AGENDA
February 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm
Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall
401 South Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023
Phone: 805.640.1207 **Web site**: obgma.com
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Board of Directors	
Richard Hajas, Casitas Municipal Water District	Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District
Michael Weaver, Mutual Water Companies	Bob Daddi, Community Facilities District
Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai	

Zoom Teleconferencing for Public Call in Participation:

1. Zoom Dial in Information: 1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 827 5712 7464, Password: 218792.

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2. Zoom Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82757127464?pwd=Rm5JenhNUDNvRVovaEUwMzdScnFRdz09
3. www.OBGMA.com
4. City of Ojai YouTube Channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3DhCB5Z1DynNC7n8qcNeDQ/live (2 Minute delay of transmission)
5. In Ojai, CA: Spectrum Channel 10.

Public Comments: Members of the public may provide public comments under Item 6 or on each agenda item presented herein. Please wait until the Board Chair asks if any members of the public wish to comment. This will provide for orderly participation during the meeting.

Members of the public may also submit written public comments in advance via e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Public comment e-mails should be sent to OBGMA@aol.com "Attention Board of Directors".

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Mutual Water Companies
- Ojai Water Conservation District
- City of Ojai

- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

5. BASIN STATUS REPORTS

- Current Status of Basin: Input, Output, and Storage

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive comments from the public at this time. Other than for emergency items, no action can be taken during this period. Matters raised at this time may be briefly discussed by the Board and will generally be referred to staff and/or placed on a subsequent agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Financial Report for January 2026

b. Minutes of January 29, 2026, meeting

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Well Verification – 1126 Mercer Avenue

- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin;
- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any sustainability goal for the Basin as covered by the Plan; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 Authorizing Well Verification for a Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency on APN 028-0-010-070, 1126 Mercer Avenue

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update

b. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meetings of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month. The meeting agenda will be posted at Ojai City Hall and the OBGMA website 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency is scheduled for March 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers at Ojai City Hall and by Zoom Teleconferencing. Please contact OBGMA by email at obgma@aol.com or by calling 805.640.1207 with any questions.

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

From: Julia Aranda, PE, Interim General Manager

Subject: Financial Reports for January 2026

February 26, 2026

The attached January 2026 Financial Report includes updated Extraction Reports for Water Years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025. The current Water Year 2025/2026 Extraction Report is also included. The updated Extraction Reports are a result of the OBGMA's efforts to obtain accurate meter information for groundwater extractions.

Updated Reported Groundwater Extractions (AF, rounded) by Water Year

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Previously Reported:	4,456	4,641	4,418	3,848	3,834	4,057
As of January 2026:	4,439	4,584	4,401	3,855	4,182	4,138
Difference	-17	-57	-17	7	348	81
	-0.4%	-1.3%	-0.4%	0.2%	9.1%	2.0%

Attachment: January 2026 Financial Report

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2019/2020 Water Year

October/November/December 2019 (2020/1) ($25/acre foot)

2020/1	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	422.80	$10,669.25				
Dom/Land	90.35	$2,489.89				
Muni/Indus	23.22	$579.92				
CMWD	378.10	$9,450.00				
Totals	**914.47**	**$23,189.06**	**$10,530.00**	**$760.00**	**$0.00**	**$34,479.06**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2020 (2/2020) ($25/acre foot)

2020/2	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	422.76	$10,705.17				
Dom/Land	88.62	$2,304.44				
Muni/Indus	16.21	$401.75				
CMWD	264.80	$6,620.00				
Totals	**792.39**	**$20,031.36**	**$10,530.00**	**$720.00**	**$0.00**	**$31,281.36**

April/May/June (3/2020) ($25/acre foot)

2020/3	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	732.95	$18,448.89				
Dom/Land	89.74	$2,452.31				
Muni/Indus	34.91	$872.84				
CMWD	337.80	$8,445.00				
Totals	**1195.40**	**$30,219.04**	**$10,595.00**	**$625.00**	**$43,396.58**	**$84,835.62**

July/August/September 2020 (2020-4) ($25/acre foot)

2020/4	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	992.33	$24,733.45				
Dom/Land	149.44	$3,966.45				
Muni/Indus	36.18	$905.50				
CMWD	359.00	$8,975.00				
Totals	**1536.95**	**$38,580.40**	**$10,400.00**	**$610.00**	**$56,699.99**	**$106,290.39**

Total for water YTD 10/1/19- 9/30/20

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation Fee	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4439.21	$112,019.86	$42,055.00	$2,715.00	$100,096.57	$ 256,886.43

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2020/2021 Water Year

October/November/December 2020 (2021/1)

($25/acre foot)

2021/1	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	889.35	$17,418.47				
Dom/Land	86.46	$2,369.02				
Muni/Indus	36.22	$905.50				
CMWD	339.00	$8,487.50				
Totals	**1351.03**	**$29,180.49**	**$10,920.00**	**$630.00**	**$42,246.56**	**$82,977.05**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2021 (2/2021)

($25/acre foot)

2021/2	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	427.34	$11,005.23				
Dom/Land	63.32	$1,669.94				
Muni/Indus	23.17	$579.25				
CMWD	241.30	$6,032.50				
Totals	**755.13**	**$19,286.92**	**$10,465.00**	**$615.00**	**$26,665.81**	**$57,032.73**

April/May/June 2021 (3/2021)

($25/acre foot)

2021/3	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	856.56	$21,670.25				
Dom/Land	110.51	$2,916.24				
Muni/Indus	30.71	$749.20				
CMWD	322.00	$8,055.00				
Totals	**1319.78**	**$33,390.69**	**$10,400.00**	**$585.00**	**$47,858.71**	**$92,234.40**

July/August/September2021 (2021-4)

($25/acre foot)

2021/4	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	671.43	$16,518.99				
Dom/Land	123.31	$3,268.39				
Muni/Indus	29.27	$731.79				
CMWD	334.10	$8,352.50				
Totals	**1158.11**	**$28,871.67**	**$10,465.00**	**$590.00**	**$40,422.40**	**$80,349.07**

Total for water YTD 10/1/20- 9/30/21

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4584.05	$ 110,729.77	$42,250.00	$2,420.00	$157,193.48	$312,593.25

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2021/2022 Water Year

October/November/December 2021 (1/2022) ($25/acre foot)

2022/1	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	428.96	$10,755.54				
Dom/Land	64.73	$1,798.37				
Muni/Indus	17.87	$446.81				
CMWD	288.90	$7,235.00				
Totals	**800.46**	**$20,235.72**	**$10,790.00**	**$600.00**	**$28,367.13**	**$59,992.85**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2022 (2/2022) ($25/acre foot)

2022/2	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	482.86	$12,131.84				
Dom/Land	65.43	$1,872.40				
Muni/Indus	11.32	$283.25				
CMWD	243.30	$6,107.50				
Totals	**802.91**	**$20,394.99**	**$10,660.00**	**$620.00**	**$28,755.80**	**$60,430.79**

April/May/June 2022 (3/2022) ($25/acre foot)

2022/3	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	921.61	$18,907.56				
Dom/Land	131.46	$3,544.30				
Muni/Indus	21.49	$540.75				
CMWD	361.40	$9,047.50				
Totals	**1435.96**	**$32,040.11**	**$10,660.00**	**$600.00**	**$45,482.58**	**$88,782.69**

July/August/September2022 (4/2022) ($25/acre foot)

2022/4	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	844.17	$16,753.46				
Dom/Land	92.91	$2,504.39				
Muni/Indus	34.78	$869.49				
CMWD	389.70	$9,742.50				
Totals	**1361.56**	**$29,869.84**	**$10,790.00**	**$605.00**	**$42,463.17**	**$83,728.01**

Total for water YTD 10/1/21- 9/30/22

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation Fee	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4400.89	$ 102,540.66	$42,900.00	$2,425.00	$145,068.68	$292,934.34

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2022/2023

Oct/Nov/Dec 2022 (1-2023) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	519.18	$9,015.76				
Dom/Land	39.56	$1,230.75				
Mutual	13.39	$669.50				
CMWD	308.56	$7,714.00				
Totals	**880.69**	**$18,630.01**	**$10,465.00**	**$590.00**	**$24,483.37**	**$54,168.38**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2023 (2-2023) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	115.69	$3,014.77				
Dom/Land	38.55	$1,103.50				
Mutual	6.74	$168.50				
CMWD	231.33	$5,784.75				
Totals	**392.31**	**$10,071.52**	**$10,595.00**	**$600.00**	**$12,684.91**	**$33,951.43**

April/May/June 2023 (3-2023) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	676.33	$12,848.03				
Dom/Land	64.01	$1,656.60				
Mutual	12.86	$321.50				
CMWD	337.40	$8,435.00				
Totals	**1090.60**	**$23,261.13**	**$11,115.00**	**$355.00**	**$32,549.20**	**$67,280.33**

Jul/Aug/Sept 2023 (4-2023) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	826.13	$16,612.92				
Dom/Land	144.30	$3,690.83				
Mutual	27.75	$693.75				
CMWD	493.70	$12,342.50				
Totals	**1491.88**	**$33,340.00**	**$10,671.65**	**$754.00**	**$47,114.35**	**$91,880.00**

Total for water YTD 10/1/22- 9/30/23

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fe	Recordation Fee	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
3855.48	$ 85,302.66	$42,846.65	$2,299.00	$116,831.83	$247,280.14

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2023/2024 Water Year

Oct/Nov/Dec 2023 **(1-2024)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	571.78	$10,269.75				
Dom/Land	57.27	$1,555.00				
Mutual	26.85	$671.25				
CMWD	401.70	$10,042.50				
Totals	**1057.60**	**$22,538.50**	**$10,920.00**	**$770.00**	**$32,193.45**	**$66,421.95**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2024 **(2-2024)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	116.44	$3,540.72				
Dom/Land	53.61	$1,717.25				
Mutual	8.11	$218.75				
CMWD	221.10	$5,527.50				
Totals	**399.26**	**$11,004.22**	**$10,595.00**	**$595.00**	**$30,092.22**	**$52,286.44**

