



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

City of Fillmore City Hall Council Chambers

250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

1A Pledge of Allegiance

1B Directors Roll Call

1C Public Comments

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) will accept public comment concerning agenda items at the time the item is considered and on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board during the agendaized Public Comment period. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. In accordance with Government Code § 54954.3(b)(1), public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per issue.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

County of Ventura Member Director Update

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director will provide an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2024.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel will provide an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2024.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates will provide an informational update on the Agency's groundwater sustainability planning and reporting activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2024.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

3A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2024, and May 30, Special Board Meeting.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A

\$43,459.07

3C Monthly Financial Report

The Board will receive the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Limoneira Company

Motion

The Board will consider waiving late fees and interest in the amount of \$261.07 for the Limoneira Company.

**4B Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Groundwater Extraction Fee and Adoption of Resolution 2024-XX
Public Hearing and Motion**

The Board will conduct a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fee of \$14 per acre-foot and consider adoption of Resolution 2024-XX setting the proposed extraction fee to become effective on July 1, 2024.

**4C Groundwater Sustainability Plans Workshop
Motion**

The Board will receive a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates on the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plans, receive comments and questions from stakeholders, and provide comments and recommendations to Agency team.

**4D Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget
Motion**

The Board will receive a presentation from staff regarding the Agency's anticipated scope of work for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and provide comments and direction.

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

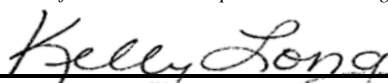
6. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July18, 2024**, or call of the Chair.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at UWCD's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street in Oxnard during normal business hours.

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Approved:



Board Chair Kelly Long

Posted: (date) June 14, 2024

(time) 4:30 p.m.

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

Posted: (date) June 14, 2024

(time) 4:45 p.m.

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: <https://www.facebook.com/FPBGSA>

Posted: (date) June 14, 2024

(time) 4:50 p.m.

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: UWCD, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard

Posted: (date) June 14, 2024

(time) 4:55 pm

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: Fillmore City Hall, 250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin
Director Albert Mendez
Director Kelly Long (Virtual)

Staff in Attendance

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Martin Koczanowicz, legal counsel
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

Public in Attendance

Rachel Leanen, Kimball Farms-El Hogar (virtual)
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)
Brian Zahn, UWCD (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:04p.m.

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Kimball led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 6 Directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin.

1C Public Comments

Director Kimball asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Director Kimball asked Executive Director Emmert if there were any changes to the

agenda. Mr. Emmert responded that there had been no changes to the agenda. Director Kimball then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Mendez; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson reported the Fillmore Pumpers Association said they will be meeting next week.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said Piru Pumpers Association stakeholders will meet next week, and said they will be having their officer's election in June.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin said one of the environmental partners is sponsoring legislation, and mentioned there will be a Southern Steelhead Coalition-sponsored watershed tour on May 21st, regarding barrier removal with focus on Sisar Creek. She finished her update with the mention of Friends of the Santa Clara River's field efforts continuing.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez had no update for the City of Fillmore.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said United Water continues with water releases from Santa Felicia Dam, recharge of the upstream basins, and diversions from Freeman for recharge. He mentioned that the Forebay area basins are full but recharging through the sides. He also mentioned budget development is ongoing and said there will be a budget workshop on May 28th at United Water's headquarters, in Oxnard. He also said there is a significant increase in pump fees due to projects (Santa Felicia Dam Safety, EBB, and Freeman Diversion), these projects all need support from pending grants and loans. Director Meneghin suggested that the federal Farm Bill should be considered as a source of funding for the projects mentioned.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long reported she has forwarded a letter regarding the Chiquita Canyon landfill notice of violation from November to Executive Director Emmert to share with Board members. She also mentioned the United States Forest Service is seeking input on its Saint Francis disaster trail proposal. She said the Santa Clara River Watershed – Southern Steelhead Coalition field meeting is upcoming in the month of June. She finished her update with the mention of fire season, and the critical activities taking place to reduce debris to hopefully eliminate chances of a fire.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director provided an informational update on the Agencies activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of April 18, 2024. Mr. Emmert said they received positive feedback from DWR regarding water year 2022-2023, with the mention of the Piru basin storage increase being the highest in the state, Fillmore basin was also the sixth highest in the state, and Oxnard basin managed recharge at the highest in the state, as well. He also said mailing address change and bank change is included in today's agenda for approval. He also provided an update on the budget development status, with a work plan overview item added to the agenda. He also proposed a Special Board meeting to take place on May 30th to review draft of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, and proposed groundwater extraction fees. He finished his update with saying he will agendize a budget and fees adoption for the June 20th, Board meeting.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel had no update.

2D GSP Consultant Update

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3B. Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| UWCD | \$41,534.14 |
| DBS&A | 31,363.00 |
| Aleshire & Wynder LLP | 2,969.60 |

3C. Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Motion to approve consent calendar, Director Fornoff; second, Director Jackson.

Voice call vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and

Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

4. INFORMATION ITEM

4A East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Area Study Information

The Board received a presentation from University of California, Santa Barbara, Bren School Master of Science candidates on their study, *Assessing Riparian Woodland Response to Shallow Groundwater Availability*.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for City of Fillmore Motion

The Board approved waiving late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,358.93 for the City of Fillmore.

Motion to approve, Director Mendez; second, Director Jackson. Voice call vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

5B Change of Mailing Address Motion

The Board adopted Resolution 2024-01 authorizing changing the Agency's mailing address.

Motion to approve, Director Meneghin; second, Director Fornoff. Voice call vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

5C Change of Banks to Citizens Business Bank Motion

The Board adopted Resolution 2024-02 authorizing changing the Agency's bank to Citizens Business Bank.

Motion to approve, Director Jackson; second, Director Meneghin. Voice call vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

5D Amendment to Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for Technical Support Services to Amend and Resubmit Groundwater Sustainability Plans Motion

The Board approved Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement No. 2019-01-18-DBSA with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. for technical support to amend and resubmit its groundwater sustainability plans.

Motion to approve, Director Jackson; second, Director Long. Voice call vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

5E Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan

Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff regarding the Agency’s anticipated scope of work for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and provide comments and direction. Directors requested a 5-year work plan and will be seeking grants.

6. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

None mentioned.

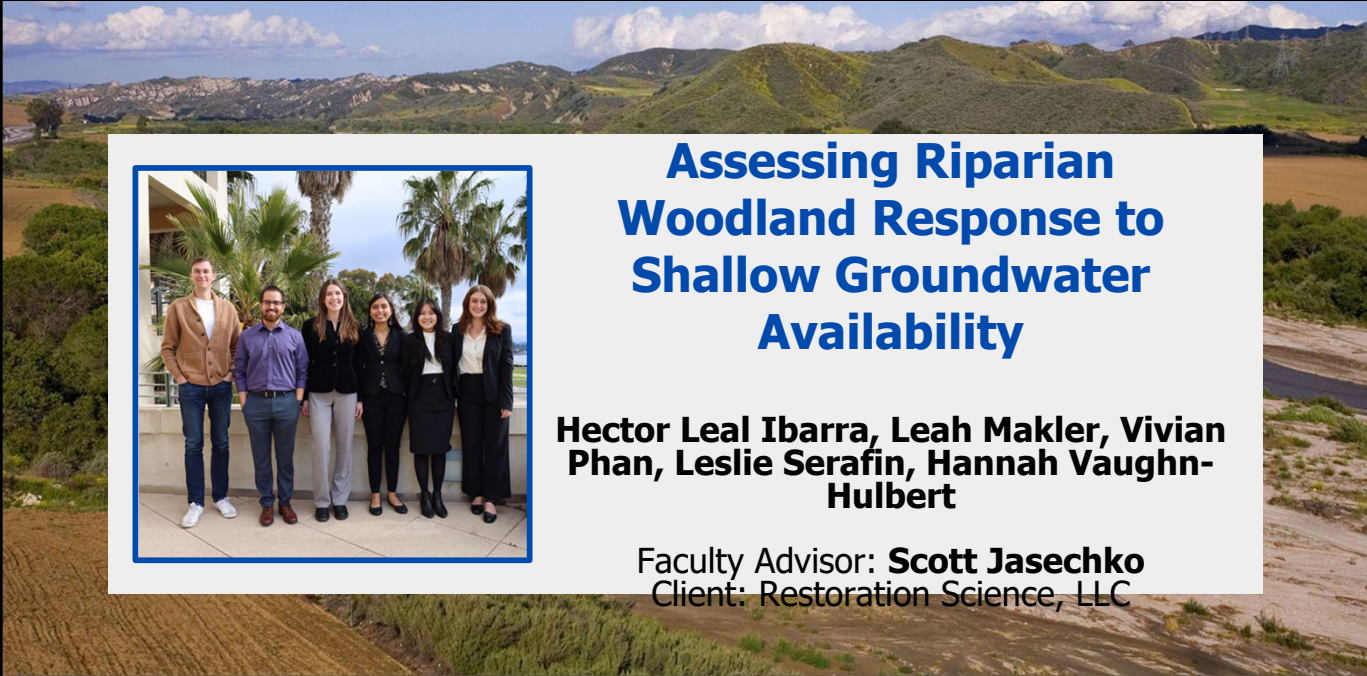
7. ADJOURNMENT 6:11 pm.


Director Kimball adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **June 20, 2024**, or call of the Chair

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Gordon Kimball, Vice Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board





Assessing Riparian Woodland Response to Shallow Groundwater Availability

Hector Leal Ibarra, Leah Makler, Vivian Phan, Leslie Serafin, Hannah Vaughn-Hulbert

Faculty Advisor: **Scott Jasechko**
Client: Restoration Science, LLC



FPBGSA Board of Directors Meeting
Bren School of Environmental Science & Management
May 16, 2024

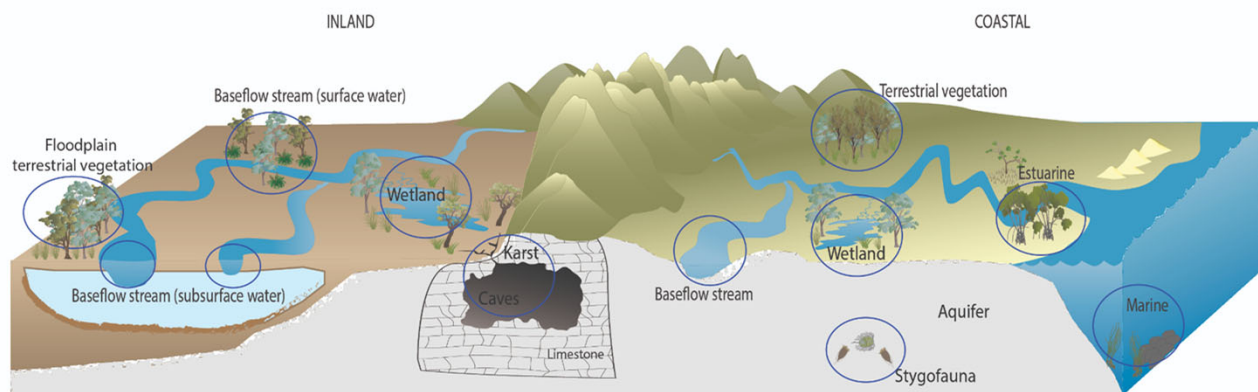
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“Ecological communities that depend on groundwater emerging from aquifers or on groundwater occurring near the ground surface”*

Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems



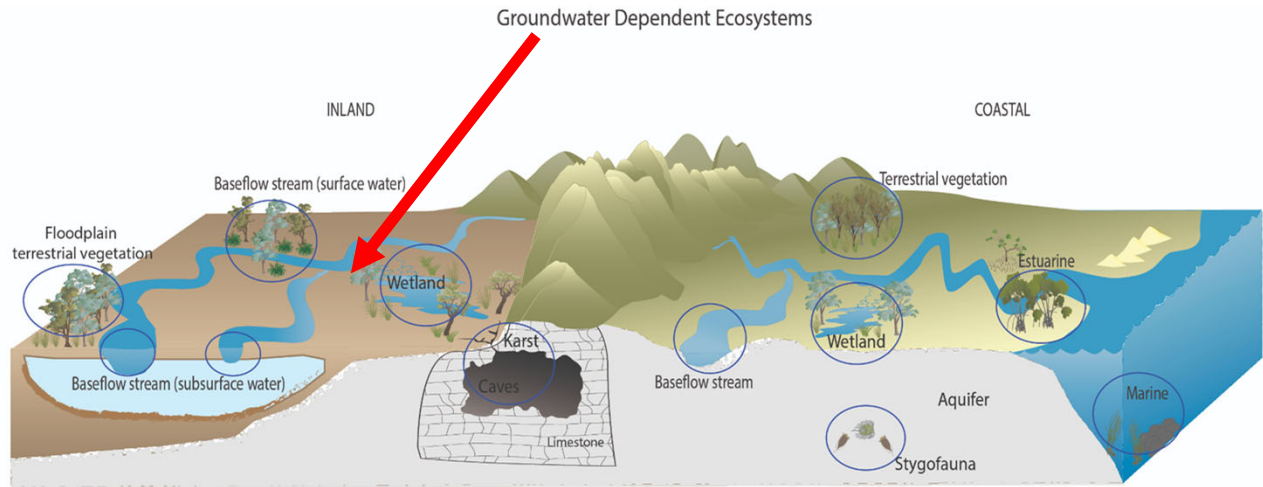
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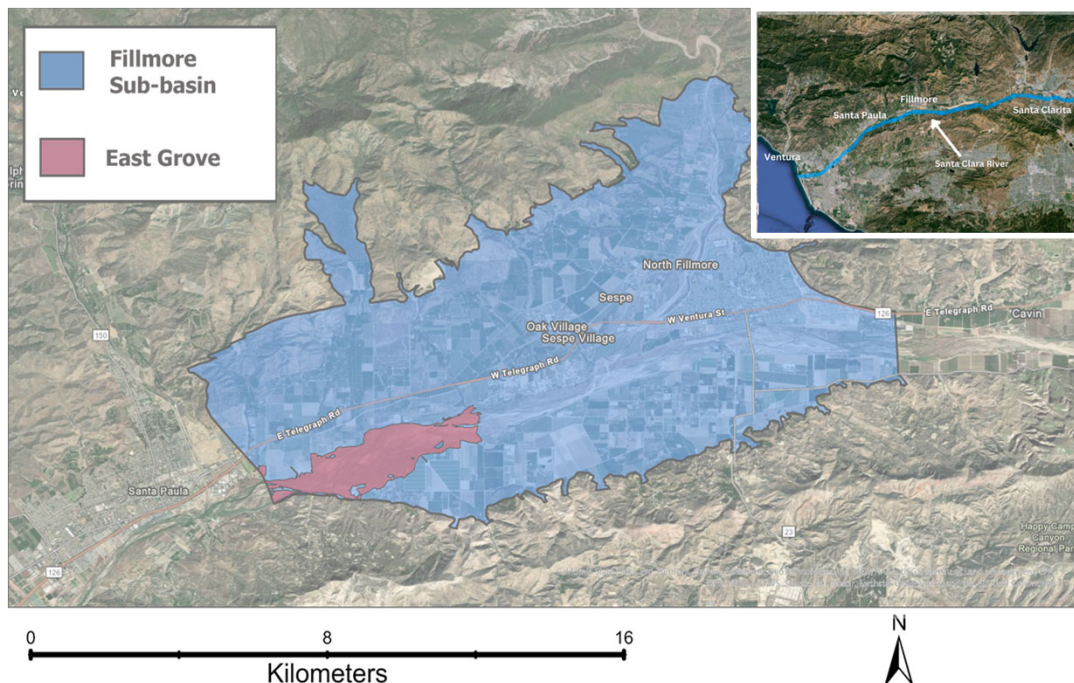


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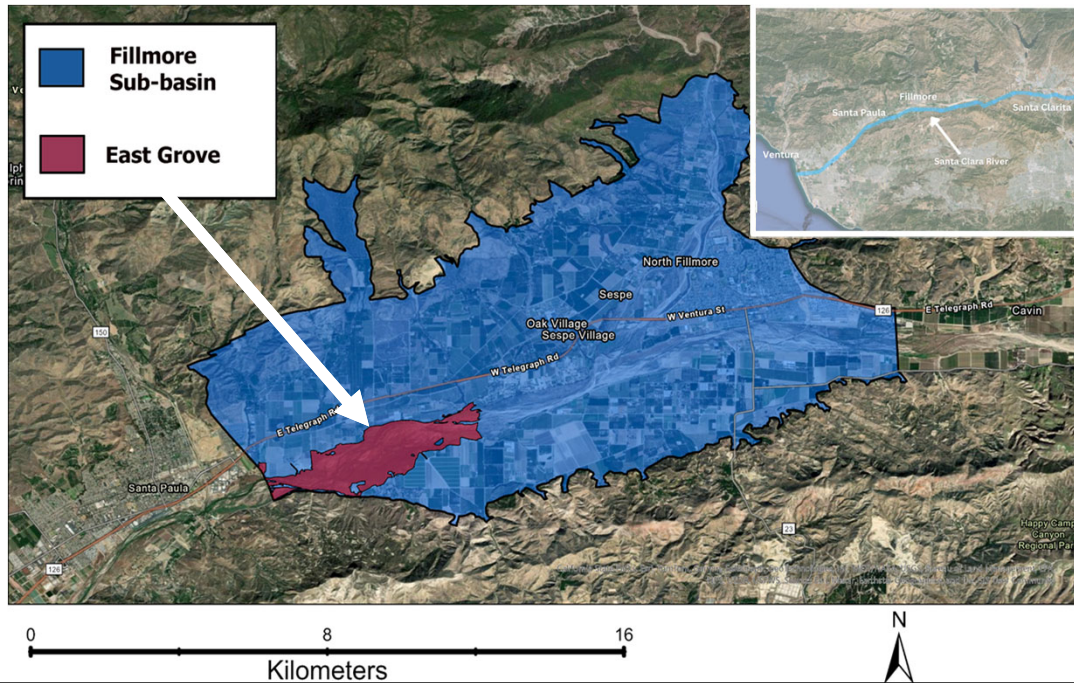
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Project Study Region: The Santa Clara River



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East Grove: Riparian Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem



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What We Know

- East Grove provides **habitat** for **endangered species**.

Photo: The Nature Conservancy, n.d.

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What We Know

- East Grove provides **habitat** for **endangered species**.
- Human vs. ecosystem **groundwater** demands.
- No specific guidelines for **management**.

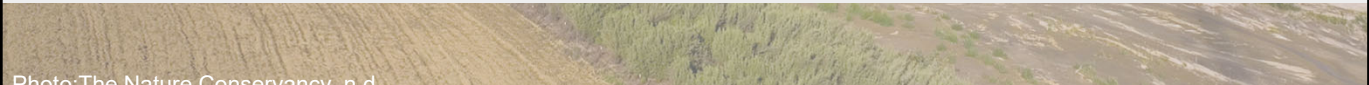


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Knowledge Gap

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Understanding these dynamics is critical for management.

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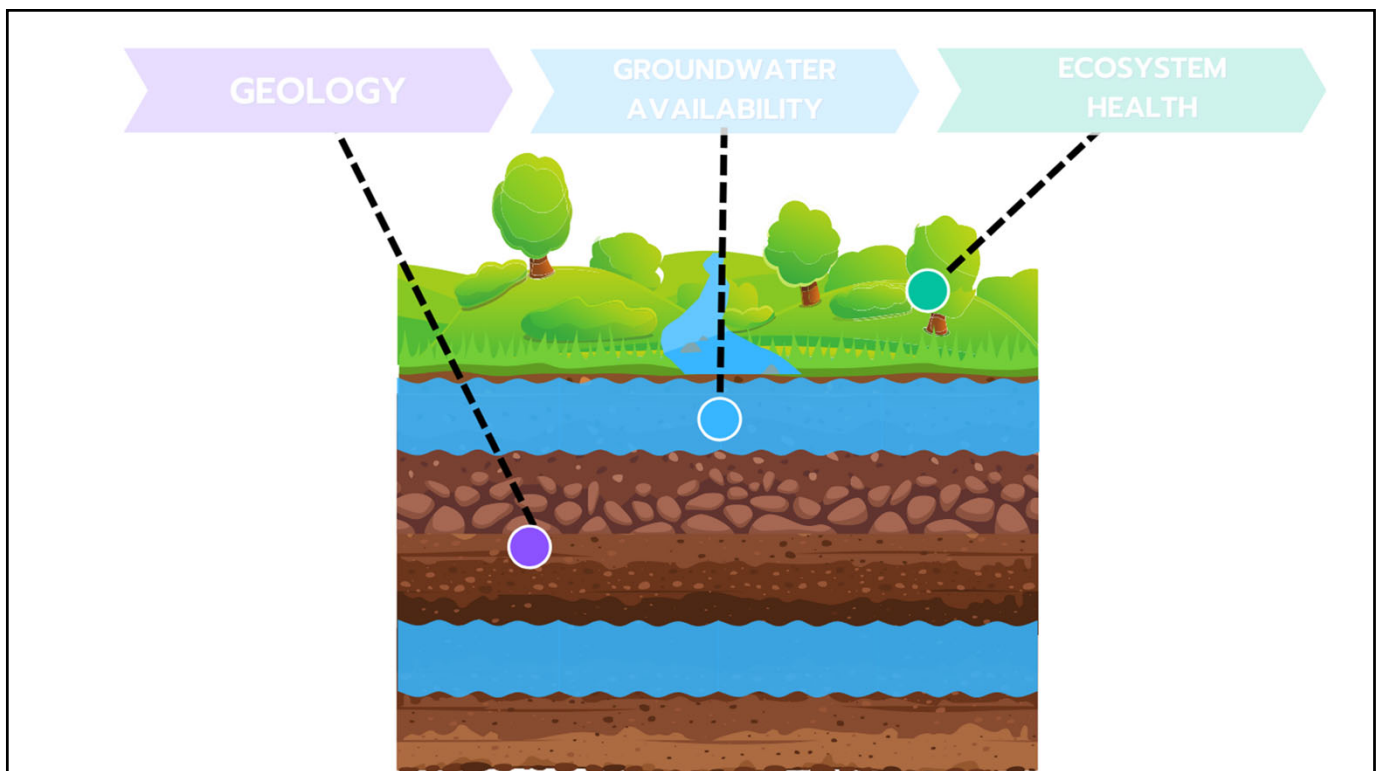
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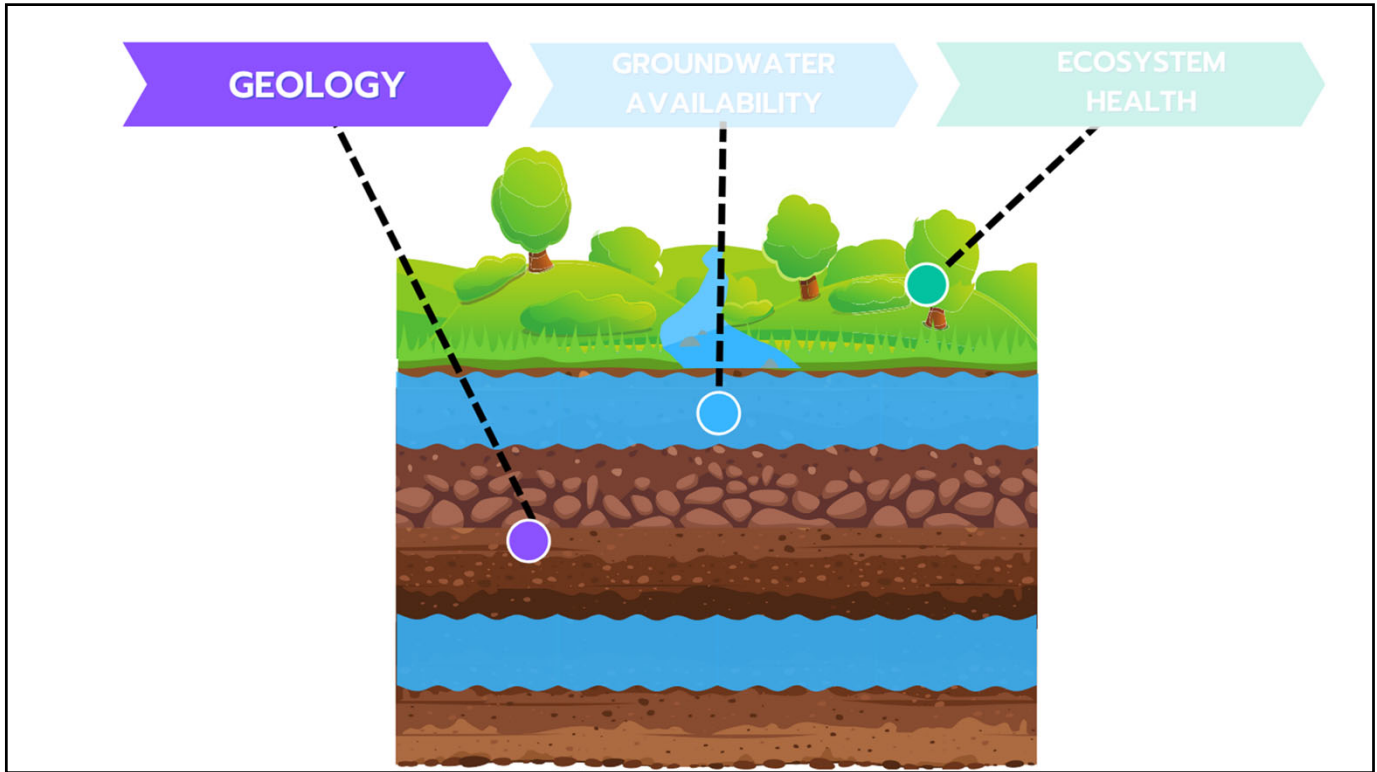
How do **groundwater** levels **impact** the **East Grove riparian ecosystem**?

