



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin Quarterly Groundwater Level Monitoring – Third Quarter 2024

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Date: September 13, 2024

Introduction

On behalf of the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SABGSA), GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) completed the third quarter 2024 (3Q2024) San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) groundwater level monitoring event (monitoring event) on August 27th and 28th, 2024. Prior to each quarterly monitoring event, GSI contacts well owners/property managers to coordinate access to the wells and request that wells be shut off for at least 8 hours before the monitoring event so that a static measurement can be obtained. Well owners/property managers were notified on August 14th, 2024. GSI performed site visits to measure and record static water levels in wells on August 27th and 28th, 2024.

GSI was able to successfully measure depth to water in 37 of the 41 wells that have secured access agreements during the monitoring event. Tables 1 and 2 provide statuses of the current well access agreements, and Figure 1 displays the well locations. The following text and tables summarize the results of the 3Q2024 monitoring event.

3Q2024 Groundwater Level Monitoring Event Summary

The attached tables summarize the results of the 3Q2024 monitoring event for the wells in the Basin Groundwater Level Monitoring Network (Monitoring Network). The tables include the statuses of the current well access agreements, depth to water measurements, and calculated groundwater elevations for all wells that were able to be accessed during this monitoring event. Wells identified as a Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) in the Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) are identified in Table 2 and denoted with their respective RMS sustainable management criteria (i.e., minimum threshold and measurable objective). The following is a summary of observations from the 3Q2024 monitoring event:

- The four wells with an active well access agreement that did not have a groundwater level measurement collected during the 3Q2024 monitoring event were 2M1, 2N1, Well 4, and 34P1.
 - No water level measurement was collected from well 2M1 due to the risk of the sounder becoming stuck in the well. Historically there have been instances of the sounder becoming stuck in the well during monitoring. Groundwater level monitoring at well 2M1 has been halted pending the installation of a sounding tube. Installation of a sounding tube at 2M1 has been evaluated, however installation costs may preclude completion of the work. Therefore, well 14L1 is being evaluated as a replacement RMS well for 2M1 due to their locations within Harris Canyon, consistent water levels, and water level trends.
 - No water level measurement was collected from well 2N1 at the request of Premiere Coastal Vineyards due to a representative not being available to provide oversight.
 - No water level measurement was collected from Well 4 due to an obstruction encountered at approximately 100 feet below the RPE. Multiple attempts were made to record a water level measurement on August 27th and 28th.
 - A water level measurement has not been recorded at well 34P1 since the 4Q2023. An obstruction or collapse has since been encountered at approximately 72 feet below the RPE. Based on historical water levels, the well casing is suspected to have collapsed.
- The vegetation along the Barka Slough area well access trails was trimmed during the 3Q2023 monitoring event.
- Wells without current well access agreements, including RMS wells, are planned to be evaluated for replacement using existing Monitoring Network wells and potential candidate wells to be identified using the data collected from the SABGSA Well Registration Program (see Recommendations, below).

Recommended Action Items

- Investigate the obstruction encountered in well 34P1.
- Consider maintenance on wells 2N1 and Mesa Vineyard to remove rusty material and oil from the water column. The water level reading device becomes coated in either rust or oil when lowered into the well, occasionally blocking the sensor and preventing an accurate water level measurement.
- Perform a RPE Survey for the wells in the Monitoring Network in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) well elevation accuracy requirements.
- Perform video survey inspections of the wells in the Monitoring Network with unknown well construction information (total depth and screened intervals).
- Continue public outreach to Basin stakeholders to expand participation in the Monitoring Network.
- Collaborate with Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. to request and share existing Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program well information.
- Review SABGSA Well Registration Program data to identify existing candidate wells to incorporate into the Monitoring Network.
- Continue to perform routine vegetation trimming for access routes to all wells located in the Barka Slough area, including wells SAHC and 34P1 located to the north of the slough and to the west of Highway 135.

