# INTEGRATED COASTAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM AND PLAN



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# <span id="page-3-0"></span>**INTRODUCTION**

California American Water Company (CalAm) is working to increase sustainability of their water supply portfolio to meet the long-term needs of customers in their service area on the Monterey Peninsula. Accordingly, CalAm has proposed the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP). The MPWSP includes a desalination plant, distribution pipelines, aquifer storage and recovery and in-lieu use of desalinated water. Feedwater for the desalination plant would be from a seawater intake system consisting of slant wells constructed into the shallow aquifers at the coastal margin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB). The objective of the MPWSP is to meet CalAm's long-term water demands and comply with state imposed regulatory requirements<sup>[1](#page-4-0)</sup>. A MPWSP Test Slant Wells Study (HWG, 2017) was conducted to evaluate project effects and support preparation of a draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EIS) (ESA, 2017). CalAm has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN) for the MPWSP from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)<sup>[2](#page-4-1)</sup>. The EIR/EIS supported the CPUC decision. This document presents a proposed Coastal Monitoring Plan (Monitoring Plan) to continue observing the MPWSP effects, if any, on the SVGB.

## <span id="page-3-1"></span>**MPWSP Project Description**

The MPWSP facilities are shown in **Figure 1** and would include a seawater intake system of seven subsurface slant wells (six active and one on standby) extending offshore into the submerged lands of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), and a Source Water Pipeline. The slant wells would be constructed at the CEMEX sand mining site in the northern coastal area of the City of Marina and would extract 15.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of source water through the seafloor in the MBNMS. A 6.4 mgd capacity desalination plant would be constructed in unincorporated Monterey County northeast of the City of Marina and would produce approximately 7,000 acre-feet per year (afy) of treated water. Related facilities would include pretreatment, reverse osmosis, and posttreatment systems; backwash supply and filtered water equalization tanks; chemical feed and storage facilities; brine storage and conveyance facilities; and other associated non-process facilities. The proposed project also includes improvements to the existing Seaside Groundwater Basin aquifer storage and recovery system facilities, which would also enable CalAm to inject desalinated product water into the groundwater basin for subsequent extraction and distribution to customers.

Desalinated water conveyance facilities would include a stand-alone Carmel Valley Pump Station, a Terminal Reservoir, and approximately 21 miles of water pipelines that convey source water between the subsurface intakes and the desalination plant, and desalinated water between the desalination plant and the Terminal Reservoir. Treated water will also be conveyed to the SVGB to address any potential impacts to existing overlying groundwater users and return water that may have been pumped from the slant wells that originated in the SVGB aquifers.

 $\frac{1}{1}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  SWRCB Order 95-10 and subsequent related orders.

On April 23, 2012, CalAm filed at the PUC Application No. 12-04-019, "Application of the California-American Water Company (U210W) for Approval of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project and Authorization to Recover All Present and Future Costs in Rates" ("CAW Application").



**Figure 1 - MPWSP Location and Facilities**

<span id="page-4-1"></span><span id="page-4-0"></span>Source: ESA 2017

## <span id="page-5-0"></span>**Hydrogeologic Setting, Conceptual Model and NMGWM**

A detailed discussion of the regional hydrogeology and conceptual models of the coastal area of the Salinas Valley Basin can be found in a number of publications which provide the contemporary knowledge base (MCWRA, 2017; Brown and Caldwell, 2015; Kennedy/Jenks, 2004; HWG, 2017). The reader is directed to these documents for more detailed discussions. In general, the upper aquifer units in the Salinas Valley are essentially undeformed, flat-lying alluvial deposits reflecting different deposition environments in response to sea level changes. For purposes of developing and evaluating a monitoring network, it is most important that there is agreement between and within networks that the same hydrogeologic unit is being monitored. To that end, the following discussion provides a brief overview of each of the six hydrogeologic units found in the Study Area (see page 9 for description).

**Surficial Deposits (Dune Sand Aquifer)** consisting of dune sand at the coast and shallow alluvium farther inland. These deposits generally lie above an elevation of approximately -100 feet mean sea level (msl). For the purpose of this study this unit will also be referred to as the "Shallow Aquifer."

Underlying the **Shallow Aquifer**, in most portions of the Study Area, is a regional clay unit referred to as the "Salinas Valley Aquitard." This unit varies in thickness but generally lies between elevations of - 100 and -130 feet, msl.

In the valley floor, the **Salinas Valley Aquitard**, overlies the 180-foot Aquifer. The 180-foot Aquifer consists of coarse-grained alluvial deposits. In the area south of the valley floor, the 180-foot Aquifer is stratigraphically equivalent to a sequence of terrace deposits consisting predominately of sand. The equivalent layer has been referred to as the 180-foot Equivalent Aquifer or the 180-FTE. Both units generally lie between the elevations of -130 and -280 feet, msl.

The **180-foot Aquifer and 180-FTE** are underlain by a regional clay unit that is areally extensive, although some erosional gaps have been detected. This so-called "180/400-foot Aquitard" hydraulically separates the overlying 180-foot/FTE aquifers from the underlying material. The 180/400-foot Aquitard lies at an approximate elevation of -280 to -320 feet, msl.

The **400-foot Aquifer** underlies the **180/400-foot Aquitard**. The 400-foot Aquifer is comprised of fine to medium-grained alluvial deposits with thin interbeds of finer-grained materials. The 400-foot Aquifer is generally considered to lie between the elevations of -320 and -500 feet, msl.

The **Deep Aquifers** underlie the 400-foot Aquifer; the geologic record suggests a period of lower energy resulting in the deposition of hundreds of feet of predominately finer-grained materials. Below this clay-dominated thickness, there are two formational aquifer units: (1) the non-marine Paso Robles Formation and (2) the marine Purisima and Santa Margarita Sandstone formations. Unlike the overlying sediments, these units are structurally deformed due to faulting and folding. The top of the water-bearing portion of the Paso Robles Formation generally occurs at an elevation of approximately -800 feet, msl, whereas the top of the Purisima Formation is generally considered to be below an elevation of approximately -1300 feet, msl.

A Hydrogeologic Work Group (HWG) was formed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement (among certain parties participating in the CPUC approval process for the MPWSP). The HWG consisted of hydrogeologists representing various settling parties. The HWG served as an internal peer review

group to establish the test slant well monitoring program, evaluate data, advise and review model development and application, and prepare investigation documents. This included the MPWSP Hydrogeologic Investigation Work Plan (HWP) (Geoscience, 2013), monthly monitoring reports as required by the California Coastal Commission (CCC), and a final report prepared to provide technical input to the EIR/EIS (HWG, 2017). The HWP reviewed data developed from drilling and monitoring well construction. The well logs were used to develop the hydrogeologic conceptual model that was then used to refine the North Marina Groundwater Model (NMGWM), which was originally developed to simulate impacts of a previously proposed regional project. The updated NMGWM was then used to evaluate the feasibility and environmental impacts of the MPWSP project (HydroFocus, 2016).

# <span id="page-6-0"></span>**Requirements for Groundwater Monitoring**

Groundwater monitoring has been or is to be required under three primary planning and policy drivers: (1) a separate Settlement Agreement (between CalAm and Monterey County agencies) (Monterey County, 2012); (2) the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (SWRCB, 2013); and (3) the MPWSP California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) draft and final MPWSP EIR/EIS (ESA, 2017) and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)<sup>[3](#page-7-0)</sup> (CPUC, 2018). As part of this study a memorandum was prepared to define the policy directives and basis for designing the network (**Appendix A**). Relevant sections of the MMRP are also presented in **Appendix B**. The MMRP Section 4.4-3 succinctly states that the purpose of the Monitoring Plan and program is:

- to ensure that owners of existing public or private groundwater supply wells within the Monitoring Area on the date the MPWSP commences slant well pumping ("Active Supply Wells") suffer no harm as a result of MPWSP slant well pumping, and
- to augment the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA or Agency) existing regional groundwater monitoring network.

The MMRP identifies CalAm, Independent Hydrogeologist, MCWRA and the CPUC as the future users of the data collected. The Monitoring Plan is being designed in anticipation of the future information needs and to support subsequent decisions and actions .

# <span id="page-6-1"></span>**EIR/EIS Findings**

The MPWSP EIR/EIS analysis did not find significant effects to groundwater resources from the MPWSP. Regardless, the EIR/EIS and the associated MMRP included Applicant Proposed Mitigation Measure 4.4-3, "Groundwater Monitoring and Avoidance of Well Damage", to monitor changes in the groundwater surface elevations and quality that might be caused by the MPWSP pumping at the slant wells during full operation. If it is determined that the project is causing groundwater level and quality changes to damage local active wells within the Dune Sand, 180-Foot/FTE, 400-Foot Aquifer or Deep Aquifers, this measure would ensure that active wells are repaired or replaced.

<sup>-&</sup>lt;br>3 On August 13, 2018, the PUC published Decision Approving a Modified Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, Adopting Settlement Agreements, Issuing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Certifying Combined Environmental Report, Application 12-04-019; Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for Approval of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project and Authorization to Recover All Present and Future Costs in Rates.

The Monitoring Plan seeks to provide data that can be used to validate the model result, HWG conclusions, and EIR/EIS finding of "no significant impact". The findings may serve as the hypothesis which is then tested by the monitoring and observed data. The EIR/EIS made the following findings.

- "The proposed project would not deplete groundwater supplies in the Dune Sand, the 180-FTE Aquifer, the 400-Foot Aquifer or the Deep Aquifer; it would extract primarily seawater and a smaller volume of highly brackish ambient groundwater from a localized coastal capture area.
- The slant wells would not extract potable groundwater. MPWSP capture zone created is within an area that has been degraded by SWI and therefore unusable for potable water supply due to its high salinity.
- There are no active production wells extracting groundwater from the Dune Sand or 180-FTE Aquifers within the boundaries of the area projected as the MPWSP capture zone. There are no public or private wells completed in the Dune Sand Aquifer within the projected area of influence of MPWSP pumping.
- Water levels in nearby wells may decline in the 180-FTE Aquifer between 1 and 5 feet, but that would not expose screens, cause damage, or reduce yield in the groundwater supply wells. Injection and extraction through the ASR well system would be managed so that the water provided from the desalination plant would not constitute a net change in storage.
- When desalinated water is returned to the SVGWB as part of the MPWSP, groundwater conditions in the 400-Foot Aquifer underlying the CSIP, CCSD, and adjacent areas would improve as water levels increase from in-lieu groundwater recharge.
- The desalinated water returned to the SVGB would essentially put the SVGB in a "no net loss" position in terms of fresh water quantity and would benefit legal water users by providing fresh water for beneficial use in lieu of SVGB pumping.
- The proposed slant well pumping would not influence groundwater levels in the deeper aquifers and there would be no direct groundwater drawdown impact from the MPWSP on the deeper aquifers.
- Based on current groundwater quality and the minimal groundwater use within the area affected by slant well pumping, the localized change in groundwater quality that could occur because of slant well pumping is not expected to violate water quality standards or interrupt or eliminate the potable or irrigation groundwater supply available to other basin users, and this impact is considered less than significant.
- The MPWSP would not exacerbate SWI, and groundwater extraction from the coast, as part of project operations, would be expected to retard future inland migration of the SWI front.
- The proposed project would extract mostly seawater and some brackish groundwater from a localized area; no fresh water supplies would be removed from the basin. When water is returned to the basin, groundwater elevations and the volume of water in storage would increase in the 400-Foot Aquifer underlying the CSIP and CCSD and adjacent areas.
- <span id="page-7-0"></span>• From the time the slant wells begin pumping, and throughout the life of the project, local groundwater quality within the capture zone could change from highly brackish (23,400 mg/L TDS to 30,900 mg/L TDS) to more saline groundwater (seawater TDS is about 33,500 mg/L). The degradation in water quality (measured as an increase in TDS) would occur because the slant wells would first draw in the ambient, highly brackish groundwater that is currently within the aquifer formation and, because the capture zone would be adjacent to the coast, seawater would flow in to replace it. This effect would occur only in the confines of the capture zone near the CEMEX site and would not affect groundwater from inland portions of

the aquifers because inland groundwater east of the capture zone is under the influence of the inland, regional groundwater gradient."

Although the scientific analysis performed for the EIR/EIS predicted no impacts, there was some disagreement amongst experts and minority opinions which allege that impacts will occur. The proposed Monitoring Plan is intended to provide additional insights and to address these concerns.

# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**Study Purpose**

The specific purpose for this study is to:

- Design a Monitoring Plan and well network to observe MPWSP project long-term effects at full operations; and to meet the requirements of the Settlement Agreement, EIR/EIS and associated MMRP, and SWRCB intent to confirm prediction of a lack of harm to the SVGB.
- Conduct both a management and technical evaluation to define short-term, start-up and capital costs to implement the Monitoring Plan, and long-term costs to operate and maintain the network.
- Evaluate alternative management approaches to monitoring and recommend a final approach.
- Develop a cost-effective monitoring network and implementation program for the Monitoring Plan.

Although the Monitoring Plan and its implementation may have benefits to other groundwater management efforts (e.g., Sustainable Groundwater Management Act [SGMA]), these benefits are ancillary and not a goal of this Monitoring Plan.

### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**Study Approach**

This report identifies the proposed monitoring network objectives, locations for additional monitoring wells, the recommended design and construction of any such wells, use of existing wells, constituents and parameters to measure, frequency of measurement, and a procedure for the monitoring, testing, analysis, data management and reporting from any such wells. The existing networks and prior study reports provided the starting point to evaluate the data gaps, approach to fill these gaps, and the costs for collection, analysis and reporting of the data. Work included:

- Reviewing and documenting the existing monitoring networks within the study area
- Developing monitoring network objectives and questions that the network is to address
- Identifying data gaps to meet objectives and answer questions
- Developing approaches to filling data gaps
- Reviewing the analysis of existing collection methods and frequency
- Designing the network (locations, depth, frequency, collection methods) to provide a basis for comparison of management and operations costs
- Evaluating the pros/cons of the management alternatives for the idealized network, including documenting constraints and opportunities (e.g., integration with the long-term, ambient coastal monitoring network)
- Reviewing data management, analysis, exchange and reporting needs and approach
- Making final findings, conclusions and recommendations for the Monitoring Plan.

To conduct the groundwater monitoring network design, the work considered:

- Spatial and temporal coverage of the existing sampling locations
- The sensitivity of the existing networks to the expected aquifer response to the project operation
- Competing objectives of the existing monitoring programs
- Compatibility and comparability of data from different established networks
- Limitations of existing data collection methods in capturing data that are representative
- Uncertainties in the complex nature of geologic, hydrologic, and other environmental factors
- Decisions and actions supported by the information to be generated
- Audiences reliant on the generated information
- Analysis, maps and figures used to communicate the data to a range of audiences, and
- Range of management costs and the approaches and methods for network operations and maintenance.

## <span id="page-9-0"></span>**Monitoring Network Objectives**

Selection of existing wells, or drilling proposed new monitoring wells, will be based on whether the location supports the overall monitoring network objectives which include:

- Obtain groundwater level and quality data to document baseline conditions, and identify background variations in groundwater level and quality that are not associated with the MPWSP
- Track the operational effects of the MPWSP project and identify groundwater level and quality changes or effects, if any
- Provide data to support future updates to the NMGWM
- Measure the accuracy of the predicted groundwater levels against the background fluctuations associated with agronomic activities and climatic fluctuations
- Verify EIR/EIS findings and provide information to CalAm, MCWRA and CPUC to identify if or when further mitigation may be required.

# <span id="page-9-1"></span>**Study Area and Monitoring Plan Area**

As required by the MMRP, the study area is formally defined by the boundary of the North Monterey Groundwater Model as shown on **Figure 2**. The study area is located in the extreme coastal portion of the Salinas Valley.

The Monitoring Plan must be able to delineate between the MPWSP effect and the regional background fluctuations in groundwater levels and water quality that currently exist. A water level decline or change in water quality from the MPWSP operation would have to be strong, sustained, chronic observable changes, and would not be masked by the existing regional groundwater level fluctuations.

The NMGWM was used to determine the extent of the cone of depression and the zone of influence resulting from the operation of the MPWSP seawater intake slant wells. The NMGWM identified where the MPWSP would result in a -1 ft decline in groundwater levels under full and long- term operations.

Historical groundwater monitoring of groundwater levels and water quality document the long-term chronic overdraft and seawater intrusion in the Salinas Valley. The historical data demonstrate large

regional fluctuations in water levels and water quality as a result of the seasonal irrigated agricultural operations and other coastal pumping and existing pumping stresses on the groundwater system.

**Plate 1** presents hydrographs available for the 180-ft/FTE Aquifer in the area of the project. As can be seen, to the east of the project, water levels fluctuate on the order of 30 feet seasonally with weekly and daily signals superimposed. These water level fluctuations will be discussed further below. To detect water –related impacts from the MPWSP, the proposed Monitoring Plan program needs to focus on an area closer to the project such that potential impacts can be measured/detected against the background of the historical and current stresses.

As such, the Monitoring Plan area has been redefined to a smaller area relative to the study area, where project impacts can be observed independent of the background fluctuations. Detection of water level declines or water quality changes in wells in the geographic area outside of the Monitoring Plan area will be impossible to attribute to any particular stress but serve to inform the baseline. The smaller Monitoring Plan area was defined based on the NMGWM impact analysis, and the findings and recommendations of the HWG and the EIR/EIS. The modeling shows that project pumping from the slant wells would cause a response in a much smaller area than the NMGWM domain (i.e., study area), and MPWSP effects would be more localized in both the Dune Sand Aquifer and the 180-foot/FTE Aquifer. The -1 ft drawdown contour line is the area of influence for the Shallow and the 180-Foot Aquifers, as shown on **Plates 2 and 3**, respectively.

As shown on **Figure 2**, this study included a 0.5-mile buffer outside and inside of the -1 ft zone of influence. The purpose was to provide an "error band" that recognized uncertainty in the modeling; to provide for collection of baseline data and track regional, non-project effects to the groundwater basin; and to document if the MPWSP area of influence expands beyond the extent identified through modeling. This buffer is also shown on **Plates 2 and 3** for the Shallow and 180-Foot Aquifers, respectively. The modeling analysis did not suggest impacts to either the 400-foot or Deep Aquifers systems. As such, this study adopted the impact zones for the overlying aquifers.

Any of the existing wells with networks contained in the redefined Monitoring Plan area are candidates for inclusion in the revised Monitoring Plan network. Wells outside of the Monitoring Plan area do not need to be considered for inclusion in this Monitoring Plan.

### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**Limits of the Study**

The Monitoring Plan is based on readily available hydrogeologic and well data. The study is not intended to refine the hydrogeologic conceptual model, though ultimately new wells will likely be constructed and provide additional hydrogeologic data that can be instrumental in future refinements of the hydrogeologic conceptual model and NMGWM.

#### **Figure 2 -- NMGWM Domain and Study Area**

#### Showing redefined Monitor Plan Area



MMRP Mitigation Measure 4.4-3 Number 2 requires CalAm, in coordination with MCWRA, to identify "Active Supply Wells" in the Monitoring Area and offer to owners of identified Active Supply Wells the opportunity to participate in the program for groundwater elevation and water quality monitoring.

This study does not include tasks to identify the Participating Active Supply Wells. Activities to identify the Active Supply Wells should be included as part of future implementation activities. It is anticipated that wells identified by others can be added to the established network at a future date. Although modeling efforts predicted no influence on the on-going contamination remediation activities at the former Fort Ord, Mitigation Measure 4.4-4, *Groundwater Monitoring and Avoidance of Impacts on Groundwater Remediation Plumes*, requires that groundwater elevation data be obtained from the periodic monitoring reports developed by the U.S. Army and its contractors using the most

recent monitoring reports available. Data collected under this Monitoring Plan, in combination with the data from the existing on-going Fort Ord groundwater remediation monitoring, will support future evaluations to determine if the Ft Ord contamination plumes are being affected.

# <span id="page-12-0"></span>**NETWORK EVALUATION AND DESIGN**

This section describes the current monitoring programs in the study area, reviews design issues and considerations, and presents the recommended monitoring network design.

