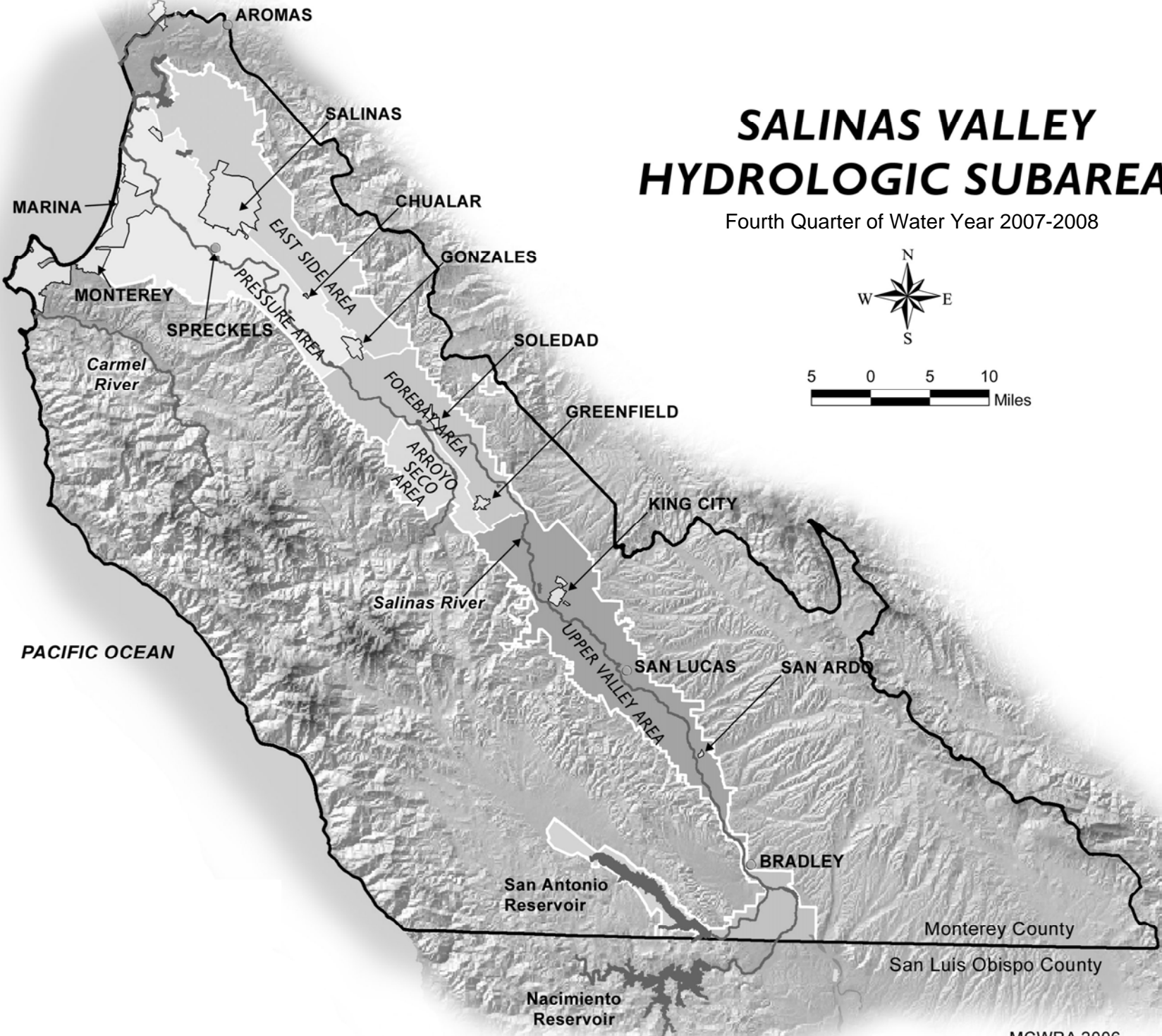


SALINAS VALLEY HYDROLOGIC SUBAREAS

Fourth Quarter of Water Year 2007-2008



**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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| MEETING DATE: | October 27, 2008 | AGENDA ITEM: | |
| AGENDA TITLE: | RECEIVE REPORT ON SALINAS VALLEY WATER CONDITIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF WATER YEAR 2007-2008 | | |
| Consent (X) | | Action () | |
| Information () | | | |
| SUBMITTED BY: | ROBERT JOHNSON | PREPARED BY: | PETER KWIEK, JOHN ROITZ |
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| DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION: | October 27, 2008 | | |

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Receive report on Salinas Valley water conditions for the fourth quarter of Water Year 2007-2008.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION:

A report was last presented to the Board on July 28, 2008, covering the third quarter of Water Year 2007-2008.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

This report covers the fourth quarter of Water Year 2007-2008 (WY08), July through September 2008. It provides a brief overview of water conditions in the Salinas Valley with discussion on precipitation, reservoir storage, and ground water level trends. Data for each of these components are included as graphs and tables in Attachments A through J.

Precipitation – The Salinas Airport received little rainfall for the months of July, August and September. For reference, long term rainfall averages for these months are 0.02, 0.03, and 0.23 inches, respectively. No rain fell in July or August and 0.01 inches fell in September. The total rainfall for water year 2007-2008 at the Salinas Airport was 11.07 inches, or approximately 82 percent of the total rainfall for a normal water year.

Dry conditions also prevailed at King City throughout the fourth quarter, in accordance with long-term average rainfall data. No rain fell there in July, August, or September. King City’s total rainfall for water year 2007-2008 was 9.13 inches, or approximately 84 percent of the total rainfall for a normal water year.