April/May/June 2024 **(3-2024)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	609.84	$11,460.13				
Dom/Land	102.83	$2,165.41				
Mutual	24.72	$618.00				
CMWD	335.89	$8,397.25				
Totals	**1073.28**	**$22,640.79**	**$10,882.50**	**$635.00**	**$61,958.49**	**$96,116.78**

Jul/Aug/Sept 2024 **(4-2024)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	937.17	$19,367.81				
Dom/Land	134.40	$3,811.92				
Mutual	40.05	$1,001.25				
CMWD	539.96	$13,499.00				
Totals	**1651.58**	**$37,679.98**	**$10,855.00**	**$615.00**	**$111,354.53**	**$160,504.51**

Total for water YTD 10/1/23- 9/30/24

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fee	Recordation F	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4181.72	$ 93,863.49	$43,252.50	$2,615.00	$235,598.69	$375,329.68

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2024/2025 Water Year

Oct/Nov/Dec 2024 **(1-2025)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	457.50	$11,741.37				
Dom/Land	64.02	$2,147.20				
Mutual	25.93	$648.25				
CMWD	427.80	$10,695.00				
Totals	**975.25**	**$25,231.82**	**$10,400.00**	**$605.00**	**$95,287.55**	**$131,524.37**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2025 **(2-2025)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	321.29	$4,541.30				
Dom/Land	76.87	$2,223.50				
Mutual	13.87	$346.63				
CMWD	303.30	$7,582.50				
Totals	**715.33**	**$14,693.93**	**$10,270.00**	**$580.00**	**$52,080.57**	**$77,624.50**

April/May/June 2025 **(3-2025)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	456.57	$11,496.69				
Dom/Land	133.59	$3,708.16				
Mutual	27.50	$687.39				
CMWD	419.60	$10,490.00				
Totals	**1037.26**	**$26,382.24**	**$9,880.00**	**$560.00**	**$101,176.31**	**$137,998.55**

Jul/Aug/Sept 2025 **(4-2025)** ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	736.45	$17,847.54				
Dom/Land	110.47	$3,121.39				
Mutual	36.35	$908.71				
CMWD	526.60	$13,165.00				
Totals	**1409.87**	**$35,042.64**	**$10,075.00**	**$580.00**	**$141,074.77**	**$186,772.41**

Total for water YTD 10/1/24- 9/30/25

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fe	Recordation Fe	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
4137.71	$ 101,350.63	$40,625.00	$2,325.00	$389,619.20	$533,919.83

OBGMA EXTRACTION CHARGES BY PERIOD

2025/2026

Oct/Nov/Dec 2025 (1-2026) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture	224.11	$5,604.55				
Dom/Land	48.97	$1,506.79				
Mutual	15.67	$391.69				
CMWD	355.40	$8,885.00				
Totals	**644.15**	**$16,388.03**	**$7,932.00**	**$460.00**	**$64,188.08**	**$88,968.11**

Jan/Feb/Mar 2026 (2-2026) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture						
Dom/Land						
Mutual						
CMWD						
Totals	**0.00**	**$0.00**				**$0.00**

April/May/June 2026 (3-2026) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture						
Dom/Land						
Mutual						
CMWD						
Totals	**0.00**	**$0.00**				**$0.00**

Jul/Aug/Sept 2026 (4-2026) ($25/acre foot)

	Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head	Recordation	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
Agriculture						
Dom/Land						
Mutual						
CMWD						
Totals	**0.00**	**$0.00**				**$0.00**

Total for water YTD 10/1/22- 9/30/23

Acre Feet	Charges	Well Head Fe	Recordation Fee	GSP Fees	Total Rec'd
644.15	$ 16,388.03	$7,932.00	$460.00	$64,188.08	$88,968.11

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Budget Actuals FYTD 25/26

	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	*YTD*	Annual Budget
Beginning Bank Balance						
Checking	227,919.84	383,907.54	379,923.27	378,484.95		
Savings	205,098.57	205,098.57	205,098.57	205,124.42		
	433,018.41	**589,006.11**	**585,021.84**	**583,609.37**		
Income						
Returned Check Charges					-	
Well Permit Fees				3,107.50	***3,107.50***	
GSP Extraction Fees	121,900.08	10,407.06	6,576.00	56,866.76	***195,749.90***	***350,000.00***
Well Head Fee	9,230.00	2,462.69	325.00	5,839.68	***17,857.37***	***50,000.00***
Late Fees	25.40	537.50	1.50	20.85	***585.25***	***1,000.00***
Recordation Fee	565.00	134.44	20.00	359.21	***1,078.65***	***3,000.00***
Extraction Charges	36,327.12	3,014.48	1,644.00	14,628.45	***55,614.05***	***120,000.00***
Savings Acct Interest			25.85		***25.85***	***50.00***
Total Income	168,047.60	16,556.17	8,592.35	80,822.45	***274,018.57***	***524,050.00***
Total Income	**168,047.60**	**16,556.17**	**8,592.35**	**80,822.45**	***274,018.57***	
Expense						
Equipment Purchased					-	
Advertising					-	
Outside Services	3,736.25	1,470.00	1,531.25		***6,737.50***	***26,540.00***
Dues & Subscriptions				100.00	***100.00***	
GSP Implementation		6,182.50		4,358.75	***10,541.25***	***250,000.00***
Printing and Reproduction					-	
Liability Insurance					-	***4,500.00***
Postage and Delivery					-	
Bank Service Charges					-	
Workers Comp Ins	(75.00)				***(75.00)***	***500.00***
Office/Administative Expenses	480.98	234.63	381.07	328.30	***1,424.98***	***7,500.00***
Payroll Expenses	3,608.26	3,993.98	3,964.32	3,827.31	***15,393.87***	***50,000.00***
Professional Fees	8,181.00	8,975.25	4,171.25	10,387.25	***31,714.75***	***160,000.00***
Website Expense					-	
Rent	931.00	931.00	931.00	931.00	***3,724.00***	***15,000.00***
Travel					-	***3,000.00***
Telecommunications					-	
Total Expense	**16,862.49**	**21,787.36**	**10,978.89**	**19,932.61**	**69,561.35**	**517,040.00**
Net Ordinary Income	**151,185.11**	**(5,231.19)**	**(2,386.54)**	**60,889.84**	**204,457.22**	**7,010.00**
Grant Activity						
WCB Grant Income					-	
WCB (WS) Expenses					-	
GSP Expenses					-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Income	151,185.11	(5,231.19)	(2,386.54)	60,889.84	***204,457.22***	
Other Adjustments						
Permit Deposit Paid/Deducted	5,000.00					
Transfer to Savings						
Transfer From Savings						
Customer Well Deposit						
Payroll Tax Liab Paymts	1,185.39			3,105.73		
Payroll Liab on hold	966.48	1,016.17	1,007.57	1,003.00		
Customer Overpayments	101.25	217.25				
Key Card Deposit						
Refund- Work Comp Ins						
Customer Credits Applied						
Customer Refunds	66.25					
State Comp Fund Dividend						
Rent Reimbursement						
Returned Check	13.50	(13.50)	33.50	(33.50)		
Ending Bank Balance						
Checking	383,907.54	379,923.27	378,484.95	437,305.56		
Savings	205,098.57	205,098.57	205,124.42	205,124.42		
	589,006.11	**585,021.84**	**583,609.37**	**642,429.98**		

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Reconciliation Summary
Bank of the Sierra-Checking, Period Ending 01/31/2026

	Jan 31, 26	
Beginning Balance		388,755.70
Cleared Transactions		
Checks and Payments - 14 items	-14,435.45	
Deposits and Credits - 9 items	82,748.45	
Total Cleared Transactions	68,313.00	
Cleared Balance		**457,068.70**
Uncleared Transactions		
Checks and Payments - 11 items	-19,763.14	
Total Uncleared Transactions	-19,763.14	
Register Balance as of 01/31/2026		**437,305.56**
New Transactions		
Checks and Payments - 4 items	-1,113.10	
Deposits and Credits - 3 items	10,511.29	
Total New Transactions	9,398.19	
Ending Balance		**446,703.75**

OBGMA
Disbursements
As of January 31, 2026

Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount
01/02/2026	ACH	Condor Self Storage	Rent	-131.00
01/25/2026	ACH	Stamps.com	Postage and Delivery	-20.99
01/15/2026	ACH	Spectrum	Office & Admin	-141.23
01/29/2026	ACH	USPS	Office & Admin	-31.44
01/05/2026	E-pay	Employment Development Department	Payroll Liabilities	-174.79
01/05/2026	E-pay	IRS	Payroll Liabilities	-2,762.94
01/05/2026	E-pay	IRS	Payroll Liabilities	-168.00
01/19/2026	3748	417 Bryant Circle LLC	Rent	-800.00
01/19/2026	3749	Bureau of Reclamation	Permit Fees	-100.00
01/19/2026	3750	Casitas Municipal Water District	Professional fees	-2,004.64
01/19/2026	3751	Hollister & Brace, Attorneys at Law	Professional fees	-243.75
01/19/2026	3752	Kear Groundwater	Professional fees	-4,478.50
01/26/2026	3753	Vanderfin, Margaret:Vanderfin, Margaret R01S	Well Permit Deposits	-1,892.50
01/26/2026	3754	Dudek	Professional fees	-8,053.75
01/28/2026	3755	California Association of Mutual Water Co	Dues & subscriptions	-100.00
01/31/2026	3756	Ransom, Tara R.	Payroll	-1,282.50
01/31/2026	3757	VanDerMeer, Cece A	Payroll	-1,541.81
				-23,927.84
				-23,927.84

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 29, 2026

The Regular Meeting of January 29, 2026, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Bob Daddi, Andy Gilman and Mike Weaver. General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Peter Candy (via Zoom), Attorney and Jordan Kear, Consultant.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Hajas.