# <span id="page-12-1"></span>**Inventory of Existing Monitoring Wells**

An inventory of current monitoring programs was conducted to determine whether the wells included in the existing monitoring programs within the Monitoring Plan area may be appropriate to be integrated into the Monitoring Plan. Data are collected by different agencies for different purposes. A description of the programs, sampling methodologies, QA/QC, reporting and data access are presented in **Appendix C**. The primary entities collecting data in the Monitoring Plan area include:

- Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA)
- CalAm/MPWSP
- Marina Coast Water District (MCWD)
- Castroville Community Services District (CCSD)
- US Army/Ft Ord Remediation Program

## <span id="page-12-2"></span>**Design Issues and Considerations**

### *Baseline Conditions and Regional Influences*

The monitoring is primarily to detect any physical changes that are specifically associated with the operation of the MPWSP. Baseline conditions were reviewed to help isolate the project-induced variability in groundwater levels and quality from the other regional influences.

### Water Level

The purpose of the proposed groundwater level monitoring is to determine if the MPWSP pumping cone of depression is deeper or the zone of influence is expanding beyond what was anticipated through modeling. The NMGWM predicted that the few existing wells located within the Monitoring Area (i.e., slant well area of influence) could experience a change in groundwater level between 1 and 5 feet during the life of the project and that there would be no impact on the levels of production at these wells (ESA, 2017). This 1 to 5-foot MPWSP effect will occur in the context of other existing regional influences on groundwater levels.

The sources of variability have been documented in the data collected by the MCWRA and MPWSP groundwater level and quality programs. These include:

- Daily tidal variations
- Seasonal climatic variations
- Annual changes in recharge and pumping related to cropping patterns and water delivery
- Long-term changes associated with sea level rise

These sources of water level variability provide "noise" which makes identification of separate MPWSP effects more complex. The background data from the MCWRA and MPWSP monitoring indicate that there is a chronic, systemic hydraulic gradient from the coast to inland areas where current pumping levels create the depression that has resulted in the historical occurrence of SWI.

As was observed in the records from the MPWSP monitoring wells, water levels in the confined 400- Foot Aquifer can vary up to 1 foot a day due to tidal influences. Tidal fluctuations were less obvious in the unconfined portions of the 180-Foot Aquifer or in the Shallow Aquifer zone. Farther from the coast, the tidal signature is diminished, but the other sources of variability remain.

**Plate 1**, as mentioned above, shows some of the MPWSP and MCWRA groundwater level well hydrographs to demonstrate the magnitude of the seasonal recharge and pumping fluctuations in the 180-ft/FTE Aquifer. The MCWRA compiles annual regional groundwater level data on a quarterly basis for the SVGB including the Pressure 180-foot Aquifer and Pressure 400-foot Aquifer and compares the data to a representative dry water year and the 30-year average (MCWRA, 2018). According to MCWRA water level data, the 30-year average (1987 to 2017) groundwater levels in the Pressure 180 foot Aquifer fluctuate seasonally about 17 feet -- from about 22 feet above mean sea level (amsl) in the winter months to 5 feet amsl in the summer. The lowest seasonal average water levels are recorded during drought years where, the maximum seasonal fluctuation can be like the 30-year average (about 17 feet) but the groundwater levels drop about 10 feet overall relative to the average, as was the case during the peak of the most recent drought period when in 2015 the groundwater levels reached an annual low of about 6 feet below mean sea level. The groundwater level trends are similar in the Pressure 400-foot Aquifer where the annual seasonal fluctuation is about 24 feet - between 7 feet amsl in the winter months to 17 feet below mean sea level in the summer. The drought year groundwater level fluctuation (about 22 feet) was like the 30-year average, but the groundwater levels dropped about 7 feet in the dry water year of 2015, relative to the average.

Given the background fluctuations that currently exist under the regional pumping regime, projectrelated groundwater level changes would have to be large, sustained, and chronic to be observed and not be masked by the fluctuations associated with other influences.

#### Water Quality

Chloride and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) concentrations are most often used to document SWI. The historical measure of the SWI front used by MCWRA is the 500 mg/L chloride concentration. The measure of freshwater is 500 mg/L TDS, consistent with secondary drinking water standards. Locally, seawater is approximately 33,500 mg/L TDS with chloride ion concentrations of approximately 19,000 mg/L. Water that is a combination of fresh water and seawater can have TDS levels that range between 500 mg/L and 33,500 mg/L.

Water quality samples from production and monitoring wells provide the information to identify SWI, and areas where water quality is impaired and does not meet standards for municipal or agricultural uses. Both MCWRA and MPWSP water quality sampling documents the presence of seawater in the shallow, 180- and 400-foot Aquifers in the Monitoring Plan area. In and around the Monitoring Plan area, municipal and agricultural wells have been abandoned due to SWI.

The Salinas Basin has been impacted by SWI since the 1930s (MCWRA, 2016)<sup>[4](#page-17-1)</sup>. In many areas of the shallow and 180- and 400-foot Aquifers, water quality has been impaired over time due to seawater moving inland and mixing with fresh water in response to regional depressions (troughs) in the water surface that result from the cumulative pumping for all uses. The rate and volume of SWI and mixing with the freshwater in the confined 180- and 400-foot Aquifers varies with pumping, seasonal water supply and because of variations (heterogeneity) in the aquifer materials. Different layers in the same aquifer may be more transmissive, thus allow faster rates of seawater migration and higher concentrations of TDS and chlorides.

In the shallow saturated sediments known as the unconfined Shallow Aquifer, elevated salinity may also be the result of land use activities contributing to salt and nitrate loads or other contaminants. There can be cross contamination between aquifers, unconfined to confined or between confined layers, as result of gaps in the clays (confining layers), in wells completed in multiple aquifers, or down leaky or improperly sealed wells.

As an artifact of historical land use, the MCWRA has not had many wells in its network in the Monitoring Plan area. For the MPWSP, data collection of the monitoring well network began in February 2015. To document baseline conditions, five weekly reports were prepared and made available to the public on the project website (www.watersupplyproject.org), between the start of monitoring and the commencement of the test well pumping (HWG, 2017). MPWSP MW-1, MW-3, MW-4, as shown on **Plates 1-3**, were tested in 2015 and contained TDS concentrations ranging from 11,900 mg/L to 32,600 mg/L with chloride ranging from 5,497 mg/L to 16,069 mg/L. MPWSP well clusters located farther from the slant well site, MW-7, MW-8, and MW-9, contained TDS concentrations ranging from 29,000 mg/L (MW-9M) to 366 mg/L (MW-9D) with chloride ranging between 16,519 mg/L to 74 mg/L in these same wells. Monitoring well clusters MW-5 and MW-6, located the farthest distance from the test slant well site, contained TDS concentration ranging from 2,616 mg/L (MW-5D) to 608 mg/L (MW-6S), with chloride ranging from 57 mg/L to 1,168 mg/L. These data indicate that the CEMEX site and areas inland have been intruded, to varying degrees, with seawater. The range of TDS/chloride concentrations indicates that certain areas are undergoing different stages of SWI. This variable distribution of intrusion is a result of the location and concentrations of historical pumping stresses, ion exchange between the soil and the incoming seawater, and the shape of the seawater intrusion wedge (seawater intrusion occurs in a wedge shape where, because of higher density seawater, the leading edge is normally in the lower portion of the aquifer).

The spatial variations in water quality and aquifer formations were also studied using Electrical Resistivity Tomography and Airborne Electro Magnetics (AEM) (Gottschalk, Knight, Asch, Abraham, & Cannia, 2018). The AEM study shows the complex nature of the formations, aquifer mixing and the SWI process. The HWG overlaid the known regional hydrostratigraphy on the AEM cross-sectional profile generated in the AEM study to show the semi-perched and regional water tables. The overlay showed general consistency between MPWSP monitoring well data and the hydrogeologic conceptual model developed by the HWG. In addition, the HWG modified the AEM resistivity profile to more

 $\overline{A}$ Also se[e http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=63713;](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=63713) and <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=63715>

correctly illustrate the distribution of water quality in the aquifers using the same control points, but using known groundwater conductivity measured in the monitoring wells. The results showed a distribution of groundwater chemistry that is consistent with the findings of the HWG hydrogeologic investigation and generally consistent with the salinity mapping for the 180-foot and 400-foot Aquifers published by the MCWRA (ESA, 2017).

#### *Data Gaps and Redundancies*

The purpose of the HWP was to close data gaps needed to evaluate the MPWSP environmental impacts and for final project design. The MMRP states that the existing slant well study monitoring wells will be included in the Monitoring Plan, but that the existing wells are subject to relocation, replacement or substitution by new or other monitoring wells as determined by MCWRA. In addition, the MMRP states that new wells may be required to fill data gaps related to evaluation of the impacts to SVGB groundwater pumpers from the long-term operation of the full MPWSP. The basis for defining a gap is to establish whether the current available networks provide representative coverage to track baseline conditions and/or to detect changes associated with the MPWSP.

We reviewed whether there were data gaps or redundancies related to monitoring location (spatial), depth (aquifers monitored), or frequency of sampling (temporal). No major redundancies were identified, though it is believed that there are alternative approaches to groundwater sampling and monitoring, as proposed below. Also discussed below, there are a number of spatial data gaps that can be filled through construction of new wells, as well as changes to the sampling methods, and use of an adaptive management approach to monitoring.

#### *Representative Water Quality Sampling and "The Scale Problem"*

The groundwater level sampling program is relatively straight forward as compared to the groundwater quality sampling program. Wells can be designed and completed in representative aquifers to capture groundwater elevation data and evaluate flow direction or pumping influences. However, obtaining representative water quality samples from either production or dedicated monitoring wells is more complicated for several reasons.

There are some inherent challenges in interpreting the extent of SWI using different types of wells. The HWG noted that the MCWRA generally relies on water quality data from high pumping capacity production wells for its SWI mapping. The smaller diameter monitoring wells, like those constructed for the MPWSP or the Agency's dedicated monitoring wells, are typically purged at relatively low pumping rates for groundwater quality sampling. While both types of wells are important and useful for SWI mapping, it should be recognized that there are variables that can influence whether the sample is representative of true water quality at all zones within the aquifer.

All aquifer systems are essentially an assemblage of smaller micro-aquifers that make up the larger aquifer body. Each of these micro-aquifers has differing hydraulic properties -- some have higher transmissivity than others. Other factors being equal, the higher transmissivity zones tend to have slightly lower piezometric head than the lower transmissivity zones. This is due to flatter hydraulic gradients in more permeable layers related to higher hydraulic conductivities. When these microaquifers are cross-connected by a well screen, water can move under static (non-pumping) conditions (driven by head differences) from one micro-aquifer to another.

Under static (non-pumping) conditions, groundwater will move from zones of higher head to zones of lower head within a well. As stated above, zones of higher transmissivity will tend to have lower head than zones of lower transmissivity. SWI will tend to preferentially flow through zones of higher transmissivity. The movement of groundwater through a well casing under static (non-pumping) conditions tends to result in lower salinity water (from zones that have higher piezometric heads) flowing into the well. This lower salinity water within the well casing will then be "injected" into the lower head/higher transmissivity zones (that have higher ambient salinity). When a well is pumped, most water initially is derived from the well casing and higher head zones (that have lower salinity groundwater). Lower salinity water "injected" into higher salinity zones under non-pumping conditions must first be removed (purged) from the well upon initial pumping to get a more accurate representation of aquifer water quality. If the discharge rate is sufficiently high (and pumping time is long enough), the bulk of the water is ultimately derived from the more transmissive zones and a more accurate representation of true bulk aquifer water quality is obtained.

This dynamic in wells influenced by SWI can "tag" the data from differing types of wells and differing rates of discharge. Wells pumped at high discharge rates will provide water quality of the more transmissive zones (that have higher salinity), whereas wells pumped at low discharge rates will provide water from the higher head, lower transmissivity zones (that have lower salinity). SWI will be moving inland in the most transmissive zones that have the lower static heads. As such, analysis of samples from a given well at low discharge rates can be significantly different from samples collected from the same (or adjacent) well at higher discharge rates (due to the time-dependent dynamics of the heterogeneous, stratified aquifer system).

As of result of the vertical and horizontal variability of the movement of seawater-degraded water in the aquifer system, the representativeness of the water quality of the aquifer system from any given well used for monitoring is varied. The water quality data from a specific monitoring point will be affected by the type of well, selection of screened interval, screen length, sampling method, purge volumes, and sampling depth. In seawater intruded areas, the best observation data may be obtained from large capacity wells that adequately stress the aquifer. For small diameter monitoring wells, the pumping rates and volumes may not be enough to obtain a truly representative sample of bulk aquifer water quality. This information should not be inferred to mean that monitoring is inaccurate or does not provide valuable information. It merely implies that the data must be interpreted while respecting the sampling methods, well type, well construction and awareness of the range of influences.

The MPWSP water level and water quality data demonstrate the issues associated with downhole sampling versus pumped sampling at the small diameter monitoring wells. The data indicate that the water quality in the aquifers at MW-3 and MW-4 wells exhibits vertical stratification. Therefore, direct correlation between laboratory samples collected by pumping the monitoring wells and *in situ* electrical conductivity (EC) data cannot be made since the pumped samples represent a mixing of waters from the entire screen interval and the transducer records EC from a single depth (generally mid-screen). The downhole EC probe data show that the measurements obtained are representative of the level where the probe is placed. Within an aquifer unit there are vertical variations in salinity due to variations in permeability and pressure. For example, in 1991 the Marina Coast Water District

(Staal, Gardner and Dunne, Inc, 1991) performed a study on one of their 180-foot Aquifer wells (Well No. 5) which had been pulled out of service for high salinity. In this study investigators found, through downhole salinity surveys while pumping, that the majority of the water coming from the perforated interval within the 180-foot Aquifer was of good quality, however, water with a concentration of onefifth seawater was coming from an 8-foot zone within the well. Review of the lithologic log showed this 8-foot zone to be the coarsest, most transmissive zone. Contribution from this single zone rendered the well unusable for potable supply.

# <span id="page-17-0"></span>**NETWORK DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the above, a network of monitoring points within the Monitoring Plan area has been assembled for each of the four aquifer systems. The wells included in the network consist of existing wells selected from several of the existing networks. These are predominately existing monitoring wells, but also include several idle and active production wells. These wells would be supplemented with the construction of new well clusters, as further described in this document.

The location of the selected existing wells and the proposed new wells are shown on **Plates 2-5**. **Tables 1-4** present the selected monitoring wells, along with well depths and completions, distance from the project wellfield, current data collected and the frequency of that collection. The assumed construction of the proposed monitoring wells is also shown in these tables.

### *Recommended New Well Locations and Well Completions*

Each of the existing MPWSP clusters has shallow, medium and deep wells to capture data from the Dune Sand, 180-foot and 400-foot Aquifers, respectively. To be consistent and allow for comparisons with the existing monitoring wells, the new monitoring wells should consist of a cluster of three wells intended to provide more complete vertical and spatial coverage. In its final report (HWG, 2017), the HWG found that<sup>[5](#page-20-0)</sup> the groundwater monitoring network provided the appropriate coverage for areas within and outside the influence of pumping, also finding that additional monitoring wells could be located near the boundary of the Monitoring Area to identify changes in groundwater levels due to the much larger impacts of local pumping.

Five locations for new well clusters are suggested. The sites are positioned to allow confirmation of drawdown signals from the slant wells. As such, where existing wells are available along the trace of the predicted -1 ft drawdown, the suggested new wells are generally located at points half way between the slant wellfield and the predicted -1 ft drawdown line. Alternatively, where no other wells are available along the trace of the approximate location of the -1 ft drawdown line wells, the suggested new wells are along the line. New wells are sited to provide groundwater elevation transects to the north, east and south of the area of influence. Through distance-drawdown analysis, these locations will allow capture of data that will allow confirmation of possible drawdown signals at wells located farther from the slant wellfield.

In addition to the five new well clusters, it is recommended that the shallow completion at MW-5 location (MW-5S(P) be replaced with a deeper completion. The current well was not perforated in the appropriate monitoring zone, leaving a data gap. Data collected subsequent to the well's completion

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reveal that this well is perforated in a perched aquifer above the shallow aquifer and is not representative of the shallow conditions captured by the other Shallow Aquifer completions.

No new wells are recommended for the Deep Aquifers, because, due to recent well construction, several new Deep Aquifers system wells are now located in the area. Current regulations require data collection and sharing by the operators of these wells with the MCWRA. The existing monitoring of Deep Aquifers is adequate, and additional monitoring beyond that which is already occurring is not warranted for inclusion in this Monitoring Plan. Any new or replacement wells in the Deep Aquifers require<sup>[6](#page-21-0)</sup> meters, monitoring of groundwater levels and quality, and submission of all data to the MCWRA. The well owner or operator is required to purchase a transducer or data logger and necessary equipment which meet MCWRA specifications for continuous monitoring of groundwater levels and conductivity. The equipment is then installed and monitored for use by MCWRA staff. The Deep Aquifers were not predicted to experience any effects from project-related operations during the long-term test pumping or during modeling.

#### *Monitoring Well Design*

The recently completed MPWSP network monitoring wells have set a high standard for well design and construction. Additional monitoring well cluster installations should be of similar design. Each well cluster would consist of a grouping of 3 individual wells – one completed in the Shallow Aquifer, one completed in the 180-ft/FTE Aquifer and one completed in the 400–foot Aquifer. The technical specifications for well construction were provided as part of the MPWSP workplan (Geoscience, 2013)<sup>[7](#page-21-1)</sup>. These specifications should be used to construct the new wells. The Generalized Well Design is presented in **Appendix E**.

