

# Groundwater Application Review Summary Form

Application # G- 19454

GW Reviewer James Hootsmans Date Review Completed: 12/12/2024

## Summary of GW Availability and Injury Review:

☐ Groundwater for the proposed use is either over appropriated, will not likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights, OR will not likely be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource per Section B of the attached review form.

## Summary of Potential for Substantial Interference Review:

☐ There is the potential for substantial interference per Section C of the attached review form.

## Summary of Well Construction Assessment:

☐ The well does not appear to meet current well construction standards per Section D of the attached review form. Route through Well Construction and Compliance Section.

*This is only a summary. Documentation is attached and should be read thoroughly to understand the basis for determinations and for conditions that may be necessary for a permit (if one is issued).*

## WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

MEMO

December 12, 2024

TO: Application G- 19454

FROM: GW: James Hootsmans  
(Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT: Scenic Waterway Interference Evaluation

☐ YES The source of appropriation is hydraulically connected to a State Scenic  
☒ NO Waterway or its tributaries

☐ YES  
☒ NO Use the Scenic Waterway Condition (Condition 7J)

☐ Per ORS 390.835, the Groundwater Section is **able** to calculate ground water interference with surface water that contributes to a Scenic Waterway. The calculated interference is distributed below

☐ Per ORS 390.835, the Groundwater Section is **unable** to calculate ground water interference with surface water that contributes to a scenic waterway; **therefore, the Department is unable to find that there is a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway**

### DISTRIBUTION OF INTERFERENCE

*Calculate the percentage of consumptive use by month and fill in the table below. If interference cannot be calculated, per criteria in 390.835, do not fill in the table but check the "unable" option above, thus informing Water Rights that the Department is unable to make a Preponderance of Evidence finding.*

Exercise of this permit is calculated to reduce monthly flows in [Enter] Scenic Waterway by the following amounts expressed as a proportion of the consumptive use by which surface water flow is reduced.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

## PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date 12/12/24  
 FROM: Groundwater Section James Hootsmans  
 Reviewer's Name  
 SUBJECT: Application G- 19454 Supersedes review of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Review(s)

**PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER**

**OAR 690-310-130 (1)** *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525. Department staff review groundwater applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.*

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION:** Applicant's Name: David and Yengcheeko Vang County: Clackamas

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 0.125 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Willamette Basin,  
Molalla River subbasin

A2. Proposed use Nursery Seasonality: Year Round

A3. Well and aquifer data (attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid):

POA Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	PROP 578	1	Alluvial (Sand and Gravel)	0.125	5S/2E-6 SENE	170' N, 170' W fr E1/4 cor S 6
2						
3						
4						

\* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

POA Well	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Drawdown (ft)	Test Type
1	300	0-160	TBD	TBD	TBD	NA	NA	NA
2								
3								
4								

POA Well	Land Surface Elevation at Well (ft amsl)	Depth of First Water (ft bls)	SWL (ft bls)	SWL Date	Reference Level (ft bls)	Reference Level Date
1	312					
2						
3						
4						

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** The applicant proposes to complete one Point of Appropriation (POA) approximately 0.3 miles northwest of the City of Molalla. The POA, identified as PROP 578 on the location map, is proposed to be developed in the alluvial groundwater system. The applicant proposed to pump 0.125 cfs (approximately 56 gallons per minute (gpm)) from the proposed POA. The total planned annual volume is 25 acre feet for 5 acres (Duty 5 acre-feet/acre).

A5. ☐ **Provisions of the** Willamette Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater hydraulically connected to surface water ☐ **are**, or ☒ **are not**, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)  
 Comments: The proposed POAs will produce groundwater from a confined aquifer. Therefore, per OAR 690-502-0240, the relevant Willamette Basin rules do not apply.

