

Water Level - Stream Flow Cross Over Analyses

Results of the analyses done by United:

- cross over relationship between WLs and SW flow; and
- impact of pumping on SW flow

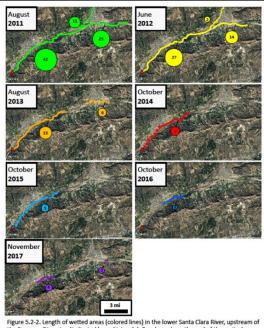
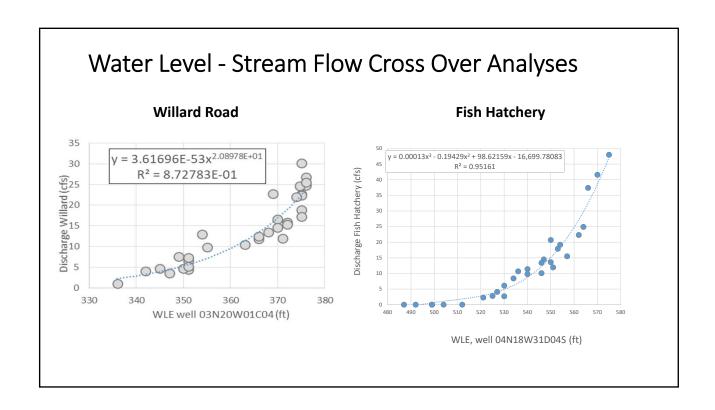
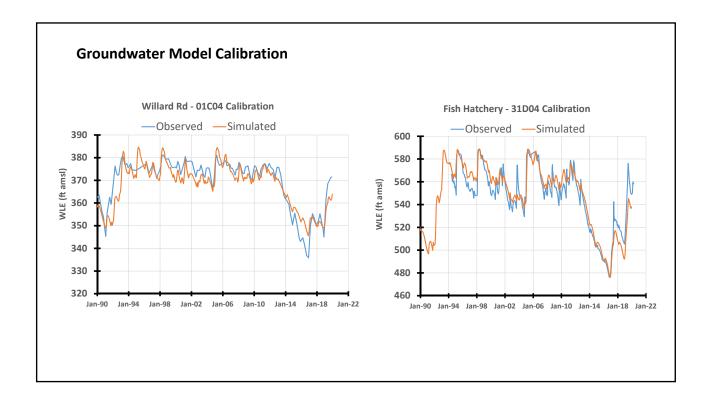
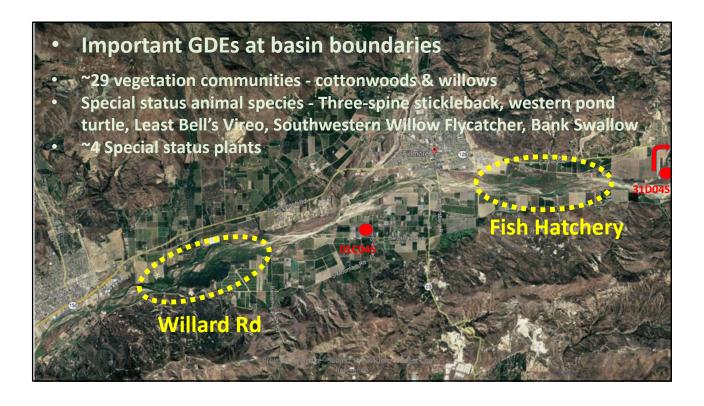


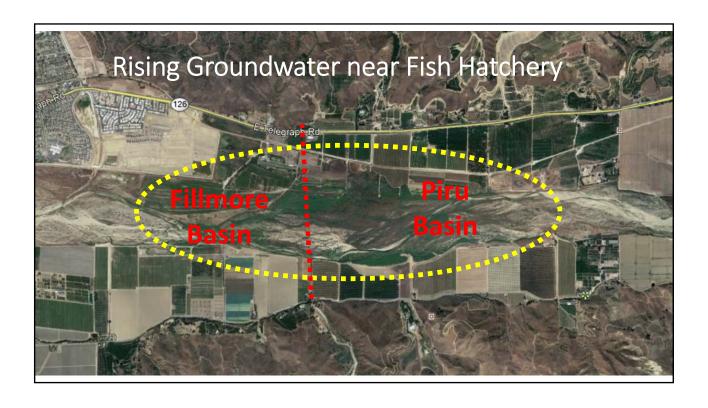
Figure 5.2-2. Length of wetted areas (colored lines) in the lower Santa Clara River, upstream of the Freeman Diversion (indicated by red triangle). Reaches where the end of the wetted area is uncertain are indicated by dotted lines. Flow rates (cfs) are indicated in circles, scaled according to magnitude.

