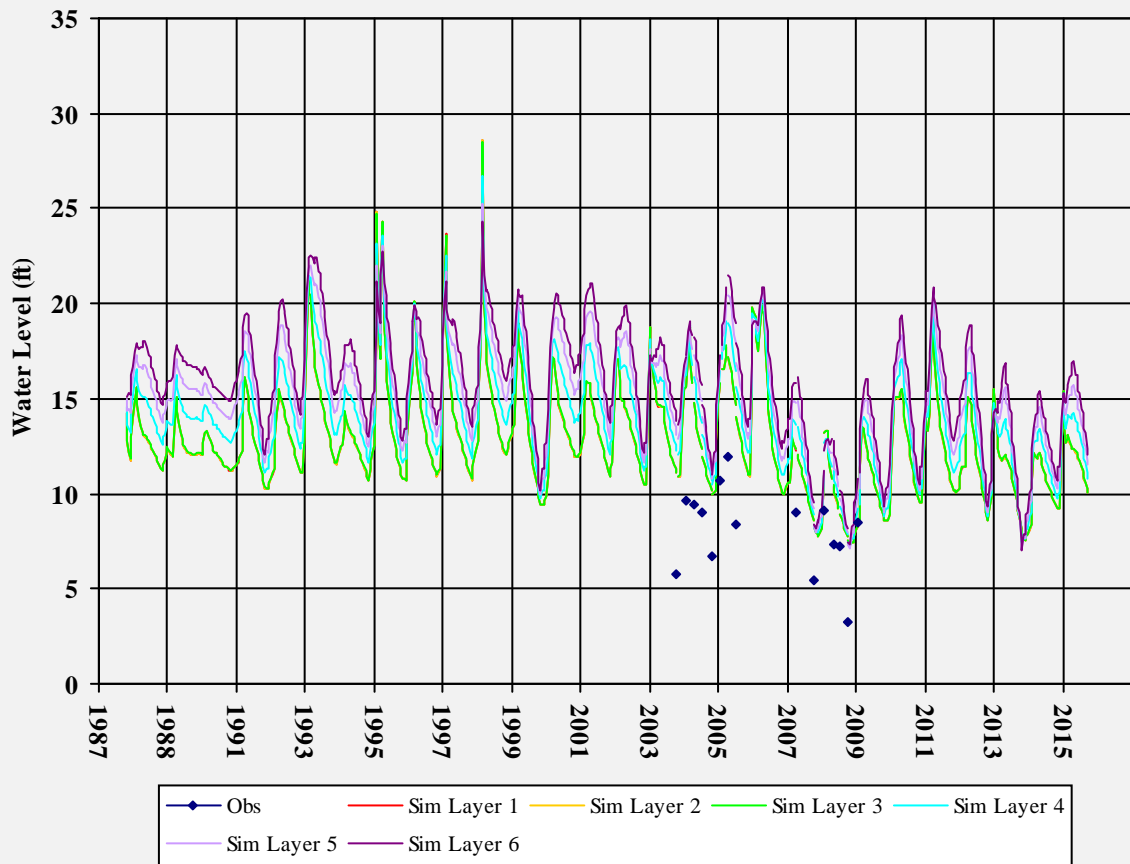
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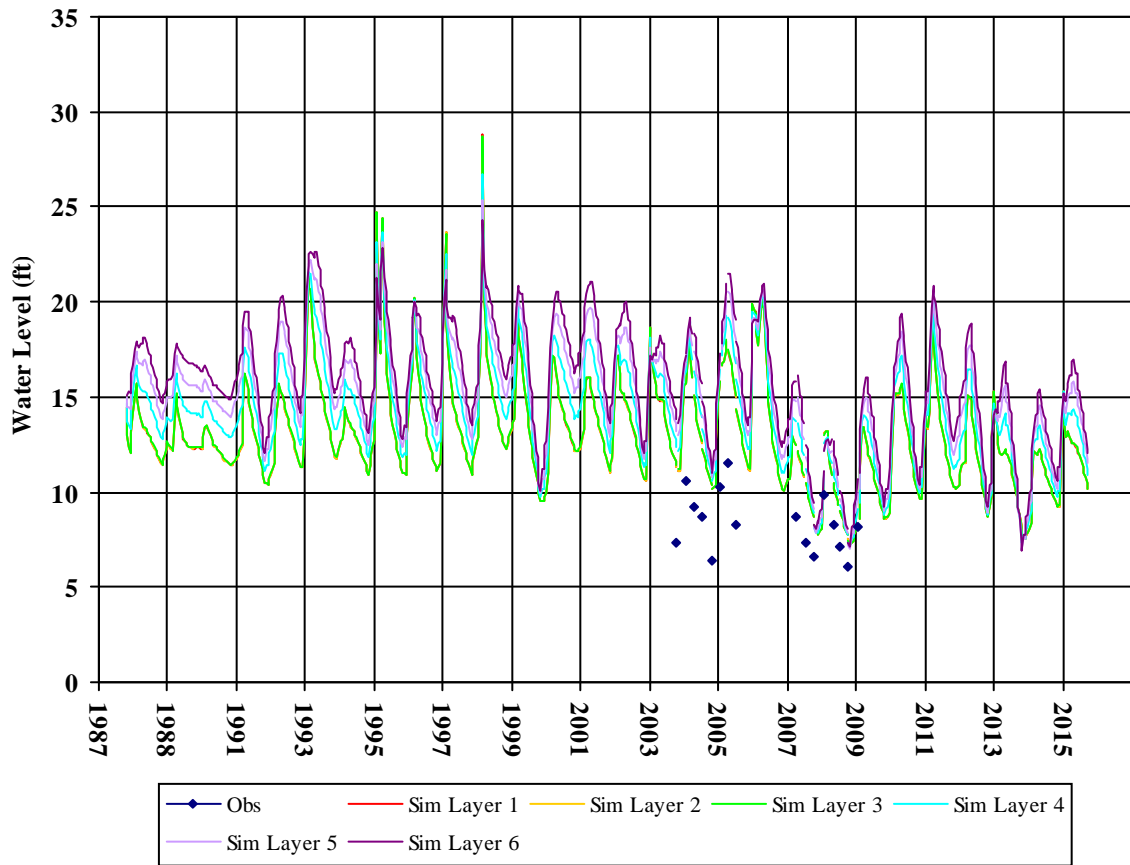
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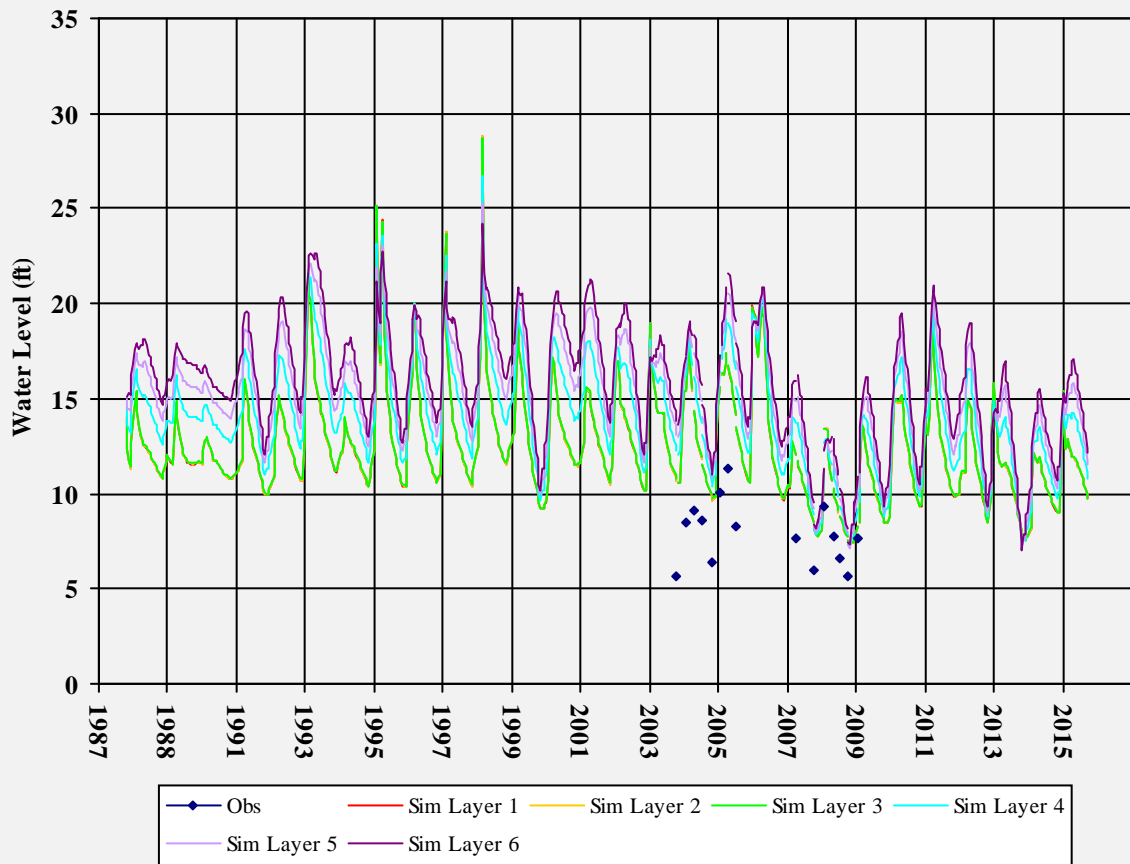
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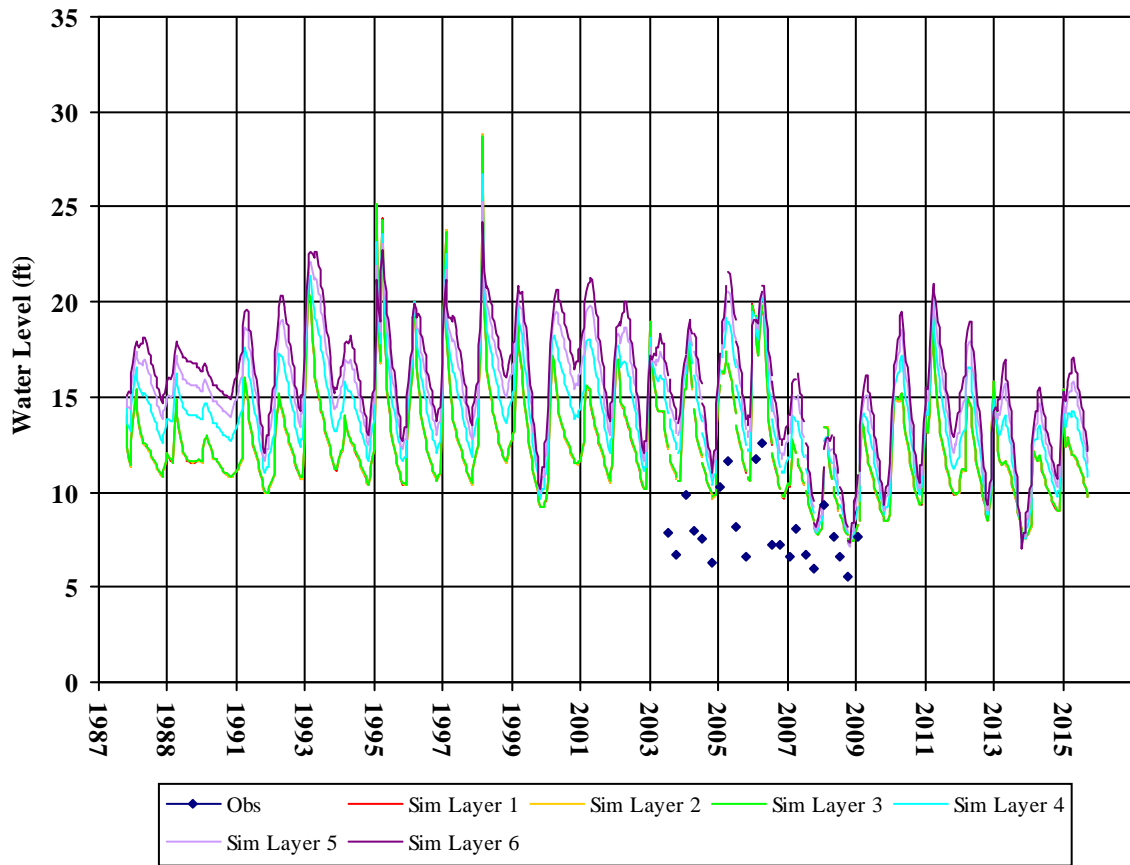
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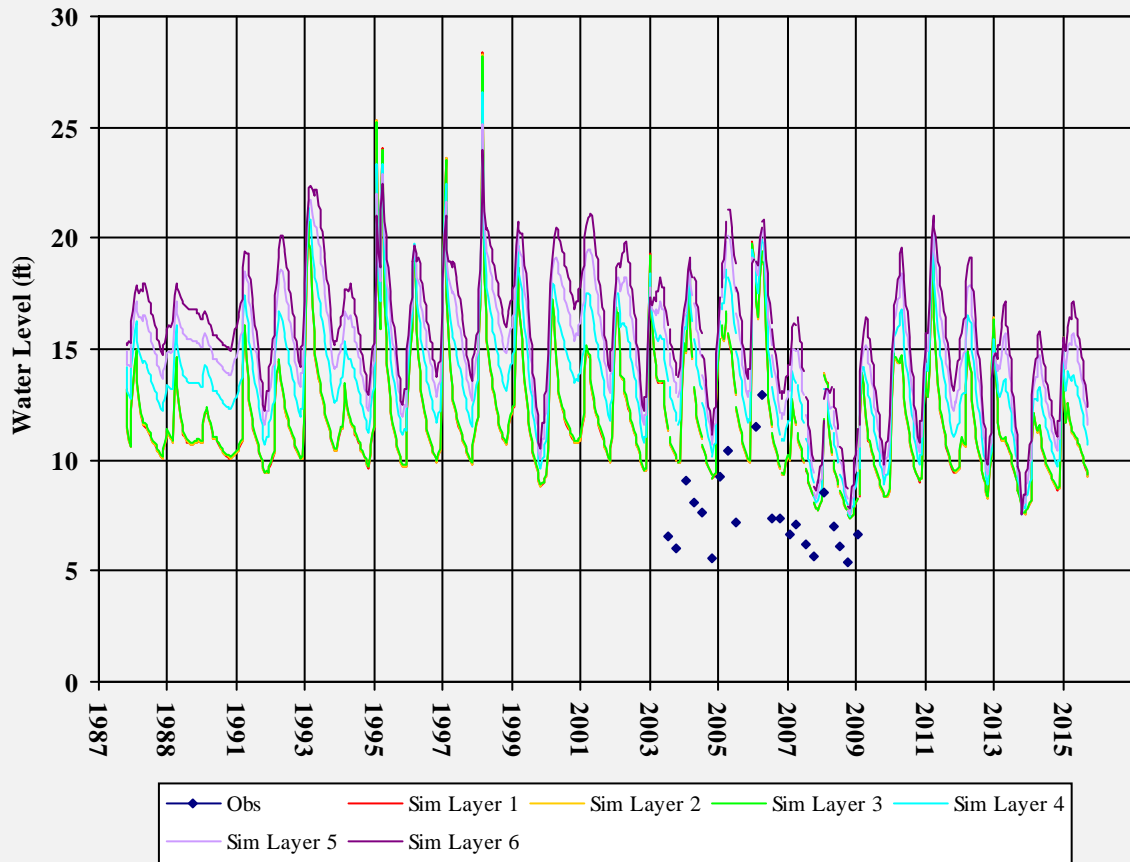


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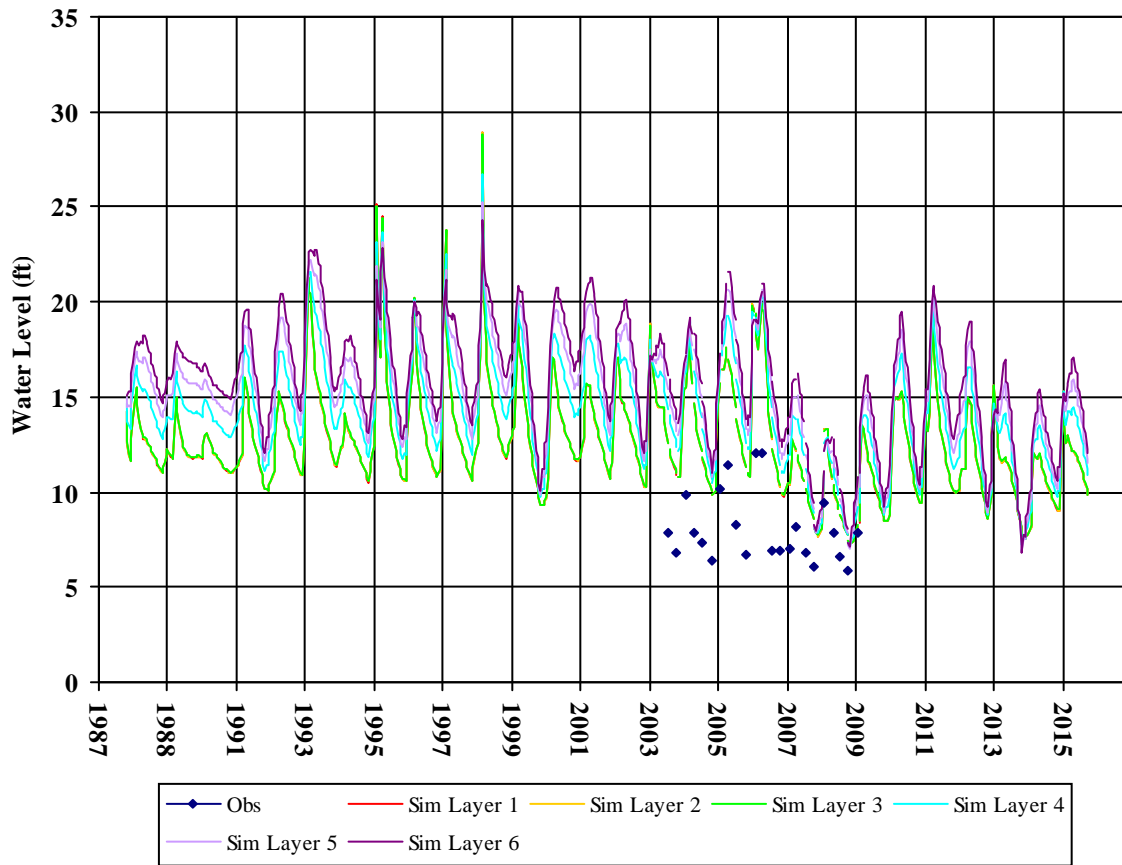
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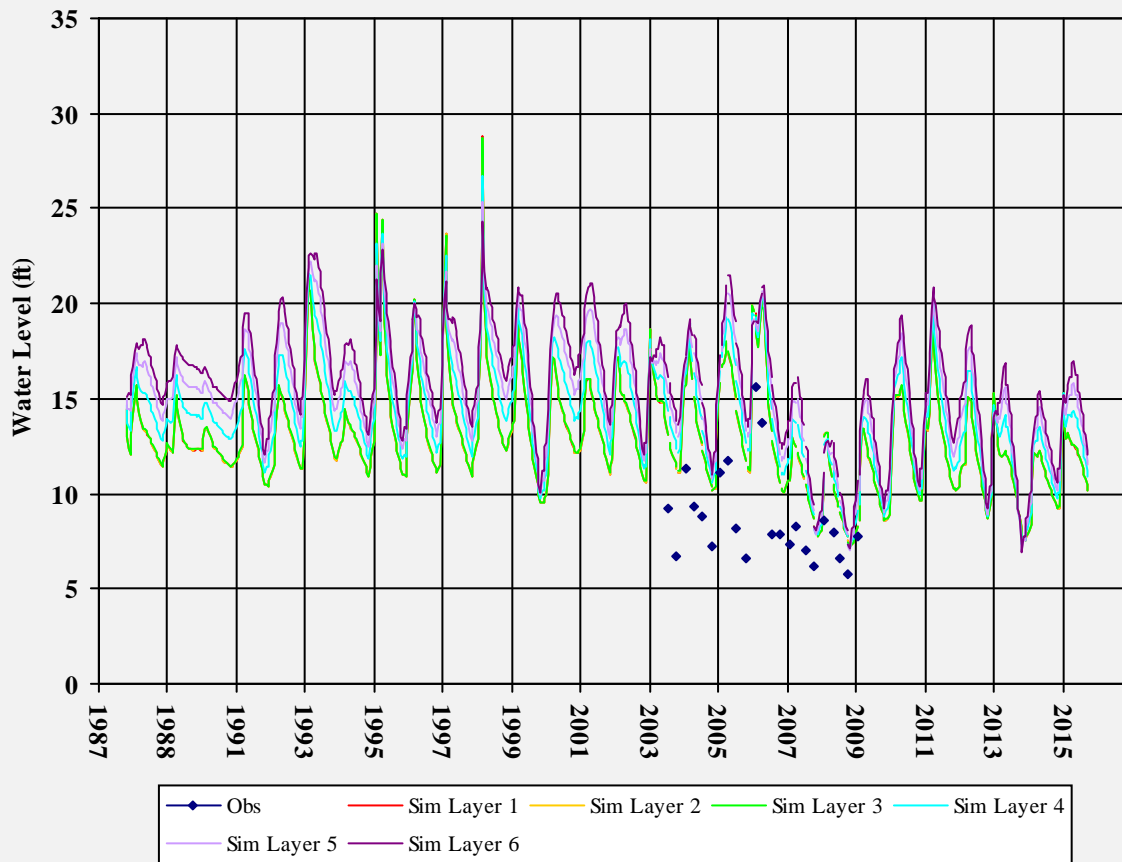
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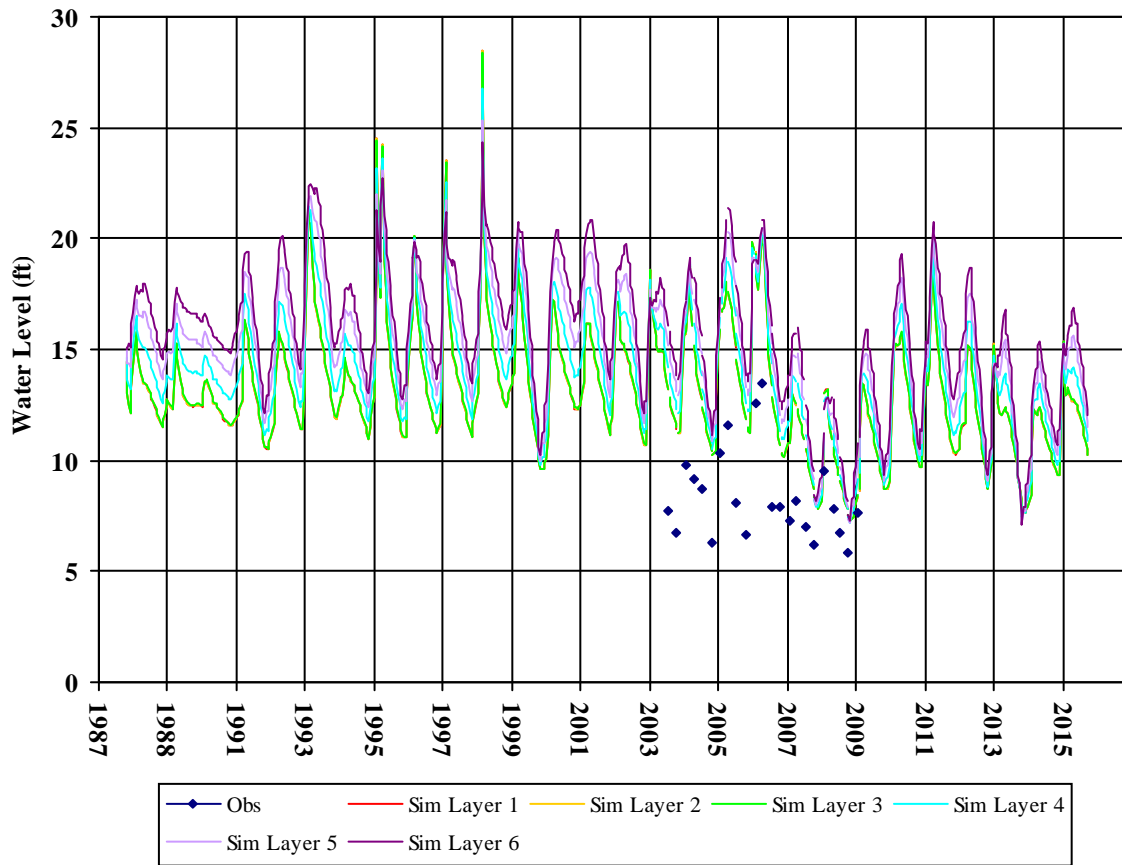
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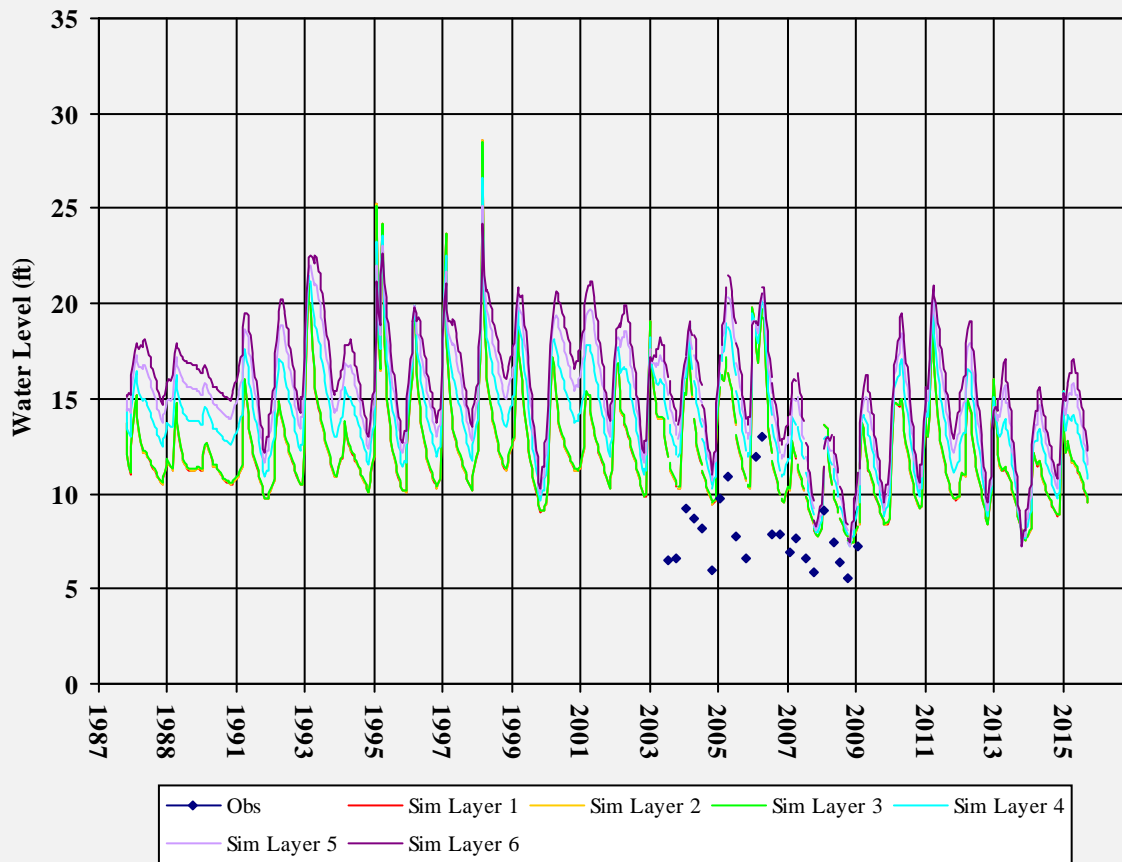
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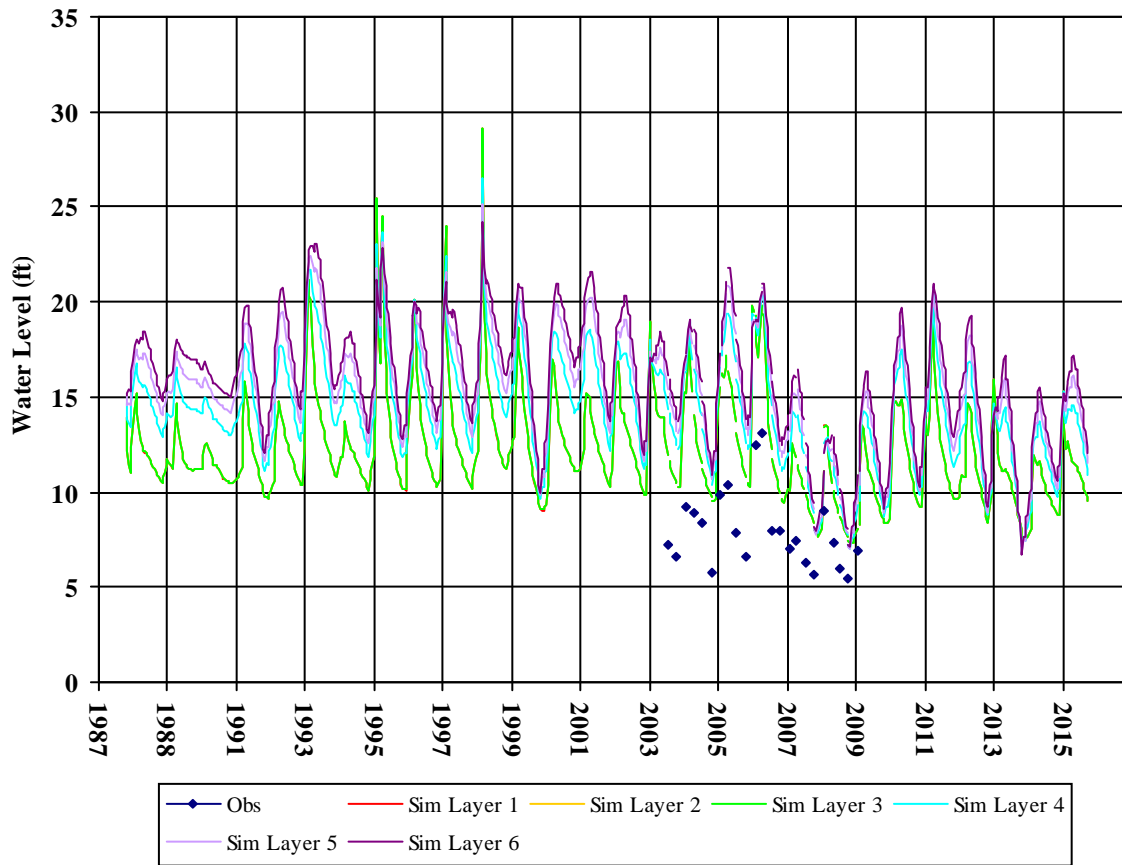
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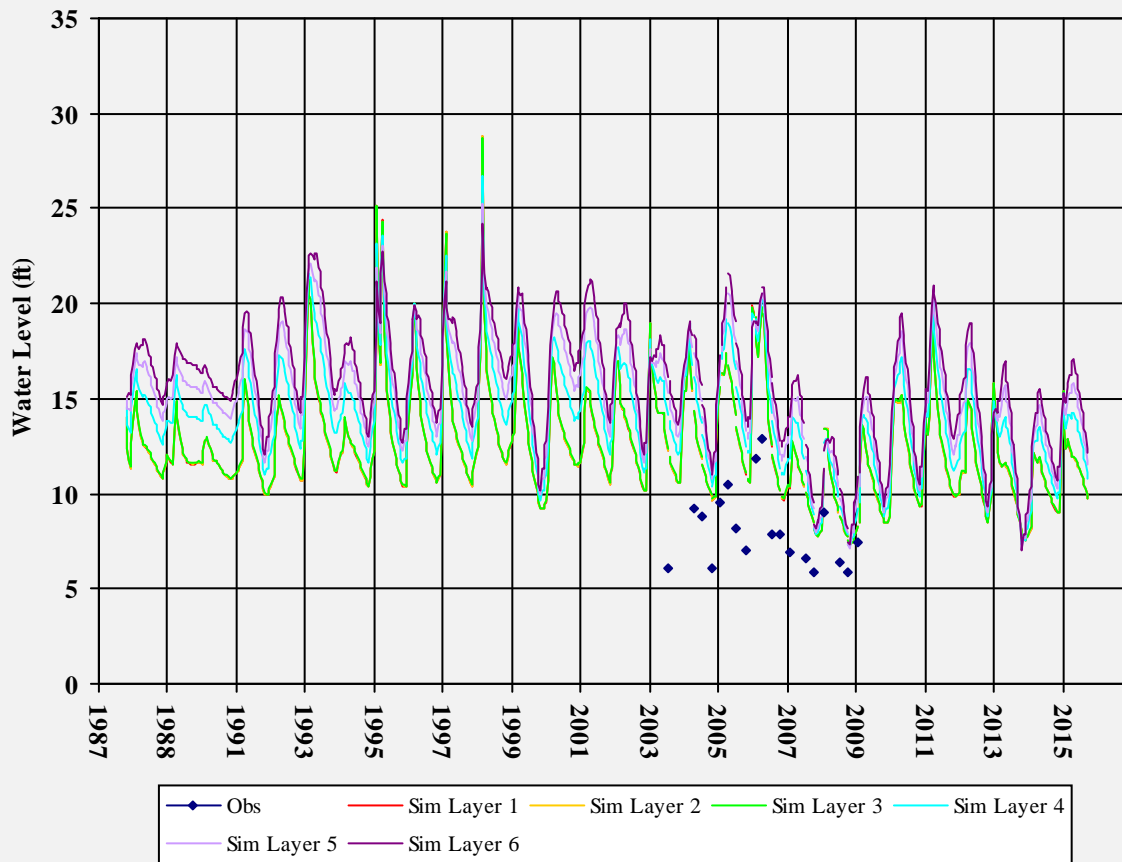