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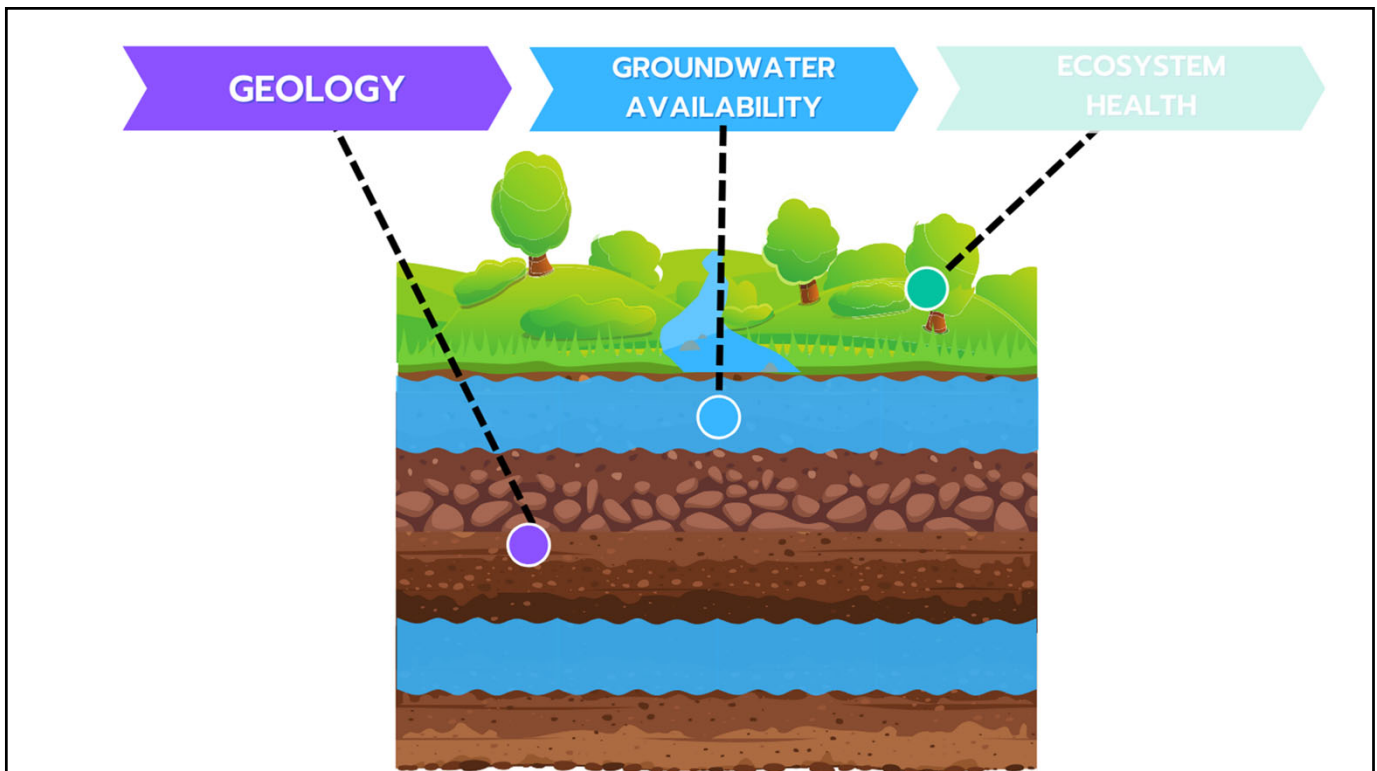
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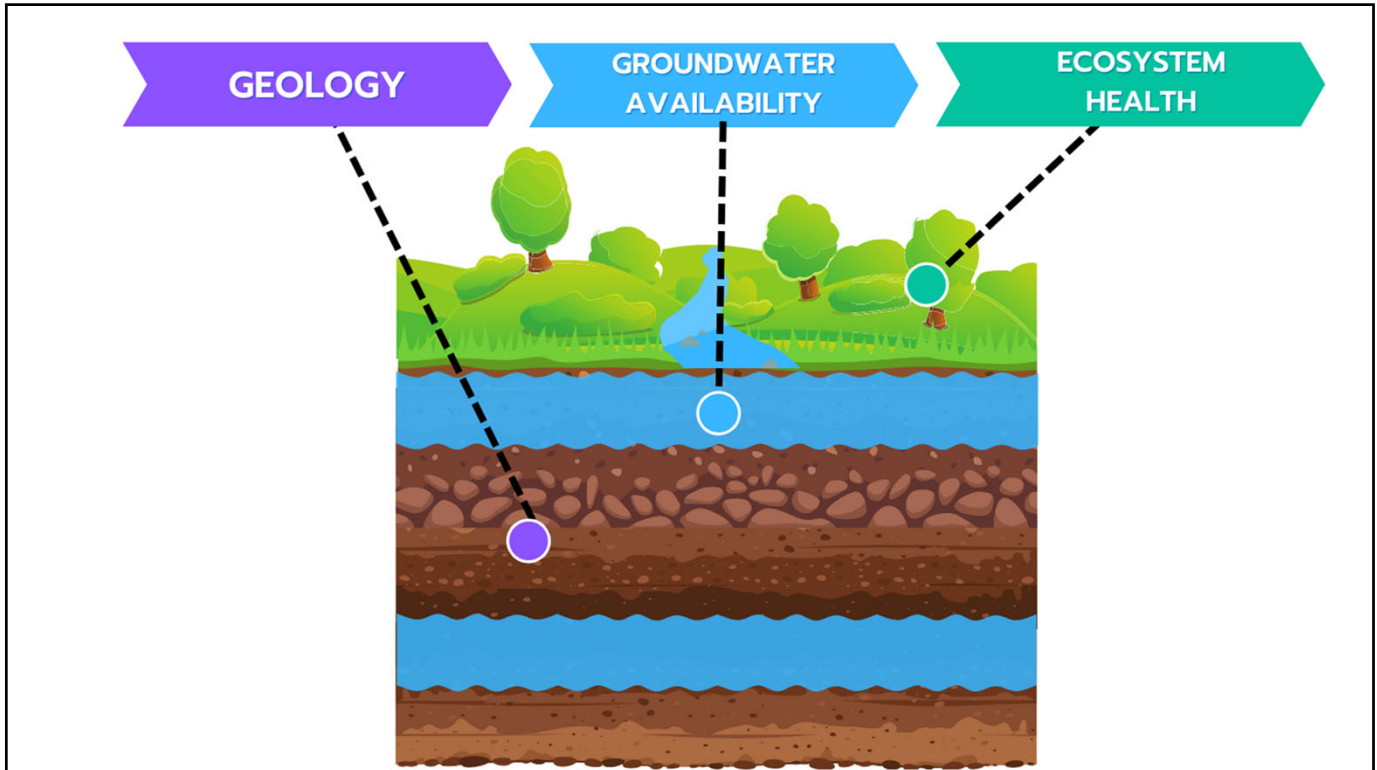
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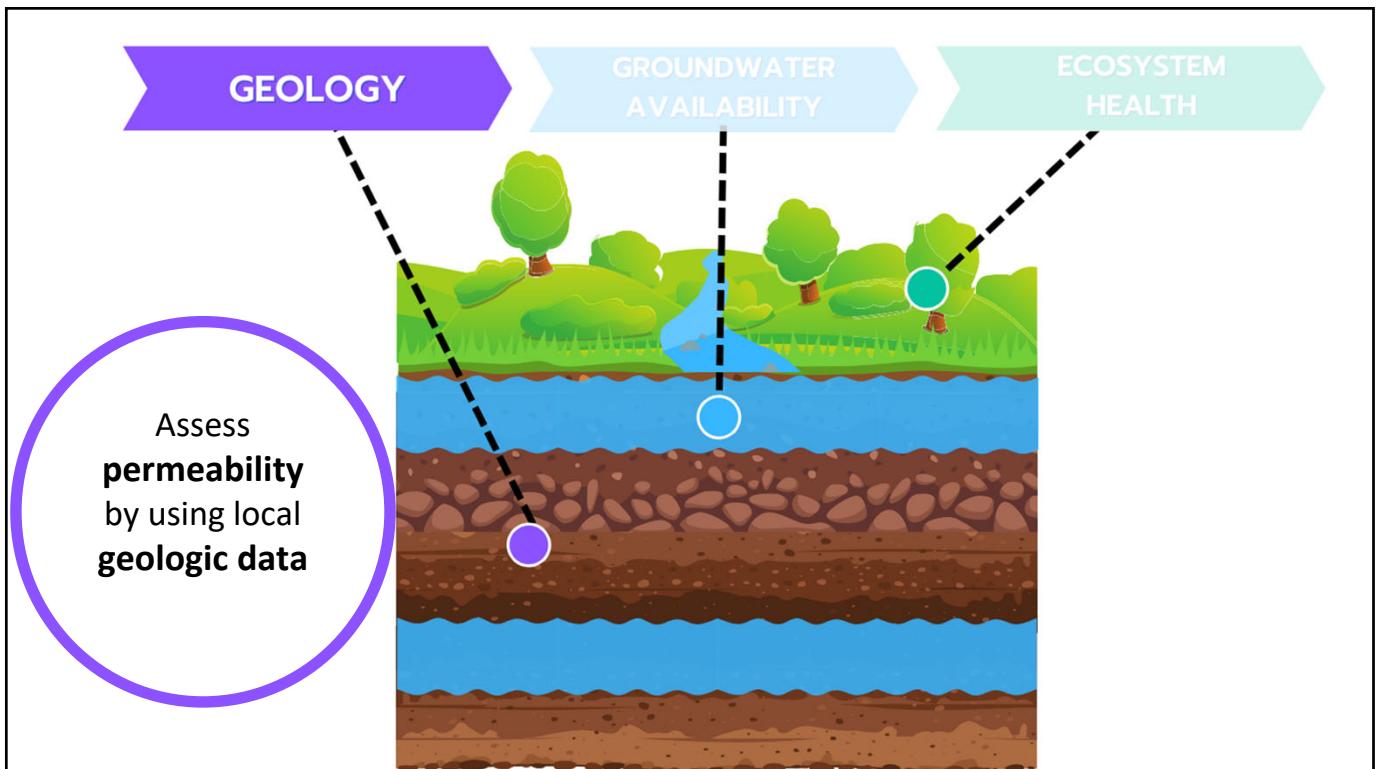
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GEOLOGY
GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY
ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

Transcribing Lithological logs

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File Original with DWR

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Owner's Well Number: **04N24S1N11S102W**

Date Work Began: **01/12/2017** Date Work Ended: **3/17/2017**

Local Permit Agency: **Ventura County Environmental Health**

Permit Number: **SWP-08088** Permit Date: **12/6/16**

State of California
Well Completion Report
No. **00335643**

DWR Use Only - Do Not Fill In

State Well Number: **04N24S1N11S102W**

Latitude: **34° 24' 51" N** Longitude: **119° 05' 10" W**

APN/RS/Other: **APN/RS/Other**

Geologic Log

| Depth from Surface Feet | Feet | Description |
|----------------------------|------|---|
| 0 | 7 | Fine to coarse sand |
| 7 | 32 | Fine to coarse sand, rock & boulders |
| 32 | 42 | Fine to coarse gravel, sand & boulders |
| 42 | 63 | Rocks, gravel and fine to coarse sand |
| 63 | 103 | Cobble and gravel with fine to coarse sand |
| 103 | 124 | 95% Brown clay with some sand |
| 124 | 136 | 30% sand and gravel |
| 136 | 156 | Sandy clay with gravel |
| 156 | 196 | Brown clay with some sand and gravel |
| 196 | 210 | Brown clay with 3/4 inch gravel |
| 210 | 240 | Fine to coarse sand with gravel |
| 240 | 260 | Fine to coarse sand and gravel more brown clay |
| 260 | 314 | 50% Brown clay and 50% fine to coarse sand and gravel |
| 314 | 325 | 65% Fine to coarse sand and gravel with 35% clay |
| 325 | 336 | 70% Fine to coarse sand and gravel with 30% clay |
| 336 | 346 | 50% Clay with 50% fine sand and gravel |
| 346 | 388 | Coarse sand and rock with 10% clay |
| 388 | 398 | Coarse sand and rock |
| 398 | 410 | Fine to coarse sand and boulders with clay lenses |
| 410 | 420 | Fine to coarse sand with boulders |
| 420 | 440 | Fine to coarse sand and boulders with clay lenses |
| 440 | 450 | Boulders with clay |
| 450 | 536 | Hard packed clay and silt |

Total Depth of Boring: **536** Feet

Total Depth of Completed Well: **450** Feet

Well Location

Address: **Sacramento & La Campina Road**

City: **Fillmore** County: **Ventura**

Latitude: **34° 24' 32" N** Longitude: **119° 05' 05" W**

Datum: **WGS84** Decimal Lat: **34.40803** Decimal Long: **119.08150**

APN Book: **241** Page: **0-120** Parcel: **045**

Township: **4N** Range: **20W** Section: **23**

Location Sketch

(Sketch must be drawn to scale after item is placed.)

Activity

☒ New Well
☐ Modification/Repair
☐ Deepen
☐ Other

Planned Uses

☒ Water Supply
☐ Domestic ☐ Public
☐ Irrigation ☐ Industrial
☐ Cathodic Protection
☐ Desalting
☐ Heat Exchange
☐ Injection
☐ Monitoring
☐ Remediation
☐ Sparging
☐ Test Well
☐ Vapor Extraction
☐ Other

Water Level and Yield of Completed Well

Depth to first water: **202** (Feet below surface)

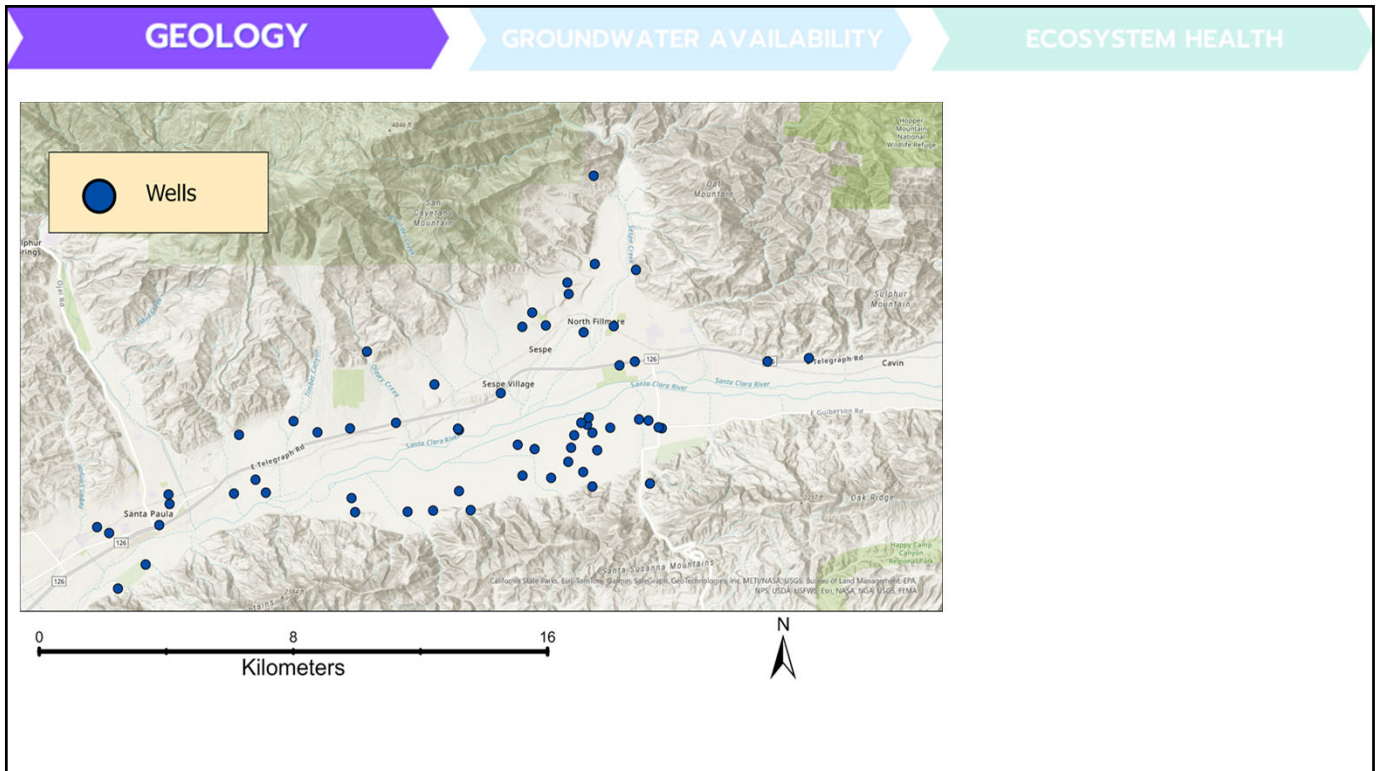
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Estimated Yield: **500** (GPM) Test Type: **Constant Rate**

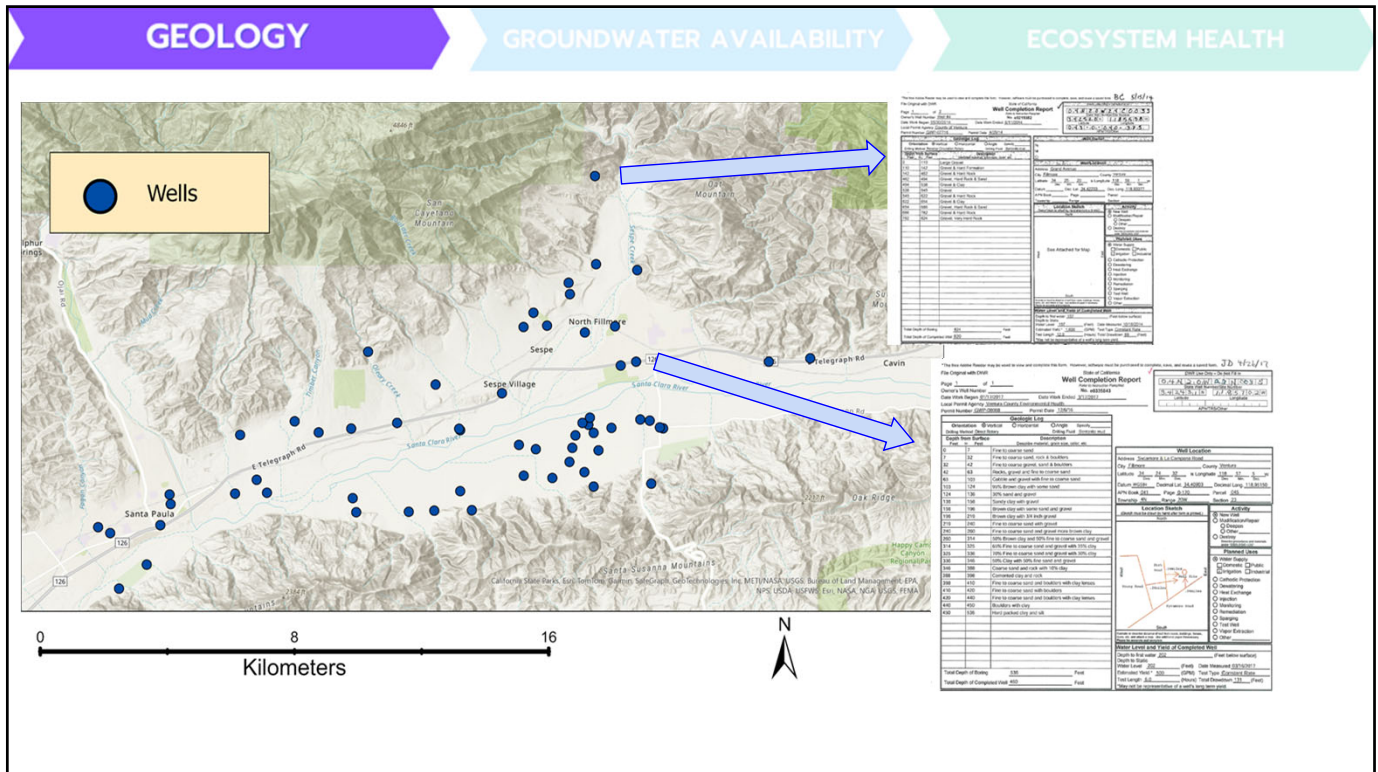
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*May not be representative of a well's long term yield.

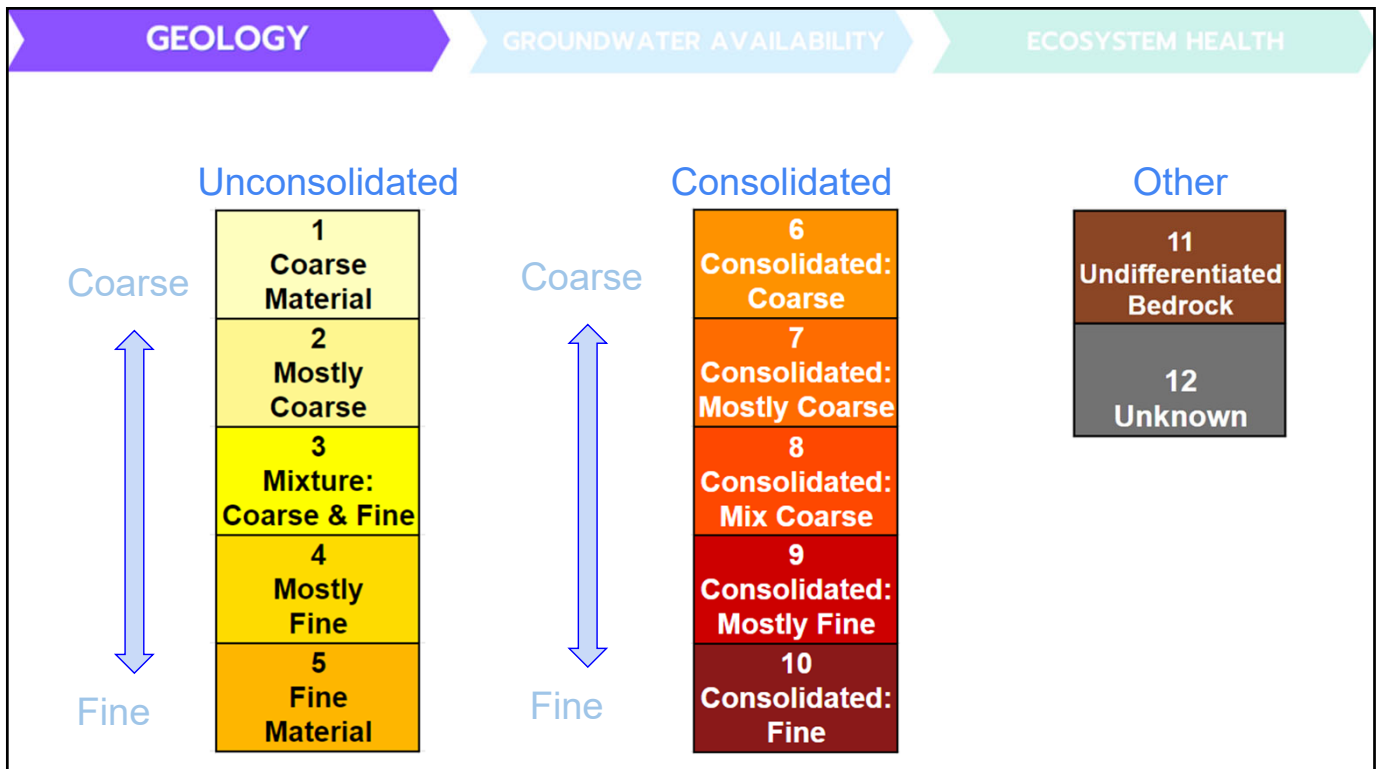
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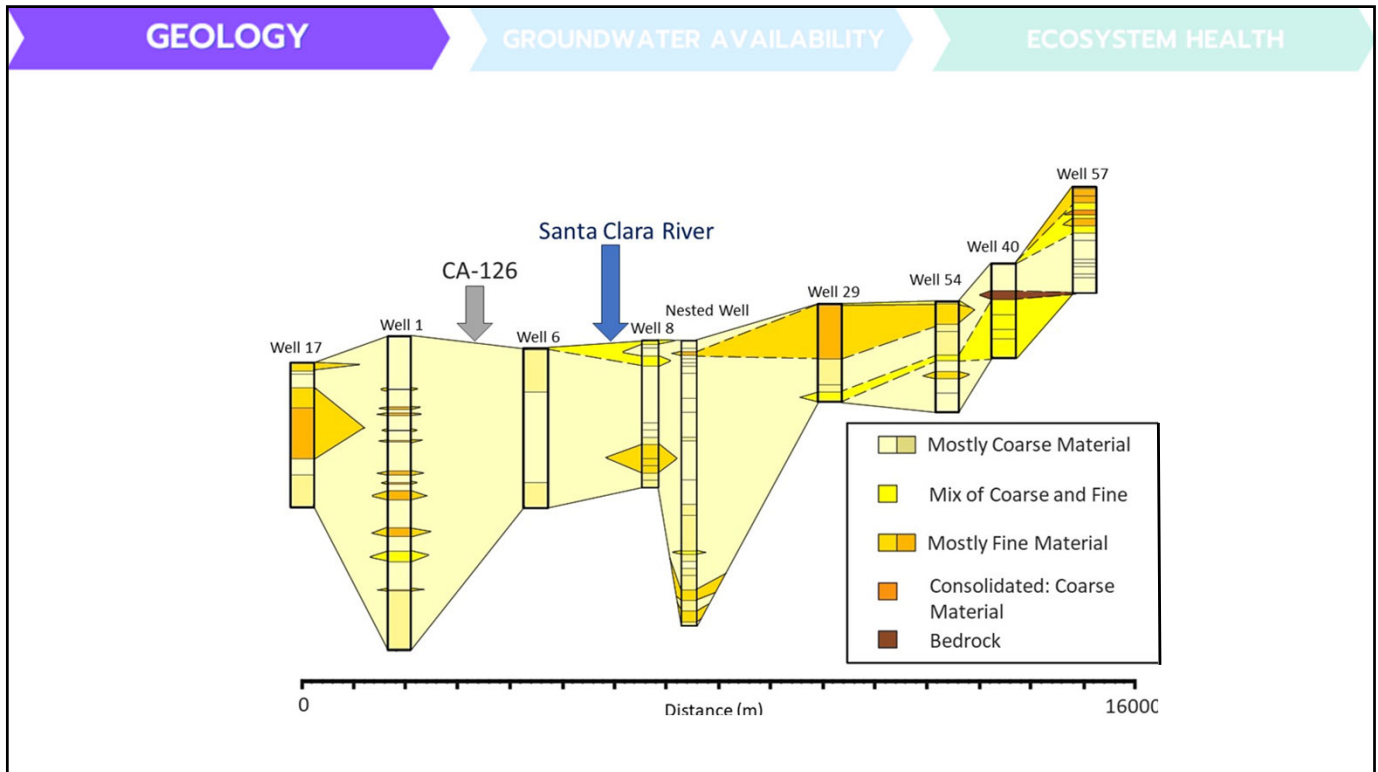