<sup>—&</sup>lt;br>6 Monterey County Interim Ordinance 5302 <sup>7</sup>

See Attachment 3, Technical Specifications – Monitoring Wells, dated August 8, 2014.

| Name/Facility<br>Code<br>Well | Well Type | Network      | <b>Status</b> | Depth (feet) | Elevation (ft,msl) | Perforations (feet)<br>Top of | Perforations (feet)<br>Bottom of | Elev. of Top of<br>Perforations<br>(H, ms) | Elev. of Bottom of<br>Perforations<br>(H, ms) | Project Wellfield<br>Distance from<br>(feet) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| $MW-1S$                       | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 105          | 31                 | 55                            | 95                               | $-24.49$                                   | $-64.5$                                       | 211  |
| <b>MW-3S</b>                  | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 100          | 37                 | 50                            | 90                               | $-12.84$                                   | $-52.8$                                       | 428  |
| <b>MW-4S</b>                  | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 110          | 42                 | 60                            | 100                              | $-18.04$                                   | $-58.0$                                       | 1,940  |
| <b>MW-5S (P)</b>              | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 93           | 80                 | 43                            | 83                               | 37.25                                      | $-2.8$  | 9,135  |
| <b>MW-6S</b>                  | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 70           | 36                 | 30                            | 60                               | 5.89                                       | $-24.1$                                       | 21,436                                       |
| <b>MW-7S</b>                  | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 90           | 51                 | 60                            | 80                               | $-9.36$                                    | $-29.4$                                       | 5,274  |
| <b>MW-8S</b>                  | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 90           | 20                 | 40                            | 80                               | $-20.04$                                   | $-60.0$                                       | 7,116  |
| <b>MW-9S</b>                  | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Existing      | 120          | 18                 | 30                            | 110                              | $-11.58$                                   | $-91.6$                                       | 10,677                                       |
| MW-AS                         | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Proposed      | 120          | 62                 | 70                            | 110                              | -8   | $-48$   | 2,187  |
| $MW$ -BS                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Proposed      | 100          | 38                 | 50                            | 90                               | $-12$                                      | $-52$   | 4,603  |
| $MW$ - $CS$                   | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Proposed      | 170          | 106                | 120                           | 160                              | $-14$                                      | $-54$   | 11,446                                       |
| $MW$ -DS                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Proposed      | 70           | 8                  | 20                            | 60                               | $-12$                                      | $-52$   | 4,180  |
| $MW$ -ES                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Proposed      | 170          | 112                | 120                           | 160                              | -8   | $-48$   | 11,536                                       |
| $MW-5S$                       | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b> | Proposed      | 130          | 80                 | 80                            | 120                              | 0  | $-40$   | 9,008  |
| MCWD MW#4                     | Mon       | <b>MCWD</b>  | Existing      | 110          | 61                 | 64                            | 106                              | $-3$                                       | $-45$   | 4,872  |
| MCWD MW#5                     | Mon       | <b>MCWD</b>  | Existing      | 107          | 61                 | 60                            | 100                              | 1  | $-39$   | 4,950  |
| <b>MW-BW-76-A</b>             | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 50           | 17                 | 20                            | 50                               | $-3$                                       | $-33$   | 8,073  |
| MW-BW-84-A                    | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 65           | 19                 | 24                            | 64                               | $-5$                                       | $-45$   | 7,605  |
| MW-BW-83-A                    | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 68           | 24                 | 26                            | 66                               | $-2$                                       | $-42$   | 8,184  |
| MW-0U1-01-180                 | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 175          | 126                | 155                           | 175                              | $-29$                                      | $-49$   | 13,903                                       |
| MW-OU1-02-180                 | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 195          | 138                | 175                           | 195                              | $-37$                                      | $-57$   | 14,236                                       |
| MW-OU1-03-180                 | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 183          | 141                | 163                           | 183                              | $-22$                                      | $-42$   | 14,343                                       |
| MW-BW-54-180                  | Mon       | FO           | Existing      | 201          | 128                | 161                           | 201                              | $-33$                                      | $-73$   | 13,372                                       |
| 21667                         | Prod      | <b>MCWRA</b> | Existing      | 140          | 56                 | 80                            | 140                              | $-24$                                      | $-84$   | 9174   |

**Table 1 – Monitoring Points – Shallow Aquifer**



C=Continuous; P=Periodic: M=Monthly, S=Semi-Annual, A=Annual, I=Intermitttent, ?=Unknown

\*EC, Lab WQ, Quarterly

In\_A\*= Induction Logging of Adjacent Deeper Well

| Name/Facility<br>Code<br>Well  | Well Type        | <b>Network</b>               |                                | <b>Status</b>        | Depth (feet)            | Elevation (ft,msl) | Perforations (feet)<br>Top of | Perforations (feet)<br>Bottom of | Elev. of Top of<br>Perforations<br>(ft,msl) | Elev. of Bottom of<br>Perforations<br>$(\text{ft}, \text{ms})$ | Project Wellfield<br>Distance from<br>(feet) |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| $MW-1M$  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 235                     | 30                 | 115                           | 225                              | $-85.14$                                    | $-195.1$   | 220  |
| $MW-3M$  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 225                     | 37                 | 105                           | 215                              | $-67.65$                                    | $-177.7$   | 441  |
| MW-4M  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 270                     | 42                 | 130                           | 260                              | $-88.01$                                    | $-218.0$   | 1,929  |
| MW-5M<br>MW-6M   | Mon<br>Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b><br><b>MPWSP</b> |                                | Existing<br>Existing | 320<br>220              | 80<br>36           | 100<br>150                    | 310<br>210                       | $-19.52$<br>$-114.32$                       | $-229.5$<br>$-174.3$   | 9,131<br>21,431                              |
| $MW-6M(L)$   | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 335                     | 36                 | 255                           | 325                              | $-219.18$                                   | $-289.2$   | 21,427                                       |
| MW-7M  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 230                     | 50                 | 130                           | 220                              | $-79.71$                                    | $-169.7$   | 5,266  |
| MW-8M  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 225                     | 20                 | 125                           | 215                              | $-105.01$                                   | $-195.0$   | 7,106  |
| MW-9M  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 235                     | 18                 | 145                           | 225                              | $-126.68$                                   | $-206.7$   | 10,687                                       |
| MW-AM  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Proposed             | 320                     | 62                 | 210                           | 310                              | $-148$                                      | $-248$   | 2187   |
| $MW-BM$  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Proposed             | 290                     | 38                 | 180                           | 280                              | $-142$                                      | $-242$   | 4603   |
| MW-CM  | Mon              | <b>MPWSP</b>                 |                                | Proposed             | 360                     | 106                | 250                           | 350                              | $-144$                                      | $-244$   | 11446  |
| MW-DM<br>MW-EM   | Mon<br>Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b><br>MPWSP        |                                | Proposed<br>Proposed | 260<br>360              | 8<br>112           | 150<br>250                    | 250<br>350                       | $-142$<br>$-138$                            | $-242$<br>$-238$   | 4180<br>11536                                |
| MCWD DMW-1   | Mon              | <b>MCWD</b>                  |                                | Existing             | 240                     | 60                 | 190                           | 230                              | $-130$                                      | $-170$   | 4795   |
| MCWD DMW-2   | Mon              | <b>MCWD</b>                  |                                | Existing             | 236                     | 61                 | 180                           | 230                              | $-119$                                      | $-169$   | 4975   |
| MCWD Well #1   | <b>Idle Prod</b> | <b>MCWD</b>                  |                                | Existing             | 225                     | 84                 | 124                           | <b>NA</b>                        | $-40$                                       | $-141$   | 8821   |
| MCWD Well #2   | <b>Idle Prod</b> | <b>MCWD</b>                  |                                | Existing             | 200                     | 75                 | 128                           | <b>NA</b>                        | $-53$                                       | $-125$   | 8460   |
| 14530  | <b>Idle Prod</b> | <b>MCWRA</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 350                     | 103                | 260                           | 340                              | $-157$                                      | $-247$   | 10775  |
| 14531  | <b>Idle Prod</b> | <b>MCWRA</b>                 |                                | Existing             | 350                     | 116                | 260                           | 340                              | $-144$                                      | $-234$   | 10750  |
| MW-B-05-180  | Mon              | FO                           |                                | Existing             | 210                     | 120                | 175                           | 205                              | $-55$                                       | -85  | 12740  |
| Airfield   | Mon              | FO                           |                                | Existing             | 396                     | 142                | 318                           | 379                              | $-176$                                      | $-237$   | 15508  |
|  |                  |                              |                                | Current              |                         |                    | Proposed                      |                                  |   |  |  |
|  |                  |                              |                                |                      |                         |                    |                               |                                  |   |  |  |
| Name/Facility<br>Code<br>Well  |                  | Data Collected               | Current WL<br>Frequency        |                      | Current WQ<br>Frequency |                    |                               |                                  |   |  | Required                                     |
|  |                  |                              |                                |                      |                         | Proposed WL        | Changes                       | Proposed WQ                      | Changes                                     | <b>Access Permission</b>                                       |  |
| $MW-1M$  |                  | WL,WQ                        | C                              |                      | $C^*$                   |                    |                               | In                               | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| MW-3M  |                  | WL,WQ                        | $\mathsf C$                    |                      | $\overline{C^*}$        |                    |                               | In                               | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| $MW-4M$  |                  | WL,WQ                        | $\overline{c}$                 |                      | $\mathsf{C}^*$          |                    |                               | In                               | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| MW-5M  |                  | WL,WQ                        | $\mathsf C$                    |                      | $\mathsf{C}^*$          |                    |                               | In                               | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| MW-6M  |                  | WL,WQ                        | $\mathsf C$                    |                      | $\overline{C^*}$        |                    |                               | In                               | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| $MW-6M(L)$   |                  | WL,WQ                        | $\mathsf C$                    |                      | $\mathsf{C}^*$          |                    |                               | In                               | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| MW-7M  |                  | WL,WQ                        | $\overline{c}$<br>$\mathsf{C}$ |                      | $C^*$                   |                    |                               | In<br>In                         | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| $\overline{\text{MW}}$ -8M   |                  | WL,WQ                        | C                              |                      | $C^*$                   |                    |                               |                                  | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| MW-9M<br>MW-AM   |                  | WL,WQ                        |                                |                      | $\mathsf{C}^*$          | $\cal C$           |                               | In<br>In                         | $A^*$                                       |  |  |
| $MW-BM$  |                  | WL, WQ                       |                                |                      |                         |                    |                               | In $A^*$                         | $A^*$                                       | City of Marina   |  |
| $MW$ -CM   |                  | WL, WQ<br>WL, WQ             |                                |                      |                         | С<br>С             |                               | In $A^*$                         |   | City of Marina<br><b>MCWD</b>                                  |  |
| MW-DM  |                  | WL, WQ                       |                                |                      |                         | С                  |                               | In $A^*$                         |   | Cemex/Aq Trst  |  |
| MW-EM  |                  | WL, WQ                       |                                |                      |                         | С                  |                               | In $A^*$                         |   | City of Marina   |  |
| MCWD DMW-1   |                  | WL,WQ                        | P,?                            |                      | P,?                     | $\mathsf C$        |                               | In A                             |   | <b>MCWD</b>  |  |
| MCWD DMW-2   |                  | WL,WQ                        | P,?                            |                      | P,?                     | С                  |                               | $In_A$                           |   | <b>MCWD</b>  |  |
| MCWD Well #1   |                  | none                         |                                |                      |                         | $\mathsf C$        |                               |                                  |   | <b>MCWD</b>  |  |
| MCWD Well #2   |                  | none                         |                                |                      |                         | $\mathsf C$        |                               |                                  |   | <b>MCWD</b>  |  |
| 14530  |                  | WL                           | P,M                            |                      |                         |                    | С                             |                                  |   |  |  |
| 14531  |                  | WL                           | P,M                            |                      |                         |                    | С                             |                                  |   |  |  |
| MW-B-05-180  |                  | WL, WQ                       | P,M                            |                      |                         | $\mathsf C$        |                               |                                  |   | FO (Ahna/Shaw)   |  |
| Airfield<br>C=Continuous; P=Periodic: M=Monthly, S=Semi-Annual, A=Annual, I=Intermitttent, ?=Unknown |                  | WL,WQ                        | P,M                            |                      |                         | C                  |                               |                                  |   | FO (Ahna/Shaw)   |  |

**Table 2 – Monitoring Points – 180-ft/FTE Aquifer**

<span id="page-20-0"></span>\*EC, Lab WQ, Quarterly

In\_A= Induction Logging\_Annually In\_A\*= Induction Logging of Adjacent Deeper Well

| Well Name/Facility<br>Code | Well Type | <b>Network</b> | <b>Status</b>           | Depth (feet)              | Elevation (ft,msl) | <b>Top of Perforations</b><br>(feet) | Perforations (feet)<br>Bottom of | Elev. of Top of<br>Perforations<br>(H, ms) | Elev. of Bottom of<br>Perforations<br>(H, ms) | Project Wellfield<br>Distance from<br>(feet) |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| $MW-1D$                    | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 337                       | 30                 | 277                                  | 327                              | $-247.32$                                  | $-297.3$                                      | 230  |
| MW-3D                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 340                       | 37                 | 285                                  | 330                              | $-248.07$                                  | $-293.1$                                      | 451  |
| MW-4D                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 340                       | 42                 | 290                                  | 330                              | $-248.05$                                  | $-288.1$                                      | 1,918  |
| MW-5D                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 445                       | 80                 | 395                                  | 435                              | $-314.94$                                  | $-354.9$                                      | 9,126  |
| MW-7D                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 355                       | 50                 | 295                                  | 345                              | $-244.76$                                  | $-294.8$                                      | 5,260  |
| MW-8D                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 360                       | 20                 | 300                                  | 350                              | $-279.92$                                  | $-329.9$                                      | 7,096  |
| MW-9D                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Existing                | 403                       | 18                 | 353                                  | 393                              | $-334.68$                                  | $-374.7$                                      | 10,697                                       |
| MW-AD                      | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Proposed                | 390                       | 62                 | 340                                  | 380                              | $-278$                                     | $-318$  | 2187   |
| $MW-BD$                    | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Proposed                | 370                       | 38                 | 320                                  | 360                              | $-282$                                     | $-322$  | 4603   |
| $MW$ -CD                   | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Proposed                | 430                       | 106                | 380                                  | 420                              | $-274$                                     | $-314$  | 11446  |
| $MW$ -DD                   | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Proposed                | 330                       | 8                  | 280                                  | 320                              | $-272$                                     | $-312$  | 4180   |
| $MW-ED$                    | Mon       | <b>MPWSP</b>   | Proposed                | 320                       | 112                | 400                                  | 440                              | $-288$                                     | $-328$  | 11536  |
| 1032                       | Prod      | <b>MCWRA</b>   | Existing                | 506                       | 31                 | 400                                  | 506                              | $-369$                                     | $-475$  | 1200   |
| 239                        | Prod      | <b>MCWRA</b>   | <b>Existing</b>         | 500                       | 14                 | 314                                  | 456                              | $-300$                                     | $-442$  | 9060   |
| 2791                       | Prod      | <b>MCWRA</b>   | Existing                | 600                       | 140                | 438                                  | 580                              | $-298$                                     | $-440$  | 14206  |
| 2718                       | Prod      | <b>MCWRA</b>   | Existing                | 615                       | 19                 | 330                                  | 600                              | $-311$                                     | $-581$  | 10885  |
| 1466                       | Prod      | <b>MCWRA</b>   | Existing                | 556                       | 16                 | 395                                  | 540                              | $-379$                                     | $-524$  | 13200  |
|                            |           |                |                         |                           |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |
|                            |           |                |                         | Current                   |                    | Proposed                             |                                  |  |   |  |
|                            |           |                |                         |                           |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |
| Code                       |           | Data Collected | Current WL<br>Frequency | Current WQ<br>Frequency   |                    |                                      |                                  |  | <b>Access Permission</b><br>Required          |  |
| Well Name/Facility         |           |                |                         |                           | Proposed WL        | Changes                              | Proposed WQ<br>Changes           |  |   |  |
| $MW-1D$                    |           | WL, WQ         | C                       | $\overline{C^*}$          |                    |                                      | $In-A$                           |  |   |  |
| MW-3D                      |           | WL,WQ          | $\mathsf{C}$            | $\overline{\mathsf{C}^*}$ |                    |                                      | $In-A$                           |  |   |  |
| MW-4D                      |           | WL,WQ          | $\overline{\mathsf{C}}$ | $\overline{C^*}$          |                    |                                      | $In-A$                           |  |   |  |
| MW-5D                      |           | WL, WQ         | C                       | $\overline{C^*}$          |                    |                                      | $In-A$                           |  |   |  |
| MW-7D                      |           | WL, WQ         | $\overline{C}$          | $\overline{C^*}$          |                    |                                      | $In-A$<br>$In-A$                 |  |   |  |
| MW-8D<br>MW-9D             |           | WL, WQ         | $\overline{\mathsf{c}}$ | $\overline{C^*}$          |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |
|                            |           | WL, WQ         | $\overline{C}$          | $\overline{C^*}$          |                    | C                                    | In-A<br>$In-A$                   |  |   |  |
| MW-AD                      |           | WL, WQ         |                         |                           |                    |                                      |                                  |  | City of Marina                                |  |
| $MW$ -BD                   |           | WL, WQ         |                         |                           |                    | $\overline{c}$                       | $In-A$                           |  | City of Marina                                |  |
| MW-CD                      |           | WL, WQ         |                         |                           |                    | $\mathsf C$                          | $In-A$                           |  | <b>MCWD</b>                                   |  |
| MW-DD                      |           | WL, WQ         |                         |                           |                    | $\mathsf{C}$                         | $In-A$                           |  | Cemex/Ag Trst                                 |  |
| $MW-ED$                    |           | WL, WQ         |                         |                           |                    | $\overline{C}$                       | $In-A$                           |  | City of Marina                                |  |
| 1032                       |           | WQ             |                         | P,A                       |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |
| 239                        |           | WL             | P,M                     |                           |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |
| 2791                       |           | WL             | P,A                     |                           |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |
| 2718<br>1466               |           | WL<br>WL, WQ   | P,A<br>P, A             | P,A                       |                    |                                      |                                  |  |   |  |

**Table 3 – Monitoring Points – 400-ft Aquifer** 

<span id="page-21-1"></span><span id="page-21-0"></span>C=Continuous; P=Periodic: M=Monthly, S=Semi-Annual, A=Annual, I=Intermitttent, ?=Unknown

\*EC, Lab WQ, Quarterly

In\_A= Induction Logging\_Annually

| Well Name/Facility         |                  |                         |                         |                               |                    | <b>Top of Perforations</b> | Perforations (feet) | Perforations (ft,msl)                | Perforations (ft, msl)<br>Elev. of Bottom of |  |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Code                       | Well Type        | Network                 | <b>Status</b>           | Depth (feet)                  | Elevation (ft,msl) | feet)                      | Bottom of           | Elev. of Top of                      |  | Project Wellfield<br>Distance from<br>(feet) |
| DMW#1-1                    | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 960                           | 60                 | 930                        | 950                 | $-870$                               | $-890$                                       | 5092   |
| DMW#1-2                    | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1070                          | 60                 | 1040                       | 1060                | $-980$                               | $-1000$                                      | 5092   |
| DMW#1-3                    | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1440                          | 60                 | 1410                       | 1430                | $-1350$                              | $-1370$                                      | 5092   |
| DMW#1-4                    | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1890                          | 60                 | 1820                       | 1860                | $-1760$                              | $-1800$                                      | 5092   |
| DMW#2-S                    | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1100                          | 142                | 1040                       | 1090                | $-898$                               | $-948$                                       | 19299  |
| DMW#2-D                    | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1740                          | 142                | 1680                       | 1730                | $-1538$                              | $-1588$                                      | 19299  |
| MCWD Well #10              | Prod             | <b>MCWD</b>             | Existing                | 1500                          | 153                | 930                        | 1540                | $-777$                               | $-1387$                                      | 15303  |
| MCWD Well #11              | Prod             | <b>MCWD</b>             | Existing                | 1700                          | 155                | 970                        | 1650                | $-815$                               | $-1495$                                      | 13965  |
| MCWD Well #12              | Prod             | <b>MCWD</b>             | Existing                | 2023                          | 109                | 1410                       | 1960                | $-1301$                              | $-1851$                                      | 16079  |
| #15-12607                  | Prod             | none                    | Existing                | 1680                          | 82                 | 1120                       | 1680                | $-1038$                              | $-1598$                                      |  |
| 25973                      | Prod             | none                    | Existing                | 1780                          | 132                | 1030                       | 1780                | $-898$                               | $-1648$                                      | 11724  |
| 21655                      | Prod             | none                    | Existing                | 825                           | 105                | 670                        | 805                 | $-595$                               | $-700$                                       | 10770  |
| 22755                      | Prod             | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1573                          | 25                 | 1450                       | 1450                | 1570                                 | $-1427$                                      |  |
| 2691 "Big Well"            | <b>Idle Prod</b> | none                    | Existing                | 870                           | 29                 | 666                        | 834                 | $-595$                               | $-805$                                       | 3615   |
| 1672                       | <b>Idle Prod</b> | <b>MCWRA</b>            | Existing                | 1560                          | 6                  | 880                        | 1540                | $-874$                               | $-1534$                                      | 11507  |
| 10164                      | Mon              | <b>MCWRA</b>            |                         | 1610                          | 8                  | 775                        | 1585                | $-595$                               | $-1577$                                      |  |
|                            |                  | Current                 |                         |                               | Proposed           |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| Well Name/Facility<br>Code | Data Collected   | Current WL<br>Frequency | Current WQ<br>Frequency | Proposed WL<br><b>Changes</b> | Proposed WQ        | Changes                    |                     | <b>Access Permission</b><br>Required |  |  |
| DMW#1-1                    | WL, WQ           | $\overline{C}$          | P, I                    |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| DMW#1-2                    |                  |                         |                         |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
|                            | WL,WQ            | $\overline{C}$          | P, I                    |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| DMW#1-3                    | WL, WQ           | $\overline{C}$          | P, I                    |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| DMW#1-4                    |                  | $\overline{C}$          |                         |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
|                            | WL,WQ<br>WL      |                         | P, I                    |                               |                    | $Id_A$                     |                     |                                      |  |  |
| DMW#2-S                    |                  | $\overline{c}$          |                         |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| DMW#2-D                    | WL               | $\overline{C}$          |                         |                               |                    | $Id_A$                     |                     |                                      |  |  |
| MCWD Well #10              | WL,WQ            | P,?                     | Α                       |                               |                    |                            |                     | <b>MCWD</b>                          |  |  |
| MCWD Well #11              | WL, WQ           | P, ?                    | A                       |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| MCWD Well #12              | WL,WQ            | $\overline{P}$          | $\overline{A}$          |                               |                    |                            |                     | <b>MCWD</b>                          |  |  |
| #15-12607                  |                  |                         |                         |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| 25973                      | WQ               |                         | P,A                     |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| 21655                      | WQ               |                         | P,A                     |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| 22755                      | WQ               |                         | P,A                     |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |
| 2691 "Big Well"            | none             |                         |                         | C                             |                    |                            |                     | Ag Land Trust                        |  |  |
| 1672                       | WL<br>WL, WQ     | M<br>$\overline{C}$     |                         |                               |                    |                            |                     |                                      |  |  |

**Table 4 – Monitoring Points – Deep Aquifers**

C=Continuous; P=Periodic: M=Monthly, S=Semi-Annual, A=Annual, I=Intermitttent, ?=Unknown \*EC, Lab WQ, Quarterly

In\_A= Induction Logging\_Annually

#### *Data Collection Methods*

#### Groundwater Level

Currently, groundwater levels at MPWSP wells and at MCWRA dedicated monitoring wells are recorded with water level dataloggers. Water levels are collected hourly and data are downloaded monthly and a manual measurement made during the monthly site visit. As shown in **Tables 1-4**, there are also several existing monitoring wells that were not part of the MPWSP test slant well program, but which are recommended for continuous water level measurements with monthly downloads. This includes several MCWD, MCWRA and Fort Ord wells. With the construction of the proposed new wells and the addition to the network of the suggested existing wells, 33 additional water level data loggers will be required. These solid-state data collection platforms and transducers for recording groundwater levels are reliable and accurate. For planning purposes, a service life of 5 years for water level data loggers is appropriate. Planning for maintenance, repair and replacement will be needed. Recommendations for instrumentation are presented in **Appendix F**.