Table 1. Third Quarter 2024 Groundwater Level Measurements – Depth to Water

State Well Number	Site Name	Well Type	Water Level Measurement Frequency/Type	Area	Total Depth (feet bgs)	Aquifer of Completion	DTW on 9/14/2021 and 9/15/2021	DTW on 12/8/2021 and 12/9/2021	DTW on 3/10/2022 and 3/11/2022	DTW on 6/21/2022 and 6/22/2022	DTW on 9/15/2022 and 9/16/2022	DTW on 12/14/2022 and 12/15/2022	DTW on 3/15/23 and 3/16/23 and 3/23/23	DTW on 6/20/2023 and 6/21/2023	DTW on 9/12/23 and 9/13/23	DTW on 12/12/23 and 12/13/23	DTW on 2/27/24 and 2/28/24	DTW on 6/4/24 and 6/5/24	DTW on 8/27/24 and 8/28/24	Notes on 8/27/24 and 8/28/24
009N034W34N002S	SAHC	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	90	Careaga Sand	73.55	73.68	73.79	73.93	74.07	74.20	74.43	74.34	74.06	73.86	73.52	73.06	72.54	
008N034W21A002S	SASA	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	65	Careaga Sand	45.37	45.69	45.85	46.19	46.98	47.33	46.37	44.82	45.39	46.25	45.59	43.54	44.47	
008N034W14L002S	SAGR	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	90	Paso Robles Formation	63.68	63.25	62.89	64.50	66.88	65.72	64.18	62.18	62.31	61.81	60.62	60.13	61.30	
008N034W23H001S	SAHG	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	75	Paso Robles Formation	42.85	42.72	43.12	41.42	41.71	40.80	27.74	27.99	30.60	33.22	30.09	29.55	29.83	
008N033W22G001S	SALS	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	Central San Antonio Basin	70	Paso Robles Formation	38.73	39.73	39.50	39.44	39.34	39.69	31.15	29.29	28.64	29.83	26.88	26.17	27.96	
008N032W29L004S	SALA	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	Central San Antonio Basin	90	Paso Robles Formation	48.13	48.79	48.95	49.25	49.85	50.46	27.96	26.79	32.32	36.12	25.85	26.79	32.01	
008N033W19K002S	SACR 1	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	690	Careaga Sand	49.61	46.27	46.25	51.05	54.90	47.50	--	47.90	53.74	48.68	49.17	54.06		
008N033W19K003S	SACR 2	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	540	Paso Robles Formation	76.58	75.51	78.76	81.30	83.33	72.58	--	77.38	79.39	73.10	72.08	75.67	84.68	
008N033W19K004S	SACR 3	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	350	Paso Robles Formation	113.90	99.00	102.25	119.95	122.83	99.33	--	110.41	117.35	99.95	95.83	103.84	117.91	
008N033W19K005S	SACR 4	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	220	Paso Robles Formation	95.93	94.72	94.07	95.70	97.73	96.15	--	90.53	91.87	92.38	91.58	91.51	93.26	
008N033W19K006S	SACR 5	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	110	Paso Robles Formation	100.49	100.30	99.68	99.98	100.47	100.87	95.86	91.91	94.34	95.62	96.16	95.74	97.06	
008N032W19M001S	SACC 1	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	Central San Antonio Basin	980	Paso Robles Formation	237.35	229.72	235.35	236.20	241.70	220.97	214.99	224.04	232.96	222.72	214.81	224.72	232.65	
008N032W19M002S	SACC 2	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	720	Paso Robles Formation	219.00	215.05	217.05	217.45	222.83	215.17	210.04	212.87	219.52	214.50	208.10	211.82	218.35	
008N032W19M003S	SACC 3	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	530	Paso Robles Formation	224.73	220.42	219.40	220.10	223.35	213.49	208.65	213.21	219.74	213.49	206.69	214.97	218.65	
008N032W19M004S	SACC 4	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	325	Paso Robles Formation	173.62	172.79	173.70	175.70	177.90	175.98	172.58	174.52	177.45	176.87	173.61	174.46	176.76	
008N032W19M005S	SACC 5	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	120	Paso Robles Formation	107.20	107.13	107.10	107.05	107.30	107.20	107.01	106.94	106.50	105.82	105.66	105.08	104.95	
008N034W02M001S	2M1	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	750	Paso Robles Formation	154.13	152.60	154.55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Temporarily discontinued due to risk of stuck sounder
--	White Hawk 1	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	560	Careaga Sand	124.03	124.03	112.73	125.50	126.50	125.10	123.96	123.96	124.58	123.29	122.81	122.32	122.78	
--	White Hawk 4a	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	--	Careaga Sand	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	93.61	94.48	Newly constructed White Hawk 4 replacement well	
--	Mesa Vineyard	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	--	Careaga Sand	217.10	218.08	218.80	219.50	220.50	216.10	215.85	--	219.17	216.91	214.89	215.50	216.23	Rusty material in well
008N033W02N001S	2N1	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	980	Careaga Sand	--	224.65	227.10	226.20	228.00	225.50	--	224.23	228.06	224.33	222.20	--	--	Water level not attempted per owner's request.
008N033W02R001S	2R1	Domestic	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	370	Careaga Sand	185.22	119.42	118.75	173.55	120.50	120.45	120.30	120.61	120.94	121.02	121.48	123.06	122.25	
--	Well 4	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	1,000	Careaga Sand	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	122.50	122.29	122.01	--	Obstruction encountered at 100 feet below RPE. Water level not recorded.
008N033W10	4-Deer Field	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	490	Careaga Sand	27.82	27.67	27.09	65.90	68.00	28.61	25.59	27.53	30.39	29.48	26.75	27.02	35.41	
008N033W03L001S	4-Deer Highway	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	349	Careaga Sand	94.80	95.05	96.10	96.59	98.10	96.11	94.82	98.01	98.79	97.63	95.02	96.07	98.78	
--	Schaff Well	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	669	Careaga Sand	216.28	216.65	216.76	217.24	217.90	218.05	218.24	218.29	218.97	219.15	219.12	219.40	220.00	
008N034W14L001S	14L1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	593	Careaga Sand	70.82	68.99	68.12	71.18	73.70	69.95	68.24	70.85	74.84	72.16	69.04	70.22	73.37	Obstruction or collapse encountered at 72 feet below RPE. Water level not recorded.
009N034W34P001S	34P1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	223	Careaga Sand	68.60	68.55	72.66	71.85	70.80	70.15	66.50	--	67.65	66.19	--	--	--	Obstruction or collapse encountered at 72 feet below RPE. Water level not recorded.
008N034W17Q001S	17Q1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	48	Careaga Sand	--	14.78	14.80	15.40	--	--	13.31	13.72	14.80	15.21	12.96	13.20	14.32	
008N034W21A001S	21A1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	271	Careaga Sand	36.22	36.79	36.93	37.80	38.75	38.83	37.70	37.40	38.62	38.88	37.77	37.51	38.12	
008N034W17K002S	17K2	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	60	Careaga Sand	--	6.98	6.98	7.13	7.30	7.40	7.38	7.30	7.31	7.31	7.33	--	7.25	
008N034W17E001S	17E1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	89	Careaga Sand	21.76	22.03	22.20	22.28	22.35	22.38	19.72	19.44	20.26	20.67	19.42	18.80	19.96	
008N034W16C002S	16C2	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	1															