Attachments A and B are graphs showing cumulative monthly precipitation data for both stations. Current data is plotted and compared with last year and with normal conditions.

Rainfall data for King City and Salinas should be considered preliminary until verified by National Weather Service data at a later date.

Reservoirs - The following table compares fourth quarter storage at Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for the past two years. Storage in Nacimiento Reservoir is 7,415 acre feet higher than September 2007 while storage in San Antonio Reservoir is 52,195 acre feet lower than last year.

| Reservoir | September 30, 2008 (WY08) Storage in acre feet | September 30, 2007 (WY07) Storage in acre feet | Difference in acre feet |
|------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Nacimiento | 122,755 | 115,340 | 7,415 |
| San Antonio | 194,685 | 246,880 | -52,195 |

Graphs for each reservoir showing end-of-month storage for the last ten years are included as Attachments C and D.

Ground Water Levels – More than 80 wells are measured monthly throughout the Salinas Valley to monitor seasonal ground water level fluctuations. Data from approximately 50 of these wells is used in the preparation of this report. The measurements are categorized by hydrologic subarea and then averaged and plotted on graphs to compare current water levels with selected past conditions. These conditions include the prior year (WY07), dry conditions (WY91), and near normal conditions (WY85). Each of these comparisons is shown in Attachments E through I, along with a summary of the comparisons shown in Attachment J.

Fourth quarter monthly ground water level measurements indicate that water levels in all hydrologic subareas continued to decline in July. In August, water levels decreased in all subareas with the exception of the Pressure 400-Foot Aquifer where water levels began to recover. By September, water levels were recovering in all subareas except the Forebay and Upper Valley.

The change in average water levels over the previous month ranged from a one-foot decrease in the Upper Valley to a four-foot increase in the East Side Subarea.

Compared to September 2007, average ground water levels decreased by two feet in the Pressure 180-Foot and Pressure 400-Foot Aquifers and the East Side Subarea, and one foot in the Upper Valley Subarea. Average ground water levels were unchanged in the Forebay Subarea.

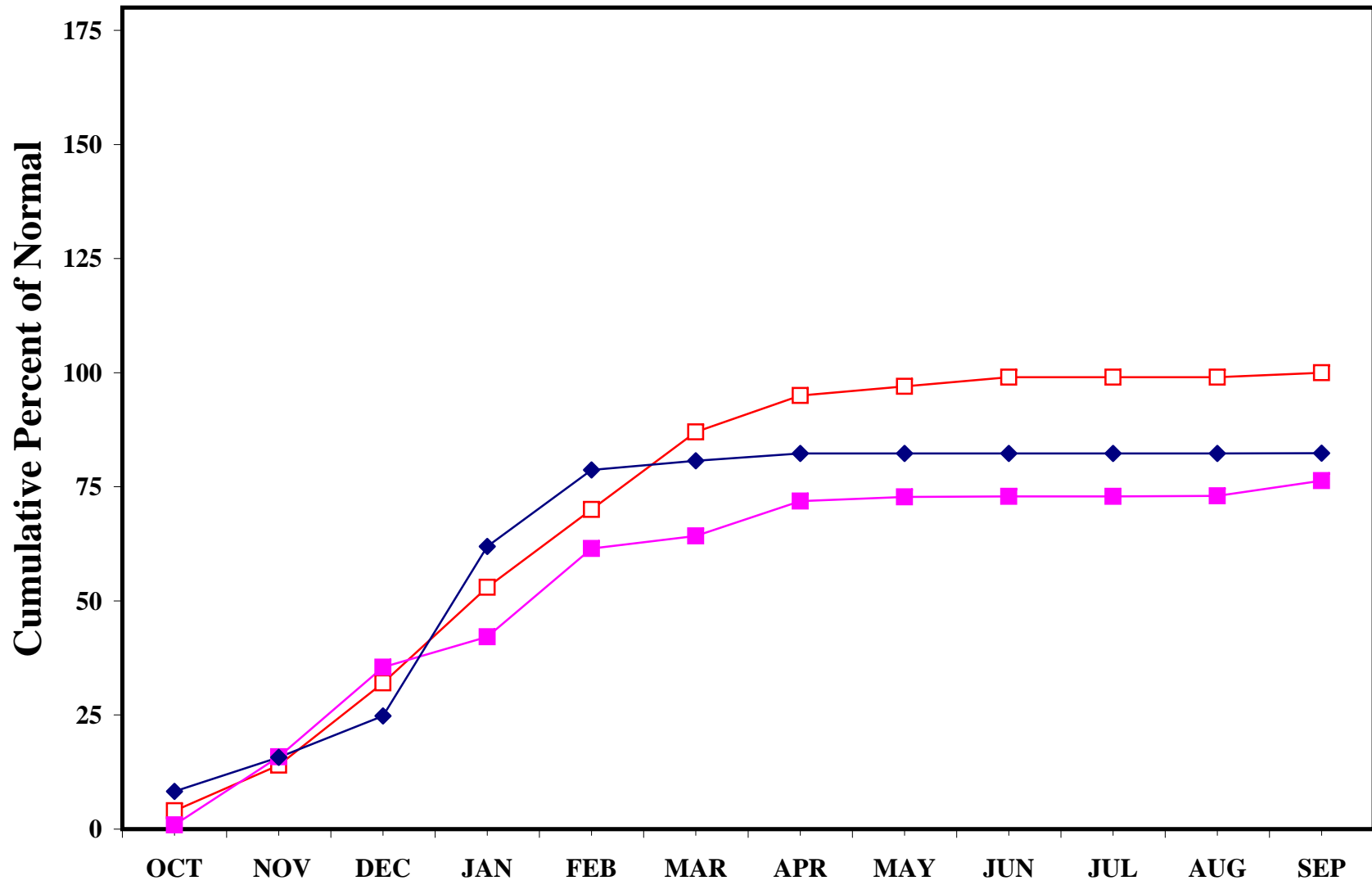
When compared to Water Year 1985, which is considered to be a year of near-normal ground water conditions, current water level changes range from an increase of five feet in the Pressure 400-Foot Aquifer to a decrease of fifteen feet in the East Side Subarea. Water levels in the Pressure 180-Foot Aquifer are five feet lower, while water levels in the Forebay Subarea are three feet higher than in WY 1985. Average ground water levels were unchanged in The Upper Valley Subarea.