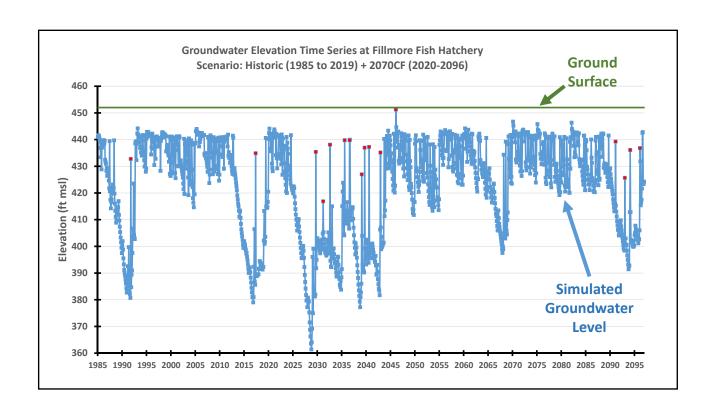


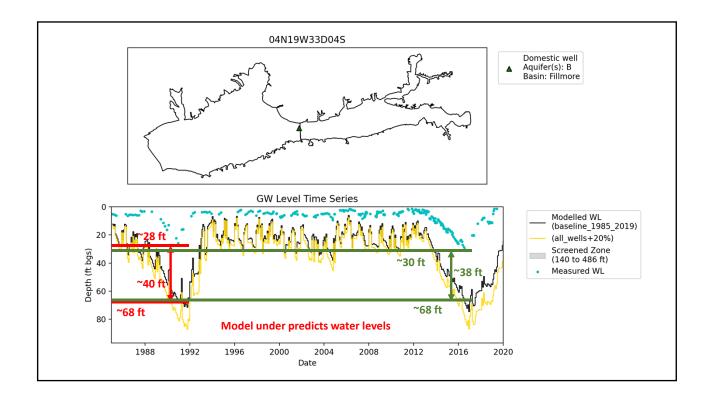
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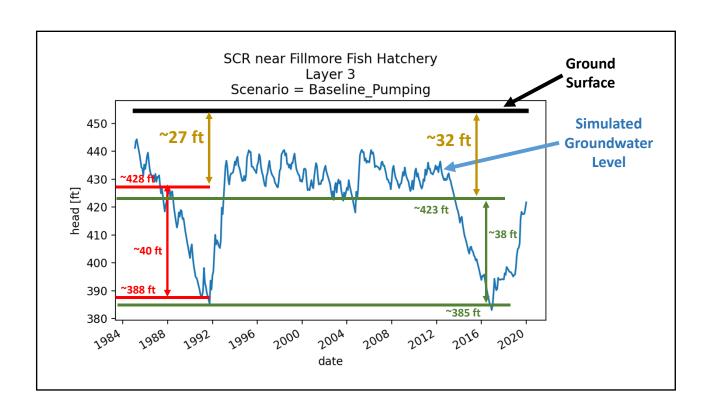