Table 2. Third Quarter 2024 Groundwater Level Measurements – Groundwater Elevation

State Well Number	Site Name	Well Type	Water Level Measurement Frequency/Type	Area	Total Depth (feet NAVD88)	Aquifer of Completion	MT Elevation (feet NAVD88)	MO Elevation (feet NAVD88)	GWE on 9/14/2021 and 9/15/2021	GWE on 12/8/2021 and 12/9/2021	GWE on 3/10/2022 and 3/11/2022	GWE on 6/21/2022 and 6/22/2022	GWE on 9/15/2022 and 9/16/2022	GWE on 12/14/2022 and 12/15/2022	GWE on 3/15/23 and 3/16/23	GWE on 6/20/2023 and 6/21/2023	GWE on 9/12/23 and 9/13/23	GWE on 12/12/23 and 12/13/23	GWE on 2/27/24 and 2/28/24	GWE on 6/4/24 and 6/5/24	GWE on 8/27/24 and 8/28/24	Notes on 8/27/24 and 8/28/24
009N034W34N002S	SAHC	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	363	Careaga Sand	358	--	381.79	381.66	381.55	381.41	381.27	381.14	380.91	381.00	381.28	381.48	381.82	382.28	382.80	
008N034W21A002S	SASA	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	245	Careaga Sand	--	--	266.44	266.12	265.96	265.62	264.83	264.48	265.44	266.99	266.42	265.56	266.22	268.27	267.34	
008N034W14L002S	SAGR	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	240	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	265.87	266.30	266.66	265.05	262.67	263.83	265.37	267.37	267.24	267.74	268.93	269.42	268.25	
008N034W23H001S	SAHG	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	246	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	280.76	280.89	280.49	282.19	281.90	282.81	295.87	295.62	293.01	290.39	293.52	294.06	293.78	
008N033W22G001S	SALS	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	Central San Antonio Basin	390	Paso Robles Formation	397	--	420.53	419.53	419.76	419.82	419.92	419.57	428.11	429.97	430.62	429.43	432.38	433.09	431.30	
008N032W29L004S	SALA	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	Central San Antonio Basin	506	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	548.24	547.58	547.42	547.12	546.52	545.91	568.41	569.58	564.05	560.25	570.52	569.58	564.36	
008N033W19K002S	SACR 1	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	West San Antonio Basin	-327	Careaga Sand	291	--	312.21	315.55	315.57	310.77	306.92	314.32	--	313.92	308.08	313.14	313.14	312.65	307.76	
008N033W19K003S	SACR 2	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	-177	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	285.24	286.31	283.06	280.52	278.49	289.24	--	284.44	282.43	288.72	289.74	286.15	277.14	
008N033W19K004S	SACR 3	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	13	Paso Robles Formation	233	--	247.91	262.81	259.56	241.86	238.98	262.48	--	251.40	244.46	261.86	265.98	257.97	243.90	
008N033W19K005S	SACR 4	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	143	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	265.89	267.10	267.75	266.12	264.09	265.67	--	271.29	269.95	269.44	270.24	270.31	268.56	
008N033W19K006S	SACR 5	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	252	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	264.75	264.94	265.56	265.26	264.77	264.37	269.38	273.33	270.90	269.62	269.08	269.50	268.18	
008N032W19M001S	SACC 1	Monitoring	Continuous/Transducer	Central San Antonio Basin	-394	Paso Robles Formation	348	--	347.69	355.32	349.69	348.84	343.34	364.07	370.05	361.00	352.08	362.32	370.23	360.32	352.39	
008N032W19M002S	SACC 2	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	-134	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	366.01	369.96	367.96	367.56	362.18	369.84	374.97	372.14	365.49	370.51	376.91	373.19	366.66	
008N032W19M003S	SACC 3	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	56	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	360.32	364.63	365.65	364.95	361.70	371.56	376.40	371.84	365.31	371.56	378.36	370.08	366.40	