Average ground water levels for the fourth quarter of WY08 remain well above WY91 values in all of the hydrologic subareas.

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| FINANCIAL IMPACT: | YES () | NO (X) |
| FUNDING SOURCE: | | |
| COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION: | None | |
| ATTACHMENTS: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salinas Valley Hydrologic Subareas Map 2. Salinas and King City Precipitation Graphs 3. Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoir Graphs 4. Salinas Valley Monthly Water Level Graphs for Each Subarea, Attachments E through I 5. Generalized Ground Water Trends, Attachment J. | |
| APPROVED: | <hr/> General Manager Date | |

SALINAS AIRPORT RAINFALL

Water Year 2007-08



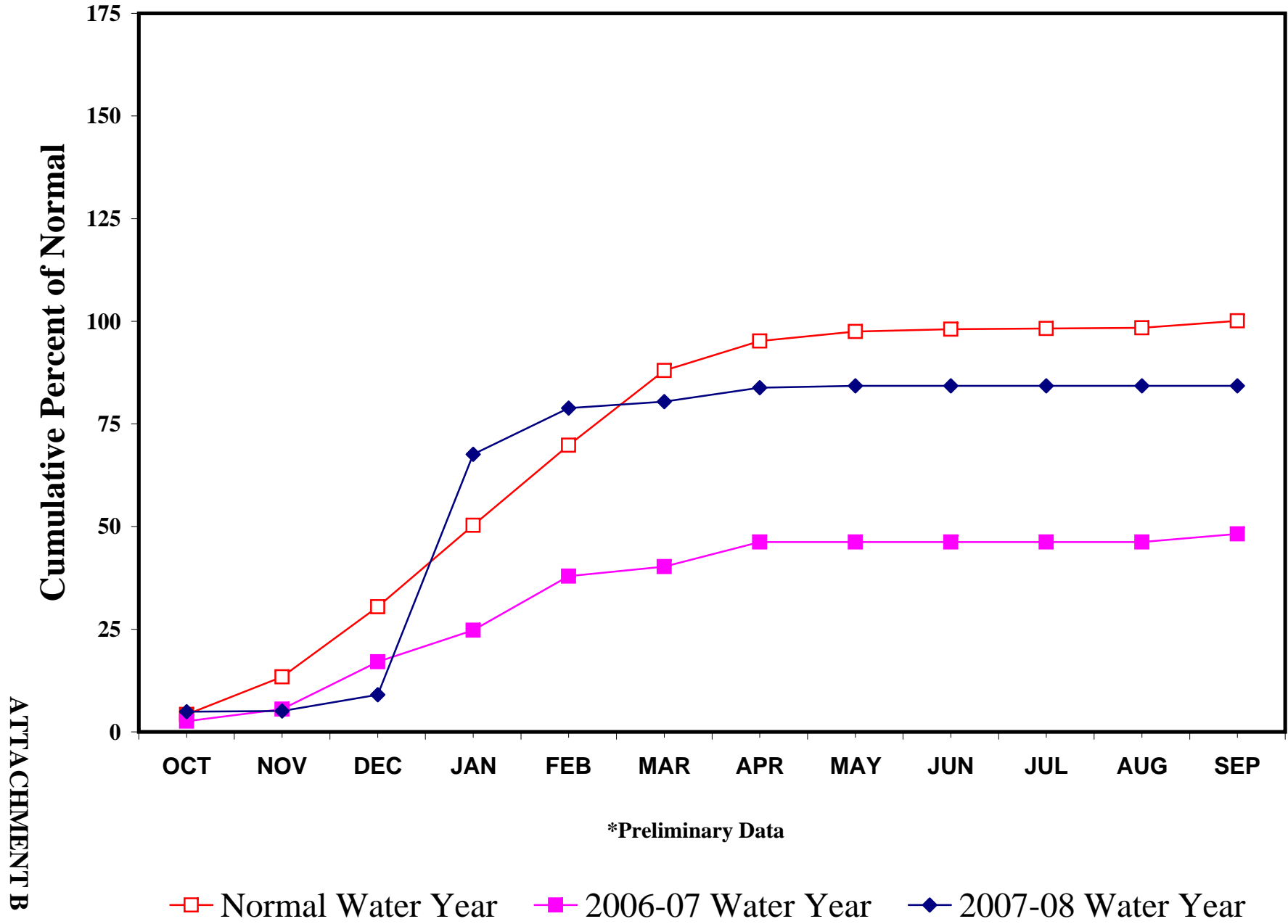
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—□— Normal Water Year —■— 2006-07 Water Year —◆— 2007-08 Water Year