#### Groundwater Quality

For the current water quality program, water quality data are collected predominately in two ways. Conductivity is collected and recorded by downhole water level/conductivity data loggers. In addition, periodic water samples are collected for laboratory analysis.

The conductivity loggers are downloaded monthly along with the water level data. As discussed above, the probes are generally placed mid-screen, measuring conductivity at this interval and the data are not necessarily representative of what is happening throughout the entire aquifer, due to salinity stratification of water in the well. The EC probes have proven to be problematic in the highly saline environments. The EC probes employed for the MPWSP demonstrated issues with drift, failure, and the chronic need for replacement of the probes.

Samples for lab analysis are collected with small-diameter downhole pumps from the MW-4 cluster on a quarterly basis and semi-annually at the other MPWSP wells. Samples were taken from each well with the low volume pumps ( $\gamma$ 10 gpm), with the pump set above the top of the screen. For reasons discussed above, at this low discharge rate, in wells with relatively long screens, the water samples collected are likely more representative of the uppermost portion of the screen or the zone with the highest piezometric pressure. These samples will not be representative of the same well, if that same well was sampled at a higher discharge rate or if the pump was set at a different depth.

Both the conductivity and sampling methodologies provide valid useful data. However, the data need to be understood and interpreted in the context of how the data were collected and the hydraulics of a well that is either idle or only slightly stressed. A comparison of data from physical laboratory samples and downhole conductivity loggers, along with interpretations, is presented in **Table 5**. The largest disparities are shown in bold.



### **Table 5 - Comparison of Collected Sample Conductivity and Transducer Data from MPWSP Network Wells**

<sup>1</sup> Transducer value estimated from chart. NA – Logger not yet installed or failed. NA\*-- Logger installed soon after, value close.

As can be seen in **Table 5**, several of the wells show large discrepancies between the laboratory value and the transducer value. The reasons for these discrepancies are basically an artifact of the fact that the transducer, which in most cases is placed in the mid-point of the screen, is measuring different water than is produced by the sampling pump. Due to well hydraulics, at the low discharge rates at which the samples are collected (corresponding to low aquifer-induced stresses), most of the water comes from the uppermost portion of the screen. This is further complicated by salinity stratification in the well that can result in upconing during sampling.

In addition to the conductivity loggers and the periodic sampling, on several occasions the deeper well at three of the MPWSP well clusters has been induction logged. The results of this effort are presented in **Appendix D**. **Appendix D** also presents additional theory of induction logging and examples of its application in similar situations. Briefly, induction logging measures the bulk electroconductivity of the aquifer materials and formation water within an approximate 6-foot diameter sphere of the tool. The tool is lowered down the well and captures the combined conductivity of the fluid and solids in and surrounding the casing for the length of the well. In addition, induction logging is simply a vertical application of the technology employed recently by

Stanford researchers in their areal resistivity mapping. Its effectiveness for capturing changes in water quality relies on the fact that the solids (sand and clay) that comprise the materials outside the casing have constant conductivities, whereas the conductivity of the pore fluid can change over time. Because of the size of the zone of investigation, the induction log is relatively insensitive to the quality of the water within the casing or screen because the properties of the surrounding materials dominate. If water of poorer or better quality replaces existing pore water in the formation, conductivities will increase or decrease, respectively, and the relative changes can be measured through induction logging. In small diameter monitoring wells built with PVC casing, induction logging can provide a vertical profile of the actual conductivity in the formation. Sequential logging provides an easy way to capture temporal conductivity changes in the aquifer system. Induction logging will capture qualitative changes in the water quality. If significant changes are detected in a well with induction logging and when comparing to the baseline measurements, follow-up downhole water quality sampling can be conducted to confirm and quantify the observed changes through further sampling and lab analysis.

A comparison of the methods described above is presented below in **Table 6**.



# **Table 6 - Comparisons of Water Quality Data Collection Approaches**

Each of the water quality data collection approaches has their advantages and disadvantages. Each of them provides additional insight in the understanding of the water quality of the aquifer system. The data logger provides continuous data at a single location in the aquifer; the sampling provides quantifiable chemistry of a select time but it is not necessarily representative of bulk aquifer water quality; induction logging provides a conductivity image of the entire thickness of the aquifer but is best used sequentially to assess qualitative changes. It is recommended that these three approaches be integrated into the water quality data collection and allow the data to be complimentary.

#### *Constituents for Lab Analysis*

During the MPWSP slant test slant well monitoring, an extensive suite of chemical constituents was analyzed (Geoscience, 2013)<sup>[8](#page-29-0)</sup>, including some organic compounds. Moving forward, the number of constituents for lab analysis can be reduced to focus on constituents that will capture water quality changes due to possible SWI. A panel of constituents for monitoring SWI was developed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for monitoring the Seaside Basin Watermaster's Sentinel Wells. It includes major cations and anions, total dissolved solids, along with iodide and bromide. It is recommended that this panel be adopted for this network. The list of constituents in the Sentinel Well Panel is included in **Table 7**. This allows for analysis of SWI from laboratory results using geochemical analysis tools, including Piper diagrams, Stiff diagrams, chloride versus sodium/chloride molar ratios, and evaluation of halogen ratios. These allow detection of the chemical changes that occur in the initial stages of SWI. These analyses also allow for distinguishing whether the source of chloride concentrations in a well is from SWI or from other sources such as deep percolation of irrigation applied water or from septic or wastewater sources.



### **Table 7- Sentinel Well Panel**

#### *Adaptive Management and Data Collection Frequency*

Adaptive management is a structured, iterative process of decision making when there is uncertainty. The aim is to reducing uncertainty over time via system monitoring and potentially changing monitoring protocols. Adaptive management is a tool which should be used not only to learn about the system but to prioritize action. It supports iterative decision-making by evaluating results and adjusting actions based on what has been learned. There is feedback between monitoring and decisions. The MPWSP decisions are related to determining if there are impacts or harm to current overlying water users and whether the CPUC must require subsequent actions to mitigate any impacts should they be observed. For the MPWSP Monitoring Plan, adaptive management implies that the frequency of collection, locations for collection, and methods of collection, may be altered over time based on the incoming data.

<sup>8</sup> See Appendix A, Sampling and Analysis Plan for Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project Hydrogeologic Investigation Work Plan, Table 1-1, Water Quality Analyses.

Under an adaptive management approach, there are three stages where the monitoring program may be amended in terms of the number of locations, frequency and type of data collected, consisting of:

- **Baseline Stage** Prior to MPWSP becoming operational.
- **Preliminary Operations Stage** After MPWSP operations begin and continuing for at least two years. During this period, stresses to the aquifer system will result in relatively rapid changes in water level and water quality in the area proximate to the slant wellfield.
- **Ongoing Operations Stage**  After the two years or once the observed data indicate that the groundwater system has stabilized under the full MPWSP operations. Two conditions may be observed: 1) the data indicate there is no impact or harm, or 2) data indicate that there is harm and further mitigation may be required by the CPUC. The Monitoring Plan would be modified to meet its objectives under either condition.

Once groundwater levels and quality stabilize and it is determined that there is no harm (after the Preliminary Operations Stage), the number of well monitoring sites should be further reviewed to identify if there is redundancy and whether some of the wells could be decommissioned and/or removed from the program.

The frequency of collection may later be changed as part of adaptive management and upon review of the data collected during the Baseline and Preliminary Operations Stages. For the Ongoing Operations Stage, measurement frequency could be reduced, and the data could be downloaded quarterly. The suggested frequency of data collection is presented in **Table 8**.

| Program                     | <b>Baseline Stage</b>         | <b>Preliminary Operations Stage</b> | <b>Ongoing Operations Stage*</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Water Level</b>          | Continuous - Monthly Download | Continuous - Monthly Download       | Continuous - Quarterly Download  |
| <b>Water Quality</b>        |                               |                                     |                                  |
| <b>Conductivity Logging</b> | Continuous - Monthly Download | Continuous - Monthly Download       | Continuous - Quarterly Download  |
| <b>Well Sampling</b>        | Quarterly                     | Quarterly                           | Annually                         |
| Induction Logging           | Quarterly                     | Quarterly                           | Bi-annually                      |

**Table 8 - Data Collection Schedule**

\*Subject to modification in response to collected data.

**Table 8** is relatively self-explanatory. It should be noted that induction logging would only be performed on the deepest well at any location as it will capture data throughout the entire aquifer thickness regardless of the location of perforations. Conductivity logging and well sampling would be performed at all wells.

# <span id="page-27-0"></span>**IMPLEMENTATION**

# <span id="page-27-1"></span>**Implementation - Well Construction and Equipment Installation**

The program will include:

- Construction of five well clusters consisting of 3 wells each
- Construction of one replacement well
- The instrumentation of an additional 33 wells with water level/conductivity dataloggers
- Sampling Equipment for Monitoring Wells<sup>[9](#page-30-0)</sup>

 $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ 9 Sampling Equipment would not be required if sampling performed by specialty vendor.

The implementation of the new well construction and purchase of monitoring equipment are up-front capital expenses. The elements to **implement** the monitoring well network include overall program/project management and coordination, siting wells, obtaining site access, permitting, contracting and supervising drilling (e.g., borehole and geophysical logging, initial water quality sampling, well development, etc.), filing of drillers reports, and purchase and installation of monitoring equipment. The well drilling and construction tasks are most suited for contracting. It needs to be determined who would serve as overall project manager to implement the planned facilities and coordinate between CalAm, contractors and other stakeholders, contract and manage the implementation of the well development and appurtenances. This would also include developing agreements for access to any existing wells included in the Monitoring Plan (e.g., MCWD). CalAm could continue to coordinate through its current contractor with oversight provided by the MCWRA, which would avoid the complications related to bidding through the Agency's process. It is believed that this is the most expeditious approach. The Agency would then provide overall coordination between the CPUC, CalAm, and Contractors to ensure delivery of the wells.

### <span id="page-28-0"></span>**MMRP Requirements, Roles, Management Elements**

The MMRP identifies the requirements, roles, and responsibilities for developing and implementing the Monitoring Plan. Where not specifically identified, there could be alternative management approaches to Monitoring Plan implementation and operation beyond that discussed herein.

The MMRP:

- Assigns the cost for development, implementation and ongoing operation of the monitoring network, and is to be borne by CalAm, either directly or through funding of MCWRA's staff, consultants and program activities
- Charges MCWRA with network development, including the number of new monitoring well sites and the specific well locations
- Defers subsequent decisions regarding implementation and management of the network to MCWRA
- Places ultimate responsibility on the CPUC to accept the Monitoring Plan, implement the MMRP requirements, and decide any future actions based on analysis of the monitoring results
- Assigns MCWRA with the responsibility "*to evaluate whether MPWSP slant well pumping is causing consistent and measurable drawdown of local groundwater levels that is distinguishable from seasonal or multi-year groundwater level fluctuations"*
- Requires an Independent Hydrogeologist with responsibility to "*determine if the observed degree of drawdown would damage or otherwise adversely affect any existing Participating Active Supply Wells"*.

#### <span id="page-28-1"></span>**Operations and Management**

The elements to **operate** the monitoring network are discussed below along with alternative approaches and where the MMRP is prescriptive. The MMRP leaves decisions on how the program will operate to the Agency. **Table 9** reviews the MMRP requirements, the current programs, and potential alternatives.

The MMRP identifies the general roles and responsibilities for monitoring and the intent to have the program augment the MCWRA's existing regional groundwater monitoring network with focus on the area that could be affected by the proposed slant wells. As previously discussed, the level of MCWRA responsibility to implement the monitoring program is subject to interpretation and can be bracketed by the least level of involvement and the greatest level of involvement.

The **least** level of involvement would consist of a minimal amount of Agency engagement in the program implementation. The MMRP states that the data developed by the program be *collected or provided* to the MCWRA and preliminary evaluation of the MPWSP effects. The Agency's role would be analysis and evaluation to trigger the review by the Independent Hydrogeologist. The other functions would involve use of contractors and consultants.

The **greatest** level of Agency involvement would imply the Agency would coordinate the full Monitoring Plan implementation, including siting new wells, coordinating/contracting the drilling and procuring and installing of monitoring equipment. The Agency would conduct the ongoing maintenance and operation of the network, including conducting field work and data collection, coordinating lab analysis, quality control, data management, reporting and providing for data access.

<span id="page-29-0"></span>The Agency's capabilities, expertise, job classifications and staff qualifications are suitable to implement and operate the Monitoring Plan. The actual level of participation may ultimately be based more on other constraints such as staff and resources availability, Agency roles and strategic considerations. Current levels of MCWRA staffing would constrain the level of Agency involvement and additional staff would need to be retained to implement and operate the program.

# **Table 9 - Operations: MMRP Requirements, Current Programs, Alternatives**

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#### <span id="page-31-0"></span>**Approaches**

There are several approaches to performing the work associated with implementing the Monitoring Plan. These include performance of the work entirely by the MCWRA, MCWRA contracting for some or all of the work, or some combination of these two. Regardless of how the work is performed, the final interpretation of the collected data will be by the designated Hydrogeologist. Each of these approaches is discussed in more detail below.

#### *MCWRA Sole Source*

The MCWRA would be in charge and conduct actual field operations. This would include downloading data loggers, taking water levels, performing water quality sampling, and coordinating and supervising induction logging. MCWRA would also be tasked with QA/QC, data entry and archival, data digestion and presentation. MCWRA would perform initial interpretation of the data and confer with designated Hydrogeologist as necessary.

### *MCWRA w/Technical Vendor Support*

In this variant, MCWRA would be in charge but would contract out for field operations with a specialty vendor. This would include data logger downloads, collection of water level data, and well sampling. MCWRA would still contract and supervise induction logging. The rest of the effort, as described above, would be MCWRA responsibility.

#### *MCWRA w/Consultant Oversight & Interpretation*

Alternatively, MCWRA could take on solely the field operations, under the supervision and management of a qualified consultant. Consultant would be responsible for data digestion, presentation and interpretation. Consultant would coordinate with both the MCWRA and the designated Hydrogeologist.

#### *Consultant*

MCWRA could contract out the entire program, data collection and interpretation, to a Consultant. Consultant would coordinate with both the MCWRA and the designated Hydrogeologist.

There are obviously other combinations of MCWRA, technical vendor, and Consultant that would also work.

### <span id="page-31-1"></span>**Data Management**

The establishment of a monitoring network will, by design, result in the acquisition of a significant amount of data. This will include continuous water level and conductivity data from 57 wells, water quality data from these same wells and induction log data from 15 wells. These data need to be archived in a secure manner that allows easy access for interested parties. The networks of MCWRA and MPWSP have established protocols and platforms that can be built upon. As MCWRA has primary responsibility as assigned by the MMRP, it may be most efficient to transfer data archive responsibilities, including data accumulated to date, to MCWRA. The management of the data collected from the project network will likely require some changes to the MCWRA database and will require some effort from IT support.

Additionally, the MCWRA will need to provide on-line access to either the data or data summaries. This could possibly be added to the MCWRA webpage. Again, this will require IT support.

## <span id="page-32-0"></span>**Program Costs**

Estimated cost of the program was developed from MCWRA fully loaded hourly rates and generalized hourly rates for consultant services. Estimates of time to conduct various field activities as well as data entry and QA/QC obligations were developed from review of MCWRA costs for their on-going programs. This information was supplemented with costs provided from CalAm's consultant and their technical services contractor (Blaine Technical Services). Construction costs were provided by Cascade Drilling and data logger costs were provided by In-Situ, Inc.

### *Capital Cost*

The up-front capital costs for the Monitoring Plan derive from the need to install the five proposed well clusters and the instrumentation of these new wells and other existing wells that have been included in the Monitoring Plan. The total capital costs are estimated at between \$1.77 and 1.86M. This includes well construction costs, permitting costs, consulting costs, equipment purchase and installation. No costs are assumed for land acquisition for well sites. These costs, if required, would be supplemental.

#### *Ongoing Costs*

Ongoing costs for the Monitoring Plan were estimated for the three operational stages defined above. During the Baseline Stage, which focused on collection of sufficient data to establish a baseline against which changes could be detected, the estimated annual cost is between approximately \$658 and 824K, depending on how the work is staffed and implemented. During the Preliminary Operation Stage, the level of effort is estimated to be approximately equal with the annual cost estimated at between approximately \$654 and 820K. After groundwater conditions stabilize, during the Ongoing Operations Stage, the data collection effort will be reduced and annual cost for the program is estimated to range between \$360 and 459K, again depending on selected approach to implementation. The costs for each of the stages (including the capital improvements) are presented in **Table 10** below. The detailed breakdown of estimated costs and personnel hours is included in **Appendix F**.



# **Table 10 - Estimated Program Costs**

# <span id="page-33-0"></span>**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

## <span id="page-33-1"></span>**Current monitoring (MPWSP)**

Water Level: Currently, water level and conductivity data are downloaded from monitoring wells on a weekly basis. Hand-measured groundwater levels are also recorded every time a well is accessed.

Water quality: Water quality samples are collected on a periodic basis and delivered to the Monterey Bay Analytical Services (MBAS) laboratory for analysis.

# <span id="page-33-2"></span>**Proposed Monitoring**

- 1. The existing modeled area of influence using the -1 foot contour plus a buffer zone should be the Monitoring Plan area (**Plates 2 and 3**).
- 2. We concur with the HWG findings that additional monitoring wells should also be sited to fill in data gaps and collect additional baseline data and variations, and in anticipation of the fullscale system being operational. This will enable the extent of the actual capture zone to be identified and monitored. As such, five new well clusters of three wells each are recommended. These wells will allow for: (1) the assessment of baseline conditions and variations not related to the project, (2) identification of drawdown due to full-scale project pumping should the area of influence expand more than anticipated based on the modeling, (3) refinement of the model, and (4) identification of harm and need for further mitigation.
- 3. Groundwater level data can be measured hourly using transducers and data pods, with monthly download and processing, and quarterly reporting. Manual measurements should be made when the digital data are collected/downloaded.
- *4.* Current water quality collection methods include downhole conductivity data loggers and periodic water sample collection and analysis. These approaches provide valid data but can result in data that are not representative of the aquifer system as a whole. The limitations of these methods should be understood and incorporated into subsequent interpretations of the data. These methods should be supplemented with periodic induction logging.
- 5. Potential data gaps exist in the area north, east and south of the MPWSP. Using an adaptive management approach, these can be further evaluated based on the data collected after the MPWSP begins operation using the existing test slant well monitoring network. Observations will be used to establish criteria that would trigger the construction of additional monitoring wells.
- 6. Inclusion of existing MCWD monitoring wells and idle production wells are essential for the success of the Monitoring Plan implementation. If these wells are unavailable, the Monitoring Plan will need to be supplemented with additional new wells.
- 7. Given the potential for the variability in data results from the different data collection methods to be employed under the Monitoring Plan, the importance of consistency in data collection methods going forward must be strongly emphasized. For example, monitor well WQ sample depths, purge rates and volumes should be repeatable for all sampling events in order to reduce the uncertainties that might be associated with data collection inconsistencies.