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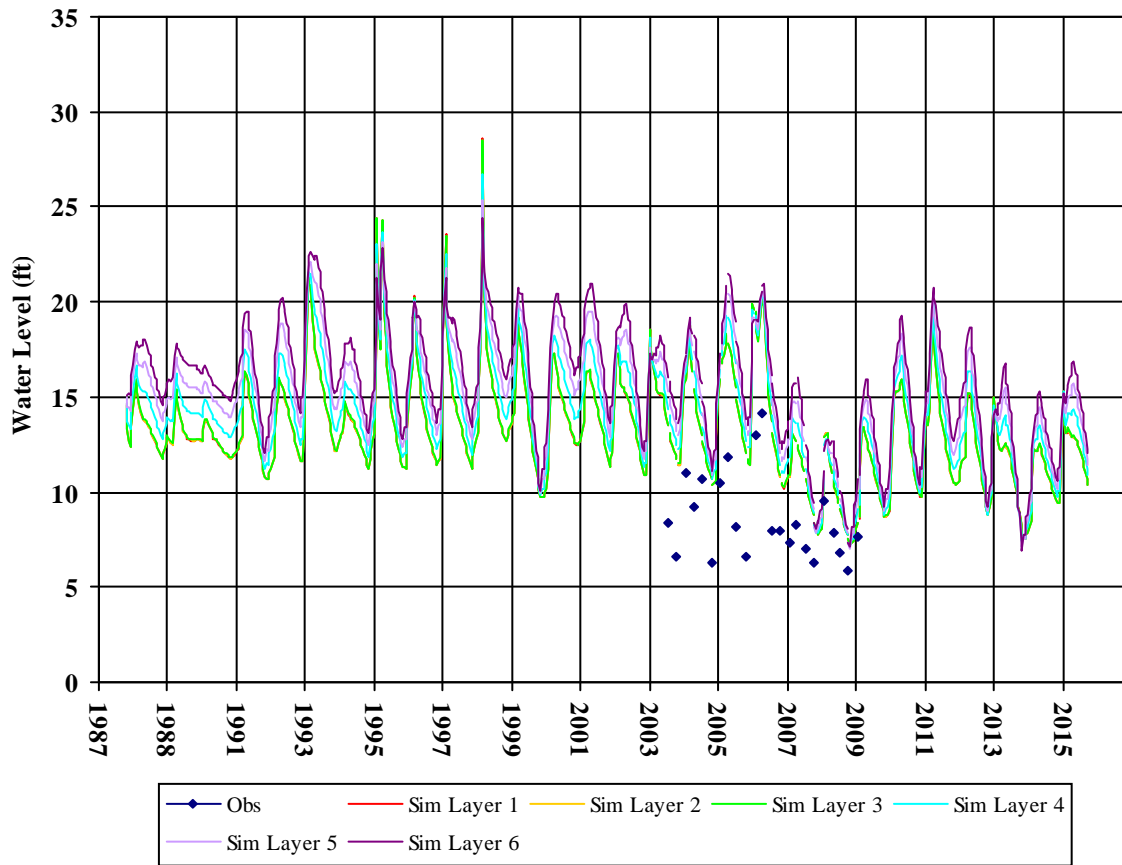
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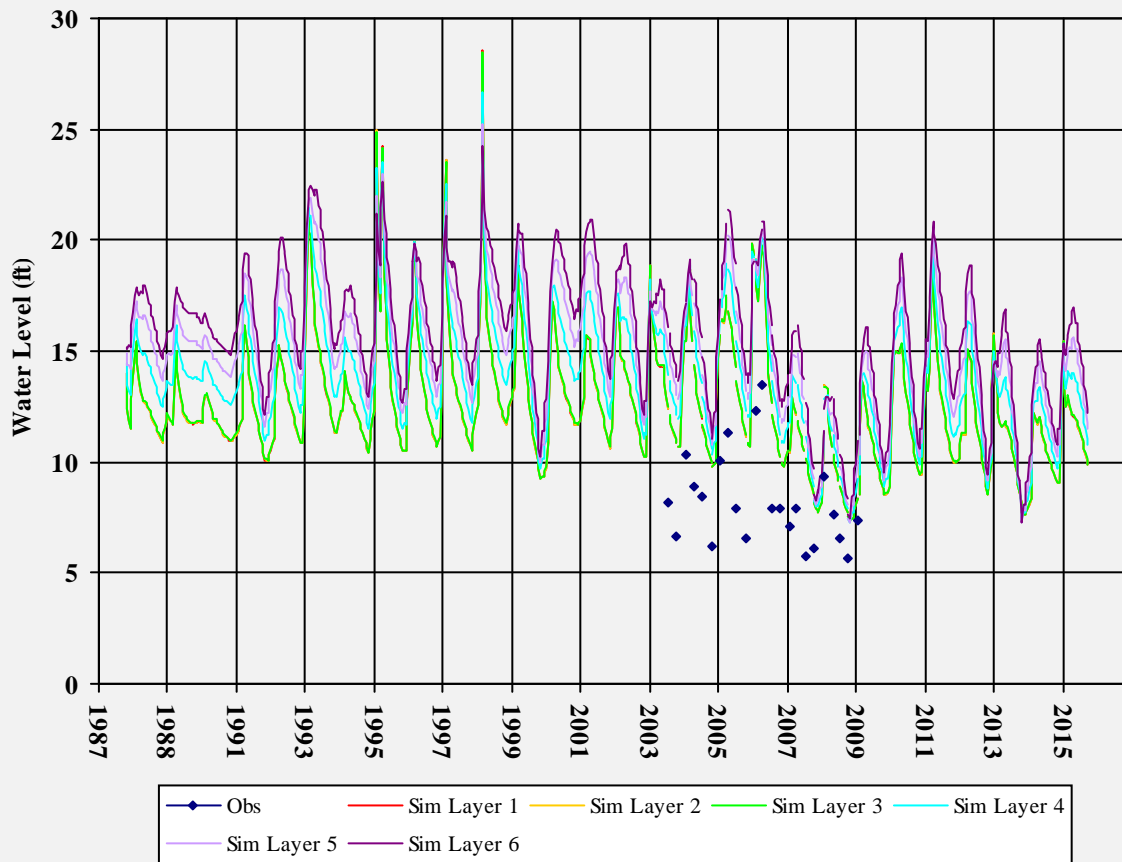


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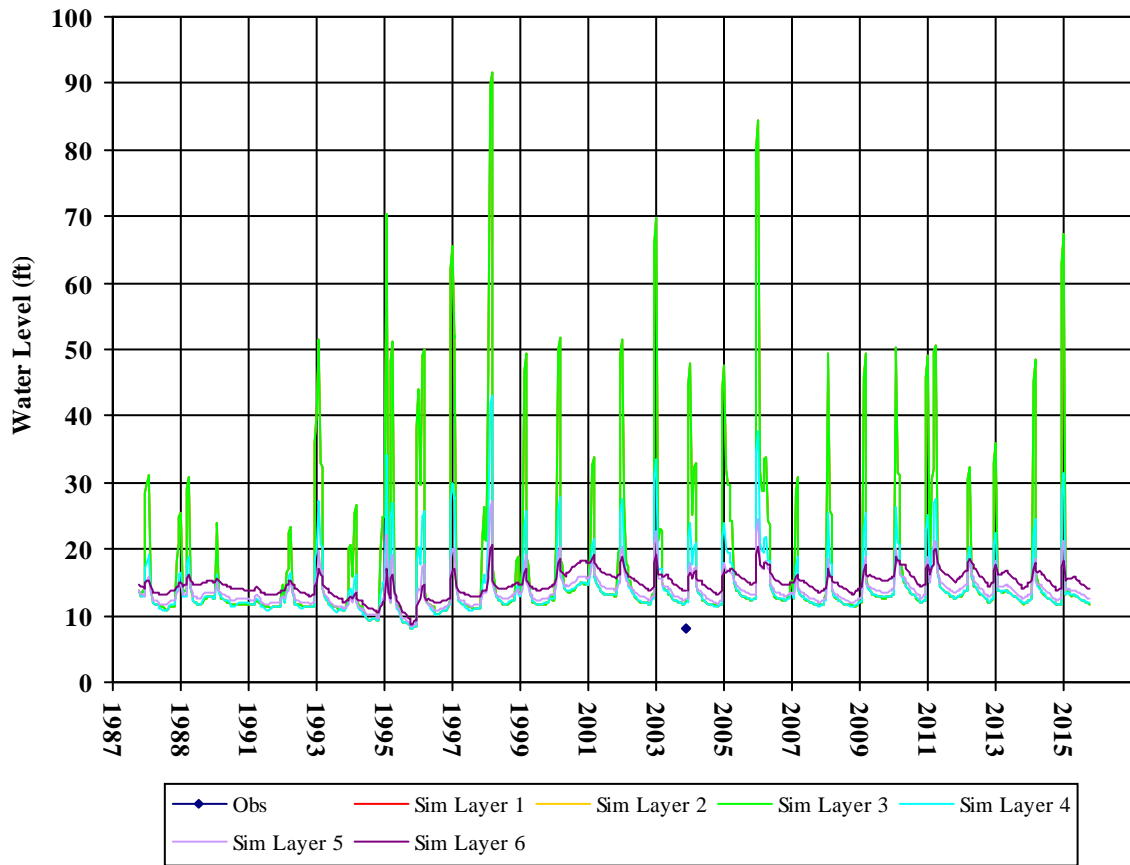
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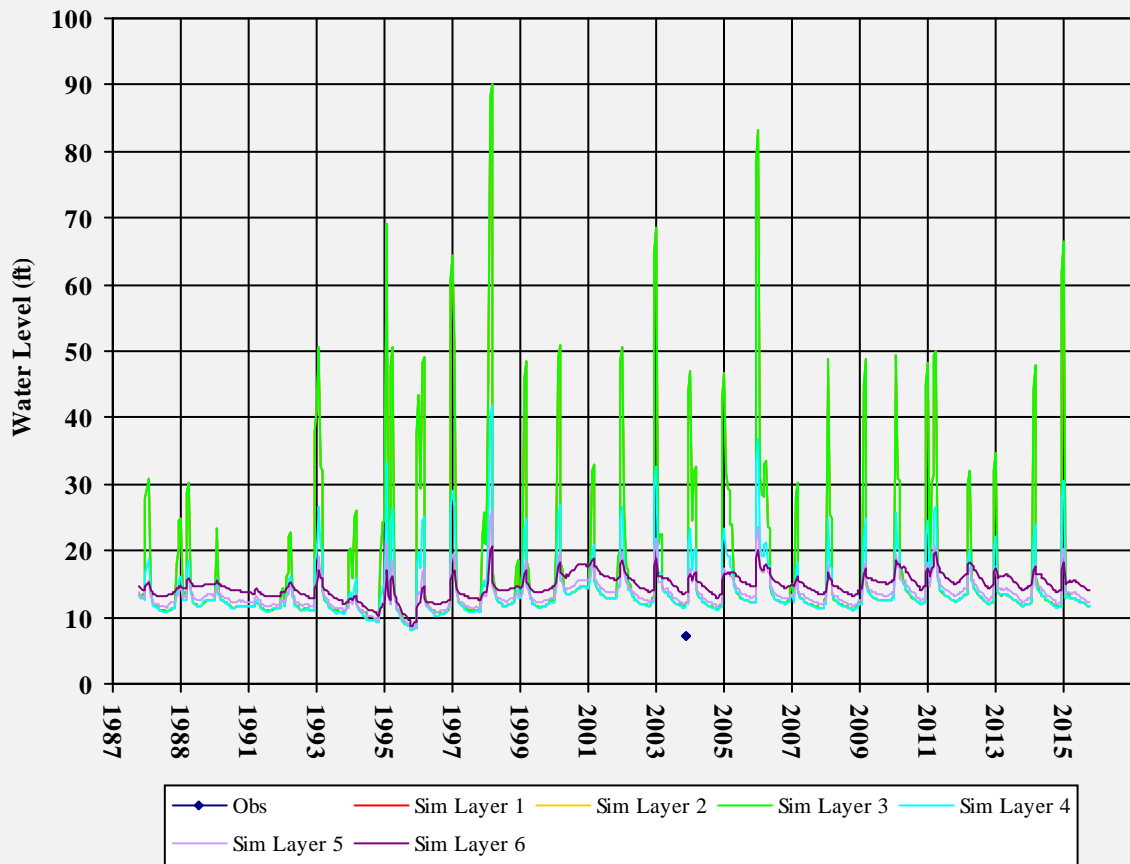
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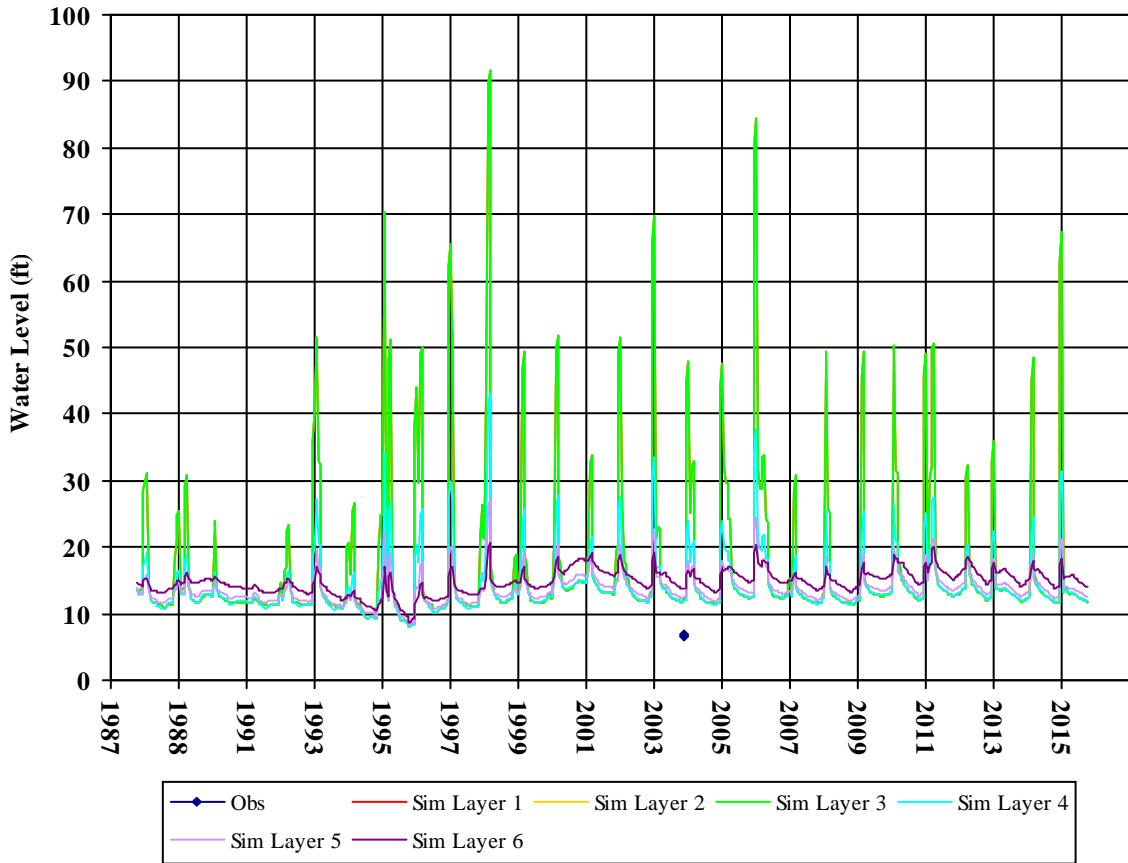
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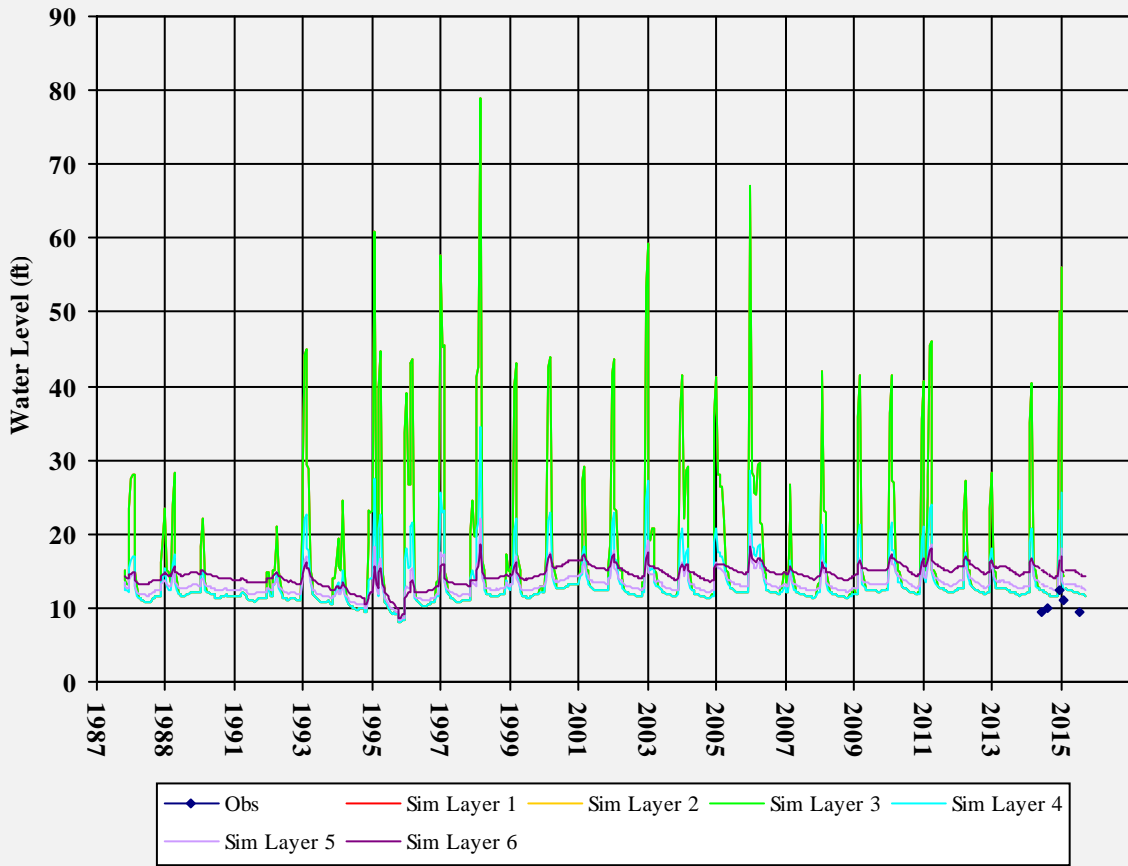
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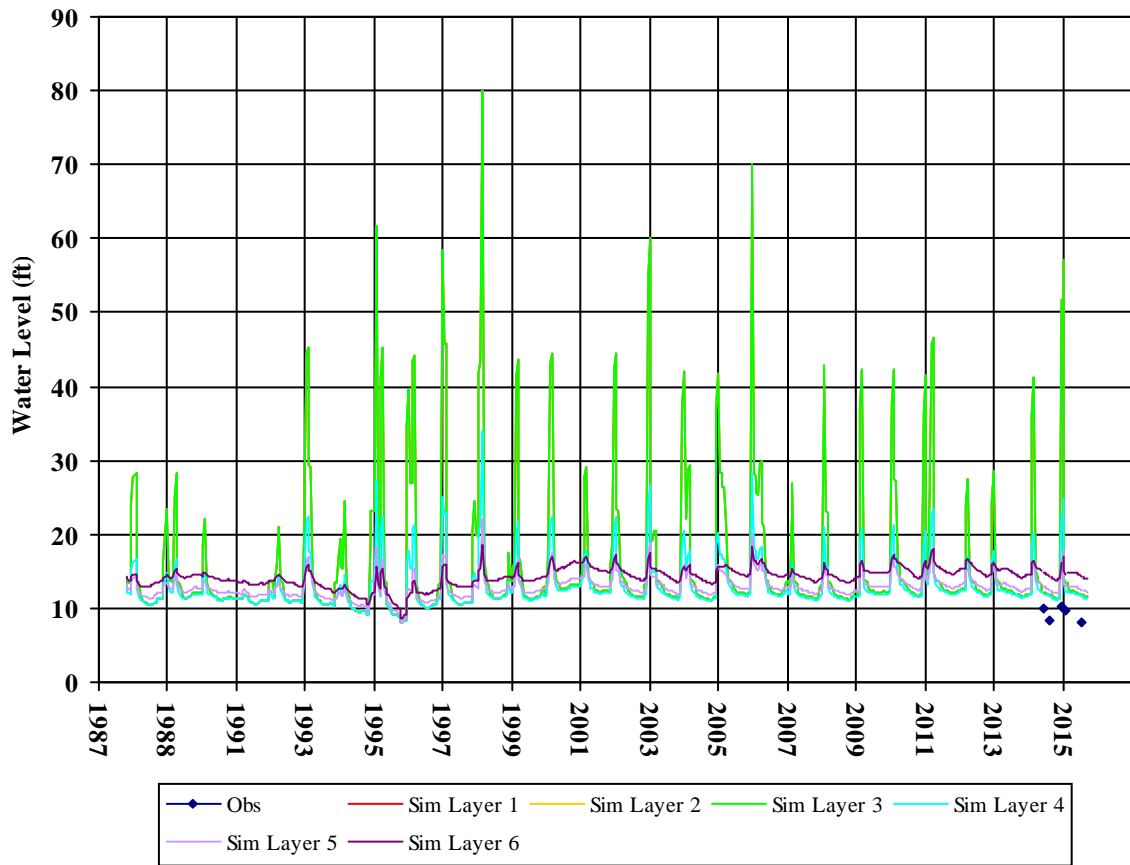
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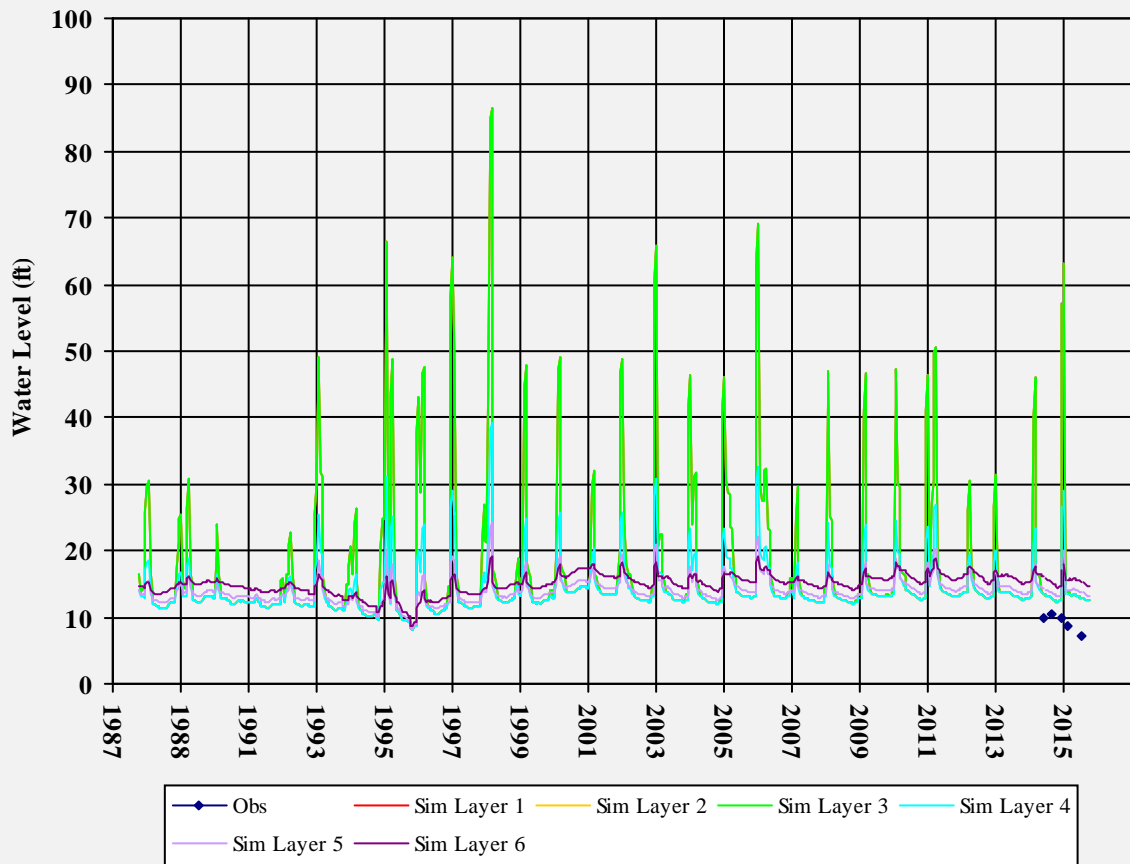
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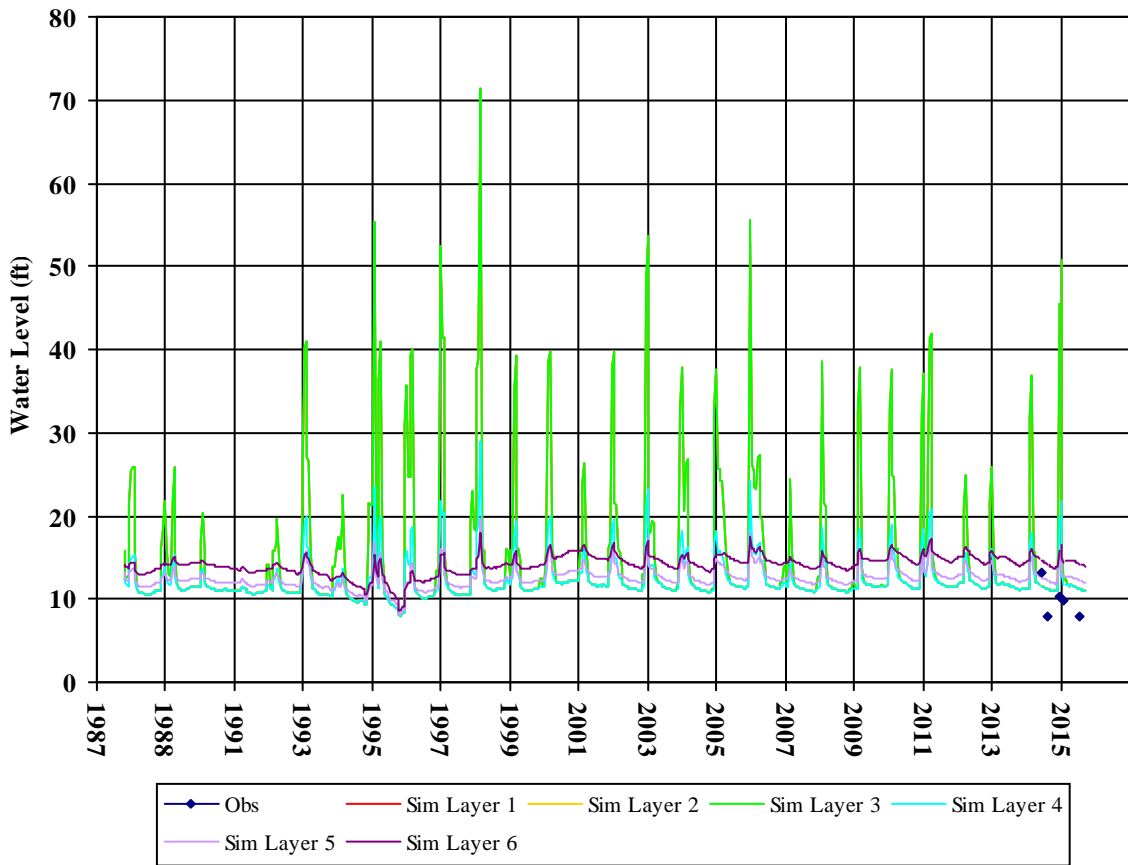
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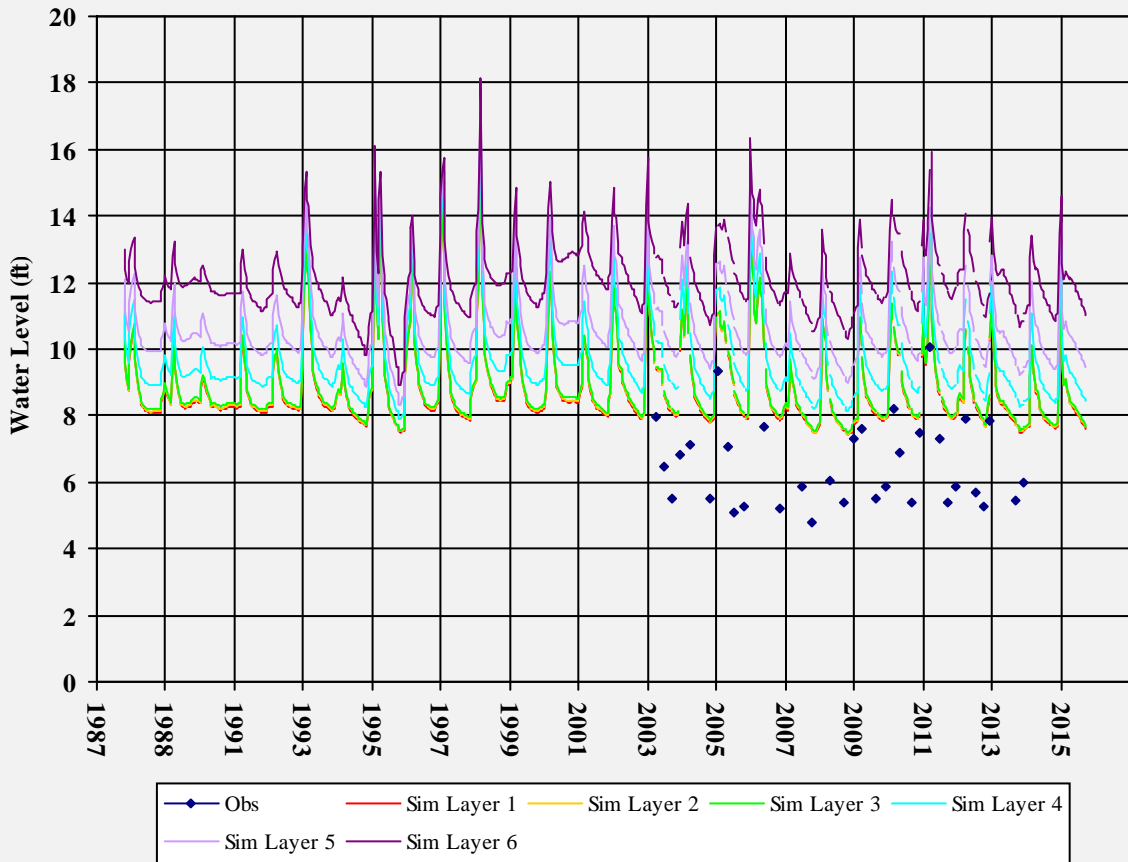