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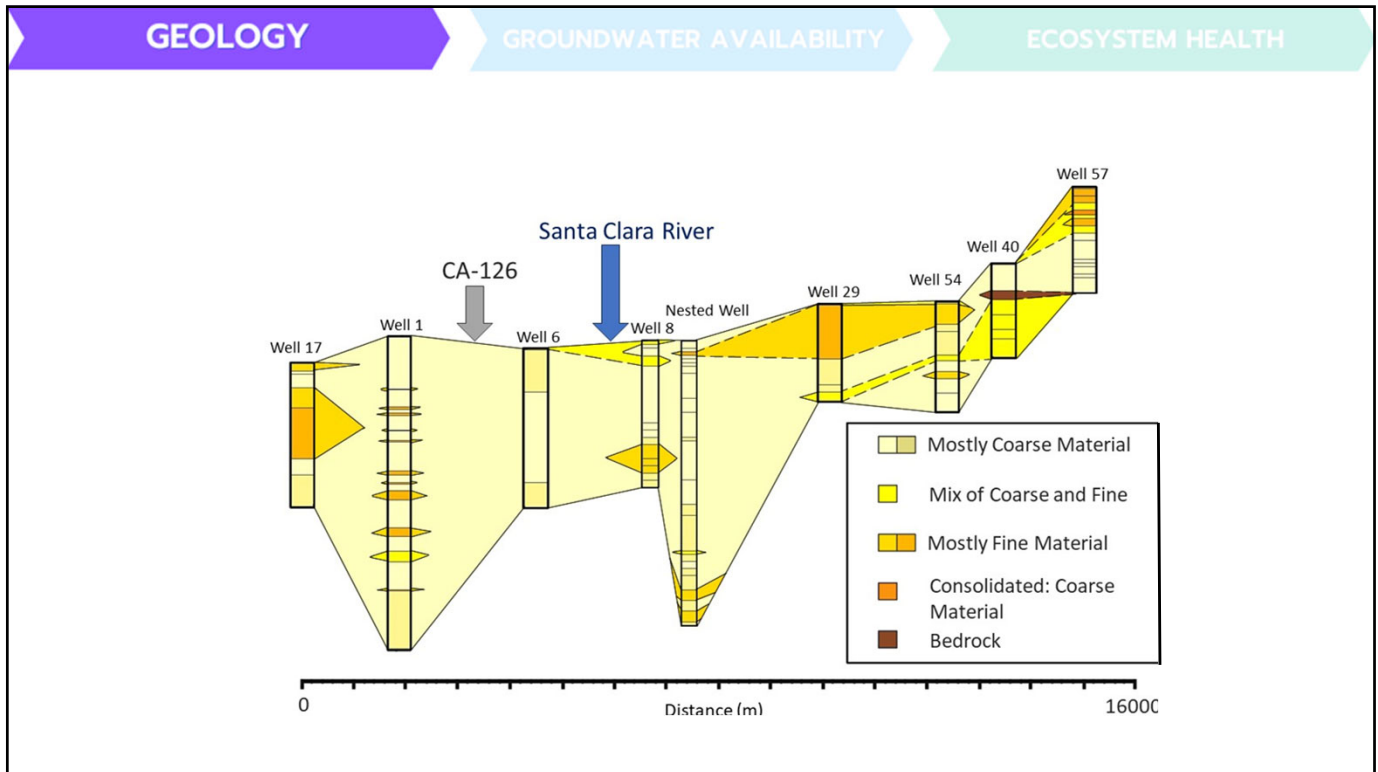




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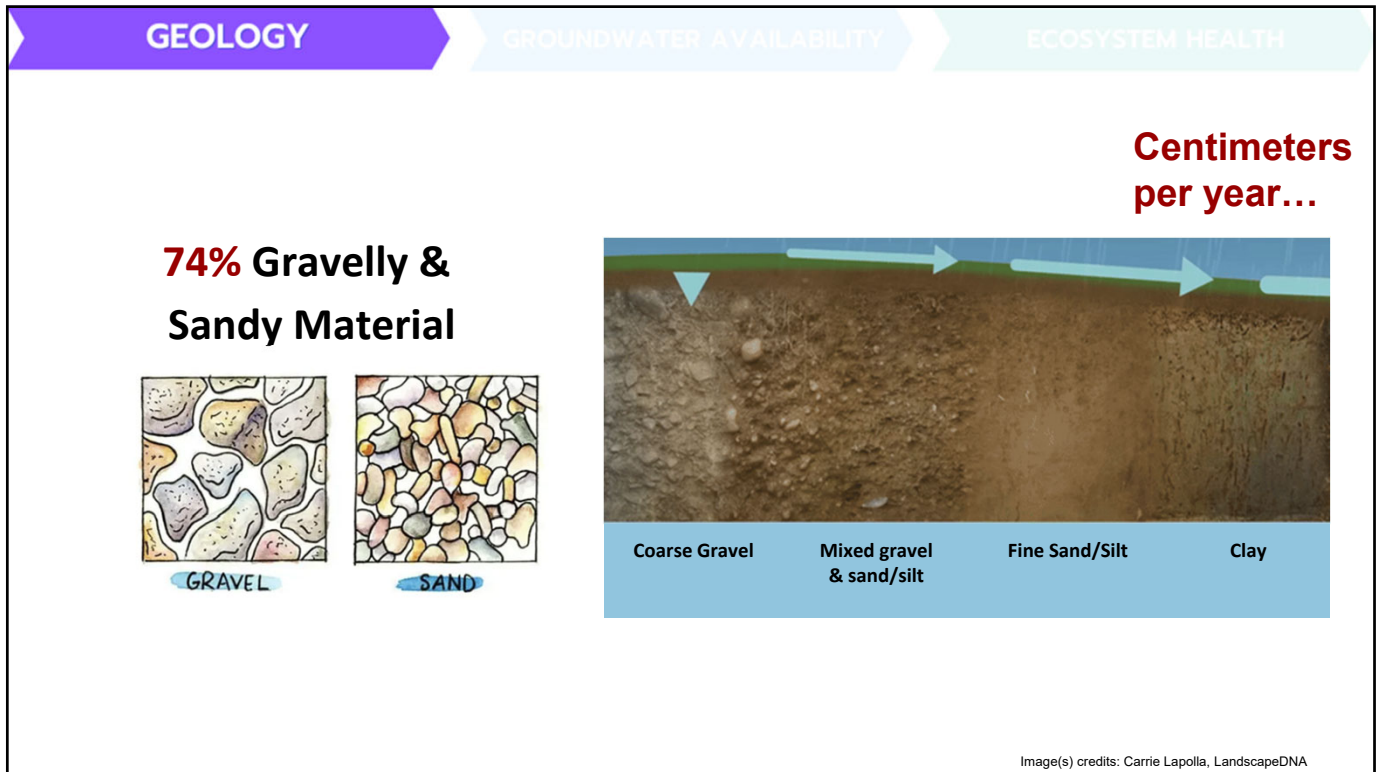
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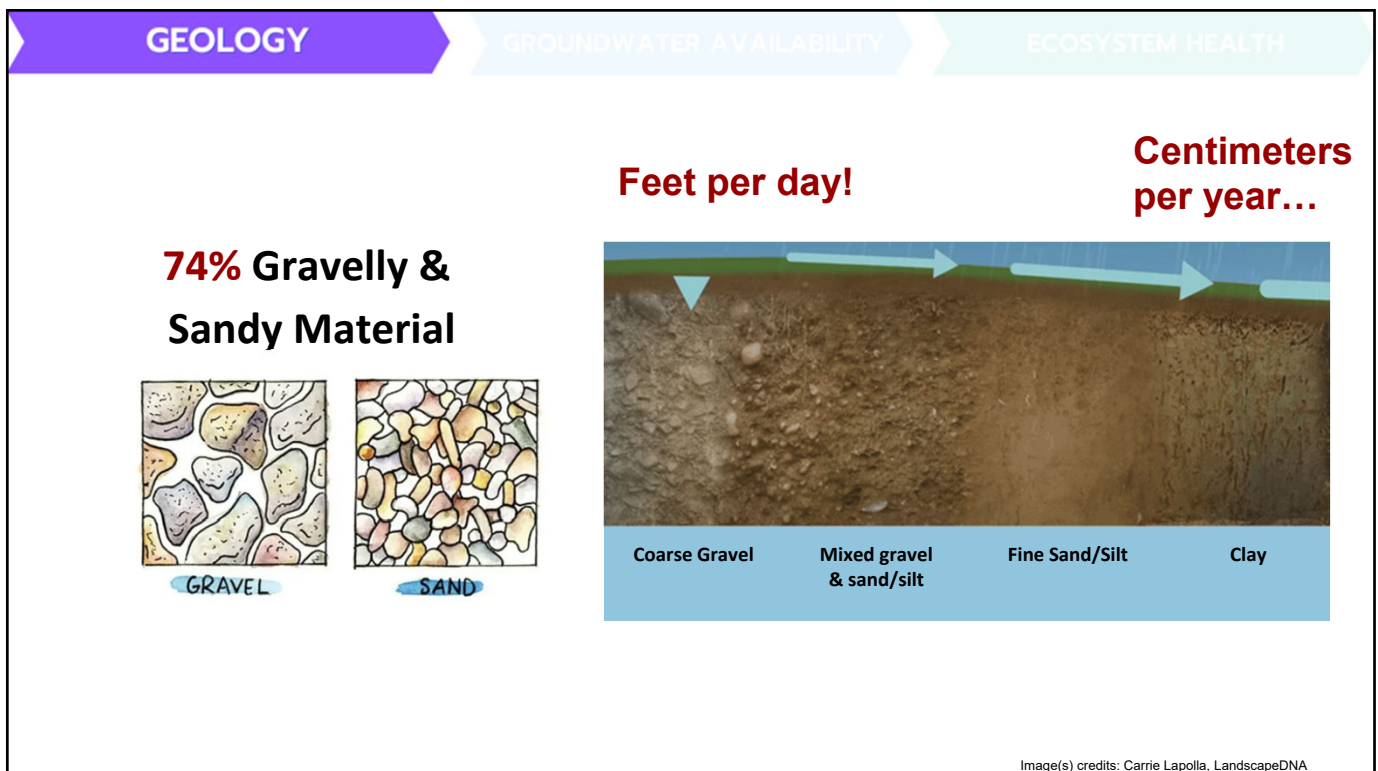
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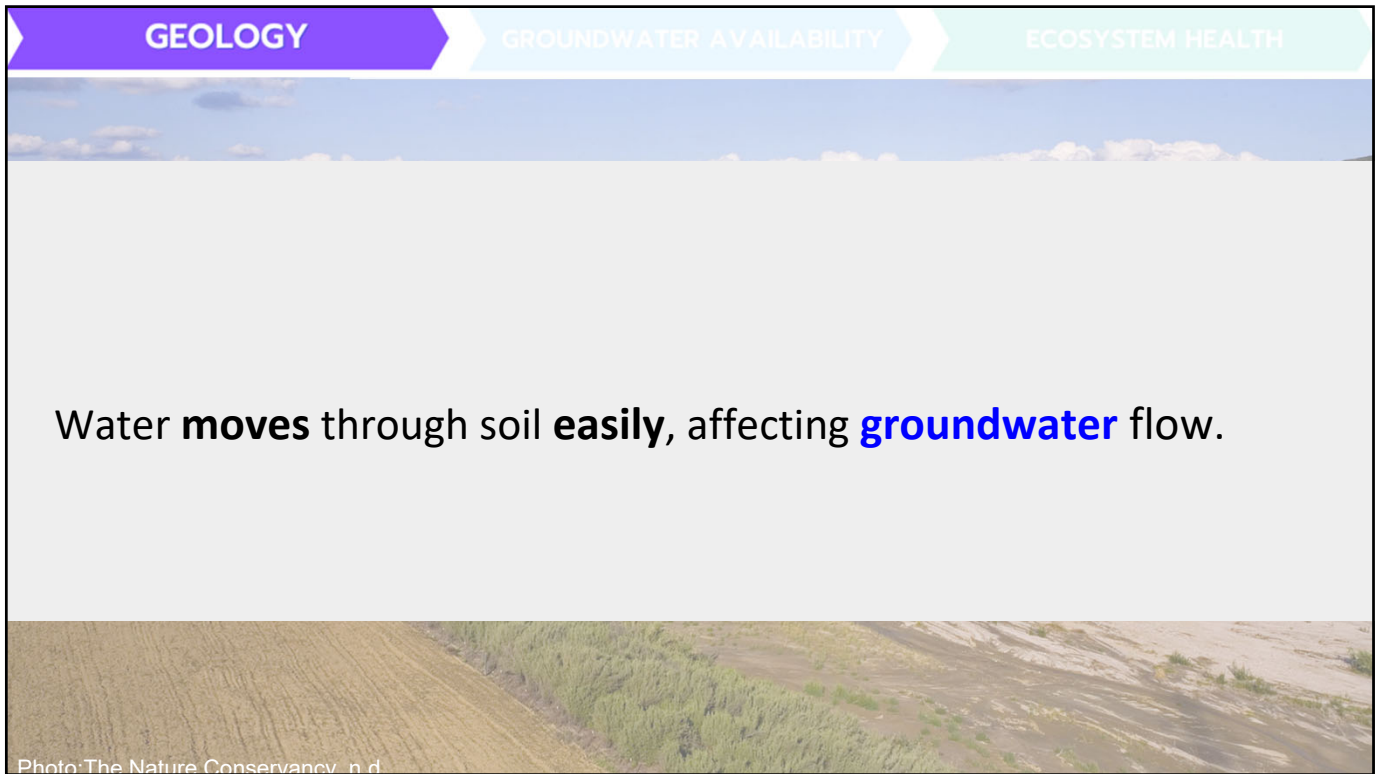
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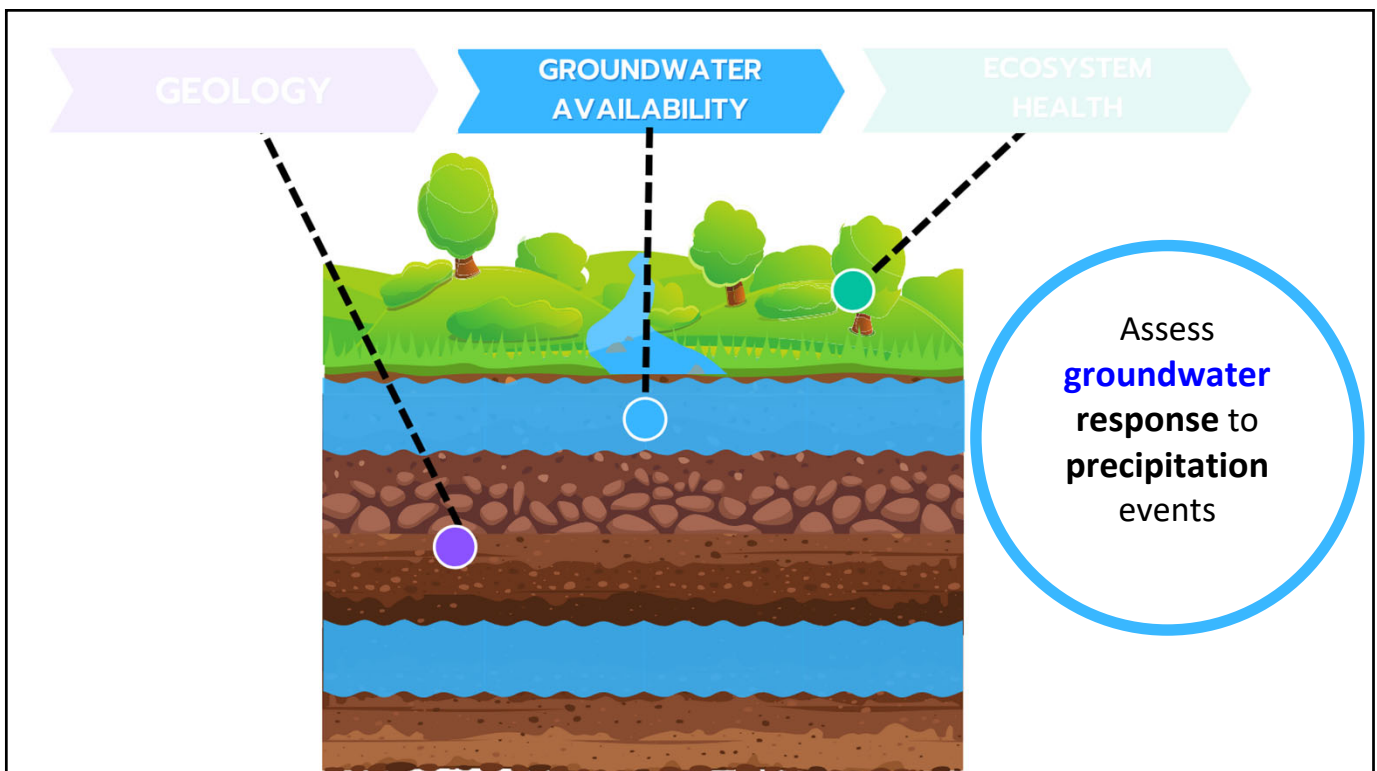
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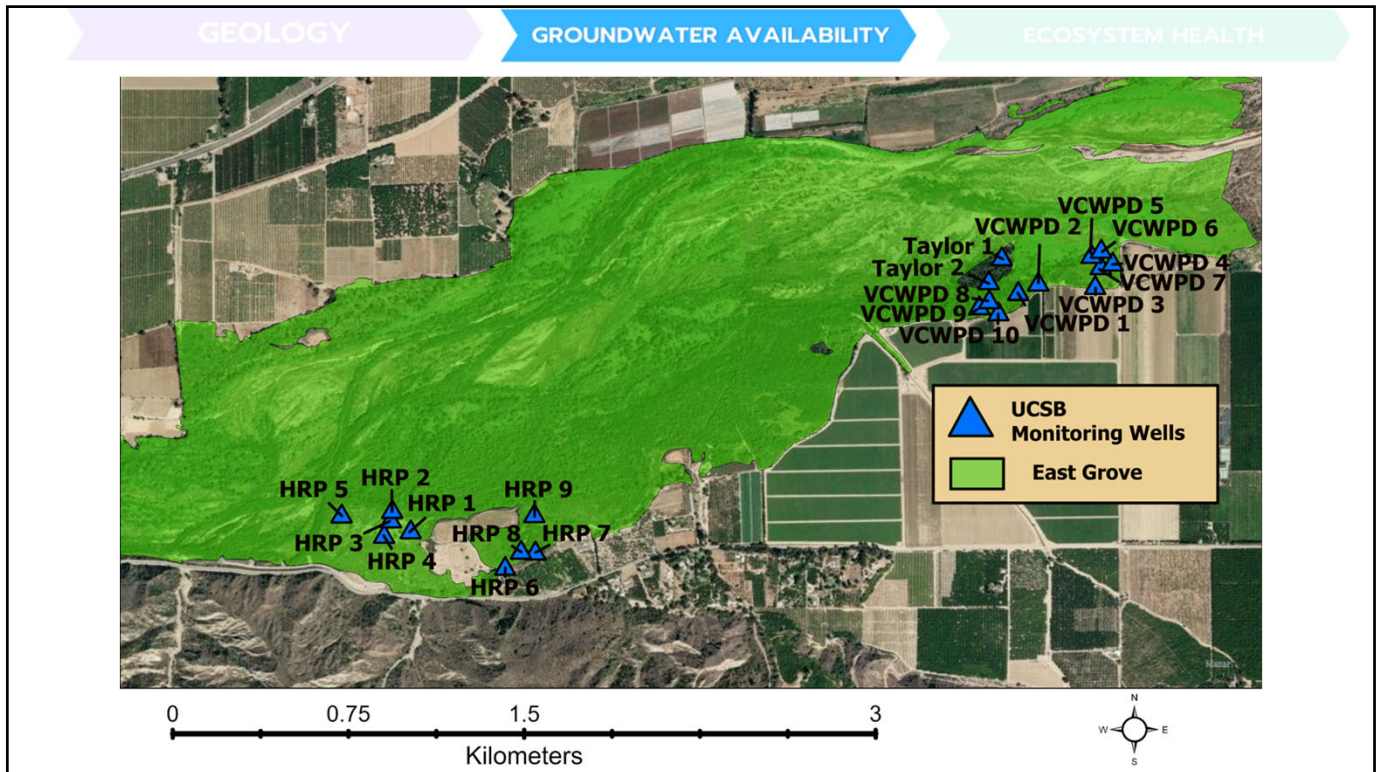
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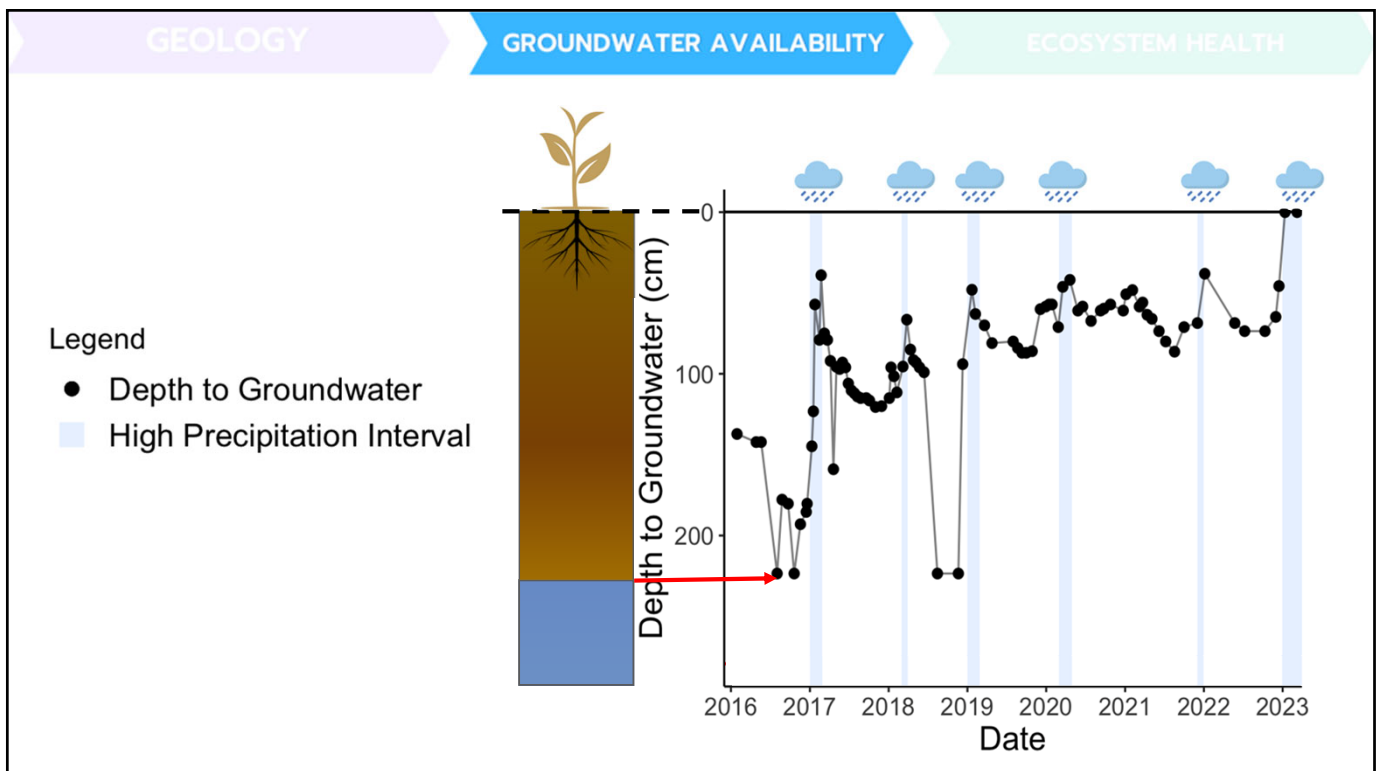
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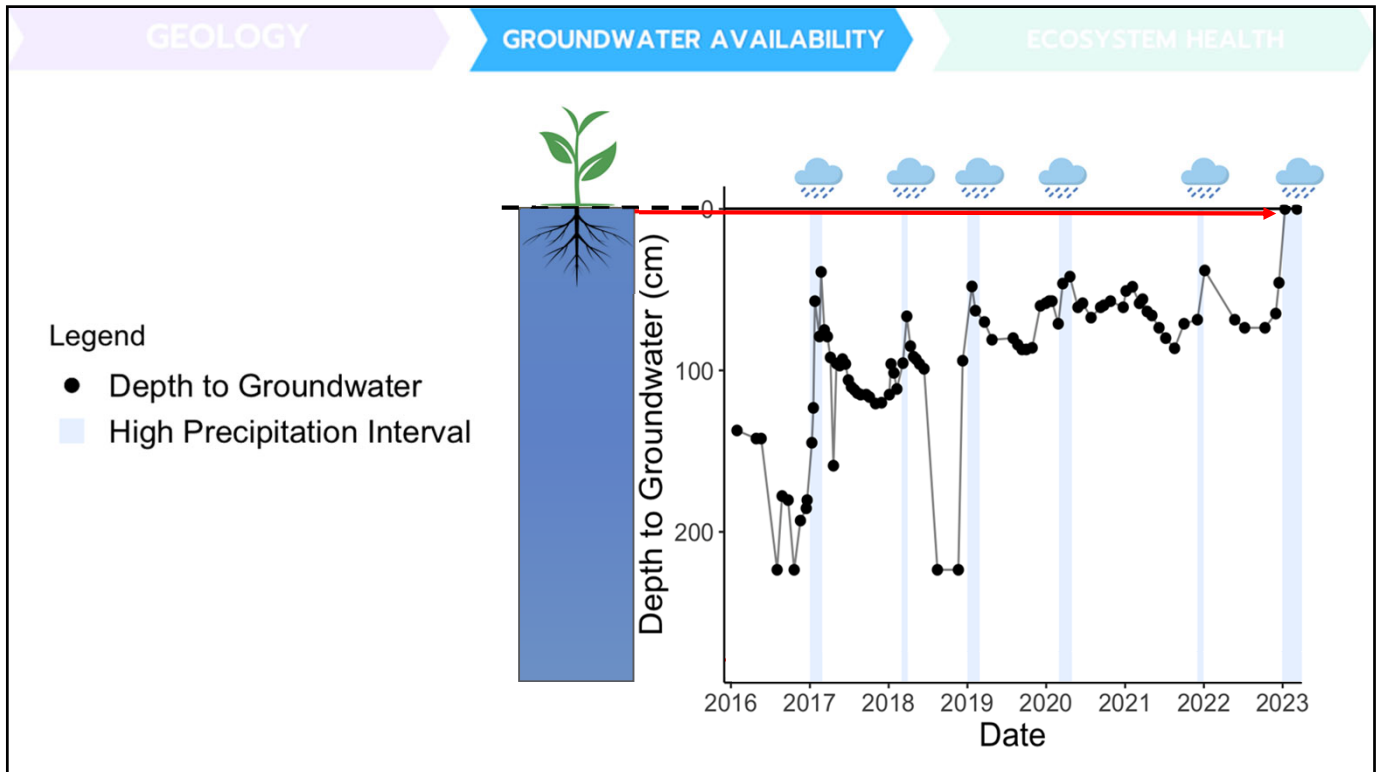
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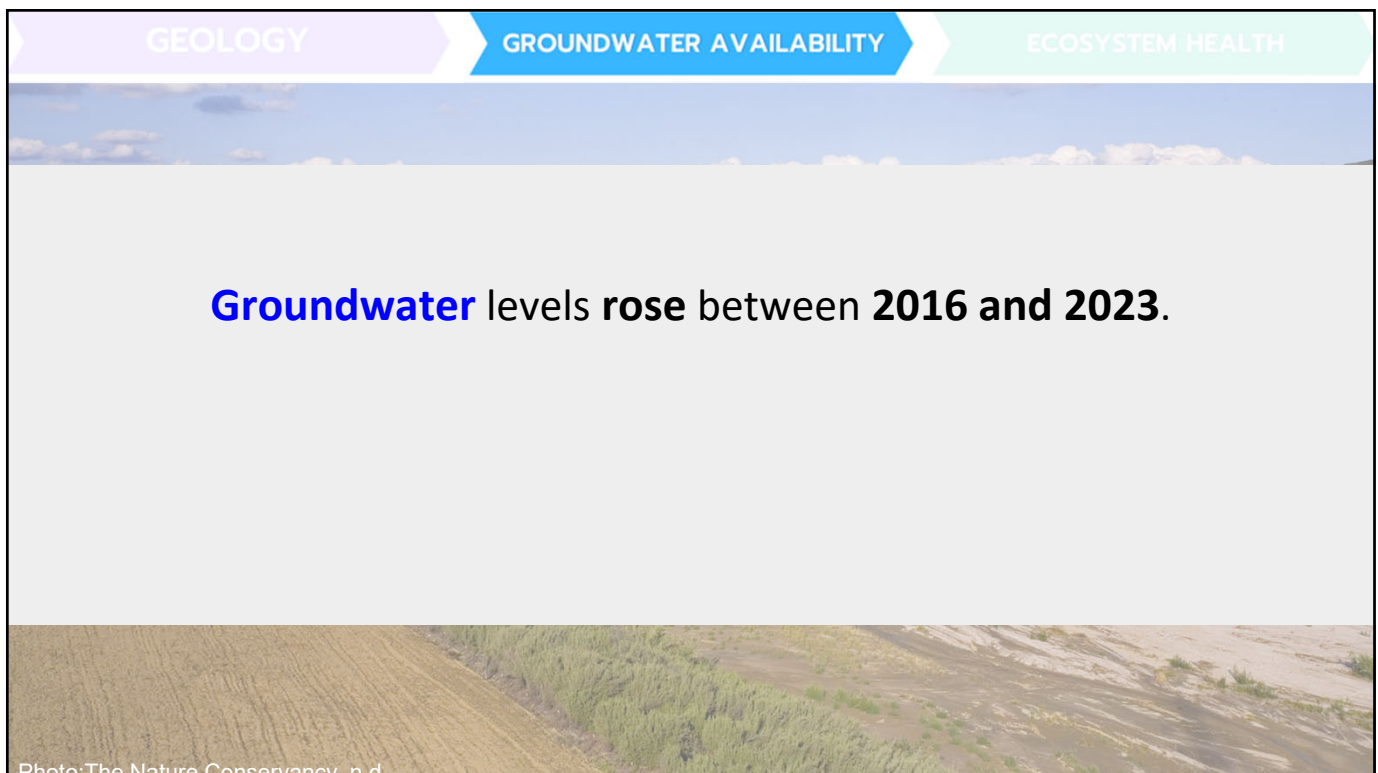
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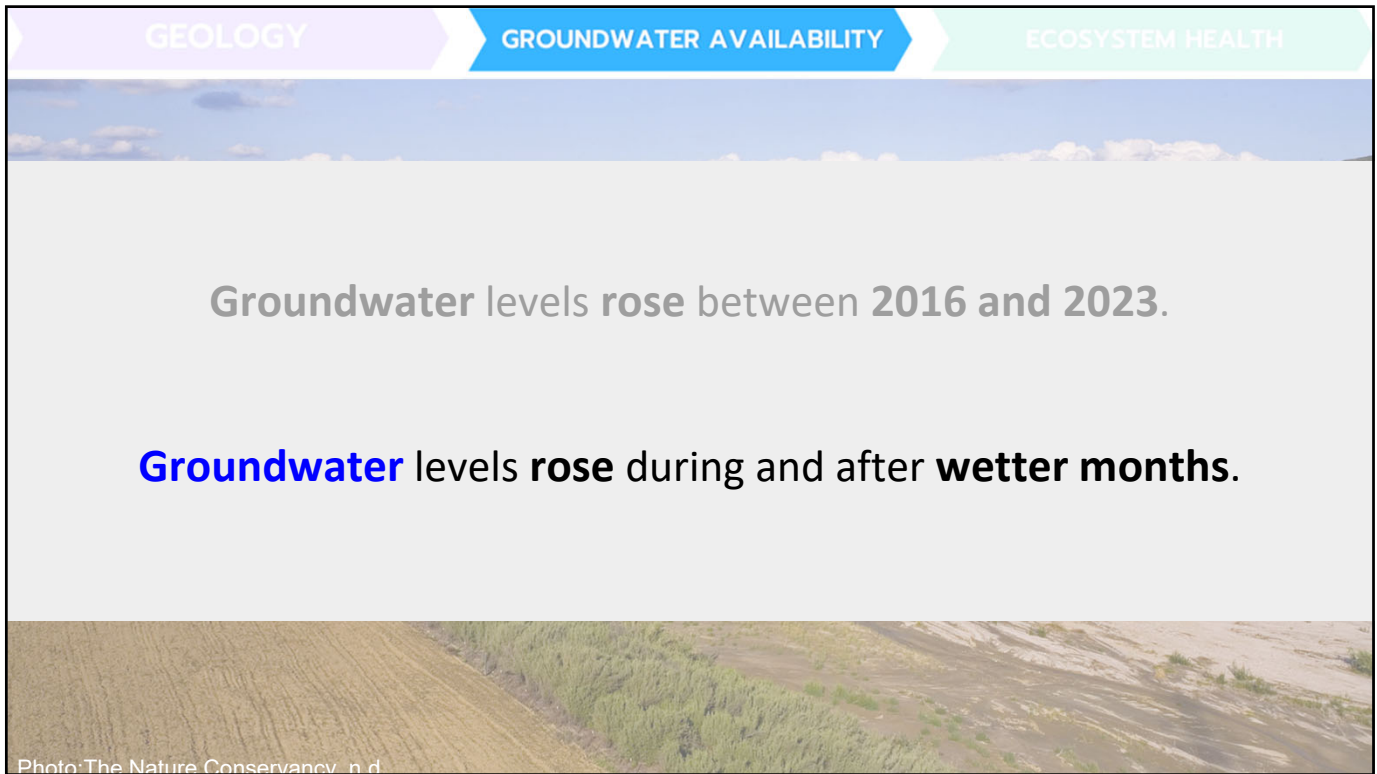
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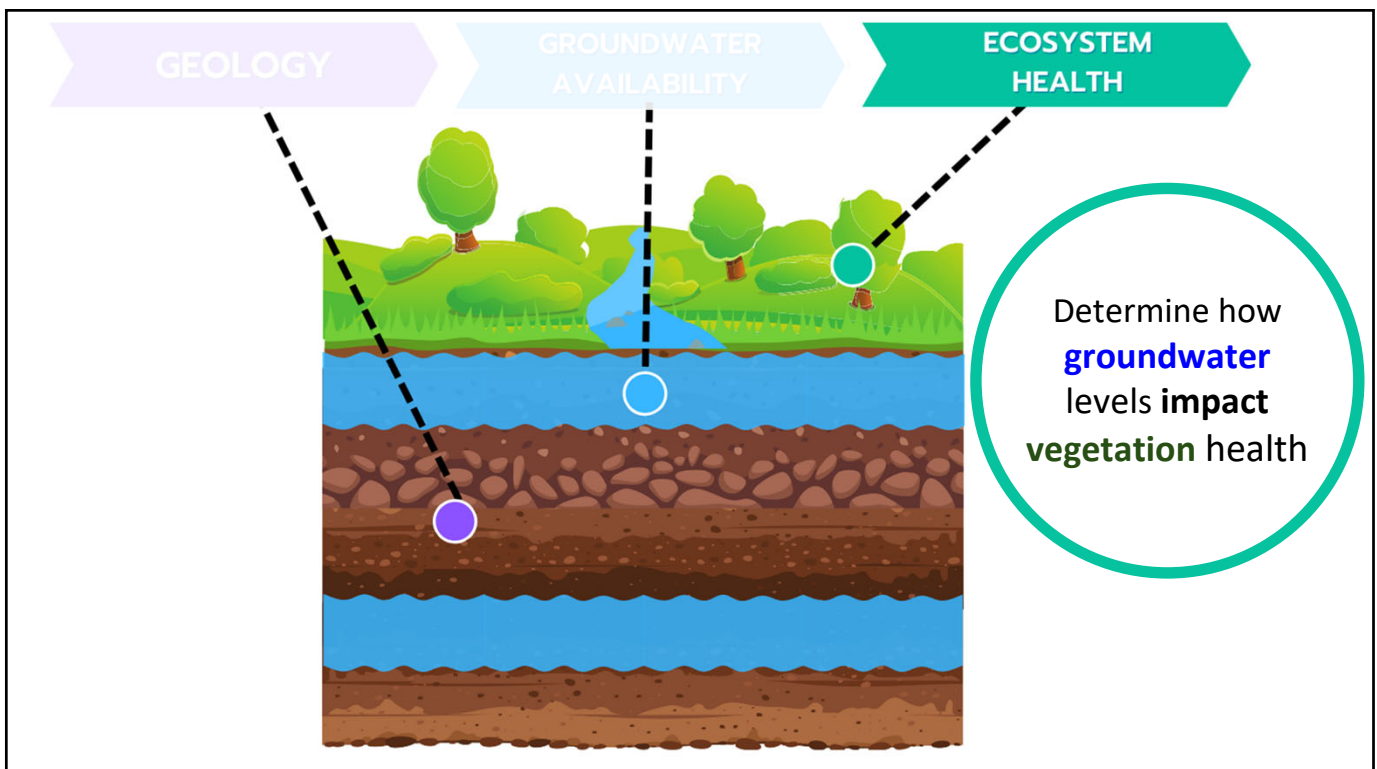
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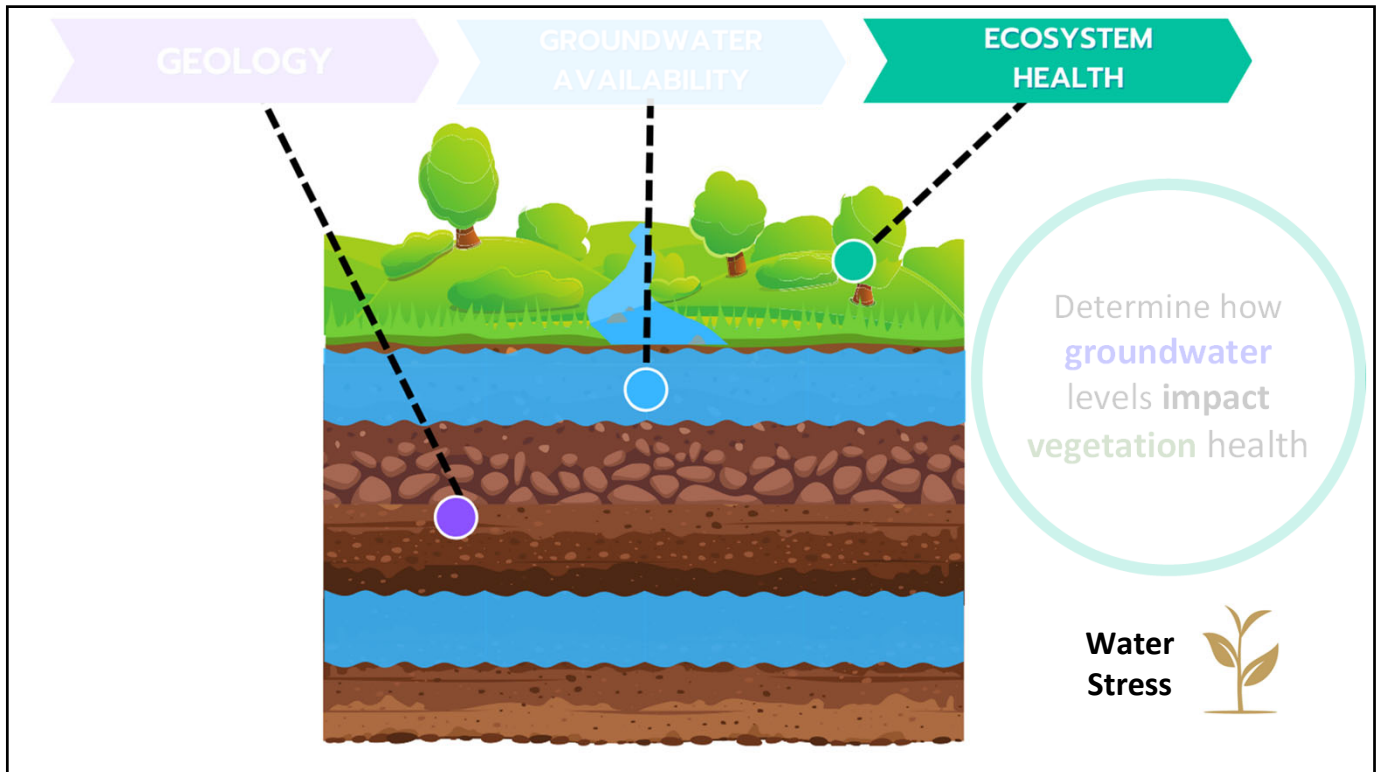
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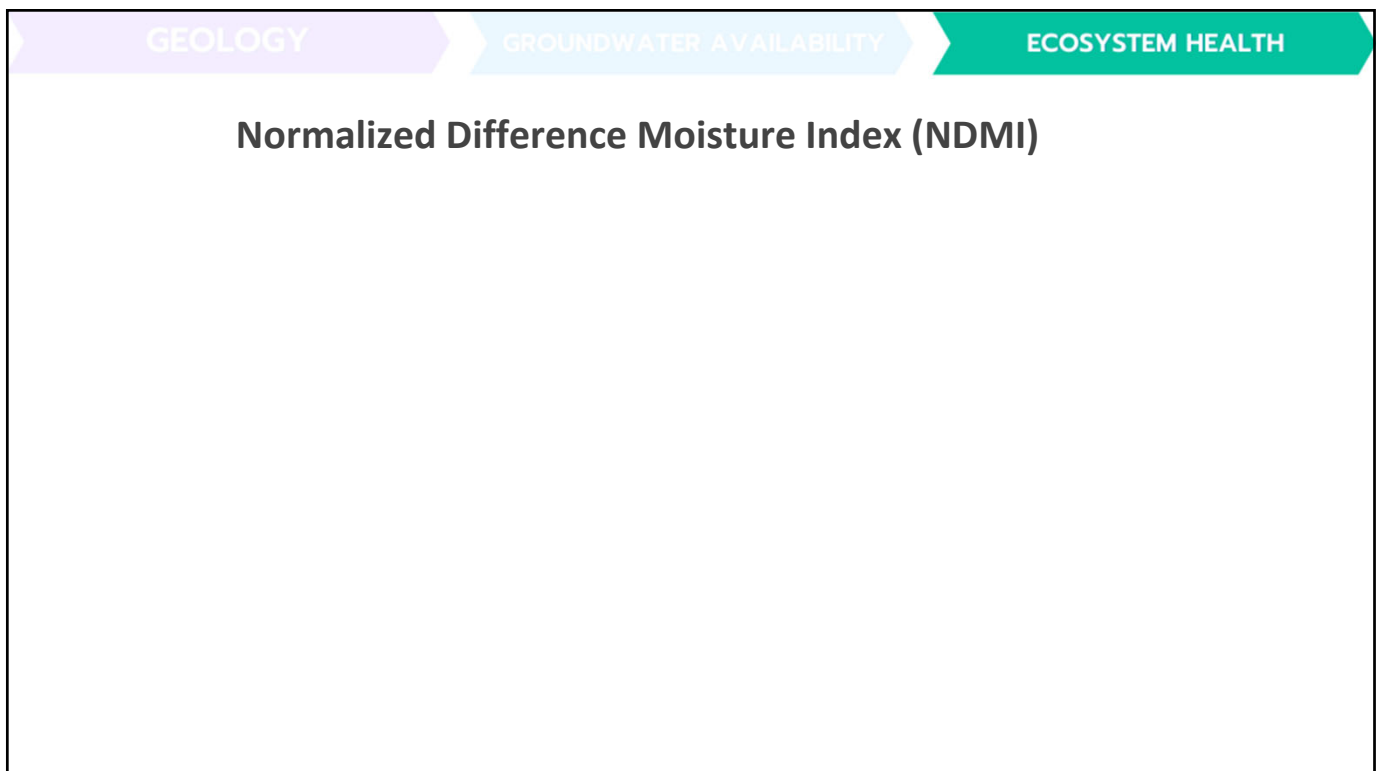
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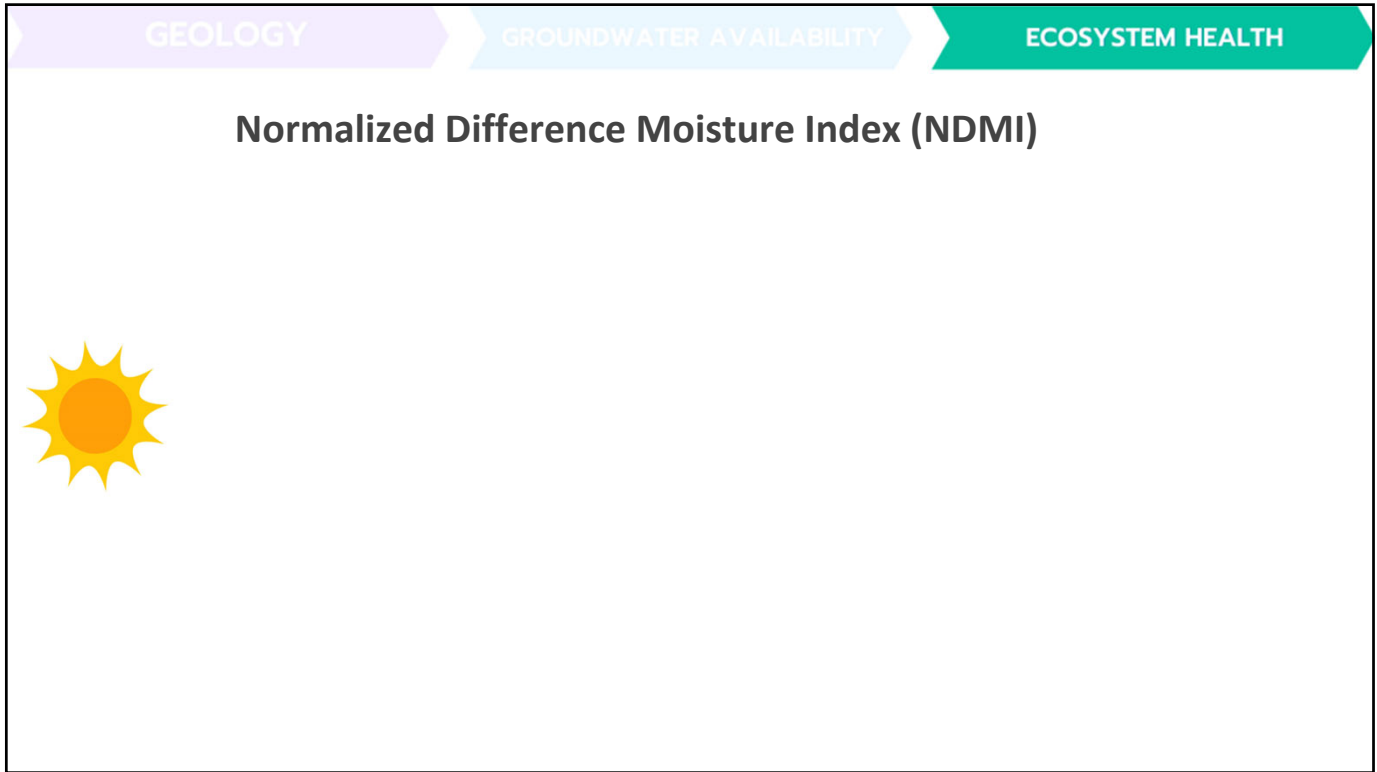