### <span id="page-33-3"></span>**Implementation and Management**

1. The process to identify Participating Active Supply Wells should be initiated as soon as possible so baseline data may be collected.

- 2. The MCWRA has the ability to cost-effectively conduct field data collection, laboratory testing through CCL, QA/QC, data management and for initial analysis and interpretation of monitoring results. Ongoing operations of the data collection program, including field operations and data storage, and interpretation is estimated to require 1,200 hours of field technician time and 150 hours of Hydrologist time, annually.
- 3. Some reduction in overall costs (~\$30K) is available by using a technical vendor for the bulk of the field operations. This would also reduce the required technician commitment for the MCWRA. It would also remove the need for the MCWRA to purchase specialized well sampling equipment; equipment that is integral to the vendor's operations.
- 4. The Hydrogeologist is needed to review the well characteristics of these wells and to interpret the data collected to determine harm, and should be retained as soon as possible. This role could be met by a consulting hydrogeologist or an advisory committee.
- 5. Adaptive management is recommended to identify the criterion and "triggers" that would indicate if the MPWSP area of influence becomes greater than the area identified by the modeling and memorialized in the EIR/EIS and MMRP. The recommended new monitoring wells would be installed when the existing test slant well monitoring network indicates that the MPWSP area of influence has expanded beyond the area identified by the -1 foot contour line.
- 6. An Integrated Coastal Monitoring Agreement between CalAm and MCWRA is needed to provide for the implementation of the final Monitoring Plan and should define responsibilities, roles, costs, liabilities, metrics and process for decisions and subsequent action (adaptive management approach), and the process to evaluate data and document if there is actual harm and impacts that need to be mitigated.
- 7. The MMRP calls for a Hydrogeologist to analyze and interpret the data from the Monitoring Plan network. The Hydrogeologist needs to be independent. This could be an individual retained under the Integrated Coastal Monitoring Network Agreement or a Technical Advisory Group like the HWG that is responsible for interpreting the collected data and making the findings per the MMRP.

### <span id="page-34-0"></span>**Recommendations**

- 1. Develop an agreement between MCWRA and CalAm to provide for the continued financial support for data collection. This should include the mechanism to support continued ownership of the wells and for retaining responsibility for destruction/closure.
- 2. The process for identifying "Participating Active Supply Wells" should be initiated as soon as possible to obtain data from these wells, and an independent "Hydrogeologist" should be retained for the purpose of carrying out this task.
- 3. The annual reports for cleanup operations on the former Fort Ord in the study area should be reviewed annually by the Agency and Hydrogeologist to monitor remediation activities as related to MPWSP operations.
- 4. Until such time as the MCWRA can take responsibility for data collection, ensure there is continued data collection by CalAm using a contractor to support and verify the pre-project construction baseline with minor modifications to the frequency of groundwater level and quality data as identified above.
- 5. The MMRP requires a Hydrogeologist to evaluate and analyze the collected data to determine whether harm is occurring, and further mitigation is required. This process needs to be finalized and included in the MCWRA/CalAm Agreement.

# <span id="page-35-0"></span>**Next Steps**

CalAm is funding the Monitoring Plan development under direction from MCWRA. The MCWRAapproved Monitoring Plan is to be sent to the CPUC for confirmation prior to project operation of the slant wells.

An independent California-certified hydrogeologist (the "Hydrogeologist") is to be retained prior to initiation of MPWSP slant well pumping, and is to be directed by MCWRA to evaluate the conditions and characteristics (e.g., well depth, well screen interval, pump depth and condition, flow rates, and drawdown) of each Participating Active Supply Well and develop pre-pumping data for each well (Mitigation 4.4-3(2)).

The groundwater section of the EIR/EIS listed the known production wells <sup>[10](#page-38-0)</sup> but these may not meet the requirements for identifying the Participating Active Supply Wells and additional work by CalAm is required.
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## **PLATES**







**INTEGRATED COASTAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM AND PLAN** 

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**PLATE 2 EXISTING AND PROPOSED MONITORING POINTS SHALLOW/DUNE SAND AQUIFER** 





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**PLATE 3 EXISTING AND PROPOSED MONITORING POINTS** 180-ft/FTE AQUIFER





## **APPENDIX A REGULATORY AND POLICY DRIVERS MEMO**

# Memo

To: Martin Feeney, Tamara Voss (MCWRA)

From: Matt Zidar

CC:

Date: July 2, 2018

Re: Background and Policy Basis for Network Design

In 2004, CalAm filed Application A.04-09-019 seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the CPUC for the Coastal Water Project. The Coastal Water Project (CWP) was the precursor to the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP). Both were intended to replace existing Carmel River water supplies for the CalAm Monterey District service area that are constrained by legal decisions of SWRCB. In January 2009, the CPUC published a Draft EIR analyzing the environmental impacts of the CWP and two project alternatives—the North Marina Project and the Regional Project. The CPUC published the Coastal Water Project Final EIR (SCH No. 2006101004) in October 2009 and certified the Final EIR in December 2009 (Decision D.09-12-017). A year later, in Decision D.10-12-016, the CPUC approved implementation of the Regional Project alternative. Litigation ensued resulting in the Settlement Agreement. Subsequently, input on the necessary data collection and technical analysis was obtained from the SWRCB, and further environmental review was conducted.

#### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

A Settlement Agreement<sup>[11](#page-47-0)</sup> between CalAm, Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) and others, was executed in 2012 to resolve outstanding litigation related to the previously proposed desalination project. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement was to promote the development, construction and operation of a successful water project to provide a long-term, stable source of potable water for Monterey Peninsula and the County. Under the Settlement Agreement MCWRA is to develop a Groundwater Monitoring Plan to monitor the operations and any potential effects of the MPWSP on the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. The Settlement Agreement called for development of a groundwater monitoring plan<sup>[12](#page-47-1)</sup> which states:

"The Plan will be developed with appropriate public input and is expected to address various matters related to those responsibilities, including but not limited to the need for monitoring wells, the design and construction of any such wells, and a procedure for the testing and analysis of water from any such wells. CAW will promptly pay the costs of developing and implementing the Plan throughout the life of the MPWSP upon submission of invoices from the Agency or its successor. Should the Agency determine a monitoring well agreement is appropriate, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to develop and sign such an agreement".

 $11$ Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release. December 4, 2012 ("Execution Date") between the California-American Water Company, County of Monterey, and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Agency"), Item 9, Groundwater Monitoring.

<sup>12</sup> Settlement Agreement, No. 9 Groundwater Monitoring

CalAm and the MCWRA have approved the agreement to support this network design study.

#### **SWRCB INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

The SWRCB is responsible for management of water rights and quality under the California Water Code. The SWRCB identified potential impacts to existing overlying users of Salinas Valley Basin groundwater users and this provided the basis for the MPWSP special studies monitoring program (SWRCB, 2013 ). The SWRCB objectives in providing input was to ensure that data and analysis would be generated and used to evaluate the potential for harm to existing overlying users or beneficial uses from the test well program or from the long-term operation of the proposed MPWSP.

SWRCB identified three possible categories of injury that could occur from the MPWSP including: 1) a reduction in the overall availability of fresh water due to possible incidental extraction by the MPWSP; 2) a reduction in water quality in those wells in a localized area within the capture zone (area of influence); and, 3) a reduction in groundwater elevations requiring users to expend additional pumping energy to extract water from the Basin. From its review of the project, SWRCB stated that:

*"Key factors will be 1) how much fresh water Cal-Am extracts as a proportion of the total pumped amount, (to determine the amount of water, that after treatment, would be considered desalinated seawater available for export as developed water); 2) whether pumping affects the water table level in existing users' wells, 3); whether pumping affects seawater intrusion within the Basin 4) how Cal-Am returns any fresh water it extracts to the Basin to prevent injury to others; and (5) how groundwater rights might be affected in the future if the proportion of fresh and seawater changes in the larger Basin area or the immediate area around CalAm's wells."*

The SWRCB provided recommendations for additional studies to clarify the hydrogeologic conditions that would allow for a more complete review of potential harm. A Hydrogeologic Work Group (HWG) was formed to coordinate the Hydrogeologic Investigation Work Plan (HWP) (Geoscience, 2013) which identified a test slant well special study to provide data for both the EIR/EIS impact evaluation pursuant CEQA/NEPA, and to evaluate potential harm to current groundwater users pursuant to the California Water Code and SWRCB concerns.

MPWSP Hydrogeologic Investigation Workplan (HWP): Outlines the HWG agreed upon process and procedures for obtaining information on the MPWSP's impact on the Salinas River Groundwater Basin (SRGB) and its users.

MPWSP Hydrogeologic Investigation Technical Memorandum No. 1 (TM-1) Summary of Results – Exploratory Boreholes: Summary of data collected during the initial investigation conducted at Moss Landing, the State Park Potrero Road parking lot, and at the CEMEX site.

MPWSP Hydrogeologic Investigation Technical Memorandum No. 2 (TM-2) Monitoring Well Completion Report and CEMEX Model Update: Summary of data collected because of the constructed monitoring well network, including subsurface geologic conditions, hydrogeologic conditions, groundwater levels, and groundwater quality data.

Monthly Monitoring Reports: As required by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) presenting a review of weekly monitoring data documenting the regional/background groundwater elevation trends and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) level trends.

The interim results and final report (HWG, 2017) provided the basis for the environmental review of the proposed project. The conceptual hydrogeologic model and the numerical model used for the FEIR

reflects what the scientific community currently accepts as the most reasonable description of the subsurface geologic units and the depth and extent of aquifers and the aquitards and of the potential environmental impacts.

#### **MPWSP ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS**

CalAm withdrew its support for the Regional Project in January 2012 and submitted Application A.12- 04-019 to the CPUC for the MPWSP. The MPWSP includes many of the same elements previously analyzed but proposed the use of slant wells to provide source water intake system to the desalination plant. The CPUC issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for an EIR for the revised proposal for the CalAm Coastal Water Project and a Draft EIR was released in April 2013.

As discussed above. CalAm also designed the special study monitoring program to obtain data to design the project, evaluate environmental impacts and seek to demonstrate there would be no harm to existing overlying groundwater users. The development of the test slant well and other monitoring required a coastal development permit. The California Coastal Commission(CCC) issued Coastal Development Permit #A-3-MRA-14-0050 dated 8-Dec-14 (CDP) granted CalAm permission for development consisting of: Construction, operation and decommissioning of a test slant well at the CEMEX sand mining facility in the City of Marina and beneath Monterey Bay in the County of Monterey. Special condition 11 "Protection of Nearby Wells" requires groundwater monitoring of a minimum of four wells on the CEMEX site within 2,000 ft. of the test well and one or more offsite wells to record water and salinity levels. As per the CDP reports are prepared monthly summarizing water level and water quality data from the Test Slant Well and monitoring well network. The purpose of these monthly reports is to identify any potential impacts from slant well pumping to inland aquifers.

In September 2015 and based on public comment, the CPUC decided to recirculate the document and prepare a joint EIR/EIS with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's Office of National Marin Sanctuaries serving as lead federal agency. The Draft MPWSP EIR/EIS (ESA, 2017) that was published on January 2017 and the Final EIR/EIS (ESA, 2017) was produced in March 2018. The MPWSP EIR/EIS analyzed the full range of environmental effects and sought to analyze whether there would be harm to overlying groundwater users in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB). A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has not been prepared as of this writing. The analysis concludes that the proposed project would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation, as noted in the MMRP.

Through use of the substantial evidence generated through the monitoring and modeling, the FEIR/FEIS found that the were less than significant impacts to groundwater resources from construction or operation of the proposed project. The analysis evaluated the extraction and return water components of the proposed project to determine their physical effects on the SVGB and determines whether the changes, if any, constitute a significant impact. The significance criterion used in the environmental review states that an impact would occur if extraction from the subsurface slant wells substantially depleted groundwater in the SVGB such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume. As described in FEIR/FEIS, a substantial net deficit in aquifer volume, for the purposes of this analysis, refers to the removal of groundwater from the aquifer at a rate that exceeds natural recharge such that: 1) groundwater levels are permanently lowered and could not recover to preproject conditions; 2)production well yields in neighboring active wells decline to such a degree that other groundwater users in the basin experience an intolerable decrease in available groundwater supply, or; 3) the lowering of groundwater results in subsidence and compaction that reduces the available volume of groundwater storage. The FEIR/FEIS found no significant impacts.

Despite the finding of no impact, CalAm recognizes the long-term nature of the proposed project and the need to provide continued verification that the project would not contribute to lower groundwater levels in nearby wells within the SVGB. So, as part of the project, CalAm proposes to fund the expansion of the existing regional groundwater monitoring program. This is to be coordinated with the requirements of the Settlement Agreement for increased regional monitoring. The FEIR/FEIS includes the applicant proposes Mitigation Measure 4.3-4 to ensure there are no significant hydrology and water quality impacts or harm to SVGWB groundwater users. Specifically, Applicant Proposed Measure 4.4-3, Groundwater Monitoring and Avoidance of Well Damage", states that:

*Prior to the start of MPWSP slant well construction, CalAm, working with MCWRA, shall develop a groundwater monitoring and reporting program (the "Program") to the satisfaction of MCWRA. All costs of Program development and implementation shall be borne by CalAm either directly or through funding of MCWRA's staff, consultants and Program activities. The Program shall augment the MCWRA's existing regional groundwater monitoring network to focus on the area that could be affected by the proposed slant wells. The geographic area of the Program shall be within the model domain of the North Marina Groundwater Model, also referred to as NMGWM2016 and include the Dune Sand Aquifer, the 180-Foot Aquifer, the 400-Foot Aquifer and the Deeper Aquifer (i.e., the 900- Foot Aquifer) of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (the "Monitoring Area"). The purpose of the Program is to identify owners of existing public or private groundwater supply wells within the Monitoring Area on the date the MPWSP commences slant well pumping suffers no harm as a result of MPWSP slant well pumping. The elements of the Program proposed under this measure are described below.*

*A network of monitoring wells has been completed on and near the CEMEX property as part of the CalAm test slant well project. These well clusters monitor water elevation and quality at various depth intervals within the Dune Sand Aquifer, the 180-Foot Aquifer, and the 400-Foot Aquifer and shall be included in the Program's monitoring network. These existing monitoring wells are subject to relocation, replacement, or substitution by new or other monitoring wells developed as part of the Program as determined by MCWRA.*

<span id="page-47-1"></span><span id="page-47-0"></span>*In addition, using information from the Groundwater Extraction Management System (GEMS) maintained by MCWRA and from the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water, CalAm, in coordination with MCWRA, shall identify Active Supply Wells in the Monitoring Area and offer to owners of identified Active Supply Wells the opportunity to participate in the Program for groundwater elevation and water quality monitoring. The owners of Active Supply Wells in the Monitoring Area will receive at least 60 days' notice (via email, if available, and via certified mail) of the opportunity to participate in the Program and may elect in writing to participate in the Program as to their Active Supply Wells ("Participating Active Supply Wells"). This opt-in process must occur sufficiently in advance of MPWSP slant well pumping so that information on pre-MPWSP conditions*  can be obtained for each Participating Active Supply Well. Prior to the start of MPWSP slant well *pumping, an independent California-certified hydrogeologist retained and directed by MCWRA (the "Hydrogeologist") shall evaluate the conditions and characteristics (e.g., well depth, well screen interval, pump depth and condition, flow rates, and drawdown) of each Participating Active Supply Well to develop pre-pumping data for each well. Water elevation and quality monitoring pursuant to the Program shall begin following initial groundwater well assessment and shall continue at intervals specified in the Program (e.g., more frequently at the beginning of MPWSP slant well pumping and less*  *often after stabilization of groundwater levels) until the well owner ceases pumping from the monitored well, or until the well owner agrees that monitoring is no longer required.* 

*Prior to the start of MPWSP slant well pumping, CalAm and MCWRA shall review the current (as updated if needed) inventory of monitoring wells within the Monitoring Area and identify locations within the Monitoring Area lacking monitoring coverage and that warrant monitoring in order to evaluate potential effects on Participating Active Supply Wells from MPWSP slant well pumping. Based upon that review, MCWRA may require that CalAm fund the installation of new monitoring wells in the Monitoring Area to be installed before MPWSP slant well pumping begins. The number of new monitoring well sites in the Monitoring Area and the location of those new monitoring well sites shall be determined by MCWRA. The area of groundwater monitoring under the Program may be extended outside of the Monitoring Area if warranted to evaluate potential MPWSP slant well pumping effects on Participating Active Supply Wells and recommended by the Hydrogeologist.*

*The groundwater data developed through the Program shall be collected by or provided to MCWRA at intervals identified in the Program, but in no event longer than 45 days from such data being obtained, to evaluate whether MPWSP slant well pumping is causing consistent and measurable drawdown of local groundwater levels that is*

Mitigation Measure 4.4-4 requires monitoring of the OUCTP A-Aquifer plume as well as an additional plume in the Fort Ord area- the OUCTP Upper 180-Foot Aquifer Plume. Previous monitoring data for the plumes will be obtained from the U.S. Army, and CalAm will conduct quarterly monitoring of the plumes in conjunction with its expanded monitoring program under Applicant Proposed Measure 4.4- 3.402 CalAm will continuously coordinate with the U.S. Army. Mitigation Measure 4.4-4 sets specific performance standards and requires further study to determine if and when action is required to mitigate for the potential impact, because specific data concerning any potential impacts is not known at this time.

## **APPENDIX B MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN, APPLICANT PROPOSED MEASURE 4.4-3, GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND AVOIDANCE OF WELL DAMAGE**

#### Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program



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#### Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

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The operation active groundwater supply MCWRA-approved Program will be sent to<br>CPUC for confirmation prior to operation of the operations. wells Applicant Proposed Measure 4.4-3: Groundwater Monitoring and Avoidance of Well Damage. slant wells. CPUC will monitor and review Prior to the start of MPWSP slant well construction, CalAm, working with MCWRA, shall develop a groundwater procedures to prevent harm to local monitoring and reporting program (the "Program") to the satisfaction of MCWRA. All costs of Program development<br>and implementation shall be borne by CalAm either directly or through funding of MCWRA's staff, consultants an groundwater supply well owners and ensure their receipt of replacement water, as directed Program activities. The Program shall augment the MCWRA's existing regional groundwater monitoring network to in the mitigation measure. focus on the area that could be affected by the proposed slant wells. The geographic area of the Program shall be within the model domain of the North Marina Groundwater Model, also referred to as NMGWM<sup>2</sup> and include the Dune Sand Aquifer, the 180-Foot Aquifer, the 400-Foot Aquifer and the Deeper Aquifer (i.e., the 900-Foot Aquifer) of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (the "Monitoring Area"). The purpose of the Program is to ensure that owners of existing public or private groundwater supply wells within the Monitoring Area on the date the MPWSP commences slant well pumping ("Active Supply Wells") suffer no harm as a result of MPWSP slant well pumping. The elements of the Program proposed under this measure are described below. 1. A network of monitoring wells has been completed on and near the CEMEX property as part of the CalAm test slant well project. These well clusters monitor water elevation and quality at various depth intervals within the Dune Sand Aquifer, the 180-Foot Aquifer, and the 400-Foot Aquifer and shall be included in the Program's monitoring network. These existing monitoring wells are subject to relocation, replacement, or substitution by new or other monitoring wells developed as part of the Program as determined by MCWRA 2. In addition, using information from the Groundwater Extraction Management System (GEMS) maintained by<br>MCWRA and from the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water, CalAm, in coordination with MCWRA, shall identify Active Supply Wells in the Monitoring Area and offer to owners of identified Active Supply Wells the opportunity to participate in the Program for groundwater elevation and water quality monitoring. The owners of Active Supply Wells in the Monitoring Area will receive at least 60 days' notice (via email, if available, and via certified mail) of the opportunity to participate in the Program, and may elect in writing to<br>participate in the Program as to their Active Supply Wells ("Participating Active Supply Wells"). This opt-in must occur sufficiently in advance of MPWSP slant well pumping so that information on pre-MPWSP conditions car be obtained for each Participating Active Supply Well. Prior to the start of MPWSP slant well pumping, an independent California-certified hydrogeologist retained and directed by MCWRA (the "Hydrogeologist") shall evaluate the conditions and characteristics (e.g., well depth, well screen interval, pump depth and condition, flow rates, and drawdown) of each Participating Active Supply Well to develop pre-pumping data for each well. Water elevation and quality monitoring pursuant to the Program shall begin following initial groundwater well assessment. and shall continue at intervals specified in the Program (e.g., more frequently at the beginning of MPWSP slant well pumping and less often after stabilization of groundwater levels) until the well owner ceases pumping from the monitored well, or until the well owner agrees that monitoring is no longer required. 3. Prior to the start of MPWSP slant well pumping, CalAm and MCWRA shall review the current (as updated if needed) inventory of monitoring wells within the Monitoring Area, and identify locations within the Monitoring Area lacking monitoring coverage and that warrant monitoring in order to evaluate potential effects on Participating Active Supply Wells from MPWSP slant well pumping. Based upon that review, MCWRA may require that CalAm fund the installation of new monitoring wells in the Monitoring Area to be installed before MPWSP slant well pumping begins. The number of new monitoring well sites in the Monitoring Area and the location of those new monitoring well sites shall be determined by MCWRA. The area of groundwater monitoring under the Program may be extended outside of the Monitoring Area if warranted to evaluate potential MPWSP slant well pumping effects or Participating Active Supply Wells and recommended by the Hydrogeologist:

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# **APPENDIX C INVENTORY OF CURRENT MONITORING PROGRAMS IN STUDY AREA**

The initial task of the development of monitoring network was an inventory of the existing groundwater collection networks in the study area – their scope, methods, and protocols. In the study area there are five active networks portions of which might be incorporated in to the coastal network. These networks include:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) Castroville Community Service District (CCSD) Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) Fort Ord (FO)

# **MCWRA Monitoring Program**

MCWRA maintains the regional groundwater level and quality monitoring program at the coast which includes data collection, quality control, data management, analysis and reporting. MCWRA has a legislative mandate<sup>[13](#page-56-0)</sup> to collect and analyze water resources data. The Monterey County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, predecessor to the MCWRA, began data collection and management of the regional monitoring network in 1947. MCWRA continued with the data program upon its formation in 1990. The purpose of the program is to document the extent and movement of Seawater Intrusion (SWI), document groundwater levels and quality at the coast, and observe the effects of the management measures and projects of the Agency.

