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"Parcel 3"  
APN: 053-110-076  
585 Trinity Road  
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

Subject: **Revised Groundwater Availability Evaluation  
Proposed 3-Lot Cannabis Development  
Trinity Road & Sonoma Highway  
APN: 053-110-076, 053-110-001 & 053-130-009  
Glen Ellen, California**

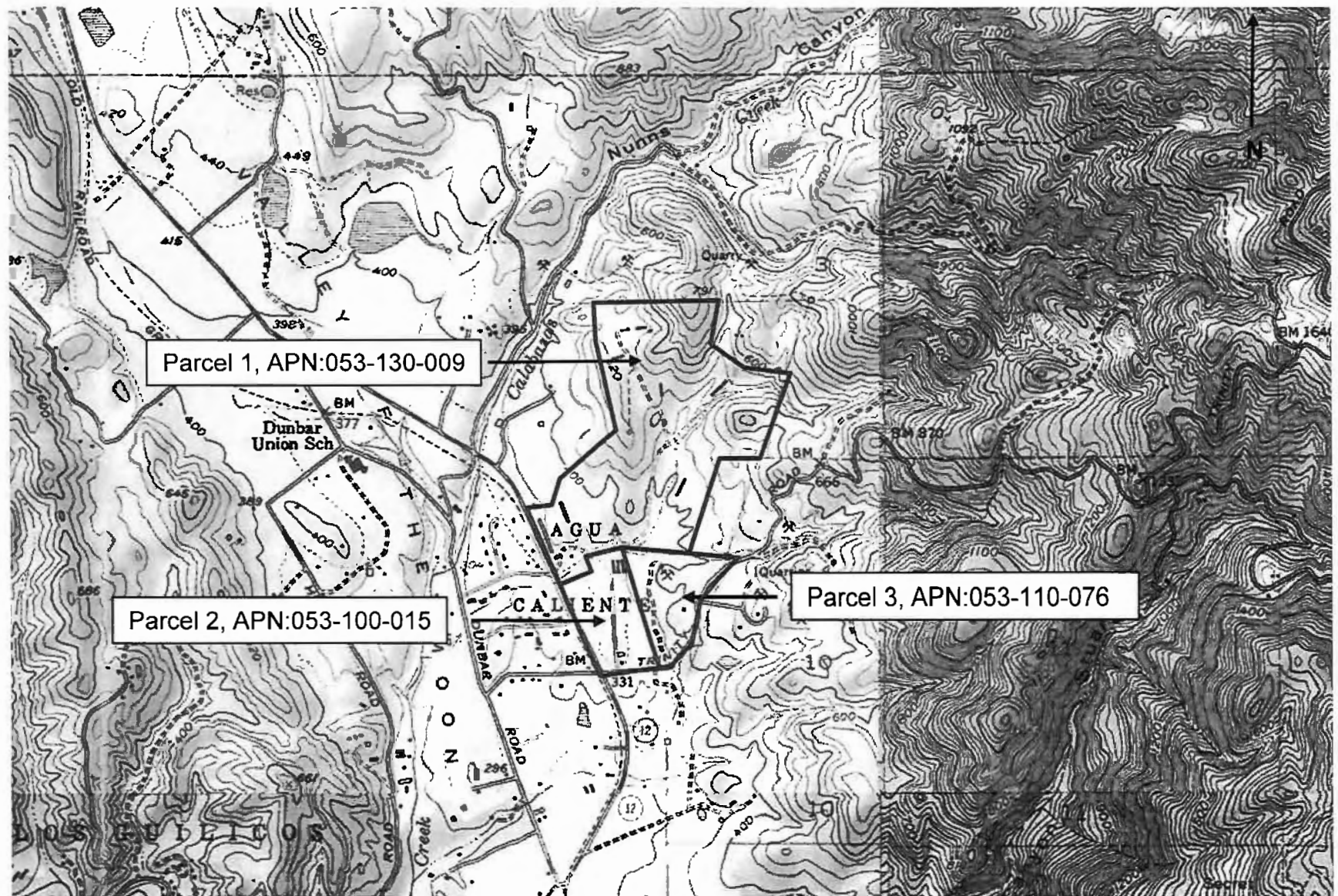
## 1. INTRODUCTION

PJC & Associates, Inc. (PJC) is pleased to submit this report which presents the results of our revised hydrogeologic investigation to determine groundwater availability for the proposed 3-lot cannabis development located at the northeast corner of Sonoma Highway and Trinity Road in Glen Ellen, California. The approximate location of the site is shown on the Site Location Map, Plate 1. Based on the information provided by you, and information provided by Hogan Land Services, it is our understanding that the project will consist of developing three separate parcels for cannabis cultivation. We anticipate that two of the three parcels will have a one acre, outdoor cannabis development. The cannabis development on the third parcel will consist of a mixed-light, combination of green houses and outdoor development for a total of one acre of development. It is our understanding that the cannabis operation will be serviced by one, existing groundwater well.

## 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Our services were completed in accordance with our proposal dated May 18, 2017. The scope of our investigation included the following tasks:

- a. Research to determine the locations, depths and production of wells and springs within the Cumulative Impact Area (CIA).
- b. Review of data from the Department of Water Resources concerning project wells and wells near to the project site.
- c. Research and analyses of groundwater hydrogeology of the site and vicinity.



SCALE 1:24,000

Reference: USGS Kenwood, California Quadrangle, 1980  
 Reference: USGS Rutherford, California Quadrangle, 1973  
 Reference: USGS Glen Ellen, California Quadrangle, 1980  
 Reference: USGS Sonoma, California Quadrangle, 1980

**SITE LOCATION MAP**  
**PROPOSED 3-LOT CANNABIS DEVELOPMENT**  
**TRINITY ROAD & SONOMA HIGHWAY**  
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- d. Conversations with local well companies and residents.
- e. Addressing comments provided by the Sonoma County PRMD, dated March 18, 2019, in regards to the original Groundwater Availability Report for the project prepared by PJC & Associates, Inc., dated October 27, 2017.
- f. Preparation of this report with our findings and conclusions regarding the potential hydrogeologic impacts of the project.

### 3. SITE CONDITIONS

- a. General. For the purposes of this report, the subject property consists of three parcels. APN 053-130-009 (parcel 1) consists of 26.15 acres and is proposed to develop one acre of outdoor cannabis. However, it is our understanding that a lot line adjustment is proposed for parcel 1 which will incorporate a significant amount of acreage from the neighboring lot (APN 053-100-015) which will result in an increase in size of parcel 1 to approximately 160 acres. APN 053-110-001 (parcel 2) consists of 19.67 acres and proposed to develop minor amounts of outdoor cannabis, as well as mixed light, indoor cannabis utilizing several greenhouses for a total of one acre. However, an additional lot line adjustment is proposed for parcel 2 which will incorporate acreage from parcel 1, resulting in an increase in size of parcel 2 to 29.2 acres. APN 053-110-076 (parcel 3) consists of 25.16 acres and proposed to develop one acre of outdoor cannabis.

The subject property is located in a heavily forested, rural residential and agricultural area of northeast Glen Ellen. The three, adjacently located parcels are generally situated at the northeast corner of the intersection of Sonoma Highway and Trinity Road. The subject property is generally bounded by large parcels developed in vineyards, single family residences and the Nuns Canyon Rock Quarry to the north, single family residences on large parcels and undeveloped land to the east, Trinity Road and single family residences on moderately sized lots to the south, and Highway 12 and the Trinity Oaks residential subdivision to the west. Additionally, Weise Road transects parcel 1 from east to west. At the time of our investigation, each parcel was occupied by an existing single family residence, with granny units on parcel 1 and parcel 2. Additionally, there are also several large agricultural buildings utilized for cattle and chickens, vegetable gardens, and an existing rock quarry. The remaining portions of the property were undeveloped and covered in native grasses and moderately forested areas. At the time of our investigation, there were six existing groundwater wells located on the subject property. The well locations are shown on the Study Area Map, Plate 2.

- b. Topography. The subject property, situated near the northern end of the Valley of the Moon, extends partially into the valley floor and partially into

the west facing, hilly terrain. The subject property generally consists of a combination of gently to steeply sloping topography with maximum estimated natural gradients of three horizontal to one vertical (3H:1V). According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Kenwood, California, 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps (Topographic), site elevations vary from approximately 350 feet above mean sea level (MSL) near the southwestern corner of the subject property, to approximately 750 feet near the northeastern corner of the subject property.

- c. Drainage. The subject property is located near the base of the low-lying hills on the east side of the Valley of the Moon. Site drainage appears to consist of sheet flow and surface infiltration. Two main creek tributaries of Calabazas Creek serve to drain surface runoff from the higher elevations north and east of the subject property. One creek tributary borders parcel 3 to the north, and comes to a confluence with the other creek tributary at the existing north boundary of parcel 2, and then transects parcel 1, south of Weise Road. The creek tributary then flows westward toward Calabazas Creek, which is located approximately one-half mile west of the western boundary of parcel 1.
- d. Existing Land Use: The subject property, as well as properties to the north, is located within the Land Intensive Agricultural area (LIA) with a 100 acre per unit density. The majority of the area to the east and south of the subject property is located within the LIA with a 20 acre per unit density. The area to the west of the subject property, within the Trinity Oaks Subdivision is located in the Rural Residential area (RR) with a five acre per unit density. The subject property and surrounding area is located in the Groundwater Availability Zone 4, with areas of low to highly variable water yields.

At the time of our investigation, the subject property consisted of three parcels. Parcel 1 (APN 053-130-009) was occupied by an existing single family residence and granny unit. Three groundwater wells (well #1, well #2 & well #3) are located on parcel 1. Well #1 was drilled in January, 2018, and will service the proposed cannabis development on all of the three lots. Well #2 currently services the existing residence and granny unit, and well #3 is currently out of service, due to construction degradation. Additionally, after the proposed lot line adjustment occurs, parcel 1 will also be occupied by several agricultural buildings, and a 6-acre vineyard. The remaining portions of the subject property are undeveloped.

At the time of our investigation, parcel 2 (APN 053-110-001) was occupied by an existing single family residence and granny unit, several large agricultural buildings currently being utilized for 12 head of cattle and approximately 300 chickens, and a one-acre vegetable garden. Furthermore, there is one existing groundwater well located on parcel 2 (well #4).



At the time of our investigation, parcel 3 (APN 053-110-076) was occupied by a single family residence and a rock quarry. At the time of this report, the quarry permit for parcel 3 was still active. However, it is our understanding that the quarry is not in use, and is undergoing the closure process. There are two existing groundwater wells on parcel 3 (well #5 & well #6). One well currently services the existing residence, and the other services the irrigation needs for the existing, 6-acre vineyard on parcel 1.

- e. Proposed Land Use: It is our understanding that each of the three parcels will be developed with a one-acre cannabis development. It is our understanding that it is proposed to develop parcel 1 and parcel 3 with a one-acre outdoor plot. It is our understanding that it is proposed to construct several greenhouses on parcel 2, for a combined, mixed light indoor and outdoor cultivation area of one acre. Additionally, a central processing facility will also be constructed on parcel 2.

It is our understanding that the existing residential structures, vineyard, vegetable garden and agricultural/livestock operation will remain.

#### 4. LOCAL GEOLOGY

The geologic information portrayed on Plate 2 was obtained from the Geologic Map of the Kenwood 7.5' Quadrangle and Special Report 120, Geologic Map of Sonoma County.

Based on the geologic mapping, and well drillers logs, the subject property is generally underlain by bedrock deposits of the Sonoma Volcanics Series (Tsrf & Tsram). Additional geologic units mapped within the subject property are Quaternary alluvial deposits (Qa, Qpf & Qoa). Based on well drillers logs and the site geology, the Sonoma Volcanics Series is considered the primary water bearing unit and aquifer for the project site. The alluvial deposits within the subject property are relatively thin and, locally, do not likely extend to great depths below the site. The Hydrogeologic Cross Section, provided on Plate 3, is a generalized interpretation of the hydrogeology, geologic structure and orientation of rock units in the area based on available well log data and our geologic literature review. Well drillers logs for wells included on Plate 3, where completed logs were available, are presented in Appendix A.

The majority of the subject property consists of two units (Tsrf & Tsram) of the Sonoma Volcanic Series. The Sonoma Volcanics has highly variable specific yields and is considered to be a good water producer where unwelded tuffs, scoria, and volcanic sediments are present. The wells within the subject property are located within the Tsram unit of the Sonoma Volcanics. The Tsram unit is the Rhyolite of Arrowhead Mountain, and is described as a highly variable sequence of light-colored, rhyolitic flows, tuffs, breccias and plugs. The Tsrf unit conformably overlies, and is likely interbedded with the Tsram unit of the Sonoma Volcanics Series. The Tsrf unit is described as pinkish-purple, porphyritic rhyolite flows with phenocrysts of sanidine and quartz, and well developed flow banding.

Quaternary alluvial deposits (Qa, Qpf & Qoa) are also present within the subject property. These deposits consist of alluvial fan, stream terrace and basin deposits, generally consisting of sand, gravel, silt and clay.

The site is generally located within an area of active seismicity. The nearest, mapped active fault is the Rodgers Creek Fault, which is located approximately six miles southwest of the site. According to recent published geologic mapping, an unnamed strike-slip fault is questionably mapped as extending through parcel 3, and partially into parcel 1 and parcel 2. Furthermore, there are two additional, unnamed strike-slip faults located in the near vicinity to the subject property. However, based on the available literature, the faults are not considered Holocene active and are not located in the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Studies Zone.

## 5. LOCAL HYDROGEOLOGY

According to the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program (CASEGEM), the subject property is not located in a prioritized groundwater basin. The nearest prioritized groundwater basin is the Napa-Sonoma Valley basin, which is located approximately 500 feet west of the western boundary of the subject property. The Napa-Sonoma Valley basin is considered a medium prioritized groundwater basin, and within the Groundwater Availability Zone 3.

As previously mentioned, the Sonoma Volcanics Series is considered the primary water bearing unit and aquifer for the project site. According to the "Evaluation of Groundwater Resources, Sonoma County Volume 4: Sonoma Valley" (Bulletin 118-4), prepared by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Sonoma Volcanics is considered to have highly variable specific yields, between 0 and 15%. According to published literature, the Sonoma Volcanics is considered to be a good water producer where unwelded tuffs, scoria, and volcanic sediments are present. Furthermore, PJC assumes that the Sonoma Volcanics underlying the subject property and the near vicinity is a confined to partially confined aquifer. Our assumption is based on the available well drillers logs, the presence of confining alluvial deposits over the underlying bedrock, artesian conditions after an 8-hour pump test of project well #1, the depth of the screened intervals within the groundwater wells, and our previous experiences encountering perched groundwater in areas within close proximity to the project site.

According to Bulletin 118-4, the specific yield of the Quaternary deposits is variable, depending on the amount of clay present and the thicknesses of the deposits. Specific yields generally range between 3 to 15%. The Quaternary alluvial deposits within the subject property are considered to represent a separate aquifer from the project aquifer. However, due to the estimated thicknesses of the Quaternary alluvial deposits and the close proximity to the Sonoma Volcanics in the area, we assume some groundwater communication between the aquifers in the form of groundwater recharge through the shallow

alluvial deposits, and into the underlying bedrock deposits of the Sonoma Volcanics.

## 5. WELLS AND WATER SOURCES

In order to assess the availability of groundwater in the area, and the potential for negative effects on nearby wells, it is necessary to establish a cumulative impact area (CIA) around the subject property. For the purposes of this report, the CIA was conservatively estimated to include parcels adjacent, or within 1500 feet, of the subject property (parcels 1, 2 & 3). The factors used to determine the CIA are topography, geologic formations, hydrologic divides and watersheds, aquifer conditions and proximity to nearby wells.

At the time of our investigation, there were six existing groundwater wells located on the subject property. The locations of the wells are shown on the Study Area Map, Plate 2. The project well is located on parcel 1, approximately 300 feet east of Sonoma Highway.

The majority of known wells within the CIA, are located within the Sonoma Volcanics. According to the recent geologic literature, four of the six onsite wells are located in areas mapped within Quaternary alluvial deposits (Qpf). However, based on the screened intervals indicated on the available well log data, the wells mapped in the Qpf unit extend through the shallow alluvial deposits, and extend into the underlying bedrock deposits of the Sonoma Volcanics. Groundwater well information was obtained from the Well Completion Report Map Application provided by the California Department of Water Resources, and included in Table 1. The locations of wells on adjoining properties within the CIA are also plotted on Plate 2. However, when exact locations of neighboring wells were unable to be determined, well locations were inferred based on aerial photos, topography, geology or assumed to be near the center of the parcel.

- a. Local Well Log Data: The limited available data for the wells on the subject property, and neighboring wells within the CIA, record static water levels between eight and 100 feet below the existing ground surface, with an artesian condition at well #1 (see Table 1). The limited well log data indicates that wells developed in the Sonoma Volcanics are viable, with highly variable yields between eight and 300 gallons per minute (gpm), and specific capacities from 0.03 to 1.43 gpm/ft.

Based on the published geologic literature and the well drillers logs, the Sonoma Volcanics are considered to be confined to partially confined aquifers. First encountered water levels were not generally recorded for the water wells within the CIA, except for the project well, where an artesian condition was encountered during the initial drilling of the well. However, based on a well yield test of the project well, a static water level of 74 feet below the ground surface was recorded. Based on well log data provided by the Department of Water Resources, dry holes can be encountered within the Sonoma Volcanics. However, these aquifers are

highly variable, and it is not uncommon to find a viable well after relocating or drilling deeper.

TABLE 1

Well # (Plate 1)	Year of construction	Total Depth, ft	Static Water Level, ft	Perforated Interval Thickness, ft	Driller's Yield, gpm	Specific Capacity (gpm/ft)
1	2018	420	74	195	28	0.10
2	n/a	292	20	n/a	8	0.03
3*	1999	680	n/a	300	150	0.5
4	2002	220	100	120	50	0.25
5	1983	610	n/a	100	30	n/a
6	2000	175	55	60	200	1.43
7	2002	220	100	120	50	0.25
8	1998	200	70	80	50	0.28
9	1997	135	35	60	100	1.0
10	1995	255	55	108	15	0.05
11	1996	955	40	330	45	0.14
12	1995	495	n/a	95	300	n/a
13	1994	440	n/a	n/a	150	0.75
14	1991	250	n/a	40	40	n/a
15*	1961	265	8	217	30	0.17

\*Wells not in use or planned abandonment

## 6. GROUNDWATER SUPPLY

- a. Groundwater Storage: The following groundwater storage calculations assume that the aquifers underlying the CIA are confined to partially confined aquifers. This model assumes that there is groundwater communication between aquifers contained within the Sonoma Volcanics (Tsrif & Tsrar). The volume of groundwater stored in the project aquifer is equal to the volume of the saturated aquifer multiplied by the specific yield of the aquifer. The volume of the saturated aquifer is calculated by multiplying the area of the CIA area by the saturated thickness. The CIA for groundwater storage is estimated at 800 acres. The thickness of the saturated aquifer, for the purposes of this report, is conservatively estimated to equal the average length of the perforated intervals of the well casings.

According to the well log data, the screened portions of the well casings vary between 40 and 330 feet in length. Therefore, the average thickness of the saturated aquifer is conservatively assumed to be approximately 140 feet. The area of the CIA is determined to be 800 acres. Therefore, the volume of the saturated aquifer within the CIA is 112,000 acre-feet (800 acres x 140 feet = 112,000 acre-feet). According to the Evaluation of Groundwater Resources, Bulletin 118-4, the specific yield of the Sonoma Volcanics is considered highly variable, generally 15% or less. Using a conservative value of 3%, a groundwater storage of 3,360 acre-feet (112,000 acre-feet x 0.03 = 3,360 acre-feet) is calculated.

- b. Groundwater Recharge; Groundwater recharge for the project parcel was developed as part of a water budget, as follows:

Inflows (rainfall) = Outflows (surface runoff + evapotranspiration + groundwater recharge)

This simply states that rainfall on the ground surface either runs off, infiltrates into the soil to be later evaporated or transpired by plants, or recharges the underlying aquifer.

Mean annual precipitation at the project parcel is approximately 35 inches, according to the Sonoma County Water Agency Rainfall Map, Plate 4. Mean annual surface runoff at the project parcel is estimated to be 15 inches or 43% of annual precipitation (McKee and others, 2003). According to McKee (2003, p. 30), annual actual evapotranspiration (ET<sub>a</sub>) for the North Bay averages 16.3 inches.

Groundwater recharge cannot be directly measured. It is estimated from the water budget (Table 2), as follows:

Rainfall = surface runoff + evapotranspiration + groundwater recharge

Thus, by rearranging the equation:

Rainfall - surface runoff - evapotranspiration = groundwater recharge

$$35 - 15 - 16.3 = 3.7 \text{ inches}$$

TABLE 2

Mean Annual Rainfall, inches/year	35
Evapotranspiration, percent	47%
Surface Runoff, percent	43%
Groundwater Recharge, percent	10%
Cumulative Impact Area, acres	800
Total Annual Precipitation, acre-feet/year	2,333
Evapotranspiration, acre-feet/year	1,097
Surface Runoff, acre-feet/year	1,003
Groundwater Recharge, acre-feet/year	233

## 7. GROUNDWATER DEMAND

Water demand for the CIA will be equivalent to the sum of maximum proposed/potential cannabis irrigation, domestic water use, vineyard irrigation, and livestock demand.



- a. Cannabis Water Use; Water usage for cannabis cultivation can be highly variable based on the plant size and spacing, climate, strain, soil type, irrigation techniques, etc. Furthermore, reports on water usage supplied by growers, researchers and law enforcement have also been highly variable, which leads to difficulties in quantifying accurate amounts required for successful cultivation. However, according to the available published literature on the topic, usage can vary from 0.5 acre-feet/acre/year (O'Neil, 2015), to 1.9 acre-feet/acre/year (Bauer and others, 2015). Based on estimated water usages for the cannabis development provided by the client to PJC, it is our understanding that the one acre outdoor cultivation for parcel 1 and parcel 3 will each require approximately 2.2 acre-feet/acre/year (expected, plus 10%) and the mixed light indoor/outdoor cultivation for parcel 2 will require 3.7 acre-feet/acre/year (expected, plus 20%).

It is our understanding that current regulations allow for one acre of cannabis cultivation per parcel. Therefore, the potential amount of acreage to cultivate cannabis in the CIA is equal to the number of cultivatable parcels (CP's) within the CIA. The number of CP's in the CIA is based on the number of parcels with the available acreage to cultivate at least one acre of cannabis. Residential parcels of approximately one acre or less were excluded as CP's, due to space restrictions and the current regulations excluding the cultivation of cannabis in plain view of the street. We assume this to be the case for the residential parcels within the Trinity Oaks Subdivision, west of the subject property. We have included 21 potential CP's within the CIA. For the purposes of this report, we assume a conservative estimate of 1.5 acre-feet/acre/year for the additional CP's within the CIA. Therefore, the maximum estimated potential groundwater demand for cannabis cultivation in the CIA, excluding the subject property, is estimated at 31.5 acre-feet per year ( $21 \times 1.5 = 31.5$  afy).

- b. Domestic/Commercial Water Use; Domestic water use for an individual family dwelling varies considerably based on landscape irrigation and the number of occupants. Typically, water use ranges from 0.5 to 1.0 acre-feet/yr. The parcels within the CIA also have a potential for second dwelling units. Therefore, groundwater demand for the individual dwelling units (DU's) within the CIA is conservatively estimated at 1.5 afy. Domestic water use at build out is calculated as the number of existing/potential DU's multiplied by 1.5 afy. The existing/potential DU's is based on the maximum number of DU's within the CIA that can be created by subdividing existing parcels under the applicable zoning densities. The existing parcel sizes in the CIA preclude any further subdividing. The existing/potential DU's is equal to the number of cultivated parcels (CP's). Therefore, the estimated domestic water use at build out is conservatively estimated at 31.5 afy.

As previously mentioned, the Trinity Oaks Subdivision is located west of the subject property, and within the CIA. However, the domestic water use of the roughly 56 parcels located within the Trinity Oaks Subdivision were excluded from the groundwater demand calculations, as the subdivision obtains water from the Valley of the Moon Water District (VMWD), which is supplied from groundwater wells outside the CIA. According to information supplied by the Valley of the Moon Water District, well #15 was previously utilized as the groundwater supply well for the Trinity Oaks Subdivision, but is no longer in use due to insufficient recharge rates required to supply the entire subdivision. Well log information of the inactive Trinity Oaks Subdivision well was obtained from VMWD.

A commercial rock quarry, Nuns Canyon Quarry, is located adjacent to the northeast corner of the parcel 1, approximately three-quarter miles northeast of the subject wells. There are no groundwater wells located on the property of the rock quarry. It is our understanding that water usage at the rock quarry is derived from a pond, which is supplied from a combination of surface water runoff and near surface groundwater seepage. According to conversations with the quarry management, water usage for the quarry consists of water requirements for three full-time employees, and periodic dust control of the quarry material. Therefore, due to the quarries minimal water use, not likely derived from the underlying bedrock aquifer, we consider the quarries impact on groundwater demand as negligible.

- c. Vineyard Irrigation Demand; There are no plans to develop the subject property for any additional vineyard use. At the time of our investigation, vineyard cultivation within the subject property was limited to a six acres development. Irrigation demands for the existing vineyard on the subject property are currently being met by an existing agricultural well on parcel 3. Based on our visual observations and estimates from recent aerial photos, additional vineyard development within the CIA consists of approximately 27 acres.

Irrigation demands for vineyards in Sonoma County are commonly cited to be a maximum of 0.5 acre feet/acre/yr. Based on the recent aerial photos and available topographic information, additional potential suitable acreage for vineyard development within the CIA is considered minor (conservatively estimated to be approximately 50 acres) due to potential building envelopes, logistical access, leach fields, creeks and required setbacks. Furthermore, significant areas within the CIA are not suitable for cultivation because they are densely forested or are too steep and rocky.

Additionally, there is an existing, one-acre vegetable garden located on parcel 2. Actual water usage for the garden is unknown, but for the purposes of this report, it is conservatively estimated to be equal to vineyard requirements, 0.5 acre feet/acre/yr.

- d. Livestock Demand: Water use for livestock on the subject property consists of water requirements for 12 head of cattle and approximately 300 chickens. Water requirements for livestock can vary and are influenced by several factors, including rate of gain, pregnancy, lactation, activity, type of diet, feed intake, and environmental temperatures. Water requirements for cattle in the CIA are conservatively estimated based on daily averages of lactating beef cows, bred cows, dry cows and bulls, dairy cattle, and growing and finishing beef cattle. Horses, sheep and pigs generally require much less water than cattle. According to published data, water usage for cattle is conservatively estimated to be 10.5 gallons per head per day, or 0.012 acre-feet per year per head. Furthermore, according to published data, water requirements for egg laying chickens are approximately 71 gallons per day per 1000 chickens, or 0.08 acre-feet per year per 1000 chickens. Therefore, the groundwater demand for livestock on the subject property is conservatively estimated to be 0.25 acre-feet per year.

Based on our reconnaissance and review of aerial photos, the land within the CIA is not being utilized for any significant amounts of livestock. Furthermore, determining the actual numbers of livestock in the CIA is not considered practical. The CIA is primarily heavily forested, with significant areas consisting of steeply sloping topography. Furthermore, areas within the CIA considered suitable for cattle are already taken into account for potential water usage by areas considered suitable for vineyard development. Therefore, the amount of land suitable for livestock in the CIA is considered minimal with negligible groundwater usage.

Total expected/potential groundwater demand for the subject property and within the CIA is equal to the sum of cannabis water use, domestic/commercial water use, vineyard irrigation and agricultural livestock use.

TABLE 3\*

Proposed cannabis water use (parcel 1, outdoor), afy	2.2
Proposed cannabis water use (parcel 2, mixed light), afy	3.7
Proposed cannabis water use (parcel 3, outdoor), afy	2.2
Additional potential cannabis water use for CIA (21 CP's), afy	31.5
<b>Total proposed/potential water use for CIA, afy</b>	<b>39.6</b>
Existing domestic water use for subject property (3 parcels), afy	4.5
Additional existing/potential domestic water use for CIA (21 DU's), afy	31.5
<b>Total existing/potential water use for CIA, afy</b>	<b>36.0</b>
Existing vineyard irrigation demand for subject property (6 acres), afy	3.0
Additional existing/potential vineyard irrigation demand for CIA (77 acres), afy	38.5
<b>Total potential water use for vineyard irrigation, afy</b>	<b>41.5</b>
<b>Total Existing/Potential livestock water use for CIA, afy</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>Total existing/potential groundwater demand, afy</b>	<b>117.4</b>
<b>Groundwater recharge, afy</b>	<b>233.0</b>
<b>Total Groundwater in storage, acre-feet</b>	<b>3,240</b>

\*Groundwater demand, recharge and storage. The table shows that maximum potential groundwater demand is approximately 50% of the groundwater recharge and less than 4% of groundwater storage.

## 8. GROUNDWATER DEMAND OF NEARBY PARCELS

An irregular shaped pumping cone, or cone of depression, may form in a fractured bedrock aquifer around a pumping well as the water level declines. Therefore, it is important to consider the potential impacts of the proposed subject well to the other wells on the subject property, as well as other existing wells on nearby properties within the CIA.

Table 4 shows drawdown interference as a function of distance from the proposed project well, and shows that drawdown interference decreases as distance from the project well increases. Specific capacity and transmissivity values were based on an 8-hour well pump test performed on October 12, 2018. The construction of a monitoring well to determine an accurate storativity (S), or storage coefficient, value was not feasible for this project. Therefore, a range of storage coefficients were utilized. The storage coefficient is obtained by multiplying the specific storage by the thickness of the aquifer. The values for specific storage of fissured bedrock range between  $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ft}^{-1}$  and  $2.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^{-1}$  (Batu, V. 1998). The thickness of the aquifer for the purposes of this report is equal to the screened intervals of the project well (195 ft).

Based on our investigation, the nearest off-site wells are well #12 and well #15, and both are located approximately 1,000 feet from the proposed project well. As previously mentioned, well #15 is no longer used as a supply well for the Trinity Oaks Subdivision. The subdivision now obtains water from a supply well within the city of Sonoma. Therefore, well #12 is the closest offsite well to potentially

experience drawdown interference from the project well. Based on information obtained from the Well Completion Report Map Application provided by the California Department of Water Resources, well #12 is 495 feet in depth, with 95 feet of screened perforations, and had a driller's yield of 300 gallons per minute (gpm). No information was available for the static water level of well #12. However, according to the available well log data, static water levels within the cumulative impact area (CIA) are reported at depths between 8 and 100 feet below ground surface, with an average of 54 feet below ground surface. PJC conservatively assumed a static water level of 100 feet below the ground surface for well #12. Therefore, based on using a range of storativity values, drawdown interference on well #12 would be between 4.9 feet and 15.7 feet. Assuming the most conservative estimates of drawdown (15.7 feet), potential interference would represent a reduction in the well water column of less than four percent. PJC assumes a drawdown interference of less than five percent of the water column on a neighboring well to be within an acceptable range. Therefore, we judge this to be within tolerable limits, and should likely not negatively impact well #12. Furthermore, the drawdown estimate of 15.7 feet is based on the most conservative values, and the actual drawdown is likely to be considerably less than 15.7 feet.

TABLE 4

Distance From Proposed Project Well (ft)	Drawdown Interference (ft) (S=0.004)*	Drawdown Interference (ft) (S=0.0002)*
100	21.9	33.4
200	16.6	28.0
300	13.5	24.9
400	11.4	22.7
500	9.7	21.0
600	8.4	19.6
700	7.3	18.5
800	6.4	17.4
900	5.6	16.6
1,000	4.9	15.7
Drawdown interference was calculated using the Theis equation and the following assumptions: Duration of pumping = 6 months (length of the dry season); Proposed New Well average dry season discharge = 7.5 gpm or 10,800 gpd (1.5 times the annual average discharge of 5.0 gpm or 8.1 acre-feet/year); Storativity (S)*= Values range between 0.004 & 0.0002 Transmissivity = 225 gpd/ft or 30 ft <sup>2</sup> /day (300 times the specific capacity of 0.10 gpm/ft; Heath, 1989, p.61.)		

## 9. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

In order to assess the groundwater quality for the on site wells, groundwater samples were taken for well #1 and well #3, on January 20, 2017, and tested for boron, iron, magnesium, total dissolved solids (TDS), pH, alkalinity and specific conductance by Brelje and Race Laboratories, Inc. Based on the laboratory results, the groundwater quality at the site is judged to be acceptable and within



tolerable limits for domestic and agricultural use. However, according to the testing summary, a filter to lower the iron content should be utilized, and measures should be taken to increase the pH level.

As previously mentioned, at the time of this report, the proposed well for the project had not been drilled. Based on conversations with local area well drillers, deeper wells developed within the Sonoma Volcanics bedrock aquifer could be susceptible to water quality hazards caused by specific mineral constituents, as well as excessive TDS and hardness. Therefore, water quality testing should be performed, as necessary, on the new groundwater well.

## 10. SURFACE WATER / AQUATIC HABITAT

The groundwater availability evaluation requires that the scope of the assessment encompass potential impacts to surface waters and aquatic habitats, to ensure that the proposed groundwater use will not reduce the critical flow of nearby streams. No major creeks or streams are located within the CIA. However, there are several unnamed creek tributaries of Calabazas Creek located within the CIA that serve to discharge surface run-off and shallow groundwater to Calabazas Creek to the west. Furthermore, Calabazas Creek borders portions of the northern and northeastern boundary of the CIA. It is our understanding that Calabazas Creek is considered critical habitat for Steelhead, as well as other sensitive flora and fauna. In an effort to ascertain a better understanding of the Calabazas Creek watershed, PJC consulted the Calabazas Creek Open Preserve Resource Management Plan (RMP), prepared by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preserve & Open Space District, dated May 2016.

The project well is located approximately two and three-quarter miles southwest of the headwaters of Calabazas Creek. Additionally, the upland watershed of Calabazas Creek is fed by the smaller creek tributaries of Decker Creek, Oak Wood Creek, Spencer Creek, Johnson Creek, Warsaw Creek and Alder Creek. According to the RMP, the Calabazas Creek watershed conducts a considerable amount of water, as evidenced by year-round stream flow and several deep pools along the length of the creek. Additionally, the RMP goes on to state that the abundance of water within the creek may be primarily due to the upland creek tributaries, as well as numerous upland springs and seeps. The project well is not located in the upland watershed of Calabazas Creek, and does not draw groundwater from the underlying aquifer until the first screened interval of the well, at a depth of 200 feet below the existing ground surface. Therefore, as previously stated, due to the project well accessing groundwater from the deep aquifer, we would not expect the proposed project to negatively impact the seasonal streamflows of Calabazas Creek.

A quantitative assessment on the impacts of the project to Calabazas Creek was requested by the Sonoma County PRMD. PJC was unable to find data on current or historical streamflow rates of Calabazas Creek, and Calabazas Creek does not appear to be actively monitored for streamflow. However, PJC was able to

find an instantaneous streamflow reading from May 27, 2003, as part of a USGS study titled, Geohydrologic Characterization, Water-Chemistry, and Groundwater Flow Model, Sonoma County, California. The USGS paper recorded an instantaneous streamflow of 1.06 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec, where Calabazas Creek crosses Highway 12, approximately 1000 feet northwest of the project well. Additionally, the RMP report characterized the Calabazas Creek sub-basin as having a peak, 2-year storm, annual discharge of 233 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec. For the purposes of this report, PJC conservatively assumed a streamflow rate of one-half the instantaneous streamflow reading from May 27, 2003, to determine potential stream depletion rates from the proposed project. Therefore, based on our highly conservative estimates, potential stream depletion after 180 days would represent between 1.7 percent and 2.8 percent of streamflow. We judge this to be within an acceptable range for a creek with year-round stream flow, in an area considered by the RMP study, to have an abundance of water. Furthermore, the depletion rates are considered highly conservative, as the computer model for depletion assumes a stream condition that fully penetrates the underlying aquifer. The degree to which Calabazas Creek penetrates the underlying aquifer, and/or a near surface perched aquifer, is beyond the scope of this report.

TABLE 5

Time Series for Depletion (days)	Stream Depletion (ft <sup>3</sup> /sec) (S=0.004)*	Stream Depletion (ft <sup>3</sup> /sec) (S=0.0002)*
20	0.0011	0.0114
40	0.0033	0.0129
60	0.0049	0.0136
80	0.0060	0.0140
100	0.0069	0.0143
120	0.0076	0.0145
140	0.0082	0.0147
160	0.0087	0.0148
180	0.0091	0.0149
Stream depletion: STRMDEPL08 (Barlow & Leake) and using the following assumptions: Duration of pumping = 6 months (length of the dry season); Proposed New Well average dry season discharge = 7.5 gpm or 10,800 gpd (1.5 times the annual average discharge of 5.0 gpm or 8.1 acre-feet/year); Storativity (S)*= Values range between 0.004 & 0.0002 Transmissivity = 225 gpd/ft or 30 ft <sup>2</sup> /day (300 times the specific capacity of 0.10 gpm/ft; Heath, 1989, p.61.)		

## 11. CONCLUSIONS-GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY

The preceding analysis of hydrogeologic data pertaining to groundwater supply at Sonoma Highway and Trinity Road in Glen Ellen, California indicates that the project well draws from a confined to partially confined bedrock aquifer, at depths in excess of 200 feet below the existing ground surface. The project aquifer is recharged via direct precipitation on the ground surface area of the CIA.

The groundwater demand within the CIA was based on maximum potential demand, and the drawdown interference and stream depletion calculations were based on a range of values. Therefore, it is assumed that the conclusions regarding groundwater demand, drawdown interference and stream depletion are highly conservative, and actual groundwater demand, drawdown interference and stream depletion may likely be significantly less than shown.

The project aquifer within the CIA has in excess of 3,240 acre-feet of groundwater in storage. Average annual aquifer recharge is calculated to be 233 acre-feet/yr. Total potential groundwater demand and withdrawal from the project aquifers within the CIA is conservatively expected to be 117.4 acre-feet/year, (see Table 3). The demand, based on the unlikely scenario of maximum development within the CIA, is approximately 50% of the groundwater recharge of 233 acre-feet per year and less than 4% of groundwater storage. We judge that drawdown interference of off-site neighboring wells from the increased groundwater demand to be within tolerable limits, and should not negatively impact neighboring wells, (see Table 4). Additionally, the aquifer is not expected to be in a state of overdraft, and the demand associated with the proposed cannabis cultivation is not expected to have a negative impact on groundwater supply in the area. Furthermore, based upon the proposed groundwater usage, the depth and characteristics of the underlying aquifer system, the depth of the screened intervals of the project well, and the distance to the major creeks and streams, it is considered highly unlikely that the proposed groundwater use will have a negative effect on the aquatic and riparian habitats, or the critical flow of nearby streams or creeks (see Table 5).

## 12. LIMITATIONS

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of "Parcel 3" APN: 053-110-076 for the proposed project described in this report. Our services consist of professional opinions and conclusions developed by a certified engineering geologist in accordance with generally-accepted engineering geologic principles and practices. We provide no other warranty, either expressed or implied. Our conclusions and recommendations are based upon the information provided us regarding the proposed project and professional judgment. Conditions and cultural features described in the text of this report are those existing at the time of our field work and may not necessarily be the same or comparable at other times.

The scope of our services did not include an environmental assessment or an investigation of the presence or absence of hazardous, toxic or corrosive materials in the soil, surface water, groundwater or air, on or below, or around the site, nor did it include an evaluation or investigation of the presence or absence of wetlands.

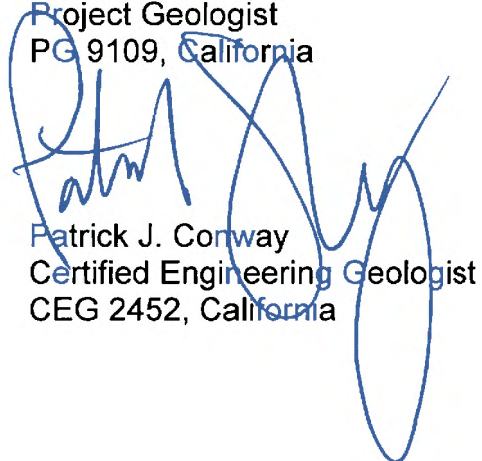
We trust that this is the information that you require at this time. If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please call.

Sincerely,

PJC & Associates, Inc.



Donald A. Whyte  
Project Geologist  
PG 9109, California



Patrick J. Conway  
Certified Engineering Geologist  
CEG 2452, California





# SYMBOL EXPLANATION

- · · · · · Geologic Contact; solid—known location; dashed—approximate location; dotted—concealed
- · · · · · Fault; solid—known location; dashed—approximate location; dotted—concealed
- ↘ 23 Strike and Dip of Bedding Plane
- ↑ — Anticline; solid—known location; dashed—approximate location; dotted—concealed
- ↓ — Syncline; solid—known location; dashed—approximate location; dotted—concealed
- A — A' Cross-Section Line

- PARCEL BOUNDARY
- CIA BOUNDARY
- DOMESTIC WELL

**Qa-** Alluvial deposits, undivided

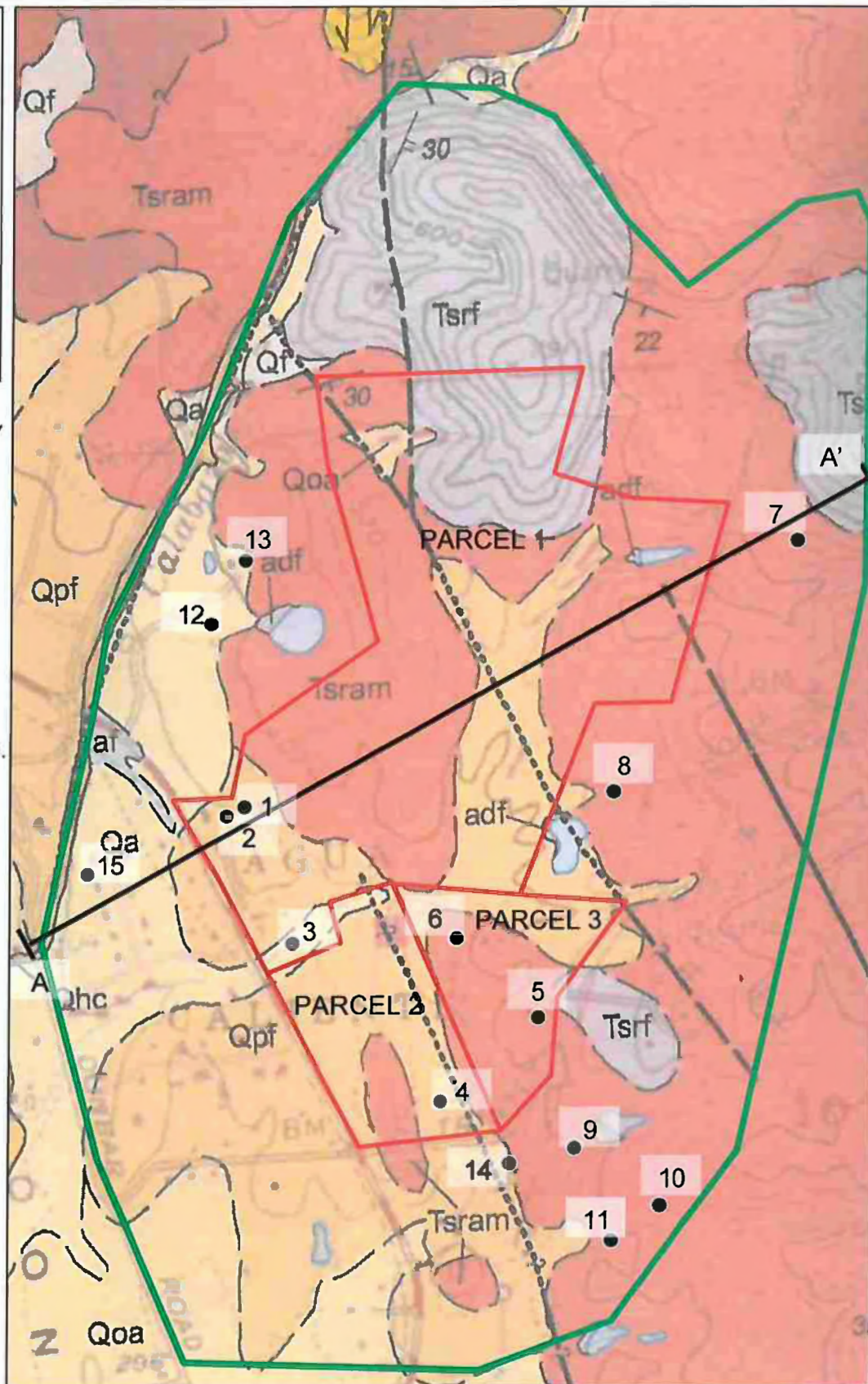
**Qpf-** Alluvial fan deposits

**Qoa-** Older alluvial deposits

**Sonoma Volcanics**

**Tsrf-** Rhyolite flows

**Tsram-** Rhyolite of Arrowhead Mtn.



Reference: Geologic Map of the Kenwood 7.5' Quadrangle, Sonoma and Napa Counties, California, compiled by M.P. Delattre, C.T. Wiggins, R.C. Witter, and J.M. Sowers, California Geologic Survey, 2007.

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**STUDY AREA MAP**  
**PROPOSED 3-LOT CANNABIS DEVELOPMENT**  
**TRINITY ROAD & SONOMA HIGHWAY**  
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**GLEN ELLEN, CALIFORNIA**

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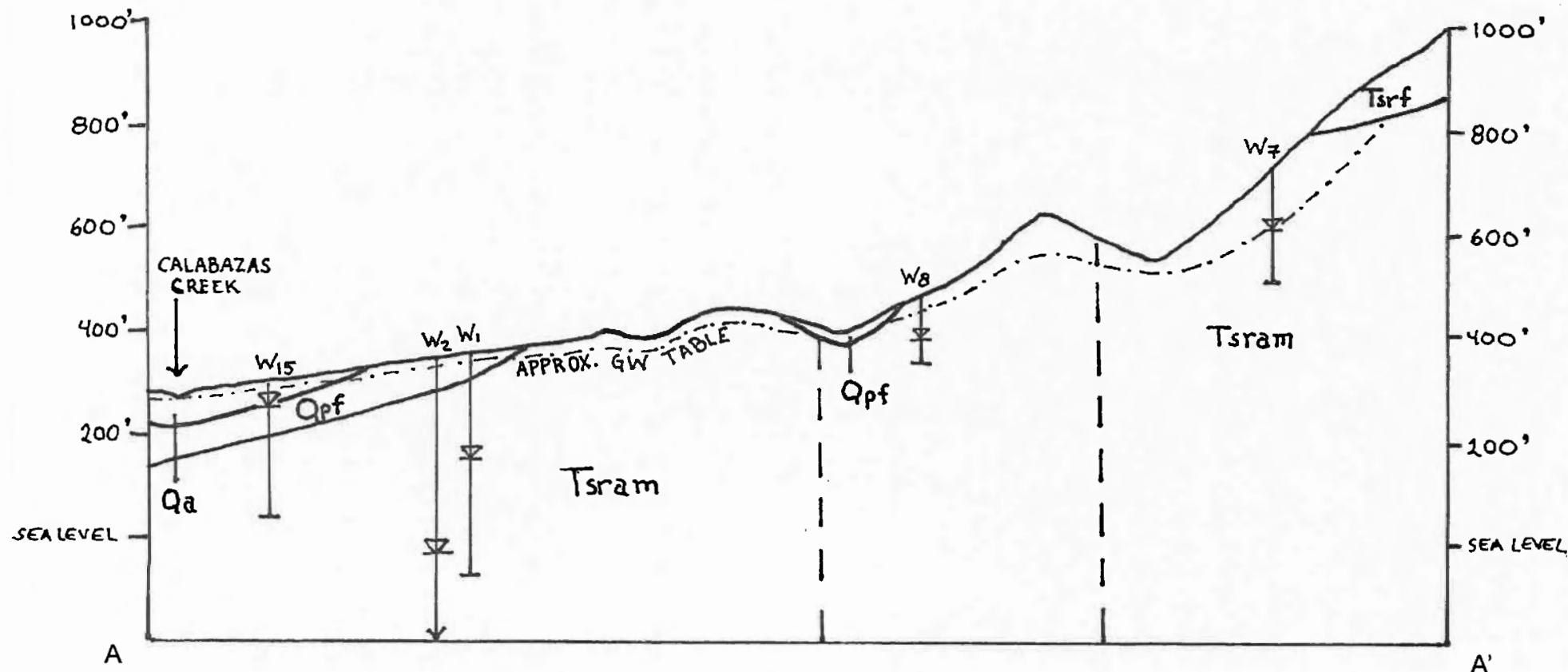
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# LEGEND

Qa- Alluvial deposits  
 Qpf- Alluvial fan deposits  
 Tsr- Rhyolite flows  
 Tsr- Rhyolite of Arrowhead Mtn.

--- Approximate groundwater table

W# Domestic groundwater well

▽ Top of screened interval

1"=800' horizontal  
 1"=300' vertical

HYDROGEOLOGIC CROSS-SECTION  
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **WELL LOGS**

PROJECT Well #1

OWNER'S WELL No. 10008

Date Work Began 1/18/18 Ended 1/22/18

Local Permit Agency SONOMA

Permit No. WEL17-0247 Permit Date 10/02/2017

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
**WELL COMPLETION REPORT**  
No. **e0330236**

DWR USE ONLY --- DO NOT FILL IN											
STATE WELL NO. STATION NO.											
LATITUDE						LONGITUDE					
APN / TRS / OTHER											

**GEOLOGIC LOG**

ORIENTATION	Vertical	Degree of Angle	
DEPTH FROM SURFACE	DEPTH TO FIRST WATER	(ft) BELOW SURFACE	
Ft.	Ft.	DESCRIPTION	
0	40	light brown and blue volcanic rock and clay	
40	125	light brown volcanic rock and clay	
125	220	red and brown welded ash	
220	240	red volcanic rock	
240	300	red and brown ash	
300	365	white and yellow ash and clay	
365	393	clay	
393	420	white and yellow volcanic rock	

WELL OWNER	
GORDENKER TURKEY FARM, INC.	
6010 COMMERCE BLVD. #41	
ROHNERT PARK CA 94928	
WELL LOCATION	
Address 12201 HIGHWAY 12	
City GLEN ELLEN County SONOMA	
Apn Book 053 Page 130 Parcel 009	
Township Range Section 1/4 1/4	
Latitude 38. 23. 8.42 NORTH Longitude 122. 31. 1.24 WEST	
Deg. Min. Sec. LOCATION SKETCH	

recommended pump setting of 400

390' SET

TOTAL DEPTH OF BORING 420 (Feet)

TOTAL DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL 420 (Feet)

ACTIVITY NEW WELL PLANNED USE(S) Irrigation Water  
DRILLING METHOD ROTARY MUD FLUID  
DEPTH OF STATIC WATER LEVEL ARTERIA (Ft) & DATE MEASURED Jan. 22, 2018  
ESTIMATED YIELD \* 30 (G.P.M.) & TEST TYPE Air Lift  
TEST LENGTH 2 (Hrs) TOTAL DRAWDOWN (FT.)  
\*May not be representative of a well's long-term yield

DEPTH		BORE-HOLE	CASING						DEPTH		ANNULAR MATERIAL	
FROM SURFACE			DIA	TYPE	Material / Grade	Dia	Gauge	Slot size	FROM SURFACE		Seal Material	Filter Pack (Type / Size)
Ft	To	Ft							Ft	To		
0	200	12	BLANK	F480 PVC	5	200			0	120	Bentonite	
200	340	11	PERF	F480 PVC	5	200	.032		120	420		8 X 16
340	360	10	BLANK	F480 PVC	5	200						
360	415	10	PERF	F480 PVC	5	200	.032					
415	420	10	BLANK	F480 PVC	5	200	w/cap					

- Attachments
- Geologic Log
  - Well Construction Diagram
  - Geophysical Logs
  - Soil Water Chemical Analyses
  - Other

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT	
I, the undersigned, certify that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief	
NAME	Fisch Bros. Drilling, Inc.
(PERSON FIRM OR CORPORATION) (TYPED OR PRINTED)	
5001 Gravenstein Hwy No.	Sebastopol CA 95472
Signed Steve Unterseher	1123118 399226
WELL DRILLER / AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	DATE SIGNED C-57 LICENSE NUMBER

OWNER'S WELL No. 4075

Date Work Began 9/27/99 Ended 10/1/99

Local Permit Agency Sonoma

Permit No. WEL99-0058

Permit Date 3-2-99

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## WELL COMPLETION REPORT

No.

746702

WELL #2

- NOT IN USE -

DWR USE ONLY -- DO NOT FILL IN

STATE WELL NO. STATION NO.

LATITUDE LONGITUDE

APN/TRS/OTHER

WELL OWNER

ORIENTATION Vertical Degree of Angle

Gordenker Turkey Farm

DEPTH FROM SURFACE DEPTH TO FIRST WATER (ft.) BELOW SURFACE

P.O. Box 341

Ft. Ft.

DESCRIPTION

Glen Ellen

CA

WELL LOCATION

Address 12201 Sonoma Hwy.

City Glen Ellen

County Sonoma

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Township S

Range E

Section 1/4

1/4

Latitude

NORTH Longitude

WEST

Deg. Min. Sec.

Deg. Min. Sec.

LOCATION SKETCH

0 4 Topsoil

4 52 Clay

52 110 Ash

110 300 Volcanic Rock

300 350 Ash

350 410 White Clay

410 520 Ryolite White

520 560 Volcanic Rock

560 590 Ryolite

590 680 Volcanic Rock w/ Clay Stringers

ACTIVITY NEW WELL PLANNED USE(S) Irrigation Water

DRILLING METHOD ROTARY MUD FLUID

DEPTH OF STATIC WATER LEVEL 0 (ft.) &amp; DATE MEASURED Oct 1, 1999

ESTIMATED YIELD \* 150 (G.P.M.) &amp; TEST TYPE Alditt

TEST LENGTH. 2 (Hrs.) TOTAL DRAWDOWN 300 (FT.)

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

TOTAL DEPTH OF BORING 680 (Feet)

TOTAL DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL 680 (Feet)

DEPTH FROM SURFACE	BORE-HOLE DIA.	CASING	TYPE	Material / Grade	Dia.	Gauge	Slot size
0	20	20	Blank	Steel	12	156	
20	380	12.25	Blank	Steel	6.5/8	156	
380	485	12.25	Screen	Steel	6.5/8	156	1/8
485	680	12.25	Screen	F480 PVC	3		1/32

DEPTH FROM SURFACE	ANNULAR MATERIAL	Filter Pack (Type / Size)
0	30	Bentonite
30	680	Gravel 3/8

- Attachments
- ☐ no Geologic Log
- ☐ no Well Construction Diagram
- ☐ no Geophysical Logs
- ☐ no Soil Water Chemical Analyses
- ☐ no Other

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(PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION) (TYPED OR PRINTED)

5001 Gravenstein Hwy No. Sebastopol CA 95472

Signed Ed Fisch Carol Hughes 10-5-99 399226

WELL DRILLER / AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DATE SIGNED C-57 LICENSE NUMBER



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
**WELL COMPLETION REPORT**

OWNER'S WELL No. 4775

Date Work Began 7/26/02 Ended 7/29/02

Local Permit Agency Sonoma

Permit No. WEL02-0266 Permit Date 7/9/2002

No. **807047**

**WELL # 7**

DWR USE ONLY — DO NOT FILL IN

STATE WELL NO. STATION NO.

LATITUDE LONGITUDE

APN / TRS / OTHER

WELL OWNER

**GEOLOGIC LOG**

ORIENTATION Vertical Degree of Angle Allan Gordenker

DEPTH FROM SURFACE DEPTH TO FIRST WATER (ft.) BELOW SURFACE

Ft.	Ft.	DESCRIPTION
0	10	light brown ash
10	110	hard brown & blue volcanic rock
110	180	blue volcanic rock & ash
180	220	dark blue volcanic rock & ash

P.O. Box 341

Glen Ellen

CA 95442

WELL LOCATION

Address 1101 Trinity Rd.

City Glen Ellen County Sonoma

Apn Book 053

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Parcel 020

Township or Range Section 1/4 1/4

Latitude or NORTH Longitude WEST

Deg. Min. Sec.

Deg. Min. Sec.

LOCATION SKETCH

TOTAL DEPTH OF BORING 220 (Feet)

TOTAL DEPTH OF COMPLETED WELL 220 (Feet)

ACTIVITY NEW WELL PLANNED USE(S) Domestic Water

DRILLING METHOD ROTARY AIR FLUID

DEPTH OF STATIC WATER LEVEL 100 (ft.) & DATE MEASURED Jul 29, 2002

ESTIMATED YIELD \* 50 (G.P.M.) & TEST TYPE Air Lift

TEST LENGTH 2 (Hrs.) TOTAL DRAWDOWN 200 (FT.)

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

DEPTH FROM SURFACE		BORE-HOLE DIA.	CASING TYPE	Material / Grade	Dia.	Gauge	Slot size
0	50	10	Blank	F480 PVC	5	200	
50	100	7.5	Blank	F480 PVC	5	200	
100	220	7.5	Perfs	F480 PVC	5	200	Factory

DEPTH FROM SURFACE		ANNULAR MATERIAL Seal Material	Filter Pack (Type / Size)
0	50	Bentonite	
50	220		Gravel
			1/4 X 1/8
			2 1/2 X ds

**Attachments**

..10.. Geologic Log  
..12.. Well Construction Diagram  
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..14.. Soil Water Chemical Analyses  
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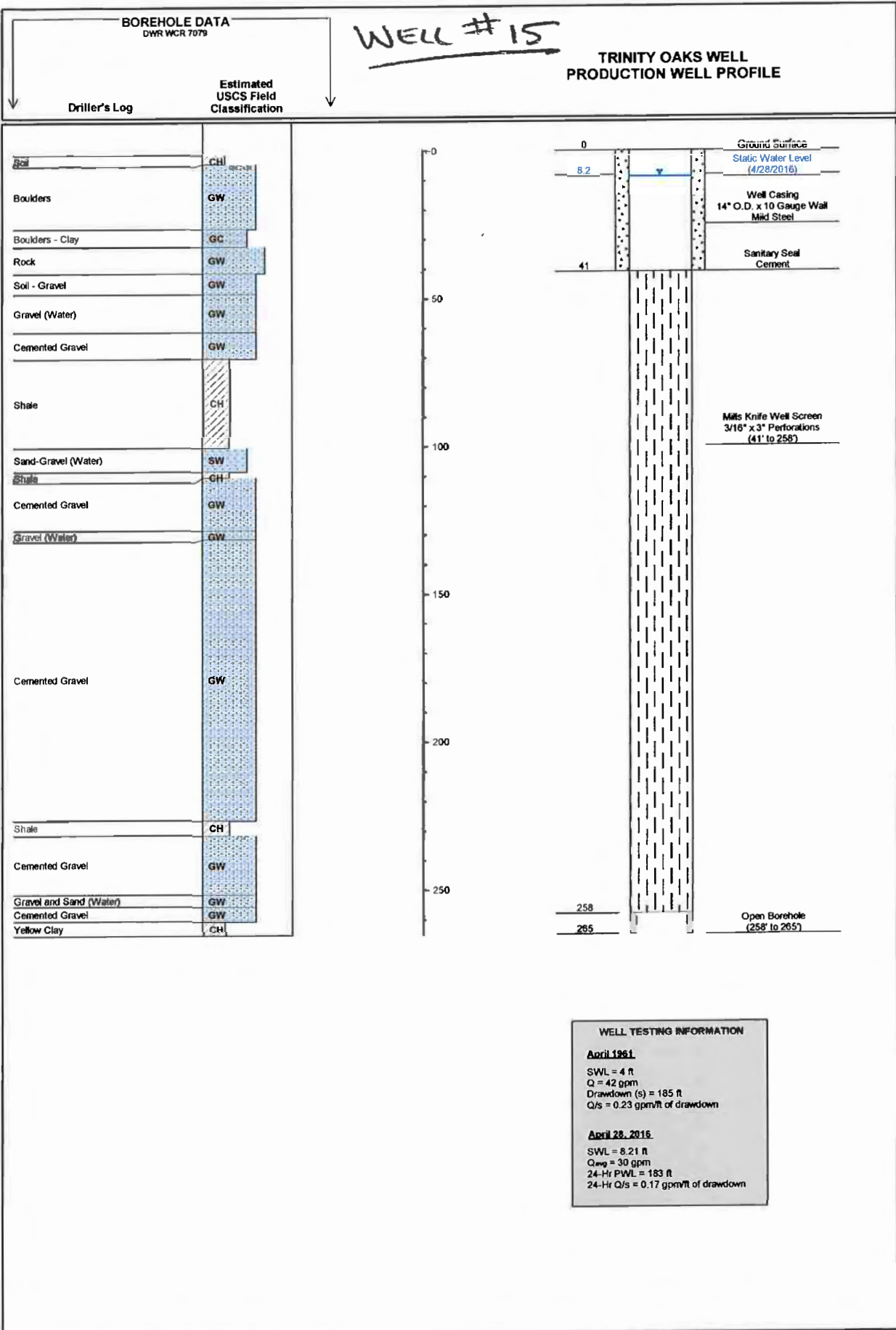
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C-57 LICENSE NUMBER



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"Parcel 3"  
APN: 053-110-076  
585 Trinity Road  
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

**Subject: Supplemental Groundwater Availability Evaluation  
Proposed 3-Lot Cannabis Development  
Trinity Road & Sonoma Highway  
APN: 053-110-076, 053-110-001 & 053-130-009  
Glen Ellen, California**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

PJC & Associates, Inc. (PJC) is pleased to submit this letter presenting our supplemental groundwater availability evaluation for the proposed 3-Lot cannabis development located at the northeast corner of Sonoma Highway and Trinity Road in Glen Ellen, California. The supplemental information presented in this letter is based on our previous work performed at the site, and the dry season stream flow data on Calabazas Creek from 2017 and 2018, provided by the Sonoma Ecology Center. This letter was prepared in an effort to better and more accurately determine the potential stream depletion of Calabazas Creek as a result of the proposed groundwater usage for the above referenced project.

## **2. SURFACE WATER / AQUATIC HABITAT**

The project well is located approximately two and three-quarter miles southwest of the headwaters of Calabazas Creek. Additionally, the upland watershed of Calabazas Creek is fed by the smaller creek tributaries of Decker Creek, Oak Wood Creek, Spencer Creek, Johnson Creek,



Warsaw Creek and Alder Creek. According to the Calabazas Creek open Space Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Calabazas Creek watershed conducts a considerable amount of water, as evidenced by year-round stream flow and several deep pools along the length of the creek. Additionally, the RMP goes on to state that the abundance of water within the creek may be primarily due to the upland creek tributaries, as well as numerous upland springs and seeps. The upland watershed is not located within the cumulative impact area (CIA) of the project. Furthermore, the project well is located approximately 1000 feet from Calabazas Creek, and does not draw groundwater from the underlying aquifer until the first screened interval of the well, at a depth of 200 feet below the existing ground surface. Therefore, due to the project well accessing groundwater from the deep aquifer, the distance of the well from Calabazas Creek, and the distance of the well from the upland watershed, we would not expect the proposed project to negatively impact the seasonal streamflows of Calabazas Creek.

However, a quantitative assessment on the potential impacts of the project to Calabazas Creek was performed by PJC, as requested by the Sonoma County PRMD. In our above referenced report, PJC previously assumed a flow rate of 0.5 cubic feet per second ( $\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$ ), based on extremely limited data, for our analysis of stream flow depletion. However, subsequent to our above referenced report, a 2-year sample size of stream flow rates on Calabazas Creek was provided to PJC by the Sonoma Ecology Center, from monitoring gauges located on Highway 12 and Dunbar Road. The data provided by the Sonoma Ecology Center included stream flow for the months of June through September of 2017, and June through October of 2018. Based on the data, it appears that the stream flow varied greatly throughout the dry season months. In 2017, the lowest recorded flow was approximately 0.2  $\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$  in September of that year. In 2018, the lowest recorded flow was approximately 0.05  $\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$  in October of that year. Therefore, PJC assumed the 2018 stream flow of 0.05  $\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$  for our stream flow depletion calculations. This is considered highly conservative, as the model assumes a constant flow rate of 0.05  $\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$  for the entire dry season.

In our above referenced report, PJC utilized a range of storativities for our stream depletion calculations. The values of storativity were obtained from the literature (Fetter, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 2001), and based on general values for leaky confined bedrock aquifers. In an effort to provide a more accurate storativity value, PJC utilized a computer model (AQTESOLV, 2019) to calculate storativity (S) by way of the specific storage of the aquifer (Ss) and the thickness of the aquifer (b). The range of storativity values are based on the possible thickness of the aquifer. The low range of storativity is 0.012, and is based on an aquifer thickness equal to the average screened intervals (140 ft) of all the known wells in the CIA. The high range of storativity is 0.016, and is based on an aquifer thickness equal to the screened interval thickness (195 ft) of the project well. Additional

inputs into the computer model, including aquifer compressibility and porosity, were representative values based on the known aquifer and bedrock conditions. The ranges of values are assumed to be highly conservative, as the bottom depths of the aquifer is unknown, and is likely much thicker than assumed. The stream depletion for Calabazas Creek based on the range of storativites is presented on Table 1 and Table 2.

TABLE 1  
LOW RANGE STORATIVITY (0.012)\*

Time Series for Depletion (days)	Stream Depletion (ft <sup>3</sup> /sec) (S=0.012)*	Stream Depletion as a Percentage of Flow (%)
20	0.0000	0
40	0.0004	0.8
60	0.0011	2.2
80	0.0019	3.8
100	0.0026	5.2
120	0.0033	6.6
140	0.0039	7.8
160	0.0044	8.8
180	0.0049	9.8

Stream depletion: STRMDEPL08 (Barlow & Leake) and using the following assumptions:  
Duration of pumping = 6 months (length of the dry season);  
Proposed New Well average dry season discharge = 7.5 gpm or 10,800 gpd  
(1.5 times the annual average discharge of 5.0 gpm or 8.1 acre-feet/year);  
Storativity (S)= 0.012 (\*Aquifer depth = average of screened intervals of known wells in the CIA)  
S=Ss(b)  
Transmissivity = 225 gpd/ft or 30 ft<sup>2</sup>/day  
(300 times the specific capacity of 0.10 gpm/ft; Heath, 1989, p.61.)

TABLE 2  
HIGH RANGE STORATIVITY (0.016)\*

Time Series for Depletion (days)	Stream Depletion (ft <sup>3</sup> /sec) (S=0.016)*	Stream Depletion as a Percentage of Flow (%)
20	0.0000	0
40	0.0002	0.4
60	0.0006	1.2
80	0.0011	2.2
100	0.0017	3.4
120	0.0023	4.6
140	0.0028	5.6
160	0.0033	6.6
180	0.0037	7.4

Stream depletion: STRMDEPL08 (Barlow & Leake) and using the following assumptions:  
Duration of pumping = 6 months (length of the dry season);  
Proposed New Well average dry season discharge = 7.5 gpm or 10,800 gpd  
(1.5 times the annual average discharge of 5.0 gpm or 8.1 acre-feet/year);  
Storativity (S)= 0.016 (\*Aquifer depth = screened interval of project well)  
S=Ss(b)  
Transmissivity = 225 gpd/ft or 30 ft<sup>2</sup>/day  
(300 times the specific capacity of 0.10 gpm/ft; Heath, 1989, p.61.)

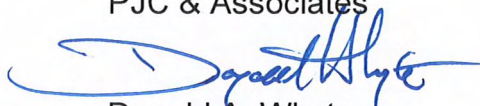
### 3. CONCLUSIONS

Based on our analysis, potential stream depletion on Calabazas Creek after 180 days would represent a less than 10 percent reduction of streamflow, based on the most conservative dry-season stream flow data of 0.05 ft<sup>3</sup>-sec. We judge this to be a negligible amount for a creek with year-round stream flow, in an area considered by the RMP study, to have an abundance of water. Furthermore, the depletion rates are considered highly conservative, as the computer model (STRMDEPL08) for depletion assumes a stream condition that fully penetrates the underlying aquifer. The degree to which Calabazas Creek penetrates the underlying aquifer, and/or a possible near surface perched aquifer, is beyond the scope of this report. Additionally, based on the significant depth of the screened intervals of the project well, the distance of the project well to Calabazas Creek, and the distance of the project well from the upland watershed of Calabazas Creek, it is entirely plausible that the proposed groundwater usage for the project may not have any measurable effect on Calabazas Creek.

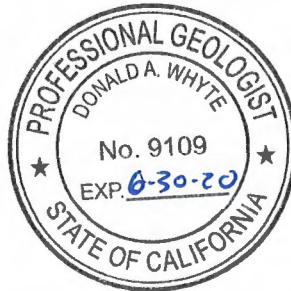
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

PJC & Associates, Inc. (PJC) is pleased to submit this letter presenting our supplemental groundwater availability evaluation for the proposed groundwater usage expansion for the 3-Lot cannabis development located at the northeast corner of Sonoma Highway and Trinity Road in Glen

Ellen, California. The supplemental information presented in this letter is based on our previous work performed at the site, and the dry season stream flow data on Calabazas Creek from 2017 and 2018, provided by the Sonoma Ecology Center (SEC). This letter was prepared to address the proposed increase in groundwater usage for the project, from the original 8.1 acre-feet per year (afy), to the newly proposed 12.7 afy. As a result of the proposed increase in demand, PJC has re-evaluated the impacts to the aquifer groundwater storage and drawdown interference to neighboring wells. PJC also reviewed the streamflow monitoring reports for 2020 and 2021, prepared by the SEC, to better evaluate the potential stream flow depletion to Calabazas Creek from the proposed pumping regime.

## 2. GROUNDWATER DEMAND

Water demand for the cumulative impact area (CIA) will be equivalent to the sum of maximum proposed/potential cannabis irrigation, domestic water use, vineyard irrigation, and livestock demand. The following table 1 reflects the updated proposed ground water usage.

**TABLE 1\***

Proposed cannabis water use (parcel 1, outdoor), afy	4.5
Proposed cannabis water use (parcel 2, mixed light), afy	3.7
Proposed cannabis water use (parcel 3, outdoor), afy	4.5
Additional potential cannabis water use for CIA (21 CP's), afy	31.5
<b>Total proposed/potential water use for CIA, afy</b>	<b>44.2</b>
Existing domestic water use for subject property (3 parcels), afy	4.5
Additional existing/potential domestic water use for CIA (21 DU's), afy	31.5
<b>Total existing/potential water use for CIA, afy</b>	<b>36.0</b>
Existing vineyard irrigation demand for subject property (6 acres), afy	3.0
Additional existing/potential vineyard irrigation demand for CIA (77 acres), afy	38.5
<b>Total potential water use for vineyard irrigation, afy</b>	<b>41.5</b>
<b>Total Existing/Potential livestock water use for CIA, afy</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>Total existing/potential groundwater demand, afy</b>	<b>122.0</b>
<b>Groundwater recharge, afy</b>	<b>233.0</b>
<b>Total Groundwater in storage, acre-feet</b>	<b>3,240</b>

\*Groundwater demand, recharge and storage. The table shows that maximum potential groundwater demand is approximately 52% of the groundwater recharge and less than 4% of groundwater storage.

## 3. GROUNDWATER DEMAND OF NEARBY PARCELS

An irregular shaped pumping cone, or cone of depression, may form in a fractured bedrock aquifer around a pumping well as the water level

declines. Therefore, it is important to consider the potential impacts of the proposed subject well to the other wells on the subject property, as well as other existing wells on nearby properties within the CIA.

Specific capacity and transmissivity values were based on an 8-hour well pump test performed on October 12, 2018. The construction of a monitoring well to accurately estimate the storativity (S), or storage coefficient, value was not feasible for this project. Therefore, a range of storage coefficients were utilized. In an effort to provide a more accurate storativity value, PJC utilized a computer model (AQTESOLV, 2019) to calculate storativity (S) by way of the specific storage of the aquifer (Ss) and the thickness of the aquifer (b). The range of storativity values are based on the possible thickness of the aquifer. The low range of storativity is 0.012, and is based on an aquifer thickness equal to the average screened intervals (140 ft) of all the known wells in the CIA. The high range of storativity is 0.016, and is based on an aquifer thickness equal to the screened interval thickness (195 ft) of the project well. Additional inputs into the computer model, including aquifer compressibility and porosity, were selected based on the aquifer and bedrock conditions. The ranges of values are assumed to be highly conservative, as the bottom depths of the aquifer is unknown, and is likely much thicker than assumed.

As previously mentioned in our above referenced report, the nearest off site well is located approximately 1,000 feet from the project well. Based on information obtained from the Well Completion Report Map Application provided by the California Department of Water Resources, the nearest off site well is 495 feet in depth, with 95 feet of screened perforations, and had a driller's yield of 300 gallons per minute (gpm). No information was available for the static water level of the well. However, according to the available well log data, static water levels within the cumulative impact area (CIA) are reported at depths between 8 and 100 feet below ground surface, with an average of 54 feet below ground surface. PJC conservatively assumed a static water level of 100 feet below the ground surface for the nearby well. Therefore, based on using a range of storativity values, drawdown interference on the closest neighboring well would be between 4.6 feet and 5.9 feet. Assuming the most conservative estimates of drawdown (5.9 feet), potential interference would represent a reduction in the well water column of less than two percent. PJC assumes a drawdown interference of less than five percent of the water column on a neighboring well to be within an acceptable range. Therefore, we judge this to be within tolerable limits, and should likely not negatively impact the nearest neighboring well.

Table 2 shows drawdown interference as a function of distance from the proposed project well, and shows that drawdown interference decreases as distance from the project well increases.

TABLE 2

Distance From Proposed Project Well (ft)	Drawdown Interference (ft) (S=0.012)*	Drawdown Interference (ft) (S=0.016)*
100	32.1	30.4
200	23.8	22.1
300	18.9	17.3
400	15.6	13.9
500	13.1	11.5
600	11.1	9.5
700	9.4	7.9
800	8.0	6.6
900	6.9	5.5
1,000	5.9	4.6
Drawdown interference was calculated using the Theis equation and the following assumptions: Duration of pumping = 6 months (length of the dry season); Proposed New Well average dry season discharge = 11.8 gpm or 16,992 gpd (1.5 times the annual average discharge of 7.9 gpm or 12.7 acre-feet/year); Storativity (S)*= Values range between 0.012 & 0.016 Transmissivity = 225 gpd/ft or 30 ft <sup>2</sup> /day (300 times the specific capacity of 0.10 gpm/ft; Heath, 1989, p.61.)		

#### 4. SURFACE WATER / AQUATIC HABITAT

The project well is located approximately two and three-quarter miles southwest of the headwaters of Calabazas Creek. Additionally, the upland watershed of Calabazas Creek is fed by the smaller creek tributaries of Decker Creek, Oak Wood Creek, Spencer Creek, Johnson Creek, Warsaw Creek and Alder Creek. According to the Calabazas Creek Open Space Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Calabazas Creek watershed conducts a considerable amount of water, as evidenced by semi-perennial stream flow and several deep pools along the length of the creek. Additionally, the RMP goes on to state that the abundance of water within the creek may be primarily due to the upland creek tributaries, as well as numerous upland springs and seeps. The upland watershed is not located within the cumulative impact area (CIA) of the project. Furthermore, the project well is located approximately 1000 feet from Calabazas Creek, and does not draw groundwater from the underlying aquifer until the first screened interval of the well, at a depth of 200 feet below the existing ground surface. Therefore, due to the depth at which the project well accesses groundwater from the aquifer, the distance of the well from Calabazas Creek, and the distance of the well from the upland watershed, we would not expect the proposed project to negatively impact the seasonal streamflows of Calabazas Creek.

PJC was able to obtain streamflow measurements of Calabazas Creek from the SEC for the years of 2017 and 2018. Additionally, the Gordenker

Farms Cannabis Project engaged the SEC to conduct dry season stream flow monitoring of Calabazas Creek during 2020 and 2021 to better ascertain the connection between the project groundwater pumping regime and its potential effects on the Calabazas Creek stream flow. In 2017, the lowest recorded flow was approximately 0.2 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec. In 2018, the lowest recorded flow was approximately 0.05 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec. In 2020, the lowest recorded flow was approximately 0.055 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec, and 0.0001 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec in 2021. Therefore, PJC calculated the stream flow depletion based on the four-year average of the lowest recorded dry season flows. The resulting four-year average of the lowest dry season streamflows of Calabazas Creek equates to 0.076 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec. This is considered to be highly conservative, as years 2020 and 2021 represent the two lowest consecutive rainfall years on record. The degree to which the drought conditions will persist is beyond the scope of this report.

The stream depletion for Calabazas Creek based on the range of storativities, and reflecting the newly proposed usage expansion is presented on Table 3 and Table 4.

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20	0.0000	0
40	0.0004	0.5
60	0.0012	1.6
80	0.0020	2.6
100	0.0028	3.7
120	0.0035	4.6
140	0.0041	5.4
160	0.0046	6.1
180	0.0051	6.7

Stream depletion: STRMDEPL08 (Barlow & Leake) and using the following assumptions:  
Duration of pumping = 6 months (length of the dry season);  
Proposed New Well average dry season discharge = 11.8 gpm or 16,992 gpd  
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Storativity (S)= 0.012 (\*Aquifer depth = average of screened intervals of known wells in the CIA)  
S=Ss(b)  
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**TABLE 4**  
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## 5. CONCLUSIONS

Based on our analysis, potential stream depletion on Calabazas Creek after 180 days, as a result of the new groundwater usage expansion, would potentially represent an approximately seven percent reduction of streamflow, based on the average minimum dry-season stream flow data of 0.076 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec. We judge this to be a relatively negligible amount for a semi-perennial creek, in an area considered by the RMP study, to have an abundance of water. Furthermore, the depletion rates are considered highly conservative, as the computer model (STRMDEPL08) for depletion assumes a stream condition that fully penetrates the underlying aquifer. The degree to which Calabazas Creek penetrates the underlying aquifer, and/or a possible near surface perched aquifer, is beyond the scope of this report. Additionally, based on the significant depth of the screened intervals of the project well, the distance of the project well to Calabazas Creek, and the distance of the project well from the upland watershed of Calabazas Creek, it is entirely plausible and potentially likely that the proposed groundwater usage for the project may not have any measurable effect on Calabazas Creek.

Additionally, the increased groundwater usage from 8.1 afy to 12.7 afy remains a relatively small percentage of the overall groundwater in storage (less than 4 percent), and not likely to result in an overdraft condition of the underlying aquifer. Likewise, we judge that drawdown interference of off-site neighboring wells, as a result of the increased

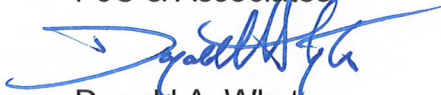
groundwater usage, to be within tolerable limits, and should not significantly impact neighboring wells.

It should be noted however, that the SEC streamflow monitoring report for 2021 yielded data with a potentially worse case scenario for streamflow in Calabazas Creek. The SEC report does acknowledge the difficulties in determining stream flow in low flow conditions, and the possibility of sampling error. However, according to the 2020 and 2021 SEC reports, the slow, but steady decline in groundwater elevations in the monitoring well were not reflected in the streamflows of Calabazas Creek. The SEC report goes on to conclude that given the data collected, a relationship between stream flow and groundwater pumping from the project well was not evident. Moreover, the degree to which the pumping regime exacerbated the low flow conditions of the creek remains inconclusive, and may have no effect. Additionally, it is the opinion of PJC that it is possible, and potentially likely, that the extremely low flow rates of Calabazas Creek in the vicinity of the Gordenker Farms Cannabis Project were primarily the result of the two lowest consecutive rainfall years on record. Due to the semi-perennial nature of Calabazas Creek, it is also plausible that the low flow rates were inevitable, despite the current pumping regime of the project well. Regardless, the ongoing and continued monitoring of Calabazas Creek will provide additional yearly flow data, and could provide more conclusive results regarding the connectivity, or lack thereof, between the water level drops in the monitoring well and the cessation of flow in Calabazas Creek.

We trust that this is the information that you require at this time. If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please call.

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## Introduction

Sonoma Ecology Center (SEC) was contracted by Gordenker Farms Cannabis Projects to perform streamflow monitoring and well depth measurements for the agricultural operation at 12201 Highway 12, Glen Ellen, CA per the requirements of Permit Sonoma File Number **UPC17-0048** (*Natural Resources Geologist Response- Use Permit, dated 10 September 2019*) which specified that five months of measurements be taken, on the last day of the month, from June to October, 2020.

Following initial contact at the end of June 2020, SEC and Gordenker Farms did not enter into contract early enough to allow for an initial, end of June sampling event. With the final contract in place on 4 August 2020 monitoring commenced on 6 August 2020 (representing a delayed, end of July measurement), with three additional end-of-month monitoring dates performed thereafter in August through October. Due to mandatory County Glass Fire evacuation orders in effect at the monitoring sites in late September, the measurement for that month was delayed to 6 October 2020.

This report includes the results of four monitoring field days (table and graph), a map of well and streamflow measurement locations (including a table of relevant GPS coordinates), and a draft of Permit Sonoma's Groundwater Well Monitoring Program Report Form (PJR-121) with SEC incorporated.

## Methods

The instructions of Permit Sonoma (*Natural Resources Geologist Response- Use Permit, UPC17-0048, dated 10 September 2019*), required monthly, dry season streamflow monthly on Calabazas Creek at the point where that Sonoma Creek tributary crossed Dunbar Road. Given SEC's familiarization with that streamflow monitoring location, and following our initial visit to that site in early August, the decision was made, in consultation with the Gordenker Farms staff, to also collect streamflow data at a second, upstream location nearer to the subject property where the tributary crosses under Highway 12. This was due to the known difficulty of obtaining accurate streamflow measurements at that downstream location during exceedingly low flow conditions due to the influence of larger stream cobbles and in-stream vegetation.

SEC collected streamflow measurements (Figure 1) at both of these locations during mid to late morning hours on the following dates: August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>. Streamflow measurements were collected using a Marsh-McBirney Flo-Mate 2000 electromagnetic flow meter (Serial No. 2003730) following standard USGS streamflow methods. Depth and velocity field measurements collected in the field were used to calculate total flow (discharge) in cubic feet per second (CFS). The flow meter was serviced and calibrated by the

manufacturer (Hach Company) prior to the initial measurements (July 2020) and additional, day-of calibration checks were performed on each field day prior to use.



**Figure 1 Typical streamflow cross section at one of two streamflow monitoring sites.**

Corresponding depth-to-water measurements were also collected on these four dates at the designated monitoring well location. Water depth measurements were taken in feet/inches using a Solinst 102 Water Level Meter purchased new in July 2020. The reference point used for these water depth measurements was the top of the monitoring well's cover flange (see Figure 2). A hole in that flange allowed for the insertion and extraction of the sensor/cable. The height of this well head flange was higher than the surrounding terrain which gradually sloped downward in a north to south orientation. Using a point near the well that seemed to best represent the elevation of the surrounding surface level, a correction factor of minus-10.5 inches (0.875 feet) was used to convert the measurements taken at the well head flange to surface-to-water level measurements.



**Figure 2 Monitoring well flange and reference point (see wet area at edge of access hole).**

The GPS coordinates, for monitoring and well locations, as requested by Permit Sonoma are provided in Table 1. A map of the subject area, including all monitoring/well locations, is provided in Appendix 1. For convenience, prior to County submission by permittee (Gordenker Farms Cannabis Projects), the pertinent data from this contracted work have been incorporated into County Form PJR-121 in Appendix 2.

**Table 1 Measurement and Pumping Locations.**

Site	Full Site Name	GPS Latitude	GPS Longitude
GF1	Gordenker Farms 1 Calabazas Creek at Dunbar Rd	38.38365700	-122.52112300
GF2	Gordenker Farms 2 Calabazas Ck at Hwy 12 and Nuns Cyn Rd	38.38717000	-122.52014000
GFSW	Gordenker Farms Surface Well -pumping location	38.38568095	-122.51704910
GFMW	Gordenker Farms Monitoring Well	38.38567660	-122.51785113

## Results

The results from the four months of streamflow and well depth measurements are provided in Table 2 and graphically in Figure 3. As can be seen in the streamflow data, measured flow was very low generally ( $\sim 0.05$  CFS) and a bit higher at the upstream (Hwy 12) site than the downstream (Dunbar Rd) site. At the downstream site flow did not appear to decline throughout the 4 month period, and actually increased from 0.03 CFS to 0.04 CFS through the first month remaining steadily thereafter. However at the upstream site flow decreased from

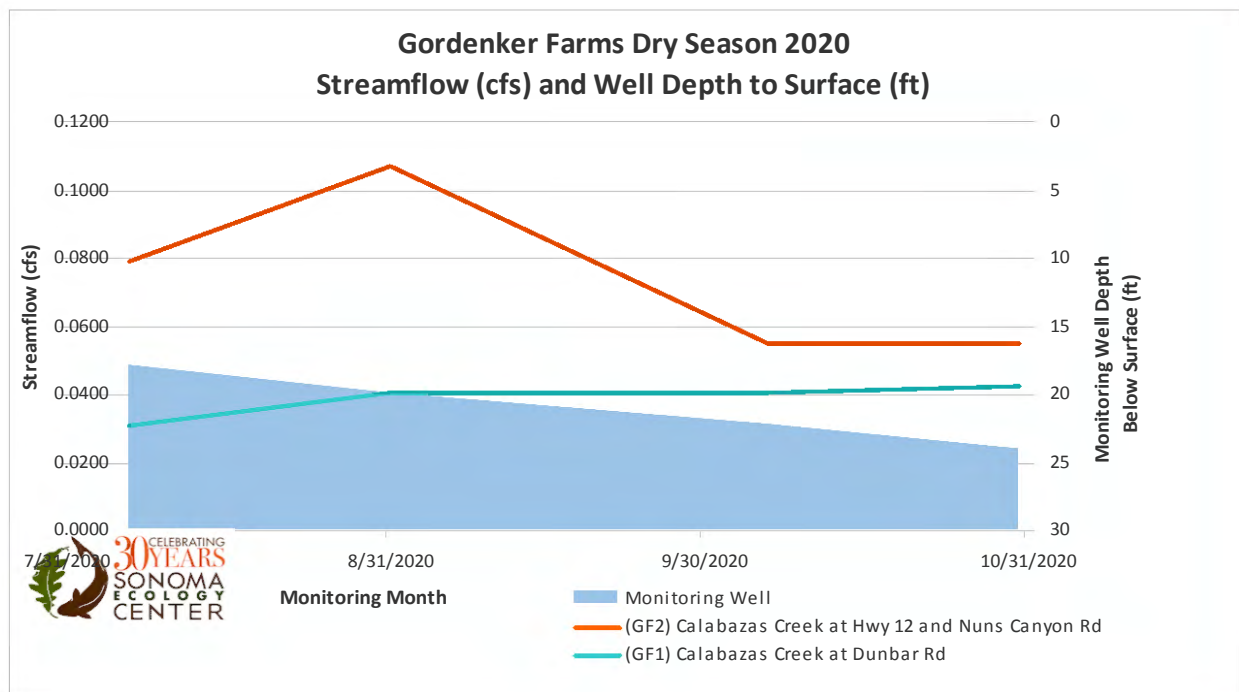
~0.079 CFS to 0.055 CFS with an anomalously higher flow of 0.107 CFS during the second, end of August sampling event. On the other hand, the static water level depth at the monitoring well declined steadily through out the monitoring period from just under 18 feet below ground in late July/early August to over 24 feet below surface by the end of October.

**Table 2 Streamflow and well depth sampling results**

SEC Measurement Date*	GF1- Calabazas Creek at Dunbar Rd Flow (cfs)	GF2-Calabazas Creek at Hwy 12 and Nuns Canyon Rd Flow (cfs)	Time Well Depth Measured	Measured Well Depth to Surface (ft)	Corrected Well Depth to Surface (ft) (-10.5")
8/6/2020	0.031	0.079	1:15 PM	18.82	17.95
8/31/2020	0.041	0.107	10:11 AM	20.86	19.99
10/6/2020	0.041	0.055	10:48 AM	23.22	22.35
10/30/2020	0.043	0.055	9:43 AM	24.95	24.08

\*July measurement delayed due to COVID and contract start date.

September measurement delayed due to Glass Fire evacuation order.



**Figure 3 Graphic representation of streamflow and well depth sampling results.**

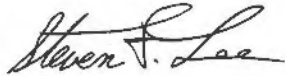


## Discussion

During these four months of streamflow and well depth monitoring in dry season 2020, the static water level of the Gordenker Farms monitoring well steadily declined by about 6 feet while the streamflow in nearby Calabazas Creek did not appear to show any corresponding, steady decline. At one streamflow monitoring site near Highway 12 the measured flow did show a decline over the 4 month period, but with an anomalous increase of flow in the second week and steady flow in the third and fourth weeks. It is possible that the higher flow in the second week was the result of some real change in flow or localized water release upstream of that site which wasn't perceptible at the time of sampling at the downstream site. But it is also possible that this was due to a sampling artifact as the original, week 1 sampling cross section could not be sampled in that second week due to human activities and rock movements in the stream. The perception at the time was that streamflow *had* visibly declined during that time, so we don't have great confidence in the validity of that week 2 data peak. Streamflow, in general, is very difficult to determine during low flow conditions without heavy manipulation of the streambed and/or installation of flow weirs. Therefore, all of these measured flow differences are subject to some amount of sampling error. Our general sense of flow throughout this four month period was of generally low but relatively steady, or somewhat declining flow through the end of September. Flow is generally known to stabilize or increase slightly starting in October due to the return of cooler temperatures and the reduced influence of evapotranspiration on streamflow. The absence of the end of June sampling point may be impairing our ability to interpret these dry season data, especially given how little rain fell in Sonoma Valley during the spring months of April and May. With such an early cessation of rain, dry season declines in subsurface water levels and streamflow levels may well have seen their biggest changes prior to our first sampling event in early August. We were generally surprised to see such a shallow water table at the Gordenker Farms site. Whether there is a direct relationship between that shallow aquifer and the stream level in nearby Calabazas Creek is not clear. Also unclear is whether the existing pumping regime would result in a perceptible change in streamflow, or if such a relationship could even be deduced through the dis-continuous sampling methods employed here. But given the data we did collect, we found no evidence of a relationship herein.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. We hope you have been satisfied with the service we have provided and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven F. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'L'.

Steven Lee

Sonoma Ecology Center

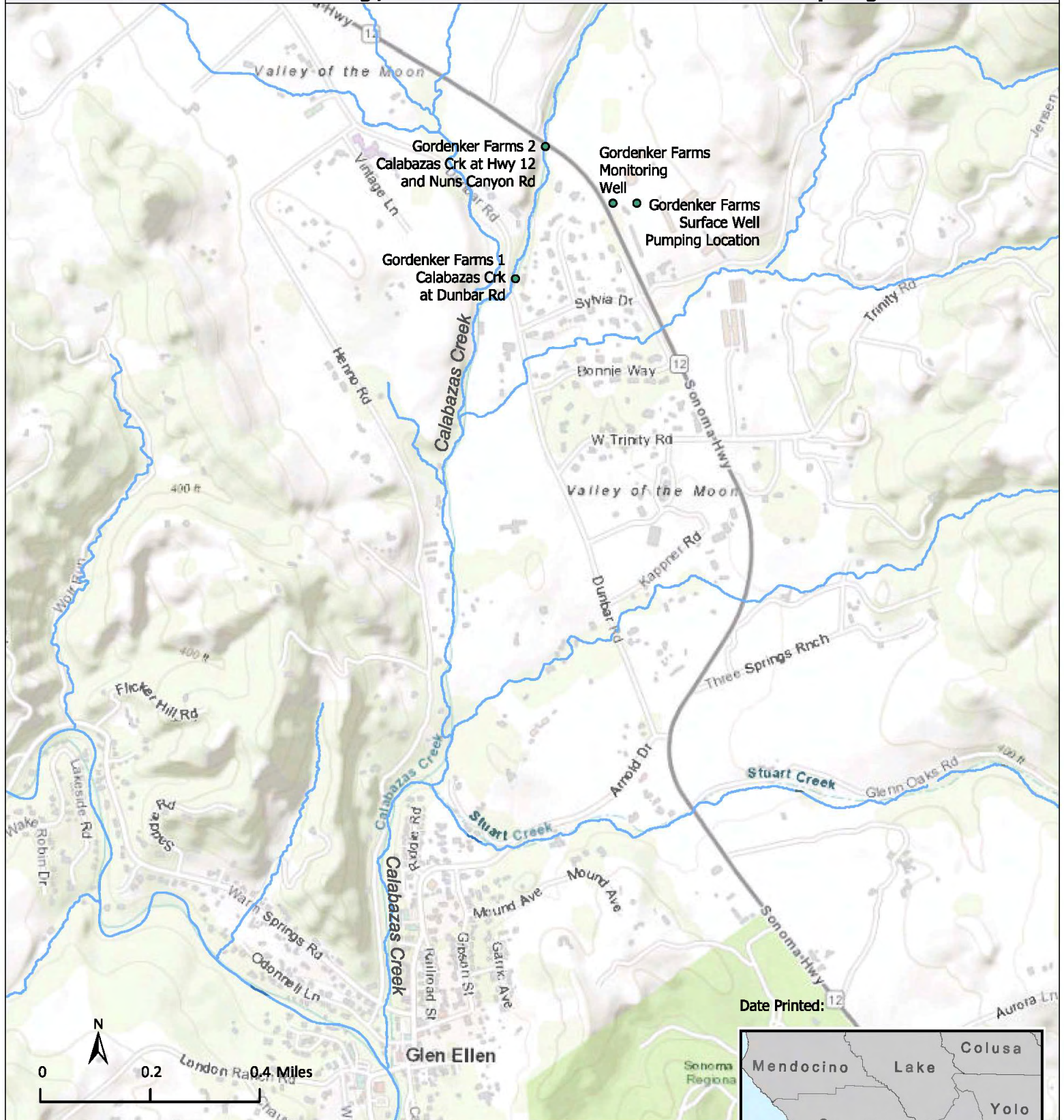
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**Appendix 1 Map of general area of Gordenker Farms including streamflow monitoring locations and service and monitoring well locations.**

# Gordenker Farms Cannabis Project - Dry Season 2020 Streamflow Monitoring, Well Measurement and Pumping Locations



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- Gordenker Farms Sites
- ~ Streams



**Appendix 2 Sonoma County well monitoring reporting Form .PJR-121 with streamflow and monitoring well data incorporated.**

**Groundwater Well Monitoring Program**  
**Reporting Form**  
**PJR-121**

Project Review File UPC17-0048 Report for Calendar Year: 2020

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**NOTE:** If you use multiple wells for your project, please copy this form and provide reporting information for each well.

**Supply well:** County Well Permit No.: WEL17-0247

State Water Well Drillers Report No.: e0330236  
Meter is (circle one)      Cubic Feet      /      Gallons  
Correction Factor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dedicated monitoring well:** County Well Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

State Water Well Drillers Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

**If a Winery, please complete the following:**

Total Tons Crushed During the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Total Maximum Gallons of Juice Stored on Site during \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar Year Total Cases Bottled During Calendar Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Cheese making, please complete the following:**

Total pounds of cheese produced during the Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Calendar Year Total Cases Bottled During Calendar Year \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER SECTION I OR SECTION II

### SECTION I:

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Season	Date Measured	Time Read	Depth to Groundwater in Feet	Meter Reading	Quantity of Water Pumped
Winter (12/31 - 3/20)					
Spring (3/21 - 6/20)					
Summer (6/21 - 9/20)					
Fall (9/21 -12/30)					

### SECTION II:

USE PERMITS PUMPING GREATER THAN 5.0 ACRE-FEET OF GROUNDWATER PER YEAR: (Depth to groundwater is measured in the dedicated monitoring well and the water meter for the supply well is recorded monthly)

Month	Date Measured	Time Read	Depth to Groundwater in Feet	Meter Reading	Quantity of Water Pumped
January				1,080	0
February				1,080	0
March				1,080	0
April				6,800	5,720
May				7,080	280
June			ND (SEC contracted in Aug 2020)	41,890	34,810
July	8/6/20	1:15 PM	17.95 (18.82 - 0.85 well height)	128,180	86,290
August	8/31/20	10:11AM	19.99 (20.86 - 0.85 well height)	303,130	174,950
September	10/6/20 (Fire delay)	10:48 AM	22.35 (23.22 - 0.85 well height)	478,080	174,950
October	10/30/20	9:43 AM	24.08 (24.95 - 0.85 well height)	682,200	204,120
November				779,900	97,700
December				779,900	0

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NOTES:

**Groundwater Well Monitoring Program**  
**Reporting Form**  
**PJR-121**

Project Review File PLP17-0040 Report for Calendar Year: 2020

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January				0	0
February				0	0
March				0	0
April	5/4/20	8:35am		5,000	5,000
May	6/1/20	8:14am		5,800	800
June	7/6/20	9:37am	ND (SEC contracted in Aug 2020)	36,220	30,420
July	8/6/20	1:15 PM	17.95 (18.82 - 0.85 well height)	111,650	75,430
August	8/31/20	10:11AM	19.99 (20.86 - 0.85 well height)	264,550	152,900
September	10/6/20 (Fire delay)	10:48 AM	22.35 (23.22 - 0.85 well height)	465,380	200,830
October	10/30/20	9:43 AM	24.08 (24.95 - 0.85 well height)	699,700	234,320
November	12/1/20	8:33am		811,300	112,150
December	1/4/21	8:45am		811,300	0

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**Groundwater Well Monitoring Program**  
**Reporting Form**  
**PJR-121**

Project Review File UPC19-0002 Report for Calendar Year: 2020

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April				0	0
May				0	0
June			ND (SEC contracted in Aug 2020)	0	0
July	8/6/20	1:15 PM	17.95 (18.82 - 0.85 well height)	0	0
August	8/31/20	10:11AM	19.99 (20.86 - 0.85 well height)	193,000	193,000
September	10/6/20 (Fire delay)	10:48 AM	22.35 (23.22 - 0.85 well height)	467,950	274,950
October	10/30/20	9:43 AM	24.08 (24.95 - 0.85 well height)	788,750	320,800
November	12/1/20	8:33am		942,300	153,550
December	1/4/21	8:45am		942,300	0

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