008N032W19M004S	SACC 4	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	261	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	411.37	412.20	411.29	409.29	407.09	409.01	412.41	410.47	407.54	408.12	411.38	410.53	408.23	
008N032W19M005S	SACC 5	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	466	Paso Robles Formation	--	--	478.88	478.95	478.98	479.03	478.78	478.88	479.07	479.14	479.58	480.26	480.42	481.00	481.13	
008N034W02M001S	2M1	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	-331	Paso Robles Formation	244	286	265.88	267.41	265.46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Temporarily discontinued due to risk of stuck sounder
--	White Hawk 1	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	241	Careaga Sand	--	--	678.33	678.33	689.63	676.86	675.86	677.26	678.40	678.40	677.78	679.07	679.55	680.04	679.58	
--	White Hawk 4a	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	--	Careaga Sand	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	687.39	687.69	Newly constructed White Hawk 4 replacement well
--	Mesa Vineyard	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	--	Careaga Sand	--	--	589.69	588.71	587.99	587.29	586.29	590.69	590.94	--	587.62	589.88	591.90	591.29	590.56	Rusty material in well
008N033W02N001S	2N1	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	-153	Careaga Sand	--	--	602.26	600.15	601.05	599.25	601.75	--	603.02	599.19	602.92	605.05	--	--	--	Water level not attempted per owner's request.
008N033W02R001S	2R1	Domestic	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	406	Careaga Sand	--	--	592.18	657.98	658.65	603.85	656.90	657.10	656.79	656.46	656.38	655.92	654.34	655.15		
--	Well 4	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	1,000	Careaga Sand	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	596.57	596.78	597.06	--	Obstruction encountered at 100 feet below RPE. Water level not recorded.
008N033W10	4-Deer Field	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	149	Careaga Sand	--	--	611.54	611.69	612.27	573.46	571.36	610.75	613.77	611.83	608.97	609.88	612.61	612.34	603.95	
008N033W03L001S	4-Deer Highway	Irrigation	Quarterly/Discrete	Central San Antonio Basin	340	Careaga Sand	--	--	594.88	594.63	593.58	593.09	591.58	593.57	594.86	591.67	590.89	592.05	594.66	593.61	590.90	
008N034W14L001S	14L1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	-264	Careaga Sand	--	--	259.60	261.43	262.30	259.24	256.72	260.47	262.18	259.57	255.58	256.26	261.38	260.20	257.05	
009N034W34P001S	34P1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	230	Careaga Sand	361	386	386.36	386.41	382.30	383.11	384.16	384.81	388.46	--	387.31	388.77	--	--	--	Obstruction or collapse encountered at 72 feet below RPE. Water level not recorded.
008N034W17Q001S	17Q1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	222	Careaga Sand	--	--	260.22	260.20	259.60	--	--	261.69	261.28	260.20	259.79	262.04	261.80	260.68		
008N034W21A001S	21A1	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	30	Careaga Sand	--	--	267.55	266.98	266.84	265.97	265.02	264.94	266.07	266.37	265.15	264.89	266.00	266.26	265.65	
008N034W17K002S	17K2	Monitoring	Quarterly/Discrete	West San Antonio Basin	200	Careaga Sand	--	--	--	257.32	257.32	257.17	257.00	2								

FIGURE 1

**Wells Included in the
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Groundwater Basin
Groundwater Level Monitoring
Network**

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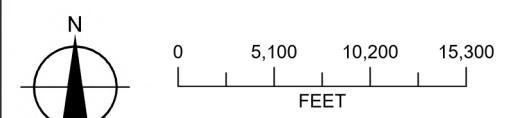
LEGEND

- 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

1. SACR 1 and 14L1 are screened in the Careaga Sand.
2. White Hawk 4 was destroyed in December 2023. Replacement well White Hawk 4a was constructed and completed in June 2024.



Date: September 9, 2024
Data Sources: BLM, ESRI, ODOT, USGS,
Imagery (2022)