## Groundwater Level Program

Groundwater level measurements are used as a tool to understand the changes in groundwater storage, impacts of pumping, the benefits of recharge operations and reservoir releases, and the scale and geographic extent of conditions contributing to SWI. An understanding of the dynamic configuration of the hydraulic gradients within the basin contributes to the understanding of pathways for SWI.

MCWRA's water level network in the study area includes 142 wells. The location of these wells, segregated by aquifer are shown on Plata A-C1 –A-C4. The details as to the wells construction are included in Tables A-C1 – C4. Most of the wells are production wells (both active and idle), however, there are some dedicated smaller diameter monitoring wells. Data from these wells are used to support three annual data collection efforts. These are the:

Monthly Groundwater Level Survey Annual Groundwater Level Survey August Trough Survey

<sup>13</sup> <sup>13</sup> Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act. (1990 Stats. 1159, 1991 Stats. 1130, 1993 Stats. 234, And 1994 Stats. 803), Water Code Appendix, Chapter 52. http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=19488

From these surveys, the MCWRA periodically produces water level contours of each aquifer system and hydrographs of selected wells. The MCWRA produces a quarterly water conditions report to the Board of Directors<sup>[14](#page-57-0)</sup> and posts the information on the agency web site.

## Groundwater Quality

MCWRA's water quality network in the study area includes 128 wells. Many of these wells are also water level wells. The location of these wells, again, segregated by aquifer are shown on Plata A-C1 -A-C4. The

Agency conducts two groundwater quality sampling events each year during the period of peak groundwater pumping, typically in June and August, to monitor groundwater quality in the coastal region of the Salinas Valley. The Agency defines the SWI front as the inland extent at which the concentration of chloride in groundwater is at least 500 mg/L. A chloride concentration of 500 mg/L represents a level that is twice the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulation (250 mg/L) and which exceeds the concentration for water considered to be of "Class III - injurious or unsatisfactory" quality for agricultural irrigation (350 mg/L). The Agency maps the 500 mg/L chloride line using the collected data. MCWRA also tries to map the 100 and 250 mg/L line to help assess timing and rate of movement of the chloride line.

Ground water samples are analyzed for the Agricultural Waivers Panel. A suite of geochemical tools are used to evaluate laboratory results, including Piper, Stiff diagrams, and an evaluation of chloride concentrations versus sodium/chloride molar ratios. These geochemical tools allow the Agency to discern whether SWI is the source of chloride concentrations in a well or if the observed chloride is due to another source such as irrigation return flows.

## Quality Control

Groundwater Level monitoring quality control procedures used by MCWRA are defined in several documents:

The Standard Operating Procedure – Groundwater Level Data Collection (MCWRA, 2018) describes general and Agency specific procedures to be used when collecting static groundwater levels. The Standard Operating Procedures, Groundwater Level Data Processing memorandum (MWRA, 2018) which describes general and Agency specific procedures to be used when integrating field-collected depth to water (DTW).

The MCWRA water quality monitoring quality control is described in the Water Quality QAPP (MCWRA, 2007), which outlines the approaches for:

- Project management, including training, roles and responsibilities, documentation and records, lab documentation and reports, technical review and evaluation
- Data generation and acquisition, including sampling process design, sampling methods, sample handling and custody, analytical methods, instrumentation and calibration, data management

 $14\,$ Example quarterly reports can be found at [http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/government-links/water](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/government-links/water-resources-agency/documents/quarterly-salinas-valley-water-conditions#wra)[resources-agency/documents/quarterly-salinas-valley-water-conditions#wra.](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/government-links/water-resources-agency/documents/quarterly-salinas-valley-water-conditions#wra)

- Assessment and response actions
- Data validation

All field documentation generated by the sampling program is kept on file at the Agency. Field documentation includes field sheets, chain of custody (COC) forms, photographs, and labels. Water Quality sample collection follows protocols in accordance with recommended guidelines established by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) for ground water collection as described in the National Field Manual for the Collection of Water-Quality Data (USGS) is maintained as a web-based document<sup>15</sup>. The Monterey County Environmental Health Department Consolidated Chemistry Laboratory (CCL) provides laboratory services and is ELAP certified. They keep a sample receiving log containing the completed chain of custody forms submitted with the samples collected for this project. The CCL keeps records of all analyses performed as well as associated QC information, including: laboratory blanks, laboratory duplicates, matrix spikes, matrix spike duplicates and laboratory control samples. The CCL maintains a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). The CCL Public Health Chemist is responsible for reviewing, validating, and/or qualifying results on the data reports. CCL has its own QA Manual and Standard Operating Procedures. Analyses are performed following either EPA approved methods or methods from Standard Method for the Examination of Water and Wastewater<sup>[16](#page-58-1)</sup>. Final water quality lab results are sent digitally to the MCWRA for loading, management and reporting in the Agency's Water Resources Agency Information Management System (WRAIMS) database.

### Data Management and Access

The MCWRA operates the WRAIMS, an Oracle/ArcMap integration used to manage all water level, water quality, pumping and well related data. The system is used to support mapping, reporting and analysis. It is an internal system and only selected data is currently available on-line since much is considered proprietary as part of the cooperative program that is supported by growers who voluntarily provide access to production wells.

## **MPWSP Test Slant Well Study Monitoring Network**

There is a total of 27 wells in the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Monitoring Network (MPWSP). The locations of the wells, segregated by aquifer, are shown on Plates A-C1 through A-C4. Table A-C1 summarizes general technical details of the monitoring wells. The objectives for the MPWSP study network were to:

- Characterize the baseline water quality and levels in the aquifer systems
- Evaluate potential water quality and level changes during the test slant well pumping test, and
- Assess and continually evaluate the hydrogeologic technical aspects of the project
- Evaluate potential impacts to critical inland water resources
- Assess the movement of ocean water into the test slant well, and
- Collect data to calibrate groundwater models

Both on-site and off-site monitoring wells were constructed to allow evaluation of groundwater levels and quality for a baseline period and during the long-term pumping test period. Each monitoring well

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> http://pubs.water.usgs.gov/twri9A<br><sup>16</sup> https://www.standardmethods.org/store/ProductList.cfm?EPAApproved=1

site consists of a cluster of three monitoring wells completed at different depth intervals. The individual wells were drilled to monitor responses in the Dune Sand (S), 180-ft/FTE (M), 180-foot (M) and 400-foot (D) Aquifers. The naming convention for the monitoring wells in each cluster is as follows: MW 1S, MW-1M and MW-1D refer to shallow, middle and deep monitoring zones respectively for monitoring well cluster  $^{17}$  $^{17}$  $^{17}$ . On-site monitoring well clusters at the CEMEX site include MW-1<sup>[18](#page-59-1)</sup>, MW-3, and MW-4. Offsite wells, which provide regional data for evaluation of potential impacts, include MW-5, MW-6, MW-7, MW-8, and MW-9.

#### Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels in all the monitoring wells, are recorded using In-Situ AquaTROLL 200 Data Loggers at intervals ranging from 5 to 15 minutes. Hand water levels were collected weekly using an electronic wireline sounder. This protocol was followed through the long-term test pumping and post pumping monitoring.

#### Groundwater Quality

Water quality samples from all of the monitoring wells were collected at the end of well development at time of construction.

For the baseline data collection program, In-Situ AquaTROLL 200 data loggers were installed in the all network wells to measure pressure, specific conductance (r EC) and temperature. Probes were installed in the screened section of the monitoring wells to record specific conductance every 5 to 15 minutes.

Water quality samples for laboratory analysis were also manually collected from the wells on a quarterly basis. Sampling was performed with a small diameter sampling pump. Samples were collected after field parameters had stabilized. Samples were analyzed by Monterey Bay Analytical Services (MBAS) laboratory. Samples were tested for a wide array of organic and inorganic constituents.

Following the completion of the Test Slant Well Long- Term Pumping Test in February 2018, groundwater quality samples were collected from the MPWSP monitoring wells in April 2018. The plan currently is to collect semiannual (twice a year) samples from the monitoring wells through 2019. Samples are also collected from the MW-4 monitoring wells quarterly.

#### Data Management and Access

GeoScience maintains a database for the test slant well program and published the data via the MPWSP web site<sup>[19](#page-59-2)</sup>. Data management is not well defined in the Sampling and Analysis Plan. Data are in electronic formats and could be accessed for use if needed.

<sup>17</sup> Data collected from Monitoring MW-5S over the duration of the monitoring program revealed that the MW-5S well screen is not screened in the shallow Dune Sand Aquifer as originally believed, but rather is screened in a perched aquifer that lies above the Dune Sand Aquifer or its equivalent in the Landfill highland area. Therefore, the monitoring well has been redesignated as MW-5S(P) to indicate that it is shallow screened monitoring well which provides representative

<span id="page-56-0"></span>groundwater levels in a perched aquifer.<br>
<sup>18</sup> There is no MW-2 – its location was superseded by the test slant well.<br> **<https://www.watersupplyproject.org/>** 

Groundwater level and quality data were provided in weekly reports published by CalAm and reviewed by the HWG. Test Slant Well Long-Term Pumping Monthly Monitoring Reports were also prepared for the California Coastal Commission. Since completing the testing of the Test Slant Well pumping at the end of February 2018 and ending the Long- Term Test, CalAm has voluntarily elected to continue the monitoring program and issuing monthly monitoring reports to compare water level and water quality trends during pumping and non-pumping periods.

#### **Marina Coast Water District**

Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) owns 23 wells. These include 11 monitoring wells, 4 idle production wells and 8 active production wells. The location of MCWD's wells, segregated by aquifer, are shown on Plates A-C1 through A-C4. MCWD well attributes are shown in Table A-C.

The MCWD currently provides municipal water supplies produced from eight wells. Four supply wells (10, 11, 12, and 34) from the Deep Aquifers System of the SVGB. Four supply wells (29, 30, 31, and Watkins Gate), located in the Ord Community, draw groundwater from the SVGB Basin's lower 180-foot and 400-foot aquifers. Ten (10) production wells have historically been abandoned due to contamination, primarily SWI, but three (3) of the shallow wells were abandoned due to nitrates exceeding standards.

#### Water Level

Historically, MCWD has collected water level data from their wells intermittently. The MCWRA has begun working with MCWD to collect and share groundwater level and quality data and restart some of the historical monitoring wells data collection and sharing activities.

#### **Water Quality**

MCWD collects groundwater quality data from its municipal production wells to document compliance with Title 22 Drinking Water Standards pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water regulations. MCWD collects pumping levels in the production wells. In the past they have collected groundwater level and quality data from the ten monitoring wells. The MCWD shares water quality data for their production wells with the MCWRA.

#### Quality Control

No published quality control plan is known. It is assumed that water quality compliance samples are collected by standard methods.

#### Data Management and Access

MCWD produces the consumer confidence reports consistent with state requirements. Current and prior year reports are available at the agency web site<sup>[20](#page-60-0)</sup>. Laboratory results and data are also submitted electronically to the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water's water quality analyses database for public access to current and historical records $^{21}$  $^{21}$  $^{21}$ .

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<sup>20</sup> http://www.mcwd.org/gsa\_ccr.html<br>21 https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/EDTlibrary.html

The MCWD has formed a Groundwater Sustainability Agency to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). MCWD is also working with a consultant to develop a monitoring network to comply with SGMA. As part of the SGMA requirements MCWD will produce a GSP that must identify a monitoring network and plan.

### **Fort Ord Networks**

The groundwater monitoring program (GWMP) at the former Fort Ord began in 1993 because of a Basewide Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) conducted in accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement. The Federal Facility Agreement became effective in 1990 by the State and Federal agencies. More than 1,000 monitoring wells have been installed. Most of the wells are idle and currently not monitored. The remaining are part of active remediation operations. The Army groundwater monitoring program currently includes monitoring the progress of remedial actions at three sites: Sites 2 and 12 (Sites 2/12) and OU2. Many of the wells have been destroyed, having served their purpose. There are two locations where active monitoring continues.

There remain more than 500 monitoring wells in the designated study area. Most of these wells are very shallow, designed to detect, delineate and remediate shallow contamination. The existing monitoring wells of Fort Ord segregated by aquifer are presented on Plates A-C1 through A-C4. Carbon Tetrachloride Plume (OUCTP)migrated west to the edge of the Fort Ord Salinas Valley Aquitard (FO-SVA) where it entered the Upper 180-foot Aquifer and migrated east and then down into the Lower 180-foot Aquifer through a natural discontinuity in the Intermediate 180-foot Aquitard. It has been estimated that the clean-up will take an additional 17 years (Ahtna, 2018).

### Quality Control

Quality control for both sampling and laboratory testing are consistent with Federal and State requirements, and as defined in the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the former Fort Ord (U.S. Dept of the Army , 2017). The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) provides documentation of the collection protocols and procedures, reporting requirements and data systems (Ahtna, 2017).

### Data Management and Access

There is an enormous amount of data collected by the Army and its Contractors. The Army and its contractors have requirements for electronic data processing from the field through the laboratory.

Annual and quarterly reports are produced and include detailed tables of water quality data, well hydrographs, water quality and level contour maps. All of the collected data are accessible on the web. The reports, data exchange and access are consistent with Federal Law governing clean up and remediation at federal sites, there is an extensive administrative record of documents maintained and accessible via the web site<sup>[22](#page-61-0)</sup>.

<span id="page-58-1"></span><span id="page-58-0"></span><sup>22</sup> http://fortordcleanup.com/documents/administrative-record/

## **CCSD**

Castroville Community Service District (CCSD) is a small water purveyor. It maintains four water supply wells. Three of these well produce from the 400-ft aquifer, whereas one produces from the deep aquifers system.

CCSD collects continuous water level data on their production wells. Water quality data are collected in accordance with SWRCB-DDW requirements. Additionally, MCWRA has incorporated CCSD's wells into their network.

## Quality Control

No published quality control plan is known. It is assumed that water quality compliance samples are collected by standard methods.

### Data Management and Access

<span id="page-59-2"></span><span id="page-59-1"></span><span id="page-59-0"></span>CCSD produces the consumer confidence reports consistent with state requirements. CCSD archives water level data in their SCADA system for 90 days. Data are shared with MCWRA and archived in the Agency's database.

**Plate A -C1**

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**Plate A -C2**

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**Plate A -C3**



**Plate A -C4**



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## **MPWSP Network Well Information Table**



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## MCWD District Wells



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#### **Castroville WD Well Information Table**

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#### **MCWRA Water Level Wells**



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#### **MCWRA Water Level Wells**



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#### **APPENDIX D INDUCTION LOGGING**

This appendix is presented to provide additional background on induction logging and its application in detecting changes in groundwater quality. The following are presented:

- 1. Two to three sets of induction logs were performed on some the MPWSP monitoring wells. These are presented with explanations of the measured changes visible in the results.
- 2. The cumulative results of the on-going induction logging program of the Seaside Basin Watermaster's four Sentinel Wells located in coastal Fort Ord. This program court-ordered involves semi-annual induction logging for purposes of detecting seawater intrusion. The Sentinel Wells are approximately 1,500 feet deep and the logging program is designed to detect changes in water quality throughout the entire thickness of sediments. To date, intrusion has only been detected in the shallow-most sediments which have been documented as intruded for decades.
- 3. Excerpts from the USGS Water Supply Paper (*Keys, W.S., 1990, Borehole geophysics applied to ground-water investigations: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques of Water-Resources Investigation)* explaining induction logging.
- *4.* A recent paper from Ground Water Magazine detailing the use of induction logging in the Stockton Area. *Electromagnetic‐Induction Logging to Monitor Changing Chloride Concentrations, Loren Metzer and John Izbicki, Ground Water Volume 51, Issue 1, p. 108-121*



**Explanation:** In general, groundwater conductivity increased throughout the entire depth of the well in the period<br>between logging. In the upper portions above 290 feet, the increase is interpreted to be induced flow of served to sample. In the appel portal above 200 feet, the interpreted to be madeed now of<br>seawater as it circles around in the capture zone of the well. Below 290 feet, the increase is due to continued<br>seawater intrusion i



Explanation: Most obvious is the large increase in conductivity of the 12/14/14 log above 100 feet. This is interpreted as the result of very high surf which resulted in localized recharge of ocean water to the shallow zone near this well. Below this depth, and above 270 feet, groundwater condutivities are relatively unchanged. Below 270 feet, evidence of increasing intrusion of the 400-foot aquifer is apparent in the increasing conductivity.



Explanation: In general, groundwater quality is relatively unchanged throughout the thickness of the aquifer system. If, anything the most recent log reveals groundwater quality to be slightly fresher.

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Chapter E2

# **BOREHOLE GEOPHYSICS APPLIED** TO GROUND-WATER INVESTIGATIONS

By W. Scott Keys

Book 2 COLLECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

#### TECHNIQUES OF WATER-RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS



Figure 39. - System for making induction logs.

used widely in ground-water hydrology, but the equipment is still available through oil-well loggingservice companies.

#### **Induction logging**

Induction-logging systems originally were designed to solve the problem of measuring resistivity in oilbased drilling mud, where no conductive medium is present between the probe and the formation. A basic induction-logging system is illustrated in figure 39. A simple version of an induction probe contains two coils, one for transmitting an alternating current into the surrounding rocks and the other for receiving the returning signal. The transmitted alternating current, at about 20,000 cycles per second (20 kHz), induces the flow of eddy currents (a ground loop) in conductive rocks penetrated by the borehole. These eddy currents set up secondary magnetic fields that induce a voltage in the receiving coil. That signal is amplified and converted to direct current before being transmitted up the cable. The magnitude of the received current is proportional to the electrical conductivity of the rocks. Induction logs measure electrical conductivity, which is the reciprocal of resistivity. Additional coils usually are included to focus the current in a manner similar to that used in the guard type of focused-resistivity systems.

Induction-logging systems provide resistivity measurements regardless of whether the well contains oil-based mud or is filled with air or fresh mud. The measurement of electrical conductivity usually is inverted to provide curves of both resistivity and electrical conductivity. The unit of measurement for conductivity is the mho-meter; however, induction logs are calibrated in millimho-meters. Calibration is checked by suspending the probe in air, where humidity is minimal, in order to obtain zero electrical conductivity. A copper hoop is suspended around the probe while it is in the air to simulate known resistivity values. It is also possible to suspend the probe in a lake or other body of water that is large enough to be infinite with respect to probe response. The electrical conductivity of the water can be measured with a conductivity cell.