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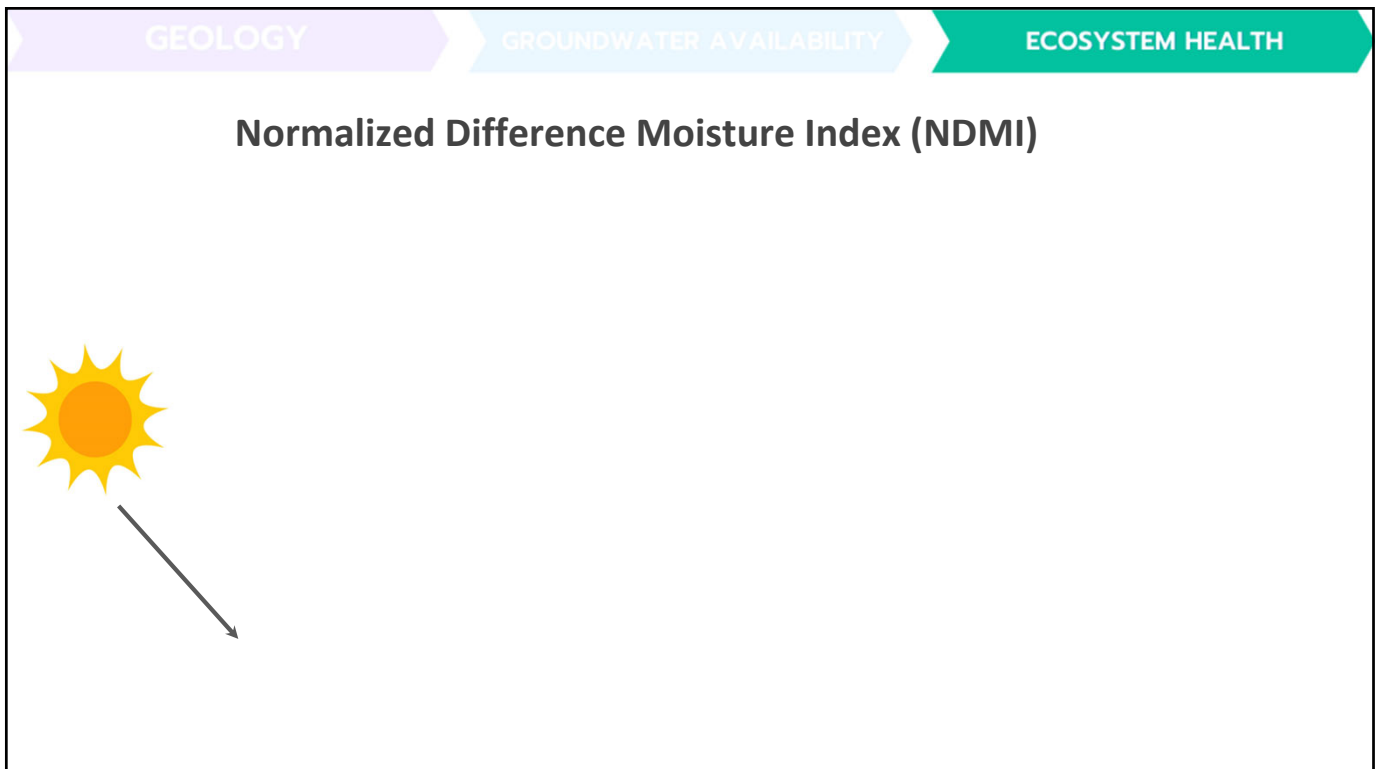
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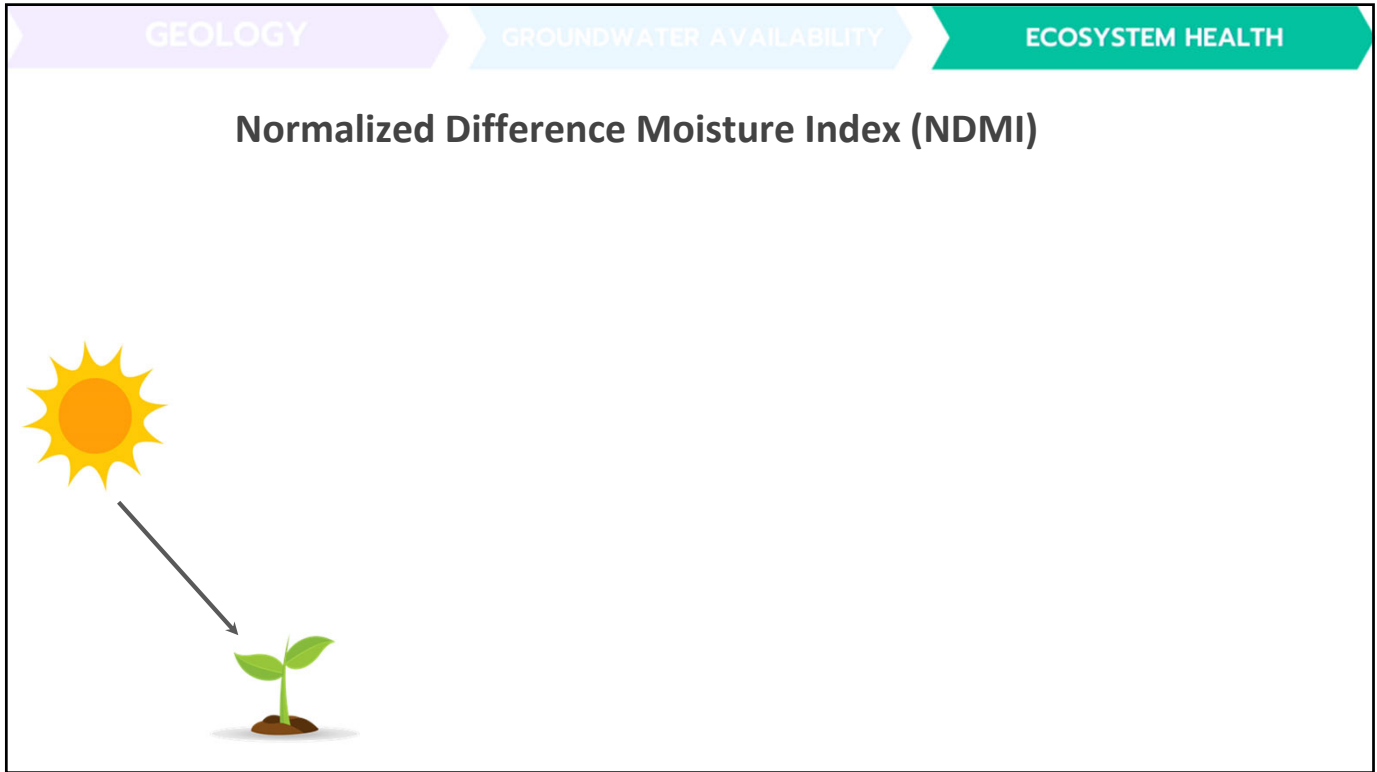
- 3** plants need water to process their basic functions, so with lower plant water content, plants are stressed
Vivian Phan, 4/24/2024
- 1** explain it is plant water content, and why that matters for veg health
Vivian Phan, 4/24/2024
- 2** water stress strongly affects photosynthesis, growth and survival of plant species
Vivian Phan, 4/24/2024