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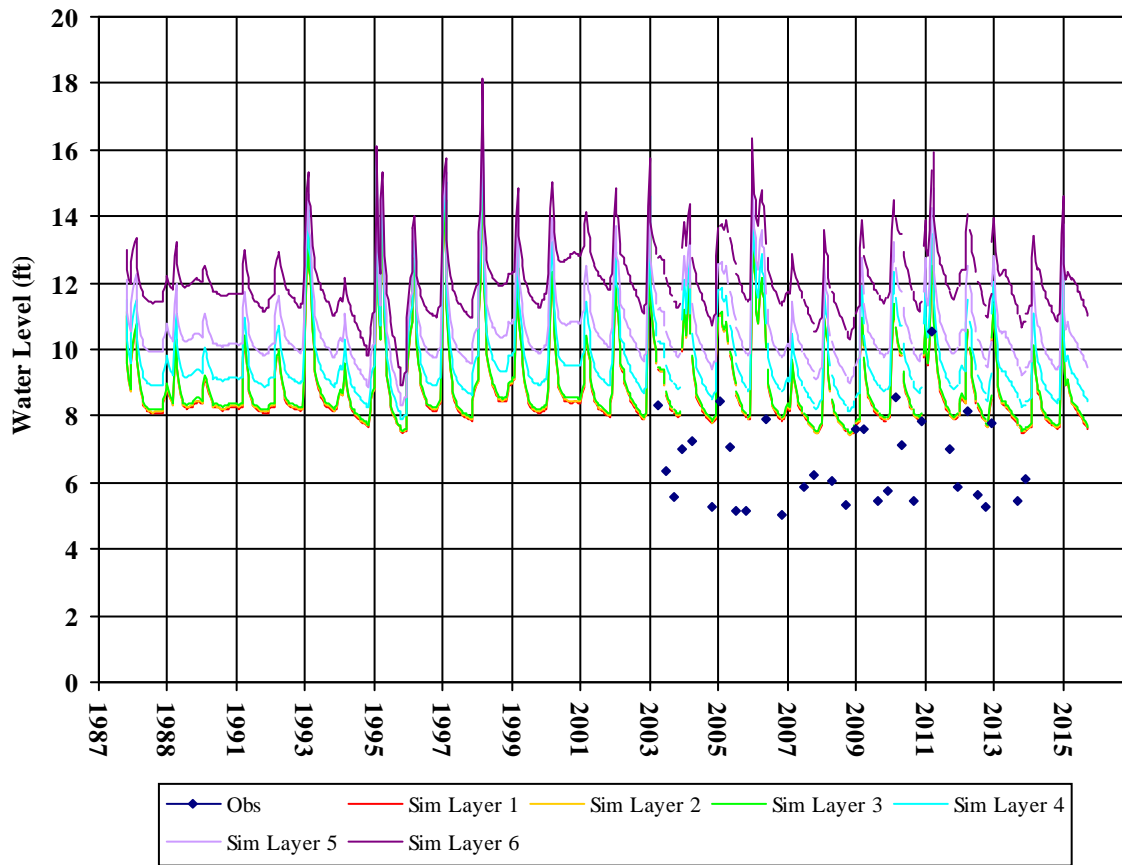
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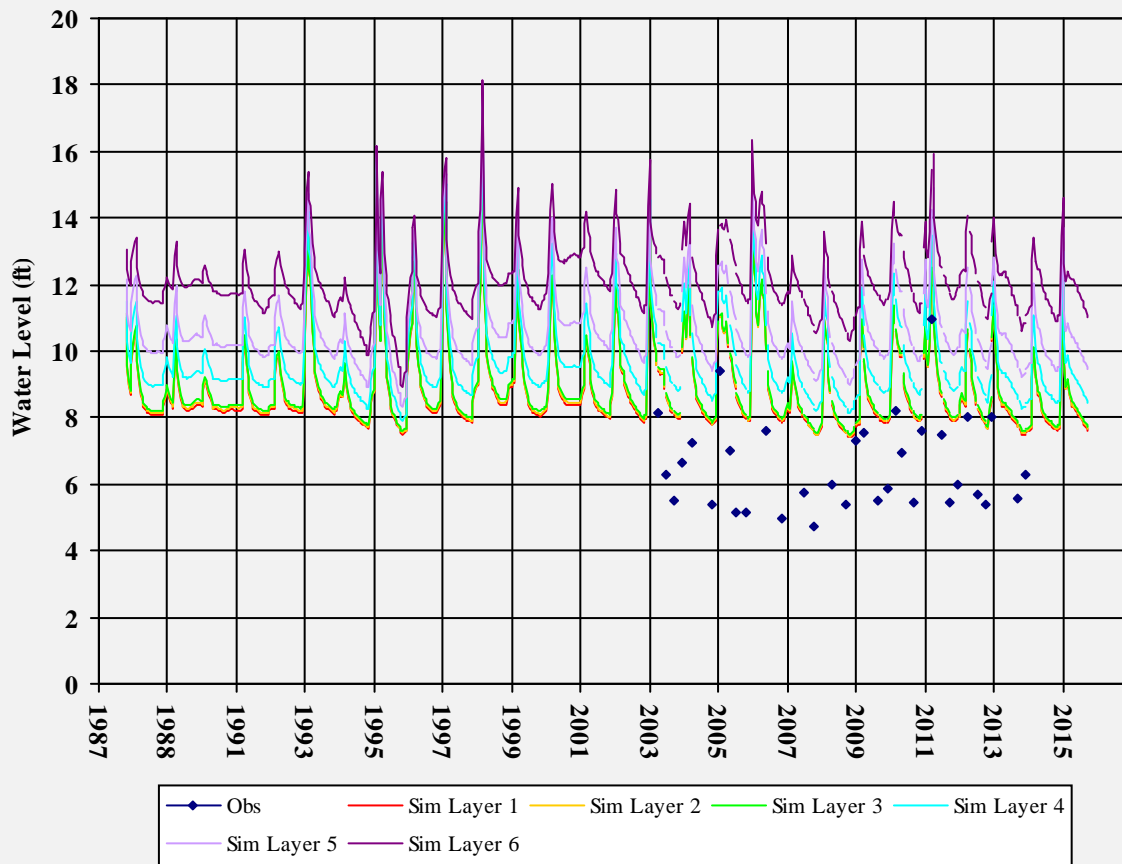
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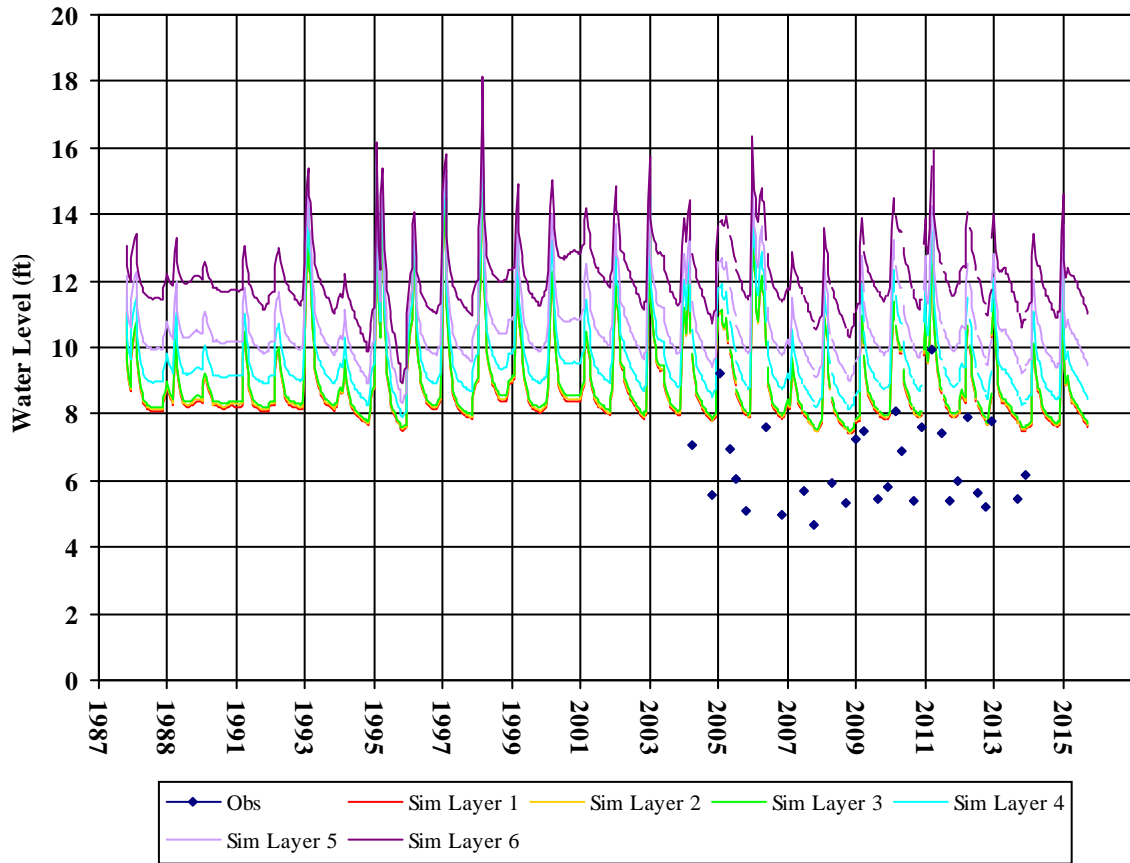
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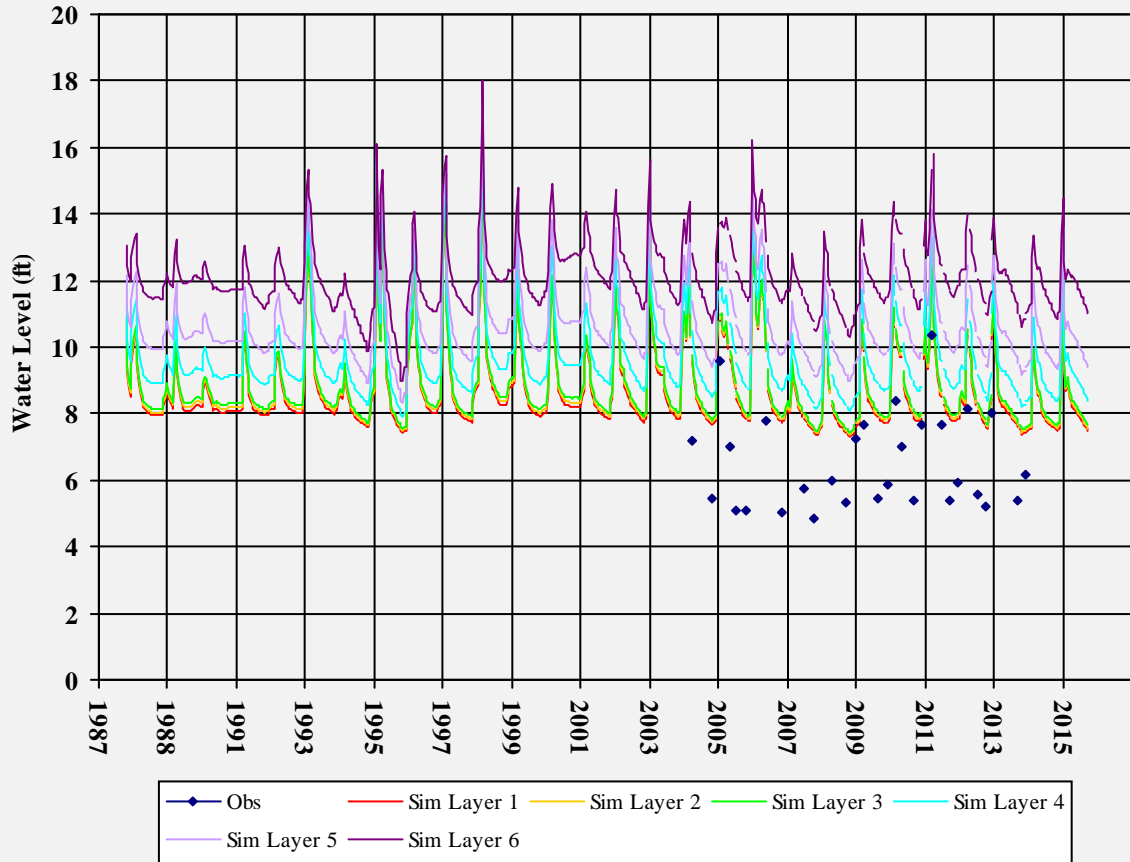
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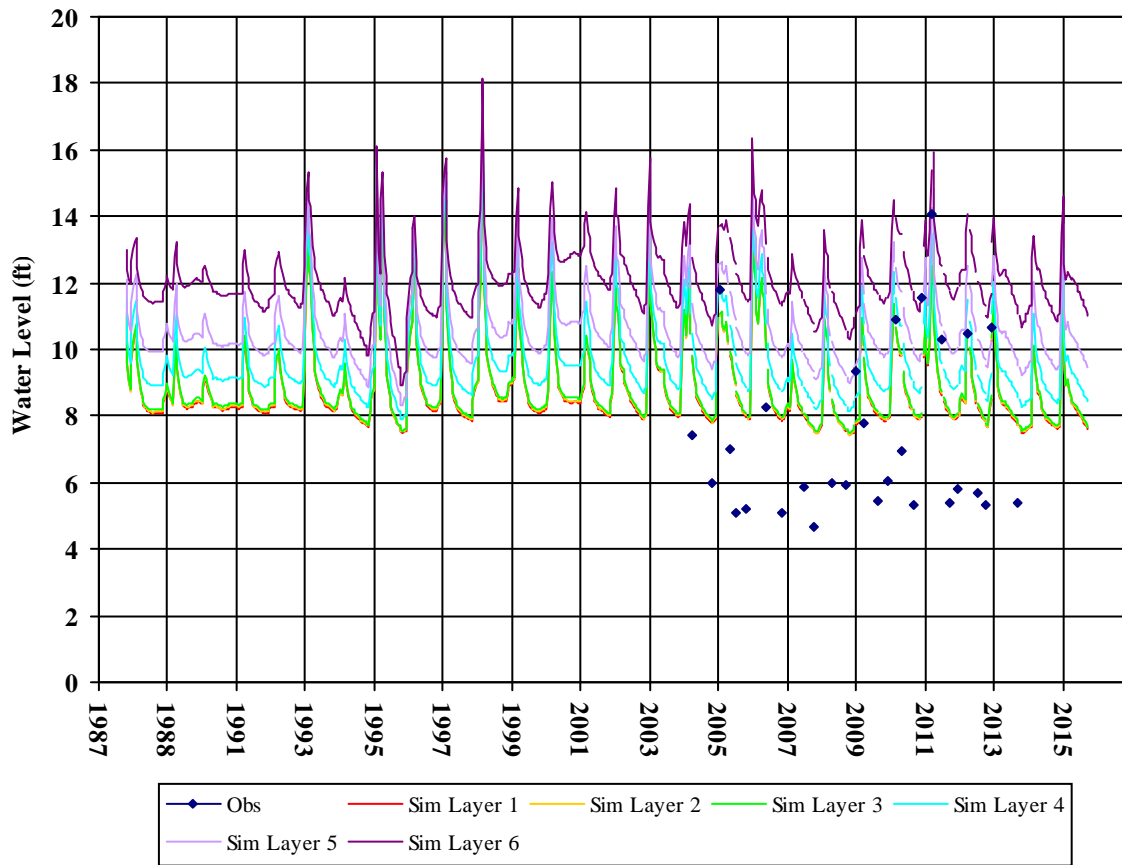
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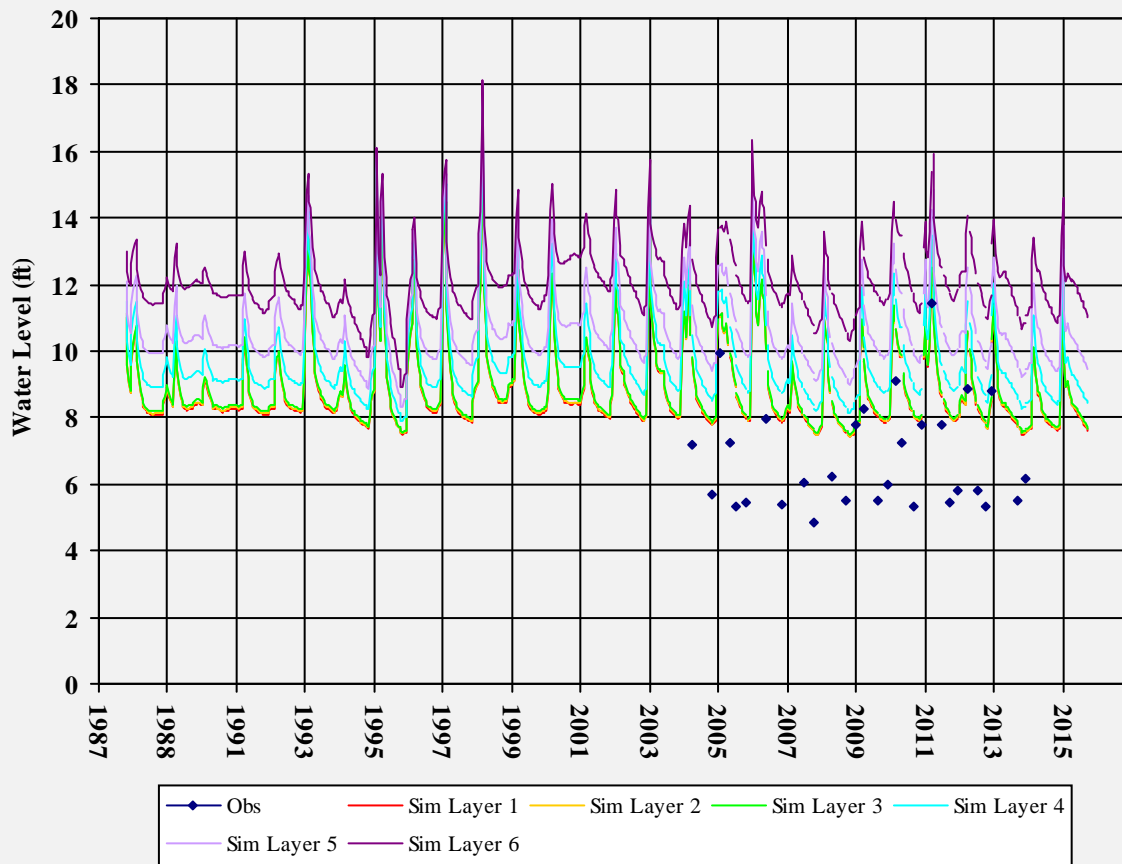
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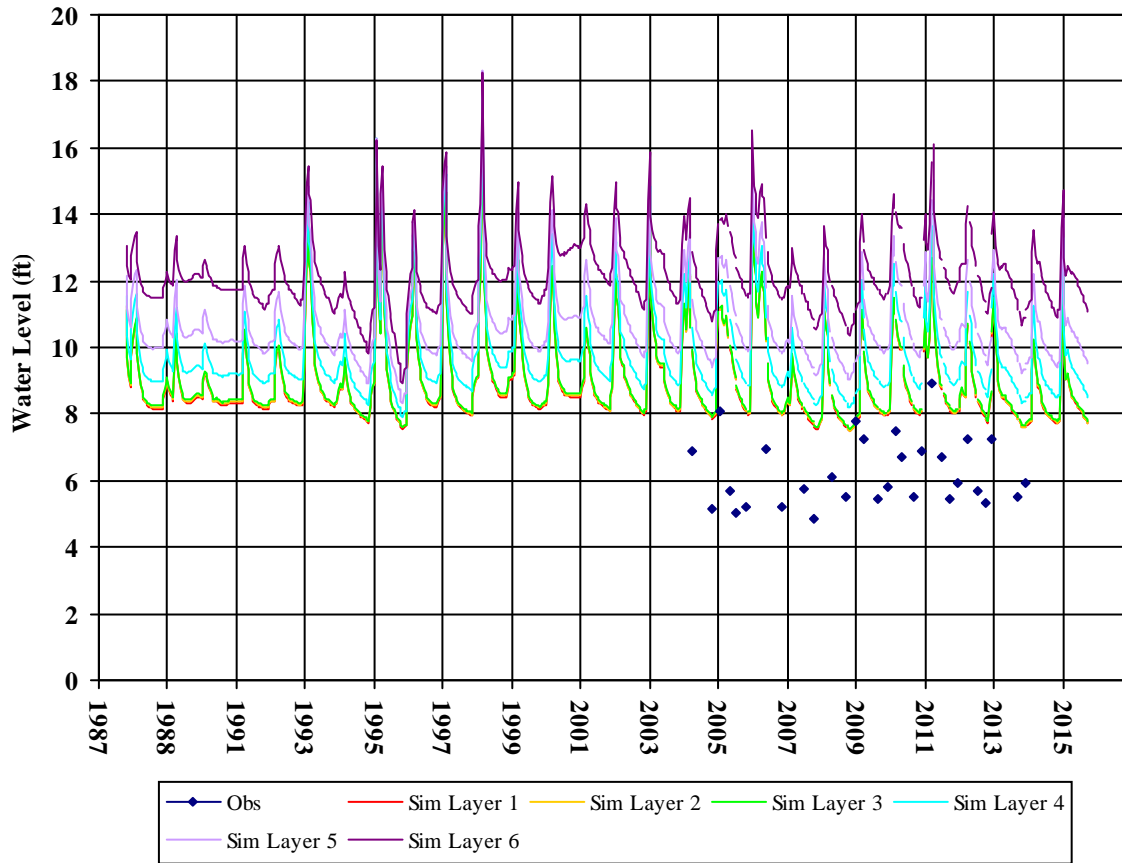
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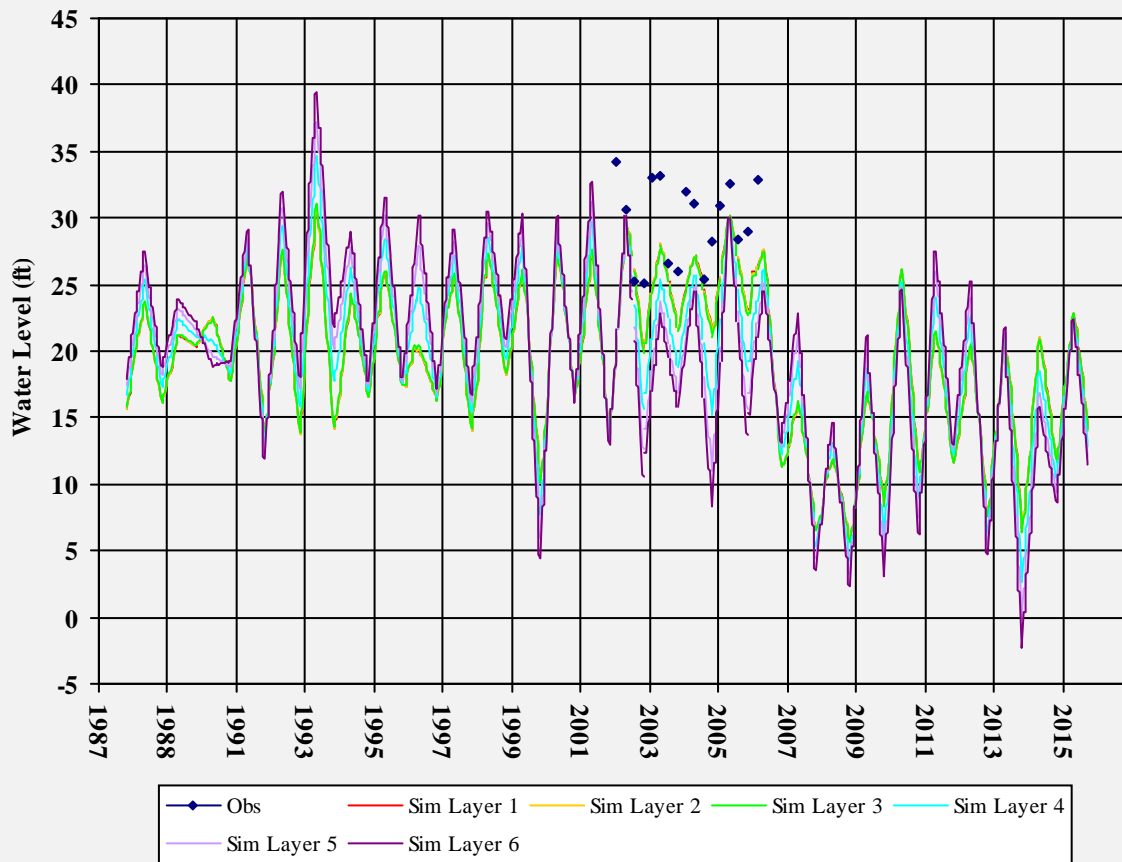
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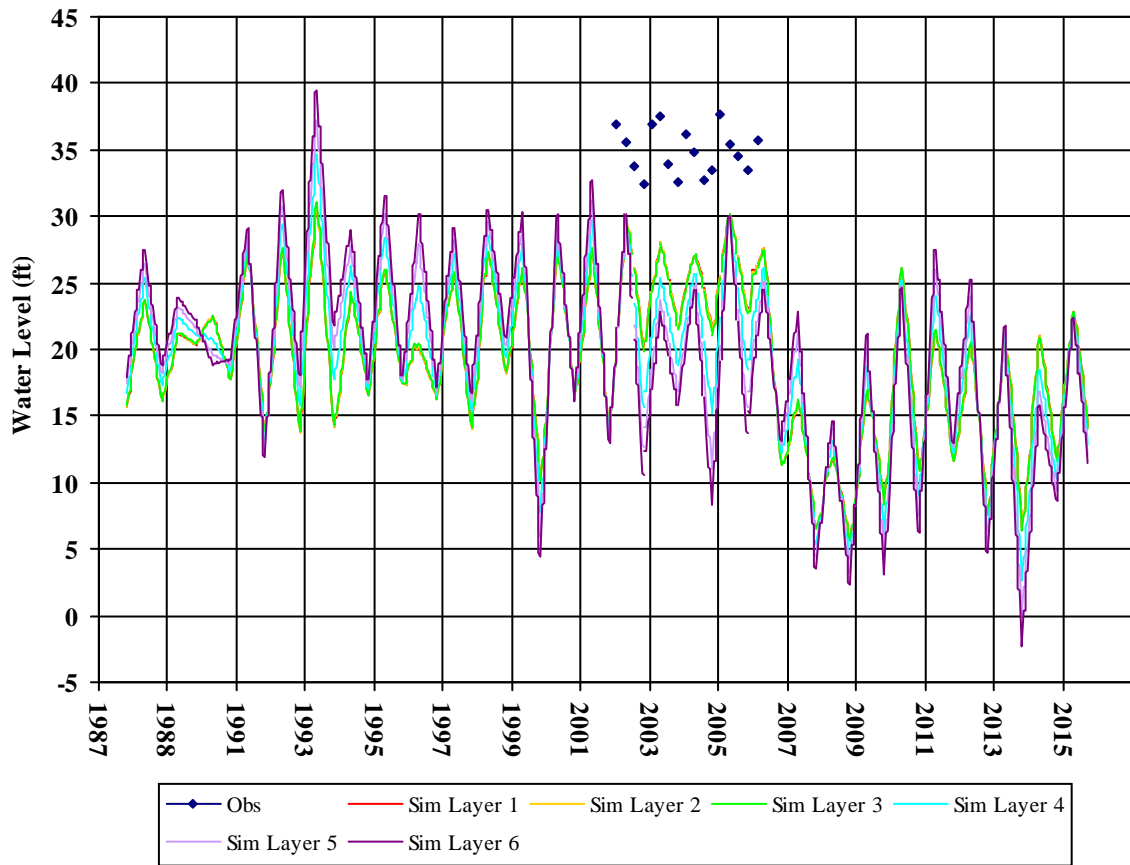
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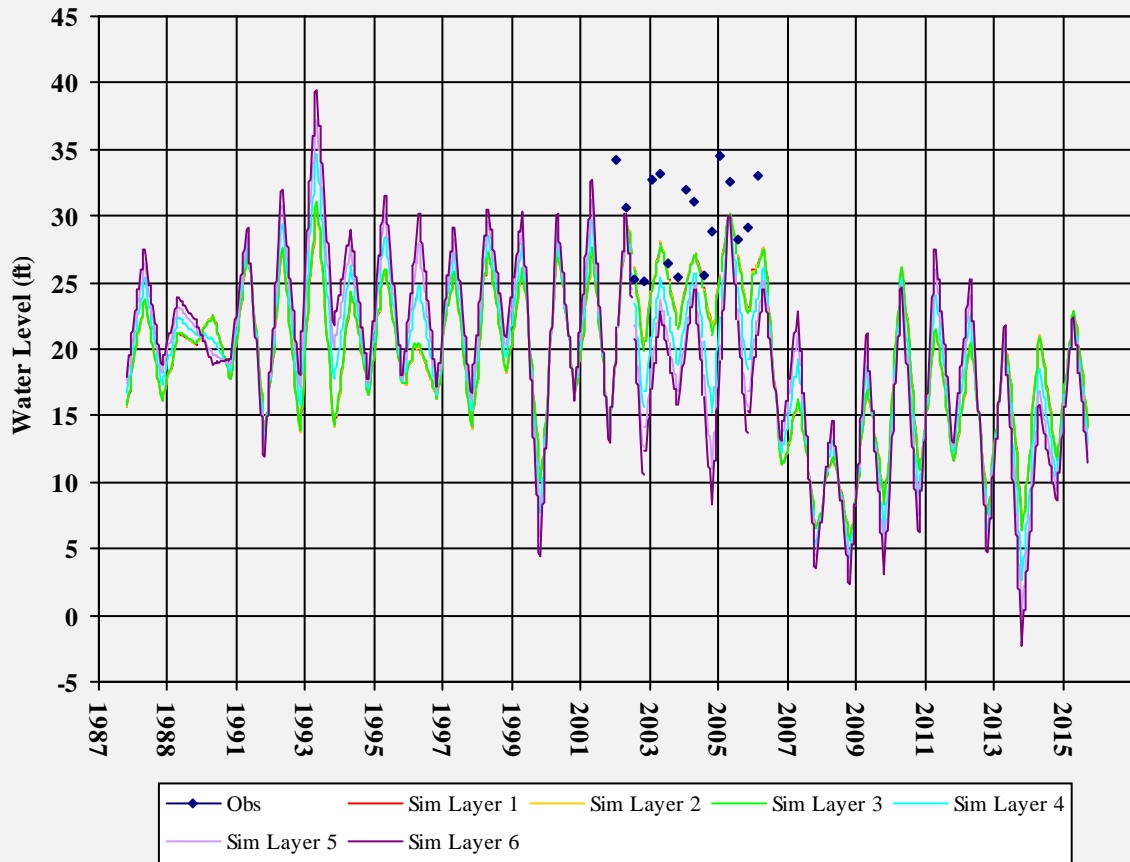
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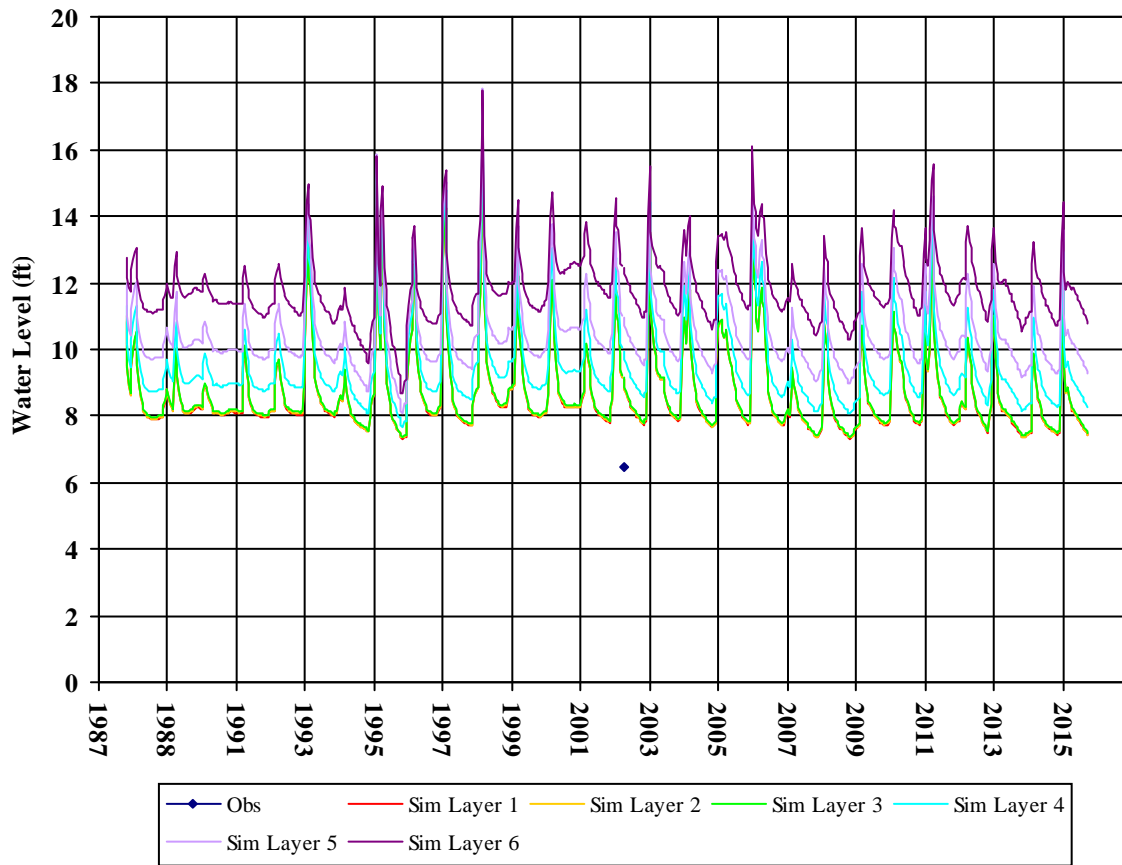
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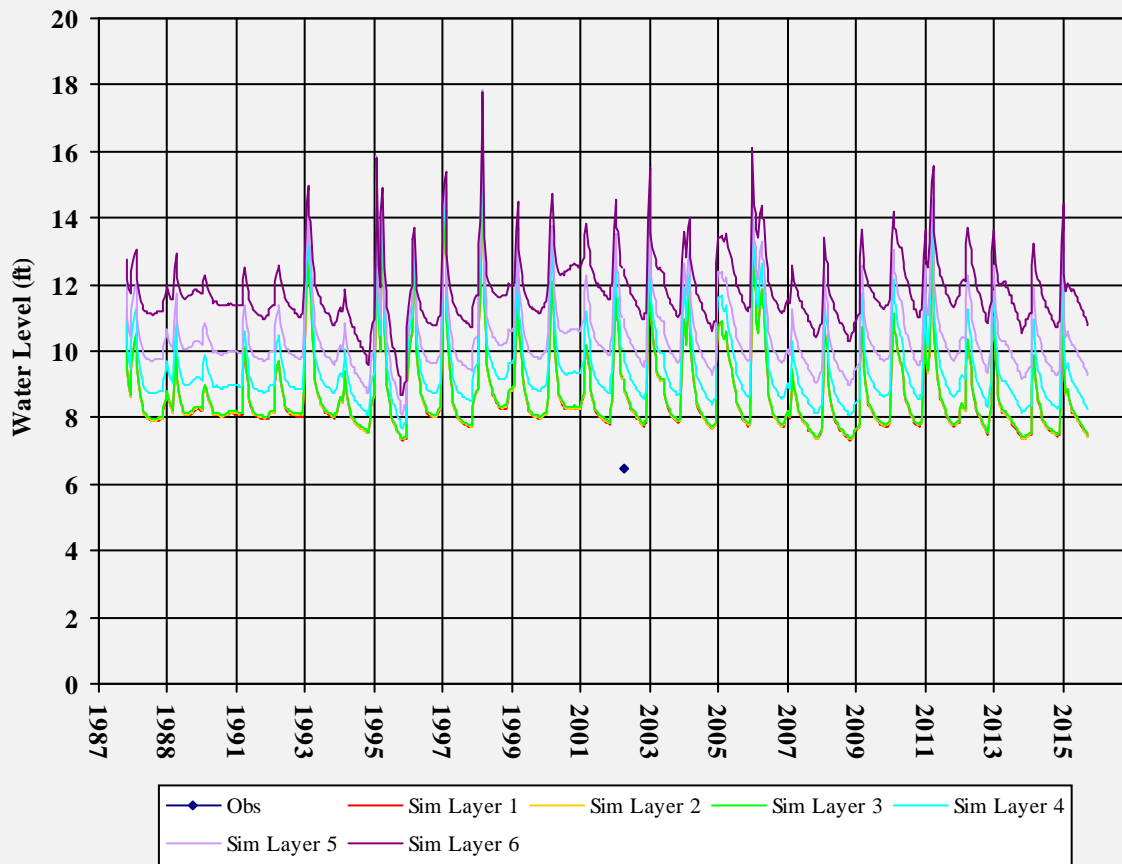
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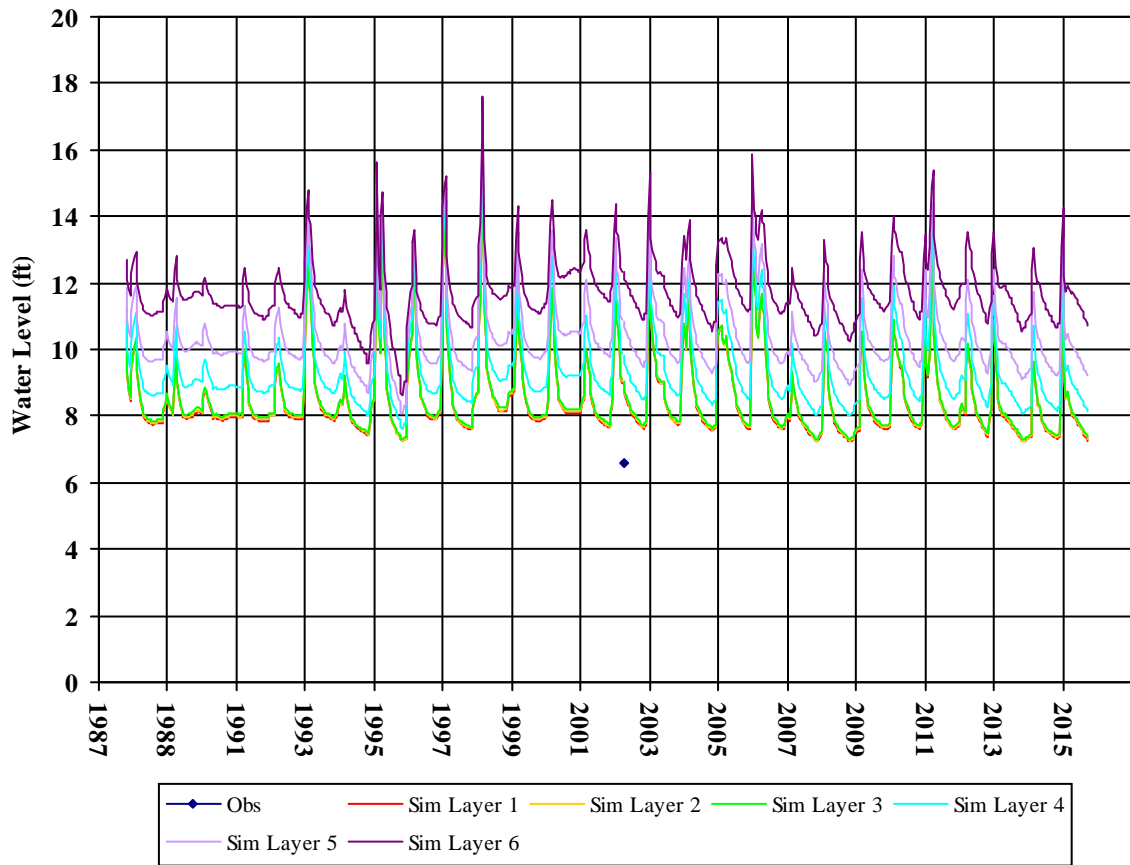
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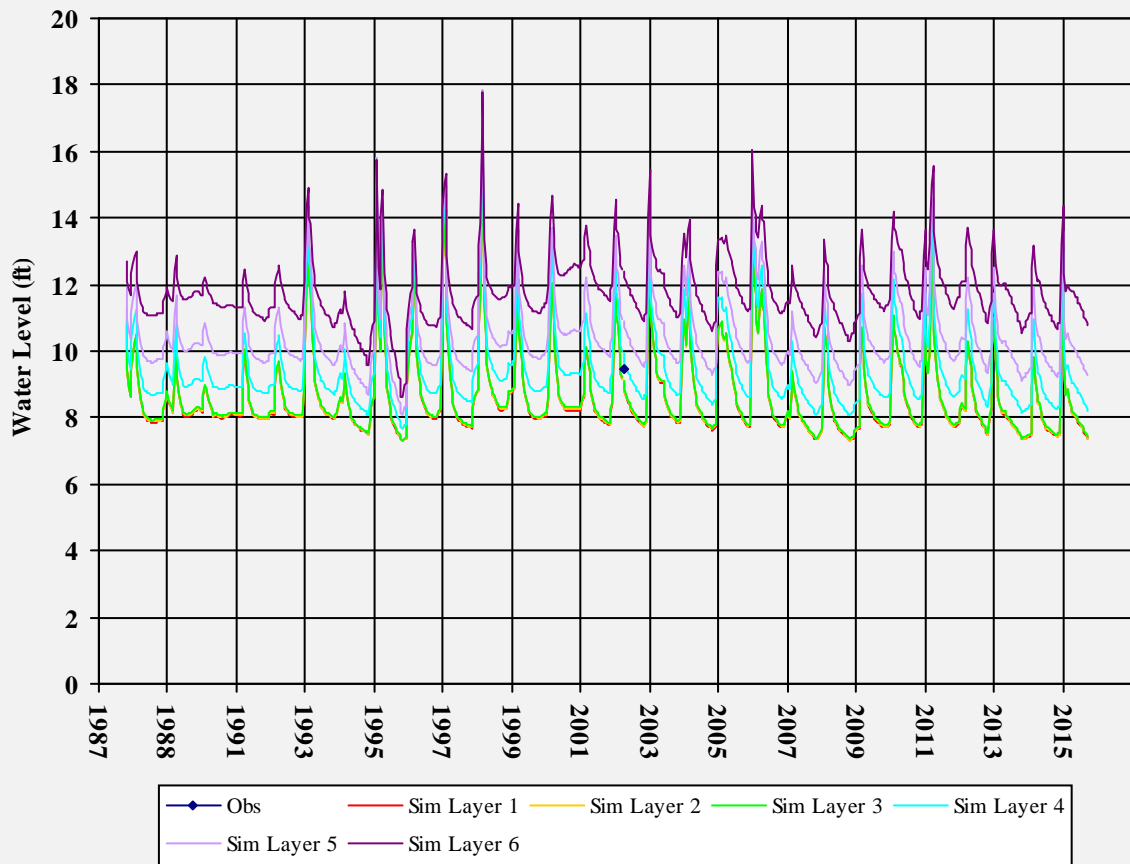
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T0605500254MW-3