3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

   Mutuals: Weaver reported that they experienced rock slides by the tunnel. Senior Canyon was awarded a three million dollar grant to do some repairs on the tunnel to renovate it to the 1929 status of when it was drilled.

   Ojai Water Conservation District: None

   City of Ojai: None

   Casitas Municipal Water District: Hajas reported Lake Casitas was 6" from spilling.

   Community Facilities District Report: None

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:**
   Aranda reported the OBGMA has an active well application for drilling a well on a property on Mercer Avenue that Dudek is evaluating. Aranda stated the two-year audit was underway and she is working with the OBGMA bookkeeper to supply the auditor with the information they requested. The annual State Controller's Report is in progress. Aranda stated she will be working on getting the delinquent well owners on the property tax rolls for this year. Aranda informed the Board that Dudek is working on the five-year update to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORT:

Jordan Kear had a presentation "La Nina vs. The Polar Vortex". Kear reported the Key Well was 66.60' below ground level and there was 72,000 acre-feet in the basin.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Daddi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Weaver seconded. The financial report for December 2025 and the minutes of the December 11, 2025 were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Weaver, Gilman, Finch and Hajas

Noes: None

8. ACTION ITEMS:

None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update:

Aranda reported that the GSA Small Coalition is working with the DWR regarding the grant process submission. Aranda stated that there are 11 GSAs committed to the GSA Small Coalition group.

b. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update: None

c. Presentation on DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Act 2019 Basin Prioritization:

Aranda provided a presentation on the method used by the DWR to assign prioritization status for the OBGMA as a high priority basin.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

From: Julia Aranda, PE, General Manager

Subject: Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency on APN 028-0-010-070

February 26, 2026

Recommendation

- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin;
- Determine that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any sustainability goal for the Basin as covered by the Plan; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 Authorizing Written Verification of a Proposed New Well Located Within the Boundaries of the Agency of Assessor's Parcel No. APN 028-0-010-070, 1126 Mercer Avenue

Background and Discussion

The attached Well Application for 1126 Mercer Avenue (APN 028-0-010-070) was submitted January 16, 2026, for a replacement well with anticipated demand of 10 acre-feet per year (AFY). The property is 19.31 acres, of which approximately 16 acres are citrus and avocado groves.

The applicant provided the deposit for OBGMA to engage Dudek, OBGMA's GSP consultant, to evaluate the proposed well's consistency with the approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Dudek's memorandum dated February 4, 2026, is attached herein. Based on their analysis, the proposed well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results in the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin.

Resolution No. 2026-01 is attached for adoption; the draft verification letter is also attached for information.

Budget Impact

There is no budget impact related to well verification as the applicant paid for staff time, attorney review, and the evaluation by Dudek.

Attachments:

- Well Verification Application
- Dudek memorandum, Assessment of GSP Consistency – Proposed Replacement Well Located at 1126 Mercer Avenue, dated February 4, 2026
- Resolution No. 2026-01
- Draft Verification Letter with Conditions

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WATER WELL REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION REQUEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA or Agency) requires all groundwater extraction facilities within its jurisdictional boundaries to be registered with the Agency. No extraction facility may be operated or otherwise utilized so as to extract groundwater within the boundaries of the Agency unless the facility is registered with the Agency, equipped with a water meter, and all extractions are reported to the Agency as required by OBGMA Ordinance No. 8. Written verification from the Agency is required prior to issuance of a well permit by the Ventura County Public Works Agency. The written verification must find that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving any of the sustainability goals the Agency has established for the Basin pursuant to the GSP.

ALL WELLS MUST HAVE A METER INSTALLED PER OBGMA ORDINANCE NO. 8

A. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

NAME: Patricia & Robert Norris
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1126 Mercer Ave Ojai CA 93023
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 028-0-010-070
PHONE NO.: 805-320-9373
EMAIL: pmnorris27@gmail.com

B. OPERATOR INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER)

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NO.:
EMAIL:

C. TYPE OF WELL

- [ ] NEW
- [x] REPLACEMENT — EXISTING WELL NO.: 04N22W06D001S
- [ ] ALTERATION OF EXISTING WELL — EXISTING WELL NO.:

D. TYPE OF USE

- [ ] AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION

CROP TYPE	EXISTING OR NEW?	ACREAGE	TYPE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM
Citrus & Avocados	Existing	16	Drip & Microsprinklers

- [ ] DOMESTIC — NO. OF HOUSING UNITS:
- [ ] MUNICIPAL
- [ ] INDUSTRIAL — TYPE OF INDUSTRY:
- [ ] MONITORING

E. PROPOSED EXTRACTION

ACRE-FEET PER YEAR: 10

F. EXISTING WATER SUPPLY

- [ ] NO OTHER SUPPLY
- [x] EXISTING WELL — WELL NO.: 04N22W06D001S
- [x] PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIER — WATER AGENCY: Casitas Water

G WELL DRILLER

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

EMAIL: _____

H. MAP REQUIREMENTS

Attach a map accurately plotted and show the location of the proposed well. If a replacement well, show location of existing well and distance to proposed well. Provide dimensions of area to be irrigated, indicating crop type for each area, as applicable. For domestic, municipal, or industrial, show the water distribution system and location of structures to be served. Include a north arrow, the Assessor's Parcel Number, and the nearest streets. No permit applications will be accepted without an adequate map.

I. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

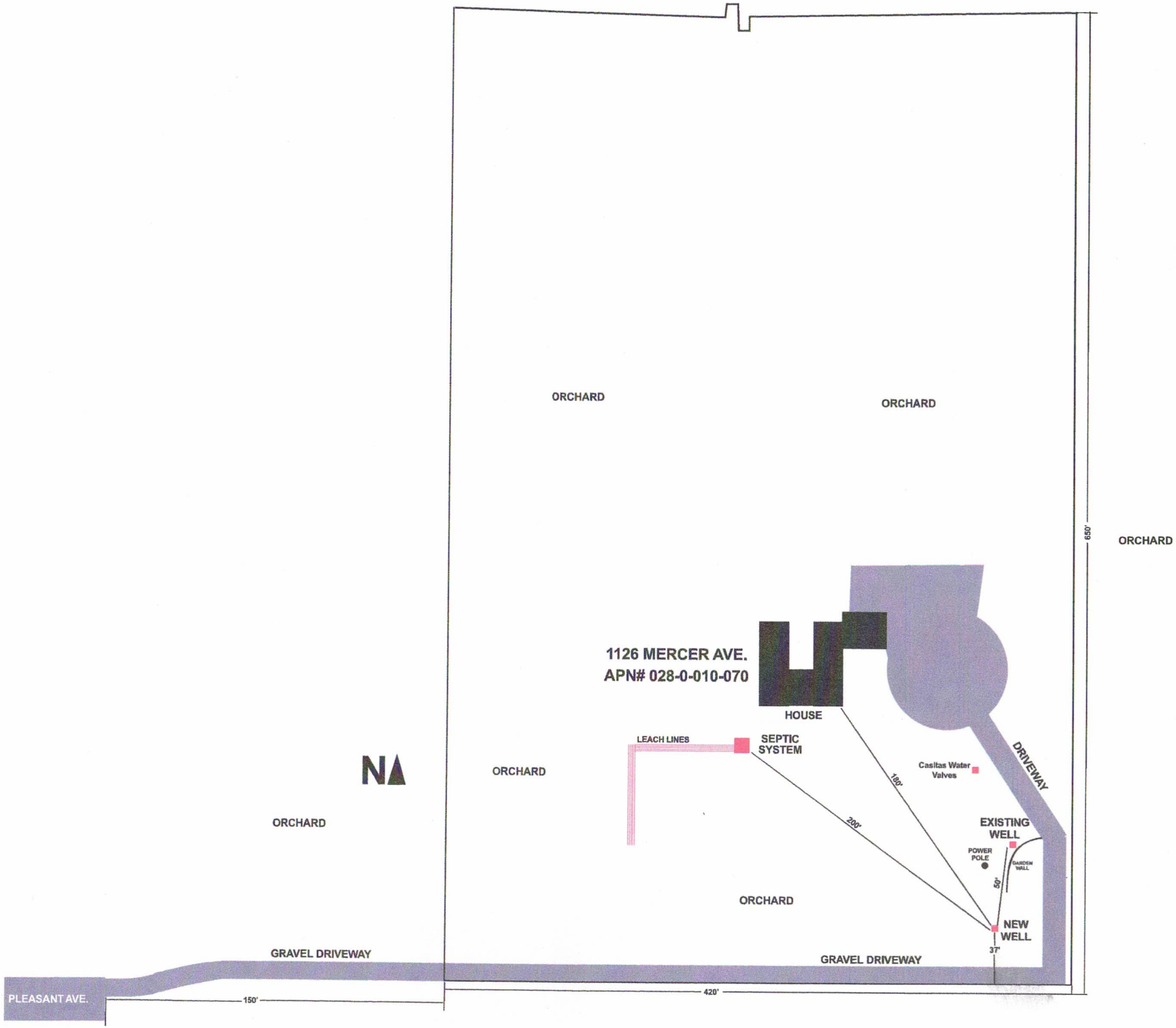
By signing in the space below, the Applicant declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that (1) the information provided with this form is true and correct, and (2) the Applicant/Owner/Operator of the proposed extraction facility agrees to comply with all Agency rules and regulations governing extraction facilities located within the boundaries of the Agency.

Applicant _____ Date 1-16-2026

A WELL COMPLETION REPORT MUST BE PROVIDED TO OBGMA WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION

All Applications must be accompanied by:

- ____ Copy of VCPWA Well Permit Application
- ____ Acknowledgement Form
- ____ Indemnification Agreement
- ____ Deposit/Reimbursement Agreement
- ____ $5,000 Deposit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1126 MERCER AVE.
APN# 028-0-010-070
HOUSE
LEACH LINES
SEPTIC SYSTEM
Casitas Water Valves
DRIVEWAY
180'
200'
EXISTING WELL
POWER POLE
GARDEN WALL
50'
NEW WELL
37'
ORCHARD
ORCHARD
ORCHARD
ORCHARD
GRAVEL DRIVEWAY
GRAVEL DRIVEWAY
PLEASANT AVE.
150'
420'

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687 S. COAST HIGHWAY 101, SUITE 110
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February 20, 2026

Julia Aranda
Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
417 Bryant Circle, Suite 112
Ojai, California 93023

Subject: Assessment of GSP Consistency – Proposed Replacement Well Located at 1126 Mercer Avenue

Dear Ms. Aranda:

On January 21, 2026, Dudek received a request from the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) to support the agency's evaluation of a proposed well's consistency with the sustainability program outlined in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (OVGB). Dudek received notice-to-proceed on this evaluation on January 22, 2026. This letter provides Dudek's evaluation of the proposed well in a manner consistent with the OBGMA's *Updated Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification Requests*.

The application provided to Dudek by OBGMA indicates that the replacement well would be located at 1126 Mercer Avenue and is anticipated to pump approximately 10 acre-feet per year (AFY) from the OVGB for agricultural use. For this evaluation, OBGMA provided Dudek with two well permit forms: the Ventura County Well Permit Application and the OBGMA's Water Well Registration and Verification Request form. These forms indicate that the proposed replacement well would consist of an 8-inch diameter PVC casing installed to a total depth of 400 feet below ground surface and perforated from 100 feet to 200 feet.

To assess the consistency of the proposed well with the GSP, Dudek evaluated the proposed well against the set of four evaluation criteria established in the OBGMA's *Updated Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification*

1 Well Permit Review Approach

On September 26, 2024, the OBGMA established an *Updated Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification Requests*. In this, the OBGMA developed a set of criteria for evaluating the impacts of a proposed new or modified well that is consistent with the Sustainability Goal of the OVGB. The GSP adopted by the OBGMA on January 6, 2022, outlines the Sustainability Goal for the basin,

> *The OBGMA's sustainability goal is to preserve the quantity and quality of groundwater in the Ojai Basin in order to protect and maintain the long-term water supply for the common benefit of the water users in the Basin. (p. 3-3, OVGB GSP)*

The data presented in the GSP indicates that conditions in the basin have historically been, and are currently, sustainable (p. 3-3; OVGB GSP). To maintain sustainability in the OVGB, the GSP states that conditions in the basin will be (p. 3-3, OVGB GSP),

> *Considered sustainable so long as the following sustainability goal components continue to be met:*
>
> - *Long-term, aggregate groundwater use is less than or equal to the OVGB's estimated sustainable yield, as defined by SGMA;*
> - *Groundwater levels are maintained at elevations necessary to avoid undesirable results. Lowering of groundwater levels potentially leading to significant and unreasonable depletions of available water supply for beneficial use could occur if groundwater levels fall below minimum thresholds set at representative monitoring points (RMPs);*
> - *Groundwater quality, as measured in municipal and domestic water wells, generally exhibits a stable and/or improving trend for identified contaminants of concern (COCs): total dissolved solids (TDS), sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, iron, and manganese; and*
> - *Groundwater quality is suitable for existing beneficial uses.*

Based on the sustainability goal components outlined in the GSP, the four criteria developed by OBGMA to evaluate the consistency of the proposed replacement well with the Sustainability Goal for the OVGB are:

1. Will the projected drawdown cause groundwater level minimum threshold exceedances at the nearest representative monitoring points?
2. Is the projected production likely to cause long-term exceedance of the sustainable yield of the OVGB?
3. Is the project likely to cause exceedance of the minimum thresholds for groundwater quality at the nearest representative monitoring points?
4. Will the projected drawdown impact ongoing or future projects aimed at maintaining sustainability or addressing critical data gaps in the OVGB?

While impacts to ongoing or future projects are not explicitly identified as a sustainability goal component in the GSP, significant data gaps were identified in the GSP that limit understanding of the hydrogeologic conceptual model and characterization of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the OVGB. The GSP identifies projects that support additional data collection and field investigations to reduce these data gaps. As such, criteria 4 was added to the evaluation to ensure that these projects are not significantly impacted by a proposed well or well modification.

2 Technical Review of Proposed Well Located at 1126 Mercer Avenue

2.1 Evaluation Criteria No. 1 – Groundwater Level Minimum Threshold Exceedance

When water is extracted from a well, groundwater levels around the well decline creating a cone of depression. The cone of depression is deepest at the well and extends radially to a distance away from the well where water-level decline (or drawdown) is effectively zero. Groundwater extraction from the proposed well located at 1126 Mercer Avenue would result in localized groundwater level drawdown in the OVGB.

As defined in the GSP, conditions in the OVGB are considered sustainable if groundwater levels at the representative monitoring points (RMPs) in the OVGB remain above their established minimum threshold groundwater elevations. To evaluate whether the proposed replacement well may induce conditions that cause minimum threshold exceedances at the RMPs, Dudek quantified the anticipated groundwater elevation drawdown at each RMP associated with operation of the proposed replacement well. The drawdown associated with operation of the proposed replacement well was quantified using the Cooper-Jacob approximation of the Theis non-equilibrium flow equation (Cooper and Jacob 1946):

$$s = \frac{2.3Q}{4\pi T} \, log_{10} \frac{2.25Tt}{r^2 S}$$

Where:

s = predicted drawdown (ft)
Q = average pumping rate (ft^3/d)
T = Transmissivity (ft^2/d)
t = time since pumping started (days)
R = distance from pumping well (ft)
S = coefficient of storage (dimensionless)

The Cooper-Jacob provides a close approximation to the Theis equation when the dimensionless time (u) is sufficiently small (i.e., u < 0.05) (Driscoll 1986), where:

$$u = \frac{r^2 S}{4Tt}$$

Where:

u = time (dimensionless)
r = distance from pumping well (ft)
S = coefficient of storage (dimensionless)
T = transmissivity (ft^2/d)
t = time since pumping started

The dimensionless time parameter, *u*, that represents drawdown associated with operation of the proposed replacement well after 1-year of steady-state operation ranged from 0.0001 to 0.0246, from nearest to farthest RMP.

Table 1 provides estimated groundwater level decline at RMPs after one year of pumping 10 AFY from the proposed replacement well. Aquifer transmissivity and storativity values used in the calculations were obtained from the Ojai Basin Groundwater Model (OBGM) and represent weighted average values for the model layers of the grid cell where the proposed well is to be located. Saturated aquifer thickness was calculated by subtracting the bottom elevation of the lowermost model layer of the grid cell where the proposed well is to be located from the most recent groundwater elevation recorded at the groundwater level monitoring well closest in land surface elevation and distance to the proposed replacement well. The transmissivity value used in the calculations was 388 square feet per day and the storativity value used was 0.00007.

Table 1. Estimated Drawdown at Representative Monitoring Points

Representative Monitoring Point SWN	Distance from Proposed Replacement Well (feet / miles)	Drawdown after One Year of Pumping (feet)	Most Recent Groundwater Elevation (feet MSL)[1]	Groundwater Elevation Minimum Threshold (feet MSL)
04N22W04Q001S	14,482 / 2.74	0.76	944.78	915.90
05N22W32P003S	7,150 / 1.35	1.11	805.53	771.60
04N22W05L003S	7,072 / 1.34	1.11	751.48	576.30
04N22W06K003S	3,459 / 0.66	1.46	785.60	556.50
04N23W01J003S	2,600 / 0.49	1.60	727.90	567.50
04N22W06E06S	952 / 0.18	2.09	771.41	NA
NA *"South Central DDMW"*	5,950 / 1.13	1.20	708.05	NA
04N22W05L008S	7,706 / 1.46	1.07	735.84	576.28

Note: SWN = state well identification number; MSL = mean sea level; NA = not applicable.

1 Groundwater elevations measured fall 2025, with the exception of 04N22W06K003S measured fall 2023. This well was not measured in fall 2025 because it was temporarily inaccessible.

As shown in Table 1, groundwater elevations currently range from approximately 29-feet to 229-feet above the established minimum threshold groundwater elevations. Estimates of pumping-induced drawdown at these RMPs range from approximately 0.76 to 2.09 feet (Table 1). These levels of drawdown are not expected to cause exceedance of the minimum thresholds under current conditions.

The minimum thresholds established in the GSP were set using the historical low groundwater levels to avoid groundwater elevation declines that would:

> "lower the rate of production of existing groundwater wells below that necessary to meet the minimum required to support the overlying beneficial uses, where alternative means of obtaining sufficient groundwater resources or local surface water resources from Lake Casitas are not technically or financially feasible for the well owner to absorb, either independently or with assistance from the OBGMA, or other available assistance/grant program(s)" (pg. 3-7 of OVGB GSP).

Under drought conditions, operation of the proposed well may result in groundwater elevations at RMPs that occur 0.76 to 2.09 feet below the historical lows. However, considering the rapid groundwater elevation recovery experienced in the OVGB during normal and wet water years, the additional 0.76 to 2.09 feet of drawdown is not anticipated to cause significant and unreasonable impacts to overlying beneficial users by limiting groundwater accessibility. Based on this, the proposed replacement well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results associated with chronic lowering of groundwater levels or reduction of groundwater in storage.

2.2 Evaluation Criteria No. 2 – Sustainable Yield Exceedance

The estimated sustainable yield of the OVGB is between 4,100 and 5,000 AFY (p. 3-2, OBGMA 2022). Groundwater extractions since 2019 have averaged approximately 4,240 AFY (OBGMA 2025), which is less than or equal to the estimated sustainable yield of the OVGB. The additional 10 AFY of groundwater extractions from this well is not likely to cause an exceedance of the upper bound of the sustainable yield estimate.