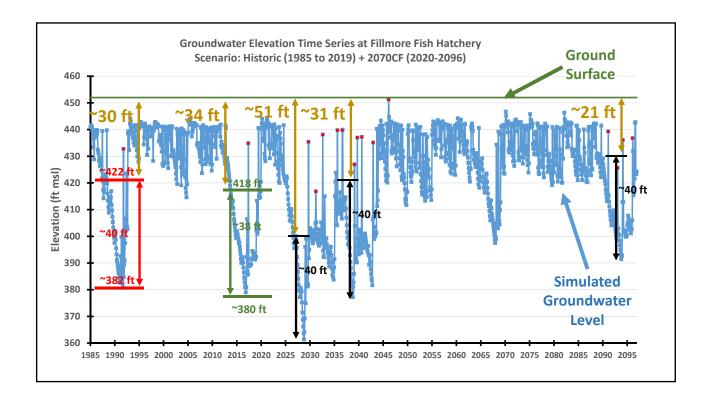


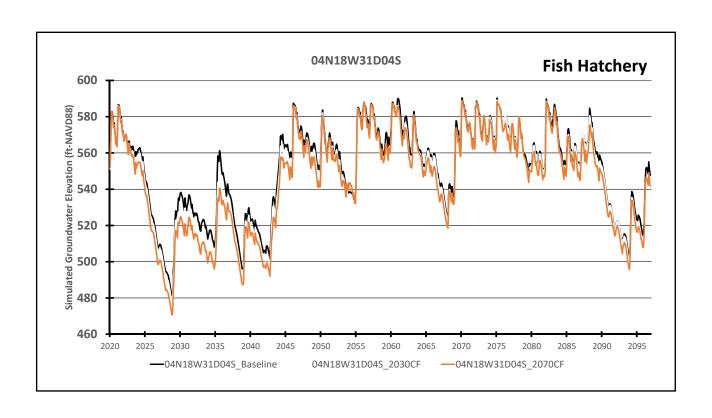


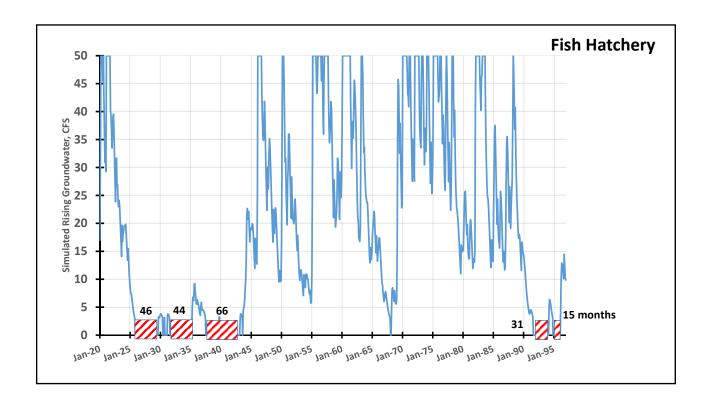


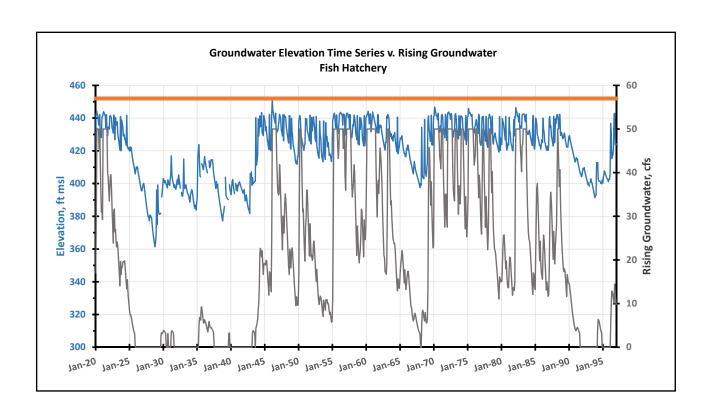


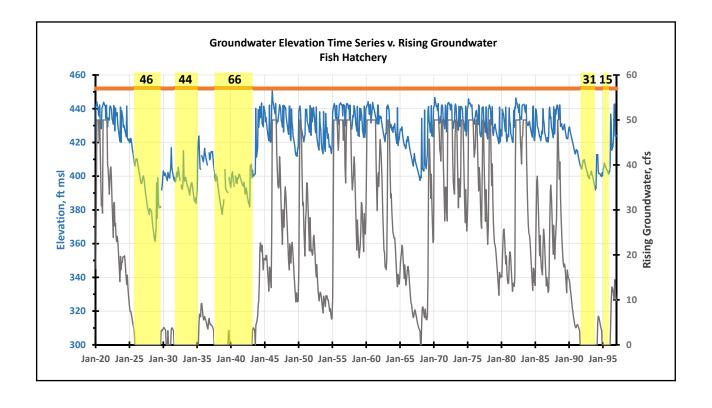




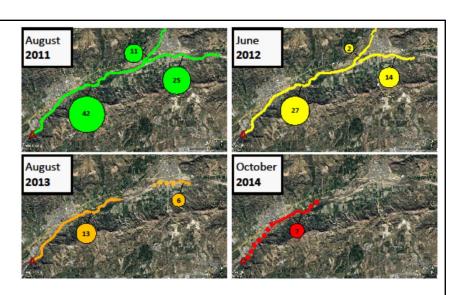