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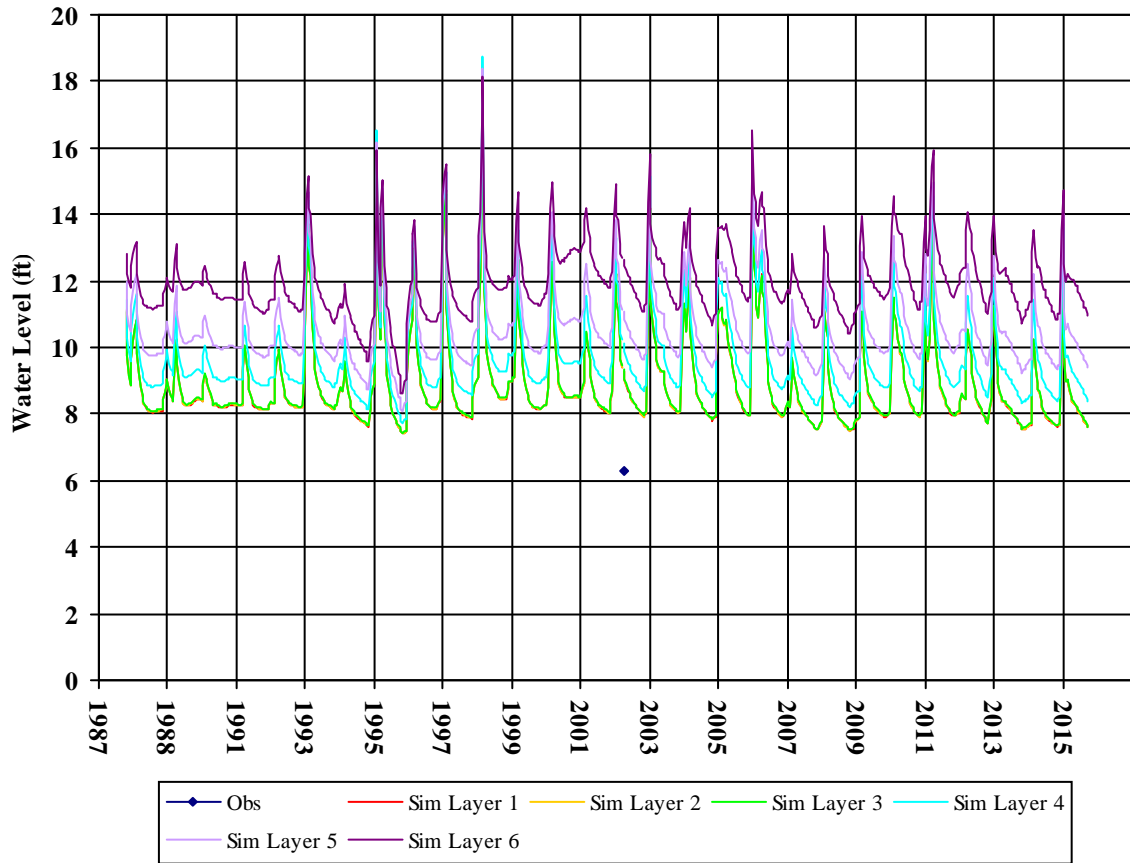
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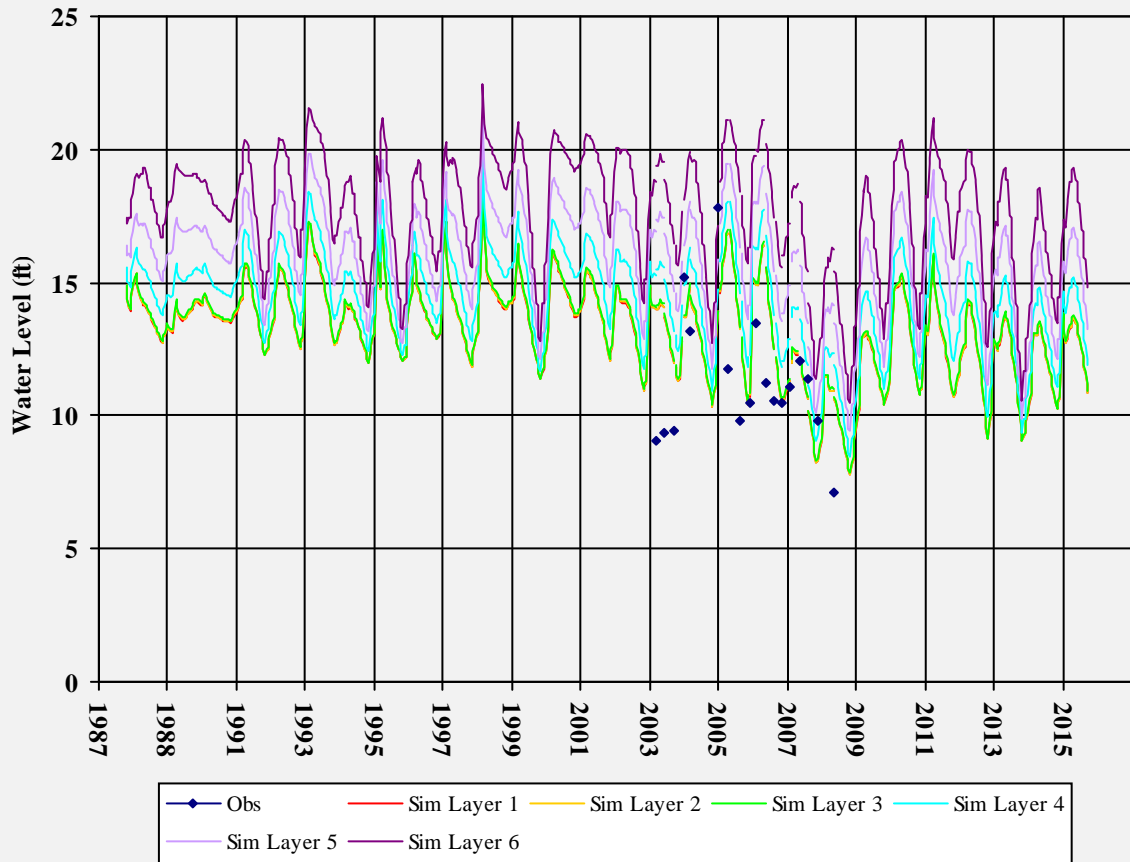


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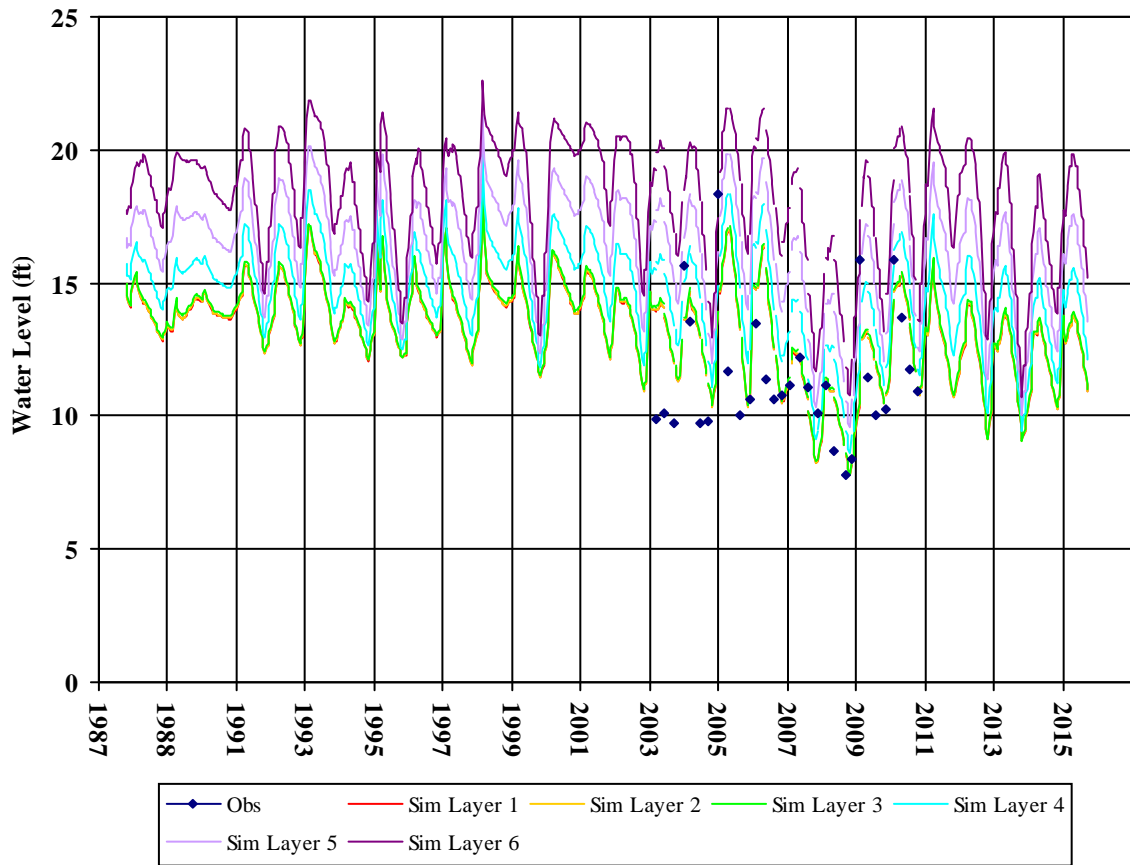
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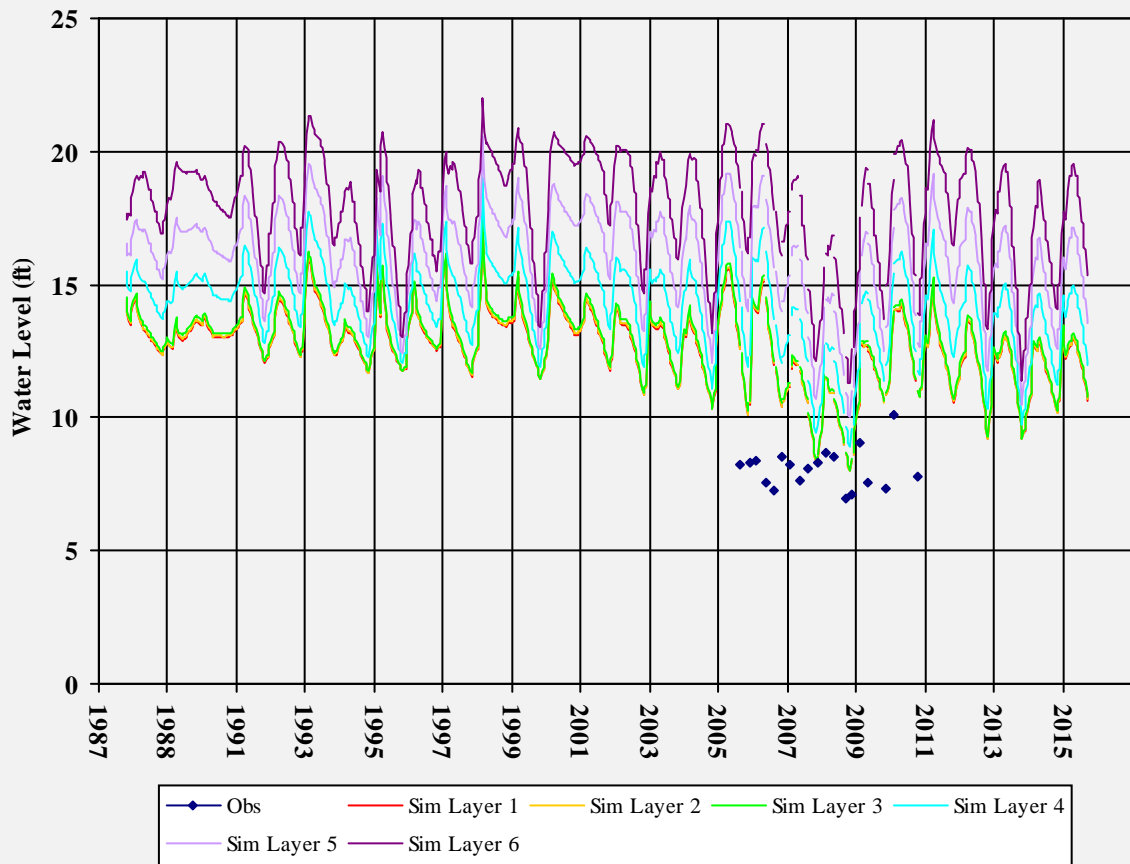
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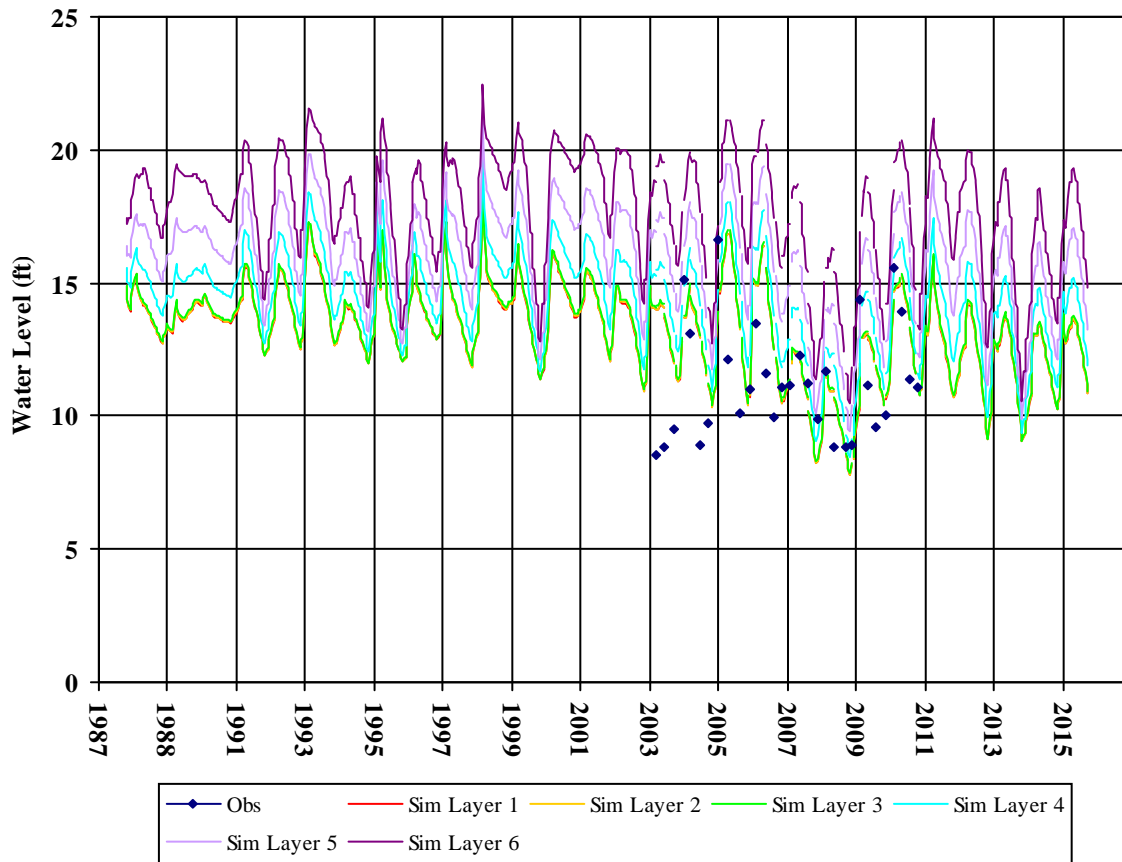
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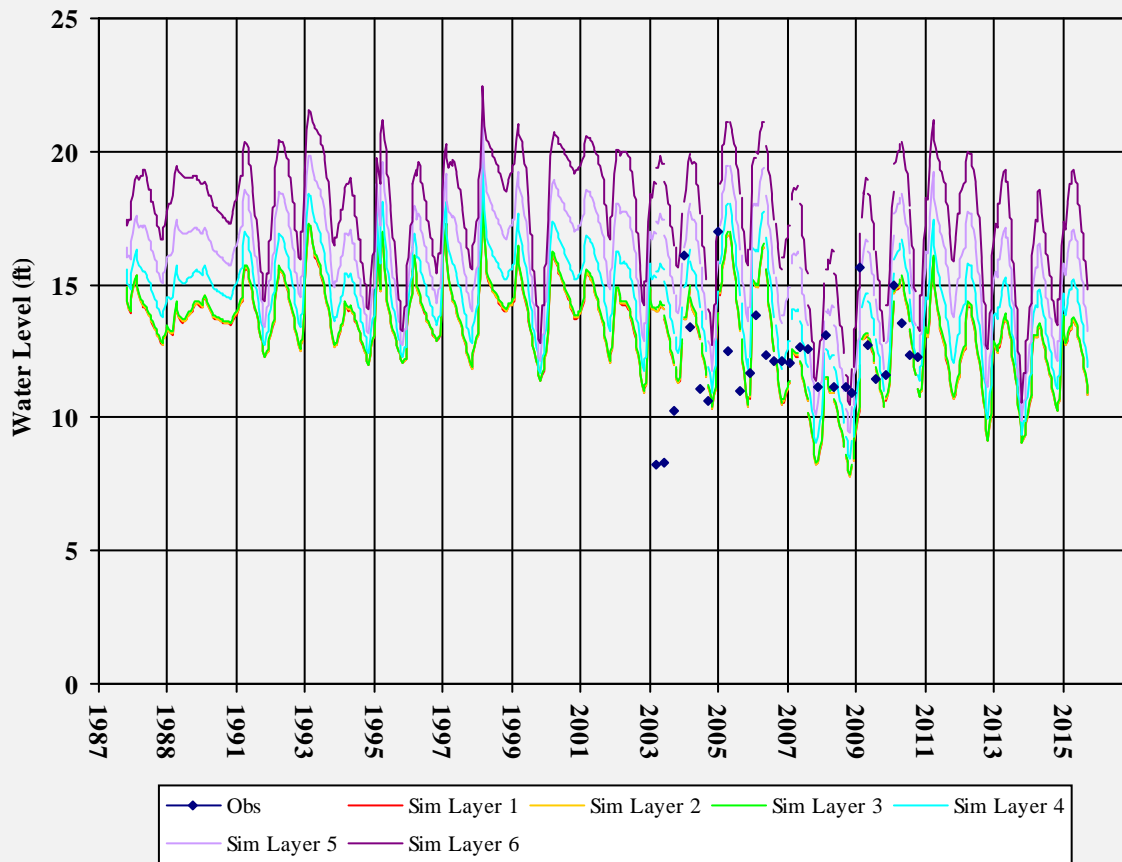
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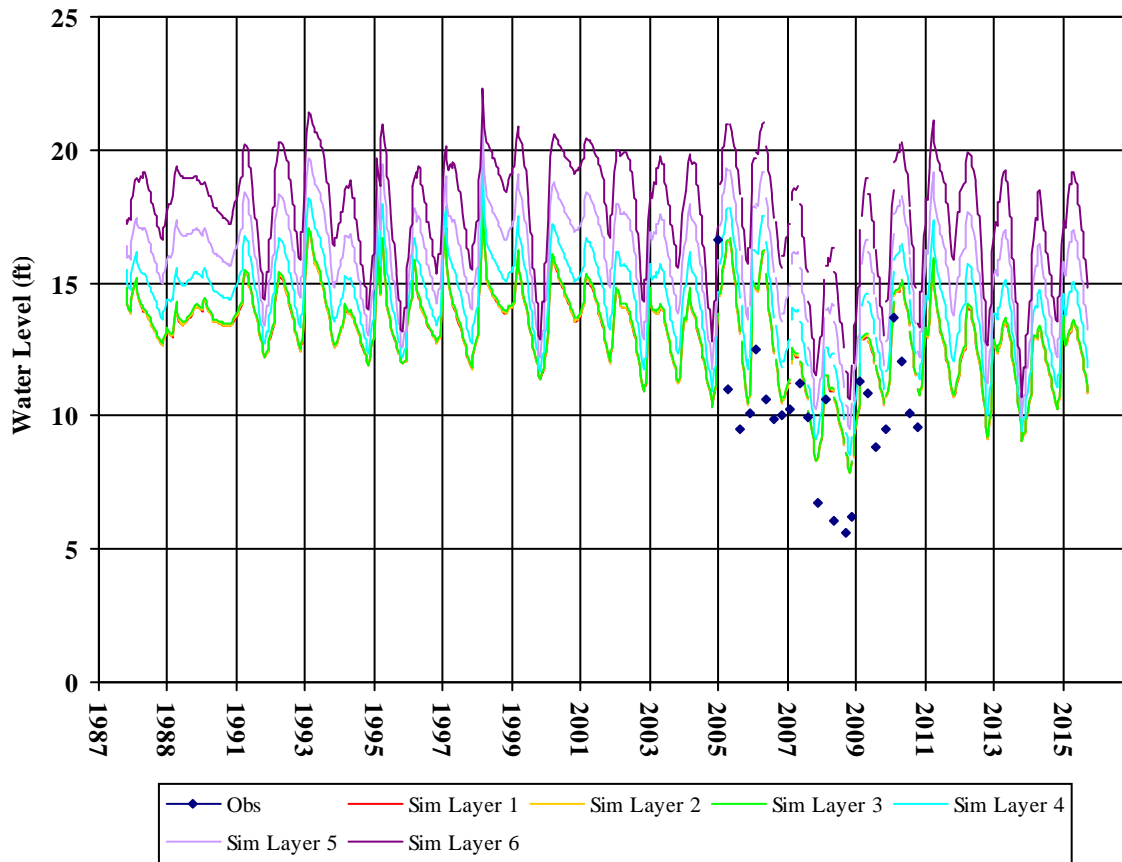
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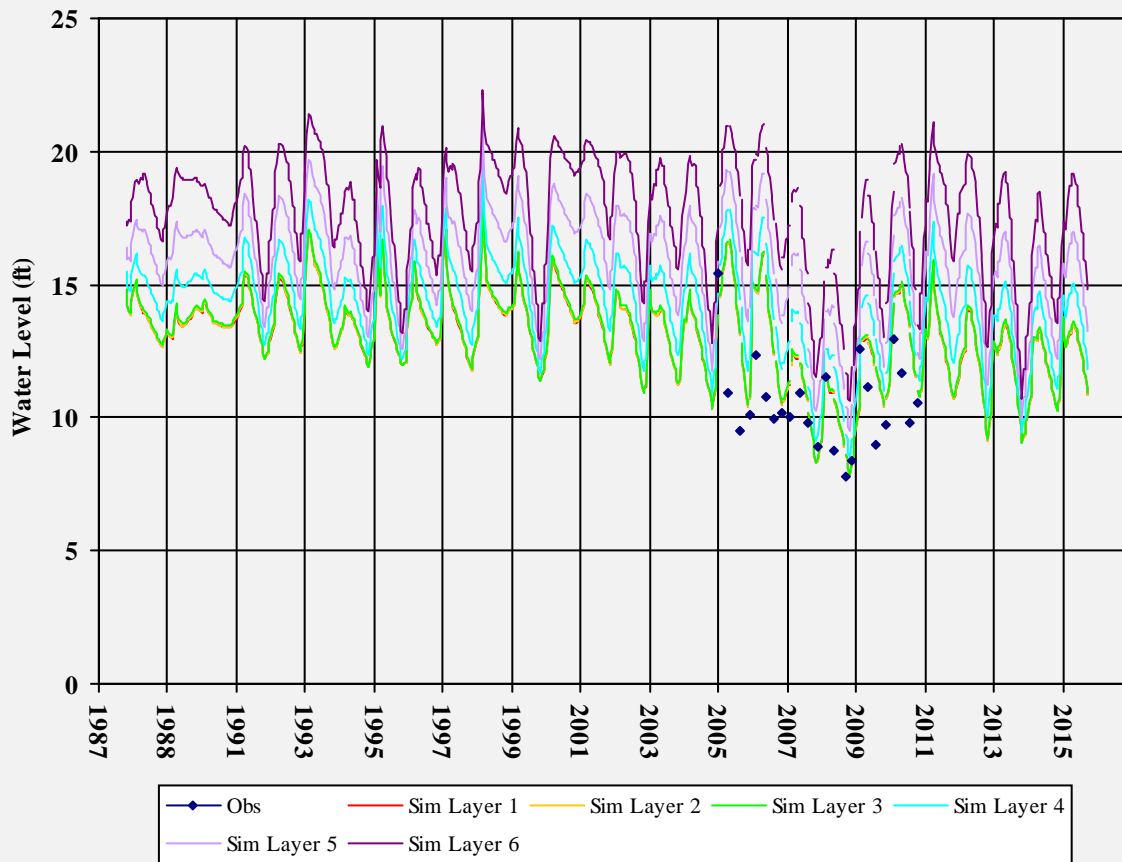
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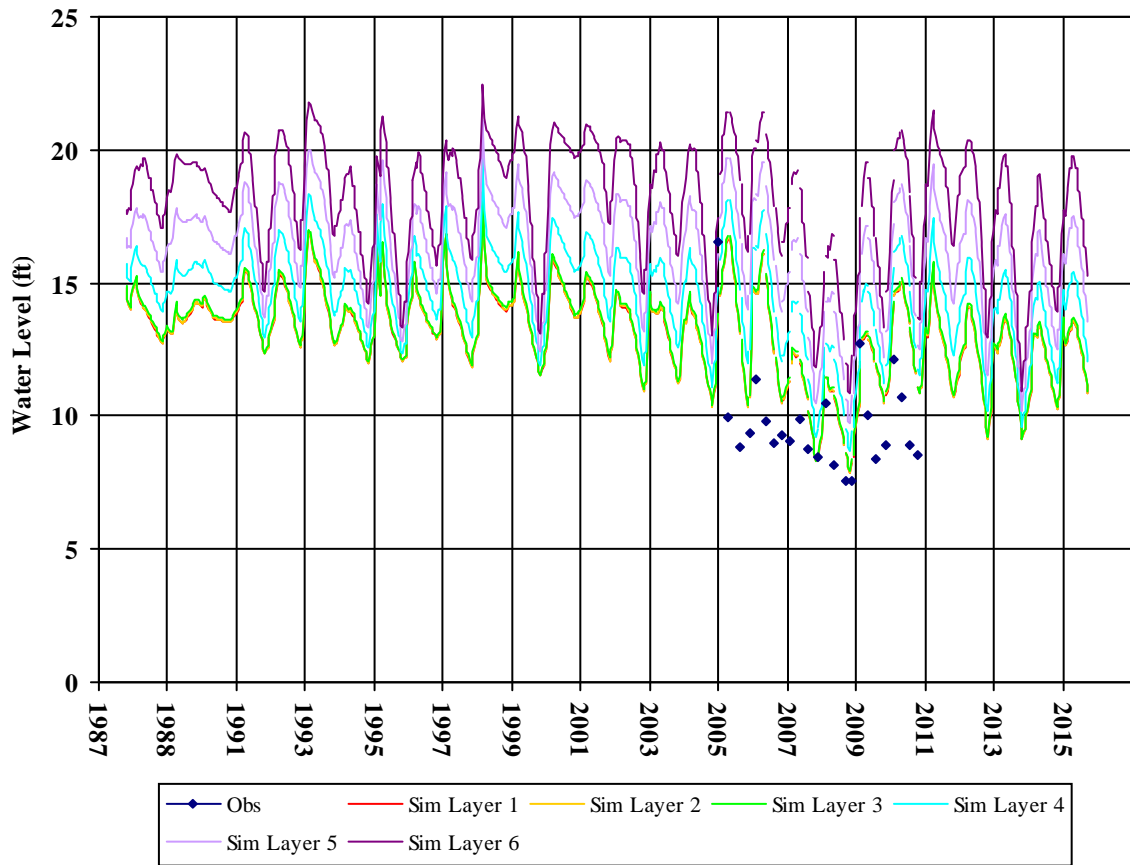
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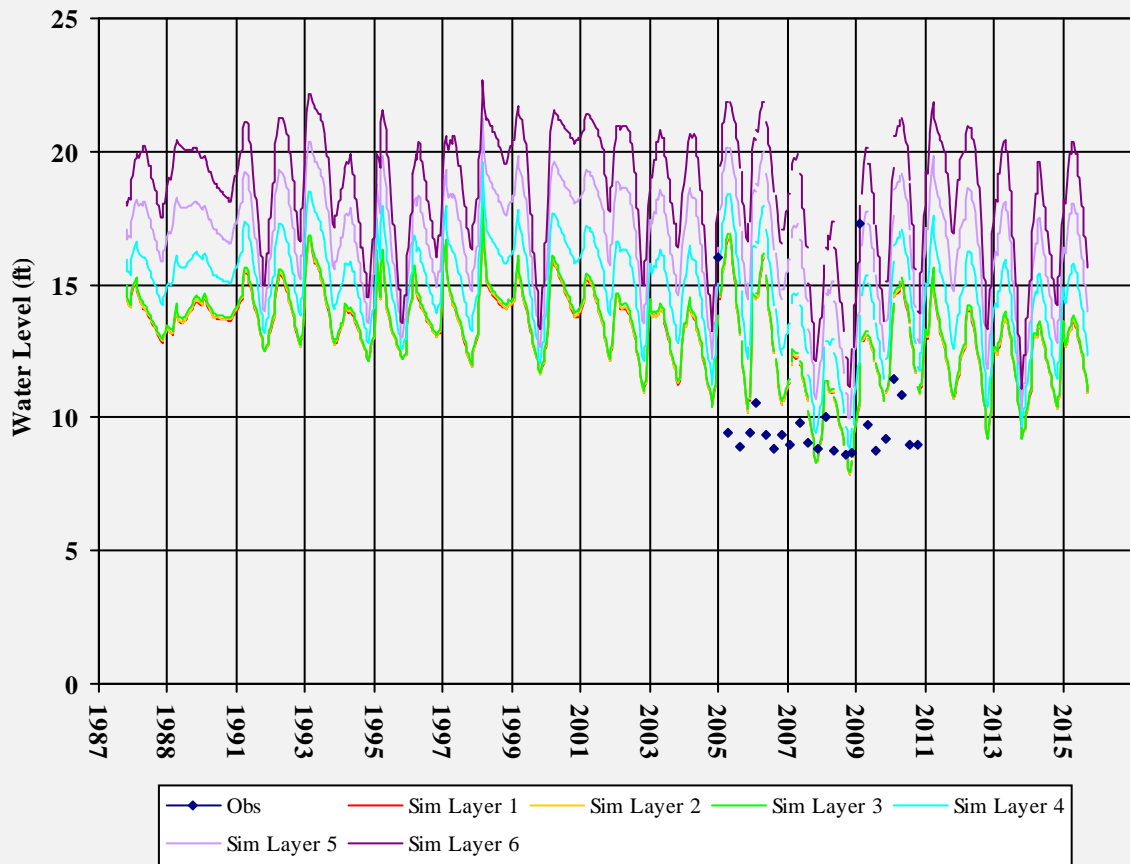
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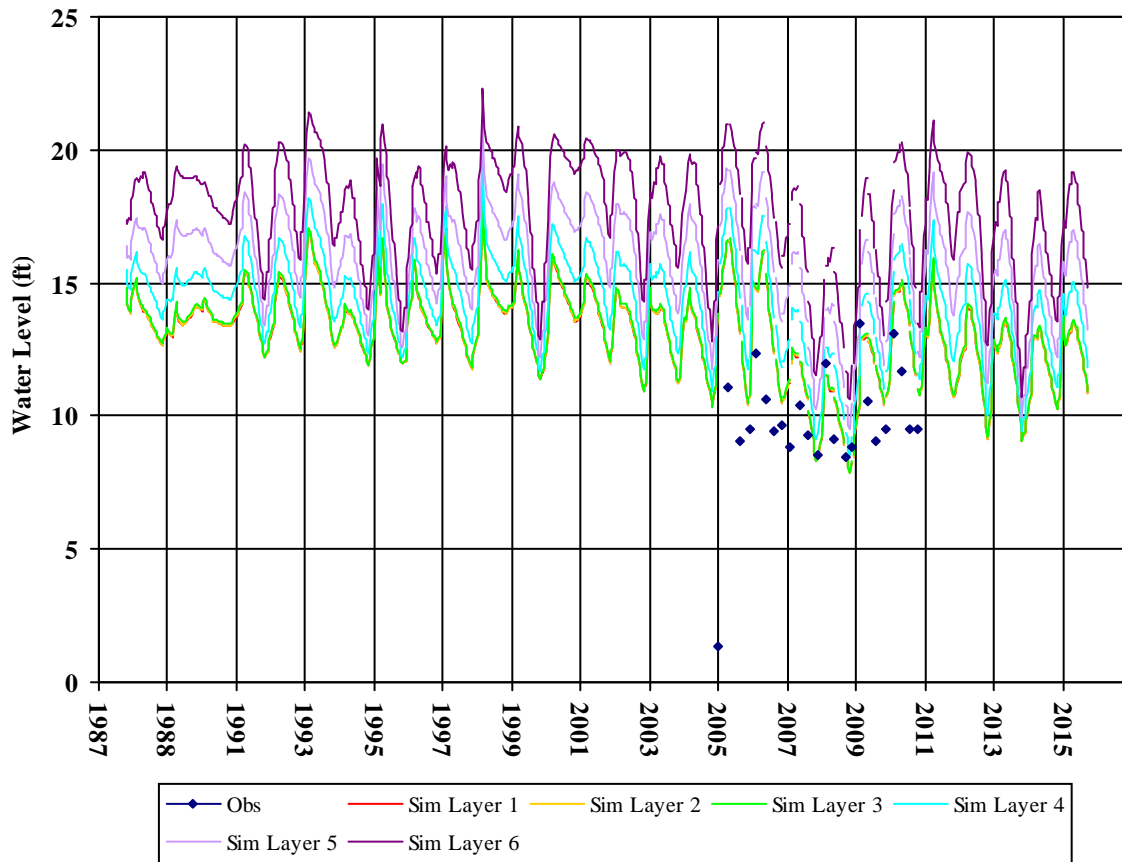
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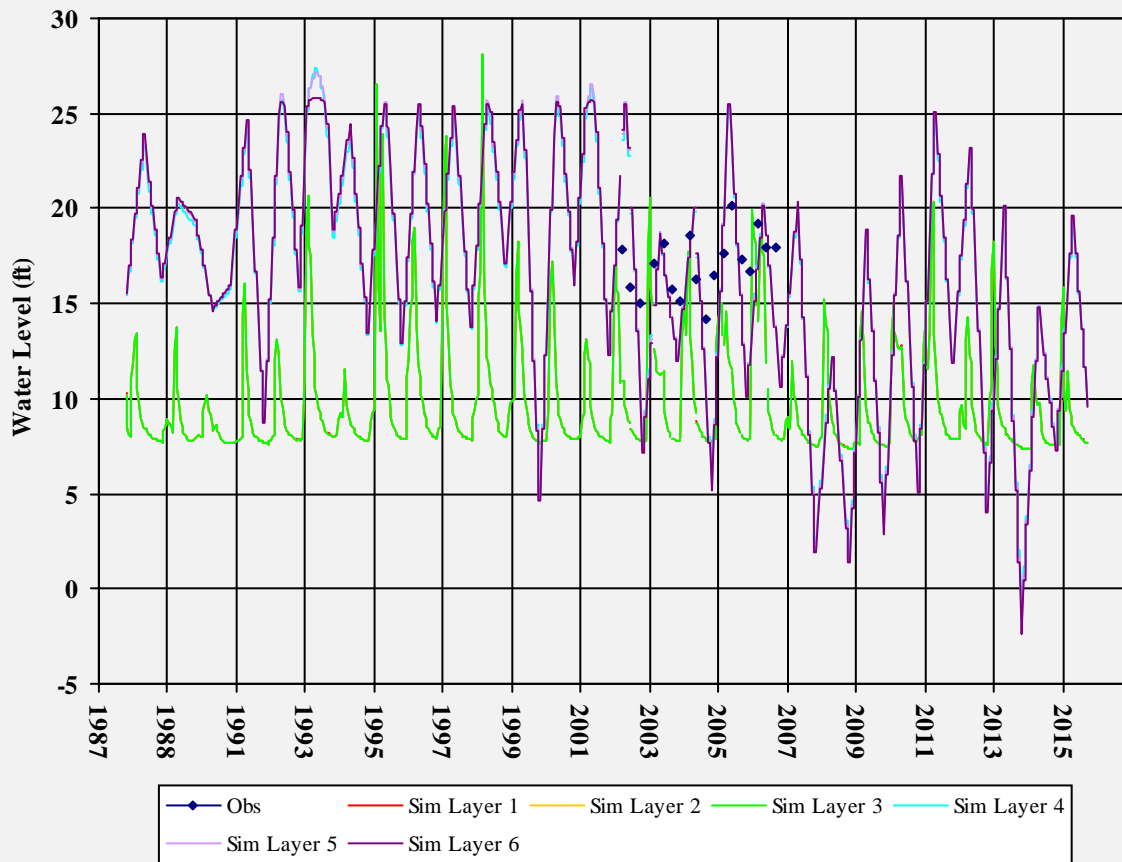
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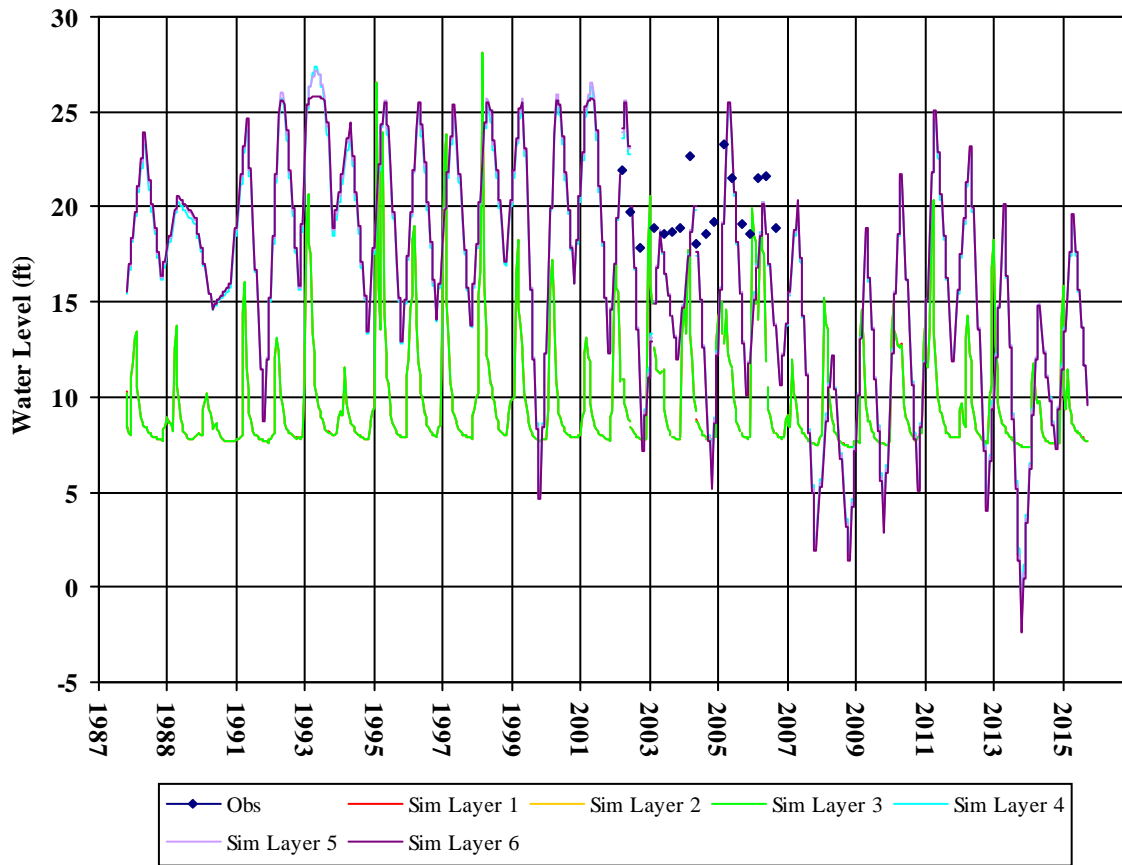
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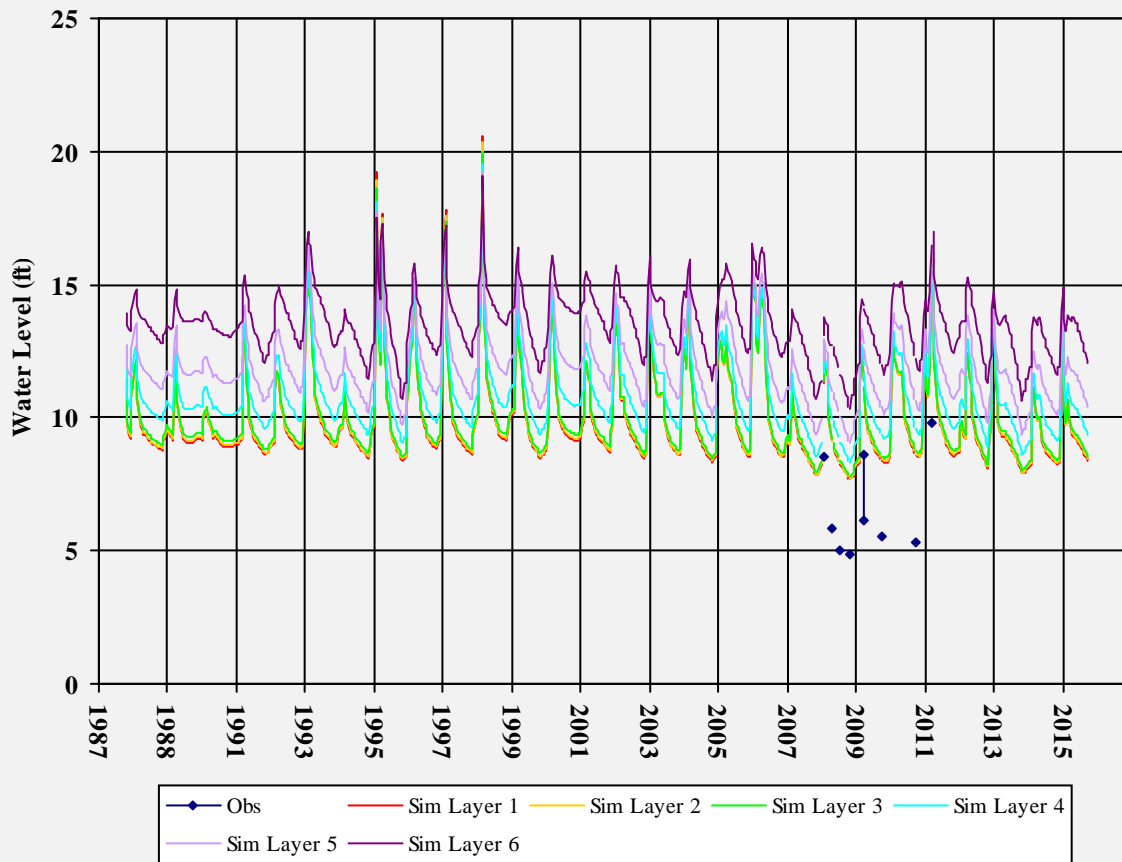
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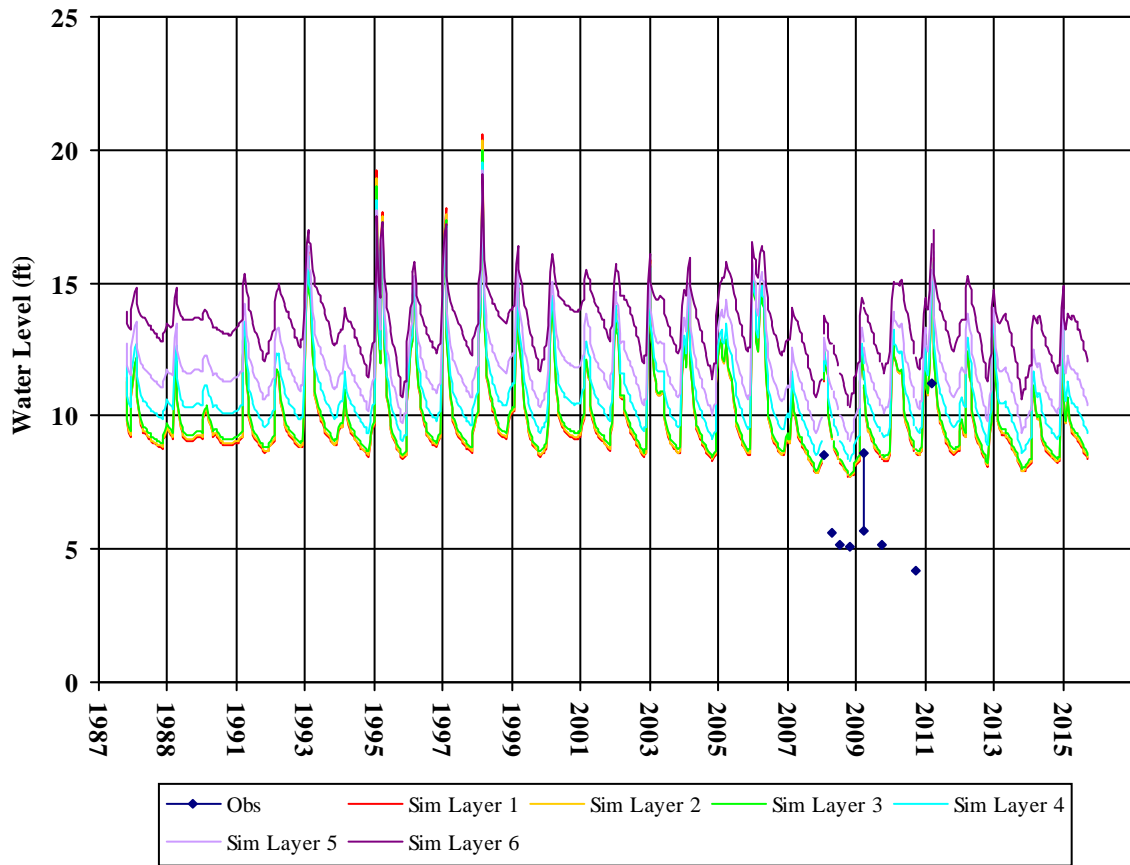
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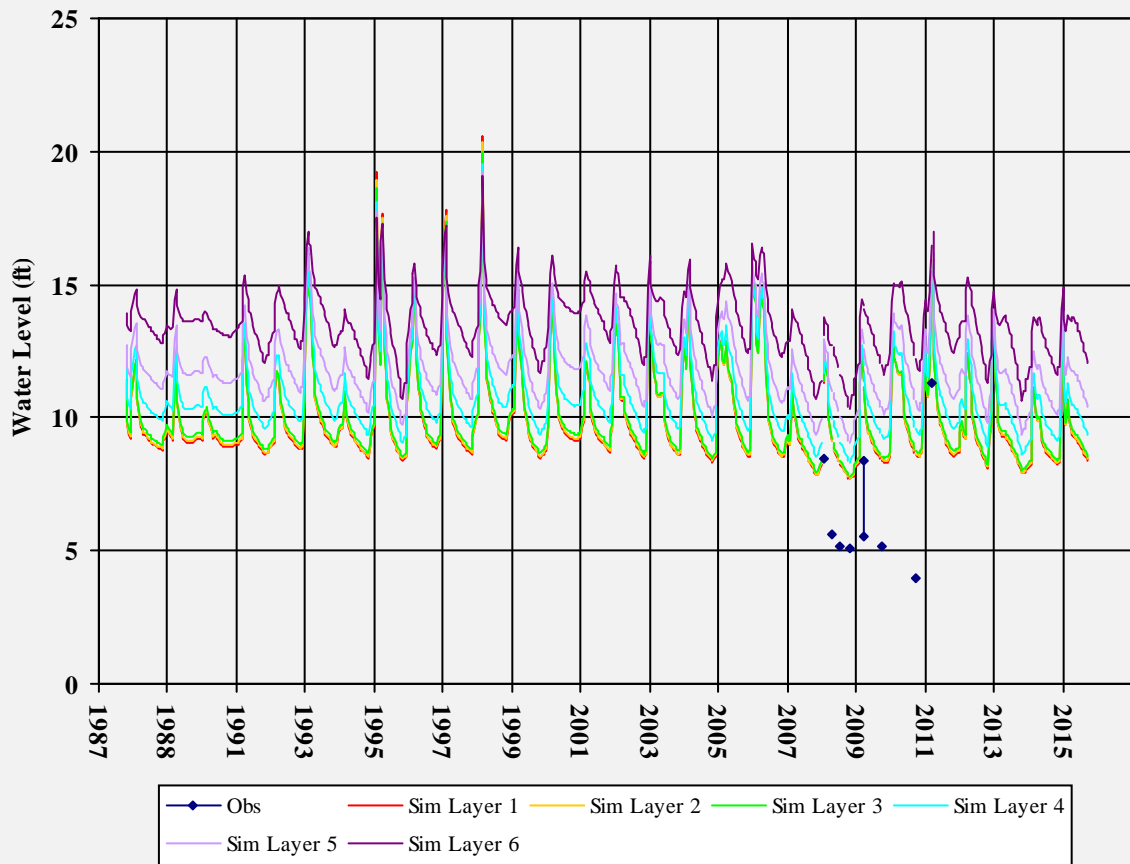
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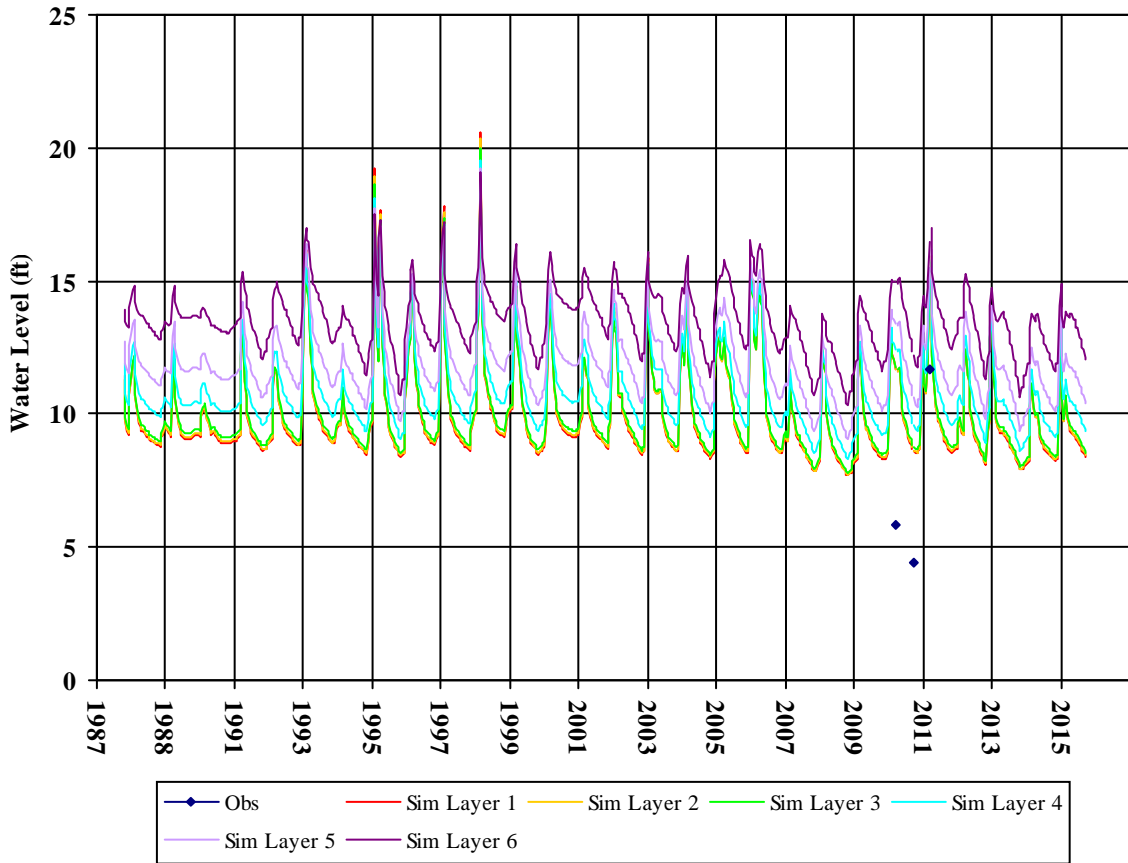
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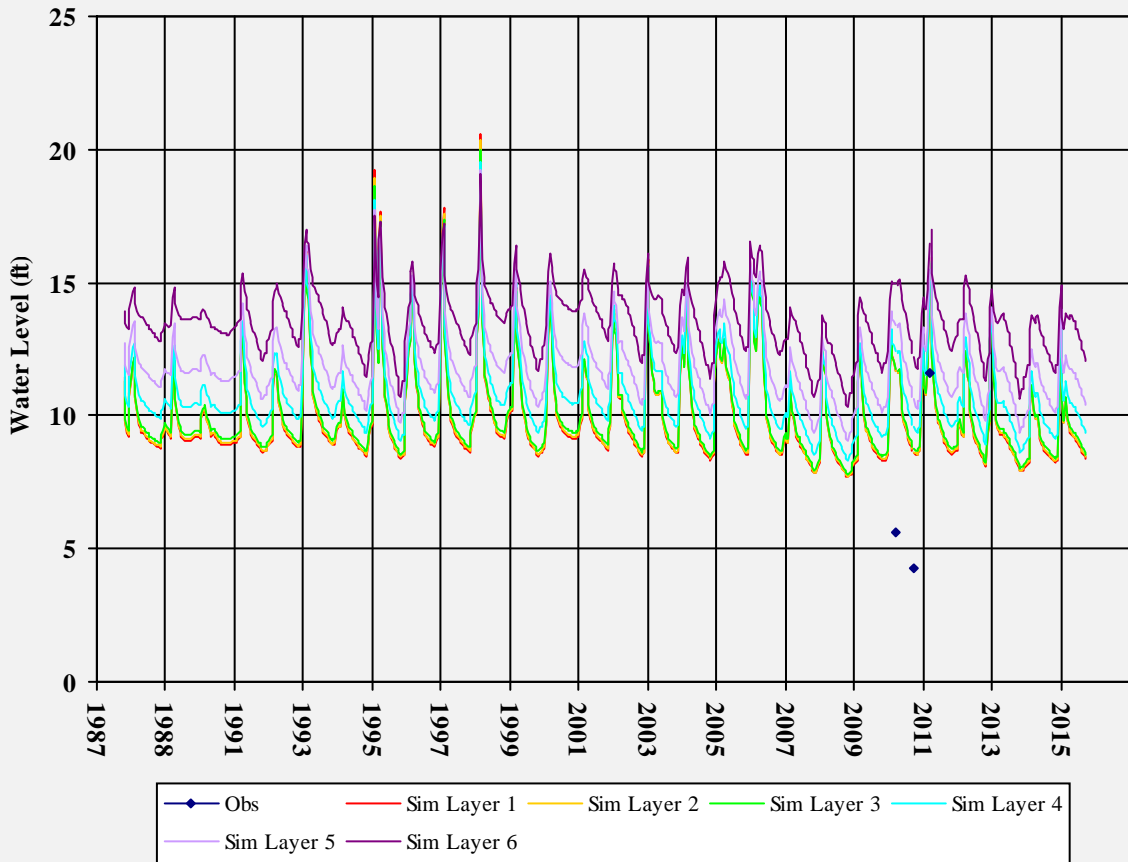