2.3 Evaluation Criteria No. 3 – Degradation of Water Quality

The primary potential constituents of concern (COCs) in the OVGB include total dissolved solids, sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, iron, and manganese. Figures 1 through 7 show maximum concentrations of these constituents in wells sampled in the OVGB from 2010 to 2020. As shown in the figures, the concentrations of COCs are generally below State and Federal primary and secondary maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for drinking water, although there is high variation between individual wells sampled. Where concentrations of COCs exceed MCLs, the exceedances are largely due to naturally occurring elevated concentrations and not degradation of water quality due to groundwater extraction.

The proposed replacement well is to be located in the northwestern portion of the OVGB. There are limited groundwater quality measurements in the vicinity of the proposed well. Wells located near the proposed replacement well that have been sampled for water quality indicate that TDS, iron, and manganese are the three COCs that may be present at concentrations above the secondary MCL (Figures 1, 6, and 7).

As noted in the GSP, undesirable results associated with chronic lowering of groundwater levels may be closely linked to undesirable results associated with degradation of water quality because groundwater levels below historical lows may increasingly limit the efficacy of existing mitigation strategies (e.g., blending of groundwater with other water sources). Because the proposed operation of the replacement well is not anticipated to cause groundwater level minimum threshold exceedances, the proposed replacement well is similarly not anticipated to cause minimum threshold exceedances associated with the degradation of water quality. Additionally, the projected drawdown associated with operation of the proposed replacement well is not anticipated to significantly alter existing groundwater elevation gradients and flow directions, which would potentially lead to the migration of low-quality groundwater.

2.4 Evaluation Criteria No. 4 – Impacts to Ongoing and Future Projects

The GSP includes projects and management actions (PMAs) that will be implemented to maintain sustainability in the OVGB. Of the PMAs outlined in the GSP, the following have been implemented or are currently being implemented:

- Conduct Groundwater Level, Groundwater Quality, and Streamflow Monitoring
- Conduct Groundwater Extraction Monitoring
- Prepare Sampling and Analysis Plan and Quality Assurance Plan
- Develop Data Management System
- Implement Public Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Complete Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Reports and 5-Year Updates
- Explore Grant Funding Opportunities

The proposed replacement well is consistent with the PMAs listed above and is anticipated to be consistent with the other PMAs outlined in the GSP.

3 Conclusion

The above provides a technical assessment of the groundwater extraction well planned for construction at 1126 Mercer Avenue. The assessment quantifies the potential impacts that operation of the proposed well may have on the sustainable management program and sustainability goal components outlined in the GSP for the OVGB. Dudek has identified four screening criteria to assess consistency with the GSP and sustainability goal for the OVGB (see Section 1). Based on the analysis completed and described above, Dudek has made the following evaluation:

Will the projected drawdown cause groundwater level minimum threshold exceedances at the nearest representative monitoring points?	YES ☐	NO ☒	Note:	Groundwater levels are currently 29 to 229 feet higher than minimum threshold groundwater elevations; estimated drawdown from pumping the proposed well of 0.76 to 2.09 feet at RMPs is not anticipated to cause minimum threshold exceedances
Is the projected production rate likely to cause long-term groundwater usage to exceed the estimated sustainable yield?	YES ☐	NO ☒	Note:	Pumping is currently less than or equal to the estimated sustainable yield; operation of the proposed well is not anticipated to result in an exceedance of the sustainable yield of the OVGB

Is the project likely to cause exceedance of the minimum thresholds for groundwater quality at the nearest representative monitoring points?	YES ☐	NO ☒	Note:	Proposed well is not anticipated to significantly alter groundwater elevation gradients or flow directions
Will the projected drawdown impact ongoing or future projects aimed at addressing critical data gaps in the OVGB?	YES ☐	NO ☒	Note:	No ongoing or future projects are anticipated to be impacted by operation of the proposed well

This analysis is being provided to the OBGMA to assist in their final determination of the proposed well's consistency with the GSP. Based on the criteria evaluated above, operation of the proposed replacement well is not anticipated to cause undesirable results in the OVGB.

4 References

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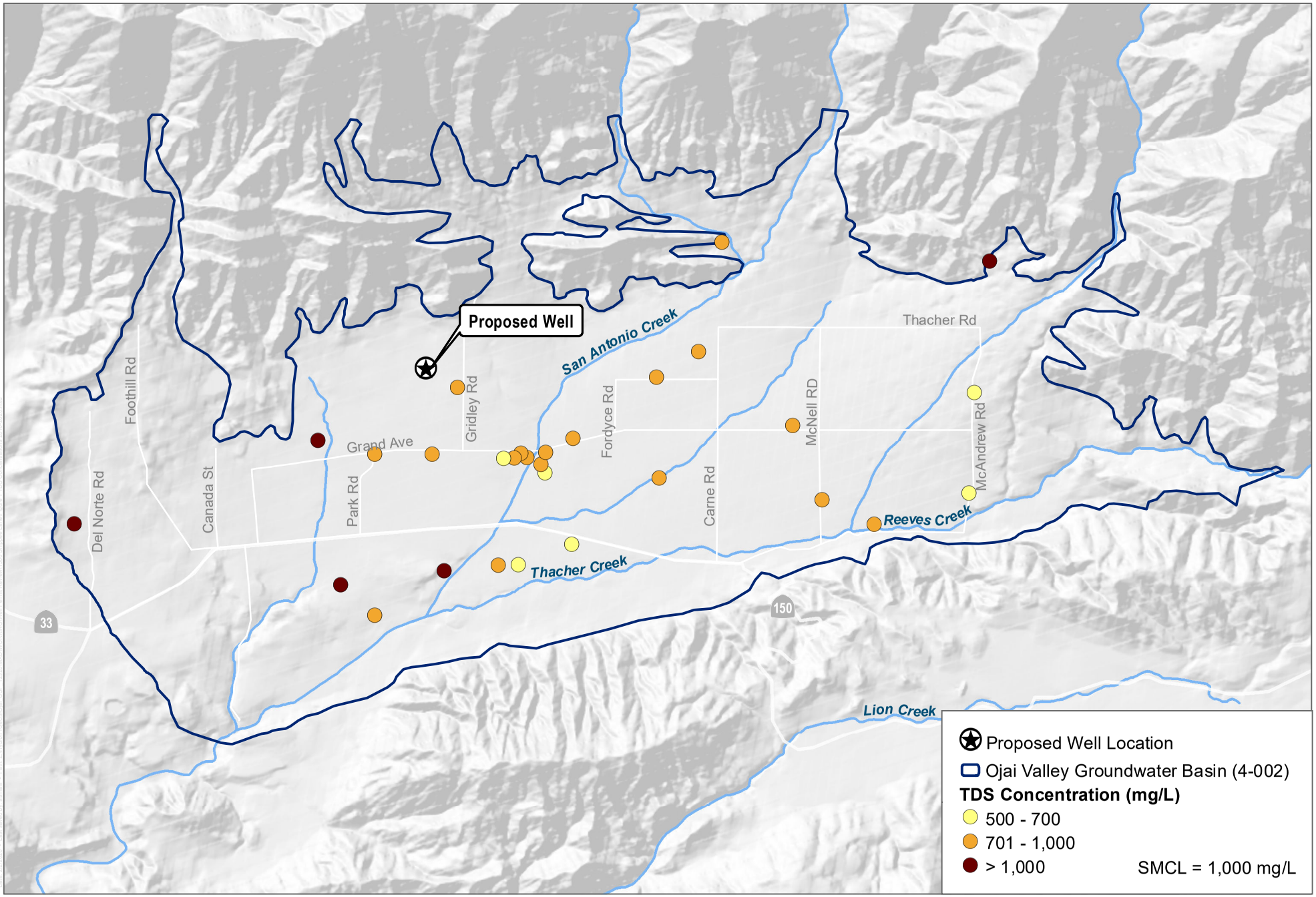
Sincerely,