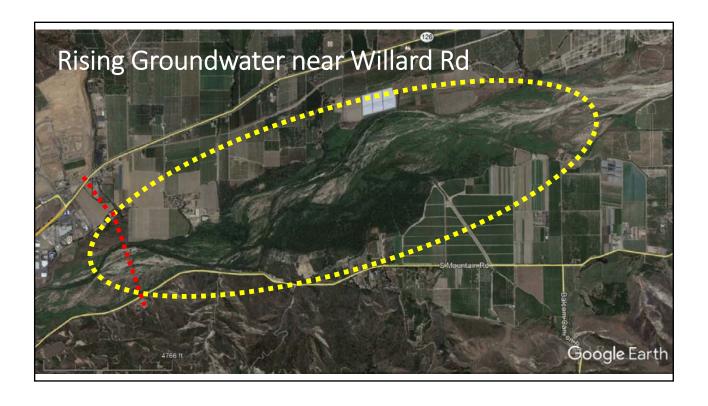


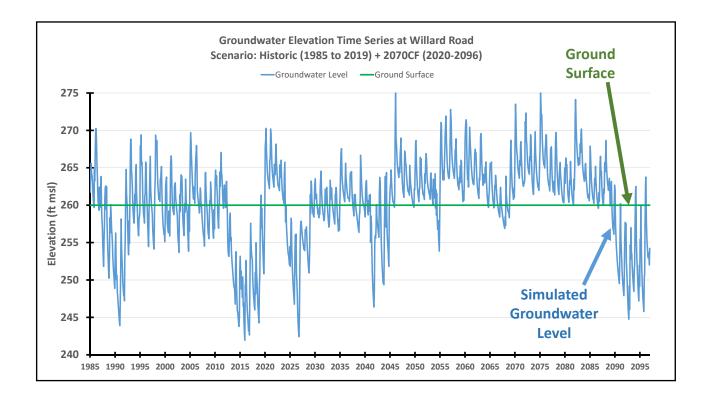
How quickly does Fish Hatchery reach of SCR go dry?

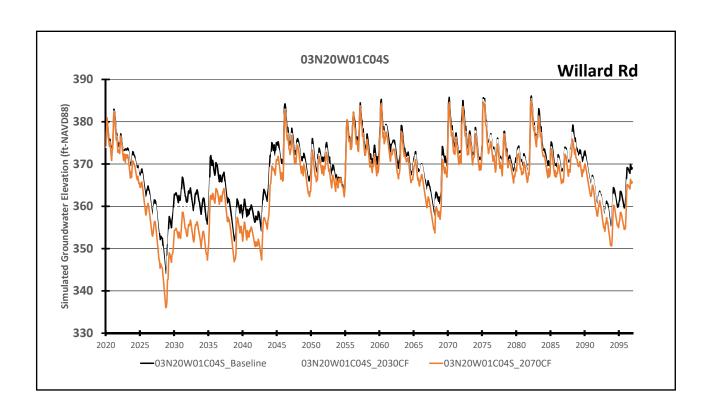


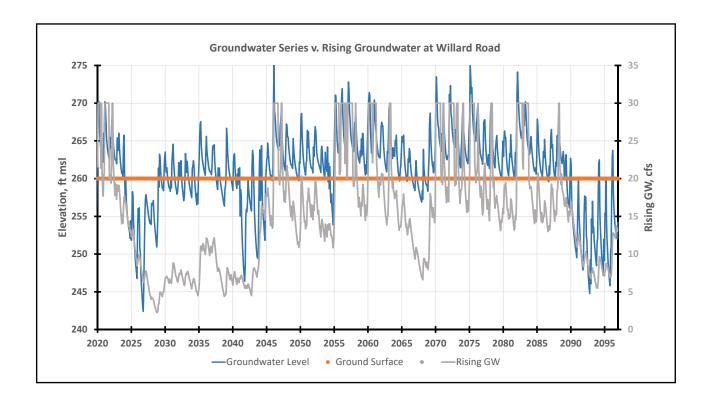
- Wetted reach begins to shrink within a year
- Probably dry within 2 years