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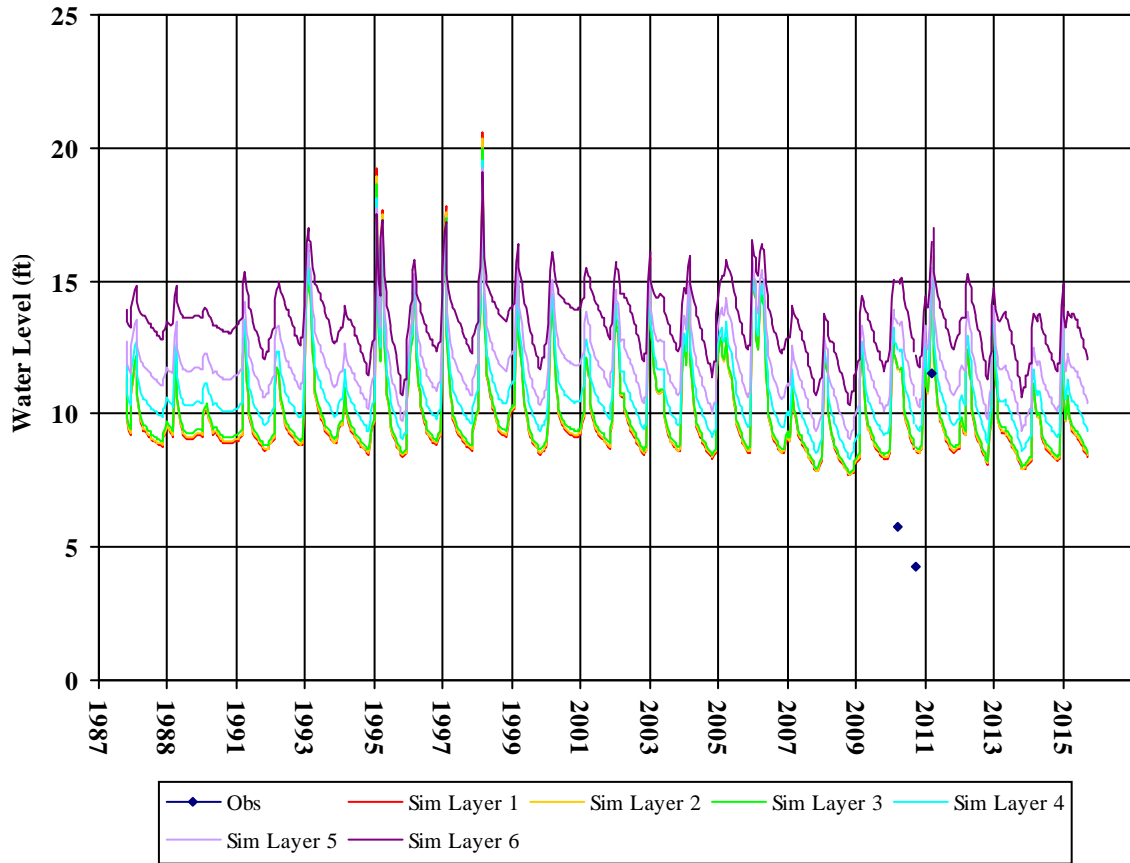
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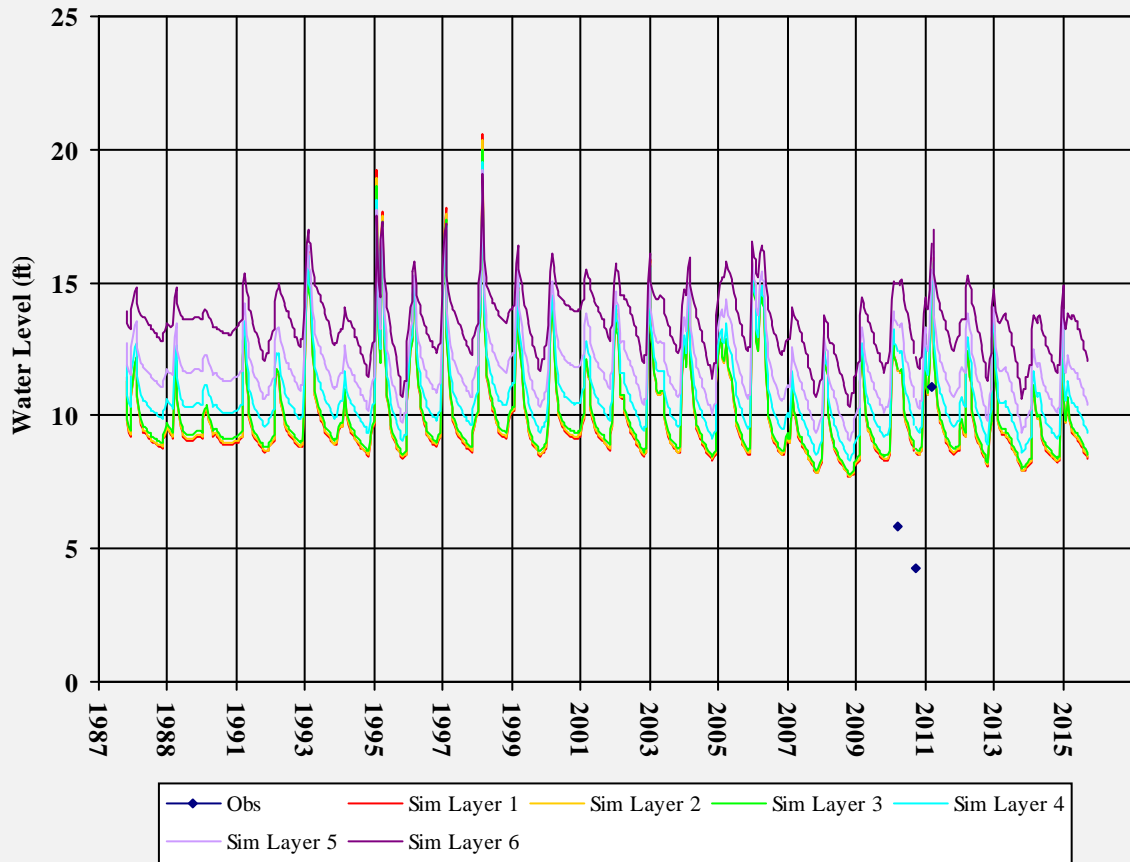
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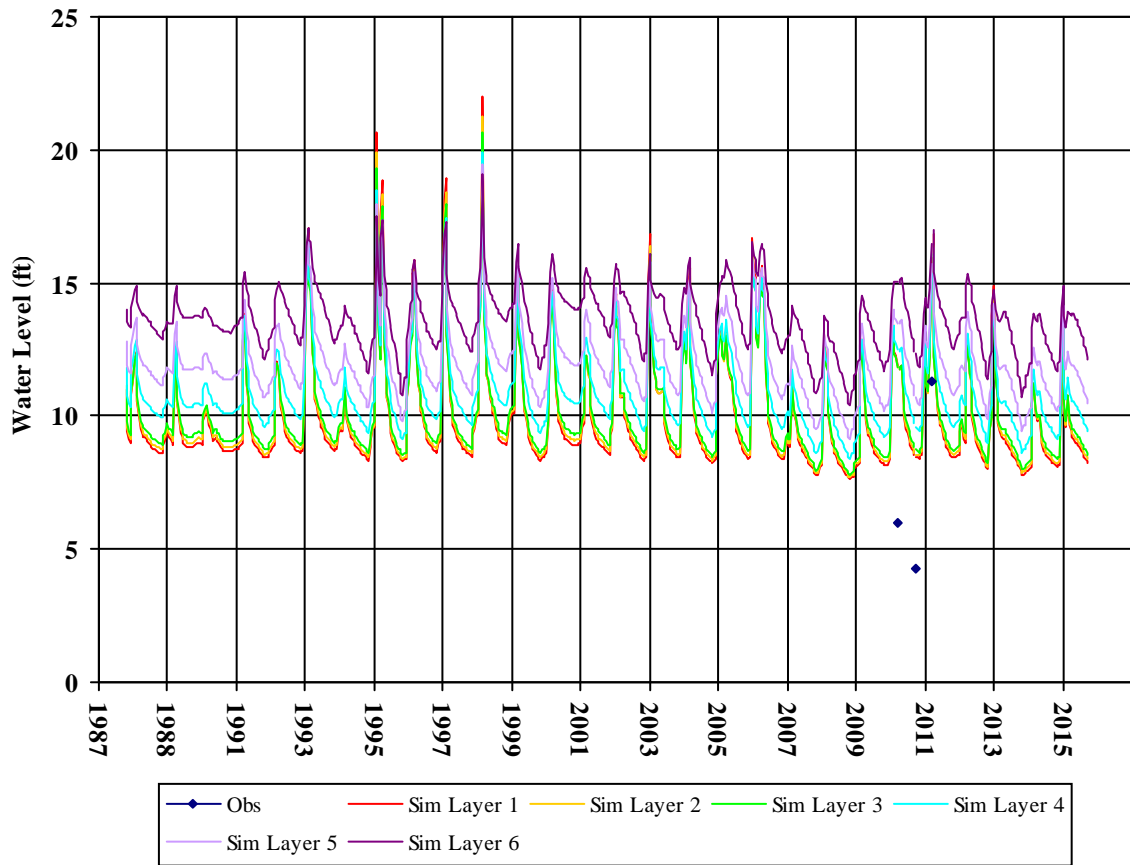
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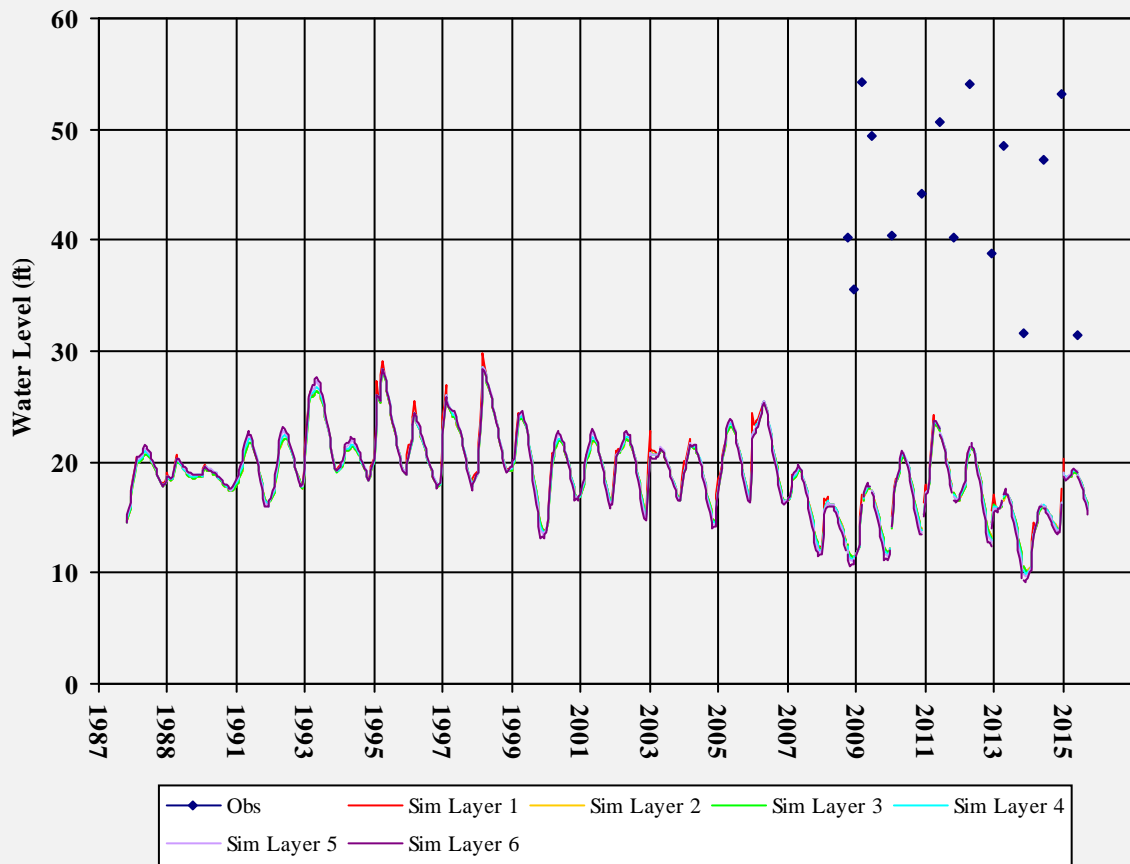
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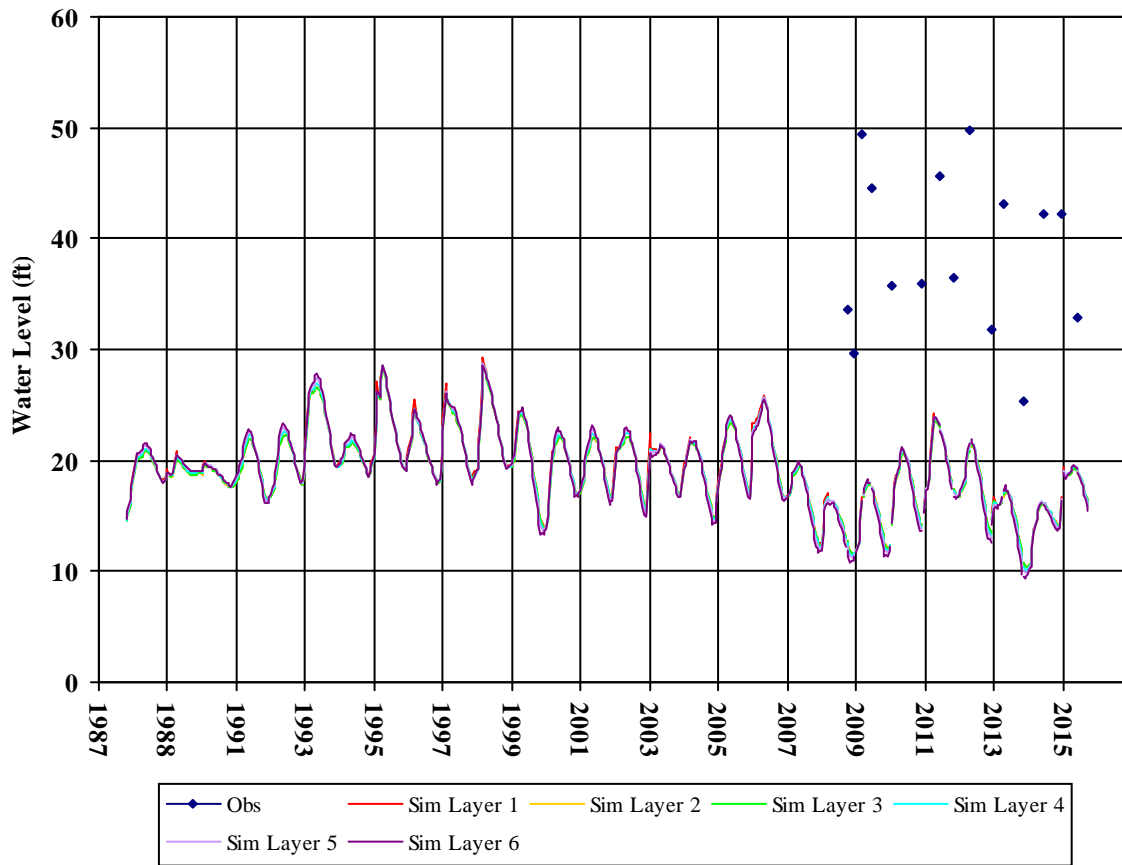
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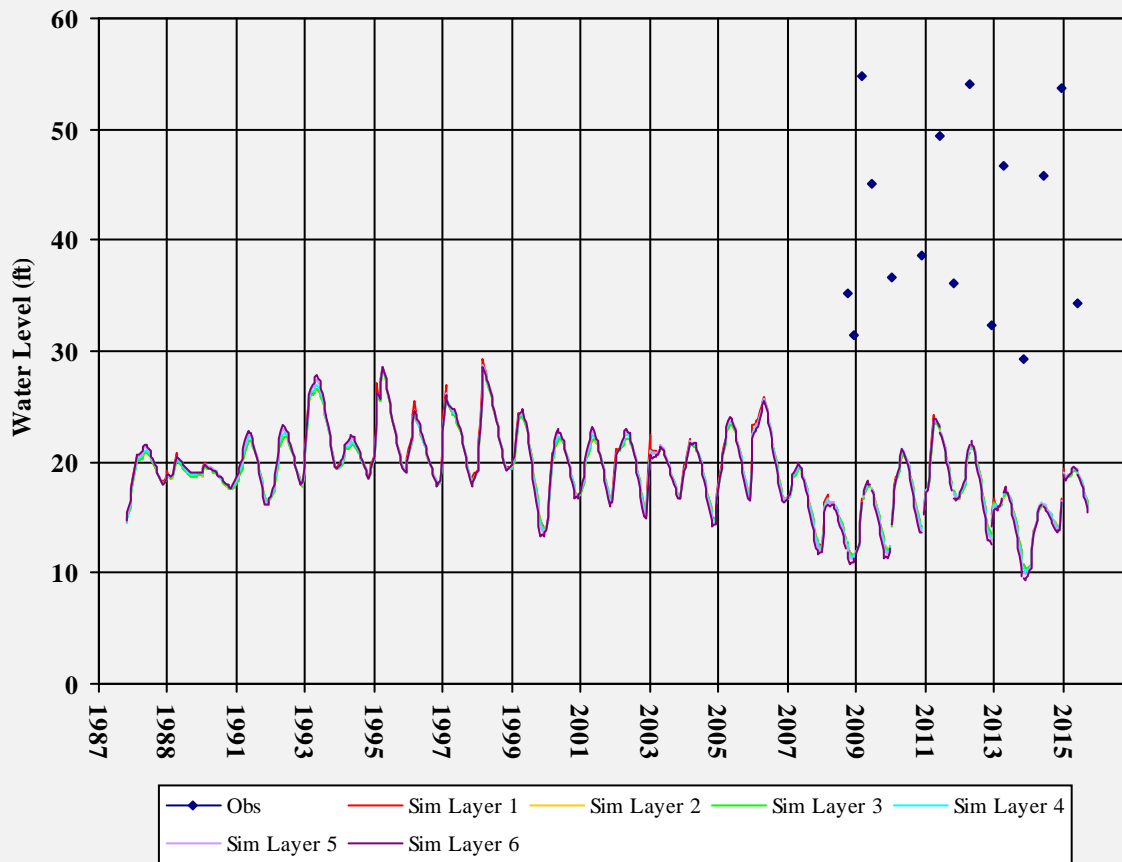