The volume of investigation of an induction probe is a function of coil spacing, which varies among the probes provided by different service companies. For most probes, the diameter of material investigated is 40 to 60 in. For some probes, the signal produced by material closer than 30 in is small, and borehole diameter and properties of the invaded zone have little effect on measured resistivities. Although induction probes are not greatly affected by changes in borehole diameter, they are affected by eccentricity, so they usually are centralized. Vertical resolution of the logs is good for beds that are more than 6 ft thick.

The application of induction logs in ground-water hydrology is limited because the probe is most responsive to small changes in resistivity when background resistivity is minimal. The dual induction log configuration where the probe measures resistivity uses two different volumes of investigation is one of the most common electric logs used in the petroleum exploration industry. The ratio of  $Rm$  to  $Rw$  usually determines the applicability of induction probes. If the value of  $Rw$  exceeds 5 times  $Rm$ , which is common in wells containing freshwater, resistivity values on an induction log depart substantially from Rt.

#### **Microresistivity logging**

A large number of microresistivity probes is available, but all have short electrode spacing, and thus a shallow depth of investigation. They are of two general types: nonfocused and focused. Both types incorporate pads or some kind of contact electrodes to decrease the effect of the borehole fluid.


# **Electromagnetic-Induction Logging to Monitor Changing Chloride Concentrations**

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#### Abstract

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Water from the San Joaquin Delta, having chloride concentrations up to 3590 mg/L, has intruded fresh water aquifers underlying Stockton, California. Changes in chloride concentrations at depth within these aquifers were evaluated using sequential electromagnetic (EM) induction logs collected during 2004 through 2007 at seven multiple-well sites as deep as 268 m. Sequential EM logging is useful for identifying changes in groundwater quality through polyvinyl chloride-cased wells in intervals not screened by wells. These unscreened intervals represent more than 90% of the aquifer at the sites studied. Sequential EM logging suggested degrading groundwater quality in numerous thin intervals, typically between 1 and 7 m in thickness, especially in the northern part of the study area. Some of these intervals were unscreened by wells, and would not have been identified by traditional groundwater sample collection. Sequential logging also identified intervals with improving water quality—possibly due to groundwater management practices that have limited pumping and promoted artificial recharge. EM resistivity was correlated with chloride concentrations in sampled wells and in water from core material. Natural gamma log data were used to account for the effect of aquifer lithology on EM resistivity. Results of this study show that a sequential EM logging is useful for identifying and monitoring the movement of high-chloride water, having lower salinities and chloride concentrations than sea water, in aquifer intervals not screened by wells, and that increases in chloride in water from wells in the area are consistent with high-chloride water originating from the San Joaquin Delta rather than from the underlying saline aquifer.

#### Introduction

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Chloride concentrations in water from wells in the Stockton area of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin, California, 130 km east of San Francisco (Figure 1), have increased as a result of groundwater pumping and subsequent declines in groundwater levels (Izbicki et al. 2006). The concentration of chloride in some wells has exceeded the U.S. Environmental

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Protection Agency Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) of 250 mg/L, and some public-supply wells have been removed from service due to high-chloride concentrations. Potential sources of high-chloride water to wells in the subbasin include: (1) high-chloride surface water from the San Joaquin Delta, (2) saline aquifers that underlie fresh water aquifers, (3) soluble salts emplaced in delta sediments by the evaporation of groundwater discharge from fresh water and saline aquifers along the delta margin, and (4) irrigation return water (Izbicki et al. 2006).

Sequential electromagnetic (EM) induction logging was performed to identify the sources and assess the spatial and vertical distribution of high-chloride water in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin near the San Joaquin Delta. The EM logs were collected between spring 2004 and fall 2007 in polyvinyl chloride (PVC)-cased monitoring wells installed as part of this

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Figure 1. Location of the study area in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin, near Stockton, California.

study (Clark et al. in review) and during previous work (California Department of Water Resources 2003). EM logs collected from PVC-cased wells provide an opportunity to supplement traditional hydrologic data collected from wells by assessing changes in groundwater quality in intervals not screened by wells. The monitoring wells installed for this study consisted of multiple wells installed in a single borehole. The individual wells were perforated over small intervals to provide depth-dependent data; as a consequence of this design, large portions of the aquifer system are not sampled by wells. For example, the multiple-well site 2N/5E-1A2-6, drilled to a depth of more than 300 m below land surface (bls), contains five wells in a single borehole having a combined screen length of 27 m. This multiple-well site samples less than 10% of the aquifer, leaving groundwater quality in more than 90% of the aquifer unmeasured. Although much of the unmeasured aquifer was composed of fine-grained deposits that were less suitable for well installation, the wells at the site may not adequately monitor groundwater quality in all the intervals contributing to the increasing chloride concentrations in production wells in the subbasin. Collection of sequential EM logs, in conjunction with conventional water quality sampling from wells, provides a way to evaluate the vertical distribution of groundwater quality

throughout the entire aguifer encountered by the deepest PVC-cased monitoring well at each site.

The basis for EM logging is the relationship between geologic materials, fluid conductivity, and electrical resistivity (Archie 1942; McNeil 1980; Biella et al. 1983; Kwader 1985). EM probes are more sensitive when bulk aquifer resistivity is low and less sensitive when the aquifer resistivity is high; therefore, EM logging is best suited for use in aquifers intruded by sea water or other strong brines that provide a large resistivity contrast with aquifer materials (Keys 1990). The tool sensitivity was initially believed to limit the practical application of EM tools for field studies. In most cases, the EM properties of the aquifer materials are unknown or uncertain; however, aquifer lithology remains constant through time (neglecting possible changes caused by subsidence). Therefore, changes in bulk EM resistivity measured during sequential EM logging of wells can only be caused by changes. in groundwater quality (Williams et al. 1993). Collection of sequential EM logs in a well over time eliminates the uncertainty associated with the estimation of the EM properties of aquifer materials and can provide an estimate of the relative changes in groundwater quality with time.

One of the first applications of EM logs from PVC-cased boreholes was by Stewart and Hermeston (1990) in the upper Floridian Aquifer along the central west coast of Florida. Stewart and Hermeston (1990). demonstrated that EM logs could be used to estimate porefluid conductivity and the extent of sea water intrusion in karstic aquifers. They also demonstrated that EM logs could be reproduced with the high degree of precision needed to allow direct comparison of changes in pore-fluid composition through time (Stewart 1999). The approach was combined with a wide range of advanced borehole geophysical methods and extended to determining the extent and movement of sea water intrusion in marine deposits underlying Long Island (Stumm 1993, 2001), and for saline water in Florida (Paillet et al. 1999). Hanson (2003) and Land et al. (2004) combined the approach with geochemical data and extended the technique to alluvial aquifers impacted by sea water intrusion in central and southern California. In the California studies, predictive relations were developed between measured bulk EM resistivity from boreholes and pore-fluid conductance in water from observation wells. Land et al. (2004) used this relation to determine the extent of the sea water intrusion front and the presence of fresh water injected by wells used to form a barrier to control the landward movement of sea water.

Most of the published applications of EM logs involve estimating changes in water quality resulting from the direct movement of sea water into fresh water aquifers. Sea water is highly saline, having a chloride concentration of 19,000 mg/L, and provides a large resistivity contrast with native fresh water. In contrast, alluvial deposits in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin are not directly connected to the ocean. The principal sources, of high-chloride water in the subbasin include lateral movement of saline water from delta deposits along the

San Joaquin River, or upward migration of saline water from the underlying saline aquifers. The chloride concentrations of these sources are less than sea water, typically about 3000 mg/L (Izbicki et al. 2006). Movement of groundwater through alluvial deposits, such as those found in the study area, occurs through coarse-grained sands and gravels deposited by streams and rivers. As a consequence, specific depth intervals having high-chloride water may be difficult to identify. Because the resistivity contrast between high-chloride water from the San Joaquin Delta and other sources, and that of the native fresh water is much less than the contrast between fresh water and sea water, conventional analysis of EM borehole logs needs to be refined to understand the distribution and movement of high-chloride water to wells in this setting.

#### Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this study is to relate changes in the bulk EM properties of formation materials and pore fluids to changes in chloride concentrations in selected wells in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin, near Stockton California. The scope of the study included collection of EM induction logs and water quality data from seven multiple-well monitoring sites in the Stockton area during July 2004 through September 2007.

#### Hydrogeology

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin is about 2860 km<sup>2</sup> (California Department of Water Resources 2006) and is part of the larger San Joaquin Groundwater Basin that forms the southern two-thirds of the Central Valley of California. The climate is characterized by hot, dry summers, and cool, moist winters. Average annual precipitation in Stockton averages about 350 mm and falls primarily during the November through March rainy season (National Climatic Data Center 2007). During the years of this study, 2004 through 2007, annual precipitation was close to average with the exception of 2007 when only 60% of normal precipitation was recorded. Precipitation is greater in the Sierra Nevada to the east of the study area. Runoff from the Sierra Nevada, primarily as snowmelt, sustains flows in the Mokelumne and Stanislaus Rivers that bound the study area to the north and south, respectively. The San Joaquin River, which drains the San Joaquin Valley to the south, bounds the study area to the west, and the foothills of the Sierra Nevada bound the study area to the east (Figure 1).

The Eastern Jan Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin is underlain by 150 to 300 m of consolidated, partly consolidated, and unconsolidated sedimentary deposits that form the principal fresh water aquifer system (California Department of Water Resources 1967). These deposits consist of alluvial-fan deposits eroded from the Sierra Nevada and its foothills, and delta deposits along the San Joaquin River. The alluvial-fan deposits are pumped extensively for water supply. Volcanic deposits underlie the sedimentary deposits throughout the subbasin and separate the fresh water aquifer from underlying marine deposits. The volcanic deposits consist of andesitic tuffs and lahars (Curtis 1954) blanketed by a layer of alluvium eroded from these deposits (California Department of Water Resources 1967) that are collectively known as the Mehrten Formation. The underlying marine deposits contain fresh water near the mountain front, but contain saline water in most parts of the subbasin.

Prior to the development of groundwater for agriculture during the later half of the 19th century, regional groundwater flow was generally from northeast to southwest (Figure 1). Under steady-state conditions, groundwater flowed from recharge areas along the margin of the San Joaquin Valley toward topographically low areas along the San Joaquin River and the delta (Williamson et al. 1989). As a result of groundwater development, pumping in excess of recharge led to the formation of a cone of depression centered to the east of Stockton (Figure 1). Present-day groundwater-level elevations in much of the study area are below sea-level and groundwater flow is from the delta toward Stockton (Northeast San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority 2007).

Groundwater recharge to the subbasin is estimated to average about  $111 \times 10^7$  m<sup>3</sup>/year (CDM Inc. 2001). Pumping for municipal and agriculture supplies in 2000 was estimated to exceed recharge by  $18.5 \times 10^7$  m<sup>3</sup>/year (CDM Inc. 2001). In 2000, the subbasin had a population of about 580,000 (CDM lnc. 2001) and the population is expected to increase to more than 1.2 million by 2040 (CDM Inc. 2001). Pumping is expected to increase with increasing population, potentially resulting in greater overdraft.

Chloride concentrations have increased in a number of water-supply wells in the Stockton area. For example, chloride concentrations in water from watersupply well 1N/6E-13B3, located about 3 km north of multiple-well site (1N/6E-36C3-5) have increased from 26 mg/L in 1970 to 567 mg/L as of 2006, more than two times the 250-mg/L SMCL for chloride (U.S. EPA 2008). In comparison, chloride concentrations in other publicsupply wells, such as 2N/6E-16C2, have increased, but at a slower rate-from 32 to 64 mg/L in the same time period (Figure 2).

Under predevelopment conditions, prior to the construction of reservoirs on rivers tributary to the San Joaquin River Delta, sea water intruded the delta during low-flow periods resulting in chloride concentrations as high as 1000 mg/L in the San Joaquin River near Stockton (Piper et al. 1939). Under present-day conditions, surface flows are managed to prevent the inland movement of sea water and to protect fresh water resources in the delta. However, high-chloride water trapped in delta sediments may intrude fresh water aquifers. Constituents dissolved within this water may retain a chemical composition consistent with a sea water origin (Izbicki et al. 2006). High-chloride water may also originate from soluble salts emplaced in delta sediments from evaporation of groundwater discharge along the delta margin (Izbicki et al. 2006). Constituents dissolved within this



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Figure 2. & Chloride \emph{ concentrations in samples from wells}\\ 1N/6E-13B3 \emph{ and } 2N/6E-16C2, Stockton, California, 1970\\ \end{tabular}$ through 2007.

water would have a chemical composition different from sea water. Water from deeper aquifers that underlie fresh water aquifers pumped for supply also has a markedly

different chemical composition and may contribute highchloride water to wells in different parts of the subbasin (Izbicki et al. 2006). In addition, irrigation return may increase chloride concentrations near the water table. To further complicate the issue, multiple sources of highchloride water may occur at the same location but at different depths within the aquifer (Izbicki et al. 2006).

#### Approach

Sequential EM logs were collected from the deepest accessible well at seven multiple-well sites in the study area between July 2004 and October 2007 (Table 1). EM log data were compared with lithologic and geophysical data collected from the wells during test drilling. EM log data were also compared with chloride and specific conductance data collected concurrently with EM logging from each well at all seven sites during the study period. In addition, EM log data were compared with chloride



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and specific conductance data from water extracted from core samples collected at the time of drilling by pressure extractions. A statistical relation between EM resistivity and chloride concentration of water from wells and extracted from core material was developed and used to estimate chloride concentrations at multiple-well sites in intervals not screened by wells.

#### Electromagnetic Induction Log Collection

Electromagnetic induction logs were collected using a Century model 9511 tool (Century Geophysical Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma). The tool uses an EM field to induce an electrical current in the surrounding formation (Johnson and Williams 2003). The induced current sets up a secondary magnetic field that is measured, amplified, and then transmitted to the surface as a direct current. The magnitude of the direct current is proportional to the electrical conductivity of the formation, which is a function of lithology and pore-fluid conductivity (Keys 1990; Paillet et al. 1999). The volume of the material measured by a typical EM logging tool is a donut-shaped torus (Geonics, Inc. 2005; Century Geophysical Corp. 2008). The size of the torus is dependent upon the coil spacing within the tool. The inner and outer diameters of the torus measured by the Century 9511 tool range approximately from 46 to 127 cm, respectively (Century Geophysical Corp. 2008). As a consequence, the tool is relatively insensitive to borehole fill material adjacent to the well (McNeill et al. 1990).

Additional measured parameters include fluid conductivity in mmho/m, corrected for temperature and skin effects, and natural gamma in API (American Petroleum Institute) units. Resistivity (ohm-m) is automatically calculated from measured conductivity. Because aquifer lithology remains constant, repeat EM logs collected from a PVC-cased well can be used to measure changes in porefluid conductivity with time. The range of conductivity that can be measured is 0 to 1000 mmho/m (resistivity 500 to 1 ohm-m) with an accuracy of ±5 mmho/m over the entire range (B. Petersen, Century Geophysical Corporation, oral communication, 2008).

Electromagnetic induction measurements may be affected by borehole size (including wash-outs during drilling that increase borehole diameter), metallic minerals, and well construction components such as centralizers (Century Geophysical Corp. 2008). Metal centralizers installed at 9- to 18-m intervals during construction of wells 1N/6E-36C3 and 2N/6E-20E1 created interference over approximately 15% of the depth of each well, including the bottom 9 and 6 m, respectively. These intervals of poor-quality data were omitted prior to data processing and analysis of the EM logs.

Calibration and operation of the EM tool was carried out according to the manufacturer's guidelines in an effort to ensure repeatability between sequential logs at each site. Calibration was checked at each site prior to logging by using a two-point calibration technique. Suspending the tool in air upside down, induction values were alternately checked using free air as a zero value and a calibrationring sleeve, placed over the bottom end of the inverted tool. The calibration ring is manufactured to have a value of 705 mmho/m. Tool adjustment is required if the induction values exceed 10% of the factory calibration (Century Geophysical Corp. 2008). At sites where signal interference from nearby cultural artifacts (overhead power lines, metal fences, underground utilities) made recalibration difficult or impossible, the existing calibration values from previous logs were retained.

Wells were logged in the upward direction, to maintain tension on the draw-works cable, at a speed of about 6 m/min. The deepest well at each of the multiplewell sites was logged three to four times during the course of the study (Table 1), with the exception of multiplewell site 2N/6E-8N1-3, where an obstruction in the well necessitated the use of the second deepest well (2N/6E-8N2) for logging in May and September 2007.

Duplicate logs were collected from well 1N/6E-4J3 in 2006 and from wells 1N/6E-36C3, 2N/6E-8N1, 2N/6E-8N2, and 2N/6E-20E1 in 2007 to verify the repeatability of measurements. The precision of these duplicate logs as indicated by  $R^2$  and coefficient of variance ranged from 0.993 to 0.997 and from 2.32 to 4.46, respectively. As an example, duplicate logs for well 1N/6E-36C3 (Figure 3) indicate good agreement with an  $R^2$  value of 0.996 and a coefficient of variance of 2.86. The logs show higher variability at higher resistivity and less variability (greater precision) at lower resistivity (Figure 3), typical of EM induction logs data described by Keys (1990). However, the variability at higher resistivity is not so great as to preclude the use of the EM tool in the study area.

#### **Results**

Electromagnetic resistivity in logged wells ranged from 2.5 to 50 ohm-m. In general, EM resistivity was lower in fine-grained deposits and higher in coarsergrained deposits consistent with the properties of these materials (McNeil 1980; Biella et al. 1983; Kwader 1985; McNeil et al. 1990). Regardless of lithology, EM



Figure 3. Electromagnetic resistivity data for duplicate logs from well 1N/6E-36C3, Stockton, California, March 2007.

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Figure 4. Well construction, generalized lithology, natural gamma, and EM resistivity logs (September 2007) for multiple-well sites (a) 2N/5E-1A2-6 and (b) 2N/6E-11H4-7, near Stockton, California.

resistivity was less in multiple-well site 2N/5E-1A2-6 closest to the delta and higher in multiple-well site 2N/6E-11H4-7 farthest from the delta (Figure 4). EM logs and dates of collection are listed in Table 1

Chloride concentrations in 24 wells sampled between April 2004 and March 2007 ranged from 4 to 2050 mg/L (Table 2). The highest chloride concentrations were in water from wells at multiple-well site 2N/5E-1A2-6 closest to the San Joaquin Delta. The lowest chloride concentrations were in water from wells at multiple-well site 2N/6E-11H4-7. During the study period, samples from 9 of 24 wells showed increasing chloride concentrations, 12 wells showed decreasing chloride concentrations, and 3 wells showed almost no change (Table 2). The comparatively large number of wells with no change, or decreased chloride concentrations, may result from groundwater management practices, including pumping restrictions and artificial recharge, intended to control the movement of high-chloride water from the delta.

Chloride concentrations in eight samples of water pressure-extracted from core material using methods described by Manheim et al. (1994) ranged from 28 to 3590 mg/L (Table 3). The highest chloride concentrations were in core material collected from multiple-well site 2N/5E-1A2-6 and from an adjacent test boring drilled in July 2007 after installation of the original site. Core material was collected from finer-grained deposits rather than from the sand and gravel layers screened by wells, and provided for the range in geologic materials necessary for incorporating lithology into equations relating EM resistivity to chloride concentrations and specific conductivity of groundwater.

### **Discussion**

EM logs were analyzed to determine depth intervals within the aquifer where changes in water quality occurred by comparing logs collected from the same well at different times. For these logs, the percent change between measurements for data collected at the same depth was calculated and plotted as a function of well depth. A percent change greater than  $\pm 1$  standard deviation was used to identify depth intervals where the EM resistivity increased or decreased between collections of the logs. This approach is illustrated for data from well 2N/5E-1A2 (Figure 5).

Changes in EM resistivity identified within wells in the study area occurred in thin intervals, ranging from 1 to 7 m in thickness (Table 4). Lithologic data collected during drilling show that these intervals were generally coarser grained, and presumably have higher hydraulic conductivities than the surrounding finer-grained zones. Changes in EM resistivity, and therefore changes in groundwater quality, were measured both in intervals sampled by wells and in intervals not sampled by wells (Table 4). The unsampled intervals represent as much as 90% of the alluvial deposits encountered at each site.