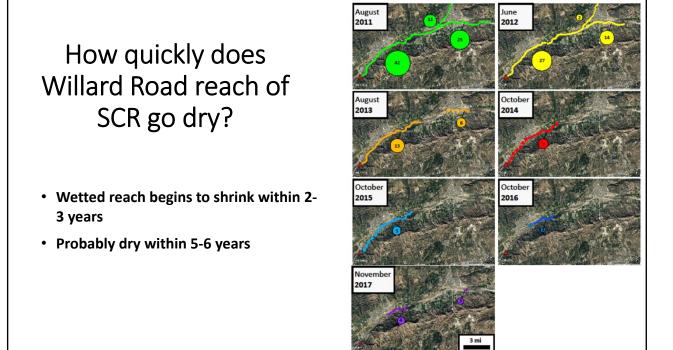
• Extended periods of below normal precipitation are possible in the 2070 future conditions modeling scenario • Drought WLs under 2070 future climate change conditions are estimated to be ~21-51 ft bgs with most in ~30-35 ft bgs range • Rising groundwater may cease during moderate to severe drought conditions and remain that way for many months or even a few years • The wetted reach of the SCR near the Fish Hatchery begins to shrink within a year of drought initiation and will probably be dry within 2 years if the drought lasts that long







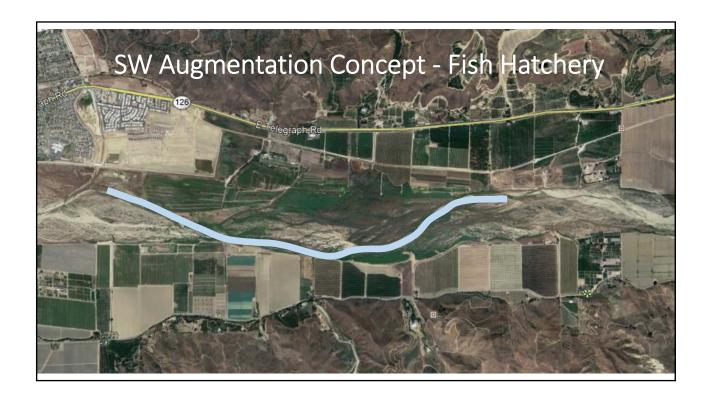


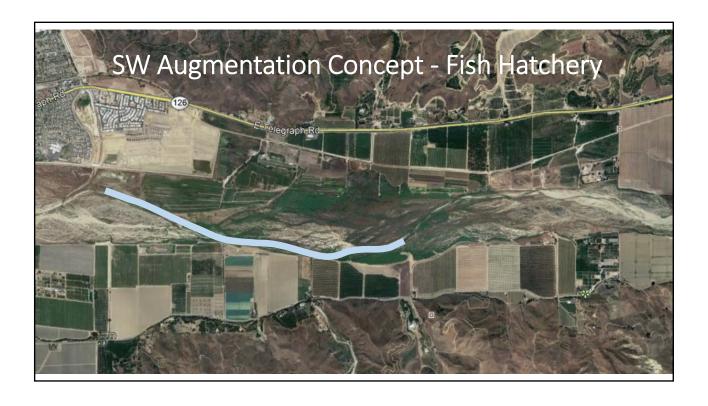


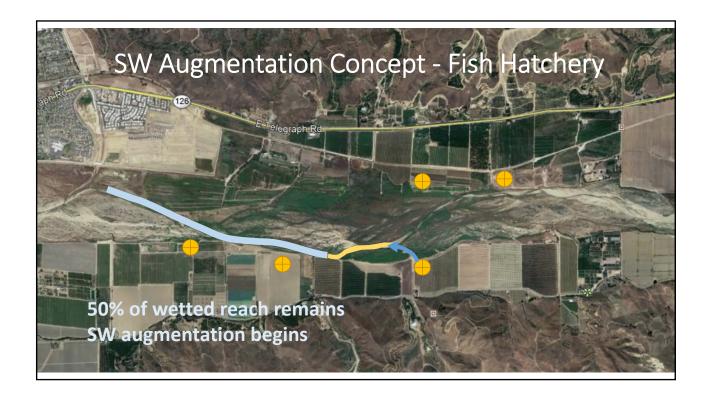
What did we learn?