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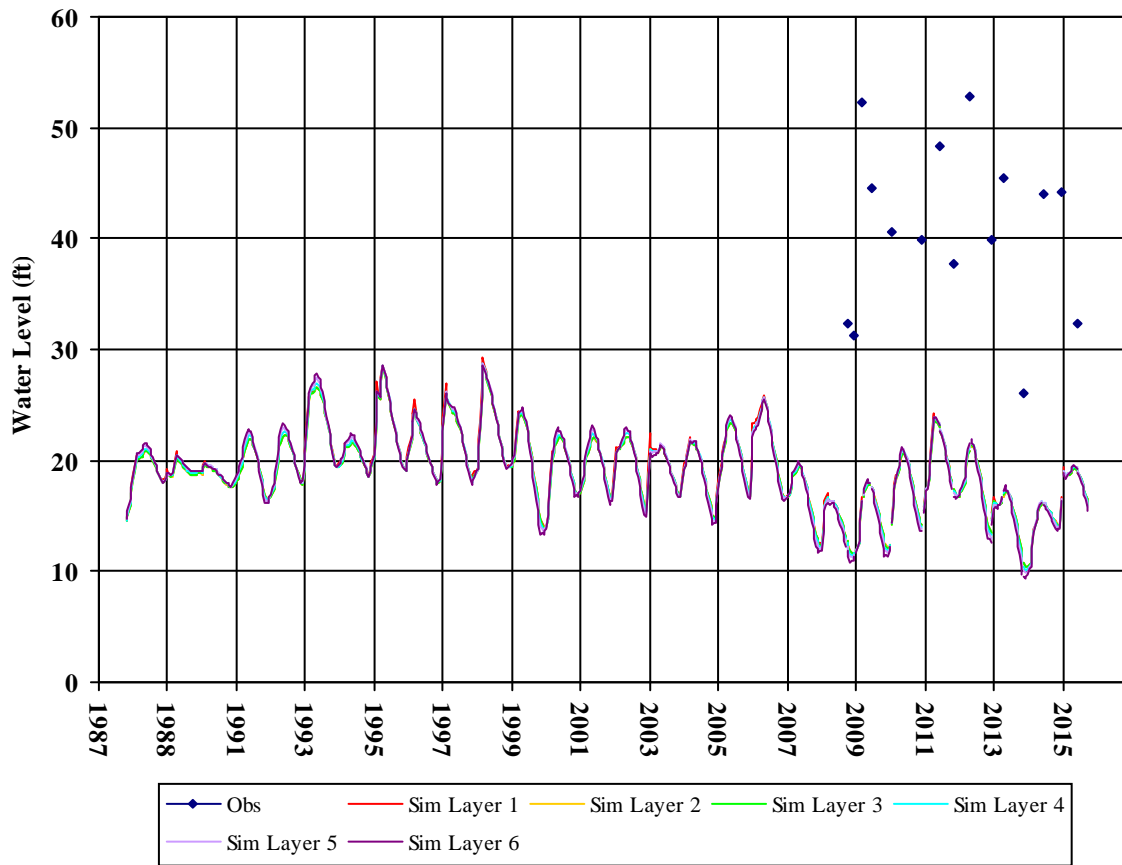
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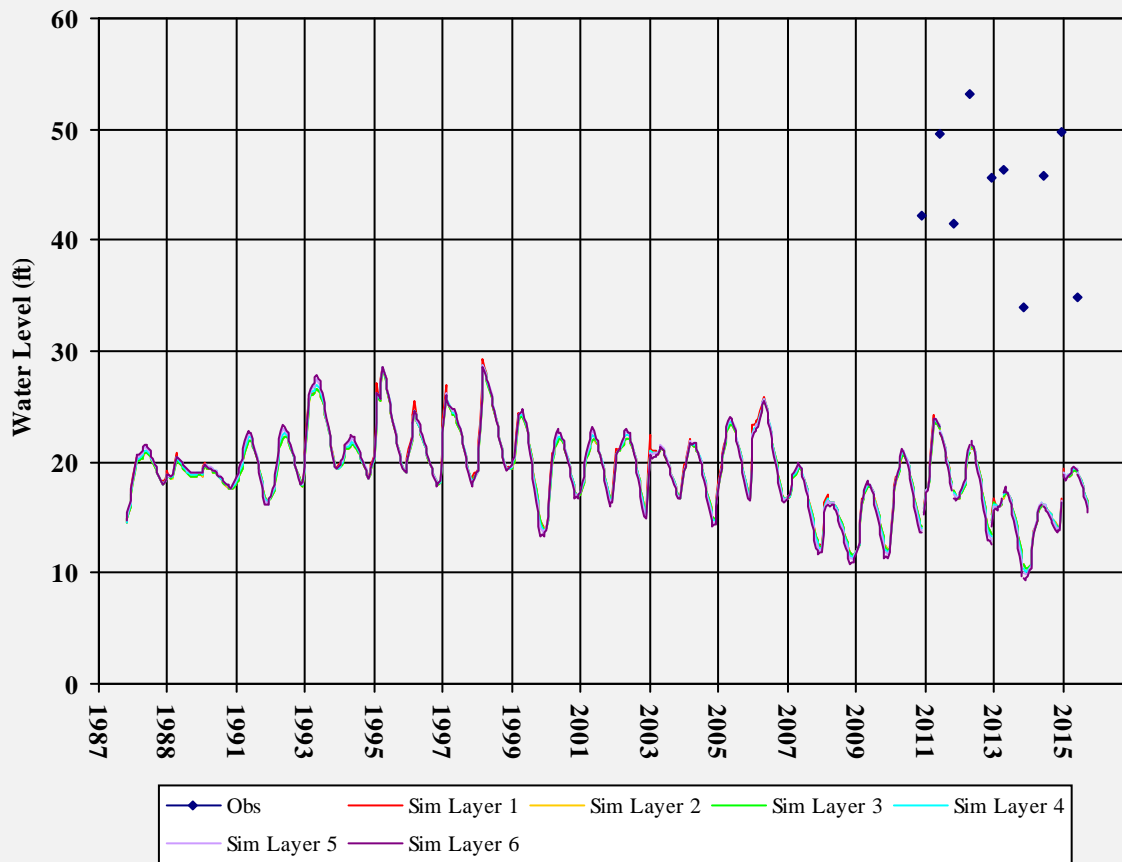


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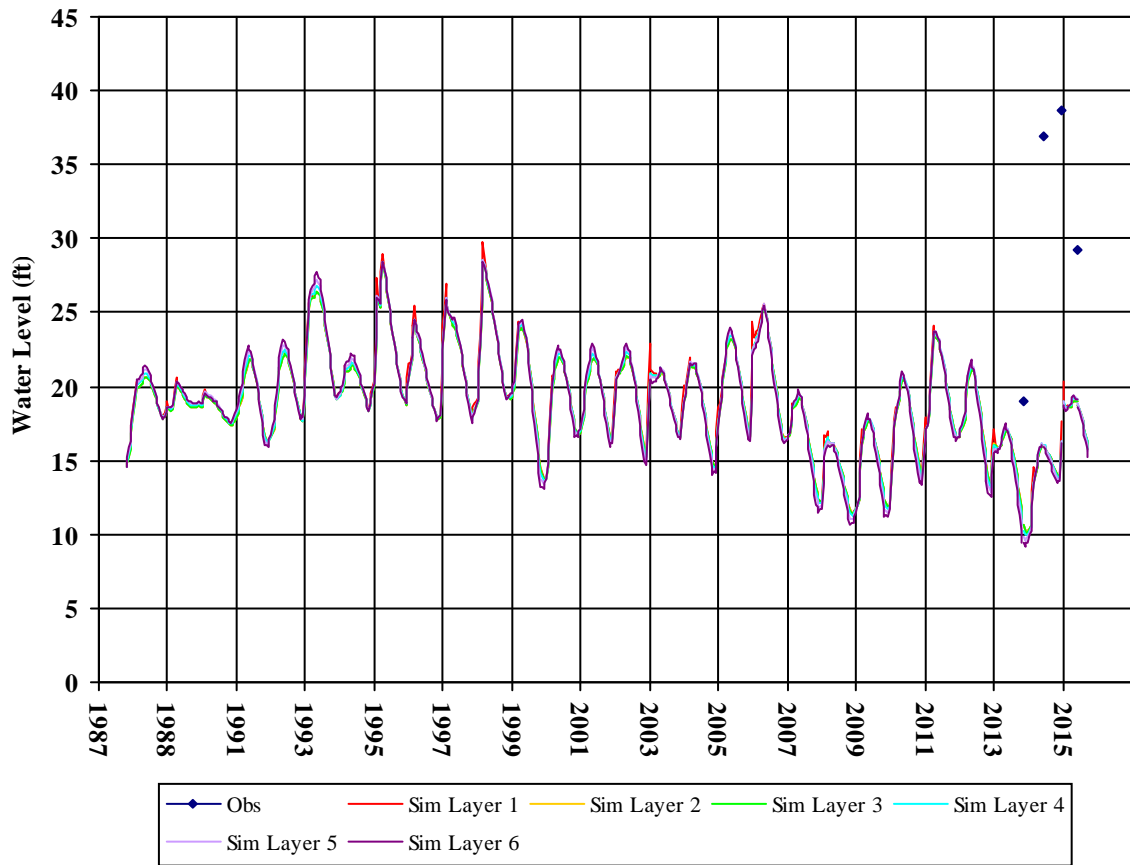
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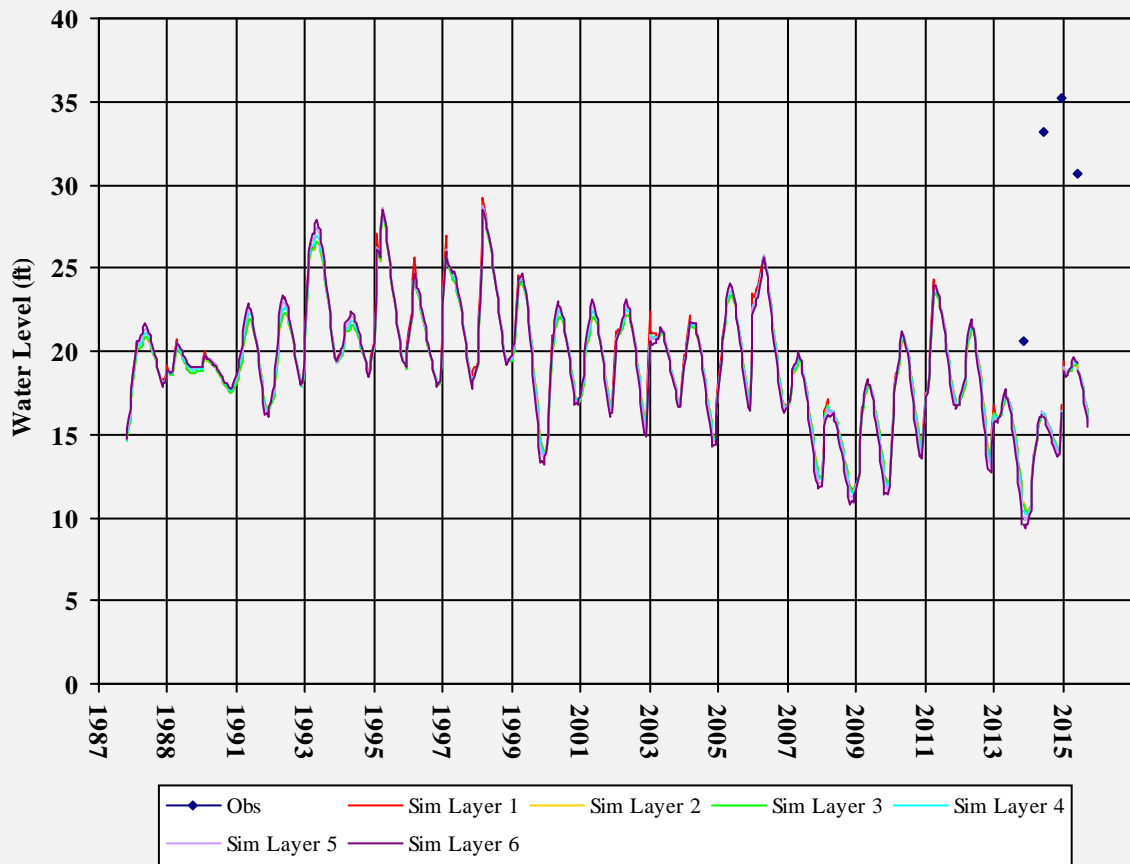
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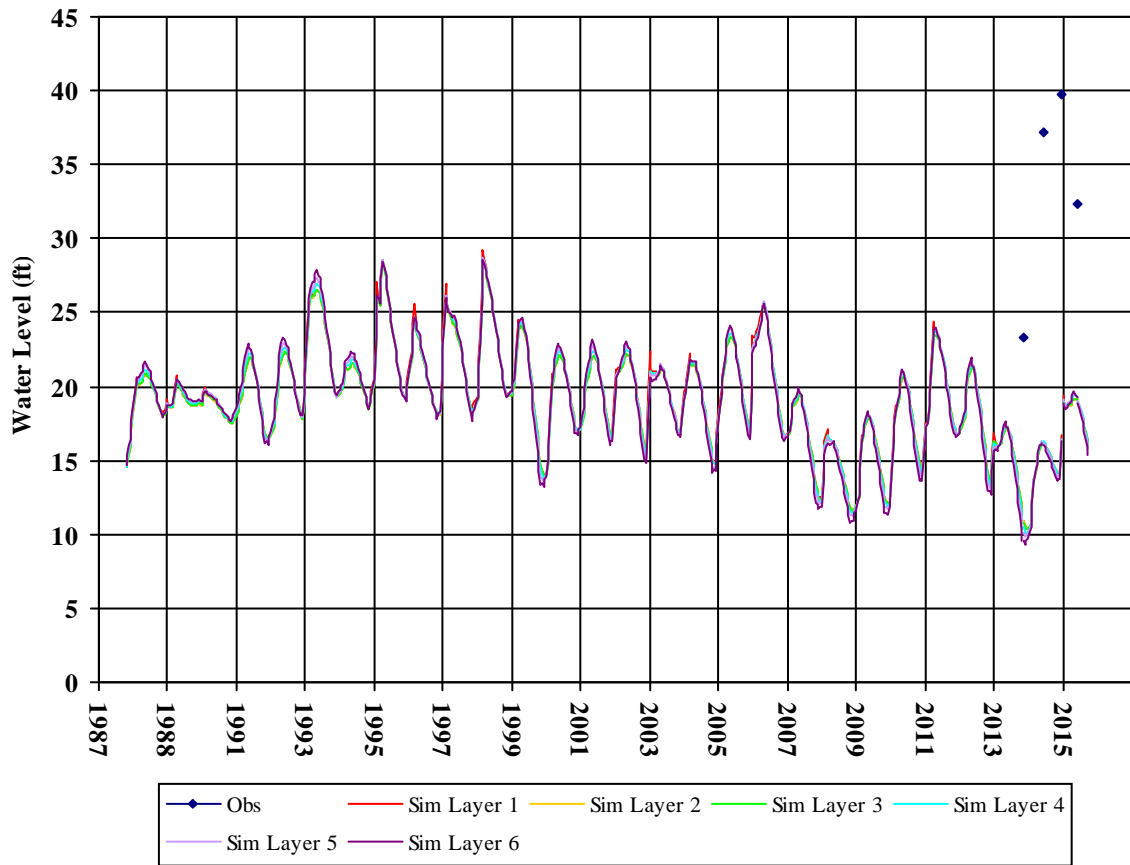
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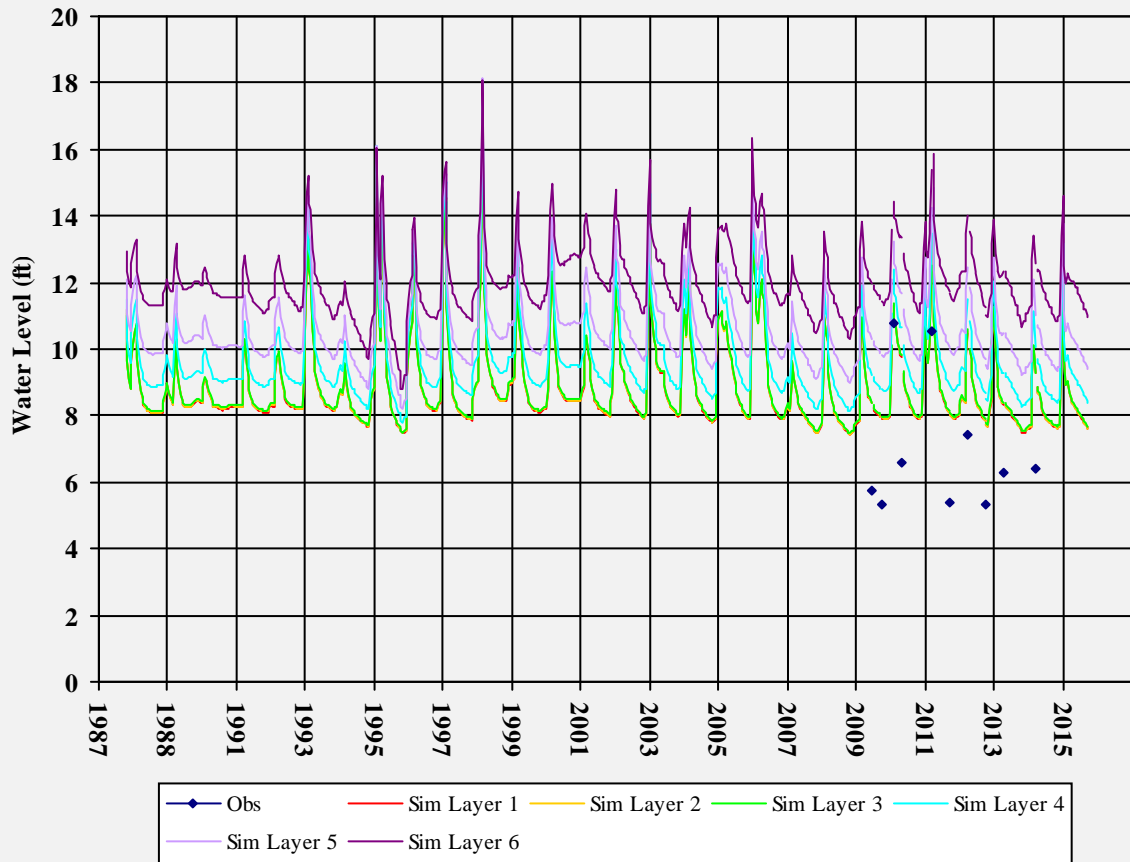
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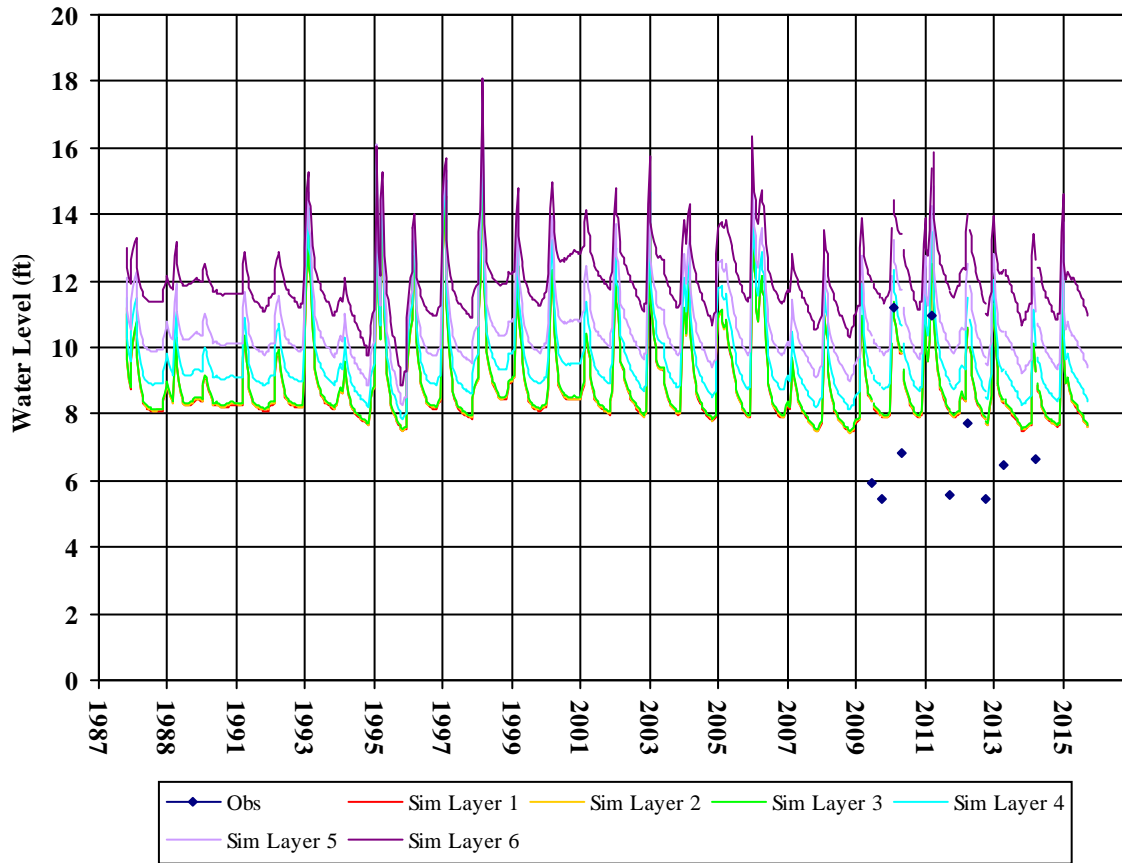
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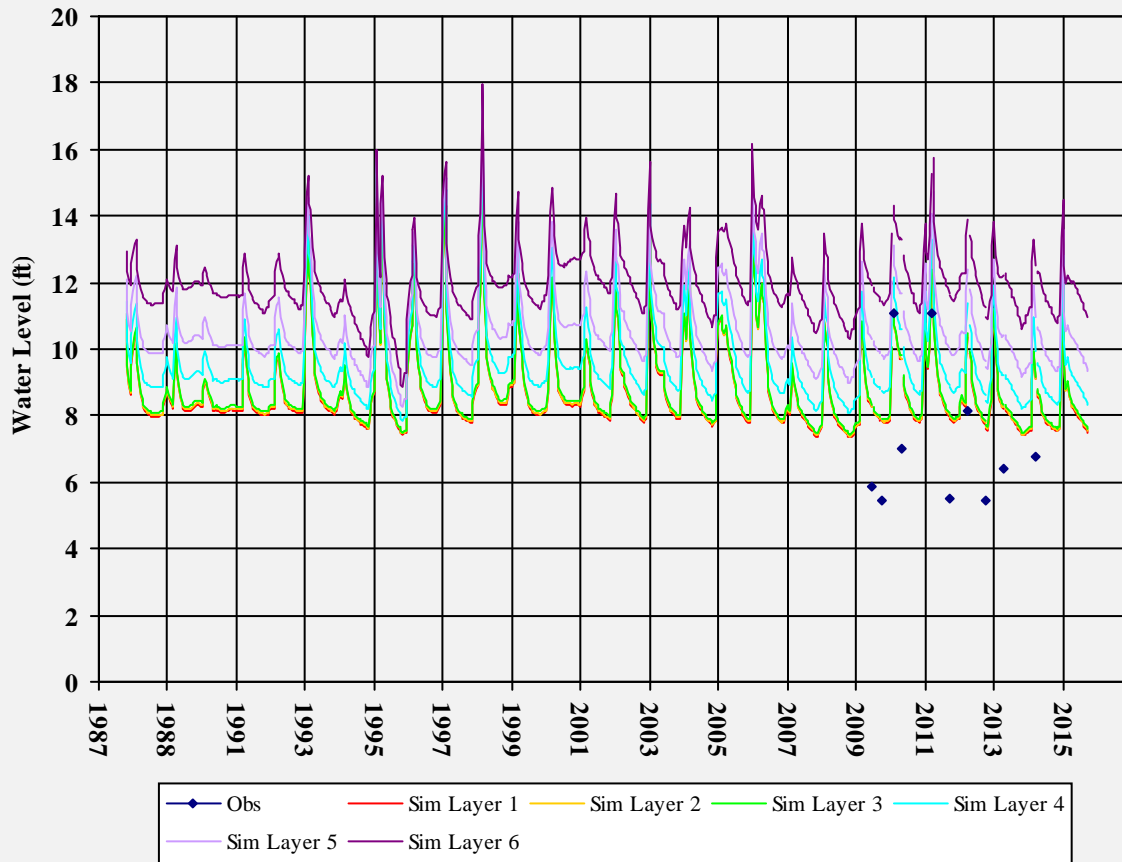
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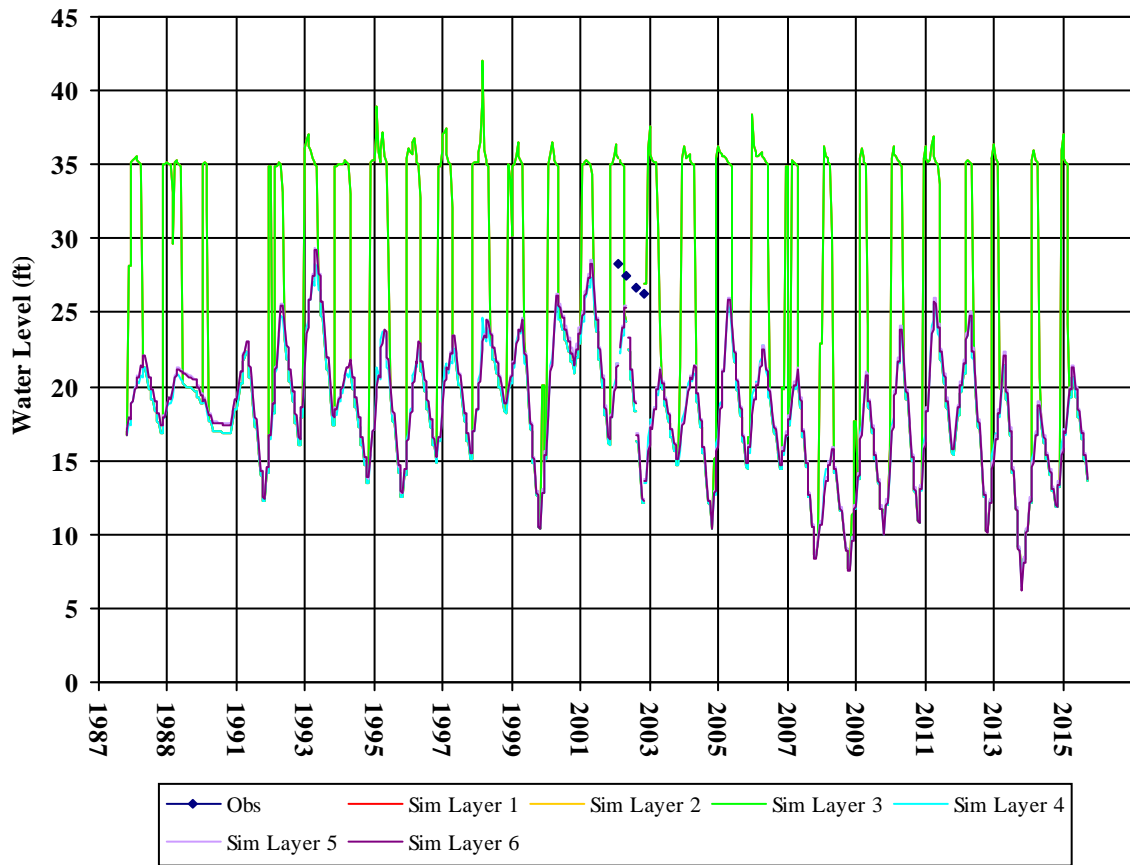
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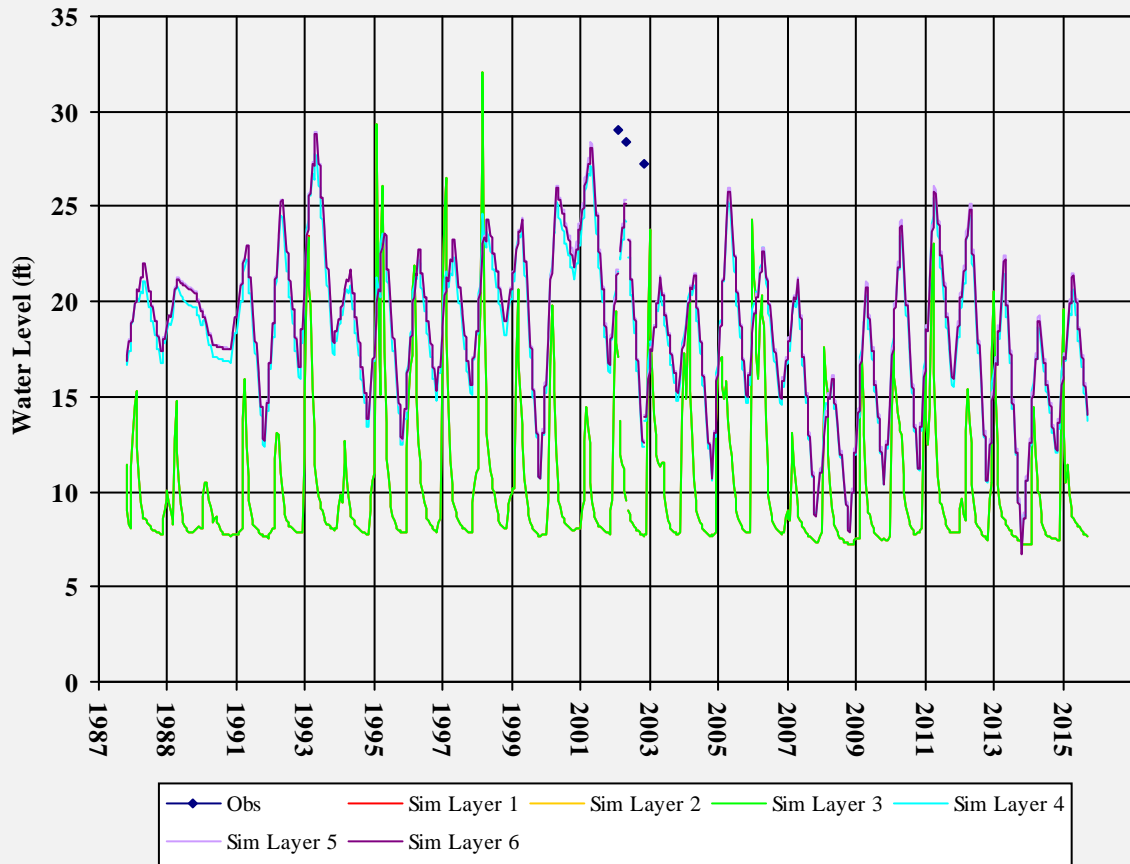