ATTACHMENT A

KING CITY RAINFALL

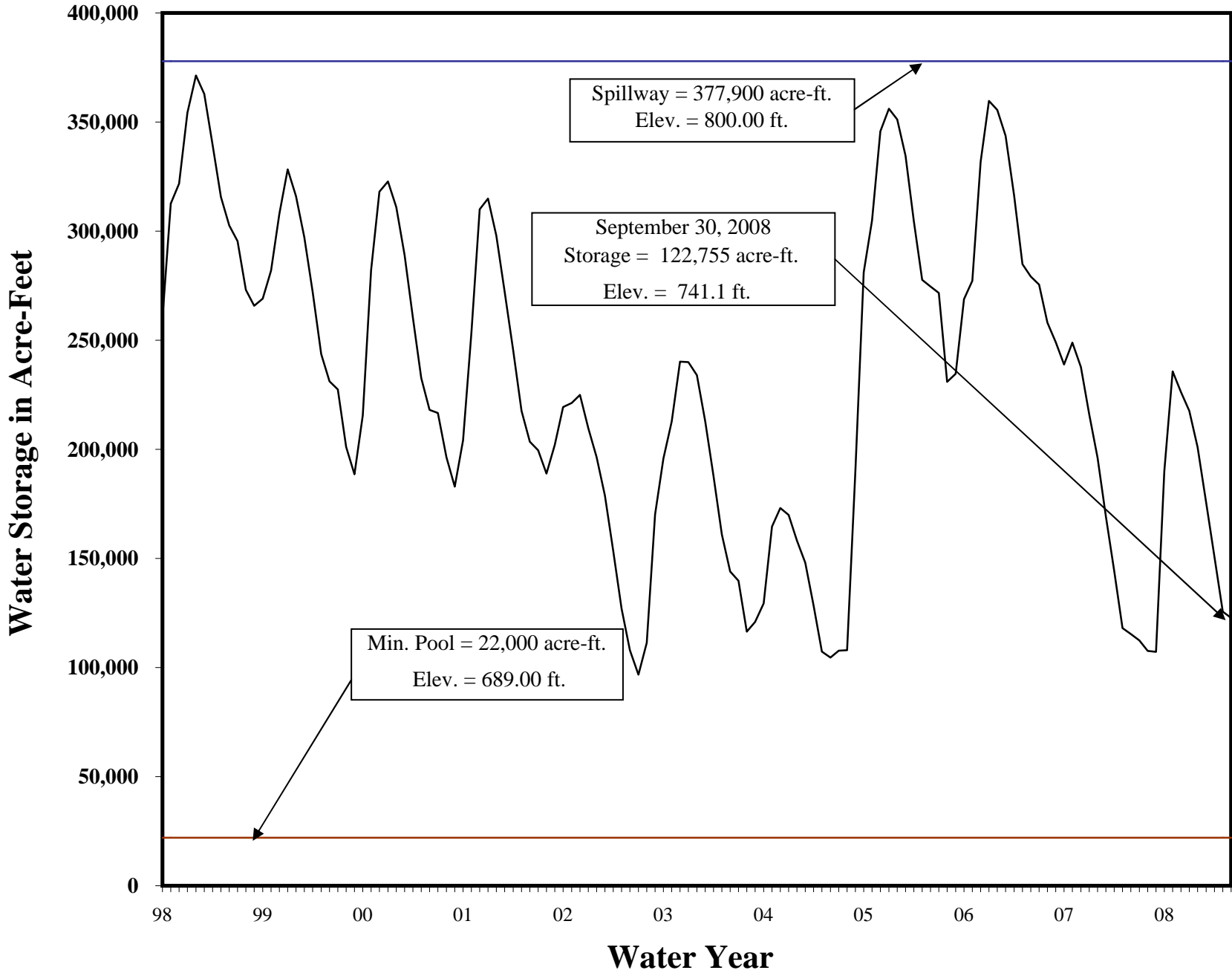
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ATTACHMENT B

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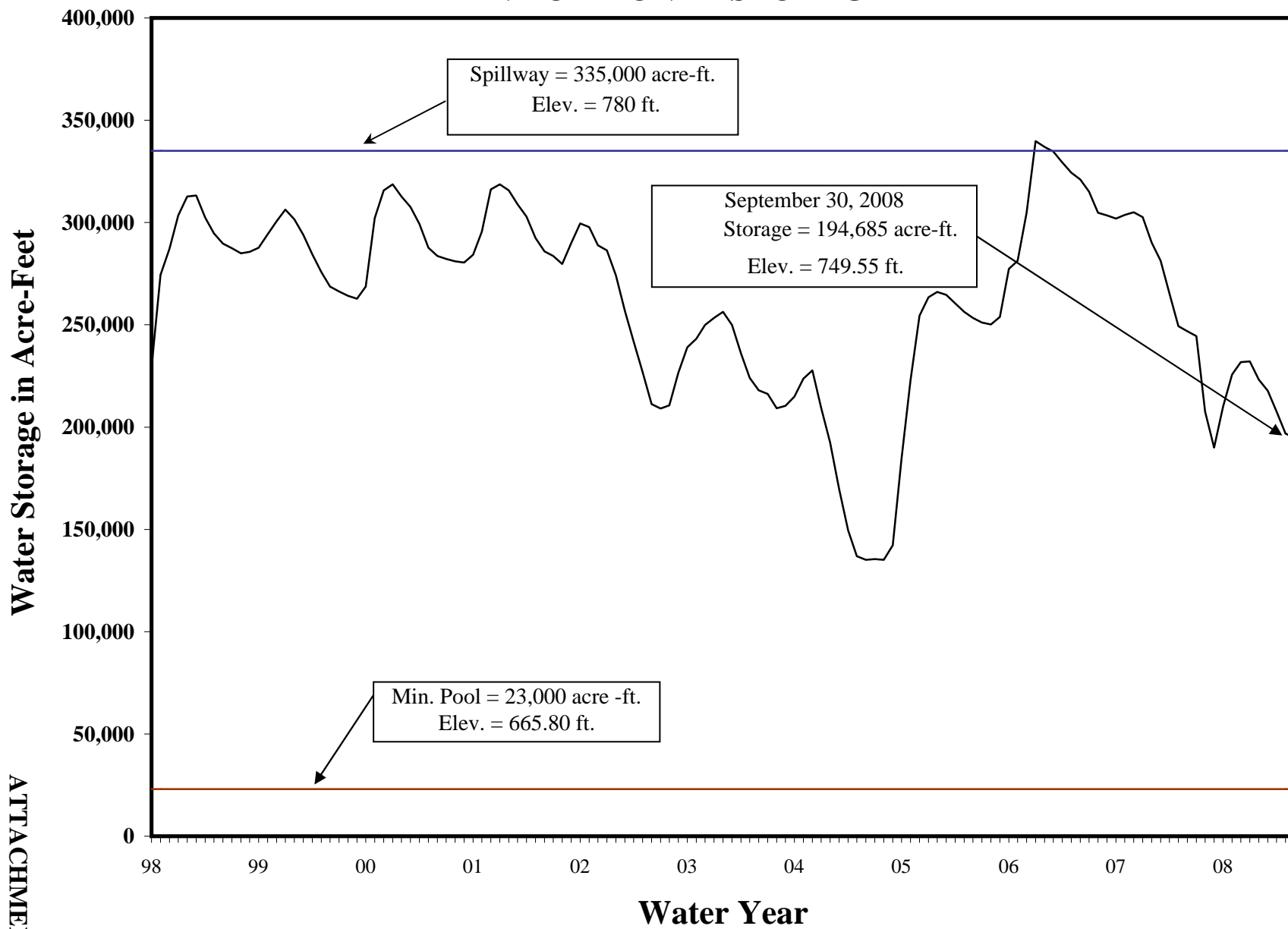
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ATTACHMENT C