Devin Pritchard-Peterson, PG
Senior Hydrogeologist

Attachments: Figures 1–7



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DUDEK

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FIGURE 1

Maximum Total Dissolved Solids Concentrations 2010-2020

1126 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review

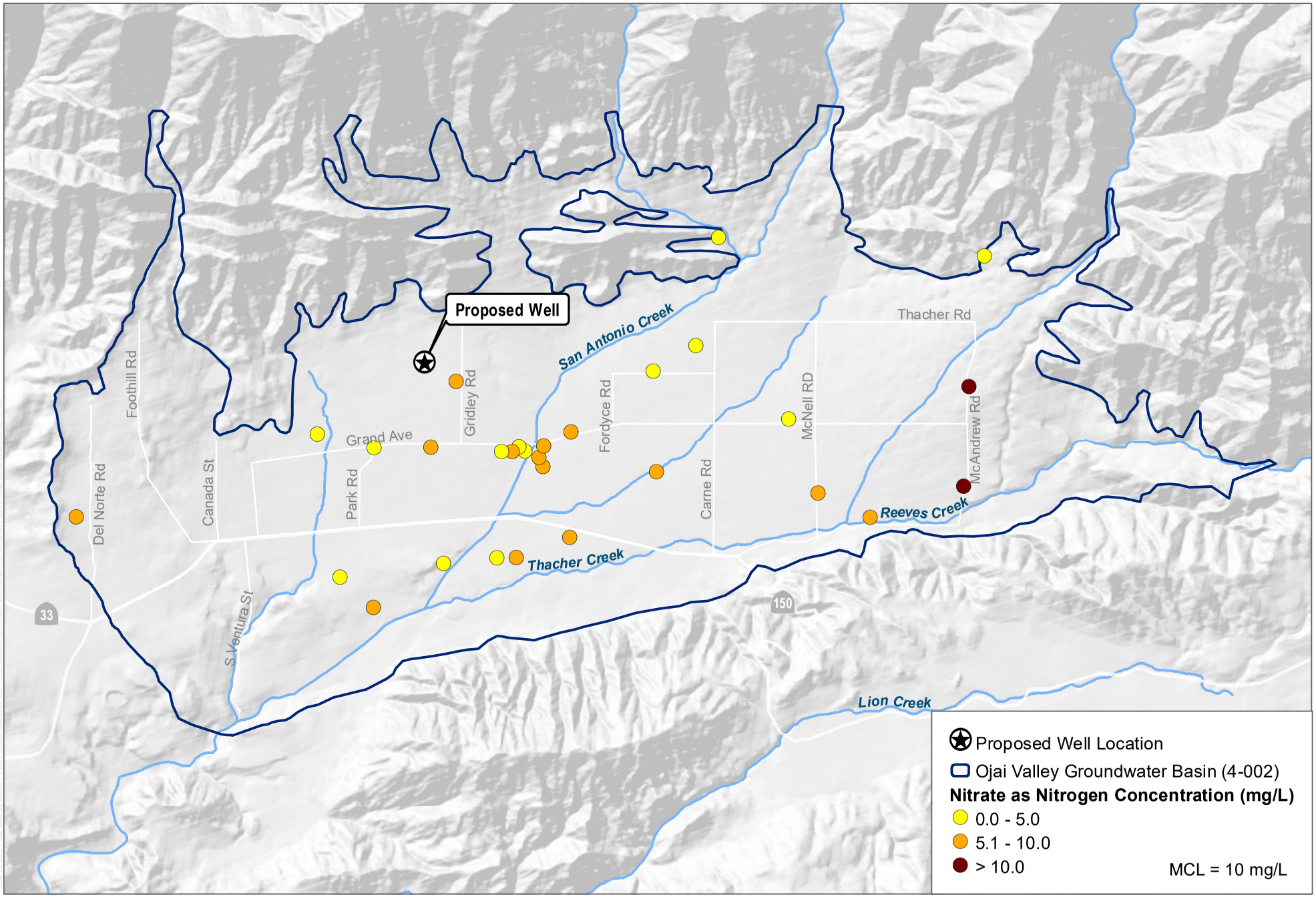

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FIGURE 2

Maximum Nitrate as Nitrogen Concentrations 2010-2020

1126 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review

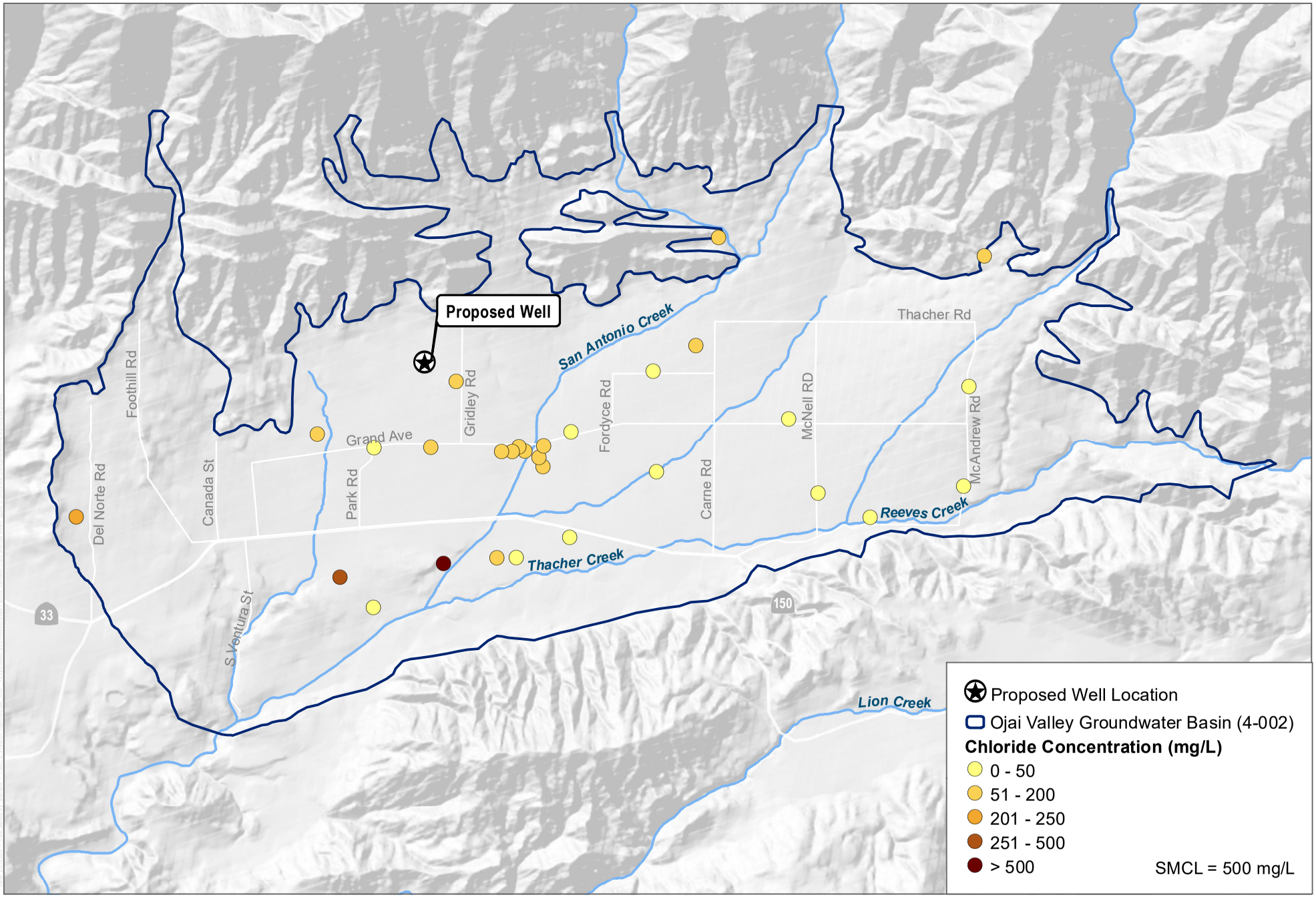

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FIGURE 3

Maximum Chloride Concentrations 2010-2020

1126 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review

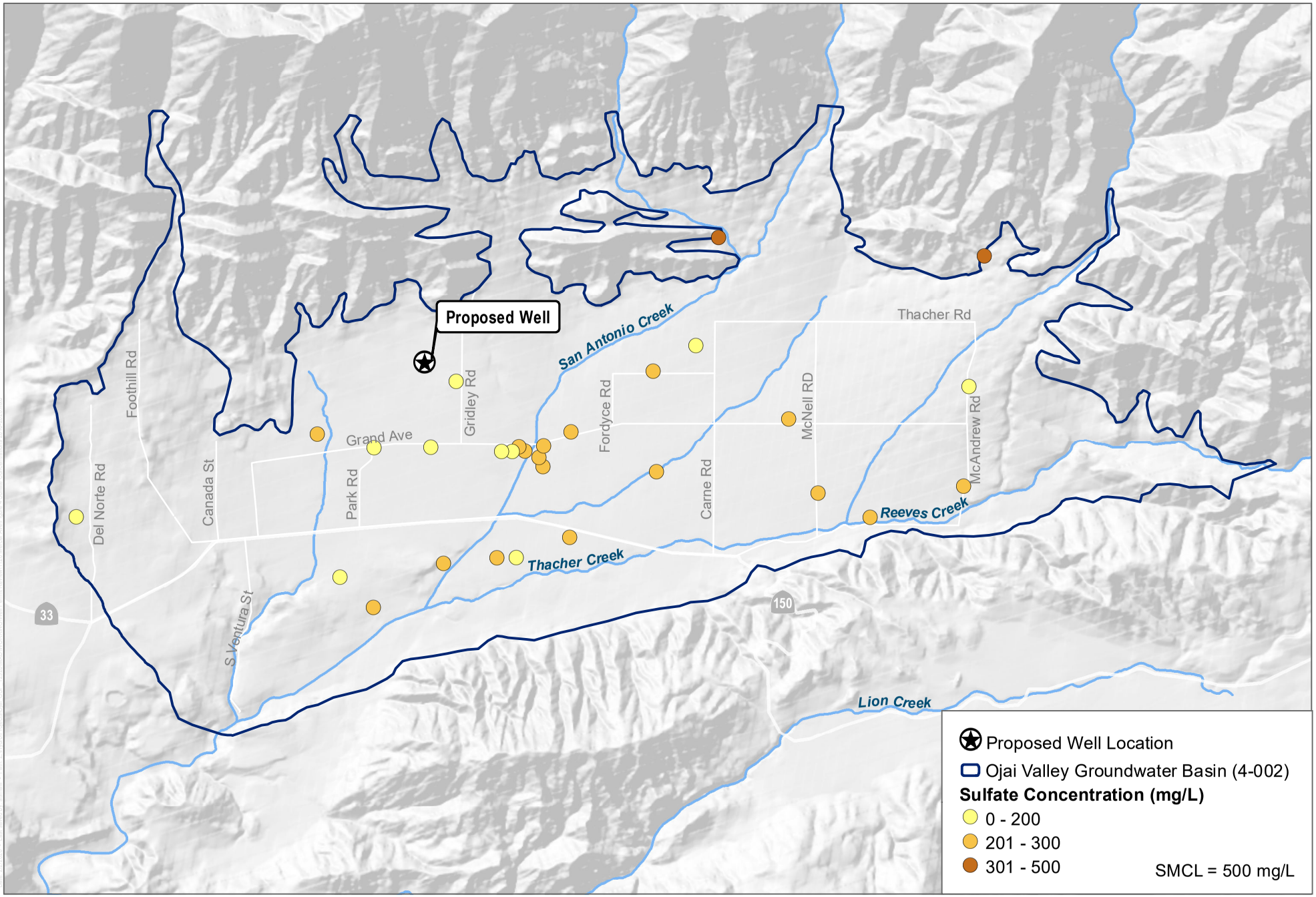

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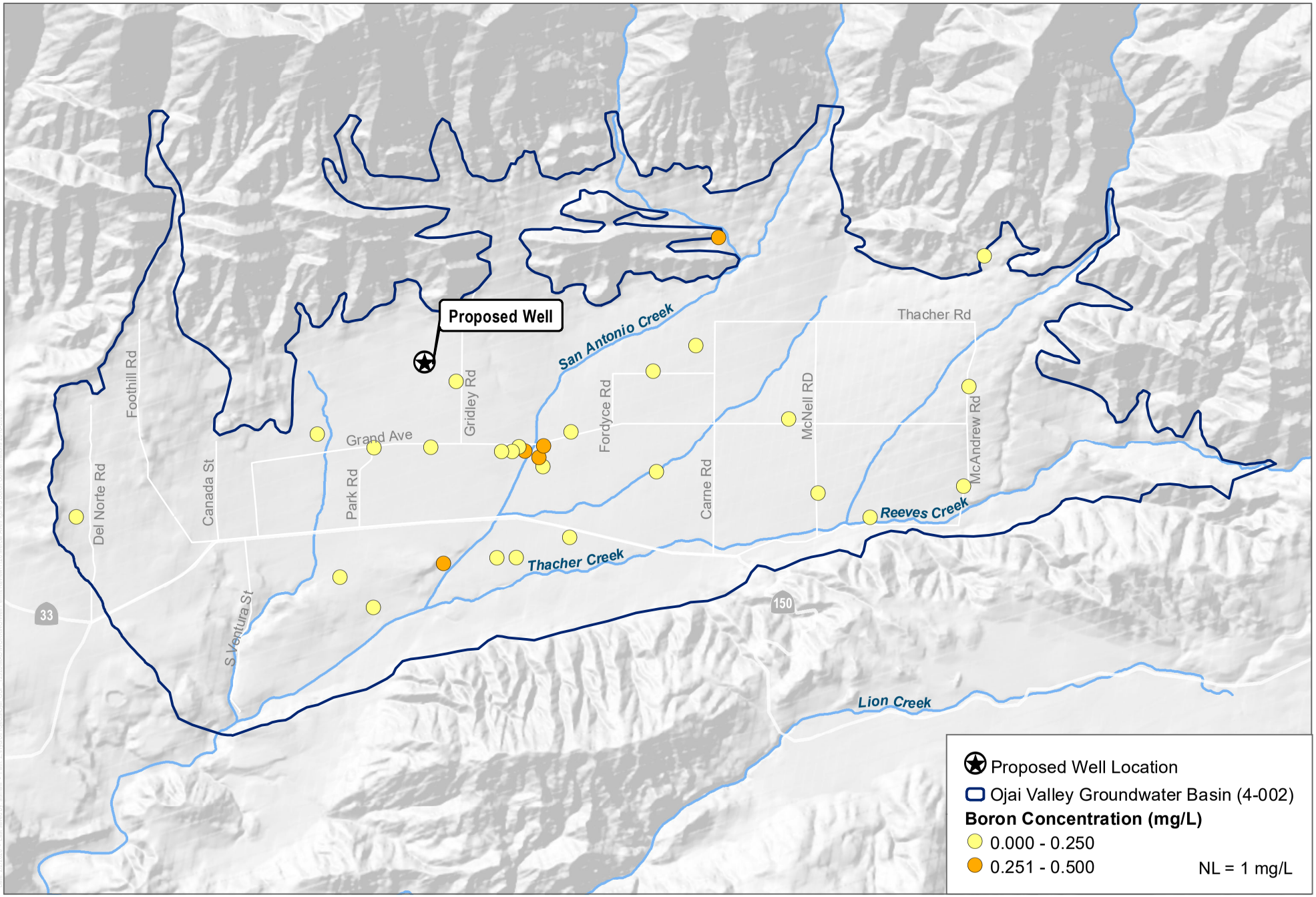
FIGURE 4

Maximum Sulfate Concentrations 2010-2020

1126 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review



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DUDEK

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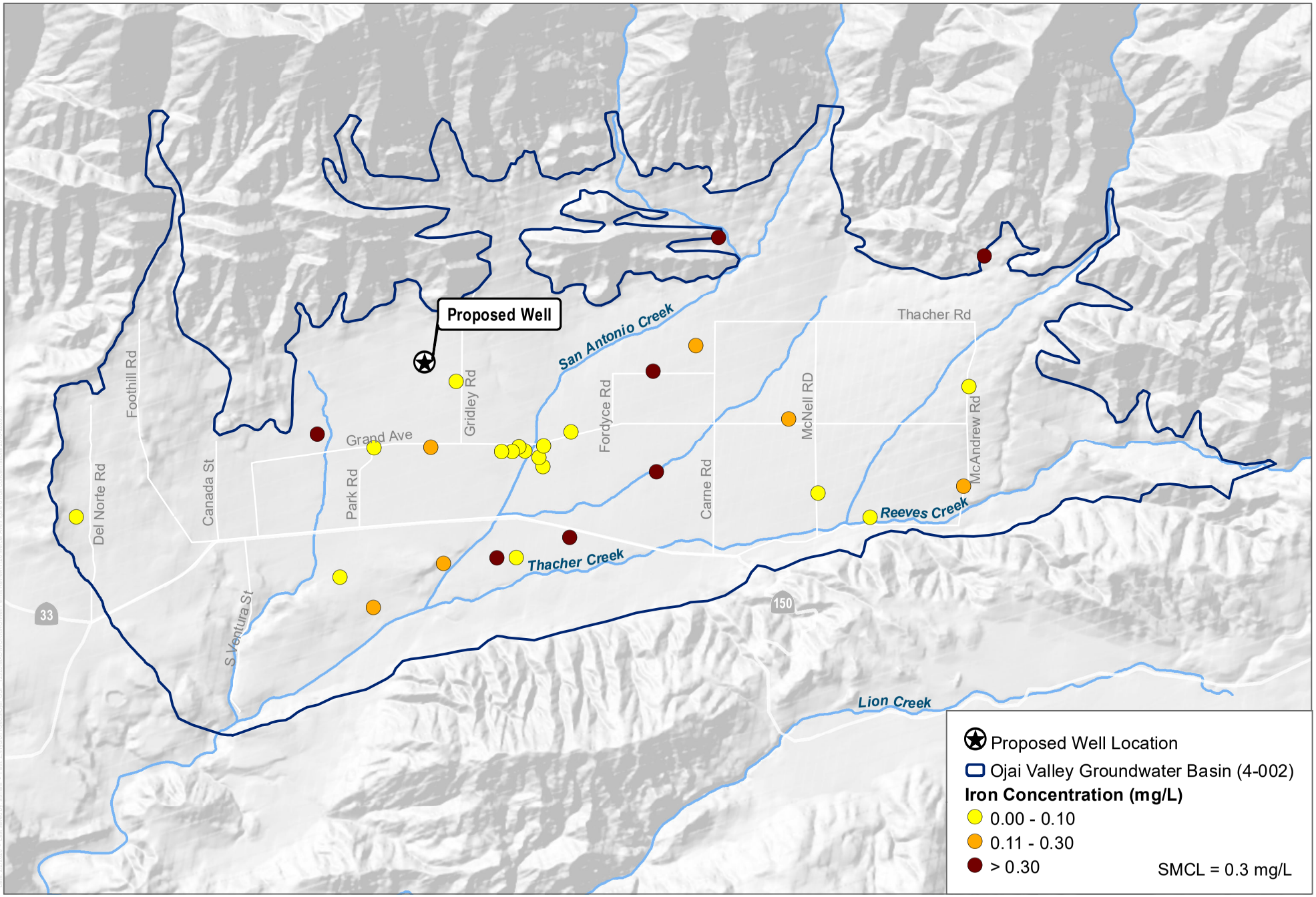
FIGURE 5

Maximum Boron Concentrations 2010-2020

1126 Mercer Ave Well Permit Review



SOURCE: VCWPD; SWRCB

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FIGURE 6

Maximum Iron Concentrations 2010-2020

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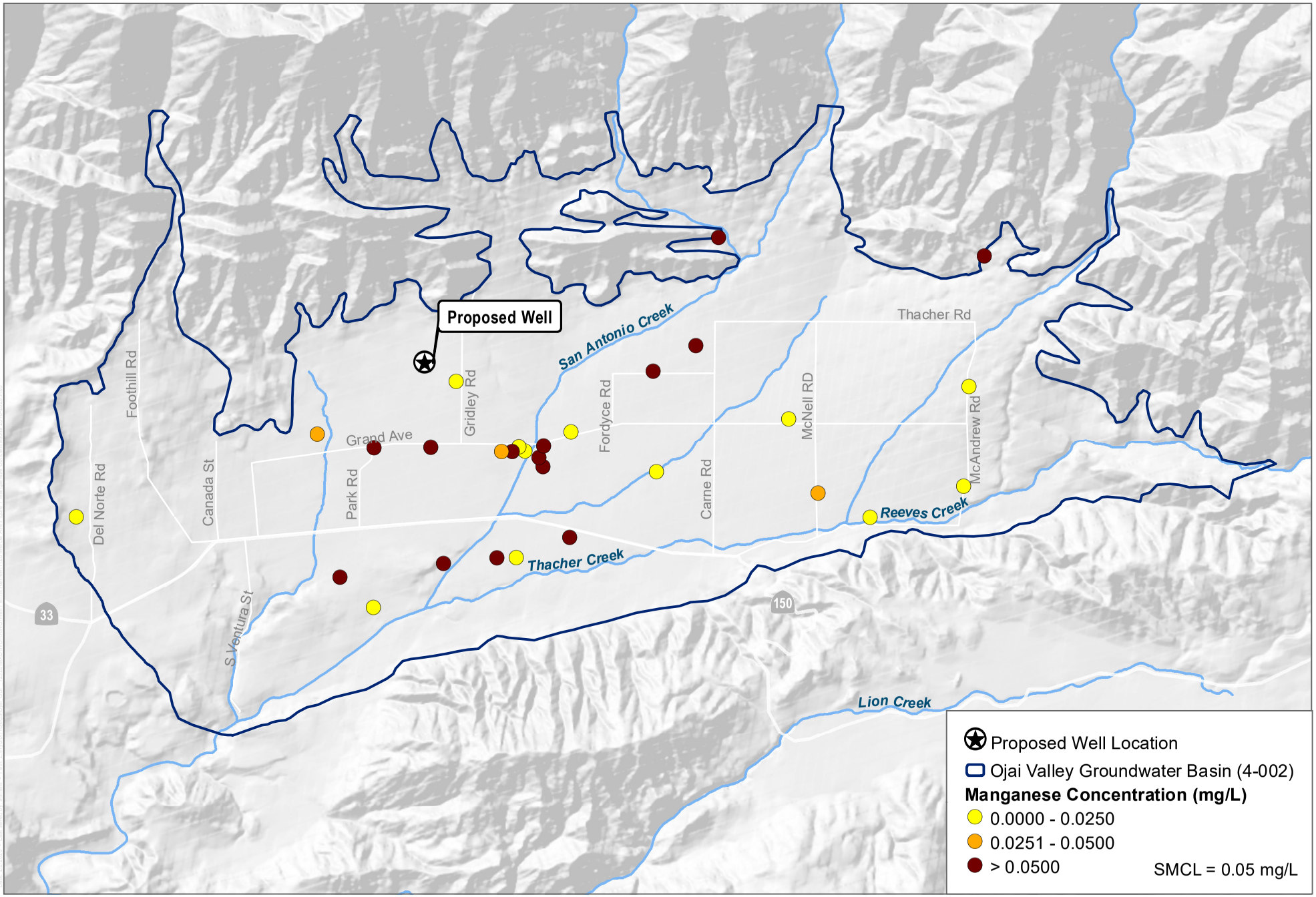

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FIGURE 7

Maximum Manganese Concentrations 2010-2020

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING WRITTEN VERIFICATION FOR A PROPOSED WELL LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGENCY ON ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 028-0-010-170

WHEREAS, by its enabling legislation, the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) is responsible for managing the groundwater resource within its jurisdictional boundaries.

WHEREAS, the OBGMA jurisdictional boundaries contain the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as some, but not all, of the larger watershed area containing the Ojai Basin.

WHEREAS, the Ojai Basin is subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (California Water Code § 10720 et. seq.) and has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code § 10723(c)(1), OBGMA is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Basin and has adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Basin.

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 8, the OBGMA requires all water wells constructed within the OBGMA boundary to be registered with the Agency, to have a meter installed, and for all groundwater extractions to be reported to the Agency.

WHEREAS, in compliance with its statutory obligation to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the Ojai Basin, OBGMA must determine, prior to issuing written verification for a permit to construct a new well or for replacement of an existing well, that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OBGMA Board of Directors finds as follows in consideration of the Well Verification Application of Patricia and Robert Norris (APN 028-0-010-070) dated January 16, 2026:

1. A well verification analysis was completed by Dudek dated February 4, 2026, and substantial evidence supports the finding that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.
2. The proposed well must be constructed and operated pursuant to the standards of Ventura County Ordinance 4468, Section 4814, which incorporates California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-81; the draft supplemental, Bulletin 74-90; Ventura County Water Well Standards Bulletin No. 74-9 and compliance with all other County permitting requirements.

3. The proposed well must meet OBGMA's requirements for new wells including metering, registration, monitoring, reporting, and any other special conditions of approval.
4. The following OBGMA permit conditions are also made a part of this water well authorization to proceed:
    a. OBGMA representative(s) shall be provided an opportunity to confirm the drilling location prior to drilling.
    b. OBGMA representative(s) must be present during groundbreaking and drilling of the upper 50 feet and be allowed to collect samples and log cuttings.
    c. A geophysical log must be conducted in the borehole and a copy provided to OBGMA representative(s).
    d. The upper 100 feet of the annular space of the well, or a field-agreed depth based on conditions encountered in the borehole, shall be sealed to effectively comply with Ordinance No. 12.
    e. The well owner shall comply with all applicable OBGMA Ordinances and Resolutions requiring metering of the well, extraction reporting, and fee payment to OBGMA now in effect or as may hereafter be adopted.
    f. Well contractor to provide OBGMA with the completion Report and State Well Number within 30 days of well completion.
    g. The well owner shall provide OBGMA a deposit of $1,500 in advance of commencing drilling or other work related to construction of the well to cover OBGMA's cost ensuring compliance with the foregoing conditions.

WHEREFORE, the Application of Patricia and Robert Norris (APN 028-0-010-170) for a Well Verification dated January 16, 2026 is hereby **APPROVED** by the Board of Directors of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency on February 26, 2026.

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Richard Hajas, President

Attest: _____
Cece Van Der Meer, Secretary

Vote:

Richard Hajas, Casitas Municipal Water District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Michael Weaver, Mutual Water Companies	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]
Bob Daddi, Community Facilities District	[Yes / No / Abstain / Absent]

Member Agencies

Ojai Water Conservation District
Casitas Municipal Water District
City of Ojai
Community Facilities District

Ojai Basin Mutual Water Companies:
Senior Canyon MWC
Siete Robles MWC
Hermitage MWC

February 26, 2026

Patricia and Robert Norris
1126 Mercer Avenue
Ojai CA 93023

Subject: Well Application for APN 028-0-010-070, 1126 Mercer Avenue Ojai CA

Dear Property Owner:

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) is responsible for managing the groundwater resource within its jurisdictional boundaries. The OBGMA jurisdictional boundaries contain the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (Ojai Basin), as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as some, but not all, of the larger watershed area containing the Ojai Basin.

The Ojai Basin is subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (California Water Code § 10720 et. seq.) and has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin. Pursuant to California Water Code § 10723(c)(1), OBGMA is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Ojai Basin and has adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Ojai Basin.

In compliance with its statutory obligation to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the Ojai Basin, OBGMA must determine, prior to issuing written verification for a permit to construct a new well or for replacement of an existing well, that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP adopted by OBGMA for the Ojai Basin, and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Basin covered by the GSP.

You have applied to OBGMA for written verification regarding construction of a new well located on APN 028-0-010-070. With regard to your application, OBGMA finds as follows:

OBGMA Verification of Water Well Application.
Your application is:

Approved: **X** based on:

~~1.~~ ~~Water use is intended for domestic use and extraction will be under 2 acre-feet each water year (October 1 through September 30 of each year)~~

2. A verification analysis has been completed and the water well is not inconsistent with OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the GSP. This verification is approved by the OBGMA Board of Directors and this is your authorization to proceed with application to the County of Ventura, subject to the General and Standard permit conditions contained herein.

Any approval shall be valid for one year from the date of this verification unless changes in law make this approval invalid.

~~**Not Approved:**~~ _____ ~~based on:~~

~~1. Needing the following additional information or clarification on your water well application (see attached):~~

~~2. A verification analysis has been completed and the water well is not consistent with OBGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and may decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by the GSP.~~

The following general conditions are to be followed for the proposed water well:

1. The proposed well must be constructed and operated pursuant to the standards of Ventura County Ordinance 4468, Section 4814, which incorporates California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-81; the draft supplemental, Bulletin 74-90; Ventura County Water Well Standards Bulletin No. 74-9 and compliance with all other County permitting requirements.
2. The proposed well must meet OBGMA's requirements for new wells including registration, monitoring, reporting, and any other special conditions of approval.
3. If the proposed well is located in an area overlying the Southwestern Uppermost Saturated Zone (SWUSZ) of the Ojai Basin as determined by OBGMA, Ordinance No. 12 requires the well be equipped with a seal of adequate depth to preclude communication between the well's production zones and the SWUSZ. If the well is within the SWUSZ, the following conditions apply:
    a. OBGMA representative(s) shall be provided an opportunity to confirm the drilling location prior to drilling.
    b. OBGMA representative(s) must be present during groundbreaking and drilling of the upper 50 feet and be allowed to collect samples and log cuttings.
    c. A geophysical log must be conducted in the borehole and a copy provided to OBGMA representative(s).
    d. The upper 100 feet of the annular space of the well, or a field-agreed depth based on conditions encountered in the borehole, shall be sealed to effectively comply with Ordinance No. 12.
4. The following standard OBGMA permit conditions are also made a part of this water well authorization to proceed:
    a. The well owner shall comply with all applicable OBGMA Ordinances and Resolutions requiring metering of the well, extraction reporting, and fee payment to OBGMA now in effect or as may hereafter be adopted
    b. Well contractor to provide OBGMA with the completion Report and State Well Number within 30 days of well completion
    c. The well owner shall engage a registered hydrogeologist to observe well drilling activities and ensure compliance with these conditions. In the event the well owner does not retain a registered hydrogeologist, the well owner shall provide OBGMA a deposit of $1,500 in advance of commencing drilling or other work related to construction of the well to cover OBGMA's cost ensuring compliance with the foregoing conditions.

The following forms are attached for your information and use:

- Water Well Registration and Verification Request
- Well Registration Form
- Sample Quarterly Extraction Statement
- First Notice of Groundwater Extraction

Please contact us at obgmagm@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Julia Aranda, PE
General Manager

c: County of Ventura

Attachments: Water Well Registration and Verification Request
Well Registration Form
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