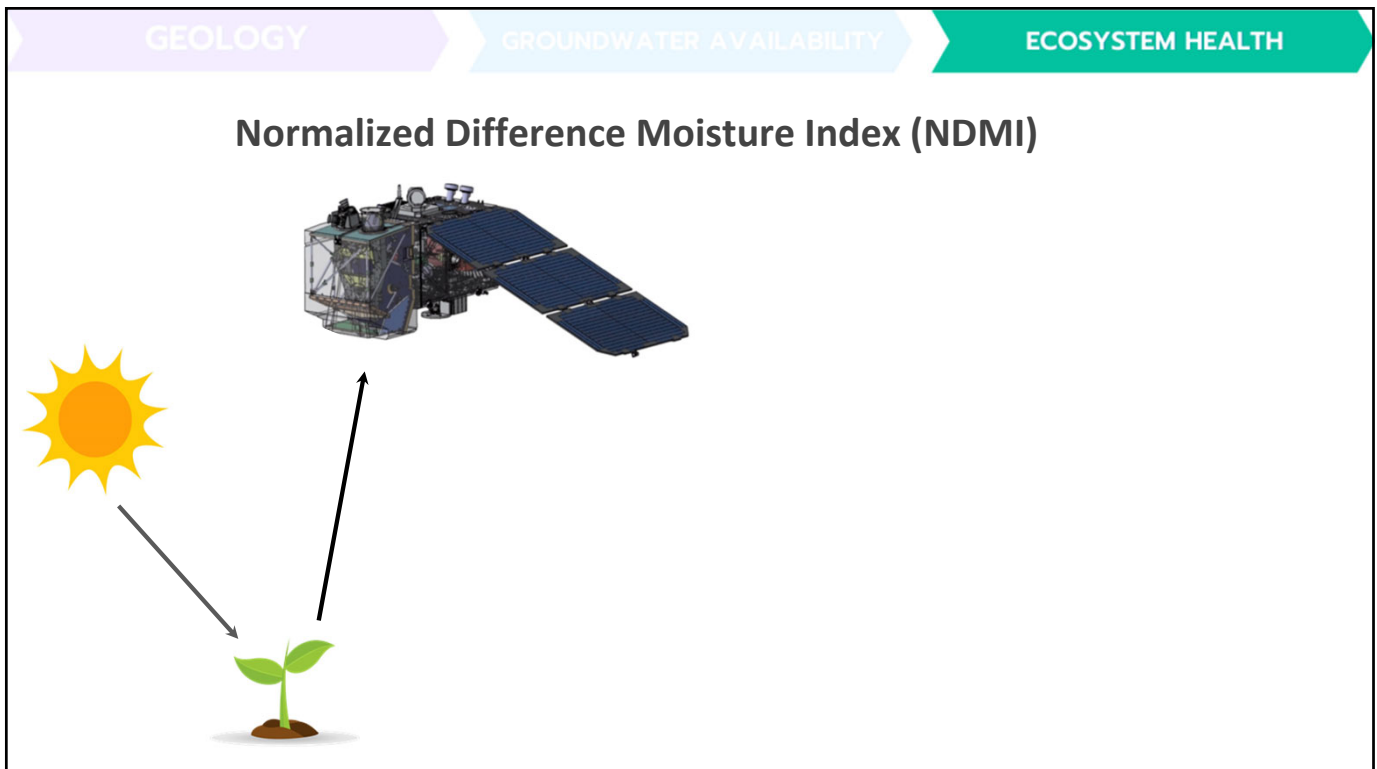
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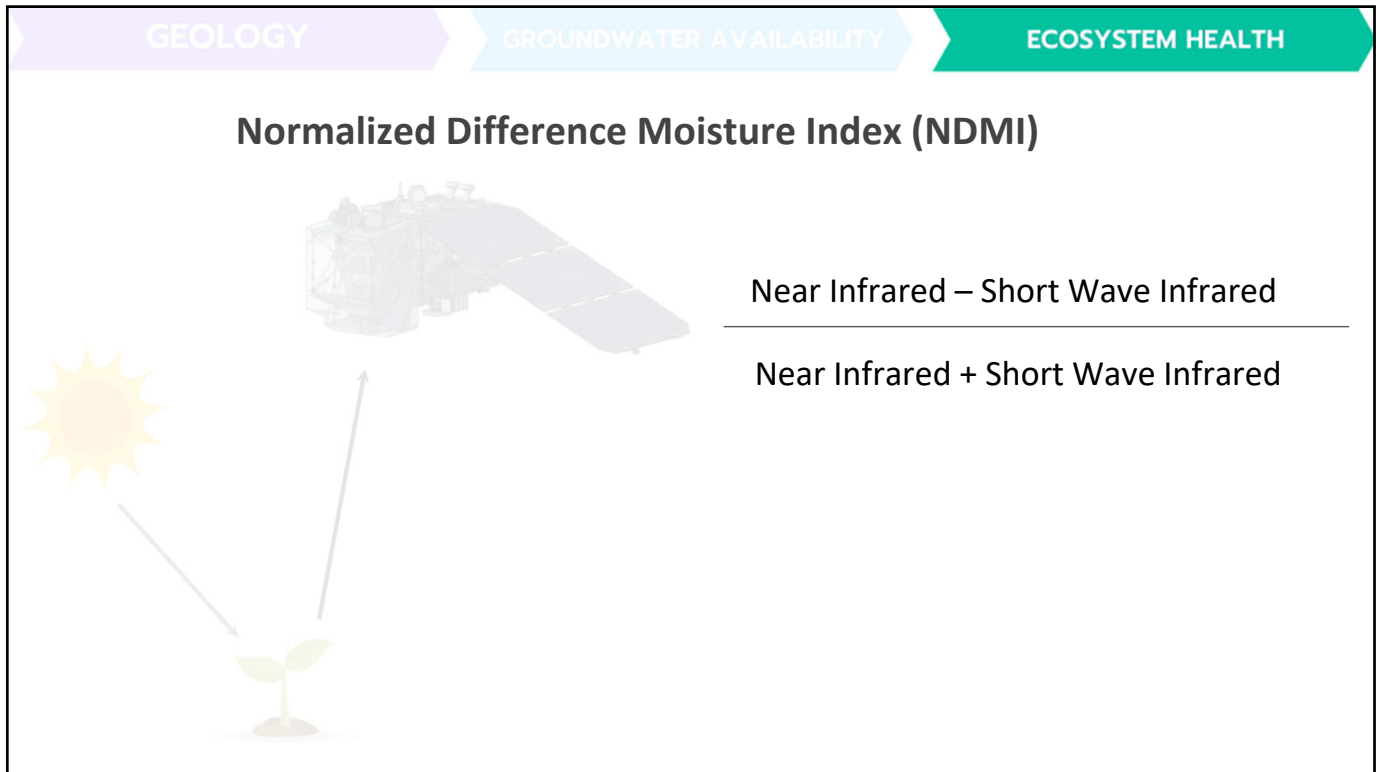
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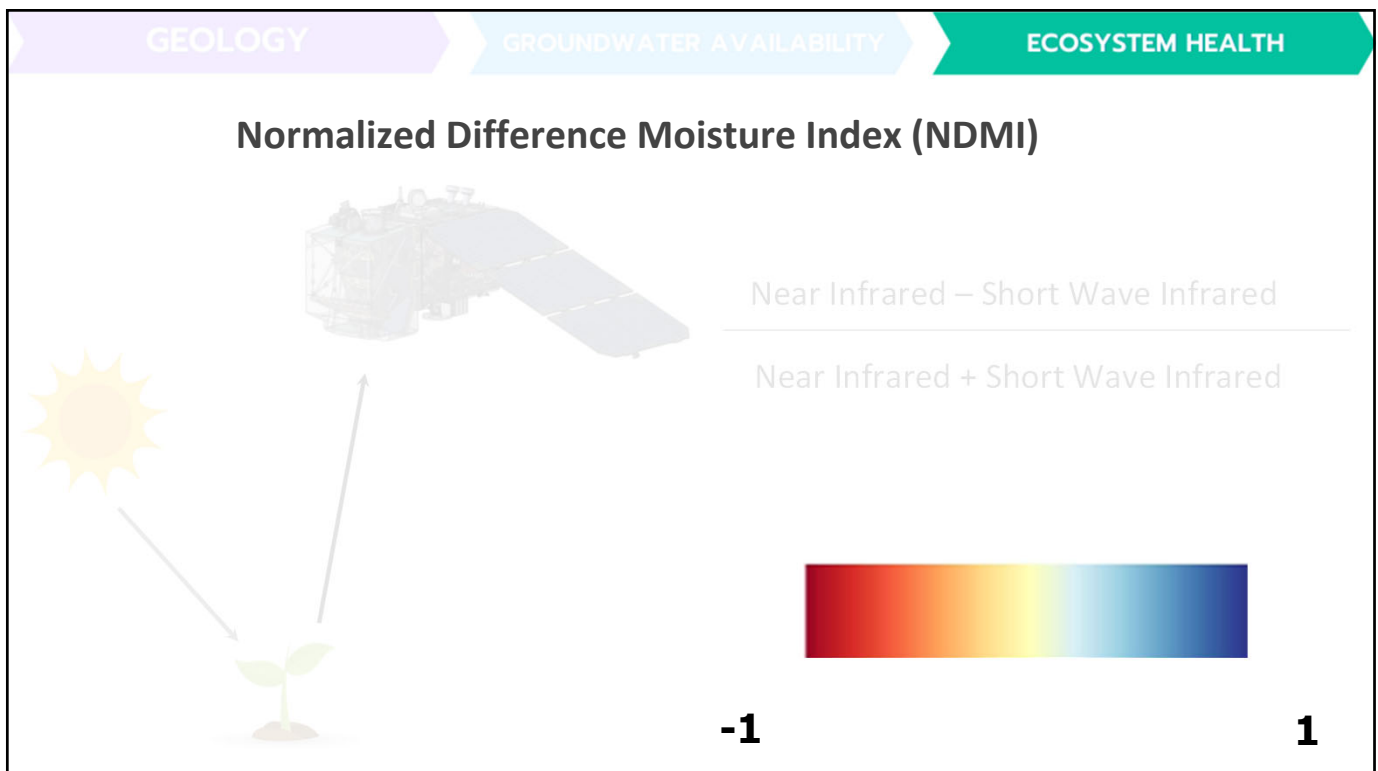
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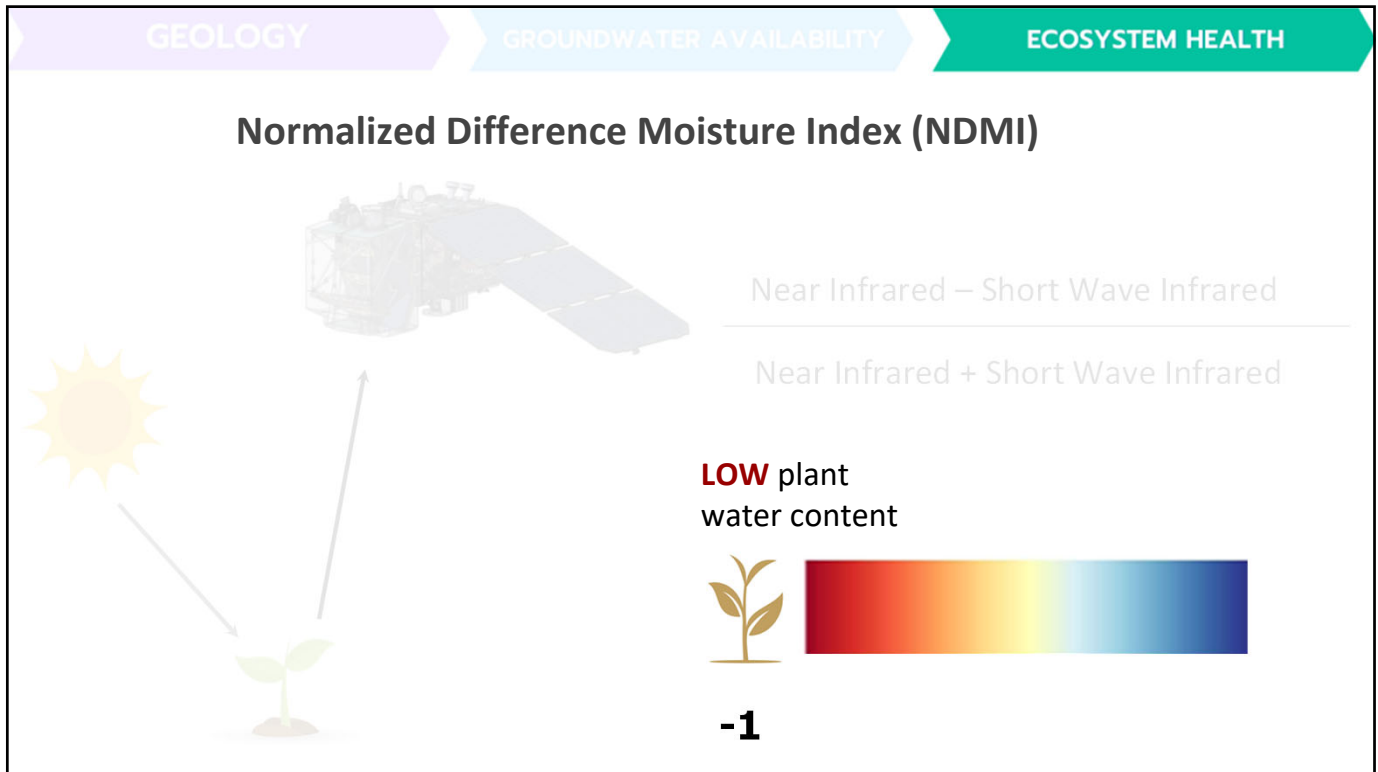
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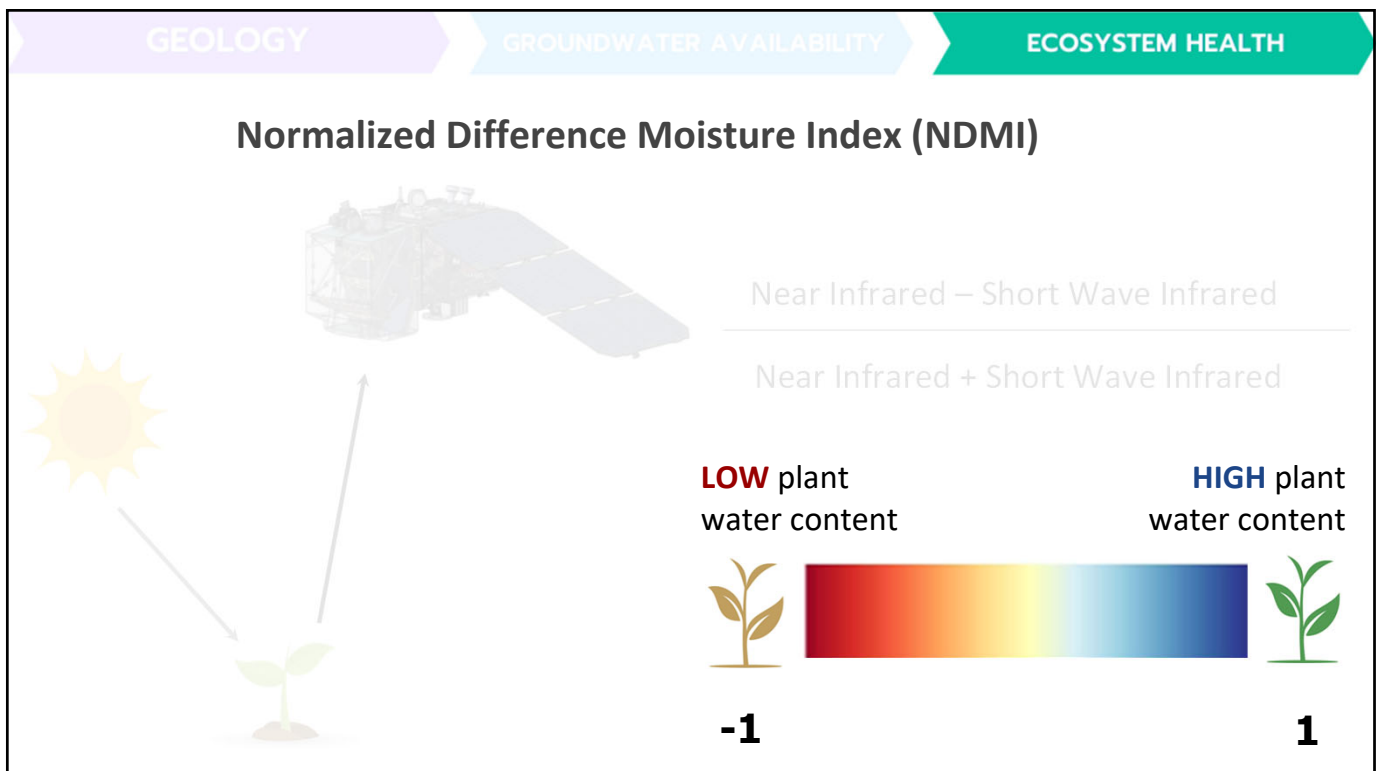
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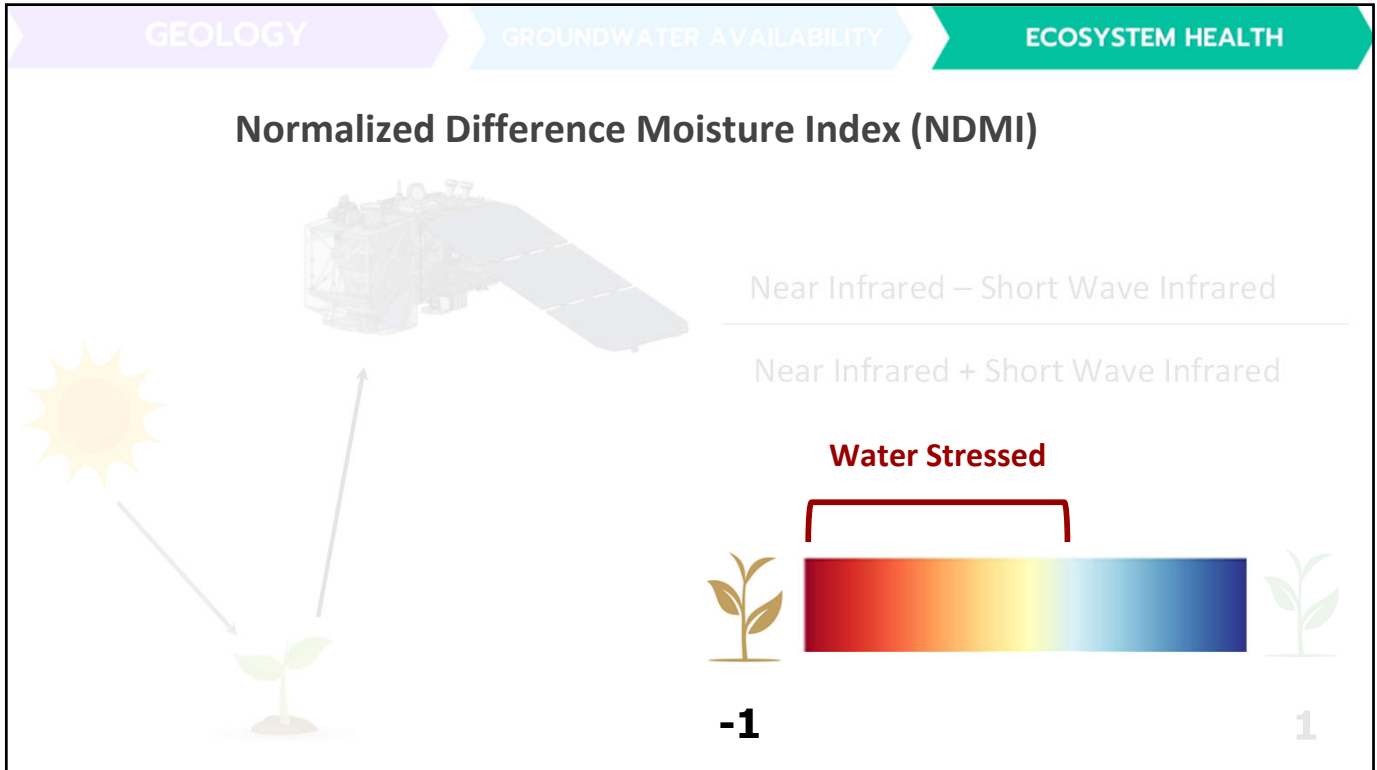
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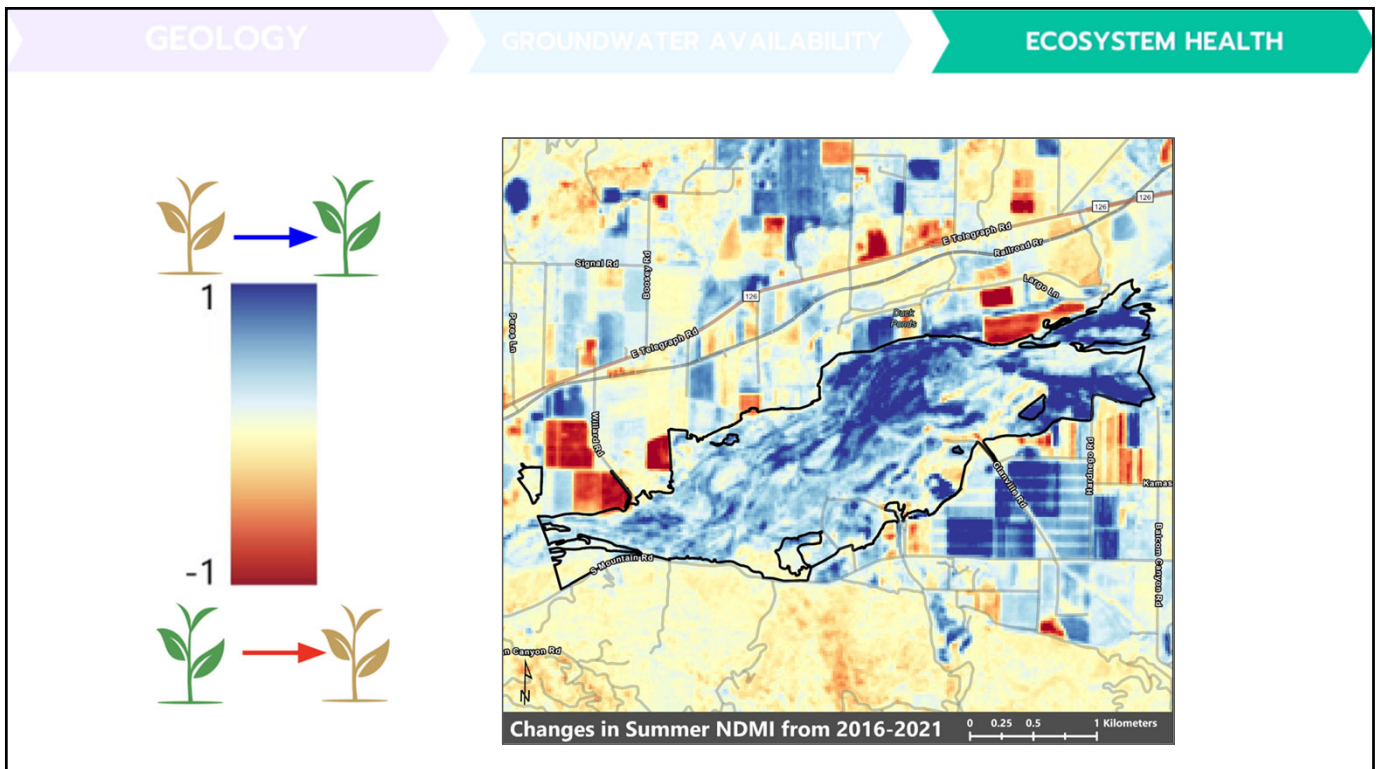
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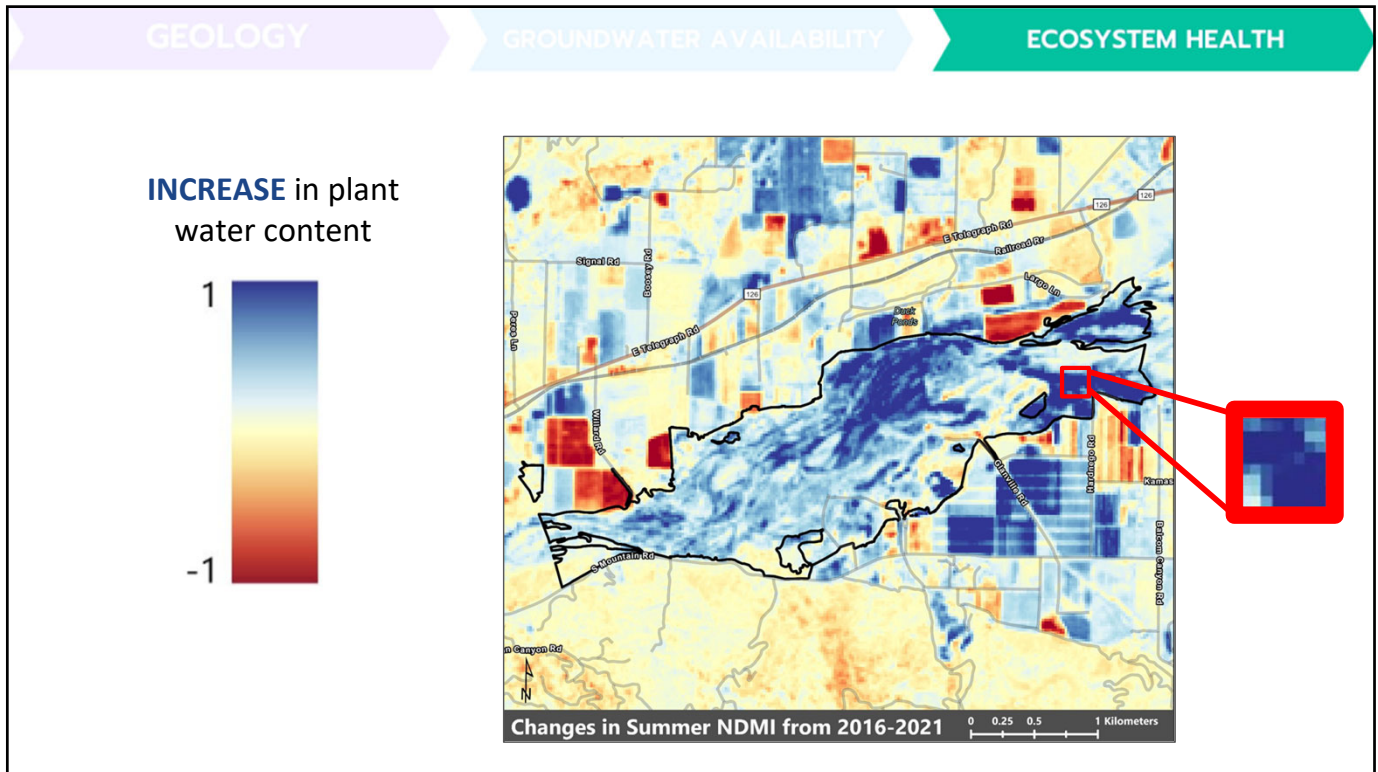
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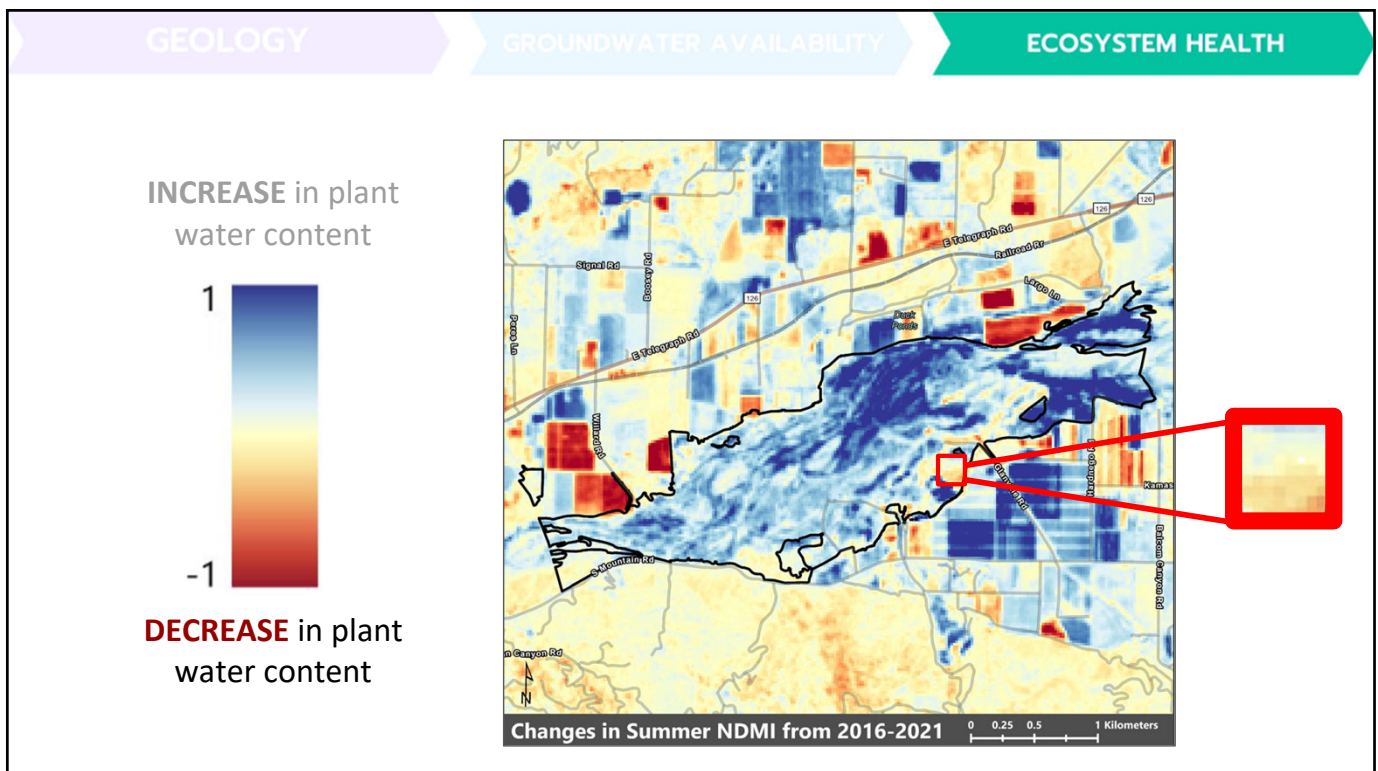