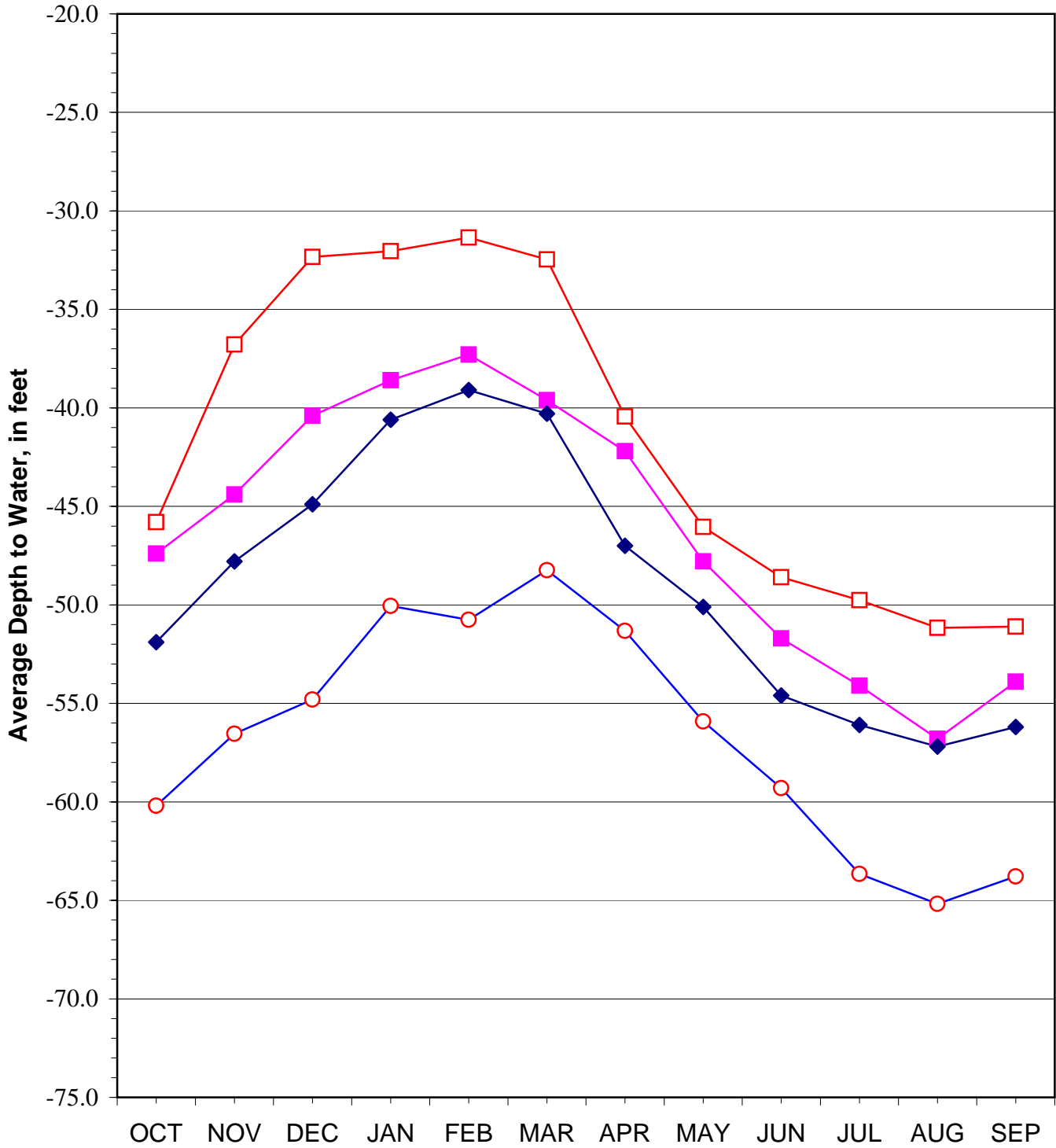
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HISTORIC GROUND WATER TRENDS PRESSURE AREA-180 FOOT AQUIFER

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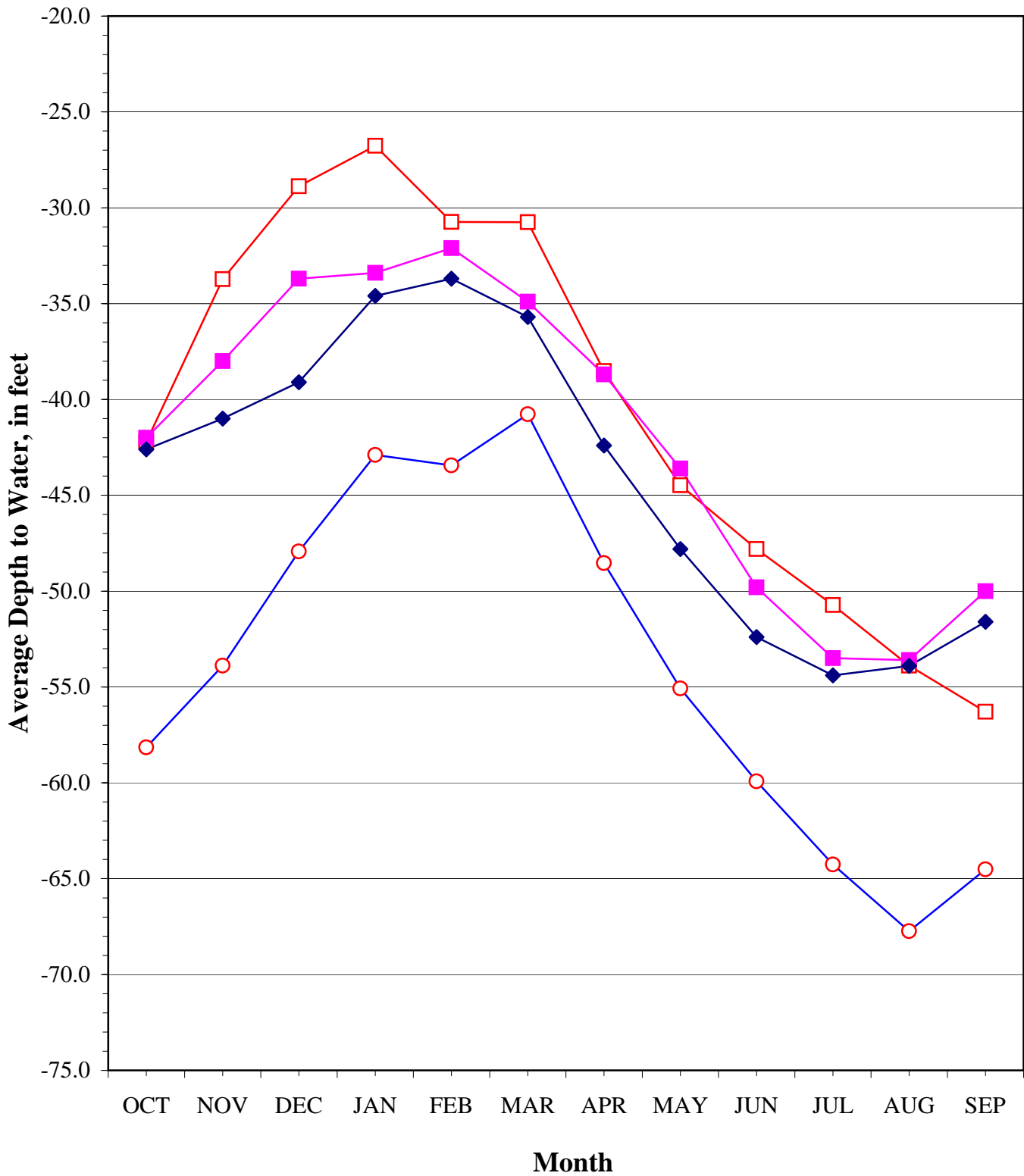


—□— 1985 WY —○— 1991 WY —■— WY 2007 —◆— WY 2008

HISTORIC GROUND WATER TRENDS

PRESSURE AREA-400 FOOT AQUIFER

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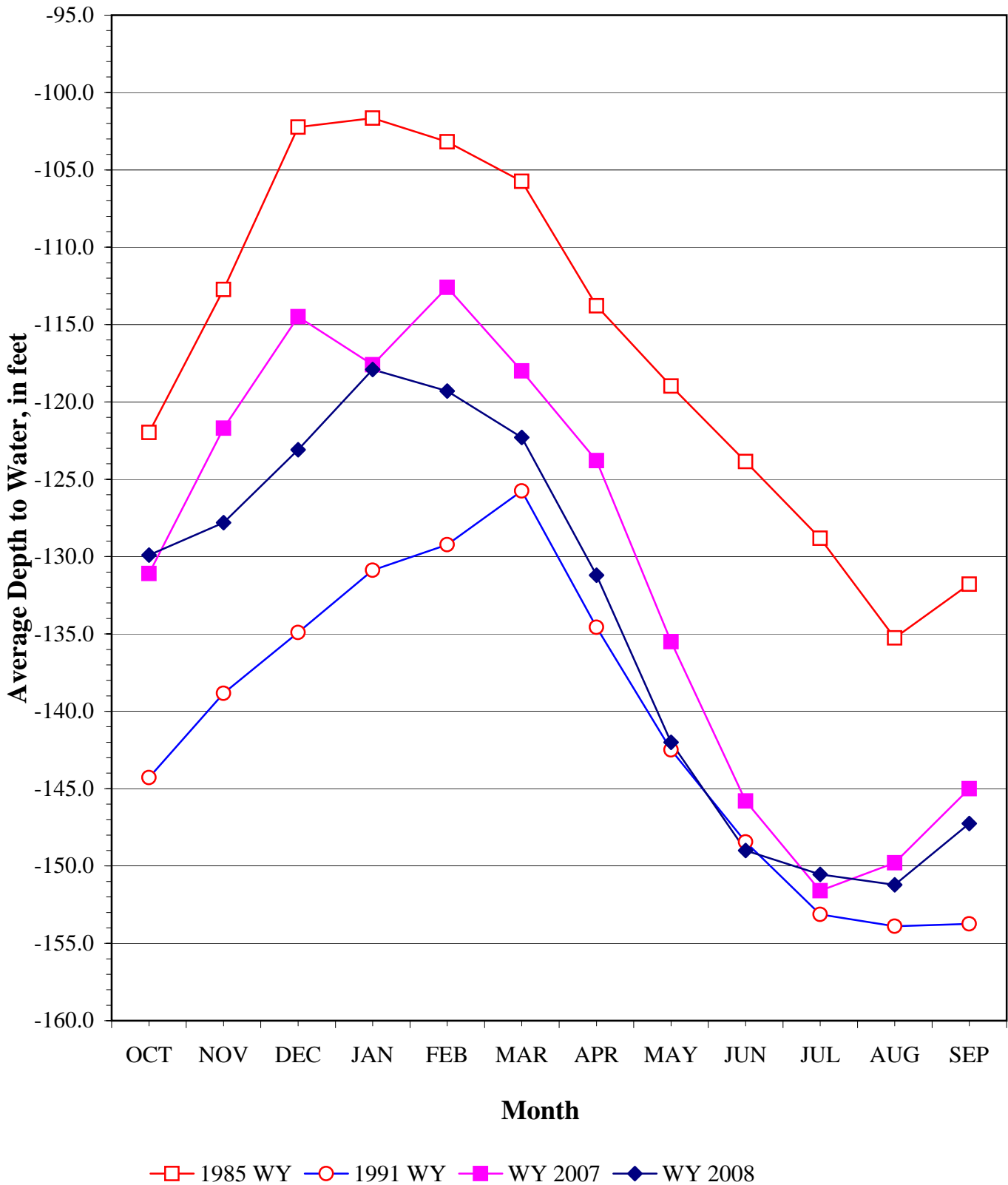


—□— 1985WY
 —○— 1991WY
 —■— WY 2007
 —◆— WY 2008

HISTORIC GROUND WATER TRENDS

EAST SIDE AREA

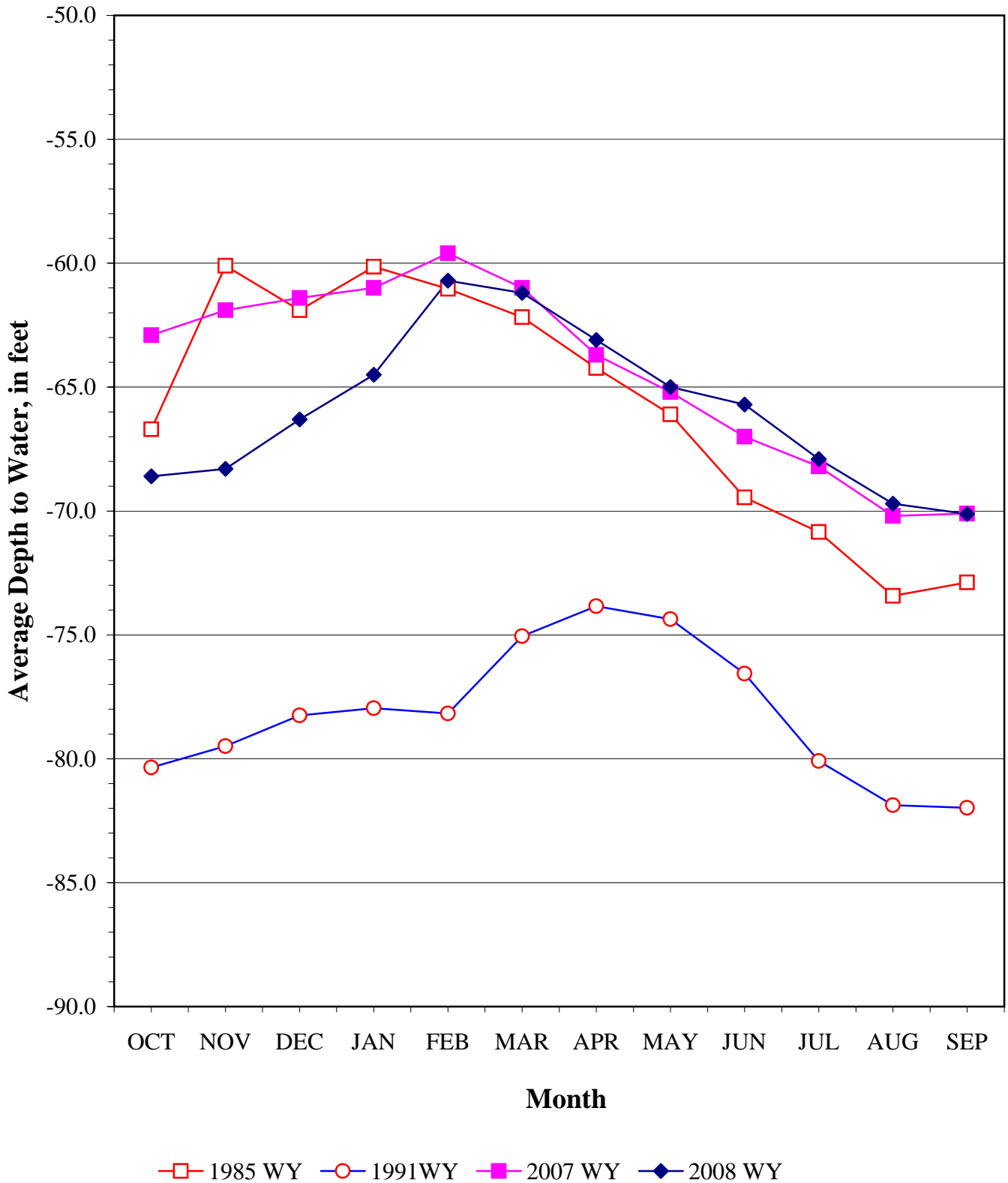
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FOREBAY AREA

