



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring – Second Quarter 2023

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Attachments: Tables:
Table 1. Second Quarter 2023 Groundwater Level Measurements – Depth to Water
Table 2. Second Quarter 2023 Groundwater Level Measurements – Groundwater Elevation

Figure:
Figure 1. Wells Included in the San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Monitoring Network

Date: July 12, 2023

Introduction

On behalf of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SABGSA), GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) completed the second quarter 2023 (2Q2023) San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) groundwater level monitoring event (monitoring event) on June 20th and 21st, 2023. Prior to each quarterly monitoring event, GSI contacts well owners to coordinate access to the wells and request that well owners shut off the well for at least 8 hours before the monitoring event so that a static measurement can be obtained. Well owners were originally notified on June 9, 2023.

Due to equipment and biological issues, GSI was unable measure depth to water in five wells with secured access agreements during the June 20th and 21st, 2023 monitoring event. Well access agreements were secured by the SABGSA for three additional wells (22K3, White Hawk 1, and White Hawk 4) in the Basin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network (Monitoring Network) during the June 20th and 21st, 2023 monitoring event; however, the well access agreements were not secured in time to allow adequate notice to the well owners and therefore were not included in the June 20th and 21st, 2023 monitoring event. In consultation with the SABGSA Executive Director, GSI returned to the Basin to attempt to collect water level measurements from the five outstanding wells and the three wells with recently secured access agreements. GSI notified the respective well owners on June 22, 2023, to coordinate access to the wells. GSI returned to the Basin on June 28, 2023. The attached tables provide the status of current well access agreements and the attached figures show the well locations. The following paragraphs and attached tables summarize the results for this quarter.

2Q2023 Water Level Monitoring Event Summary

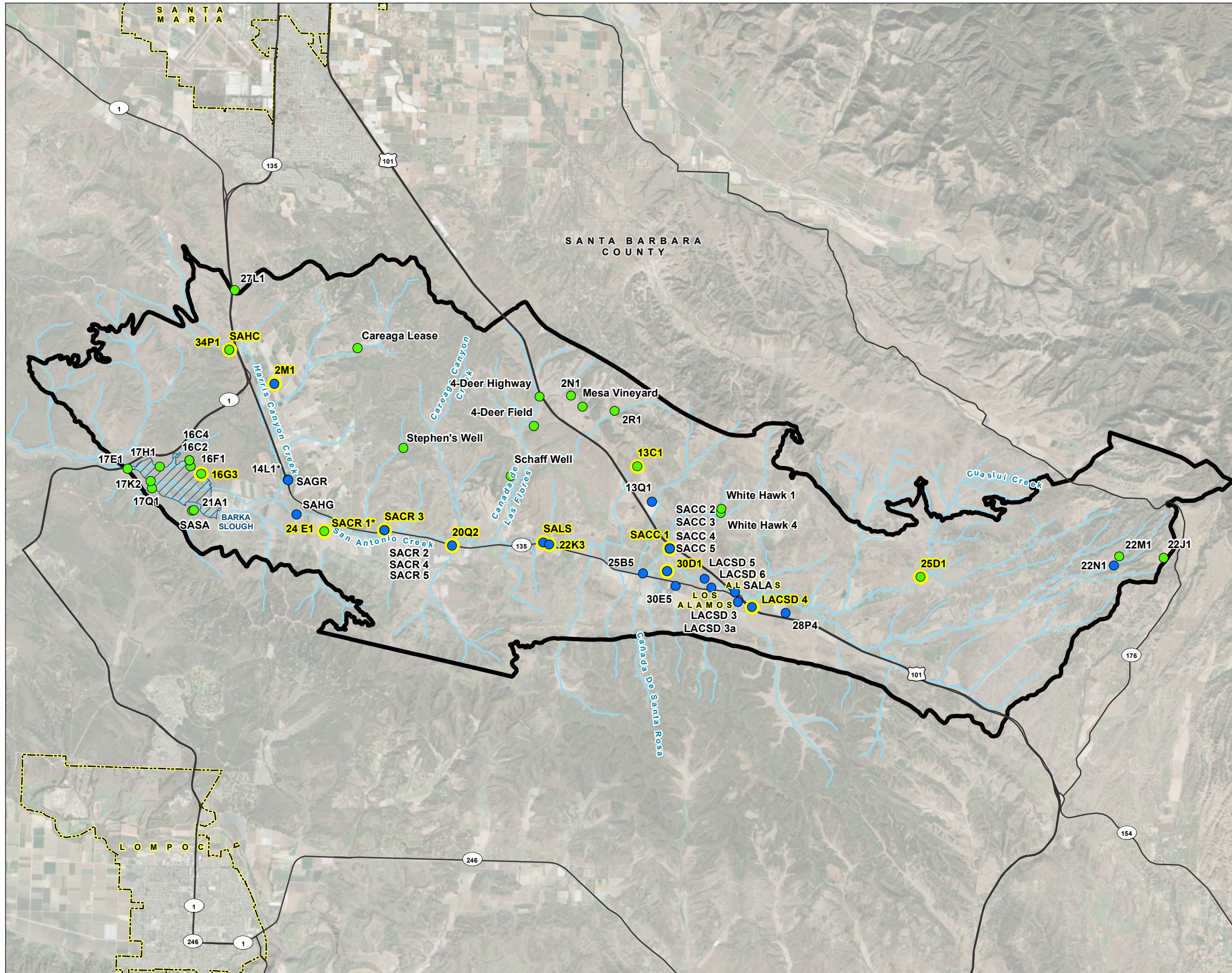
The attached tables summarize the results of the Basin 2Q2023 monitoring event for the wells in the Basin Monitoring Network. The tables include the status of current well access agreements, depth to water measurements, and calculated groundwater elevations for all wells that were able to be accessed during the monitoring event. Wells identified as Representative Monitoring Sites (RMS) in the Basin’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) are identified in Table 2 and denoted with the respective RMS’s sustainable management criteria (i.e., minimum threshold and measurable objective). The following is a summary of observations from the 2Q2023 monitoring event:

- The airline pressure gage at Stephen’s Well was broken during the June 20th and 21st, 2023 monitoring event. The gage was replaced by the ranch manager and an airline pressure was recorded during the June 28, 2023 monitoring event.
- Wells with active well access agreements that did not have a groundwater level measurement collected during the 2Q2023 Basin water level monitoring event were 2M1, 34P1, and Mesa Vineyard.
 - No water level measurement was collected from well 2M1 due to the risk of the sounder becoming stuck in the well. Groundwater level monitoring at well 2M1 is planned to resume pending the installation of a sounding tube.
 - No water level measurement was collected from well 34P1 due to observed bee activity at the well during the 2Q2023 monitoring event. The beekeeper for Vandenberg Space Force Base treated the well on July 7, 2023. Groundwater level monitoring at well 34P1 is planned to resume during the Basin 3Q2023 monitoring event.
 - No water level measurement was collected from the Mesa Vineyard well during the June 20th and 21st, 2023 monitoring event due to a suspected faulty sounder. During the June 28th, 2023 monitoring event the sounder became stuck in the well before a water level could be collected. The sounder was successfully retrieved from the well on June 30th, 2023.
- Well 2N1 and Mesa Vineyard have historically contained rusty material. Consequently, the sounder becomes coated when lowered into the well, occasionally blocking the sensor and preventing an accurate water level measurement.
- The vegetation along the Barka Slough area well access trails, that was trimmed during 1Q2023, has grown back. Although access to the wells has become impeded, the wells were more easily located in part due to the elevated PVC tubing that was attached to the wells following the vegetation trimming.

Recommendations

- Consider the installation of a sounding tube in well 2M1 and Mesa Vineyard.
- Perform well maintenance on wells 2N1 and Mesa Vineyard to clear rusty material.
- Secure access agreement to former California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program (CASGEM) well 13Q1.
- Continue public outreach to Basin stakeholders to discuss participation in the Basin’s Monitoring Network.
- Consider the purchase and installation of additional continuous data recording pressure transducers.
- Perform a Reference Point Elevation (RPE) Survey for the wells included in the Basin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) well elevation accuracy requirements.
- Perform well video surveys of wells included in the Basin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network with outstanding well construction information (total depth and screened intervals).

FIGURE 1
Wells Included in the
San Antonio Creek Valley
Groundwater Basin
Groundwater Monitoring Network
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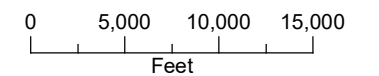
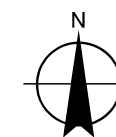
- Representative Well
- Wells (by screened aquifer)**
- Paso Robles Formation
- Careaga Sand
- All Other Features**
- ~ San Antonio Creek or Tributary
- Major Road
- San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin
- Barka Slough
- City Boundary



NOTES

*SACR 1 and 14L1 are screened in the Careaga Sand.

San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Boundary as defined in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118.



Date: July 7, 2023
 Data Sources: USGS (2020a), ESRI, DWR (2018), Maxar imagery (2020)