Multiple-well sites 2N/5E-1A2-6 and 2N/6E-8N1-3 (Table 4) had the greatest number of depth intervals with decreasing EM resistivity during 2004 through 2007. These sites are closer to the San Joaquin Delta (Figure 1). Production wells located east of these monitoring wells may be inducing the lateral movement of high-chloride water from the delta. In contrast, depth intervals showing increasing resistivity (freshening water quality) occurred at one or more depth intervals at all seven multiple-well

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Figure 5. Percent change in electromagnetic resistivity with depth for (a) January 2006 to April 2007 and (b) April 2007 to September 2007 from well 2N/5E-1A2, near Stockton, California. Highlighted depth intervals show change greater than 1 standard deviation.

sites (Table 4). The greatest number of depth intervals with increasing resistivity was at multiple-well site 2N/6E-29H1-3. Increasing resistivity at this site may be related to infiltration of water from several nearby unlined manmade lakes. Alternatively, groundwater management and a reduction in pumping in recent years (CDM Inc. 2001) and increased groundwater recharge (O'Leary 2011) could be another explanation for the increasing EM resistivity and improving water quality at some depths in aquifers underling the study area.

Increases in EM resistivity were present at relatively shallow depths less than 30 m bls at multiple-well sites 2N/5E-1A2-6, 2N/6E-11H4-7, and 2N/6E-20E1-3. These increases reflect seasonal water-level fluctuations rather than changes in groundwater quality. Depth to water at these sites during the course of this study generally ranged from 3 to 25 m bls (Table 4).

No changes were identified in the EM resistivity on the basis of sequential logs below approximately 150 m bls. Most production wells in the area are screened above 150 m bls, and well-bore flow data show that most of water enters these wells at the shallower depths perforated by the wells (Clark et al. in review). These results are consistent with increases in chloride in water from wells originating from the San Joaquin Delta rather than underlying saline aquifer. However, with the exception of well 2N/5E-1A2, none of the other EM-logged wells are greater than 180 m deep, and additional well drilling and monitoring well installation at greater depths would be needed to evaluate changes in EM resistivity and porefluid resistivity at these depths.

#### Comparison Between EM Resistivity, Chloride, and **Specific Conductance**

Comparison of EM resistivity data with chloride data from monitoring wells showed lower resistivity at depths where higher chloride concentrations were measured. However, data from multiple-well site 2N/5E-1A2-6 collected between spring and fall 2007 (Figure 6) show that the percent change in chloride concentration, rather than the absolute magnitude of the change, creates larger differences in EM resistivity (and conductivity not shown in Figure 6) between the two logs. In this example, the increase in chloride concentration, about 80 mg/L, was similar for each well; however, the percent change in chloride concentration was 4% for well 1A6 and 17% for well 1A5. (Additionally, the EM log data for the interval sampled by well 1A5 show a decrease in resistivity in only the bottom half of the well screen, indicating that high-chloride water was moving through the aquifer in an interval thinner than the 6-m long well screen.) Data

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#### Table 4

Depth Intervals Showing a Net Decrease in Electromagnetic Resistivity Associated with Poorer Water Quality (bold) or a Net Increase in Electromagnetic Resistivity Associated with Improving Water Quality (italic), Based on Sequential Electromagnetic Induction Logging at Multiple-Well Monitoring Sites Near Stockton, California 2004-2007



 $1$  Overall range for all piezometers based on continuous recording water-level transducers, April 2006 through 2007.

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<sup>4</sup> Overall range for all piezometers based on periodic water-level measurements.

SOverall range for all piezometers based on continuous recording water-level transducers, March 2006 through 2007.



Figure 6. Comparison of natural gamma, electrical resistivity, and electromagnetic resistivity (EM) logs collected April 2007<br>and September 2007 from (a) well 2N/5E-1A6 and (b) well 2N/5E-1A5, near Stockton, California.

collected as part of this study suggest that a 10 to 15% change in chloride concentration is required to produce a measurable change in EM resistivity (or its inverse conductivity).

concentration in water from wells:

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Log_{10} Cl = 4.36 - 2.12 log_{10} EM \tag{1}
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A least-squares regression equation was developed to relate changes in EM resistivity to changes in the chloride

where Cl is the chloride concentration in water from screened intervals of wells near the time of the EM log

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Figure 7. Chloride concentrations in water from monitoring wells (open circles) and water pressure extracted from core material (solid circles) as a function of electromagnetic-log resistivity in wells 2N/5E-1A2-5, 2N/6E-20E1, 1N/6E-4J3-5, and 1N/6E-36C3, near Stockton, California, 2004 through 2007.

and in core material at the time the multiple-well site was drilled in milligrams per liter, and EM is the average electromagnetic resistivity in ohm-meters over the screened interval of the sampled well, typically 6 m, or over the length of the sampled core, typically 0.75 m.

This equation was statistically significant on the basis of the F-test (Neter and Wasserman 1974) with the confidence criteria of  $\alpha = 0.001$ , and an  $R^2$  of 0.52 (Figure 7).

Examination of the data in Figure 7 shows that the data are not randomly distributed about the regression line. Instead, the higher chloride values tend to plot above the regression line (have positive residuals), whereas the lower chloride values tend to plot below the regression line (have negative residuals). This distribution suggests that there may be additional explanatory variables to be considered that may further refine this relationship.

One variable considered was aquifer lithology, specifically the presence of clay within the deposits. For the purposes of this study, natural gamma was used as an indicator of the amount of clay in the aquifer (Paillet and Crowder 1996). Although not perfect, as the clay content of the materials increases, the natural gamma values increase. When natural gamma (gamma) was incorporated into the equation, the least-squares regression equation became:

#### Log<sub>10</sub> Cl =  $4.67 - 2.23 \log_{10} EM - 0.005$  gamma (2)

This equation was also statistically significant on the basis of the F-test (Neter and Wasserman 1974) with the confidence criteria of  $\alpha = 0.001$ , and an  $R^2$  of 0.58. The inclusion of natural gamma was statistically significant in this equation on the basis of the  $F$ -test with the confidence criterion of  $\alpha = 0.1$ . When specific conductance was the predicted variable, the  $R^2$  increased to 0.61.

Equation 2 was used to estimate pore-fluid concentrations in the aquifer at the multiple-well sites (Figure 8). The uncertainty associated with the predicted pore-fluid chloride concentrations was evaluated as the  $\pm 2\sigma$  uncertainty associated with the gamma term that ranged from

 $-0.01$  to 0 (Figure 8). Given the comparatively low  $R^2$ of 0.58 associated with the equation, calculated pore-fluid chloride concentrations are best interpreted in a relative sense rather than in terms of absolute numbers.

The calculated pore-fluid data show higher chloride concentrations in fine-grained materials than in the coarser-grained materials screened by wells. This is consistent with the hypothesis that much of the high-chloride water in the aquifer originated from salt-affected delta deposits. Equation 2 overpredicts chloride concentrations for the pore-fluids squeezed from core material that had chloride concentration less than 100 mg/L and underpredicts chloride concentrations for cores with chloride concentrations greater than 100 mg/L (Figures 7 and 8). However, the equation correctly estimated the lowchloride concentrations in water from multiple-well site 2N/6E-11H4-7 farthest from the delta.

#### **Hydrogeologic Implications**

Geologic section A-A' shows multiple-well sites drilled as part of this study along a north-south section through the study area (Figures 1 and 9). Natural gamma logs are shown along with predicted (best solution) chloride concentrations in aquifer intervals not sampled by wells. Only about 10% of the aquifer at each multiple-well site was screened by wells leaving the bulk of groundwater in the aquifer unmeasured. Intervals having changing EM resistivity also are shown in Figure 9. An equal number of intervals (16) showed increasing resistivity (freshening water quality) and decreasing resistivity (degrading water quality). Only one-third (11) of the 33 depth intervals identified as having changing EM resistivity coincided either completely or partially with a screened interval.

Decreasing resistivity and predicted increases in chloride concentrations were more prevalent in the northern part of the study area (sites 2N/5E-1A2-6 and 2N/6E-8N1-3), especially between about 50 and 75 m bls (Figure 9). Decreasing resistivity at site 1A2-6 appears to be occurring in intervals already containing high-chloride water. However, decreasing resistivity and predicted increases in chloride concentrations also appear to be occurring in fresher intervals not previously impacted by high-chloride water from the San Joaquin Delta at site 8N1-3. The changes in resistivity and predicted changes in chloride concentrations may be the result of pumping by public-supply wells to the east of these sites

Increasing EM resistivity and predicted decreases in chloride concentrations at other sites may represent improvements in water quality resulting from management efforts to reduce groundwater overdraft, raise water levels, and reduce the invasion of high-chloride water. However, the intervals interpreted as having decreasing chloride concentrations are primarily in multiple-well sites located near recreational lakes and stormwater detention ponds (multiple-well sites 2N/6E-29H1-3 and 1N/6E-36C3-5. respectively) and may result from local sources of recharge. For example, O'Leary et al. (2011) showed water from a stormflow detention pond used for groundwater recharge in the study area moved as deep as 100 m



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bis within several months of application of sulfur hexafluoride tracer

Intervals showing decreasing EM resistivity and increasing chloride concentrations are thin, coarsergrained deposits that do not appear to be related to regional changes in subsurface geology or associated basal gravel units that are conduits for sea water intrusion in coastal California aquifers (Nishikawa 1997). These thin, coarse-grained layers may be lenticular stream channel deposits, similar to those described by Burow et al. (2004) in the Modesto area to the south of the study area. Such thin, lenticular units would be difficult to identify using any technique that does not provide continuous data throughout available boreholes. The source of the highchloride water appears to be saline water trapped within finer-grained deposits associated with the San Joaquin Delta, rather than deeper saline groundwater that underlies fresh water aquifers. Saline water mobilized from fine-grained deposits has been identified as a source of high-chloride water to fresh-water aquifers elsewhere in California (Izbicki 1996; Izbicki et al. 2003). Additional deep monitoring sites may need to be constructed to assess contributions from deeper sources.

#### **Summary and Conclusions**

Previous studies have used EM logging to assess the movement of sea water into fresh water aquifers. The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin is not affected by sea water intrusion directly from the ocean, but rather by the movement of saline water from the San Joaquin Delta and underlying saline aquifers. The area provided a setting for testing EM logging techniques to assess changes in pore-fluid composition under lower salinity conditions than those evaluated in most previous studies.

Results of this study suggest that sequential EM logging may be a useful screening tool for detecting the early onset of increasing chloride concentrations. This is because changes in logs collected sequentially through time show small magnitude changes in 1-to 7-m-thick thin aquifer layers that are associated with increasing chloride concentrations. The data show that EM induction logs can be used to identify brine invasion before concentrations reach levels of concern for groundwater management. The results of this study also suggest that this technique can be used to identify the movement of brines having lower salinities and chloride concentrations than sea water. These data may serve as an early warning monitoring technique that is useful for detecting the initial changes in groundwater quality resulting from brine invasion or from sea water intrusion.

Sequential EM logging is uniquely suited for monitoring the unscreened portion of wells within an aquifer. In this study, approximately 90% of the aquifer at each multiple-well site was unscreened. EM logging can provide a continuous profile of changes in groundwater quality within an aquifer penetrated by a PVC-cased well, thereby permitting the identification of zones of poorquality water that may otherwise be missed by traditional water quality sampling from wells.

At present, EM logs are best used qualitatively to compare sequential changes in groundwater quality at a single well location through time. However, an equation relating chloride concentration with EM resistivity and natural gamma (as a surrogate for aquifer lithology) enabled the estimation of chloride concentrations within the aquifer. The inclusion of natural gamma in the regression equation was possible because chloride concentrations in water from pressure extracts from fine-grained core material composed of silts and clays were available.

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The comparatively low  $R^2$  of the equations presented in this study limits their use for quantitative analysis. However, improvements in study design that result in improved data collection and analysis may result in increased predictive power and increasing the quantitative analysis of EM log data in settings where sufficient data are available.

Improvements in study design for EM data collection and interpretation include the following. First, monitoring wells can be constructed with at least 3 m of blank casing between the end of the well casing and the bottom of the well screen to facilitate access for the EM induction tool through the entire screened interval of the well. Second, water sampling and induction logging should be carried out at the same time to minimize variability in the data and improve the relation between measured chloride concentrations and EM resistivity. Finally, scheduling for sampling and sequential logging should also take into consideration the time of year and factors such as groundwater pumping cycles, to enable long-term trends to be distinguished from seasonal variations in chloride concentrations and EM resistivity.

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# **APPENDIX E MONITORING WELL DESIGN**

# **Monitoring Well Design Recommendations**

The recently completed MPWSP network monitoring wells have set a high standard for well design and construction. Additional monitoring well clusters installations should be of similar design. Each well cluster would consist of a grouping of 3 individual wells – one completed in the Shallow Aquifer, one completed in the 180-ft/FTE Aquifer and one completed in the 400–foot Aquifer.

The design recommendations are outlined below.

**Drilling Method:** Wells should be drilled by the sonic method. This will allow continuation of the collection of high quality lithologic data. Continuous cores should collected from the deepest boring at each site. For well design purposes, the deep boring should be drilled first and the suite of geophysical logs should include induction logging at the time of drilling.

**Well Completions:** Subject to revision with site-specific lithologic and geophysical data, wells should be completed with perforations placed in the ranges of elevation for each of the aquifer units, as discussed herein.

**Completion Materials:** 4- to 5-inch diameter PVC casing and screen, 0.040-inch slots, plastic casing centralizers, select gravel. If allowed by the drilling method, preference would be 5-inch diameter casing allowing a 4-inch pump installation.

**Development Methods:** After completion, each well should be bailed or swabbed, air-lifted and pumped.

**Geophysical Logging:** After completion and development of the deepest well at each site, the well should include induction logging to establish a baseline for future comparison.

**Surface Completion:** Depending on the location, wells should be protected in above ground casings or traffic rated surface vaults.

**Survey:** After completion of surface improvements, reference points for each well should be established by surveying.

**Well Completion Reporting**: Subsequent to new monitoring well completions, a brief report should be prepared to document the details of the well completions for future reference.

# **Suggested Well Locations**

Five locations for well clusters are suggested. The sites are positioned to allow confirmation of drawdown signals from the slant wells. As such, where existing wells are available along the trace of the predicted 1 ft drawdown, the suggested new wells are generally sited at a location half way between the slant wellfield and the predicted 1 ft drawdown line. Alternatively, where no other wells are available along the trace of the approximate location of the 1 ft drawdown line wells, the

suggested wells are along the line. The suggested locations are described below and are shown on Plates 1-3. The location and reasons for selection of each site are discussed in below.

**MW-A-**This site is located at the northern terminus of Dunes Dr. on property controlled by City of Marina. The location was selected to provide an intermediate point between the monitoring wells located at MCWD facility at the end of Reservation Road and the wellfield. The wells could be drilled in the pavement of the turnaround and finished in traffic rated vaults. Alternatively, the well could be across Highway 1 on southwest corner of the agricultural parcel.

**MW-B –** This site is located at the north end of Paul Davis Drive at the location of the City of Marina's percolation pond. Construction of the wells would require temporary removal of the fence along the north side. This location was selected because it is approximately half way between the predicted 1 foot drawdown line and the well field. Drawdown impacts would be more easily distinguished from background noise. Alternatives for this site include the agricultural parcel to the north or the abandoned piece of the right-of-way on the east end of Marina Green Drive.

**MW-C --** This site is located due south of the MRWPCA facility on property owned by MCWD. Although well beyond the predicted 1 ft drawdown line and buffer zone, this site was selected because it is at the edge of a proposed groundwater banking project by MCWD. Locating the well here would allow determination of impacts.

**MW-D –** This site is located on property owned by CEMEX north of the wellfield and close to the predicted 1 foot drawdown line. Data from this location would allow development of the distance drawdown relationships when use with data from MW-8.

**MW-E –** This site is located west of the Marina Airport on property owned by the City of Marina. This site was selected to capture data at the Marina City limits. An alternative location would be on the agricultural parcel immediately across the road to the west.

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# **APPENDIX F PROGRAM COSTS**





Technical/Professional Services (hours) **Technical/Professional Services (hours)**

> Cost/Site **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE Sites Cost/Site Sites**

**Hours/ Well**

**Frequency** 

**(annual) Outside Cost Technician Professional**

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE<br>Data Collection Data Collection**





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Data Collection Costs -QA/QC, Data Entry and Management **QA/QC, Data Entry and Management**



# Data Review/Interpretation **Data Review/Interpretation**





Contingency and Inflation 15%

**Total Operations** 

Consultant 130,784 \$ 184,320 \$ 315,104 \$



Hours for data collection from review of MCWRA and GeoScience

Cost for Induction Logging from Pacific Surveys





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Cost for Induction Logging from Pacific Surveys

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# **APPENDIX G INSTRUMENTATION**

Implementation of the proposed Monitoring Plan will require continuous monitoring of both water level and electrical conductivity in all the wells in the network. This is the standard of practice set by the data collection program established for the MPWSP. Water level and conductivity data loggers are produced by several manufacturers and their use and utility is well established. Continuous monitoring would be at a standard interval (a set number of minutes) – that interval set based on the estimated degree of fluctuation of the parameter. For example, the frequency of water level measurements near the coast would be established to capture tidal fluctuations. Farther from the coast, the interval could possibly be reduced to capture only daily trends.

**Deployment:** Water level and conductivity data loggers have differing deployment criteria to collect the required data. To capture the required data, water level data loggers need only be deployed at a depth such that they remain submerged below the lowest anticipated water level in the well.

However, conductivity loggers need to be deployed at often significantly deeper depths – typically in the middle of the screened interval.

**Data Retrieval:** Data loggers have internal memory capable of storing significant amounts of data. Theoretically, the data loggers could be left deployed for extended periods (years) and the data later collected. However, due to the need to review the collected data periodically and to prevent loss of data due to device failure, data are typically retrieved from the data loggers at more frequent intervals (monthly, quarterly). Data retrieval requires physically hooking up to the device and transferring the data digitally. This is done by either pulling the device from the well and physically connecting to the device or connecting to a data transmission cable that extends from the device to the surface. The former approach is awkward and time-consuming, the latter more expensive due to the expense of data cabling for each device. The existing MPWSP monitor wells have dedicated data transmission cables.

**Equipment:** There are many manufacturers of instrumentation suitable for this application. The most prominent are In-Situ, Inc., and Solinst, Inc. Both of these companies manufacture data loggers for water level data, conductivity data, or both combined. The MPWSP monitor wells currently utilize In-Situ equipment, as does the MCWRA. The needs of the program could be met with a single level/conductivity device in each well or two devices – one for conductivity and one for water levels. Both approaches have pros and cons. The combined device approach requires only one data transmission cable, reducing cabling costs. However, if two devices were utilized, the extra cabling cost is limited because the water level device does not need to be in the perforations, and therefore the cable is generally much shorter. The usefulness of the combined device approach is that it only requires hooking up to one device for data transfer instead of two. Another factor that needs to be considered is that conductivity devices typically have much shorter service lives than water level devices. This means that when the conductivity function of the combined device fails, you would be paying to replace partially functioning hardware. If two devices were utilized, just the conductivity device could be replaced if it fails.

# **Required Features:**

*Water Level Range:* Water level responses in the study area are constrained by high transmissivities and the ocean boundary. 30 meter/100 ft range is adequate.

*Electrical Conductivity Range:* Conductivity probes should have a minimum range of 0-50 mS near the coast and 0-10 mS inland.

*Battery Life:* Most of the manufacturers produce devices with permanent (factory replaceable) batteries capable of at least 5 years of operation.

*Memory:* Most data loggers have memory for more than 100,000 data points and have wrapable memory such that should memory be exceed the device over writes the oldest data. With periodic downloading and memory reset this is not a critical issue.

*Data Recovery Method:* As discussed above, data can be retrieved by direct connection or data cable. The choice is one of convenience and cost.

# **Recommendations:**

Given the above, the preliminary recommendation is to adopt the precedent utilized in the existing MPWSP monitor well network. This would entail the use of combined level/conductivity dataloggers as manufactured by In-Situ Inc., deployed in the middle of the screen interval in each well. The estimated project costs are based on this preliminary recommendation.