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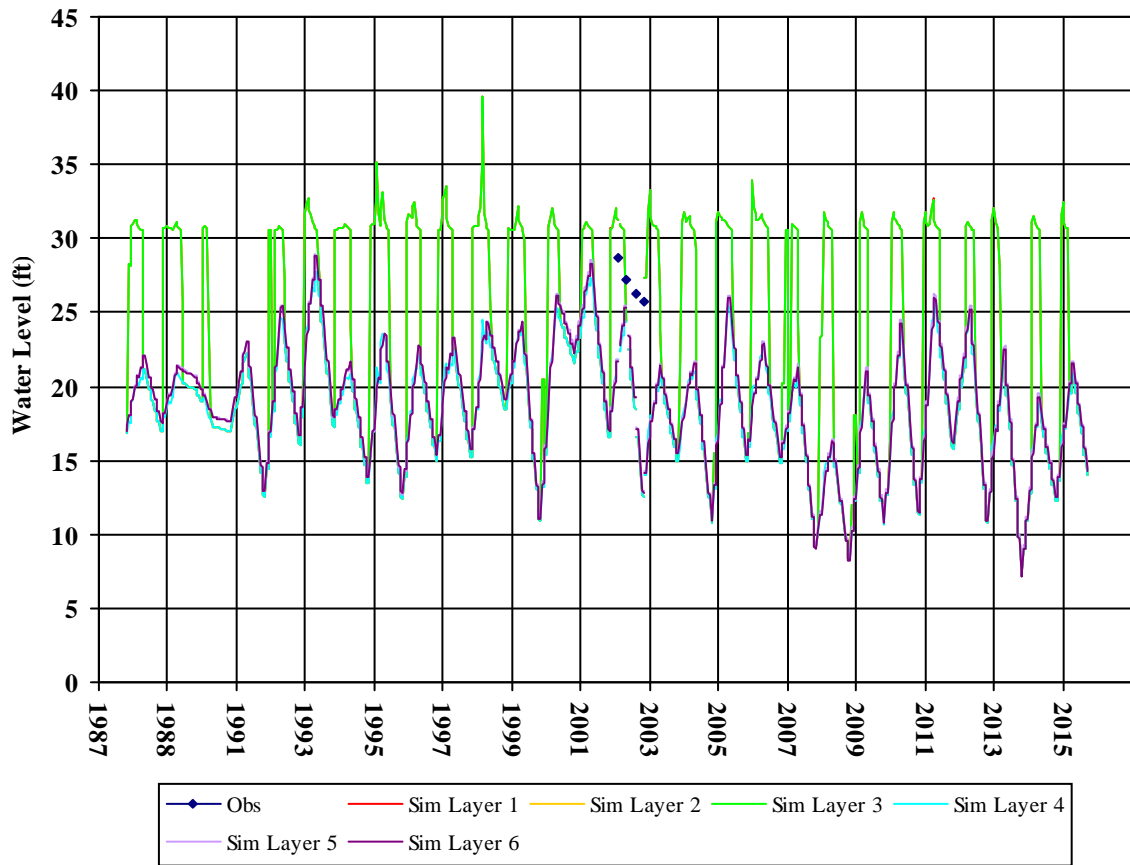
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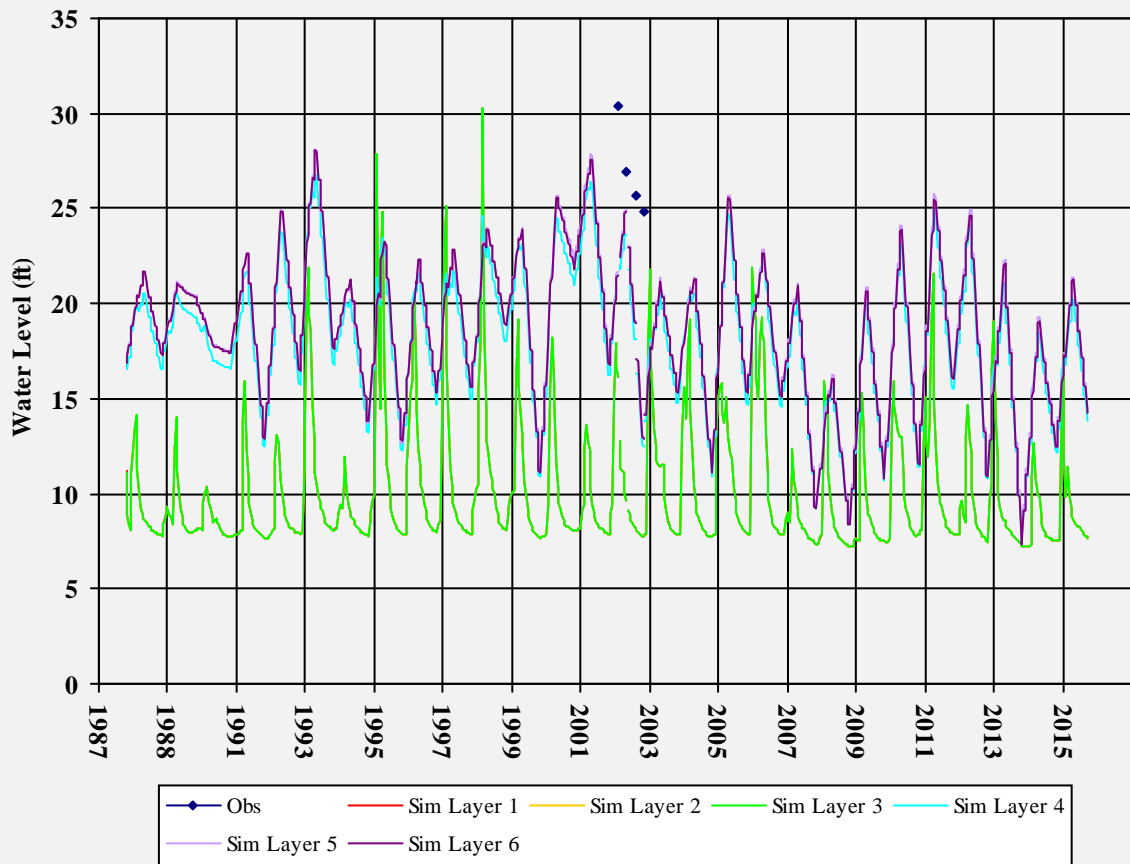
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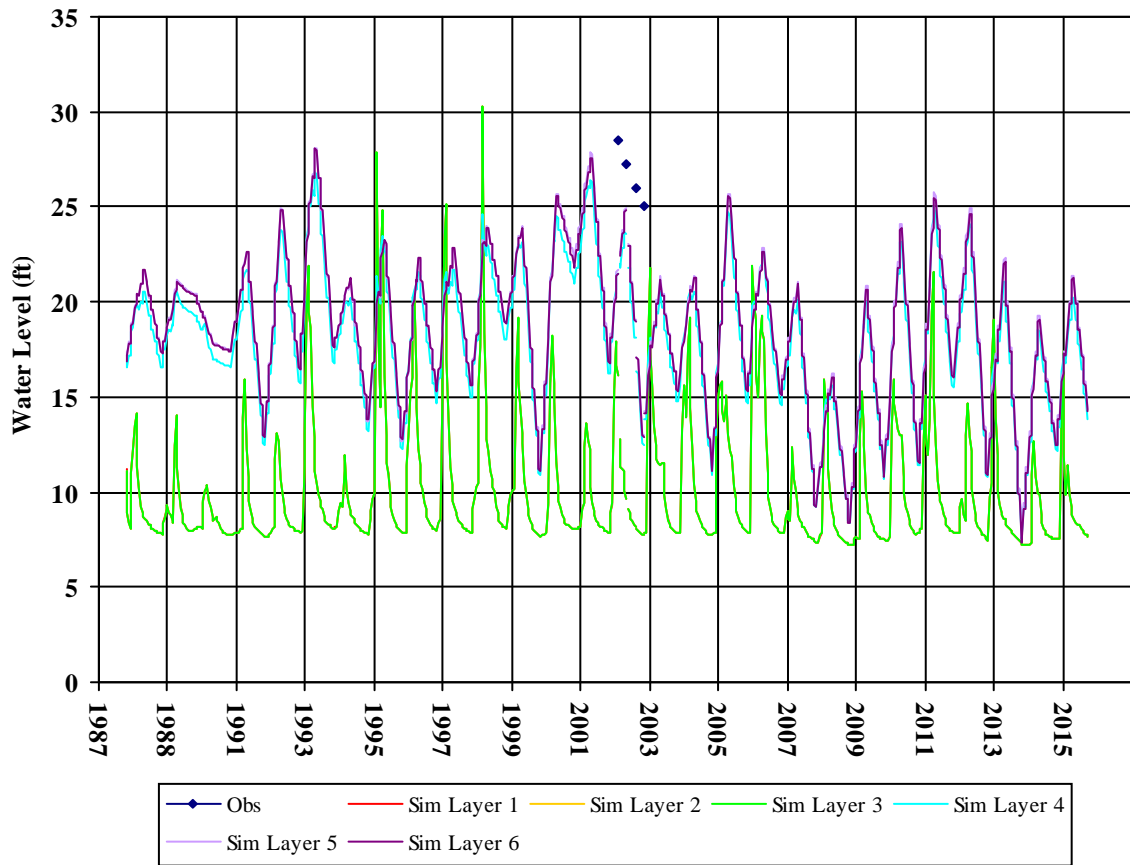
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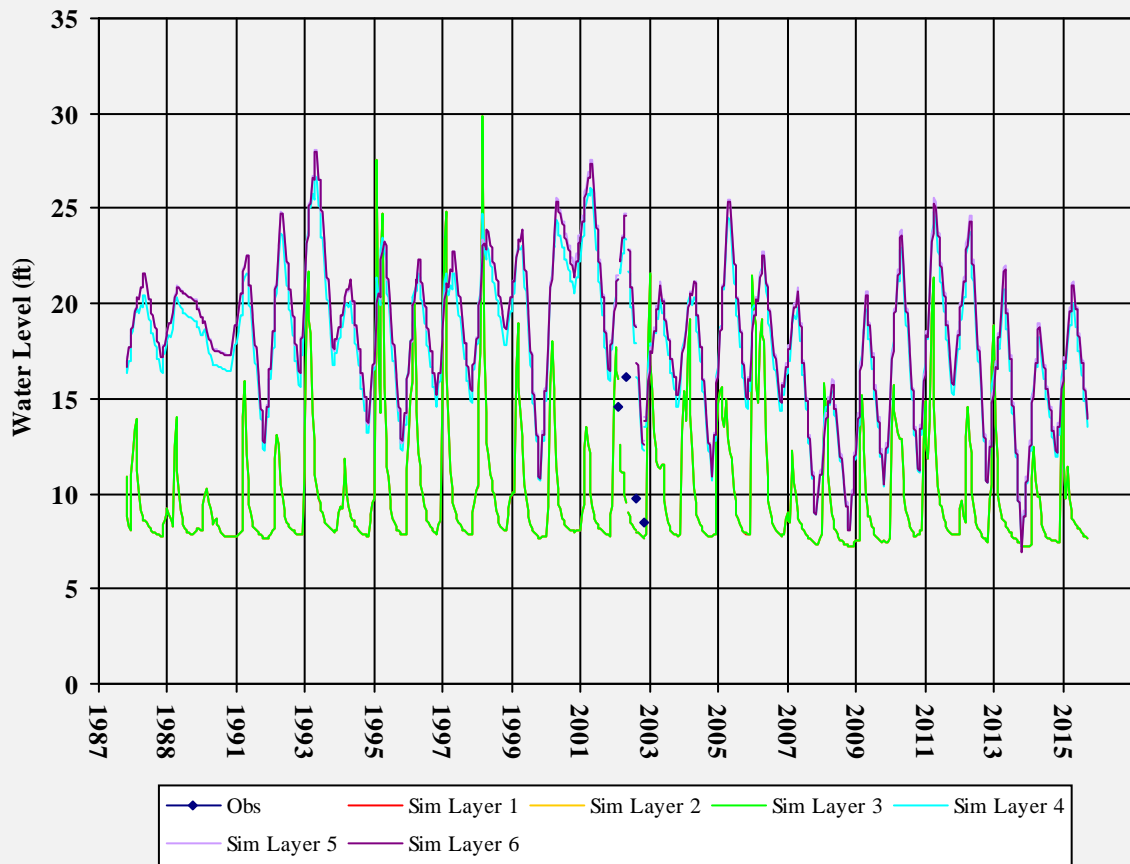
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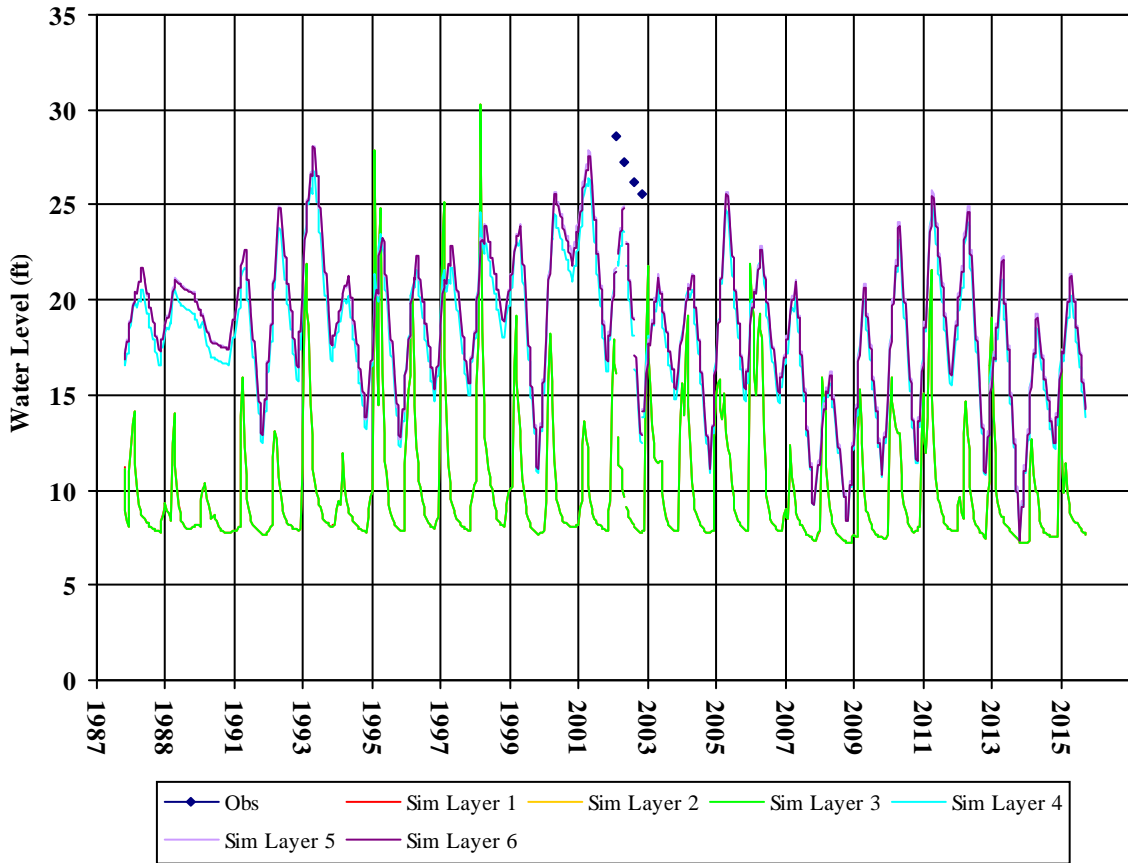
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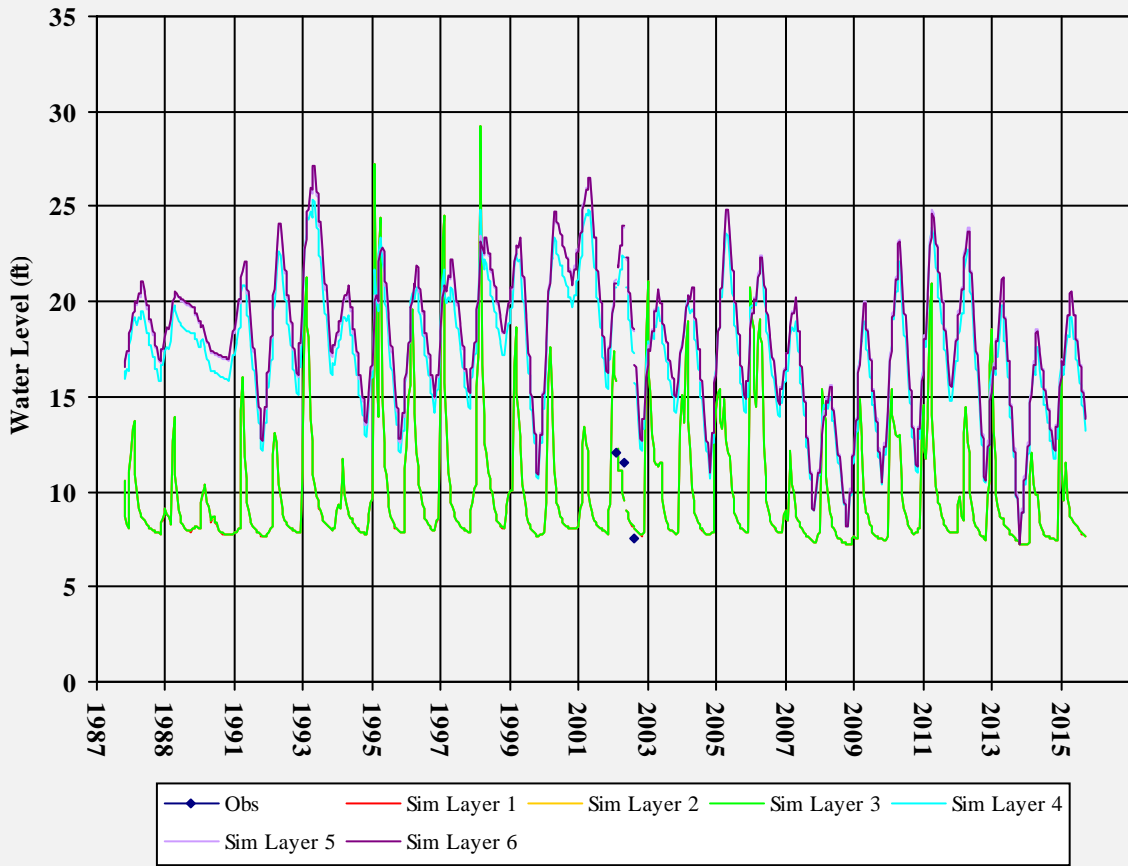
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Est Model Layer: 1

T0605591222MW-7



Well Depth:  
Hole Depth:  
Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

T0605591222MW-8



Well Depth:  
Hole Depth:  
Top Perf:  
Bottom Perf:  
Est Model Layer: 1

# **APPENDIX B**

## **Spatial Distribution of Simulated Water Levels for Selected Months**