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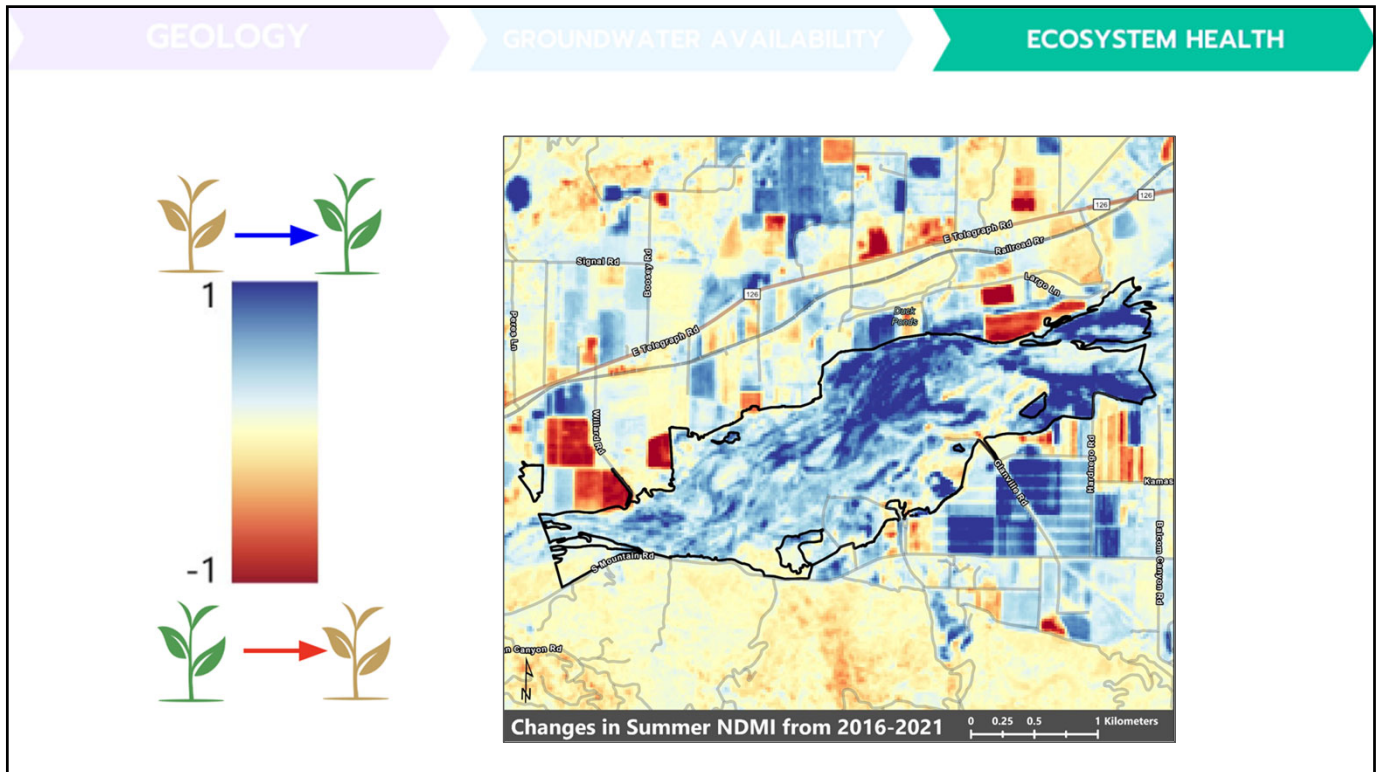
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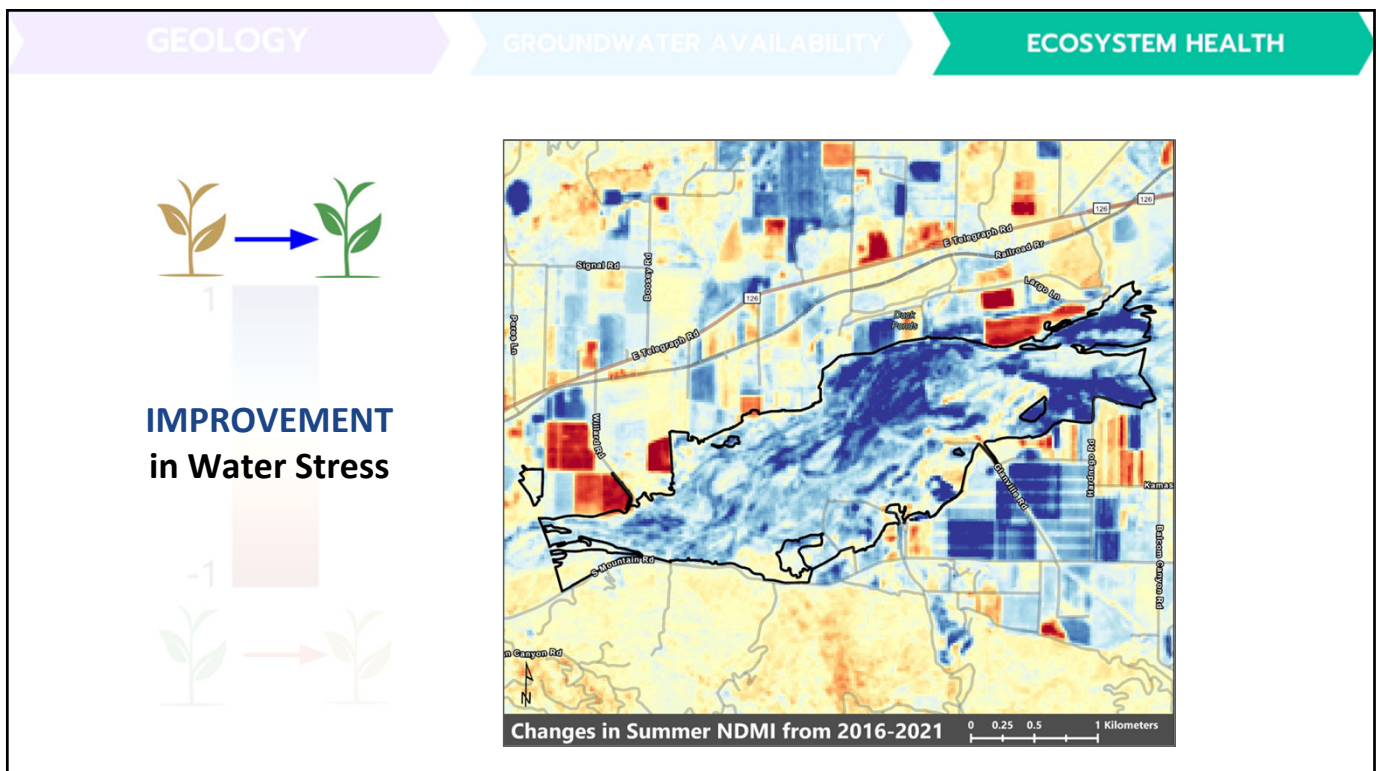
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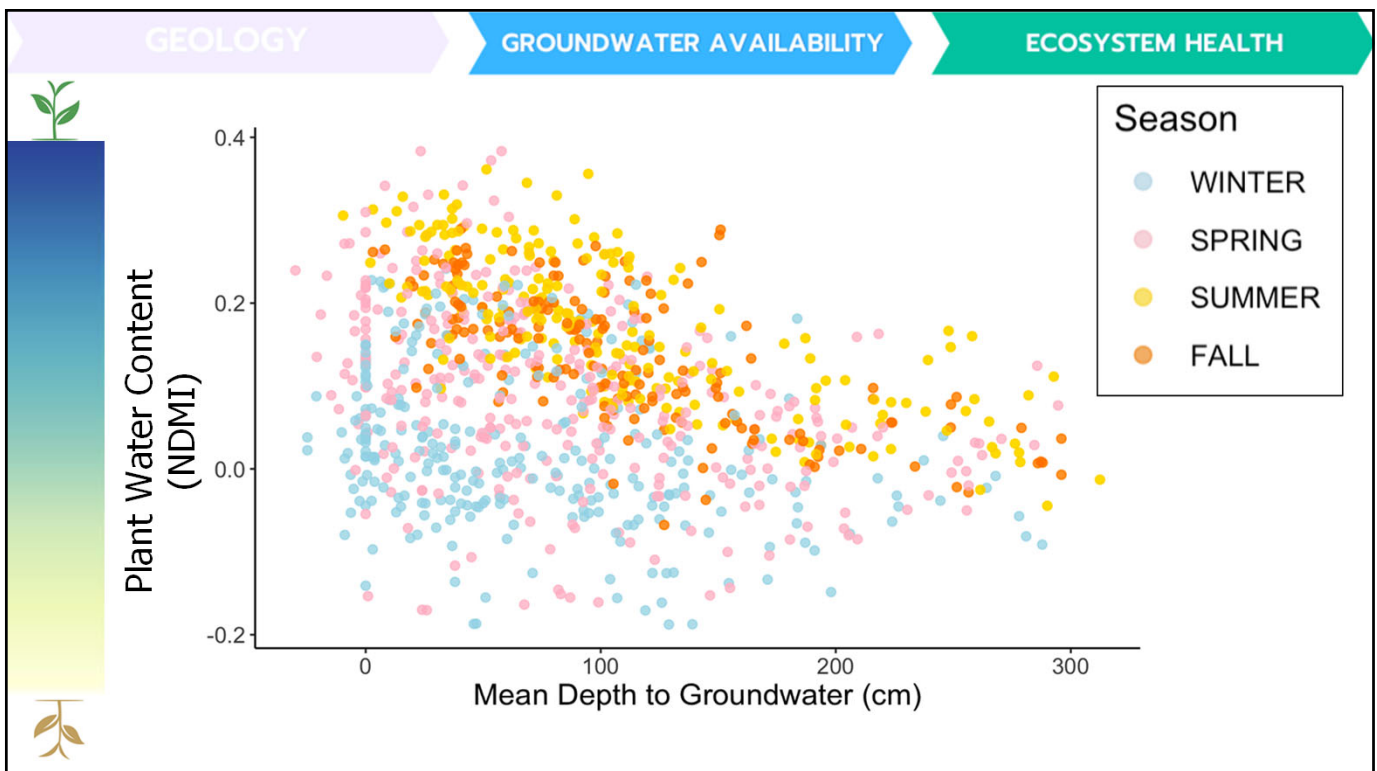
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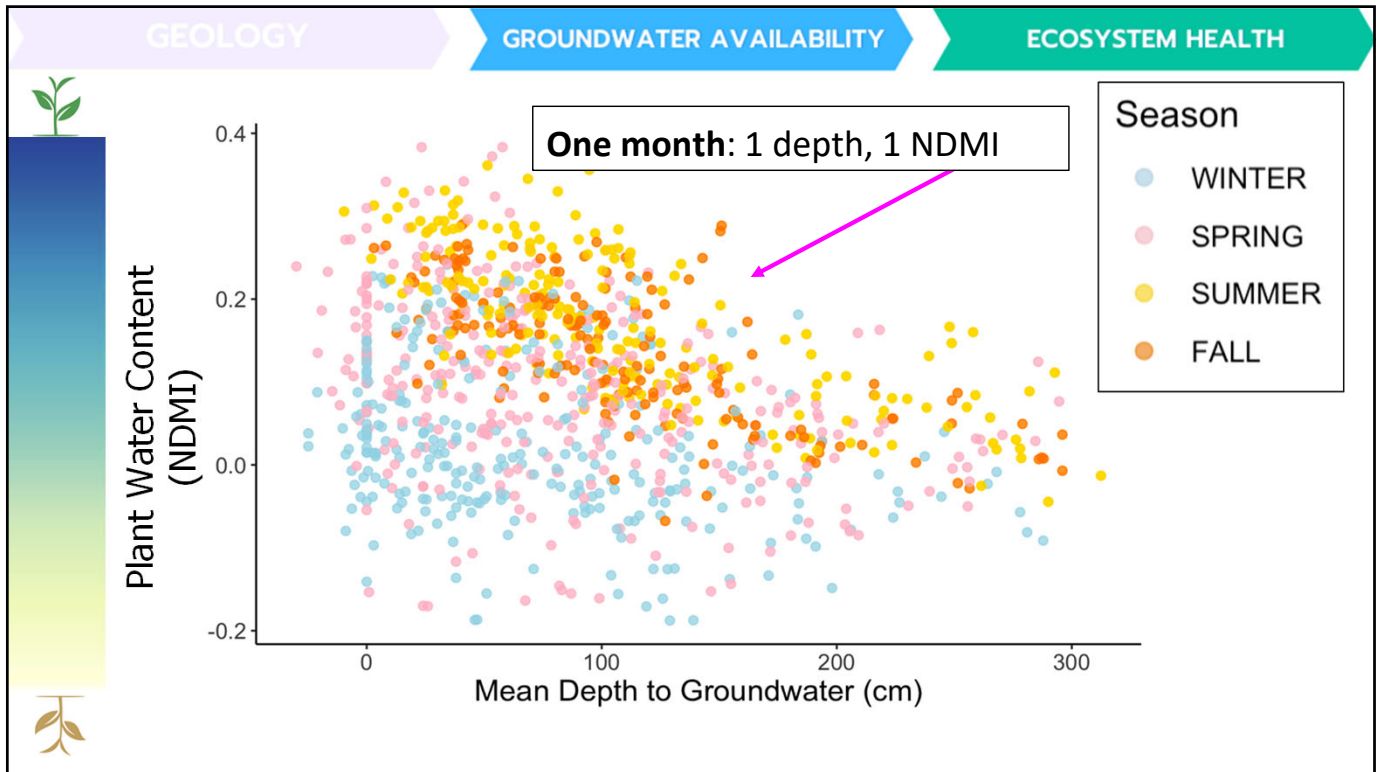
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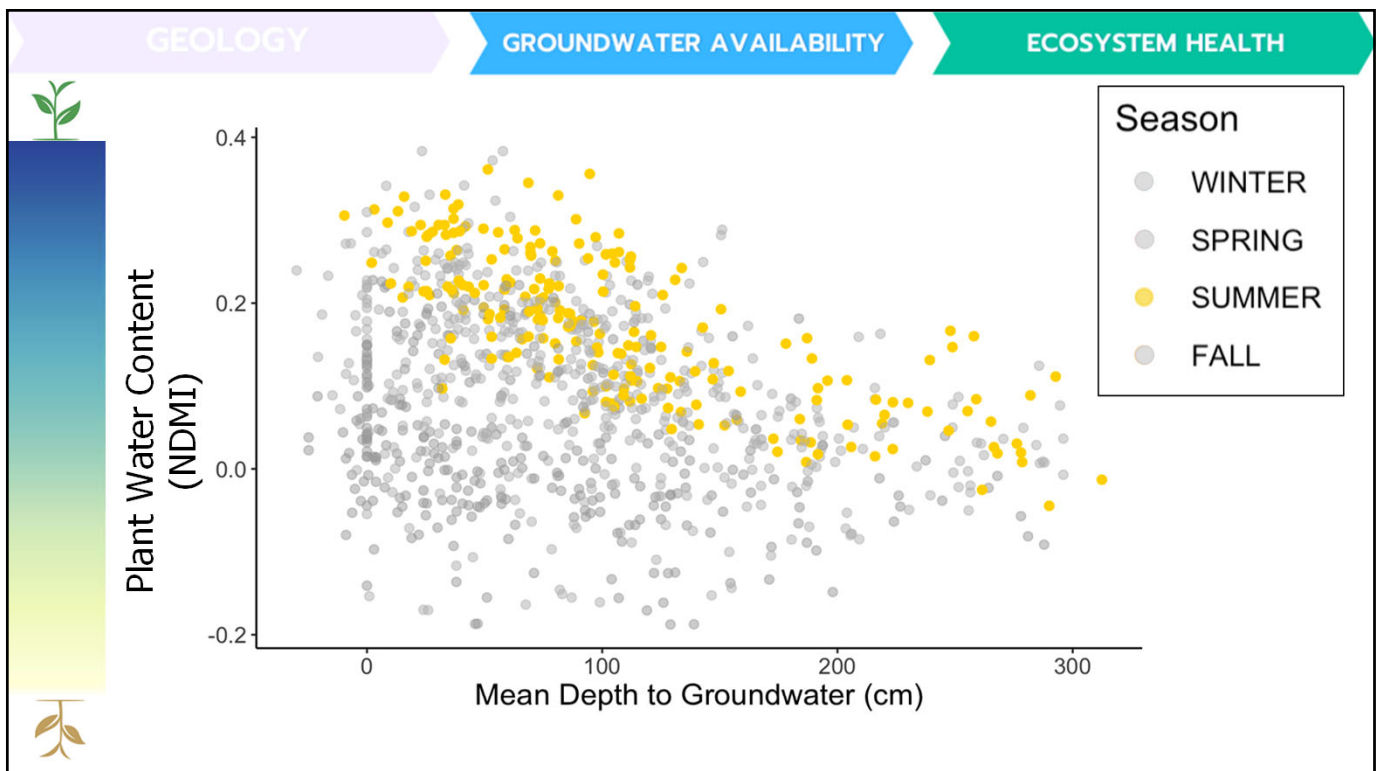
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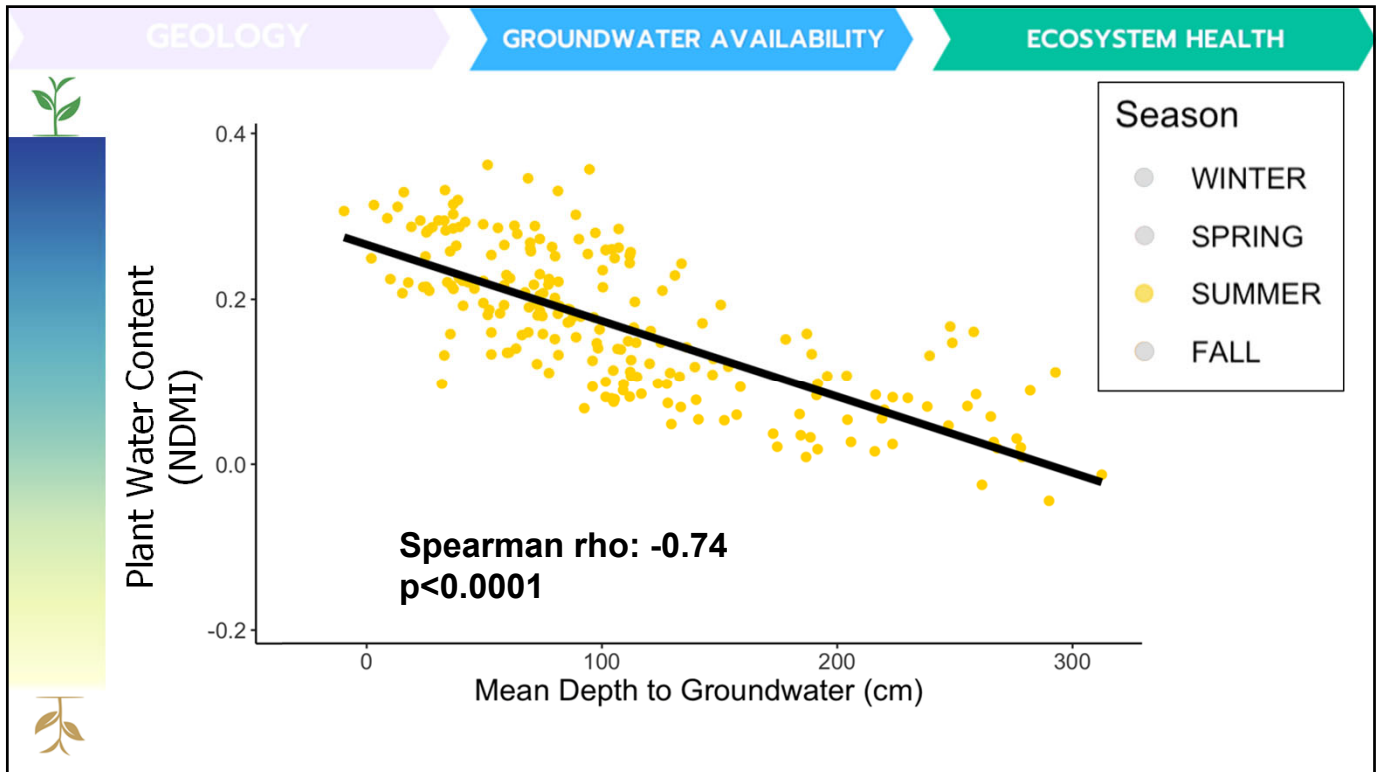
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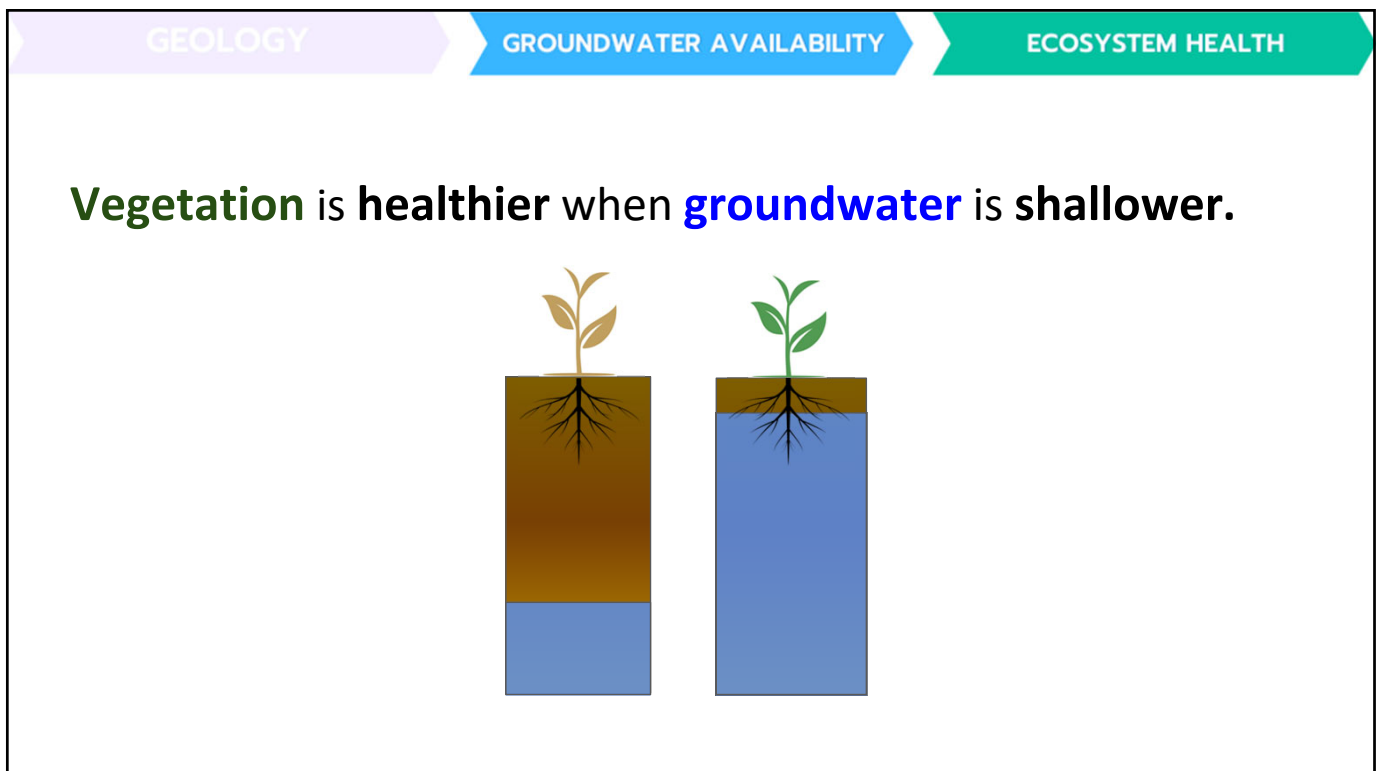
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Slide 55