A6. ☐ **Well(s) #** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.  
 Name of administrative area: NA  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070**

B1. **Based upon available data**, I have determined that groundwater\* for the proposed use:

- a. ☐ is over appropriated, ☒ is not over appropriated, or ☐ cannot be determined to be over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. \* This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- b. ☐ will not or ☐ will likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. \* This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- c. ☐ will not or ☐ will likely to be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource; or
- d. ☒ will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater resource:
  - i. ☒ The permit should contain condition #(s) 7RLN;
  - ii. ☐ The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
  - iii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

- B2.
- a. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no deeper than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
  - b. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no shallower than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
  - c. ☒ **Condition** to allow groundwater production only from the Alluvial groundwater reservoir ~~between approximately~~ \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
  - d. ☐ **Well reconstruction** is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Groundwater Section.

**Describe injury** –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- B3. **Groundwater availability remarks:** The proposed POA (PROP 578) is situated in the Willamette Valley, with over 500 feet of alluvial sediments from surface elevation. Therefore, the proposed depth of 300 feet will mean that the proposed POA will develop in these alluvial sediments. Sand and gravel beds with higher permeability occur throughout the sediments, separated by lower permeability silt and clay, which in turn confine deeper water-bearing zones as depth increases.

Groundwater elevations in nearby wells to the proposed POA have remained relatively stable over time, based on limited data, indicating a hydraulic connection to the nearby surface water bodies (see Observation Well Data) The proposed POA is adjacent to intermittent stream Creamery Creek and within a mile of Bear Creek. Water levels in the area indicate that groundwater for the proposed use is likely not over appropriated.

The closest groundwater right to the proposed POA is Permit G-17920, in neighboring tax lot 800. All the POU for the neighboring right is within a quarter mile of the proposed POA and the POA on the permit location is approximately 400 feet away. A Theis (1935) drawdown analysis was conducted to assess the potential well-to-well interference with the neighboring groundwater right due to pumping of the proposed POA in the amounts requested. Hydraulic parameters used for the analyses were derived from regional data and studies (Pumping Test Reports; Conlon et al., 2003, 2005; Woodward et al., 1998) or are within a typical range of values for the parameter within the hydrogeologic regime (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). To be conservative, it was assumed that pumping would occur year-round at the maximum rate, irrespective of time to reach the total annual volume. Results of the Theis (1935) analysis indicate that, at the maximum rate, well-to-well interference is unlikely due to the low pumping rate (see Theis Drawdown Analysis, attached).

Reported yields from regional wells (5S 2E Sections 5 and 6) range from less than 1 to ~ 800 gpm, with a median of 35 gpm (see attached Well Statistics). The requested rate of 0.125 cfs (~56 gpm) therefore represents ~7 percent of the maximum yield reported for water wells in this area, and ~160 percent of the median reported yield. Therefore, it is likely the applicant will be able to achieve the requested pumping rate with the proposed POA.

**C. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040****C1. 690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
	<b>Alluvium</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation:** Water bearing zones are overlain by several hundred feet of fine-grained alluvial sediments, creating a confined to semi-confined groundwater system at depth. Similarly constructed wells nearby have static water levels above the water bearing zone within the well.

**C2. 690-09-040 (2) (3):** Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
						YES	NO	ASSUMED	YES	NO
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Bear Creek</b>	<b>240 - 260</b>	<b>260 - 320</b>	<b>3850</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation:** Water levels in nearby wells from similar depths as the proposed POA are equal or close to elevations of adjacent streams elevations. The presence of fine-grained sediments indicates a likely inefficient hydraulic connection.

**Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within:**

Proposed POA: (ID# 69796) MOLALLA R > WILLAMETTE R – AT MOUTH

SW1: (ID# 151) PUDDING R > MOLALLA R - AB MILL CR

**C3a. 690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water (SW) source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that SW source, not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% *natural* flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked ☒ box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>67.30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>&lt;&lt;25%</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

	SW #		Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Basis for impact evaluation:**

C4b. **690-09-040 (5) (b) The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.**

- C5. ☐ **If properly conditioned**, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or groundwater use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:
- i. ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s) \_\_\_\_\_;
  - ii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**References Used:** Application Files: G-19454, G18417

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Hunt, B. 2003. Unsteady stream depletion when pumping from semiconfined aquifer: Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, January/February, 2003.