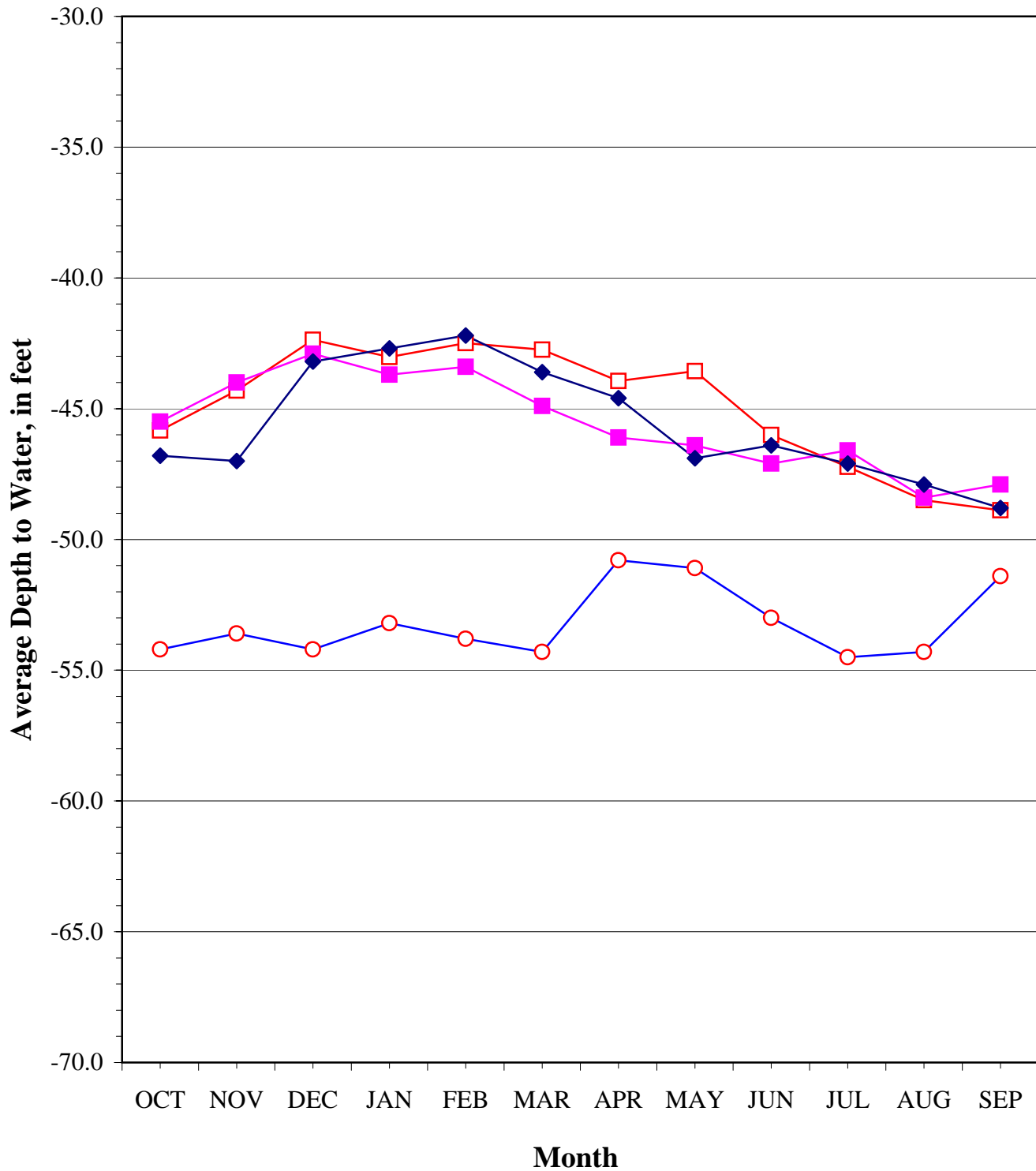
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HISTORIC GROUND WATER TRENDS

UPPER VALLEY AREA

9 Wells



—□— 1985WY
 —○— 1991WY
 —■— WY 2007
 —◆— WY 2008

Generalized Ground Water Trends

September 2008

| AREA | September 2008 Depth to Water | 1 Year Change | Change From WY 1985 | 1 Month Change |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 180' Aquifer in Pressure Area | 56' | down 2' | down 5' | up 1' |
| 400' Aquifer in Pressure Area | 52' | down 2' | up 5' | up 2' |
| East Side Area | 147' | down 2' | down 15' | up 4' |
| Forebay Area | 70' | no change | up 3' | no change |
| Upper Valley Area | 49' | down 1' | no change | down 1' |

September water levels, compared to last year, range from no change to 2' lower.

September water levels, compared to WY 1985, range from 15' lower to 5' higher.

September changes in water levels over the last month range from 1' lower to 4' higher.