- 4 slow down in slide 43, and walk through what his correlation means. when groundwater is shallower, plants are healthier, when groundwater is deeper, plants are less healthy

Vivian Phan, 4/25/2024

GEOLOGY

GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY

ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

How do **groundwater** levels **impact** the **East Grove** riparian **ecosystem**?


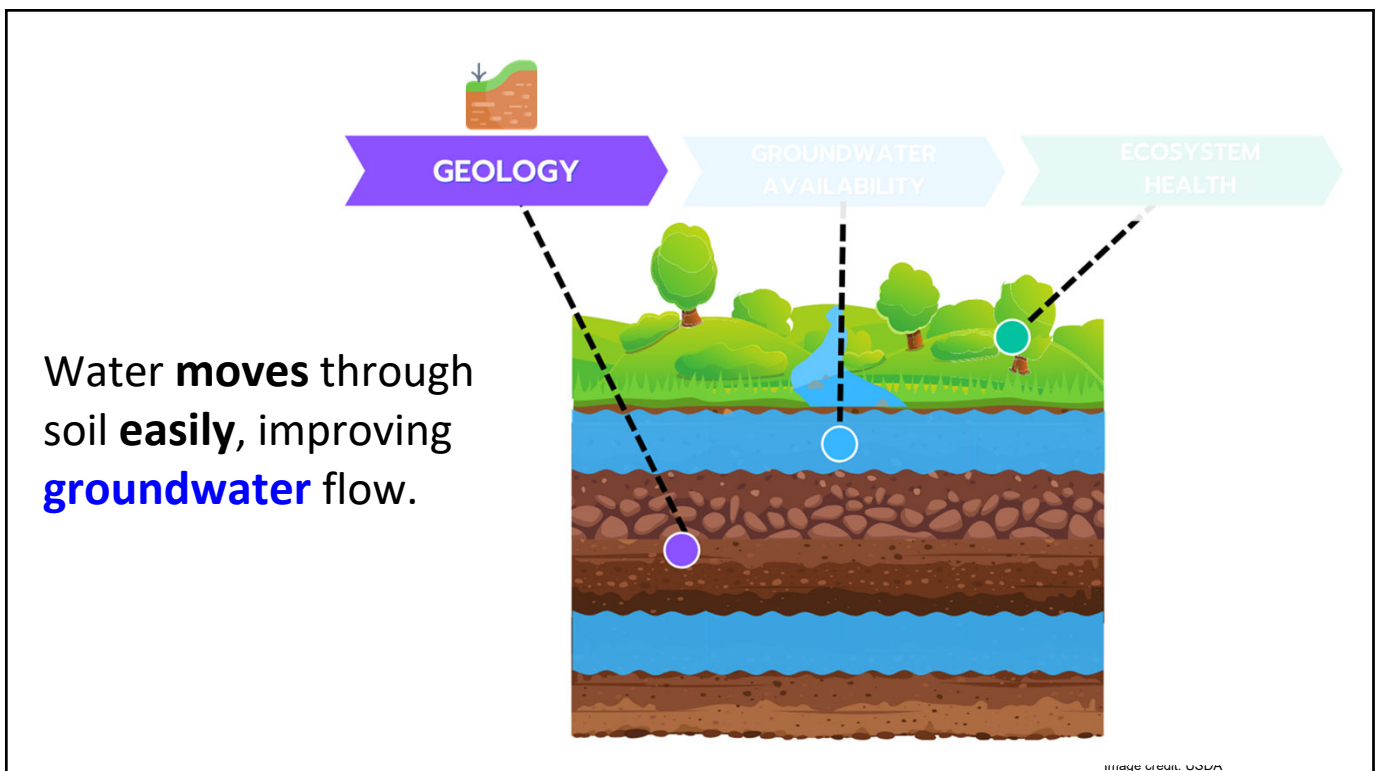
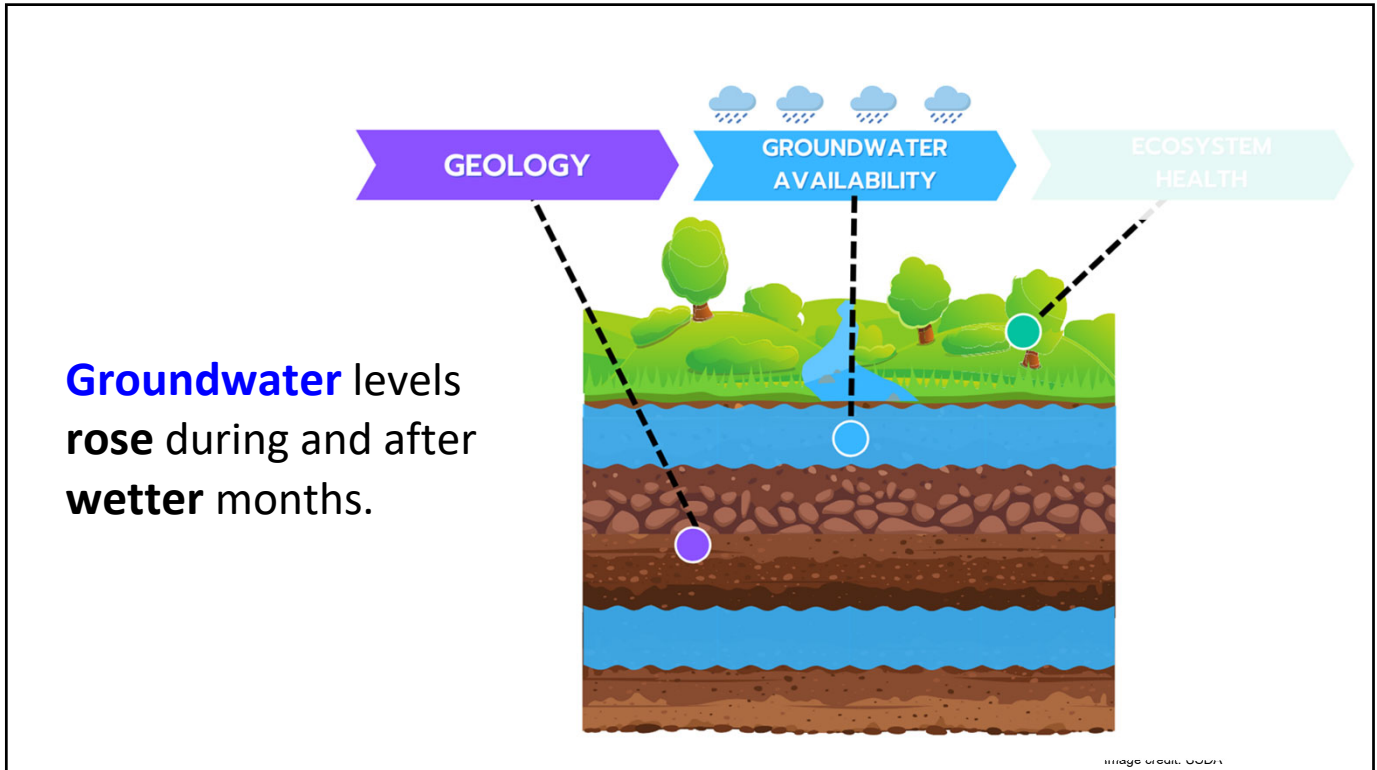


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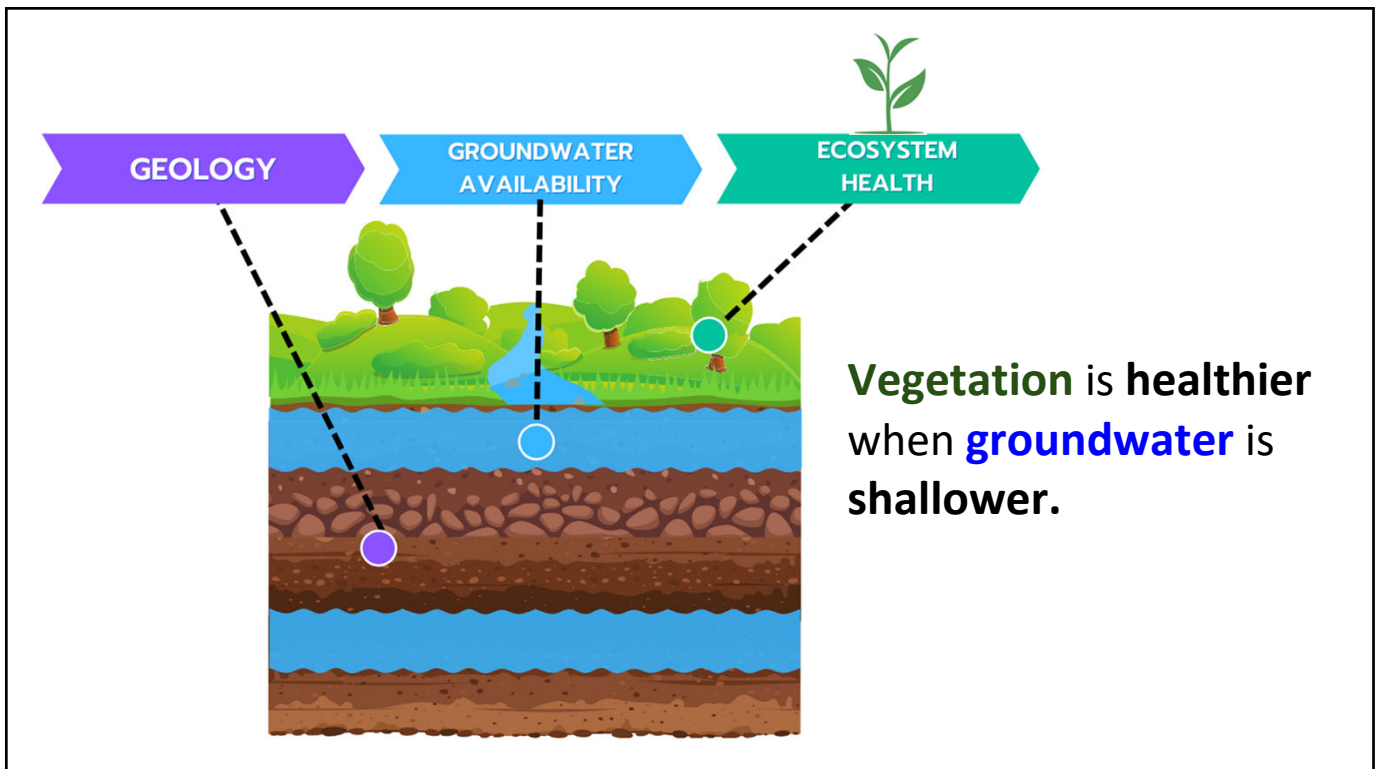
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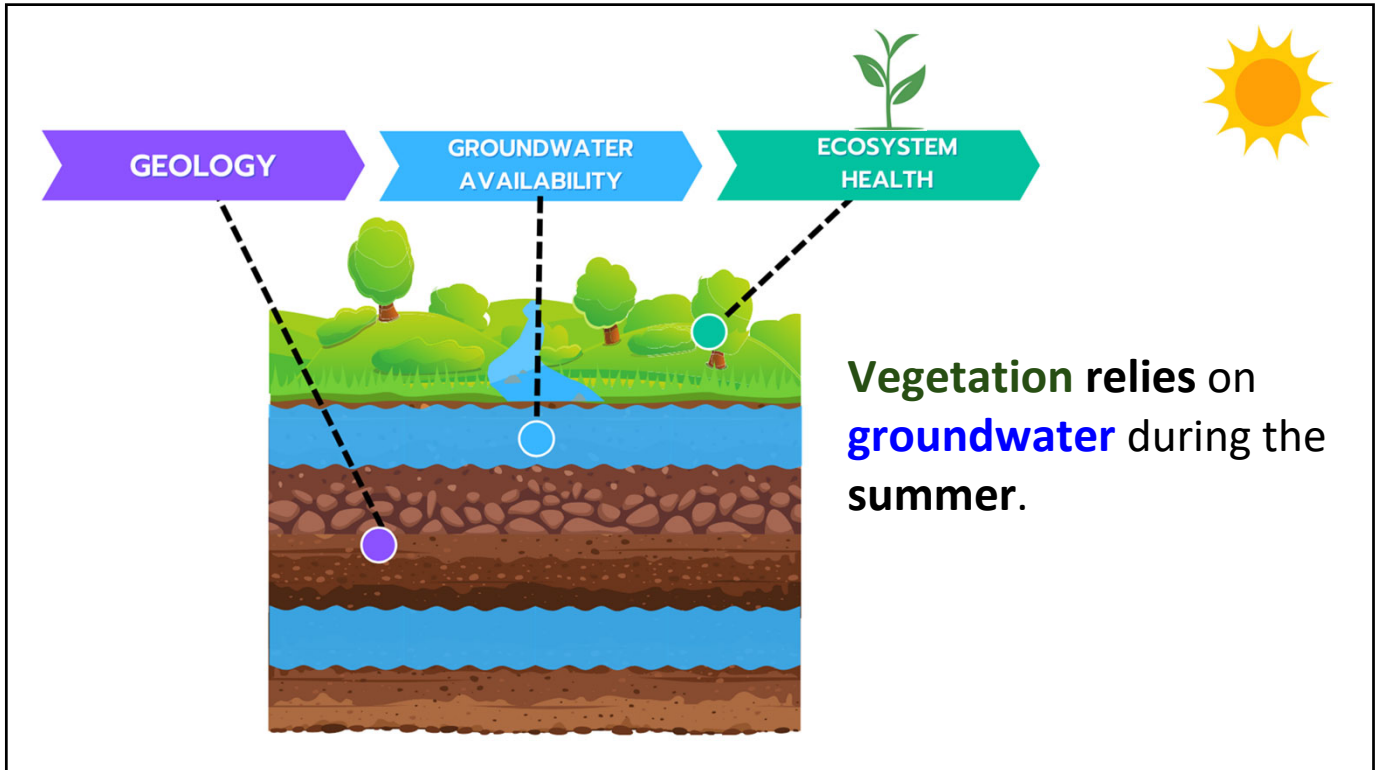
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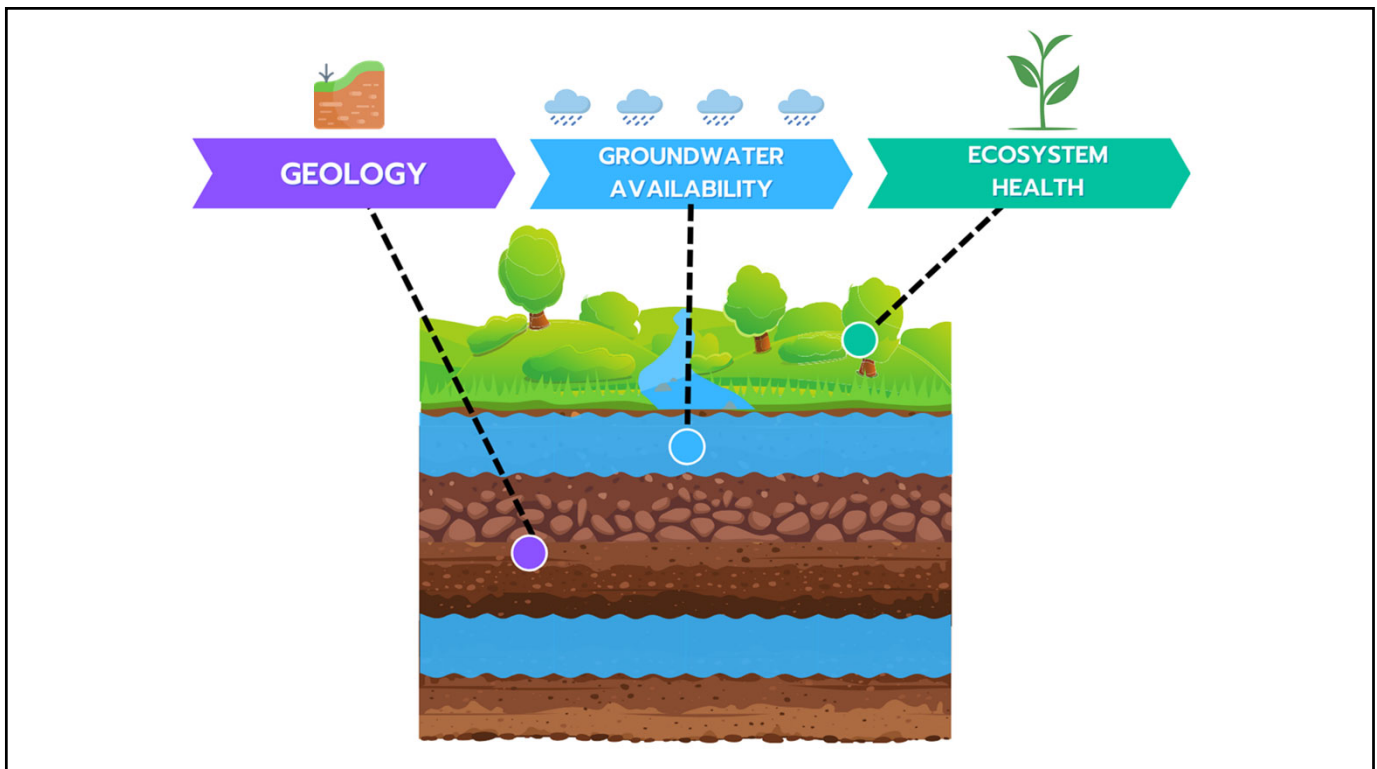
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| Application | | Significance |
|---|----------------------------|---|
|  | Local geologic data | Contribute to groundwater flow and connection to the surface waters |

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| Application | | Significance |
|---|---|---|
|  | Local geologic data | Contribute to groundwater flow and connection to the surface waters |
|  | Observed climate and groundwater data | Establish groundwater conditions that impact ecosystem function |

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| Application | | Significance |
|---|---|---|
|  | Local geologic data | Contribute to groundwater flow and connection to the surface waters |
|  | Observed climate and groundwater data | Establish groundwater conditions that impact ecosystem function |
| Recommendations | | Significance |
|  | Use of remote sensing | Provide a supplement to direct depth to groundwater measurements |

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Key Takeaway

Riparian groundwater dependent ecosystems are **sensitive** to changes in local **groundwater levels**.

Photo: The Nature Conservancy, n.d.

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Key Takeaway

Riparian groundwater dependent ecosystems are sensitive to changes in local groundwater levels.

Protective management strategies are needed to **mitigate impacts** on *remaining groundwater dependent ecosystems.*

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Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan

16 May 2024

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AGENCY ACTIVITIES CURRENT FISCAL YEAR



- **Annual Reports for Water Year 2022-2023**
- **Online Groundwater Database**
- **Subsidence Technical Memorandum**
- **Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23 Well Permits Reviews**
- **Wrapping-Up \$1.5 Million GSP Grant from DWR**
- **Amendments to Groundwater Sustainability Plans**

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WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025



Ongoing Efforts and Budget Estimates

| | |
|--|----------|
| • Annual Reports for Water Year 2023-2024 | \$30,000 |
| • Online Groundwater Database Hosting | 2,000 |
| • Subsidence Technical Memo 2023-2024 | 20,000 |
| • Wells Permitting Process Development and Reviews | 30,000 |

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WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024



New Efforts and Budget Estimates

| | |
|--|----------|
| • Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability | \$80,000 |
| • Data Gathering from Well Owners and Evaluation | |
| • Development of Shallow Wells Mitigation Program | |
| • Monitoring Re Interconnected Surface Water Data Gaps | 40,000 |
| • Del Valle | |
| • East Grove | |
| • Sespe Creek | |

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WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024



New Efforts and Budget Estimates

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| • Biological Monitoring Plan for East Grove GDE Area | \$50,000 |
| • Refine Surface Water & Groundwater Models | TBD |
| • Cienega Springs Enhancement Project Phase I | 100,000 |
| • Groundwater Export Impacts Evaluation & Policy | 50,000 |

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WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024



New Efforts and Budget Estimates

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| • Policies and Procedures Update | TBD |
| • Financial Controls Policies | |
| • General Technical and Regulatory Support | \$50,000 |

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NEXT STEPS



- **Budget Workshop Late May-Early June**
- **Post Draft Budget and Groundwater Charges on District Website**
- **20 Jun 2024 Regular Board Meeting**
 - **Hold Public Hearing**
 - **Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**
 - **Adopt Groundwater Extraction Charges for Pumping Beginning 01 Jul 2024**



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long (arrived 4:22pm)
Director Candice Meneghin
Director Albert Mendez

Director Absent

Director Debbie Jackson

Staff in Attendance

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Christina Carson, legal counsel (virtual)
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

Public in Attendance

Sara Guzman, VWCD (virtual)
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar (virtual)
Helen McGrath (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)
Brian Zahn, UWCD (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:05 p.m.

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Kimball led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 4 Directors were present: Fornoff, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin. Director Long and Director Jackson were absent. 4/0/02.

1C Public Comments

Director Kimball asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Director Kimball asked Executive Director Emmert if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Emmert responded that there had been no changes to the agenda. Director Kimball then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Mendez; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Kimball, Long, Meneghin, and Mendez), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/01.

2. MOTION ITEMS

2A Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Groundwater Extraction Fees

Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff on the draft Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and proposed groundwater extraction fee and provide comments and direction.

The Board requested Mr. Emmert refine the expected ending balance and prepare for an increase in water cost, from \$12 per acre-feet, to the new rate of \$14 per acre-feet. The Board also requested a clear illustration graph to show rates.

ADJOURNMENT 5:53 pm.