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**D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200**

D1. Well #: \_\_\_\_\_ Logid: \_\_\_\_\_

D2. **THE WELL does not appear to meet current well construction standards based upon:**

- a. ☐ review of the well log;
- b. ☐ field inspection by \_\_\_\_\_;
- c. ☐ report of CWRE \_\_\_\_\_;
- d. ☐ other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency or other comment is described as follows:** \_\_\_\_\_

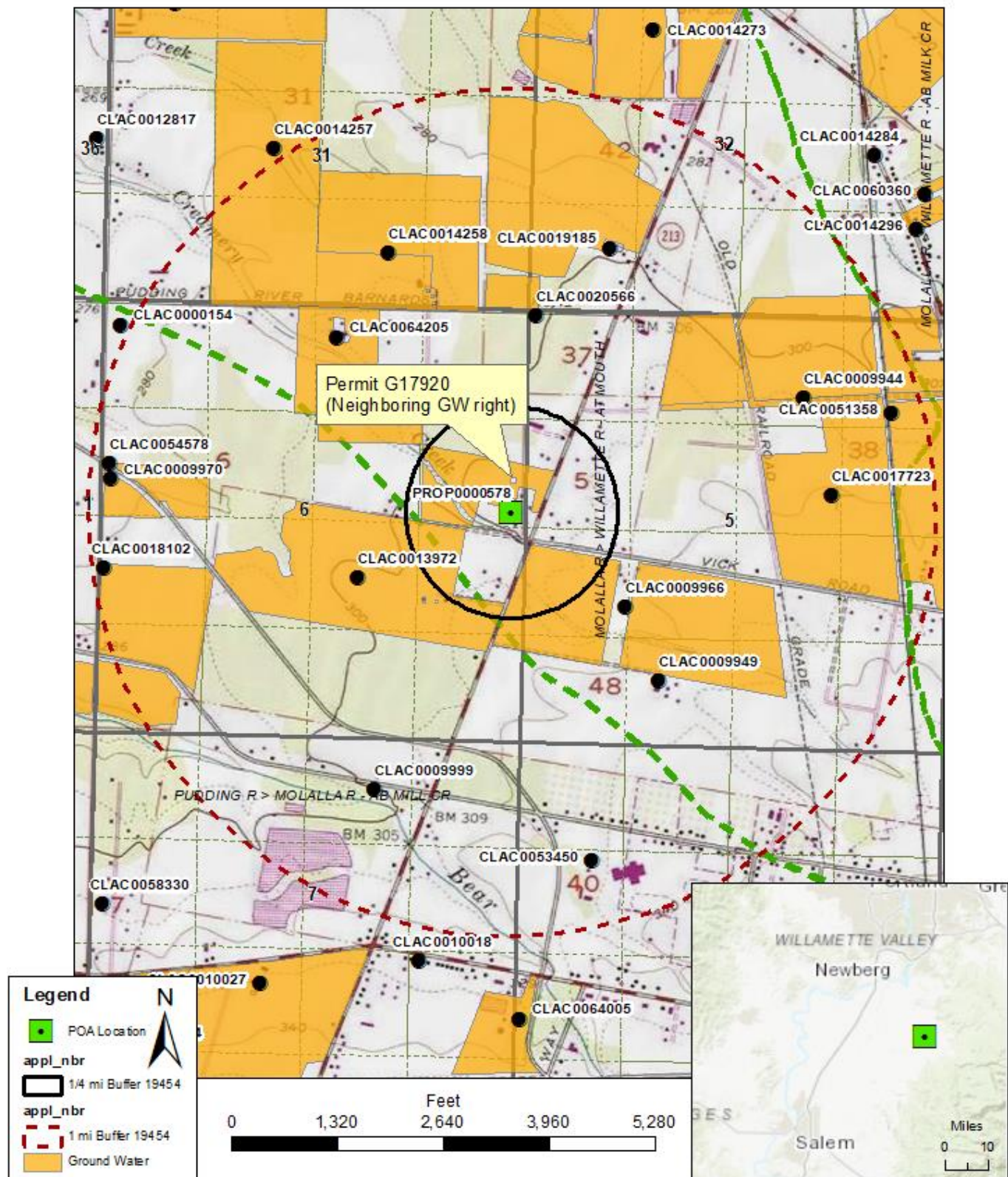
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D4. ☐ **Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.**

\_\_\_\_\_

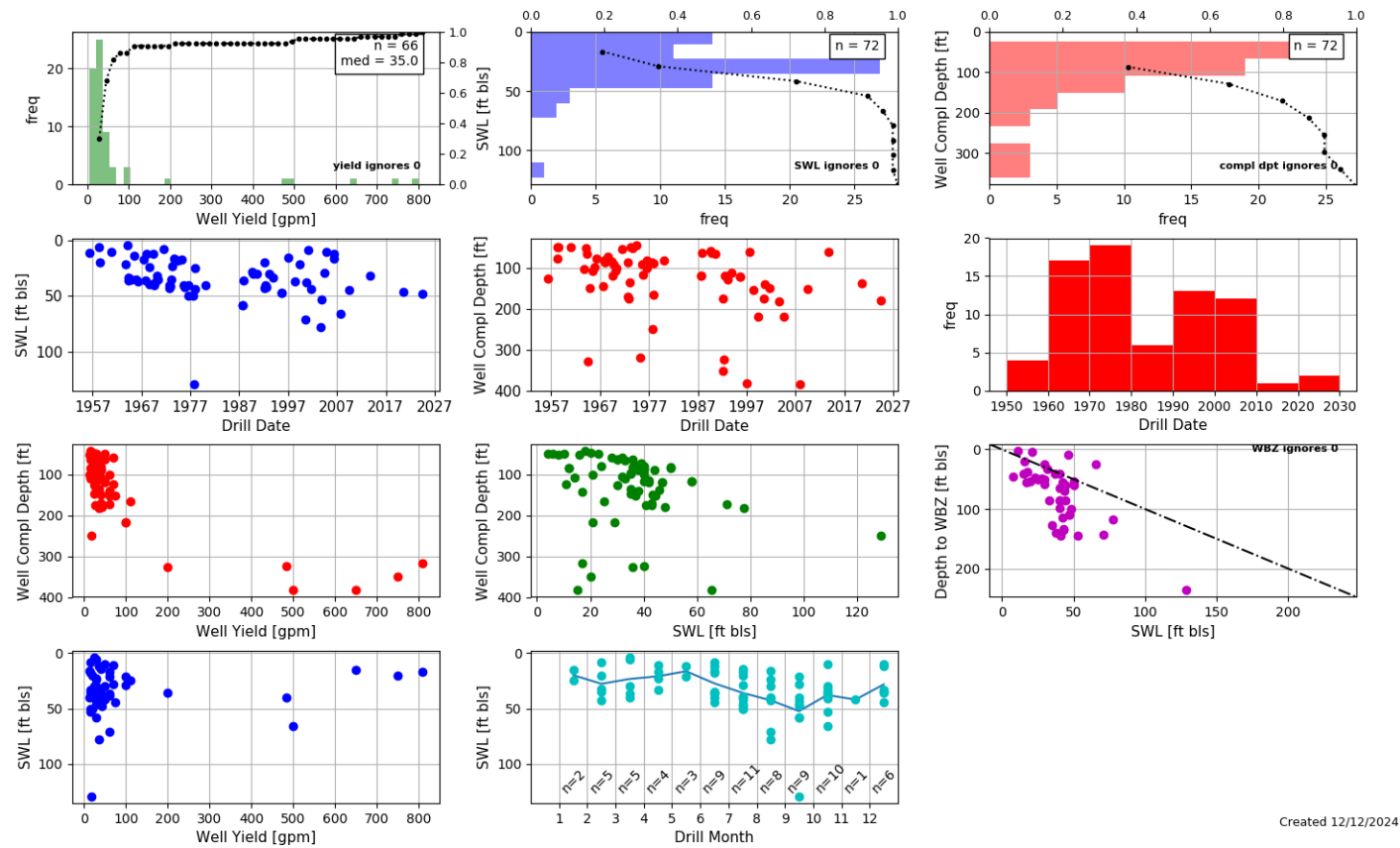
## Well Location Map

## G-19454 Vang

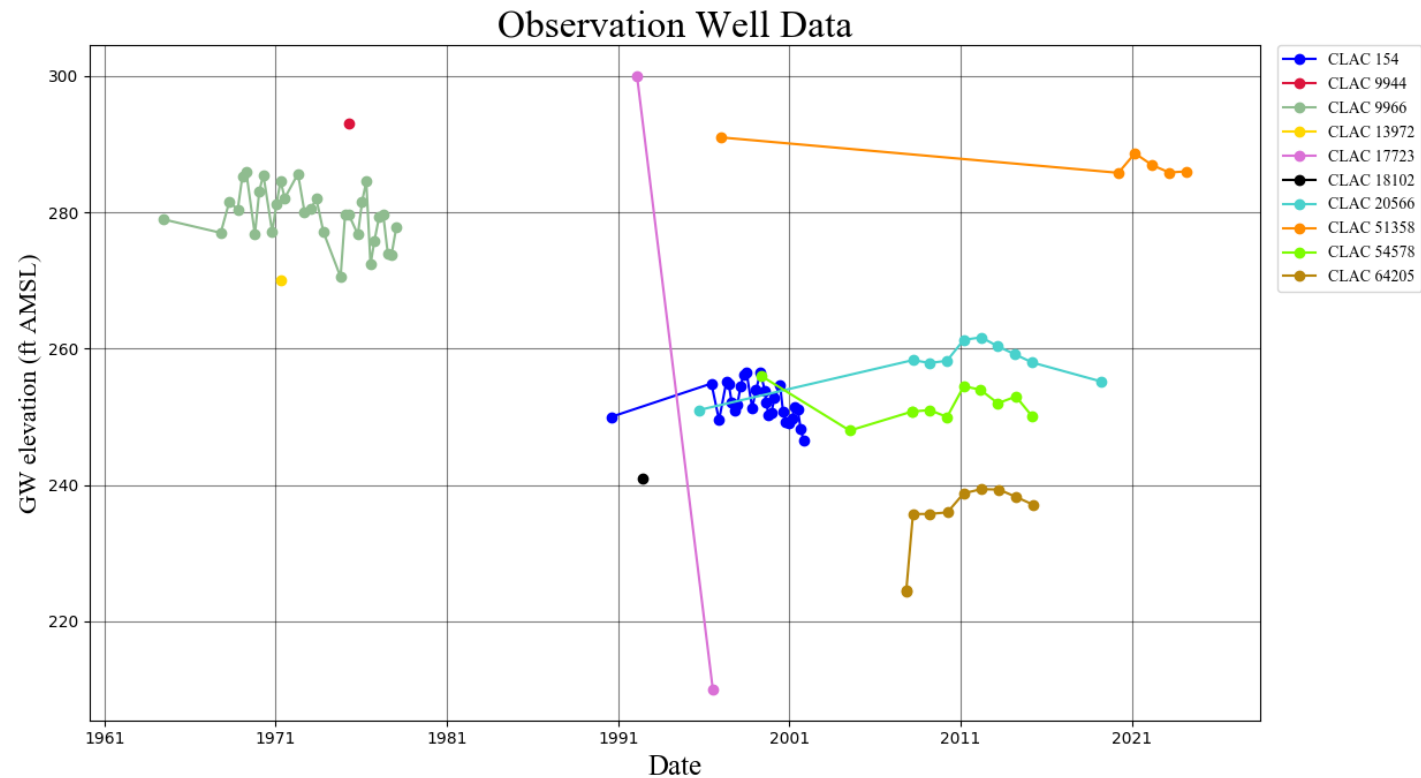


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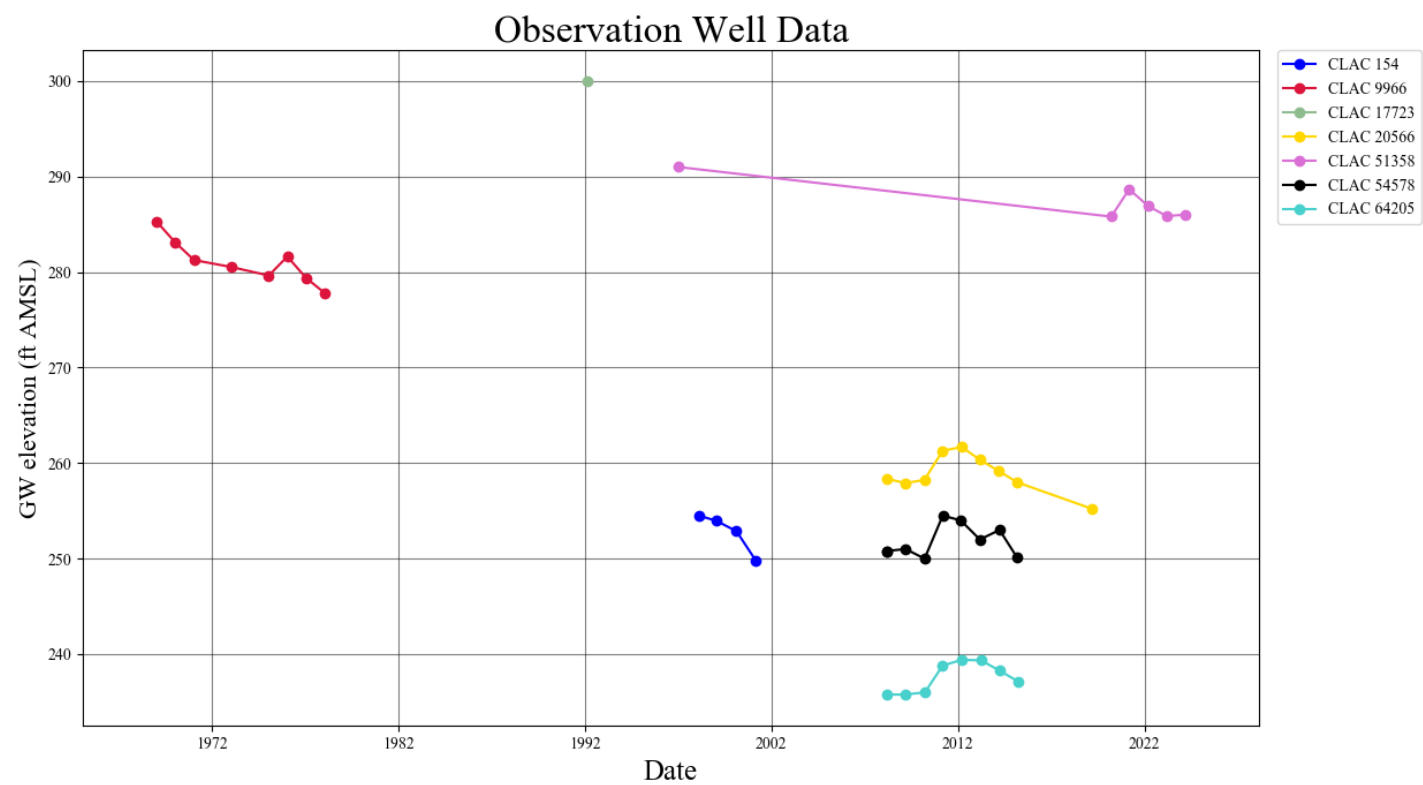
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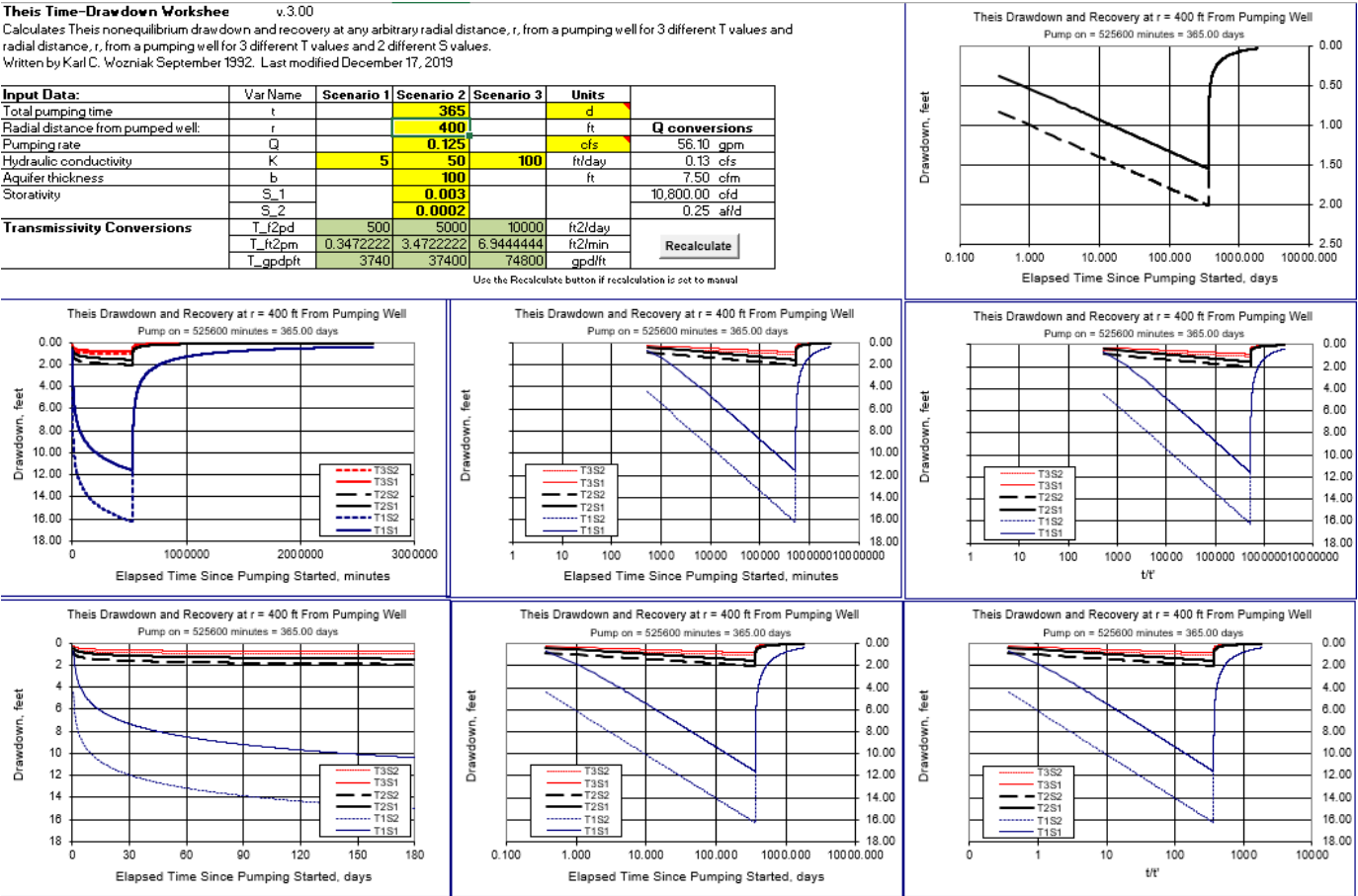
Water-Level Measurements in Nearby Wells – All Months



Water-Level Measurements in Nearby Wells – January to March Only



Theis Interference Analysis



Water Availability Tables

Water Availability Analysis

Detailed Reports

PUDDING R > MOLALLA R - AB MILL CR

WILLAMETTE BASIN

Watershed ID #: 151 [\(Map\)](#)

Water Availability as of 12/11/2024

Exceedance Level: 80%

Date: 12/11/2024

Time: 4:11 PM

Water Availability Calculation

Consumptive Uses and Storages

Instream Flow Requirements

Reservations

Water Rights

Watershed Characteristics

Water Availability Calculation

Monthly Streamflow in Cubic Feet per Second

Annual Volume at 50% Exceedance in Acre-Feet

Month	Natural Stream Flow	Consumptive Uses and Storages	Expected Stream Flow	Reserved Stream Flow	Instream Flow Requirement	Net Water Available
JAN	1,040.00	125.00	915.00	0.00	80.00	835.00
FEB	1,180.00	114.00	1,070.00	0.00	80.00	986.00
MAR	1,010.00	76.50	934.00	0.00	80.00	854.00
APR	787.00	52.40	735.00	0.00	80.00	655.00
MAY	425.00	51.00	374.00	0.00	80.00	294.00
JUN	224.00	73.20	151.00	0.00	50.00	101.00
JUL	109.00	115.00	-6.28	0.00	40.00	-46.30
AUG	71.00	94.50	-23.50	0.00	36.00	-59.50
SEP	67.30	53.60	13.70	0.00	36.00	-22.30
OCT	91.60	11.50	80.10	0.00	50.00	30.10
NOV	363.00	48.50	314.00	0.00	80.00	234.00
DEC	957.00	118.00	839.00	0.00	80.00	759.00
ANN	706,000.00	56,300.00	650,000.00	0.00	46,500.00	606,000.00

Water Availability Analysis

Detailed Reports

MOLALLA R > WILLAMETTE R - AT MOUTH

WILLAMETTE BASIN

Watershed ID #: 69796 [\(Map\)](#)

Water Availability as of 12/11/2024

Exceedance Level: 80%

Date: 12/11/2024

Time: 4:21 PM

Water Availability Calculation

Consumptive Uses and Storages

Instream Flow Requirements

Reservations

Water Rights

Watershed Characteristics

Water Availability Calculation

Monthly Streamflow in Cubic Feet per Second

Annual Volume at 50% Exceedance in Acre-Feet

Month	Natural Stream Flow	Consumptive Uses and Storages	Expected Stream Flow	Reserved Stream Flow	Instream Flow Requirement	Net Water Available
JAN	1,870.00	155.00	1,720.00	0.00	500.00	1,220.00
FEB	2,010.00	145.00	1,870.00	0.00	500.00	1,370.00
MAR	1,830.00	113.00	1,720.00	0.00	500.00	1,220.00
APR	1,530.00	86.80	1,440.00	0.00	500.00	943.00
MAY	927.00	98.40	829.00	0.00	500.00	329.00
JUN	431.00	120.00	311.00	0.00	500.00	-189.00
JUL	204.00	187.00	17.40	0.00	200.00	-183.00
AUG	139.00	157.00	-17.60	0.00	100.00	-118.00
SEP	134.00	83.20	50.80	0.00	150.00	-99.20
OCT	188.00	39.90	148.00	0.00	450.00	-302.00
NOV	637.00	79.80	557.00	0.00	500.00	57.20
DEC	1,700.00	150.00	1,550.00	0.00	500.00	1,050.00
ANN	1,320,000.00	85,400.00	1,240,000.00	0.00	295,000.00	966,000.00