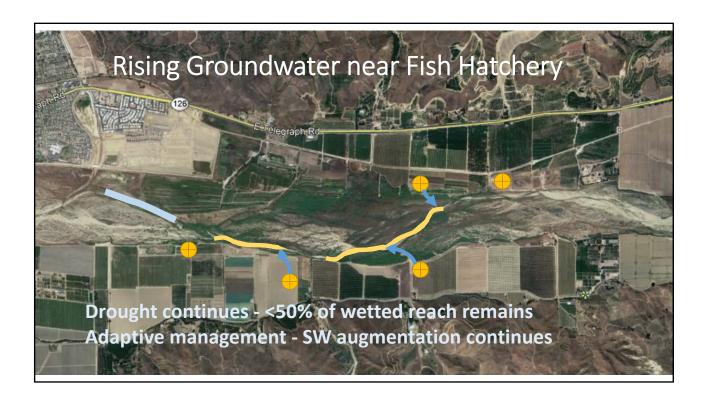
- Extended periods of below normal precipitation are possible in the 2070 future conditions modeling scenario
- Drought WLs under 2070 future climate change conditions are estimated to be 15 or less ft bgs
- Rising groundwater is expected to decrease to 5-10 cfs during droughts,
 but not cease near Willard Road
- The field observations of the SCR reach near the Willard Road records
 that the wetted reach begins to shrink within ~ 2 years of the beginning
 of a drought and could go dry within ~ 5 years

Summary Willard Road Fish Hatchery Comments ✓ GW extractions decrease SW flows by 5-10 cfs which creates ✓ GW extractions decrease periods of no flow that can last ~2-5 yrs SW flows by 5-10 cfs ✓ Are periods of no rising GW a Significant **Rising GW** and Unreasonable impact to SW (Surface Water Modeling suggests ✓ Modeling suggests future beneficial uses/users? Flows) future flows during flows will decrease 5-10 droughts could cease cfs but not go dry ✓ Are modeled water levels of 30-35 ft bgs and remain that way during a drought a Significant and for many months to a Unreasonable impact? few yrs If so, what mitigation measures should/could be considered (e.g., reduce GW extractions ✓ Water levels during near SCR? engineered solutions - Article 21 droughts modeled to Depth to GW ✓ Water levels during water, SW augmentation with GW, or ?) be mostly in 30-35 ft during droughts modeled to be bgs range, but could droughts 15 ft bgs or less extend from 21-51 ft bgs









Key Elements SW Augmentation Concept

- Goals: Use GW to support ecosystem survival through the drought. Water provides <u>some</u> water to the root zone for GW dependent vegetation and creates SW pools for amphibians, etc.
- The SW augmentation system would be implemented only during drought conditions when the length of the wetted reach declines below the trigger value.
- What is the minimum amount of wetted reach to maintain? This length becomes a trigger value that, when exceeded, initiates the use of GW to augment SW flows.
- GW used for SW flow augmentation comes from wells perforated in deeper aquifers (not the shallow aquifer supplying the rising GW).
- If possible, no new wells would be drilled. Excess capacity from existing wells would be "crowd sourced" from multiple wells. Wells would likely be used sequentially to maintain the trigger length of wetted reach.

Key Elements SW Augmentation Concept

- FPBGSA would be responsible for any well retrofitting (e.g., discharge piping), metering, power costs for pumping the well, and a contribution towards maintenance costs of the well.
- The number of wells needed depends on the length of the wetted interval to be reestablished, stream bed percolation rate, and quantity of water needed for reestablishment.
- What amount of water should be added for augmentation purposes?

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\checkmark1 cfs = ~ 450 gal/min (1 well)

\checkmark5 cfs = ~ 2,250 gal/min (2-4 wells)

\checkmark10 cfs = ~4,500 gal/min (4-7 wells)
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• The length of time the SW augmentation program could be in use might be *multiple* years. The amount of GW pumped could be extensive, for example:

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√ 450 gal/min = 726 AFY
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