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **June 20, 2024**, or call of the Chair.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Special Board of Directors meeting of May 30, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Board Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

30 May 2024


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CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WORK STATUS




- **Annual Reports for Water Year 2022-2023**
- **Online Groundwater Database**
- **Subsidence Technical Memorandum**
- **Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23 Well Permits Reviews**
- **Wrapping-Up \$1.5 Million GSP Grant from DWR**
- **Amendments to Groundwater Sustainability Plans**

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| FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN | | |  |
|--|--|-----------------|---|
| Monitoring & Reporting | | | \$203,000 |
| • Groundwater Data Gaps | | \$50,000 | |
| • Data Collection Contract with County | | 3,000 | |
| • Biological Data Gaps | | 100,000 | |
| • Annual Reports & Online Database | | 30,000 | |
| • Subsidence Analysis | | 20,000 | |

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| FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN | | |  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Analysis | | | \$80,000 |
| • Outreach to Well Owners & Data Gathering | | | |
| • Update Online Database | | | |
| • Analyze Vulnerability | | | |

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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



Cienega Springs Drought Mitigation Project

\$100,000

- Establish Project Team
- Assessment Needs
- Develop Project Concept
- Develop Project Alternatives and Feasibility
- Research Property Access and Permitting Requirements

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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



Groundwater Sustainability Plans Update

\$140,000

- Modeling
 - Update the Regional Groundwater Model
 - Smaller Grid Size to Improve Discretion
 - Load Data for Most Recent Years
 - Calibration and Technical Memo

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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



Groundwater Sustainability Plans Update (Continued)

- **Modeling (Continued)**
 - **Develop and Run New Scenarios**
 - **Quantify Surface Water Flow Reductions from Pumping**
 - **Quantify Surface Water Flow Increases from Supplemental Water**
 - **Other Scenarios Under Development**

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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



General Programs & Projects Development \$130,000

- **Regulatory Compliance (EOs Well Permit Reviews, Etc.)**
- **Development of Management Actions (Export, Etc.)**
- **Identification of Grant Opportunities & Applications**
- **Governmental Advocacy Re Legislation & Regulations**
- **Meetings Participation**

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| 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr Tech Services | | Budget (\$) | | |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| No. | Phase / Activity | FY 24-25 | FY 25-26 | FY 26-27 |
| A | Monitoring & Reporting | \$ 203,000 | \$ 203,000 | \$ 168,000 |
| A1 | Fill GW Level Data Gaps at (3) ISW-GDE Areas | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| A2 | GW Level Monitoring @ Del Valle GDE | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| A3 | Biological Monitoring for East Grove GDE Area | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 65,000 |
| A4 | GSP Annual Reports and Online DMS Update | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| A5 | Annual Subsidence Evaluations | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 |
| B | Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Study | \$ 80,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| B1 | Desktop Study | \$ 80,000 | \$ - | \$ - |
| B2 | Field Visits | \$ - | \$ 50,000 | \$ - |
| B3 | Mitigation Plan | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 50,000 |
| C | Cienega Springs Drought Mitigation Project | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 |
| C1 | Needs Assessment and Conceptualization | \$ 100,000 | \$ - | \$ - |
| C2 | Project Planning & Design | \$ - | \$ 100,000 | \$ - |
| C3 | Pilot Project | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 100,000 |
| D | GSPs Updates | \$ 140,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 425,000 |
| D1 | GSP Resubmittals | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| D2 | SW and GW Model Updates | \$ 140,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ - |
| D3 | GSP 5-Yr Updates | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 425,000 |
| E | General Programs & Projects Development | \$ 130,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 |
| E1 | Well Permit Review | \$ 25,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 |
| E2 | GW Export Evaluation and Policy Development | \$ 50,000 | \$ - | \$ - |
| E3 | General support (Board mtgs, Grants, Advocacy) | \$ 55,000 | \$ 55,000 | \$ 55,000 |
| SUBTOTAL | | \$ 653,000 | \$ 603,000 | \$ 818,000 |
| Assumed Annual Pumpage (AF) | | 55,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Approx. Pumping Surcharge (\$/AF) | | \$ 11.9 | \$ 11.0 | \$ 14.9 |

| | | FY 2024-2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | FY 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | FY 2026-2027 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|---------------|------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr Tech Services | | Q1 | | | Q2 | | | Q3 | | | Q4 | | | Q1 | | | Q2 | | | Q3 | | | Q4 | | | Q1 | | | Q2 | | | Q3 | | | Q4 | | |
| No. | Phase / Activity | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | #### | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | #### | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | #### | Jun |
| A | Monitoring & Reporting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A1 | Fill GW Level Data Gaps at (3) ISW-GDE Areas | Desktop study | | | | | | | | | | | | Site visits | | | | | | | | | | | | Add existing MWs or identify areas for new MWs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A2 | GW Level Monitoring @ Del Valle GDE | Contract with County to monitor GW outside United's Jurisdi | | | | | | | | | | | | Routine GW monitoring | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A3 | Biological Monitoring for East Grove GDE Area | Develop Plan | | | Year 1 monitoring | | | | | | Year 2 monitoring | | | | | | Year 3 monitoring | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A4 | GSP Annual Reports and Online DMS Update | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A5 | Annual Subsidence Evaluations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B | Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Study | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B1 | Desktop Study | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B2 | Field Visits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B3 | Mitigation Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C | Cienega Springs Drought Mitigation Project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C1 | Needs Assessment and Conceptualization | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C2 | Project Planning & Design | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C3 | Pilot Project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D | GSPs Updates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D1 | GSP Resubmittals | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D2 | SW and GW Model Updates | Update models | | | Develop scenarios | | | | | | Run scenarios | | | Tech Memo | | | | | | Public Review | | | Finalize GSPs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D3 | GSP 5-Yr Updates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E | General Programs & Projects Development | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E1 | Well Permit Review | Develop Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E2 | W Export Evaluation and Policy Development | Evaluate significance of GW exports | | | | | | | | | | | | Develop Export Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | DWR Determination Letter--> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | DWR ISW Guidance--> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET



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|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| • Total Income | | \$770,000 |
| • Professional Services | 772,874 | |
| • Legal Fees | 30,000 | |
| • Office Expenses | 4,000 | |
| • Insurance | 2,756 | |
| • Bank Service Charges | 270 | |
| • Capital Expenditures | 0 | |
| • Total Expenses | | 809,901 |
| • Net Income | | 39,900 |

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GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGES



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|---|------------------------------|
| • Current Groundwater Charge (Since 01 Jul 2019) | \$12.00 Per Acre-Foot |
| • Proposed FY 2024-2025 Charges | \$14.00 Per Acre-Foot |

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NEXT STEPS



- **Amendments from Budget Workshop**
- **Post Draft Budget and Groundwater Charges on Agency Website**
- **20 Jun 2024 Regular Board Meeting**
 - **Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**
 - **Hold Noticed Public Hearing on Proposed Groundwater Extraction Charges**
 - **Adopt Groundwater Charges for Pumping Beginning 01 Jul 2024**

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA

Check Detail Report
June 2024

| ACCOUNT | TRANSACTION ID | DATE | TRANSACTION TYPE | NUM | NAME | MEMO/DESCRIPTION | CLEARED | AMOUNT |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Bank of the Sierra | | | | | | | | |
| | 18911 | | | | | | | |
| Bank of the Sierra | 18911 | 06/13/2024 | Bill Payment (Check) | 11223 | Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc. | -- | Uncleared | -\$43,459.07 |
| Bank of the Sierra | 18911 | 06/13/2024 | Bill Payment (Check) | 11223 | Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc. | -- | -- | -\$43,459.07 |



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **3C Consent Calendar**

DATE: June 14, 2024 (for June 20, 2024, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: United Water Conservation District Finance

SUBJECT: **Monthly Financial Report**

SUMMARY

The Board will receive the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).

BACKGROUND

United Water Conservation District accounting staff has prepared financial reports based on the Agency revenue and expenses for the month of May 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Attachments: May 31, 2024, Profit and Loss Budget Performance
 May 31, 2024, Balance Sheet

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA
Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2023_2024 - FY24 P&L
July 2023 - May 2024

| | JUL - SEP, 2023 | | OCT - DEC, 2023 | | JAN - MAR, 2024 | | APR - MAY, 2024 | | TOTAL | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
| Income | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40001 Groundwater Extraction Charge | -165.60 | 0.00 | -4,050.48 | 0.00 | 329,219.33 | 319,268.46 | -1,588.32 | 0.00 | \$323,414.93 | \$319,268.46 |
| 41000 Grant Revenue | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 41001 State Grants | | 23,750.00 | 0.00 | 23,750.00 | 425,311.31 | 23,750.00 | | 0.00 | \$425,311.31 | \$71,250.00 |
| Total 41000 Grant Revenue | | 23,750.00 | 0.00 | 23,750.00 | 425,311.31 | 23,750.00 | | 0.00 | \$425,311.31 | \$71,250.00 |
| 47000 Other Revenue | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 47001 Late Fees | 10,968.50 | 0.00 | 5,128.81 | 0.00 | 915.07 | 0.00 | 4,381.54 | 0.00 | \$21,393.92 | \$0.00 |
| 47012 Returned Check Charges | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total 47000 Other Revenue | 10,968.50 | 0.00 | 5,128.81 | 0.00 | 915.07 | 0.00 | 4,381.54 | 0.00 | \$21,393.92 | \$0.00 |
| Total Income | \$10,802.90 | \$23,750.00 | \$1,078.33 | \$23,750.00 | \$755,445.71 | \$343,018.46 | \$2,793.22 | \$0.00 | \$770,120.16 | \$390,518.46 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$10,802.90 | \$23,750.00 | \$1,078.33 | \$23,750.00 | \$755,445.71 | \$343,018.46 | \$2,793.22 | \$0.00 | \$770,120.16 | \$390,518.46 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| 52200 Professional Services | 0.00 | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 52240 Prof Svcs - IT Consulting | | 446.25 | 628.50 | 446.25 | 1,708.50 | 446.25 | 130.23 | 297.50 | \$2,467.23 | \$1,636.25 |
| 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep | | | | | | | 3,245.64 | | \$3,245.64 | \$0.00 |
| 52251 Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Services | | 9,999.99 | | 9,999.99 | 3,673.57 | 9,999.99 | 10,415.34 | 6,666.66 | \$14,088.91 | \$36,666.63 |
| 52252 Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant | 6,092.50 | 123,750.00 | 26,648.75 | 123,750.00 | 56,348.50 | 123,750.00 | 74,822.07 | 82,500.00 | \$163,911.82 | \$453,750.00 |
| Total 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep | 6,092.50 | 133,749.99 | 26,648.75 | 133,749.99 | 60,022.07 | 133,749.99 | 88,483.05 | 89,166.66 | \$181,246.37 | \$490,416.63 |
| 52270 Prof Svcs - Accounting | | 6,352.50 | 7,365.00 | 6,352.50 | 17,392.58 | 6,352.50 | 8,626.28 | 4,235.00 | \$33,383.86 | \$23,292.50 |
| 52275 Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd | | 6,562.50 | | 6,562.50 | 5,184.98 | 6,562.50 | 11,320.24 | 4,375.00 | \$16,505.22 | \$24,062.50 |
| 52280 Prof Svcs - Executive Director | | 14,472.21 | | 14,472.21 | 15,786.69 | 14,472.21 | 6,839.19 | 9,648.14 | \$22,625.88 | \$53,064.77 |
| 52290 Prof Svcs - Other | | 5,250.00 | | 5,250.00 | 342.12 | 5,250.00 | 205.69 | 3,500.00 | \$547.81 | \$19,250.00 |
| Total 52200 Professional Services | 6,092.50 | 166,833.45 | 34,642.25 | 166,833.45 | 100,436.94 | 166,833.45 | 115,604.68 | 111,222.30 | \$256,776.37 | \$611,722.65 |
| 52500 Legal Fees | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 52501 Legal Counsel | 3,181.23 | 9,999.99 | 1,519.30 | 9,999.99 | 8,312.30 | 9,999.99 | 2,969.60 | 6,666.66 | \$15,982.43 | \$36,666.63 |
| Total 52500 Legal Fees | 3,181.23 | 9,999.99 | 1,519.30 | 9,999.99 | 8,312.30 | 9,999.99 | 2,969.60 | 6,666.66 | \$15,982.43 | \$36,666.63 |
| 53000 Office Expenses | | 500.01 | | 500.01 | | 500.01 | | 333.34 | \$0.00 | \$1,833.37 |
| 53010 Public Information | | 249.99 | | 249.99 | 230.60 | 249.99 | | 166.66 | \$230.60 | \$916.63 |
| 53020 Office Supplies | | 249.99 | | 249.99 | 221.57 | 249.99 | 12.88 | 166.66 | \$234.45 | \$916.63 |
| 53026 Postage & Mailing | | 249.99 | | 249.99 | 734.65 | 249.99 | 368.24 | 166.66 | \$1,102.89 | \$916.63 |
| 53060 Computer Software | | | | | | | 10.58 | | \$10.58 | \$0.00 |
| 53110 Travel & Training | | 500.01 | | 500.01 | 120.08 | 500.01 | 359.83 | 333.34 | \$479.91 | \$1,833.37 |
| Total 53000 Office Expenses | | 1,749.99 | | 1,749.99 | 1,306.90 | 1,749.99 | 751.53 | 1,166.66 | \$2,058.43 | \$6,416.63 |
| 53500 Insurance | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 53510 Liability Insurance | | 0.00 | 2,462.42 | 2,625.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | \$2,462.42 | \$2,625.00 |
| Total 53500 Insurance | | 0.00 | 2,462.42 | 2,625.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | \$2,462.42 | \$2,625.00 |
| 70130 Bank Service Charges | 135.00 | 0.00 | 135.00 | 0.00 | 135.00 | 0.00 | 45.00 | 0.00 | \$450.00 | \$0.00 |
| 80000 AR Write-Offs - Bad Debt Exp. | | | 1.47 | | | | | | \$1.47 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$9,408.73 | \$178,583.43 | \$38,760.44 | \$181,208.43 | \$110,191.14 | \$178,583.43 | \$119,370.81 | \$119,055.62 | \$277,731.12 | \$657,430.91 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | \$1,394.17 | \$ -154,833.43 | \$ -37,682.11 | \$ -157,458.43 | \$645,254.57 | \$164,435.03 | \$ -116,577.59 | \$ -119,055.62 | \$492,389.04 | \$ -266,912.45 |
| Other Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation | | | | | 7,724.97 | | 1,716.66 | | \$9,441.63 | \$0.00 |
| Total Other Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,724.97 | \$0.00 | \$1,716.66 | \$0.00 | \$9,441.63 | \$0.00 |
| NET OTHER INCOME | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$ -7,724.97 | \$0.00 | \$ -1,716.66 | \$0.00 | \$ -9,441.63 | \$0.00 |
| NET INCOME | \$1,394.17 | \$ -154,833.43 | \$ -37,682.11 | \$ -157,458.43 | \$637,529.60 | \$164,435.03 | \$ -118,294.25 | \$ -119,055.62 | \$482,947.41 | \$ -266,912.45 |

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2024

| | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| 10000 Bank of the Sierra | 1,708,797.96 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$1,708,797.96 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| 11000 Accounts Receivable | 355,783.29 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | \$355,783.29 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| 12000 Undeposited Funds | 0.00 |
| 12900 Clearing Account | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | \$0.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$2,064,581.25 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Fillmore Piru Monitoring Wells (4 Wells) | 515,000.00 |
| Accumulated Depreciation - Monitoring Wells (4 Wells) | -9,441.63 |
| Total Fillmore Piru Monitoring Wells (4 Wells) | 505,558.37 |
| Total Fixed Assets | \$505,558.37 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$2,570,139.62 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| 20000 Accounts Payable | 43,459.07 |
| Total Accounts Payable | \$43,459.07 |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| 20001 Advance from County of Ventura | 0.00 |
| California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Payable | 0.00 |
| Out Of Scope Agency Payable | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | \$0.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$43,459.07 |
| Total Liabilities | \$43,459.07 |
| Equity | |
| 30000 Opening Balance Equity | 515,000.00 |
| 32000 Retained Earnings | 1,528,733.14 |
| Net Income | 482,947.41 |
| Total Equity | \$2,526,680.55 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$2,570,139.62 |



Item No. 4A Motion

DATE: May 29, 2024 (for June 20, 2024, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

VIA: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

FROM: Finance Staff, United Water Conservation District

SUBJECT: Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Limoneira Company

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will consider waiving late fees in the amount of \$261.07 for Limoneira Company.

BACKGROUND

Limoneira Company (Limoneira) accrued late fees and interest for payments made after the deadline during the 2021-2022 period. During that period, many groundwater pumpers experienced receiving their Agency groundwater statements late, including Limoneira. Limoneira paid Invoices 13380 for \$1,121.04 and 13938 for \$742.80 for Account Number 200-01330-00; however, finance charges of \$261.07 accrued (Finance Charges 2959 and 3236). Limoneira is current on this account, and requests that the Agency consider waiving late fees and interest.

FISCAL IMPACT

Waiving late fees and interest will result in less revenue received by the GSA in the amount of \$261.07. However, late fees and interest are not budgeted by the GSA and waiving the fees will not materially impact the Agency's financial position.

ATTACHMENTS

Invoices and Statements

Proposed Motion:

Approve waiver of late fees and interest in the amount of \$261.07 for the Limoneira Company.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Mendez:

Director Meneghi

| Account Number | Invoice No. | Well Number | Bill To | Late Fee | |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| 200-01330-00 | FC 2959 | 03N20W05D03S | LIMONEIRA COMPANY | \$ | 123.31 |
| 200-01330-00 | FC 3236 | 03N20W05D03S | LIMONEIRA COMPANY | \$ | 137.76 |
| Total | | | | | 261.07 |



BILL TO

INVOICE #
DATE
DUE DATE

WELL NO.

\$123.31



BILL TO

INVOICE #
DATE
DUE DATE

WELL NO.



\$137.76



BILL TO

INVOICE #
DATE
DUE DATE
TERMS

SHIP DATE

WELL NO.



PAID

\$0.00



BILL TO

INVOICE #
DATE
DUE DATE
TERMS

SHIP DATE

WELL NO.



PAID

\$0.00



Item No. **4B Public Hearing and Motion**

DATE: June 13, 2024 (for June 20, 2024, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Groundwater Extraction Fee and Adoption of Resolution 2024-03**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will conduct a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fee of \$14 per acre-foot and consider adoption of Resolution 2024-03 setting the proposed extraction fee to become effective on July 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

The adoption of the groundwater extraction fee allows the Agency to collect groundwater extraction charges from pumpers within Agency boundaries as revenue to support the Agency's activities mandated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and as represented in the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget reviewed by the Board of Directors during its May 16, 2024, and May 30, 2024, meetings.

Following the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) January 2024 findings that the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) were incomplete, the Agency has amended its GSPs and modified its planned future scope of work to address the comments from DWR and ensure Agency compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Prior to DWR's comments, the Agency had been hopeful that it could reduce its scope of work and corresponding expenditures during the coming fiscal year, to keep its extraction fees level, being respectful of the current economic constraints on many of the pumpers. The Agency has held the extraction fee steady at \$12 per acre-foot since July 2019. However, addressing the DWR comments will require an increase in expenditure.

Additionally, due to a wetter than average January – June 2024, the Agency expects its Fiscal Year 2023-2024 revenue to come in under plan. A significant portion of the Agency's receivables are also uncollectable. Therefore, the Agency expects to have minimal ending fund balance to serve as a "reserve" for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. An increase in the extraction fee of \$2 per acre-foot will increase Agency revenue by approximately \$106,000.

Staff expects the proposed groundwater extraction fee of \$14 per acre-foot to provide sufficient revenue to cover the necessary and planned SGMA compliance study and planning activities included in the budget. Staff recommends that the Board set the groundwater extraction fee at \$14 per acre-foot.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2024-03

Proposed Motion: Adoption of Resolution 2024-03 setting the proposed extraction fee of \$14 per acre-foot to become effective on July 1, 2023.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Mendez:

Director Meneghin:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGES AGAINST ALL PERSONS
OPERATING GROUNDWATER PRODUCING FACILITIES WITHIN
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) are authorized to collect fees to fund the cost of preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including the preparation and amendment of a sustainability plan, investigation of groundwater conditions, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration (California Water Code Section 10730); and

WHEREAS, the type of fees that can be imposed to fund the cost of preparing a GSP include permit fees, fees on groundwater extraction, and fees on other regulated activity; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has provided notice of the pending adoption of these fees through publication of a notice in the Fillmore Gazette on June 6, 2023, and June 13, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) posted this information on the Internet Website of the Agency beginning on June 14, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Agency provided notice by mail to all interested parties who filed a written request with the Agency: and

WHEREAS, the Agency made the data upon which the fee is based available to the public 15 days prior to the public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency that groundwater extraction charges should be levied pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that groundwater extraction charges be levied pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 as described herein.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-03
(continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby affirm its establishment of a groundwater extraction charge of \$14.00 per acre foot. The Agency does hereby affirm **its levy, assessment and fixing of this groundwater extraction charge in compliance with** law against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities within the Agency boundary commencing July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency has elected to bill for these groundwater extraction charges semiannually with billing periods covering January through June and July through December.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said meetings and public hearing, for purposes of calculating the groundwater extraction charge, the Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby establishes the following methods to be used in computing with reasonable accuracy the amount of water produced from a water-producing facility: (a) a permitted water flow meter; or (b) Edison electrical meter with such calculations made pursuant to the United Water Conservation District's Groundwater Extraction Reporting Policy adopted by its Board on May 15, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in levying groundwater charges within the Agency as set forth herein, the Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, makes the following findings, based upon the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said meetings and public hearing:

- (a) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges will not exceed the funds required to provide the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Planning and related administrative services.
- (b) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the groundwater charges are imposed.

We, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and current Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by resolution of the Board of Directors of said groundwater sustainability agency at a meeting thereof held on the 20th day of June 2024, by the following vote:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-03
(continued)

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Albert Mendez, Secretary



Item No. **4C Motion**

DATE: June 13, 2024 (for June 20, 2024, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Resolution 2024-04 Adopting Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2024-04 adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

DISCUSSION

During its May 16, 2024, and May 30, 2024, meetings, the Agency Board of Directors reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 scope of work, projected revenue, projected expenditures, and expected Fiscal Year 2023-2024 ending fund balance, asked questions, and provided comments and recommendations on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. The proposed budget, as amended by the Agency Board, is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT

The adoption of an annual budget provides authorization for the planned revenues and expenditures of the Agency as it fulfills the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget
Resolution 2024-04

Proposed Motion: Adoption of Resolution 2024-04 adopting proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

1st: Director _____ 2nd: Director _____

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Voice/Roll call vote: | Director Fornoff: | Director Jackson: | Director Kimball: |
| | Director Long: | Director Mendez: | Director Meneghin: |

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA Proposed Budget

| | FY 24-25 Accrual Basis Proposed Budget | FY 23-24 Accrual Basis Adopted Budget |
|--|--|---|
| Income | | |
| 40001 Groundwater Extraction Charge | \$ 742,000.00 | 638,536.92 |
| 41000 Grant Revenue | | |
| 41001 State Grants | 0.00 | 95,000.00 |
| Total 41000 Grant Revenue | \$ 0.00 | \$ 95,000.00 |
| 47000 Other Revenue | | |
| 47001 Late Fees | 0 | 0.00 |
| 47012 Returned Check Charges | | 0.00 |
| Total 47000 Other Revenue | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 742,000.00 | \$ 733,536.92 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 742,000.00 | \$ 733,536.92 |
| Expenses | | |
| 52200 Professional Services | | |
| 52240 Prof Svcs - IT Consulting | 5,000.00 | 1,785.00 |
| 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep | | |
| 52251 Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Services | | 40,000.00 |
| 52252 Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant | | 495,000.00 |
| 5225A Prof Svcs - Monitoring & Reporting | 170,000.00 | |
| 5225B Prof Svcs - Dom Well Vulnerability | 60,000.00 | |
| 5225C Prof Svcs - Cienega Drought Project | 100,000.00 | |
| 5225D Prof Svcs - GSPs Updates | 130,000.00 | |
| 5225E Prof Svcs - General Pgrms & Prjcts Dvlpmnt | 120,000.00 | |
| Total 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep | \$ 580,000.00 | \$ 535,000.00 |
| 52270 Prof Svcs - Accounting | 25,000.00 | 25,410.00 |
| 52275 Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd | 25,000.00 | 26,250.00 |
| 52280 Prof Svcs - Executive Director | 50,000.00 | 57,888.81 |
| 52290 Prof Svcs - Other | 10,000.00 | 21,000.00 |
| Total 52200 Professional Services | 695,000.00 | \$ 667,333.81 |
| 52500 Legal Fees | | |
| 52501 Legal Counsel | 30,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Total 52500 Legal Fees | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| 53000 Office Expenses | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 53010 Public Information | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 53020 Office Supplies | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 53026 Postage & Mailing | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 53060 Computer Software | | |
| 53110 Travel & Training | 500.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total 53000 Office Expenses | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| 53500 Insurance | | |
| 53510 Liability Insurance | 2,756.25 | 2,625.00 |
| Total 53500 Insurance | 2,756.25 | \$ 2,625.00 |
| 70130 Bank Service Charges | 270 | 0.00 |
| 80000 AR Write-Offs - Bad Debt Exp. | | |
| 81000 Capital Expenditures | | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 731,526.25 | \$ 716,958.81 |
| Net Operating Income | \$ 10,473.75 | \$ 16,578.11 |
| Other Expenses | | |
| Depreciation | 10,299.96 | |
| Total Other Expenses | \$ 10,299.96 | \$ 0.00 |
| Net Other Income | -\$ 10,299.96 | \$ 0.00 |
| Net Income | \$ 173.79 | \$ 16,578.11 |

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADOPTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency), as the sole Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Fillmore and Piru basins; on June 20, 2024, approves the proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as recommended by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the following activities were undertaken by the Agency:

1. A draft of the Agency's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Plan was shared with pumpers within the two basins (Fillmore and Piru) and the general public at a Board of Directors Meeting on May 30, 2024;
2. The Agency held a Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Groundwater Extraction Charges and Budget during its June 20, 2024, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors carefully reviewed and considered the proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget as originally submitted, along with the recommended revisions resulting from the above-mentioned activities, at its Board Meeting on June 20, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby approves and adopts the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as proposed to the Board of Directors on June 20, 2024.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 20th day of June, 2024.

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Albert Mendez, Secretary



Item No. 4D Motion

DATE: June 13, 2024 (for June 20, 2024, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plans Stakeholder Workshop

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will receive a brief presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates on the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plans, receive comments and questions from Stakeholders, and provide comments and recommendations to the Agency team.

DISCUSSION

On December 18, 2021, the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) adopted groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) for the Fillmore subbasin and Piru subbasin, and subsequently submitted them to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for review and approval, as per the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). On January 18, 2024, the DWR transmitted its findings and recommendations to the Agency. DWR determined that the two GSPs were incomplete, pursuant to Section 355.2(e)(2) of the GSP regulations. The two areas the DWR determined to be deficient were: 1) sustainable groundwater management criteria (undesirable results, minimum thresholds, and effects) associated with groundwater levels, and 2) must set preliminary sustainable management criteria for depletions of interconnected surface water associated with groundwater use. The Agency has 180 days to address the deficiencies and resubmit the GSPs to DWR, no later than July 16, 2024.

Agency staff and consultants subsequently coordinated with DWR SGMA staff, holding six technical consultation meetings. Subject matter covered during the technical meetings focused on developing better descriptions of the undesirable results, significant and unreasonable impacts, and potential Agency actions to address the impacts. Results of the meetings were discussed with the Agency Board of Directors during regular Board meetings, and the Board provided feedback and direction to the Agency team.

Following the technical meetings and consultation with the Board, the Agency's consultant team prepared redline revisions of the Agency's two GSPs. The Agency will post the draft documents on its website on June 17, 2024, and sent an email to all known stakeholders informing them of the availability of the documents for review.

Following the stakeholder workshop, the Agency's consultant team will consider comments by the Board and stakeholders and make final revisions to the GSPs. The Board will then hold a noticed public hearing on July 9, 2024, receive comments on the final Amended GSPs and then consider adopting the documents. The Amended GSPs will then be uploaded to the DWR's SGMA Portal and will be available for statewide stakeholder comment.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

Proposed Motion:

Provide comments and direction to staff and consultants regarding the draft
Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Mendez:

Director Meneghin: