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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report includes Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) proposed Owens Valley Operations Plan for the 2021-22 Runoff Year, an update on Owens Valley conditions, and the current status of LADWP's environmental mitigation projects and other legal commitments under the *Agreement between the County of Inyo and the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Water and Power on a Long-Term Groundwater Management Plan for Owens Valley and Inyo County* (Water Agreement); *the 1991 Environmental Impact Report Water from the Owens Valley to Supply the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct, 1970 to 1990, 1990 Onward, Pursuant to a Long Term Groundwater Management Plan* (1991 EIR); the Laws Type E transfer; the *1997 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, County of Inyo, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Lands Commission, the Sierra Club, and the Owens Valley Committee* (1997 MOU), the *August 2004 and March 2010 Amended Stipulations and Orders in Case No. S1CVCV01-29768*.

The Water Agreement provides that by April 20<sup>th</sup> each year, LADWP will prepare and submit to the Inyo County Technical Group a proposed operations plan and pumping program for the twelve (12) month period beginning on April 1st. Additionally, Section 11 of the 2004 Stipulation and Order requires that on or about May 1 of each year LADWP shall complete and release an annual report that is in conformance with Section III.H of the 1997 MOU. This report will describe environmental conditions in the Owens Valley and studies, projects, and activities conducted under the Inyo-Los Angeles Water Agreement and the 1997 MOU.

This report is intended to fulfill these requirements.

### 1. Owens Valley Operations Plan for Runoff Year 2021-22

Section 1 of this report contains LADWP's Annual Operations Plan for Runoff Year 2021-22. As mentioned above, pursuant to Water Agreement Section V.D:

*By April 20th of each year, the Department shall prepare and submit to the Inyo County Technical Group a proposed operations plan and pumping program for the twelve (12) month period beginning on April 1st. (In the event of two consecutive dry years when actual and forecasted Owens Valley runoff for the April to September period is below normal and averages less than 75 percent of normal, the Department shall prepare a proposed plan for the six (6) month period beginning on April 1st and October 1st, and submit such plans by April 20th and October 20th.)*

The Owens Valley experienced a drier than normal snow season in the winter of 2020-21. The resulting runoff forecast is calling for 226,800 acre-feet of runoff this year, or 55% of normal. LADWP plans to export approximately 107,000 acre-feet (AF) of water from the Eastern Sierra in the 2021-22 runoff year.

Uses in the Owens Valley on Los Angeles City owned lands are planned to be 85,380 AF, of which 40,760 AF is planned for irrigation. Being a drier than normal year, LADWP is not planning on water spreading in Owens Valley.

LADWP groundwater pumping in the Owens Valley is governed by the ON/OFF provisions of the *1991 Agreement between the County of Inyo and the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Water and Power on a Long Term Groundwater Management Plan for Owens Valley and Inyo County* (Water Agreement). According to the well ON/OFF provisions of the Water Agreement, approximately 191,000 acre-feet of water is available for groundwater pumping from Owens Valley wellfields, but LADWP's planned groundwater pumping ranges from 64,600 acre-feet to 78,980 acre-feet for the 2021-22 runoff year.

## 2. Conditions in the Owens Valley

The overall Eastern Sierra snowpack in watersheds contributing to the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) was estimated to be 46% of normal as of April 1, 2021. Precipitation on the Owens Valley floor during the 2020-21 runoff year averaged 2.4 inches, which was 42% of the long-term average of 5.8 inches.

The groundwater levels in the Owens Valley dropped by an average of 1.1 feet as a result of the below normal runoff condition and low valley floor summer precipitation in 2019-20.

During the 2020-21 runoff year, the Lower Owens River Project (LORP) was in full operational status and met all stipulated flow requirements. The total water usage for the Lower Owens River, the Delta, Blackrock Waterfowl Management Area, and other LORP uses was approximately 20,400 AF for the year.

## 3. LADWP Environmental Mitigation Projects and Other Legal Commitments

Section 3 of this report provides information on all of the LADWP's Mitigation Projects and other commitments required under the Inyo/Los Angeles Water Agreement (Water Agreement), the 1991 Environmental Impact Report on Water From the Owens Valley to Supply the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct (1991 EIR), the subsequent 1997 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the County of Inyo, California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Lands Commission, the Sierra Club, and the Owens Valley Committee (1997 MOU) and related documents.

Tables 3.1 and 3.2 provide a quick reference guide to all of these commitments. For reference, status of these projects is classified into the following categories:

1. **Complete:** Project has no additional commitments required (no water allotment or other financial or environmental mitigation; no continual monitoring and reporting),

2. **Ongoing as necessary/required:** These measures are only applied when necessary (monitoring and reporting for mitigation measures for new projects, construction, etc.),
3. **Implemented and ongoing:** Project is fully implemented and is currently meeting goals; however, there may be ongoing water or financial commitments or monitoring and reporting requirements,
4. **Fully implemented but not meeting goals:** Project is fully implemented but has not yet met prescribed goals or success criteria, and
5. **Not fully implemented:** *Project under development or under construction, but not fully implemented.*

Presently, of the 64 required environmental mitigation projects, LADWP reports:

- 8 are complete,
- 43 are implemented and ongoing,
- 13 are fully implemented but not meeting goals,
- 0 are not fully implemented

Of the 49 other commitments, LADWP reports:

- 18 are complete,
- 6 are ongoing as necessary or required,
- 23 are implemented and ongoing,
- 0 are fully implemented and not meeting goals, and
- 2 are not fully implemented

More detailed information regarding each of these projects and other commitments is provided in Section 3. Additionally, comprehensive monitoring reports are found for the Yellow Billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plans and the Owens Valley Land Management Plan (OVLMP) are also supplied in Section 3.

**OWENS VALLEY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR RUNOFF YEAR  
2021-22**

## 1.0 Owens Valley Operations Plan for Runoff Year 2021-22

This year's annual operations plan and pumping program is consistent with the management strategy of the Water Agreement between the County of Inyo (County) and the City of Los Angeles (City) dated October 18, 1991. As stated in the Water Agreement:

*The overall goal of managing the water resources within Inyo County is to avoid certain described decreases and changes in vegetation and to cause no significant effect on the environment which cannot be acceptably mitigated while providing a reliable supply of water for export to Los Angeles and for use in Inyo County.*

The overall goal of the Water Agreement: environmental protections and a reliable water supply are the basis of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) operations plans. Groundwater pumping in the Owens Valley is managed in conformance with the provisions of the Water Agreement. The Water Agreement provides:

*By April 20th of each year, the Department shall prepare and submit to the Inyo County Technical Group a proposed operations plan and pumping program for the twelve (12) month period beginning on April 1st. (In the event of two consecutive dry years when actual and forecasted Owens Valley runoff for the April to September period is below normal and averages less than 75 percent of normal, the Department shall prepare a proposed plan for the six (6) month period beginning on April 1st and October 1st, and submit such plans by April 20th and October 20th.)*

### 1.1. Eastern Sierra Runoff Forecast

The Eastern Sierra Runoff Forecast, which includes the Owens River Basin and Mono Basin runoffs for the 2021-22 runoff year (Table 1.1) is based on snow surveys of key Eastern Sierra watersheds in Inyo and Mono counties. The Eastern Sierra Runoff Forecast is used for planning aqueduct operations as it is a primary indicator of water supply. The April 1 forecast of the Owens River Basin runoff during the 2021-22 runoff year is 226,800 acre-feet, or about 55% of the 50-year (1966-2015) average annual runoff value of 409,000 acre-feet.

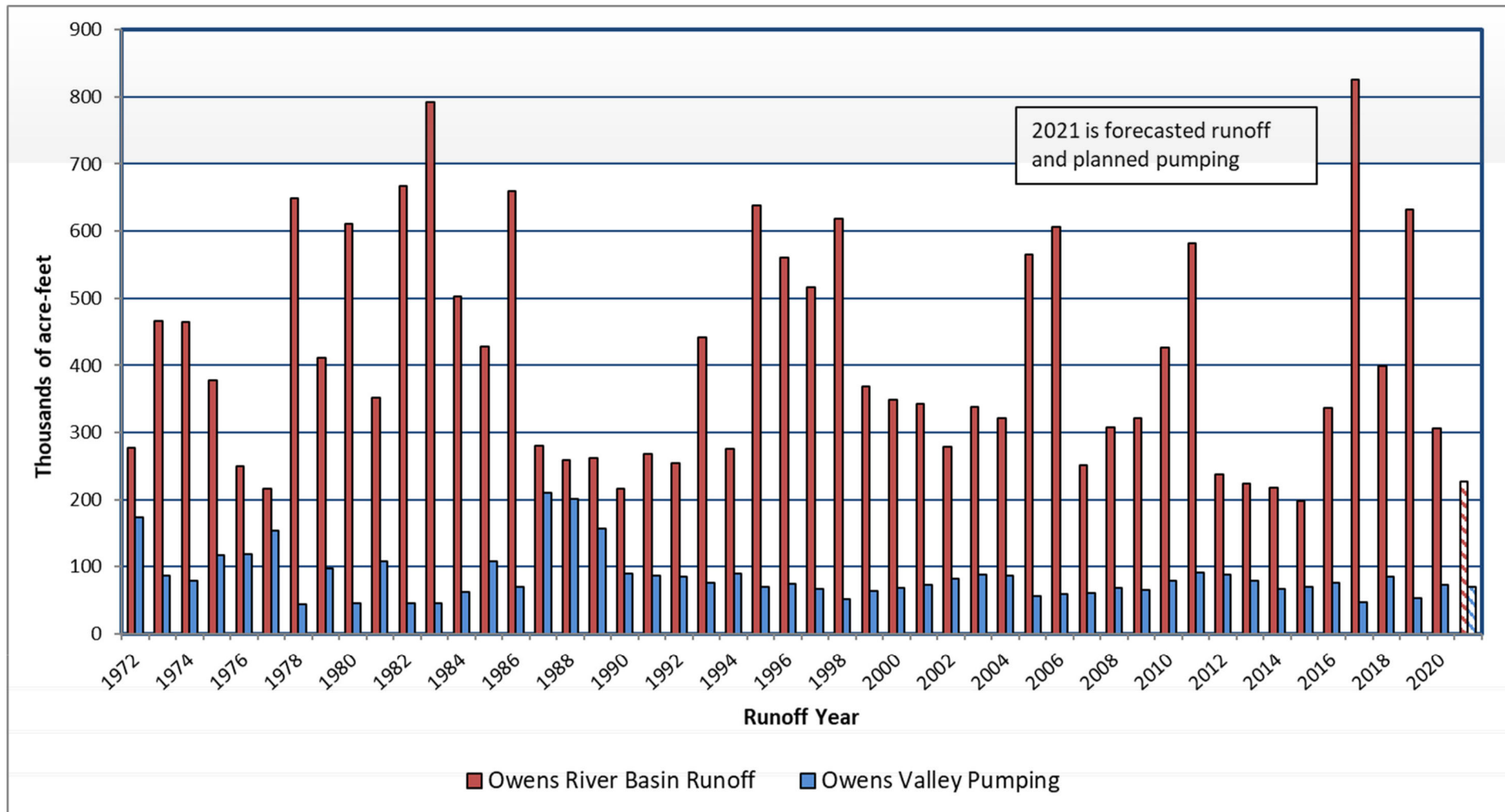
The forecast runoff for the period of April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, is 144,900 acre-feet for the Owens River Basin, which is 48% of the 50-year average. The 50-year average Owens River Basin runoff between April 1 and September 30, based on 1966-2015 data is 300,000 acre-feet. The April to September time period is important to distinguish from the overall runoff year because it is the period when runoff and irrigation occur.

Figure 1.1 summarizes Owens River Basin runoff and groundwater pumping by LADWP since the 1972 runoff year. This figure demonstrates this year's forecasted runoff and planned pumping compared to the past runoff in the Owens Valley Basin.



**Table 1.1. Eastern Sierra Runoff Forecast for 2021-22 Runoff Year**

<div>2021 EASTERN SIERRA RUNOFF FORECAST April 1, 2021</div>					
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER RUNOFF					
	MOST PROBABLE VALUE		REASONABLE MAXIMUM	REASONABLE MINIMUM	LONG-TERM MEAN (1966 - 2015)
	(Acre-feet)	(% of Avg.)	(% of Avg.)	(% of Avg.)	(Acre-feet)
MONO BASIN:	53,900	53%	66%	41%	100,782
OWENS RIVER BASIN:	144,900	48%	62%	35%	299,885
APRIL THROUGH MARCH RUNOFF					
	MOST PROBABLE VALUE		REASONABLE MAXIMUM	REASONABLE MINIMUM	LONG-TERM MEAN (1966 - 2015)
	(Acre-feet)	(% of Avg.)	(% of Avg.)	(% of Avg.)	(Acre-feet)
MONO BASIN:	68,800	58%	71%	44%	119,103
OWENS RIVER BASIN:	226,800	55%	68%	43%	409,199
<p>MOST PROBABLE - That runoff which is expected if median precipitation occurs after the forecast date.</p> <p>REASONABLE MAXIMUM - That runoff which is expected to occur if precipitation subsequent to the forecast is equal to the amount which is exceeded on the average once in 10 years.</p> <p>REASONABLE MINIMUM - That runoff which is expected to occur if precipitation subsequent to the forecast is equal to the amount which is exceeded on the average 9 out of 10 years.</p>					



**Figure 1.1. Owens River Basin Runoff and Groundwater Pumping**

## 1.2. Owens Valley Groundwater Production

LADWP has prepared its 2021 Annual Owens Valley Operations Plan based on the goals and principles of the Water Agreement. The 2021 Annual Owens Valley Operations Plan is designed to avoid adverse impacts to the environment while providing a reliable supply of water for in-valley uses and export to Los Angeles for municipal use. Given the below normal runoff forecast, LADWP is not considering water spreading activities this year.

Under the terms of the Water Agreement, the allowable amount of groundwater pumping from each Owens Valley wellfield is based on the ON/OFF status of monitoring sites located within each wellfield and the capacity of the wells linked to those sites (see Water Agreement Sections V.B and V.C). Table 1.2 lists the ON/OFF status of the monitoring sites within the Owens Valley as of April 2021. Based on Table 1.2, 14 sites are in ON status and 8 sites are in OFF status. The Water Agreement or Technical Group has designated certain town supply wells, irrigation supply wells, fish hatchery supply wells, enhancement/mitigation (E/M) project supply wells, and other wells determined to not significantly impact areas with groundwater dependent vegetation as exempt from the ON/OFF provisions of the Water Agreement. These exempt wells may be pumped for their intended purpose.

Table 1.3 provides a breakdown of the available annual pumping capacity and planned groundwater pumping for the 2021-22 runoff year by wellfield. Table 1.3 also shows the monitoring sites in ON status as of April 2021, the wells associated with the ON status monitoring sites, and the exempt wells in each wellfield. Accordingly, approximately 191,000 acre-feet of water is available for groundwater pumping from Owens Valley wellfields under the terms of the Water Agreement during the 2021-22 runoff year. LADWP plans to pump between 64,600 acre-feet and 78,980 acre-feet of groundwater during the 2021-22 runoff year, which is between 34 percent and 41 percent of the amount allowed under the terms of Water Agreement. The planned range of groundwater pumping during the 2021-22 runoff year should provide LADWP with the needed operational flexibility to supply water for in-valley uses and export to the City of Los Angeles.

Working independently and with the Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group, LADWP will monitor Owens River Basin runoff and environmental conditions to assess if further changes to the planned pumping are needed. LADWP's 2021-22 groundwater management approach is more conservative than the environmentally conservative pumping plans advocated by the Standing Committee during the dry years of the early 1990s, given the planned pumping compared with the allowed pumping under terms of Water Agreement.

Figure 1.2 compares the amount of Owens Valley groundwater pumping provided by the provisions of Water Agreement and the actual groundwater pumping by LADWP for each runoff year since 1992 (available pumping was not calculated prior to 1992). LADWP's planned pumping for the 2021-22 runoff year is consistent with its past conservative pumping plans. LADWP is committed to conducting its operations in a conservative, responsible, and environmentally sustainable manner.

In addition to complying with the ON/OFF provisions and the environmental protection goals of the Water Agreement, LADWP's 2021-22 pumping program complies with the groundwater mining provisions of the Green Book. Table 1.4 shows the latest update of the mining calculations based on the procedures described in Section IV.C of the Green Book. As shown in this table, none of the wellfields in the Owens Valley will be in deficit by the end of the first half of the 2021-22 runoff year.

Table 1.5 is a list of Owens Valley wells exempted under the Water Agreement or by approval of the Technical Group from linkage to the ON/OFF provisions of the Water Agreement. This table includes a list of wells by well number, general location of the exempt well, and the reason the well is exempt. This table was revised and approved by the Technical Group at their May 6, 2016 meeting.

Table 1.6 details planned groundwater pumping for the 2021-22 runoff year on a month-to-month basis for each wellfield. Pumping for town water systems, fish hatcheries, and enhancement/mitigation (E/M) projects is included in the pumping distribution. Owens Valley groundwater production for the 2021-22 runoff year is consistent with the provisions of the Water Agreement. While Table 1.6 provides the planned monthly pumping volumes from each wellfield, the actual pumping amounts could vary due to the uncertainty inherent in runoff conditions, operational needs, and safety concerns of the Los Angeles Aqueduct system, which could result in changes in the operation of surface and ground water facilities throughout Eastern Sierra. Any pumping tests will be in addition to the planned pumping for 2021-22. Planned pumping may also be increased to provide freeze protection for the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA).

The following is a discussion of the planned pumping program by wellfield. Figures 1.3, and 1.5, followed by figures 1.6 through 1.10 show locations of LADWP's Owens Valley pumping wells by wellfield. These figures show the location of production wells, selected monitoring wells, and vegetation monitoring sites in each area.

**Table 1.2. Soil/Vegetation Water Balance Calculations for April 2021 According to Section III of the Green Book**

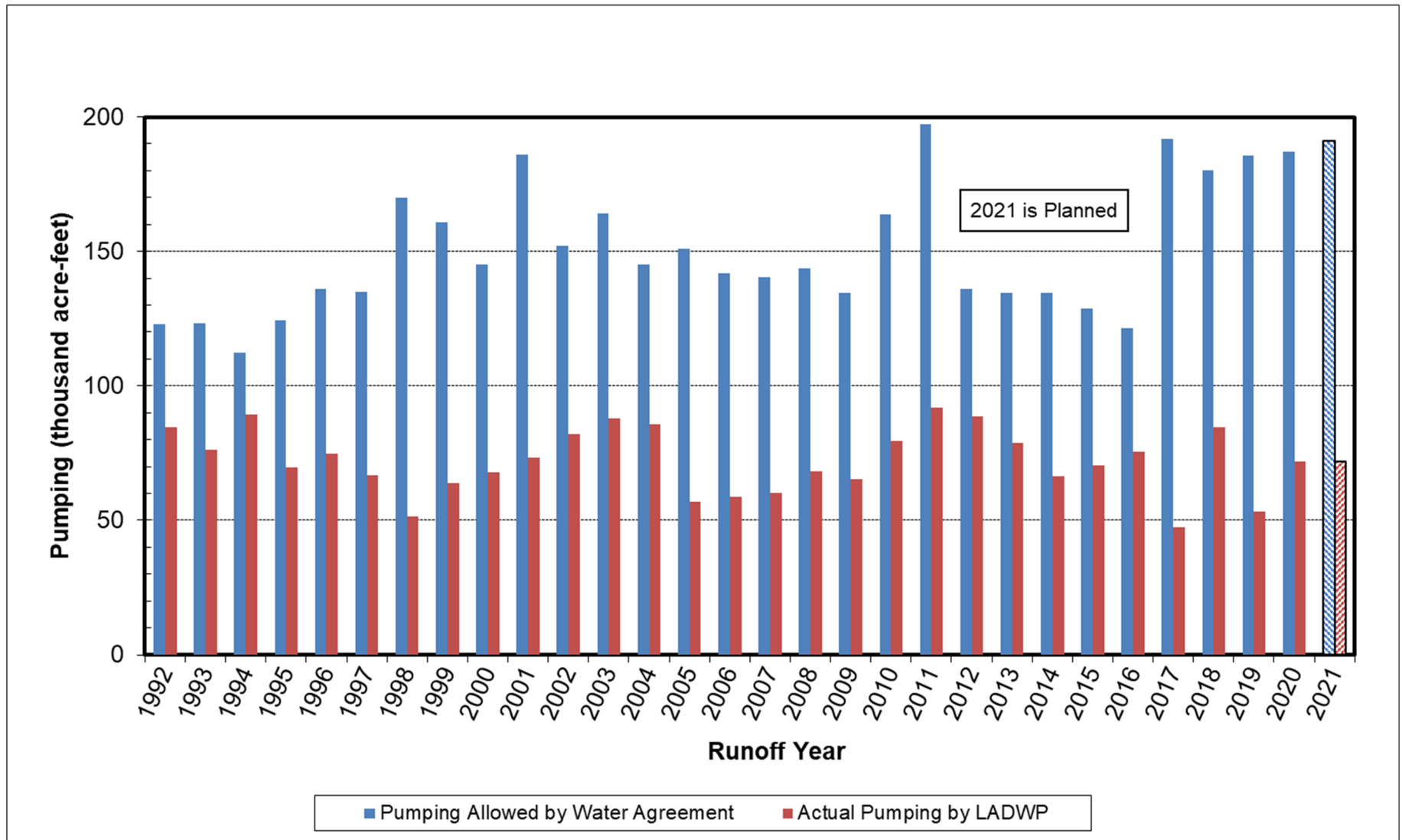
Site	October 2020 Soil AWC (cm)	50% Annual Precip. (cm)	Projected Soil AWC (cm)	October 2020 Vegetation Water Requirement (cm)	October 2020 Required Soil AWC For Turn-ON	October 2020 ON/OFF Status	April 2021 Soil AWC (cm)	April 2021 Required Soil AWC For Turn-ON	April 2021 ON/OFF Status
LW1	31.6	7.9	39.5	8.7	NA	ON	51.0	NA	ON
LW2	42.6	7.9	50.5	6.6	NA	ON	41.7	NA	ON
LW3	16.4	7.9	24.3	24.2	NA	ON	23.5	NA	ON
BP1	28.5	7.9	36.4	14.6	NA	ON	20.1	NA	ON
BP2	1.7	NA	NA	7.0	28.4	OFF	2.5	28.4	OFF (7/98)
BP3	67.2	7.6	74.8	12.4	NA	ON	61.1	NA	ON
BP4	56.0	8.2	64.2	7.5	NA	ON	64.1	NA	ON
TA3	11.8	NA	NA	13.5	28.4	OFF	12.9	28.4	OFF (10/17)
TA4	17.5	7.3	24.8	10.1	NA	ON	20.2	NA	ON
TA5	19.8	8.2	28.0	3.7	NA	ON	20.9	NA	ON
TA6	19.7	7.3	27.0	19.3	NA	ON	21.8	NA	ON
TS1	7.1	NA	NA	22.3	28.9	OFF	8.2	28.9	OFF (7/17)
TS2	13.9	7.3	21.2	14.8	NA	ON	17.5	NA	ON
TS3	17.0	7.3	24.3	8.1	NA	ON	20.4	NA	ON
TS4	36.9	7.3	44.2	30.8	NA	ON	47.4	NA	ON
IO1	22.2	NA	NA	30.1	42.2	OFF	25.4	42.2	OFF (10/98)
IO2	3.3	NA	NA	7.2	NA	OFF	2.8	3.9	OFF (7/20)
SS1	17.9	NA	NA	10.3	34.0	OFF	24.3	34.0	OFF (7/17)
SS2	3.0	NA	NA	5.4	25.6	OFF	2.6	25.6	OFF (7/11)
SS3	25.5	NA	NA	16.7	33.8	OFF	33.9	NA	ON
SS4	6.0	NA	NA	14.3	15.9	OFF	8.3	15.9	OFF (7/05)
BG2	30.3	6.6	36.9	19.1	NA	ON	28.5	NA	ON

**Table 1.3. Annual Pumping Capacity According to Monitoring Sites with ON Status and Planned Pumping for 2021-22 Runoff Year**

Wellfield	Monitoring	Associated Production Wells	Available Capacity (AF/year)	Planned Pumping (AF)
<b>Laws</b>	L1	398, 247, 248, 249	12,236	
	L2	236, 239, 243, 244	7,240	
	L3	240, 241, 399, 376, 377	9,195	
	L5*	245, 387, 388	8,980	
	Exempt	236, 354, 422, 413	2,100	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>39,751</b>	<b>8,900-9,400</b>
<b>Bishop**</b>	All wells	140, 371, 406, 407, 408, 410, 411, 412	19,400	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>19,400</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Big Pine</b>	BP1	378, 379, 389, 352	10,593	
	BP3	222, 223, 232	4,851	
	BP4	331	7,530	
	Exempt	218, 219, 330, 332, 341, 352, 375, 415	25,750	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>48,724</b>	<b>20,500-23,000</b>
<b>Taboose Aberdeen</b>	TA4	342, 347	19,838	
	TA5	349	12,130	
	TA6	109, 370	5,502	
	Exempt	118, 355	2,620	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>40,090</b>	<b>5,300-8,880</b>
<b>Thibaut Sawmill</b>	TS2	155	796	
	TS3	103, 104, 382	2,968	
	TS4	380, 381	4,561	
	Exempt	351, 356	8,000	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>16,325</b>	<b>8,000-11,000</b>
<b>Indep. - Oak</b>				
	Exempt	59, 60, 61, 65, 357, 383EM, 384EM, 401	15,710	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>15,710</b>	<b>7,000-8,800</b>
<b>Symmes Shepherd</b>	Exempt	402EM	1,200	
	SS3	W092, W396	5,647	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>6,847</b>	<b>1,200-2,900</b>
<b>Bairs Georges</b>	BG2	76, 343, 348, 403	2,820	
	Exempt	343	500	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>2,820</b>	<b>800-2,100</b>
<b>Lone Pine</b>	Exempt	344, 346, 425	980	
	<b>Wellfield Pumpage</b>		<b>980</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Total Owens Valley</b>			<b>190,647</b>	<b>64,600-78,980</b>

\* Monitoring site has yet to be located.

\*\* Pumping is subject to the Hillside Decree



**Figure 1.2. Owens Valley Pumping – Provided by Water Agreement and Actual Since Inyo/Los Angeles Water Agreement**

**Table 1.4. Summary of Recharge and Pumping for Water Year 2002 - 2020 and Estimated Pumping Limit for Apr-Sep 2021 in Acre-Feet**

Water Year	OWENS VALLEY Runoff Percent (c)	LAWS		BISHOP		BIG PINE		TABOOSE-THIBAUT		IND-SYM-BAIRS		LONE PINE		OWENS VALLEY	
		Recharge	Pumping	Recharge	Pumping	Recharge	Pumping	Recharge	Pumping	Recharge	Pumping	Recharge	Pumping	Recharge	Pumping
2002	63%	11,184	3,480	35,514	10,839	19,715	26,885	22,495	25,288	28,820	10,599	12,103	1,345	129,831	78,436
2003	75%	11,454	5,786	38,486	11,407	21,883	25,885	26,166	27,387	32,455	14,294	13,088	1,179	143,532	85,938
2004	71%	11,138	7,412	37,149	11,777	21,126	26,149	25,044	25,159	29,771	15,750	11,357	1,119	135,586	87,366
2005	120%	18,389	3,841	47,471	7,093	32,686	19,423	40,500	18,674	46,441	18,585	17,191	1,128	202,678	68,744
2006	138%	35,336	3,013	54,337	5,667	39,650	20,686	47,757	15,707	53,873	9,944	19,956	1,119	250,911	56,136
2007	64%	10,947	7,840	34,470	10,516	19,757	20,525	25,855	14,578	27,624	10,674	10,454	1,100	129,108	65,233
2008	68%	10,855	7,939	35,850	10,228	20,432	20,243	28,619	18,542	27,759	9,219	11,563	858	135,078	67,029
2009	73%	11,049	6,233	37,416	12,123	21,555	22,891	29,385	14,751	29,359	9,603	12,147	775	140,912	66,376
2010	93%	11,154	6,333	41,987	10,509	26,566	22,514	35,541	20,239	36,863	13,031	14,252	626	166,362	73,252
2011	134%	17,375	7,188	52,182	9,889	35,539	27,089	47,562	21,933	50,619	14,527	19,057	998	222,333	81,624
2012	72%	11,058	9,514	37,315	11,134	21,297	27,220	28,369	26,156	28,905	16,570	11,538	1,048	138,482	91,642
2013	62%	10,644	6,642	34,811	11,536	19,408	26,115	24,795	25,225	24,749	17,907	10,364	721	124,771	88,146
2014	50%	10,393	6,287	31,325	10,849	16,871	22,560	21,241	15,778	20,508	11,347	8,960	946	109,297	67,767
2015	43%	10,103	5,824	30,667	10,521	15,380	19,939	18,671	15,563	18,695	11,873	7,995	925	101,512	64,645
2016	63%	10,392	6,038	34,844	10,842	19,551	22,797	25,634	20,642	25,354	18,829	10,306	984	126,082	80,132
2017	175%	45,270	2,000	67,171	4,399	56,730	22,106	71,201	12,959	66,222	9,243	24,741	915	331,335	51,622
2018	93%	14,351	8,646	41,346	9,588	25,911	23,163	34,601	18,896	35,628	12,050	13,807	973	165,643	73,316
2019	130%	34,481	7,127	53,925	5,670	40,241	21,374	47,748	17,000	49,029	9,994	18,307	973	243,731	62,138
2020	73%	10,986	11,269	37,201	9,437	22,577	18,449	28,626	21,503	28,748	9,949	11,395	985	139,533	71,592
2021 (a)	72%	10,897	1,164	36,376	1,930	21,032	5,282	26,090	13,282	28,459	3,001	11,412	141	134,266	24,800
(b) TOTAL		317,457	123,576	819,840	185,954	517,909	441,295	655,900	389,262	689,882	246,989	269,994	18,858	3,270,983	1,405,934
Estimated Apr-Sep 2021 Pumping Limit			193,881		633,886		76,614		266,638		442,892		251,136		1,865,049

(a) Estimated Recharge for the 2021 Water Year; Approximate Pumping for First Half of Water year 2021 (Oct-Mar).

(b) Estimated 20 Year Total for Recharge; actual 19.5 Year Total for Pumping.

(c) Mining calculations are based Water Year (October-September) instead of Runoff Year (April-March).



**Table 1.5. LADWP Groundwater Pumping Wells Exempt from ON/OFF Provisions of Water Agreement****Revised: May 6, 2016**

Well Number	Wellfield	Duration	Reason
354	Laws	Annual	Sole Source-Town Supply
413 <sup>(1)</sup>	Laws	Annual	Same as above
422 <sup>(2)</sup>	Laws	Annual	Sole Source-Irrigation; no impact on groundwater dependent vegetation
236 <sup>(2)</sup>	Laws	Irrigation Season	Sole Source-Irrigation
413 E/M <sup>(1)</sup>	Laws	Irrigation Season	Sole Source – Irrigation for Laws Museum irrigation project
415 <sup>(3)</sup>	Big Pine	Annual	Sole Source-Town Supply
341	Big Pine	Annual	Same as above
352	Big Pine	Annual	Same as above
375 E/M	Big Pine	Annual	Make-up water for Big Pine Regreening Project up to 150 acre-feet per year
330 <sup>(4)</sup>	Big Pine	Annual	Sole Source-Fish Hatchery
332 <sup>(4)</sup>	Big Pine	Annual	Same as above
409 <sup>(4)</sup>	Big Pine	Annual	Same as above
218	Big Pine	Annual	No impact on groundwater dependent vegetation
219	Big Pine	Annual	Same as above
118	Taboose-Aberdeen	Annual	Same as above
355	Taboose-Aberdeen	Annual	Sole Source- supply 1,600 acre project
351	Thibaut-Sawmill	Annual	Sole Source – Fish Hatchery
356	Thibaut-Sawmill	Annual	Same as above
401	Independence-Oak	Annual	No Impact on groundwater dependent vegetation
59	Independence-Oak	Annual	Same as above
60	Independence-Oak	Annual	Same as above
65	Independence-Oak	Annual	Same as above
383 E/M	Independence-Oak	Annual	Same as above
384 E/M <sup>(1)</sup>	Independence-Oak	Annual	Same as above
61	Independence-Oak	Irrigation season	Sole Source-Irrigation; no impact on groundwater dependent vegetation
423 E/M	Independence-Oak	Irrigation Season	Same as above
357	Independence-Oak	Annual	Sole Source – Town Supply
384 <sup>(1)</sup>	Independence-Oak	Annual	Same as above
402 E/M	Symmes-Shepherd	Irrigation season	Sole Source-Irrigation; no impact on groundwater dependent vegetation
343 <sup>(5)</sup>	Bairs-Georges	Annual	Sole Source-irrigation and stock water
425 E/M	Lone Pine	Irrigation Season	Sole Source-Irrigation; no impact on groundwater dependent vegetation
344	Lone Pine	Annual	Sole Source – Town Supply
346	Lone Pine	Annual	Same as above

1. Wells 413 in Laws and 384 in Independence are dual purpose wells to supply water for Enhancement/Mitigation (E/M) supply and backup for town domestic supply.
2. Well 422 designated as primary and Well 236 designated as backup irrigation supply.
3. Currently not in operation.
4. Wells 330, 332, and 409 may only be pumped two at a time, unless pumped for testing or emergencies.
5. Well 343 is exempt in below normal runoff years to supplement flow in Georges Creek for irrigation and stock water supply.

**Table 1.6. Planned Owens Valley Pumping for the 2021-22 Runoff Year (acre-feet)**

Month	Laws	Bishop	Big Pine	Taboose-Aberdeen	Thibaut-Sawmill	Indep.-Oak	Symmes-Shepherd	Bairs-Georges	Lone Pine	TOTAL
April	1,150-1,200	1,620	1,750-1,960	425-450	667-880	980-1,100	200	80-100	120	6,992-7,630
May	1,150-1,200	1,620	1,750-1,960	425-450	667-880	980-1,100	200	80-100	120	6,992-7,630
June	1,200-1,345	1,620	1,750-1,960	425-450	667-880	980-1,100	200	0-150	120	6,962-7,825
July	1,200-1,345	1,620	1,750-1,960	455-450	667-880	980-1,100	200	0-150	120	6,992-7,825
August	1,150-1,200	1,620	1,750-1,960	510-450	667-880	980-1,100	200	80-150	140	7,097-7,700
September	1,150-1,200	1,620	1,750-1,960	510-450	667-880	960-1,100	200	80-230	140	7,077-7,780
October	500	380	1,700-1,960	425-1,100	666-960	190-370	0-285	80-230	30	3,971-5,815
November	490-500	380	1,660-1,960	425-1,100	667-960	190-370	0-285	80-230	30	3,922-5,815
December	430	380	1,660-1,960	425-1,100	666-960	190-370	0-285	80-230	20	3,851-5,735
January	430	380	1,660-1,800	425-1,100	666-960	190-370	0-285	80-230	20	3,851-5,575
February	25	380	1,660-1,800	425-1,100	666-960	190-360	0-280	80-150	20	3,446-5,075
March	25	380	1,660-1,760	425-680	667-920	190-360	0-280	80-150	20	3,447-4,575
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,900-9,400	12,000	20,500-23,000	5,300-8,880	8,000-11,000	7,000-8,800	1,200-2,900	800-2,100	900	64,600-78,980

## Groundwater Level Forecasts

LADWP uses statistical models to forecast the approximate changes in groundwater levels in the shallow aquifer. Groundwater pumping for the 2021-22 runoff year will be contingent on environmental conditions, runoff conditions, and water needs assessed during the year. Given the forecasted dry year (55 percent of normal runoff) and corresponding lower recharge to the Owens Valley groundwater aquifers, LADWP forecasts declining groundwater levels during 2021-22 runoff year.

The range of planned LADWP groundwater pumping by wellfield is included in Table 1.3. Based on the planned groundwater pumping in each wellfield during the 2021-22 runoff year, the forecast changes in average groundwater levels between April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022, in each Owens Valley wellfields and overall in Owens Valley, utilizing selected monitoring wells, are shown in Table 1.7.

**Table 1.7. Forecasted Change in Average Wellfield Groundwater Levels Between April 1, 2021 and April 1, 2022**

Wellfield	Planned 2021-22 Pumping (af)	Select Monitoring Wells	Forecast Change in Average Groundwater Level from April 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022 (ft)*
<b>Laws</b>	8,900 TO 9,400	T107, T436, T438, T490	-3.97 TO -4.13
<b>BigPine</b>	20,500 TO 23,000	T425, T426, T469, T470	-1.65 TO -2.27
<b>Taboose-Aberdeen</b>	5,300 TO 8,880	T417, T419, T421, T502	-0.15 TO -0.70
<b>Thibaut-Sawmill</b>	8,000 TO 11,000	T413, T414, T415, T454	0.11 TO -1.10
<b>Independence-Oak</b>	7,000 TO 8,800	T406, T408, T412, T453	-0.84 TO -1.79
<b>Symmes-Shepherd</b>	1,200 TO 2,900	T402, T403, T440, T511	-0.10 TO -1.14
<b>Bairs-George</b>	800 TO 2,100	T398, T400, T444, V087	+0.11 TO -0.34
<b>Owens Valley</b>	64,600 TO 78,980**	All Above Monitoring Wells	-0.93 TO -1.64

\* Using the forecast Owens Valley runoff and planned pumping

\*\* Including planned pumping in Bishop and Lone Pine

### **1.2.1. Laws Wellfield (Figure 1.3)**

Monitoring sites L1, L2, and L3 are in ON status. Production wells controlled by these monitoring sites have available production capacities of 12,236, 7,240, and 9,195 acre-feet respectively. Wells linked to monitoring site L5 have a capacity of 8,980 acre-feet. Exempt wells within the Laws Wellfield have a capacity of 2,100 acre-feet. The total available pumping capacity in the Laws Wellfield is 39,751 acre-feet. Well 236, associated with monitoring site L2, is used as a backup along with Well 422 as an exempt well irrigation water supply.

LADWP's planned groundwater pumping in the Laws Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year ranges between 8,900 acre-feet and 9,400 acre-feet, contingent on runoff and operation conditions, water needs, and environmental conditions. Groundwater pumping is planned to supply water for Owens Valley demands in the wellfield including the town water system, E/M projects, and irrigated land.

LADWP, in cooperation with Inyo County Water Department conducted a two-month operational test of modified well W385 between December of 2019 and February of 2020. Wells W385 and W386 associated with monitoring site L4 were modified in 2014 by sealing the screened zone within the shallow aquifer. The modification resulted in a reduction of pumping capacity in W385 from 10.2 cfs to 2.8 cfs and in W386 from 6.1 cfs to 2.8 cfs based on initial 24-hour pumping test. The goal of the operational test was to document the effect of well modification and to allow comparison with a similar pumping test conducted in 1993-94 based on the effect on nearby shallow groundwater levels both on the north and south of Owens River. Data collected from the pumping test will also be used update and recalibrate the Bishop-Laws Wellfield groundwater flow model. The model can then be used to simulate longer-term operation of W385 and W386 wells.

During the two-month operational test of W385, groundwater levels were monitored at 29 locations. To ensure that nearby groundwater-dependent resources are not affected by the operational test, six wells were designated as trigger wells and trigger levels were assigned to each well by staff from LADWP, ICWD, and CDFW. During the test groundwater levels in none of the trigger wells approached or reached the preset trigger levels. A total 463 acre-feet of water was pumped by W385 during the test. LADWP released the same amount of water to Five Bridges Area during following runoff year from Bishop Creek Canal. Staffs from LADWP and ICWD prepared a joint report that described the operational test and presented the data collected during the test. The ICWD and LADWP prepared separate data analysis reports. The staff from CDFW is also preparing their independent data analysis report.

LADWP in planning to conduct a similar operational test of W386 in the winter of 2021-22 runoff year. LADWP has prepared and submitted a draft testing plan to ICWD and CDFW for review and installed additional monitoring wells to improve hydrologic monitoring during the proposed operational test. The testing plan for W386 includes a similar monitoring plan to that of W385 operational test. The testing plan should be finalized and approved by the Technical Group before the test can be conducted.

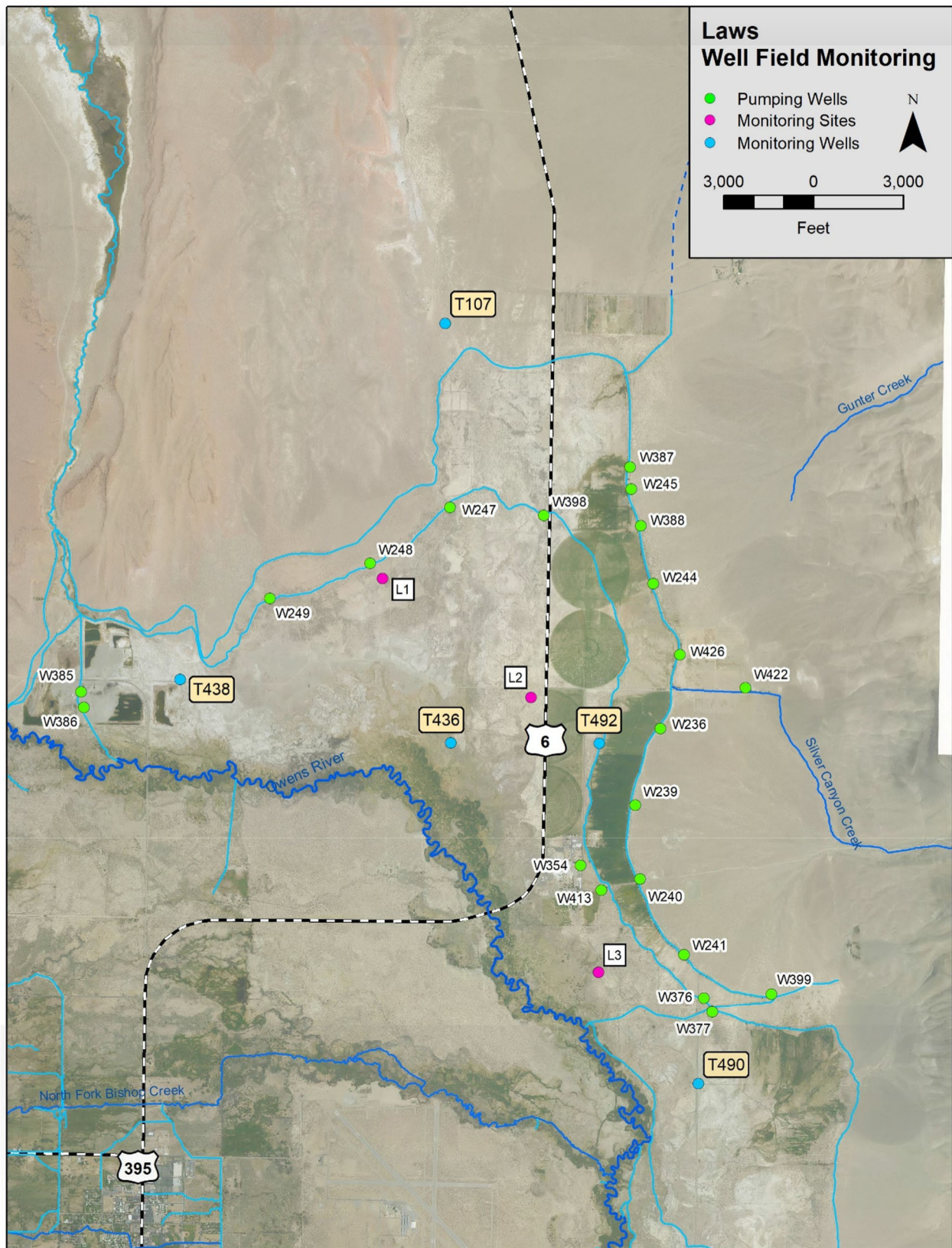
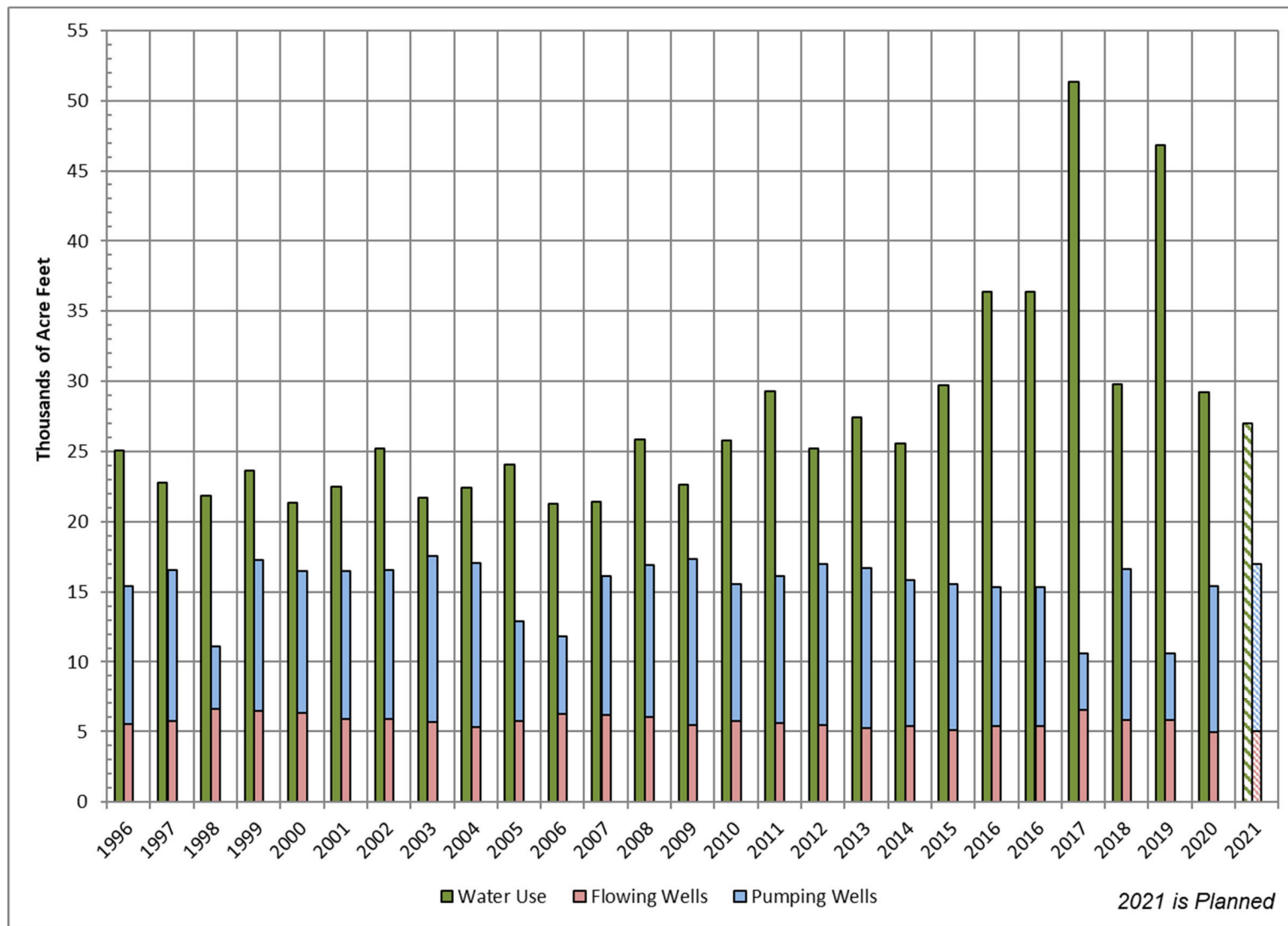


Figure 1.3. Laws Wellfield

### **1.2.2. Bishop Wellfield (Figure 1.5)**

Figure 1.4 illustrates water use on City Lands on Bishop Cone in comparison with groundwater extractions (flowing and pumping wells) for runoff years, 1996 to present.

Pumping in the Bishop Wellfield is governed by the provisions of the Hillside Decree and the Water Agreement, which limit LADWP's annual groundwater extractions (pumping and flowing wells) from the Bishop Cone to an amount commensurate with the total amount of water used on City lands on the Bishop Cone (including conveyance and other losses). Beginning with the 2015-16 Runoff Year the audit water account methods were modified to analyze each areas inflows and outflows to calculate total water use. Under the modified audit protocols, recent total water used on City lands within the Bishop Cone area has been approximately 39,000 acre-feet per year. The total water used during the 2021-22 Runoff Year will be approximately 27,000 acre-feet. The current total available groundwater extraction capacity in the Bishop Wellfield is approximately 19,400 acre-feet. The planned groundwater pumping from the Bishop Wellfield is 12,000 acre-feet for the 2021-22 runoff year, contingent on runoff condition, water needs, and environmental conditions.



\*According to the Hillside Decree, total groundwater extraction cannot be more than water use on City-owned land on the Bishop Cone.

**Figure 1.4. Groundwater Extraction (Flowing & Pumping) and Water Use on City of Los Angeles Land in Bishop Cone**



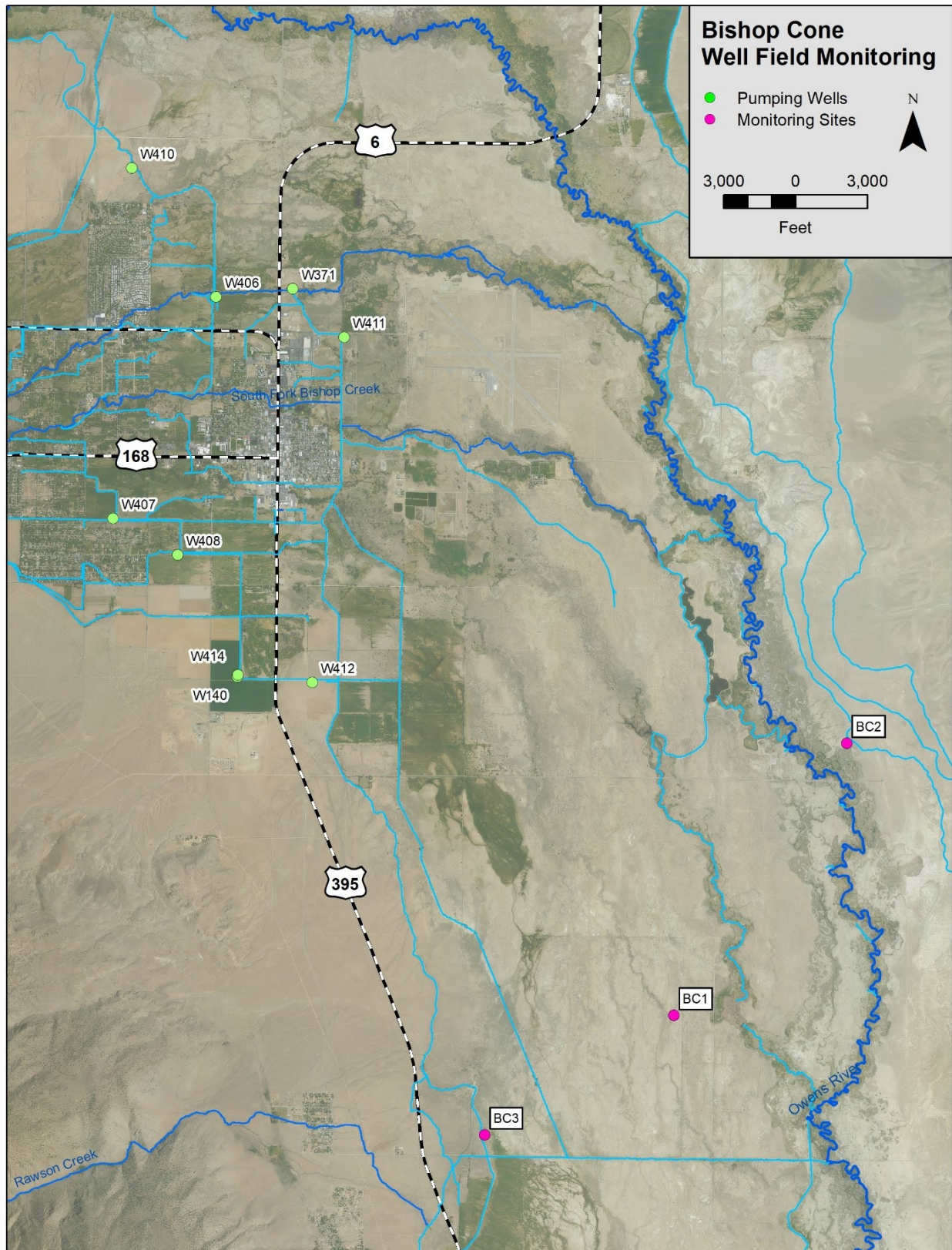


Figure 1.5. Bishop Wellfield



### **1.2.3. Big Pine Wellfield (Figure 1.6)**

Monitoring sites BP1, BP3, and BP4 are in ON status. Production wells controlled by monitoring site BP1 have 10,593 acre-feet pumping capacity, production wells controlled by monitoring site BP3 have 4,851 acre-feet pumping capacity, and production Well 331, controlled by monitoring site BP4, has 7,530 acre-feet pumping capacity. Exempt wells including Well 218, Well 219, town supply wells, and Fish Springs Fish Hatchery wells in the Big Pine Wellfield have a combined 25,750 acre-feet pumping capacity. The total available pumping capacity in the Big Pine Wellfield is 48,724 acre-feet. The total planned pumping in the Big Pine Wellfield for 2021-22 runoff year ranges between 20,500 acre-feet and 23,000 acre-feet, contingent on runoff conditions, water needs, and environmental conditions.

Well W341, located in west Big Pine has been the primary well supplying the town water system. LADWP installed Well W415 in 2002 to replace Well W341 as the primary town water system source and to provide water to the town ditch system. Following the installation of five new monitoring wells in the vicinity of west Big Pine in 2017 and the completion all permitting requirements, LADWP has transferred town water system supply to Well W415 and plans to decommission Well W341 once enough data has been collected to determine Well W415 has sufficient pumping capacity to serve the towns' water supply demand.

A 6-month proposed operational testing W415 has been proposed by ICWD and approved by the Technical Group in order to test the capacity of the well when supplying both the Big Pine water system and the town ditch system. The testing plan includes provision for the protection groundwater-dependent resources, including the Big Pine Paiute Tribe's water supply well.

### **1.2.4. Taboose-Aberdeen Wellfield (Figure 1.7)**

Monitoring sites TA4, TA5, and TA6 in Taboose-Aberdeen Wellfield are in ON status. Production wells controlled by monitoring site TA4 have 19,838 acre-feet pumping capacity, production well W349, controlled by monitoring site TA5 has 12,130 acre-feet pumping capacity, production wells associated with monitoring site TA6 have 5,502 acre-feet pumping capacity, and exempt wells W118 and W355 have an available pumping capacity of 2,620 acre-feet. The total available groundwater pumping capacity in the Taboose-Aberdeen Wellfield is 40,090 acre-feet. The planned groundwater pumping in the Taboose-Aberdeen Wellfield for 2021-22 runoff year ranges between 5,300 acre-feet and 8,880 acre-feet, contingent on runoff conditions, water needs, and environmental conditions.

### **1.2.5. Thibaut-Sawmill Wellfield (Figure 1.8)**

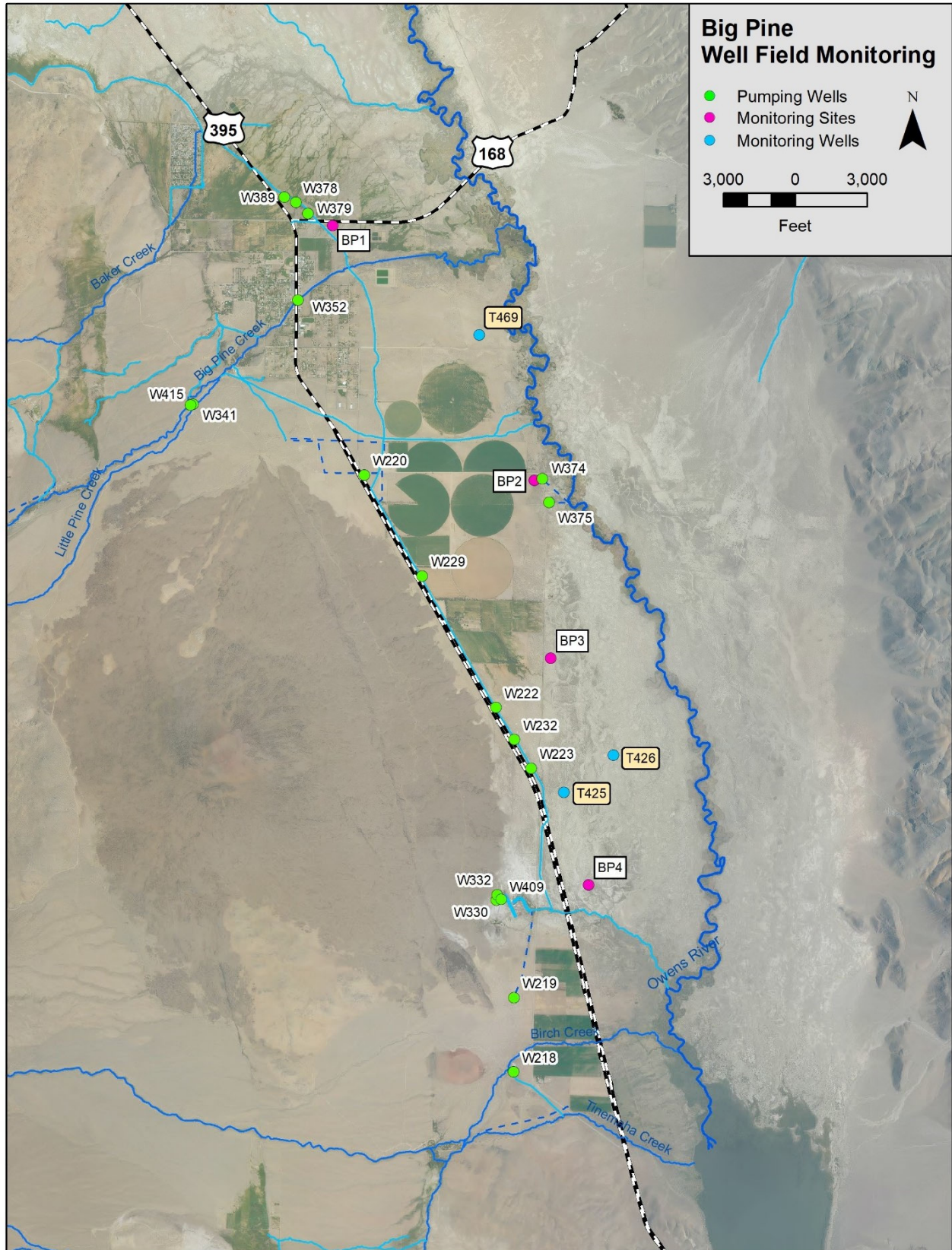
Monitoring sites TS2, TS3, and TS4 in Thibaut-Sawmill Wellfield are in ON status. Production well W155 controlled by vegetation monitoring site TS2 has a pumping capacity of 796 acre-feet. Production wells W103, W104, and W382 controlled by vegetation monitoring site TS3 have 2,968 acre-feet of available pumping capacity, and production wells W380 and W381, controlled by vegetation monitoring site TS4 have 4,561 acre-feet pumping capacity. Exempt Blackrock Fish Hatchery supply wells W351 and W356 are limited to pump 8,000 acre-feet per year combined based on the

resolution of a dispute between Inyo County and LADWP regarding the conditions of the vegetation parcel BLK94. The total available pumping capacity in the Thibaut Sawmill Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year is 16,325 acre-feet. Total planned pumping in the Thibaut Sawmill Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year ranges between 8,000 acre-feet and 11,000 acre-feet subject to hatchery demands, runoff conditions, water supply needs, and environmental conditions.

#### **1.2.6. Independence-Oak Wellfield (Figure 1.8)**

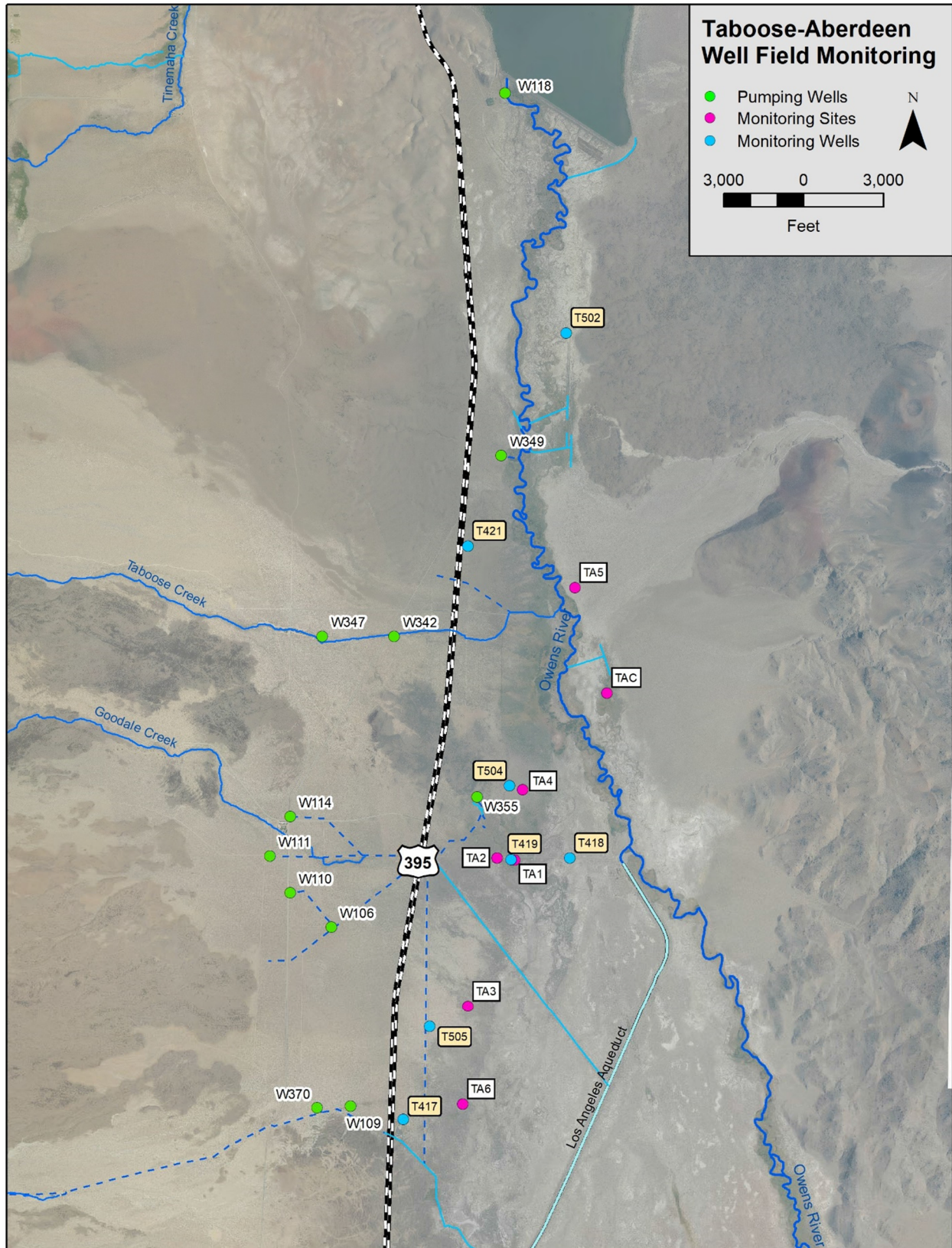
Both monitoring sites in the Independence-Oak Wellfield are in OFF status. Exempt wells in the Independence-Oak Wellfield have a combined capacity of 15,710 acre-feet. The total available pumping capacity from the Independence-Oak Wellfield is 17,710 acre-feet. The planned groundwater pumping in the Independence-Oak Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year ranges between 7,000 acre-feet and 8,800 acre-feet, subject to runoff conditions and irrigation, town water system, and E/M projects water demand.

Production wells W061 in Independence Wellfield is associated with the vegetation monitoring site IO3 but is exempt from ON/OFF provisions of the Green Book during the irrigation season as the sole source for an alfalfa field. However, well W061 has been inoperable for the last few years and LADWP is in the process of replacing W061 with a new well. The new well is W427 and LADWP expects to complete equipping the well this summer.



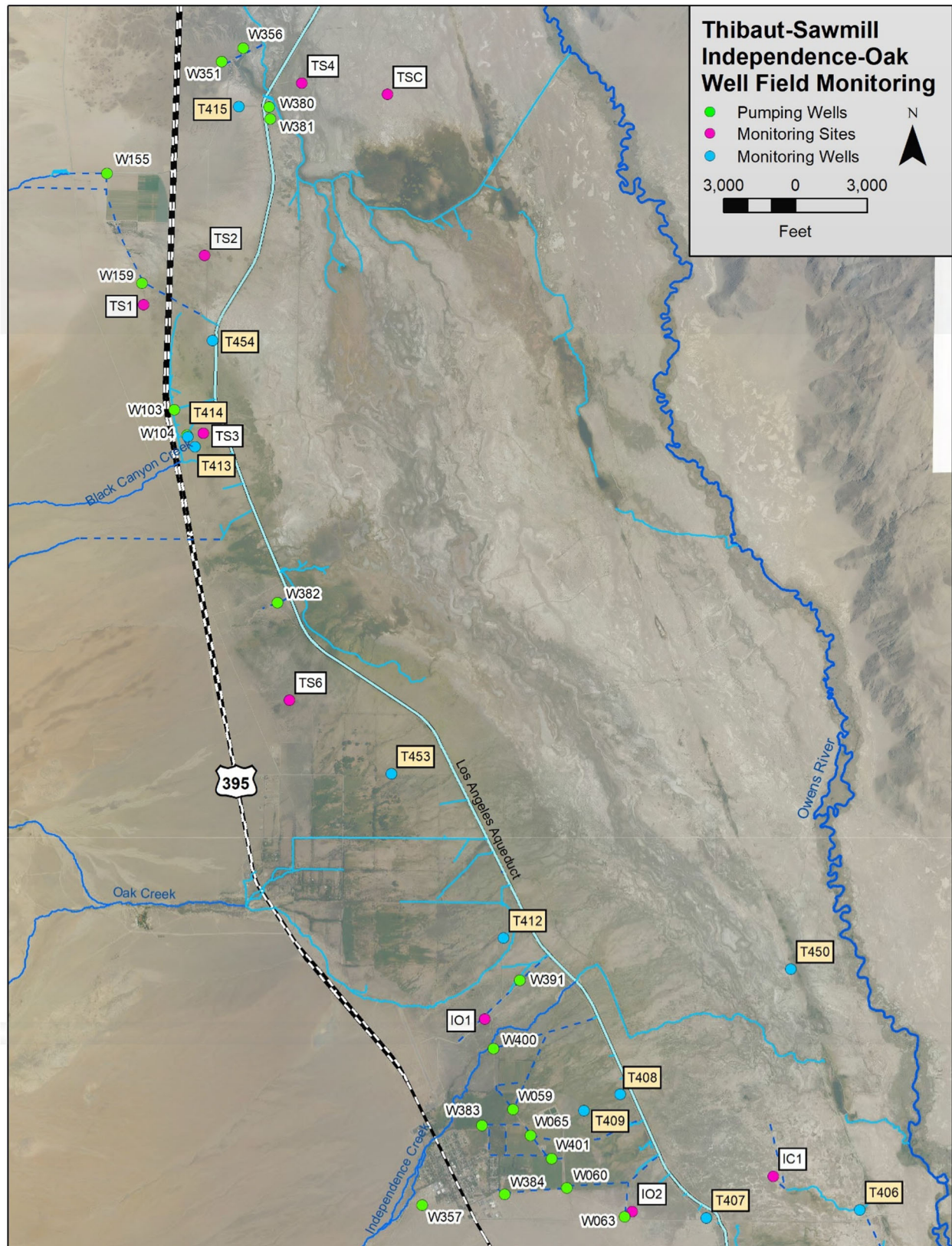
**Figure 1.6. Big Pine Wellfield**





**Figure 1.7. Taboose-Aberdeen Wellfield**





### **1.2.7. Symmes-Shepherd Wellfield (Figure 1.9)**

The vegetation monitoring site SS3 in the Symmes-Shepherd Wellfield has turned to ON status in April 2021. Production wells associated with vegetation monitoring site SS3 have a pumping capacity of 5,647 acre-feet. Exempt Well 402 has a capacity of about 1,200 acre-feet. Total available pumping capacity in the Symmes-Shepherd Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year is approximately 6,847 acre-feet. The planned pumping in the Symmes-Shepherd Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year range between 1,200 acre-feet and 2,900 acre-feet, contingent on runoff conditions, E/M project water needs, and environmental conditions. LADWP has had difficulty operating well W402 in recent years, specifically during the peak of summer, when water demand for irrigation is the highest. As a result, LADWP installed a new well to replace W402 last summer to meet water demand by the lessee for irrigation. The replacement well is planned to be equipped in the coming runoff year.

### **1.2.8. Bairs-Georges Wellfield (Figure 1.9)**

Vegetation monitoring site BG2 is in ON status. The wells controlled by this monitoring site have a combined 2,880 acre-feet pumping capacity. Well W343 is exempt for pumping approximately 500 acre-feet (based upon a six month exemption period in dry years). The current total available pumping capacity in the Bairs Georges Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year is approximately 2,820 acre-feet. Planned groundwater pumping in the Bairs Georges Wellfield for the 2021-22 runoff year ranges between 800 and 2,100 acre-feet, contingent on runoff conditions, water needs, and environmental conditions.

LADWP has submitted a draft pre-construction evaluation report to ICWD for the replacement for well W076, which has been out of operation in past years due to alignment issues. Based on the geology of the area and the lack of productivity of the deeper aquifer, LADWP plans to replace well W076 with a nearly in-kind well. The replacement well will meet California well drilling standards including 50 feet of sanitary seal. The pumping capacity of the replacement well will be determined following construction of the well and conducting a 24-hour pumping test. Operation of the replacement well will be subject to the ON/OFF procedure of the Green Book.

### **1.2.9. Lone Pine Wellfield (Figure 1.10)**

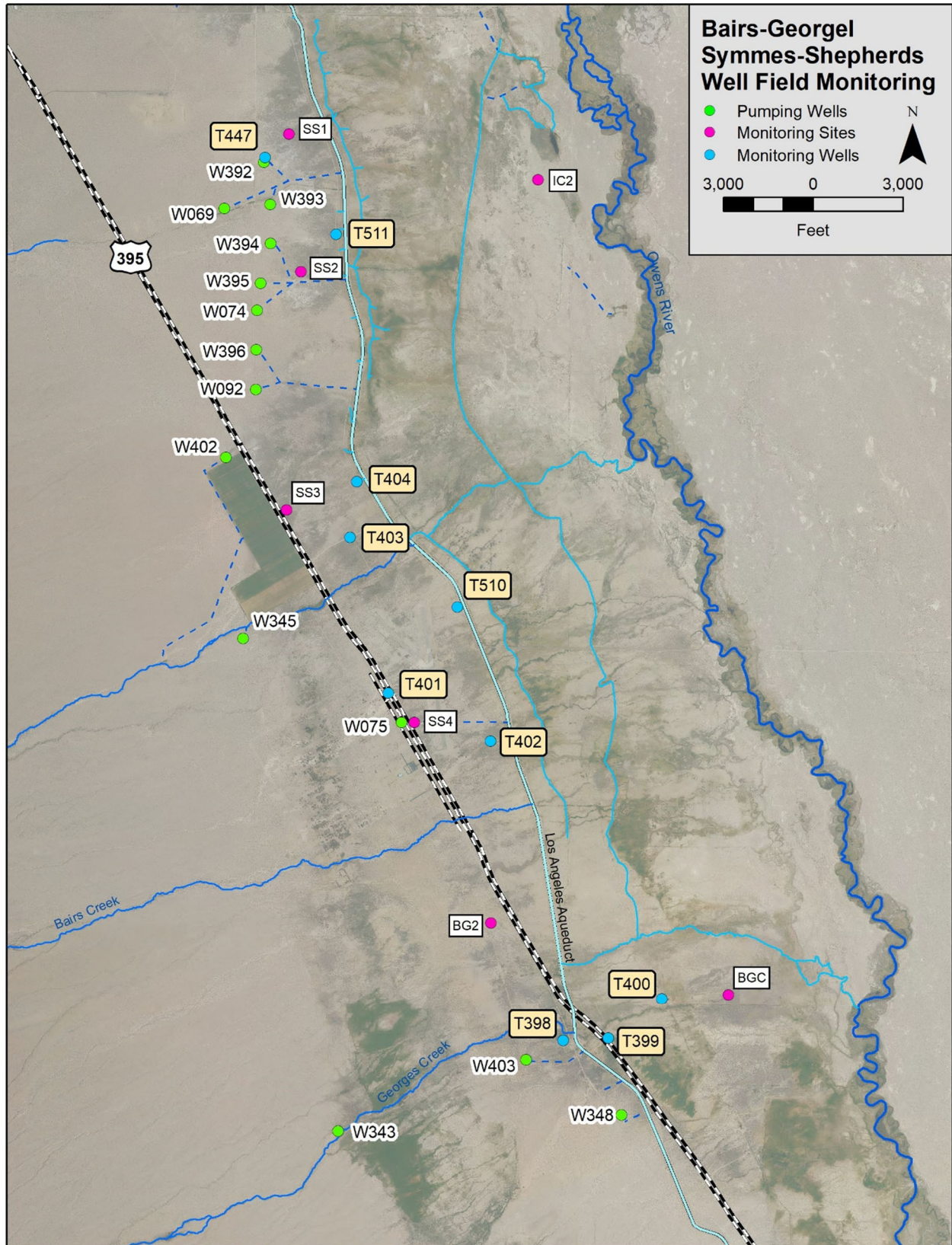
Lone Pine exempt wells are town supply wells W344 and W346, and E/M project supply Well W425. These three wells have an annual available pumping capacity of approximately 900 acre-feet.

The planned groundwater pumping from the Lone Pine Wellfield during the 2021-22 runoff year is approximately 900 acre-feet, contingent on runoff conditions, water supply needs, and environmental conditions.

Well W416 is a production well in the Lone Pine Wellfield, drilled in 2002. An operational pumping test was conducted on Well W416 during the 2009 runoff year. This well was

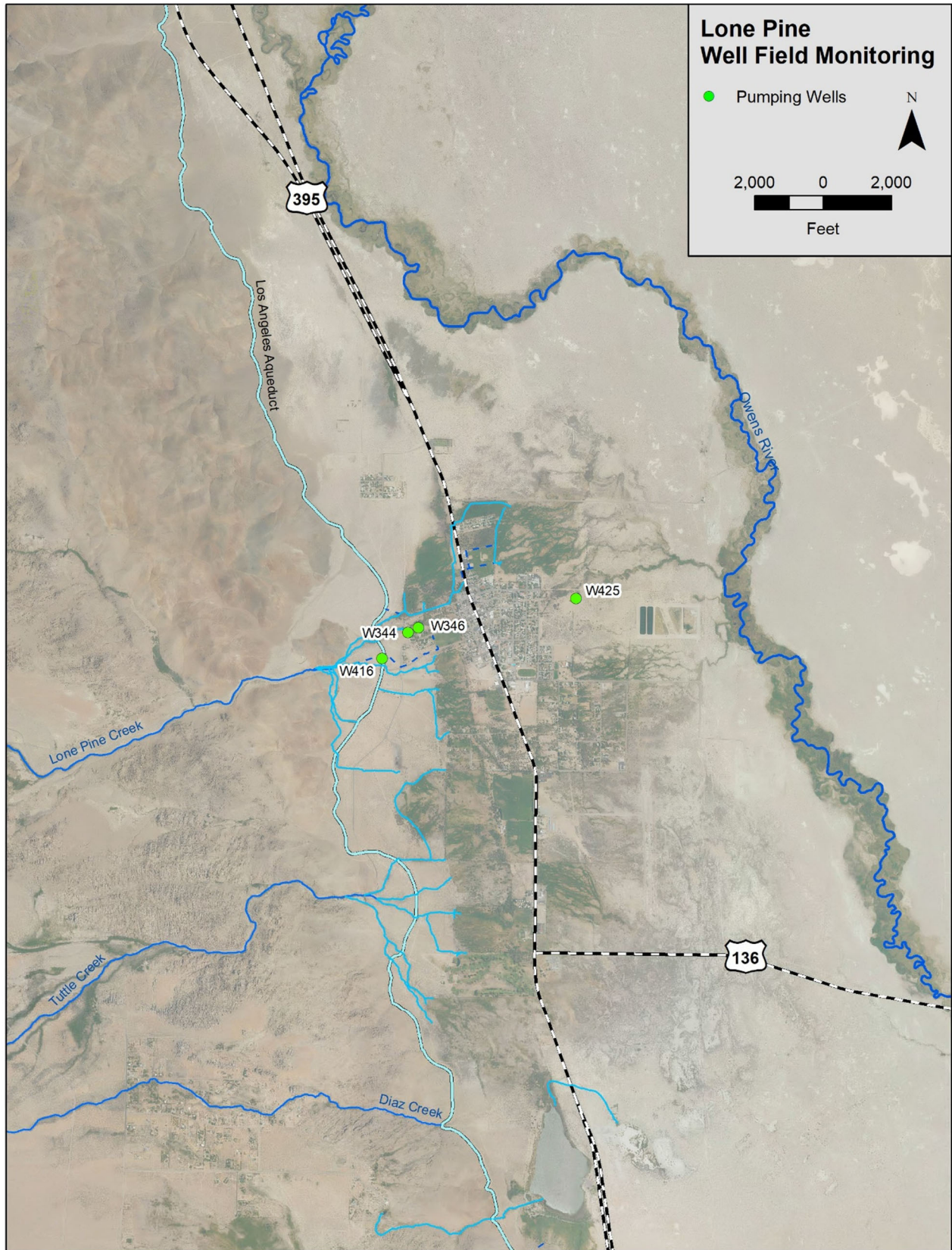
modified in 2014 to seal the screen portion of the well within the shallow aquifer. LADWP is planning to equip and conduct the initial operation of this well. If initial operation is performed during 2021-22 runoff year, it will be in addition to the currently planned pumping from Lone Pine Wellfield. LADWP has requested the Technical Group to designate a vegetation monitoring site for this well.





**Figure 1.9. Symmes-Sheperds and Bairs-Georges Wellfields**





**Figure 1.10. Lone Pine Wellfield**

### 1.3. Owens Valley Uses (Including Enhancement/Mitigation Projects)

Table 1.7 shows the historic (1981-82) uses and the planned monthly uses on Los Angeles City owned lands within the Owens Valley for 2021-22. The in valley uses shown on Table 1.7 consist of irrigation, stockwater, recreation and wildlife projects, E/M projects supply, Lower Owens River Project (LORP) usage, and 1600 Acre-feet Projects. As shown in Table 1.7 and Figure 1.11, LADWP plans to provide approximately 85,380 acre-feet for in valley uses on City-owned lands this runoff year.

Releases to the LORP from the LAA Intake facility began on December 6, 2006. An average flow of over 40 cubic feet per second (cfs) is now maintained throughout the entire 62 mile stretch of the Lower Owens River, south of the Intake structure. When needed, the releases at the Intake are augmented through additional releases at the Independence, Blackrock, Georges, Locust, and Alabama Spill Gates to maintain required flows in the river channel. Table 1.7 shows projected 2021-22 water use by the LORP on a monthly basis, totaling 17,500 acre-feet. Total LORP uses include the Lower Owens River, Owens Lake Delta, Blackrock Waterfowl Management Area, and project associated losses.

The Water Agreement provides that "... enhancement/mitigation projects shall continue to be supplied by enhancement/mitigation wells as necessary." Due to the monitoring sites controlling some of the production wells supplying E/M projects being in OFF status, the amount of water supplied to E/M projects has often exceeded the amount of water provided by E/M project supply wells. In the past, LADWP chose to supply certain E/M projects from surface water sources. Future E/M allotments may be influenced by the availability of E/M wells and operational demands. Table 1.8 shows the planned water supply to E/M projects and the forecast imbalance between the E/M project water use and the E/M project groundwater supply through the end of the 2021-22 runoff year. E/M project water demands during the 2021-22 runoff year are expected to be approximately 1,400 acre-feet greater than E/M groundwater pumping. The cumulative E/M water supply shortfall at the end of the 2021-22 runoff year will be approximately 204,000 acre-feet.

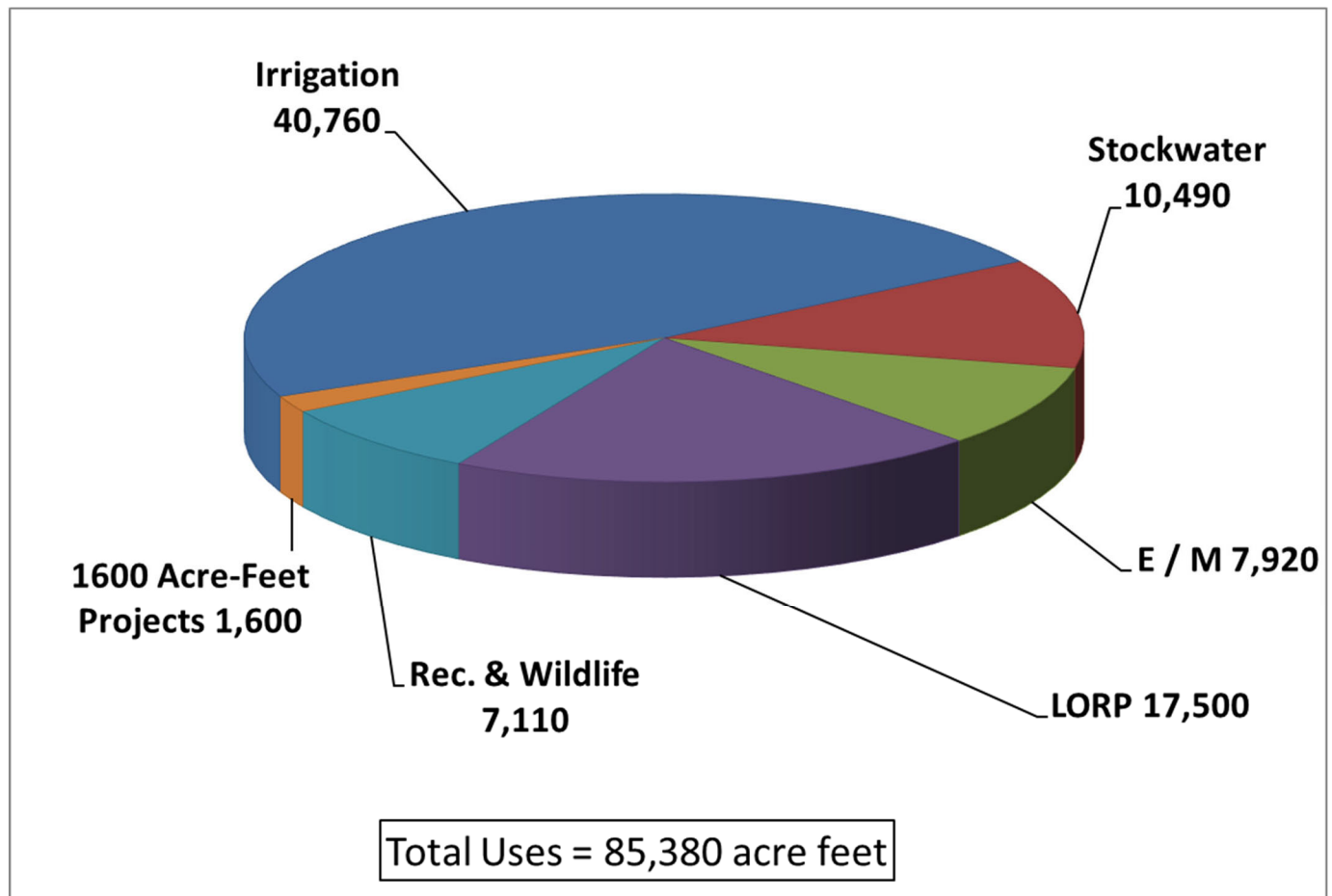
The Technical Group is currently evaluating the water supply issues associated with the E/M projects and will provide its findings to the Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee. It is expected that the Standing Committee will be requested to take appropriate action necessary to ensure water supplied to E/M projects is in conformance with the provisions of the Water Agreement.

**Table 1.8. Water Uses on City of Los Angeles Owned Lands in Owens Valley – Actual Use in 1981-82 and Planned Use in 2021-22 Runoff Year (acre-feet)**

Use	April		May		June		July		August		September		TOTAL Apr-Sep	
	1981	2021	1981	2021	1981	2021	1981	2021	1981	2021	1981	2021	1981	2021
Irrigation	3,980	5,100	7,958	7,060	10,373	8,670	9,476	8,330	8,295	7,350	6,321	3,910	46,403	40,420
Stockwater	1,141	880	1,319	960	1,244	940	1,245	1,010	1,219	860	1,319	780	7,487	5,430
E / M	0	1,090	0	1,210	0	1,290	0	1,260	0	1,100	0	990	0	6,940
LORP	0	830	0	1,300	0	2,520	0	3,240	0	3,440	0	2,650	0	13,980
Rec. & Wildlife	379	490	804	680	1,160	820	1,455	890	1,381	630	1,406	680	6,585	4,190
1600 ACFT Proj.	0	80	0	90	0	80	0	120	0	70	0	70	0	510
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>10,081</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>12,777</b>	<b>14,320</b>	<b>12,176</b>	<b>14,850</b>	<b>10,895</b>	<b>13,450</b>	<b>9,046</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>60,475</b>	<b>71,470</b>

Use	October		November		December		January		February		March		TOTAL Oct-Mar		TOTAL Apr-Mar	
	1981	2021	1981	2021	1981	2021	1982	2022	1982	2022	1982	2022	81-82	21-22	81-82	21-22
Irrigation	263	160	0	30	0	50	0	0	0	0	14	100	277	340	46,680	40,760
Stockwater	1,065	940	1,045	960	1,050	880	1,007	770	1,010	670	1,098	840	6,275	5,060	13,762	10,490
E / M	0	370	0	210	0	160	0	170	0	40	0	30	0	980	0	7,920
LORP	0	1,250	0	1,020	0	460	0	380	0	310	0	100	0	3,520	0	17,500
Rec. & Wildlife	781	970	713	570	565	550	478	290	342	270	447	270	3,326	2,920	9,911	7,110
1600 ACFT Proj.	0	70	0	140	0	220	0	230	0	230	0	200	0	1,090	0	1,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>9,878</b>	<b>13,910</b>	<b>70,353</b>	<b>85,380</b>



**Figure 1.11. Distribution of Planned Owens Valley Water Use on City Owned Lands for 2021-22 Runoff Year**

**Table 1.9. Owens Valley Groundwater Pumping and E/M Water Use  
(1992-93 through 2021-22 Runoff Year (acre-feet))**

Runoff Year	Owens Valley Runoff (1)	Total Pumping	Non-E/M Pumping	E/M Pumping	E/M Water Uses	E/M Pumping & Use Imbalance	Cumulative E/M Pumping & Use Imbalance
1992-93	62%	84,453	70,688	13,765	18,357	-4,592	-9,319
1993-94	107%	76,329	67,338	8,991	19,310	-10,319	-19,638
1994-95	67%	89,219	78,209	11,010	20,812	-9,802	-29,440
1995-96	155%	69,752	57,180	12,572	22,943	-10,342	-39,782
1996-97	136%	74,904	57,981	16,923	23,949	-7,026	-46,808
1997-98	126%	66,914	52,760	14,154	21,608	-7,346	-54,154
1998-99	151%	51,574	47,353	4,221	19,672	(3)	-54,154
1999-00	90%	63,675	59,342	4,333	24,452	-20,117	-74,271
2000-01	85%	67,795	61,456	6,339	20,782	-14,272	-88,543
2001-02	84%	73,349	70,055	3,294	21,815	-18,521	-107,064
2002-03	68%	81,979	76,059	5,920	21,394	-15,474	-122,538
2003-04	82%	87,732	80,734	6,998	21,116	-14,118	-136,656
2004-05	78%	85,820	78,110	7,710	18,918	-10,617	-147,273
2005-06	138%	56,766	51,695	5,071	20,032	-14,285	-161,558
2006-07	148%	58,621	53,925	4,696	17,357	(3)	-161,558
2007-08	61%	60,338	53,413	6,925	11,565	-4,640	-166,198
2008-09	75%	68,971	61,053	7,918	10,646	-2,728	-168,926
2009-10	78%	64,138	57,946	6,192	10,697	-4,505	-173,431
2010-11	104%	78,248	71,233	7,015	10,407	-3,392	-176,823
2011-12	142%	91,699	84,365	7,334	11,462	-4,128	-180,951
2012-13	58%	88,689	83,034	5,655	9,257	-3,602	-184,553
2013-14	55%	78,809	73,678	5,131	8,222	-3,091	-187,644
2014-15	53%	66,625	60,735	5,890	9,510	-3,620	-191,264
2015-16	48%	70,344	65,220	5,124	8,413	-3,289	-194,553
2016-17	82%	76,000	70,730	5,270	11,500	-6,230	-197,494
2017-18	201%	47,511	44,571	2,940	11,525	(3)	-197,494
2018-19	97%	84,774	77,824	6,950	11,545	-4,595	-202,089
2019-20	154%	53,453	49,832	3,621	9,238	(3)	-202,089
2020-21	75%	72,874	64,094	8,780	9,236	-456	-202,545
2021-22	55%	(2)		6,500	7,920	-1,420	-203,965

(1) Based on 1966-2015 average. Includes some runoff contribution to the Laws Wellfield from the White Mountains.

(2) Planned pumping range is 64,600 -78,980 acre-feet

(3) surface water was available



## 1.4. Aqueduct Operations

Table 1.10 shows planned LAA reservoir storage levels and monthly deliveries to Los Angeles. Based on this plan, approximately 106,800 acre-feet will be exported from Eastern Sierra during the 2021-22 runoff year. None of this export will be from the Owens Valley water supply, as projected water demands and water losses in the Owens Valley are greater than the amount of available water supply coming from the Owens Valley. Figure 1.12 shows historical Owens Valley water supply (made up of flowing groundwater, runoff, and pumping) alongside the amount of this water exported to Los Angeles.

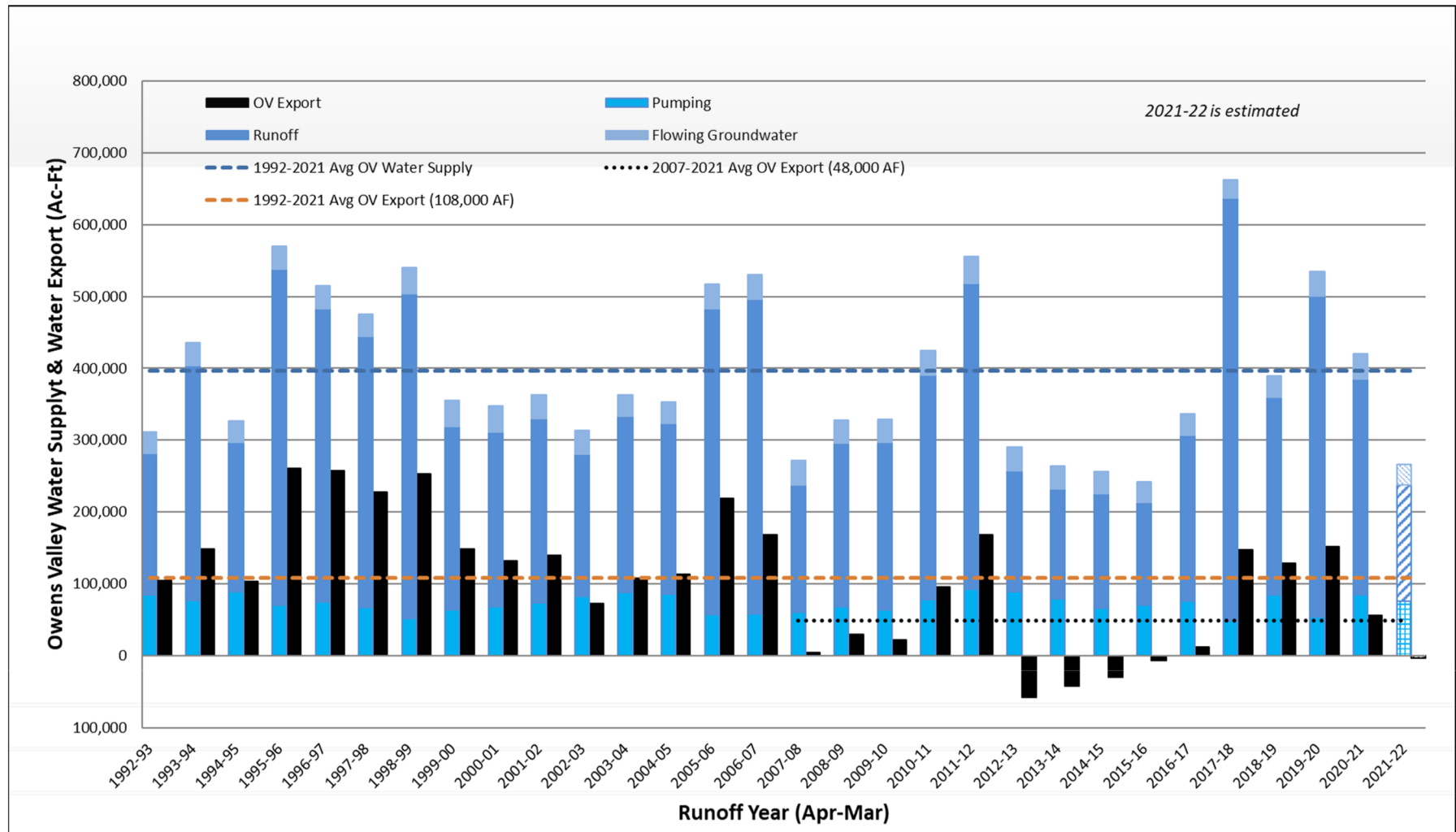
Prior to the building of the second Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1971, 38% of Owens Valley Water Supply was exported to Los Angeles on an annual basis. The Inyo/LA Water Agreement EIR projected 44% of Owens Valley Water Supply being exported to Los Angeles annually. However, since implementation of the Inyo/LA Water Agreement 25% of the Owens Valley water supply has been exported to Los Angeles.

In the 2020-21 runoff year, 56,000 acre-feet was exported from the Owens Valley water supply to Los Angeles, which amounted to 17% of the overall Owens Valley water supply, with the remaining 83% of the supply being used locally in the Owens Valley.

For runoff year 2021-22, all of the Owens Valley water supply will be used locally and, in addition, it will be required to import 4,000 acre-feet of water into Owens Valley from the Mono Basin and Long Valley to supplement the projected Owens Valley water supply in order to meet water demands within the Owens Valley.

**Table 1.10. Planned Los Angeles Aqueduct Operations for 2021-22 Runoff Year**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Owens Valley-Bouquet Reservoir Storage 1<sup>st</sup> of month Storage (acre-feet)</b>	<b>Exports from Eastern Sierra (acre-feet)</b>
April, 2021	199,000	5,500
May	203,000	6,600
June	191,000	8,300
July	179,000	10,100
August	167,000	11,700
September	152,000	7,100
October	133,000	3,700
November	139,000	7,700
December	151,000	12,000
January, 2022	160,000	11,400
February	169,000	11,800
March	180,000	10,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-19,000</b>	<b>106,800</b>



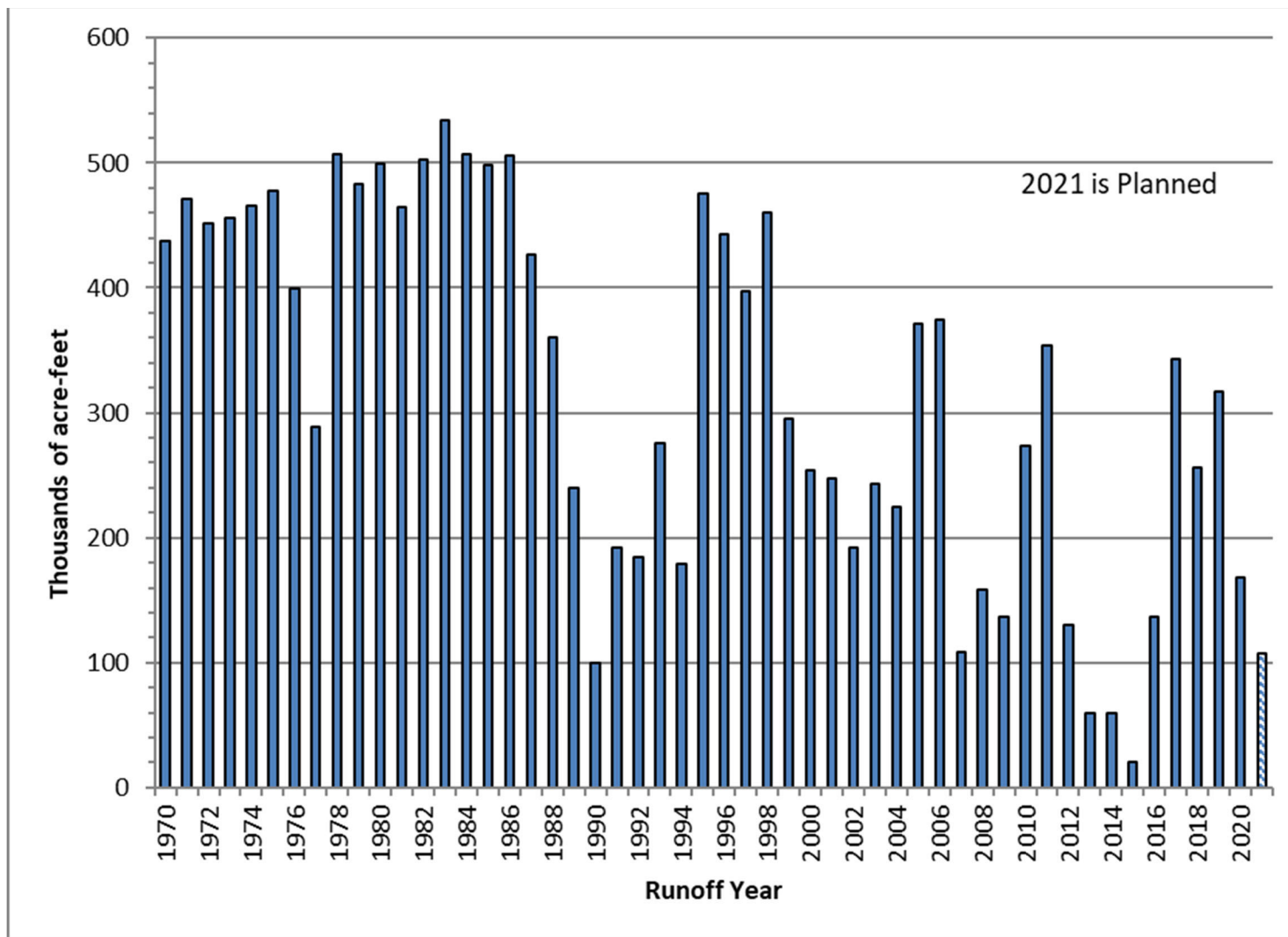
Note: The blue bar made up of Runoff, Flowing Groundwater, and Pumping is the Owens Valley water supply. The black bar is the amount of the Owens Valley water supply exported to Los Angeles. The black bar is below 0 during certain runoff years because the Owens Valley uses exceeded the supply and imported water was used to meet the water demands.

**Figure 1.12 Owens Valley Supply and Export**



## **1.5. Water Exports to Los Angeles**

Figure 1.13 provides a record of water exports from the Eastern Sierra to Los Angeles since 1970. Figure 1.14 shows the LAA contribution to the City water supply relative to other sources and the total annual water supplied to Los Angeles since 1970. LADWP estimates that Los Angeles will require about 495,000 feet of water during the 2021-22 runoff year. It is anticipated that water from the Owens Valley will contribute nothing to the 2021-22 supply for Los Angeles, while the rest of the Eastern Sierra (Mono Basin and Long Valley) will make up about 19% of the 2021-22 supply. Water purchases from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will provide about 62% of the City's supply, groundwater from Los Angeles area aquifers will provide about 17%, and recycled water will supply about 2% of the City's water needs.



**Figure 1.13. Water Export from Eastern Sierra to Los Angeles**

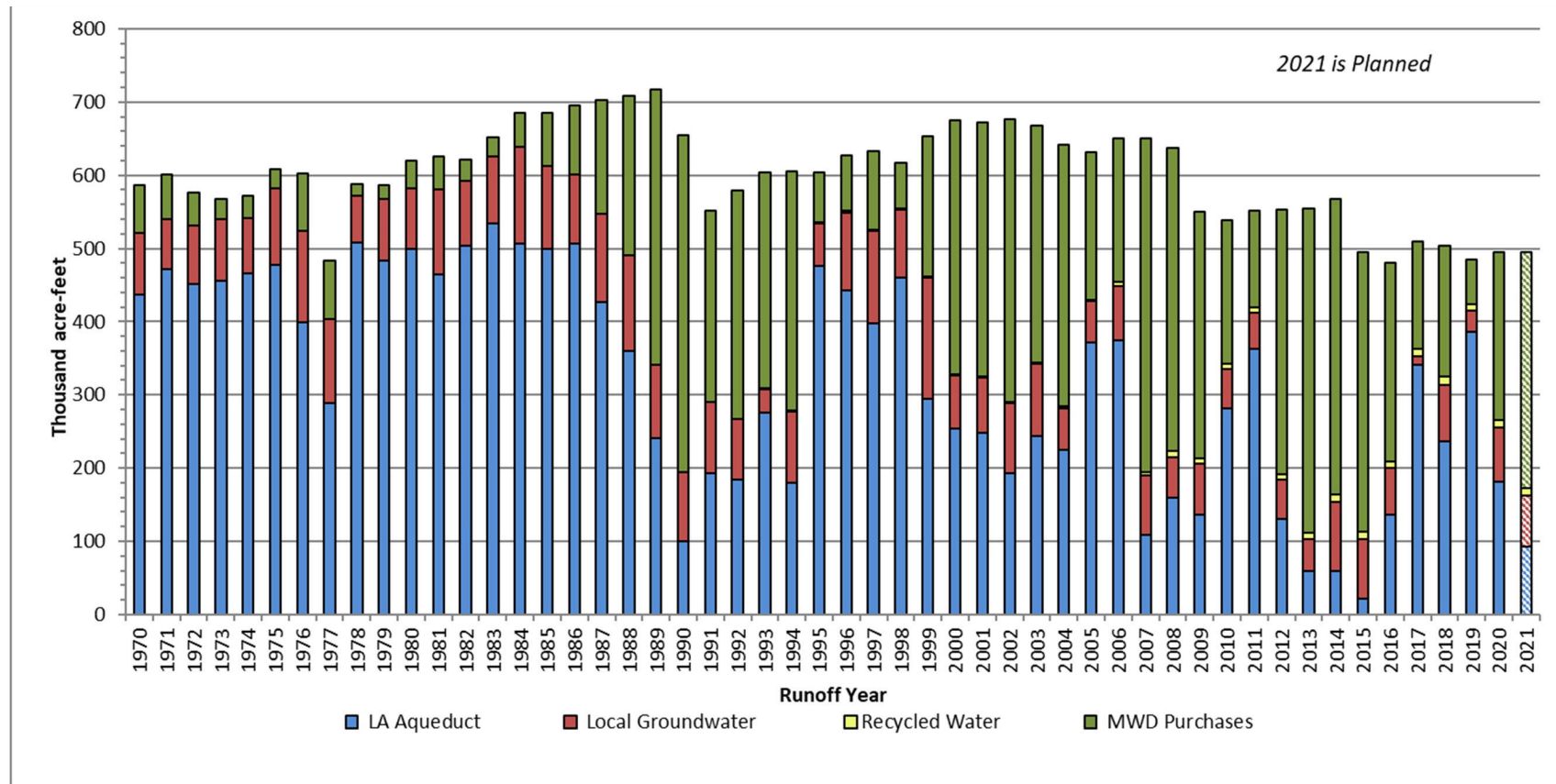


Figure 1.14. Sources of Water for the City of Los Angeles

## **CONDITIONS IN THE OWENS VALLEY**

## 2.0 CONDITIONS IN THE OWENS VALLEY

As of April 1, 2021, the Eastern Sierra overall snowpack was measured at 46% of normal (Table 2.5). Owens River Basin runoff during the 2021-22 runoff year is forecast to be 226,800 acre-feet or approximately 55% of normal (Section 1, Table 1.1). Owens Valley floor precipitation during the 2020-21 runoff year was about 42% of average (Table 2.6). Overall, vegetation cover in the Owens Valley is comparable to mid-1980s baseline conditions. A graphical summary of Owens Valley conditions is provided in Figure 2.1. The average wellfield and overall Owens Valley groundwater levels are generally stable in most areas of the valley, based on depth to water in selected monitoring wells in each of LADWP's nine wellfields, as shown in figures and tables presented in section 2.2 through 2.11 of this report.

### 2.1. Well ON/OFF Status

The Water Agreement includes the vegetation protection provisions of linking pumping wells to specific monitoring sites. If the available soil moisture measured at a vegetation monitoring site is not sufficient to meet the estimated demands of the vegetation associated with that monitoring site, the wells linked to that site are designated as being in the OFF status and may not be operated. The wells linked to a monitoring site may be operated if the available soil water is determined to be sufficient to have met the estimated water requirements of the vegetation at the time that the associated wells were designated as being in the OFF status. The Green Book includes the complete well ON/OFF procedures. Table 2.1 provides a listing of Owens Valley monitoring site ON/OFF status as of April 2021, the monitoring wells associated with each monitoring site, and the linked pumping wells.

Some pumping wells in Owens Valley are designated as being exempt from linkage to vegetation monitoring sites and the ON/OFF provisions of the Water Agreement because these wells are in areas that cannot cause significant adverse impacts to the vegetation or because these wells have been determined by Inyo County and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to be a necessary source of water. A list of exempt wells and the reasons for exemption are included in Section 1, Table 1.5.

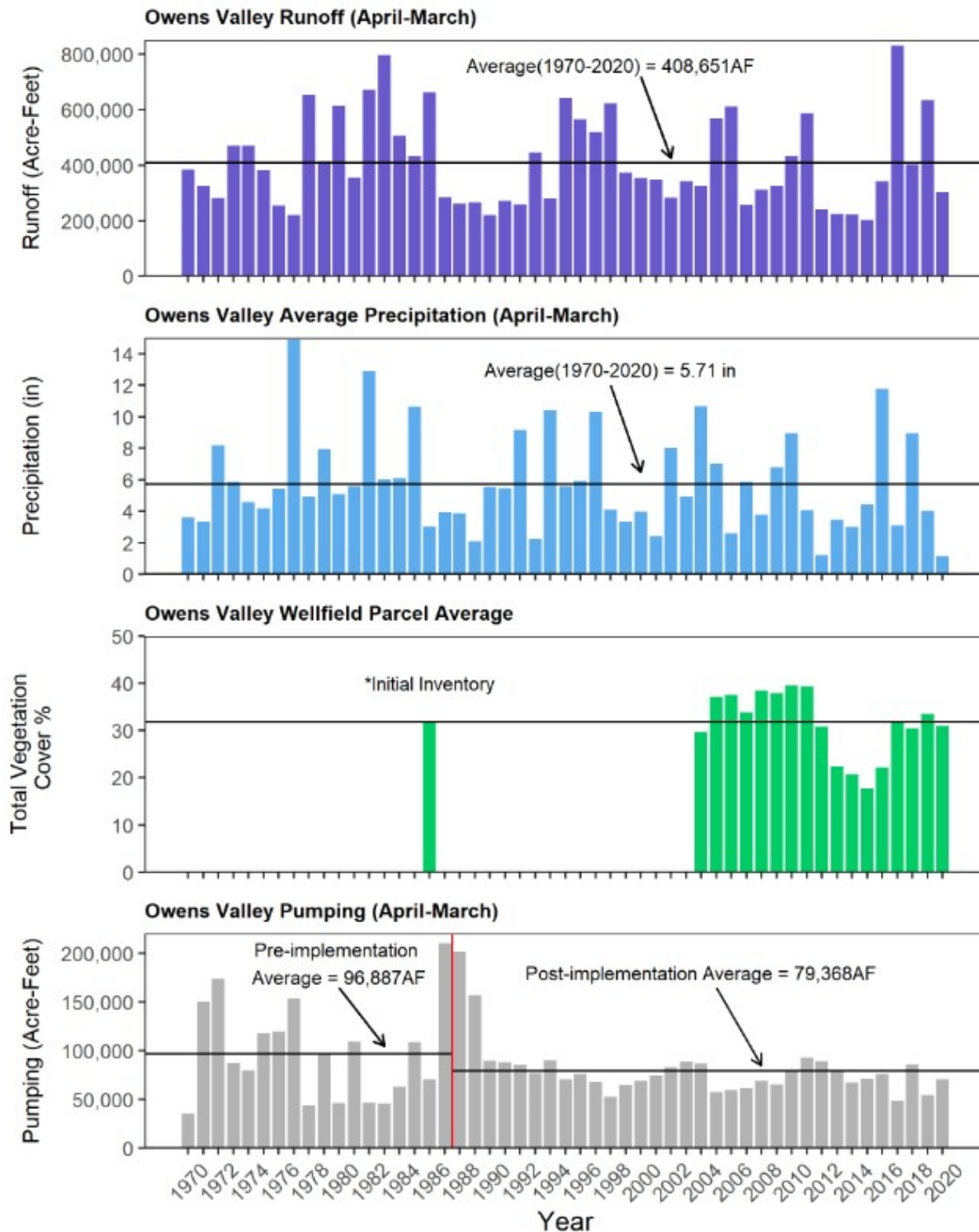


Figure 2.1. Summary of Owens Valley Conditions

**Table 2.1. Owens Valley Monitoring Site Status (ON/OFF) as of April 2021**

Wellfield	Monitoring Site	Monitoring Well	Pumping Wells	E/M Wells	ON/OFF Status
Laws	L1	795T	247, 248, 249, 398		ON
	L2	USGS 1	236*, 239, 243, 244		ON
	L3		240, 241, 242	376, 377	ON
	L4a, L4b			385, 386	na
	L5**		245	387, 388	na
	Exempt		236*, 354, 422, 413		Exempt
Bishop	All wells		140, 411, 410, 371		na
			406, 407, 408, 412		na
Big Pine	BP1	798T	210, 352	378, 379, 389	ON
	BP2	799T	220, 229, 374		OFF
	BP3	567T	222, 223, 231, 232		ON
	BP4	800T	331		ON
	Exempt		218, 219, 330, 332, 341, 352, 375, 415		Exempt
Taboose-Aberdeen	TA3	505T	106, 110, 111, 114		OFF
	TA4	586T	342, 347		ON
	TA5	801T	349		ON
	TA6	803T	109, 370		ON
	Exempt		118		Exempt
Thibaut-Sawmill	TS1	807T	159	382 380, 381	OFF
	TS2	T806	155		ON
	TS3	454T	103, 104		ON
	TS4	804T			ON
	Exempt		351, 356		Exempt
Independence-Oak	IO1	809T	391, 400		OFF
	IO2	548T	63		OFF
	Exempt		59, 60, 61, 65, 401, 357, 384*		Exempt
				383, 384	
Symmes-Shepherd	SS1	USGS 9G	69, 392, 393		OFF
	SS2	646T	74, 394, 395		OFF
	SS3	561T	92, 396		ON
	SS4	811T	75, 345		OFF
	Exempt				Exempt
				402	
Bairs-Georges	BG2	812T	76, 343*, 348, 403		ON
	Exempt		343*		na
Lone Pine	Exempt		344, 346	425	Exempt
	Other		416		na

\*dual use

\*\* Monitoring site has not yet been located.

## 2.2. Groundwater Level Fluctuations

One of the main indicators of the sustainability of a groundwater basin is the changes in groundwater levels.

LADWP hydrographers monitor groundwater levels in over 800 monitoring wells throughout the Owens Valley on a regular basis, which allows evaluation of groundwater levels since early 1970s when LADWP began to utilize groundwater resources on a more consistent basis. This section presents hydrographs of the average groundwater levels in each wellfield and overall in the Owens Valley. Groundwater levels in select monitoring wells were used to calculate the average groundwater level for the wellfield. Four monitoring wells were selected per wellfield, listed in Table 2.2 using the following criteria: 1) be representative of the shallow aquifer that support vegetation, 2) be located in a spatial distribution throughout the wellfield, and 3) have groundwater level measurements back to early 1970s.

**Table 2.2. Selected Monitoring Wells in Each Wellfield Used for Hydrographs**

<b>Wellfield</b>	<b>Monitoring Wells</b>
<b>Laws</b>	<i>T107, T436, T438, T490</i>
<b>Bishop</b>	<i>T389, T390, T485, T501</i>
<b>Big Pine</b>	<i>T425, T426, T469, T470</i>
<b>Taboose-Aberdeen</b>	<i>T417, T419, T421, T502</i>
<b>Thibaut-Sawmill</b>	<i>T413, T414, T415, T454</i>
<b>Independence-Oak</b>	<i>T406, T408, T412, T453</i>
<b>Symmes-Shepherd</b>	<i>T402, T403, T440, T511</i>
<b>Bairs-George</b>	<i>T398, T400, T444, V087</i>
<b>Lone-Pine</b>	<i>T446, V015N, V172, V256</i>

A summary of the data analyzed is presented in Table 2.3 showing average wellfield pumping, Owens River Basin runoff, and DTW, for the 1991 through 2020 runoff years. The table also shows the correlation coefficient of the average wellfield DTW with both runoff and pumping. The correlation coefficient (*r* value) represents the statistical relationship between two variables and can vary between 0.0 and 1.0 for positively related variables and between -1.0 and 0.0 for negatively related variables. The closer the correlation coefficient is to 1.0 or -1.0, the stronger relationship between the two variables. The last row of the table shows the same information for the entire Owens Valley based the data from all of the monitoring wells in Table 2.2.



**Table 2.3. Average Pumping and Runoff and Correlation Coefficients of Average Groundwater Level with Runoff and Pumping**

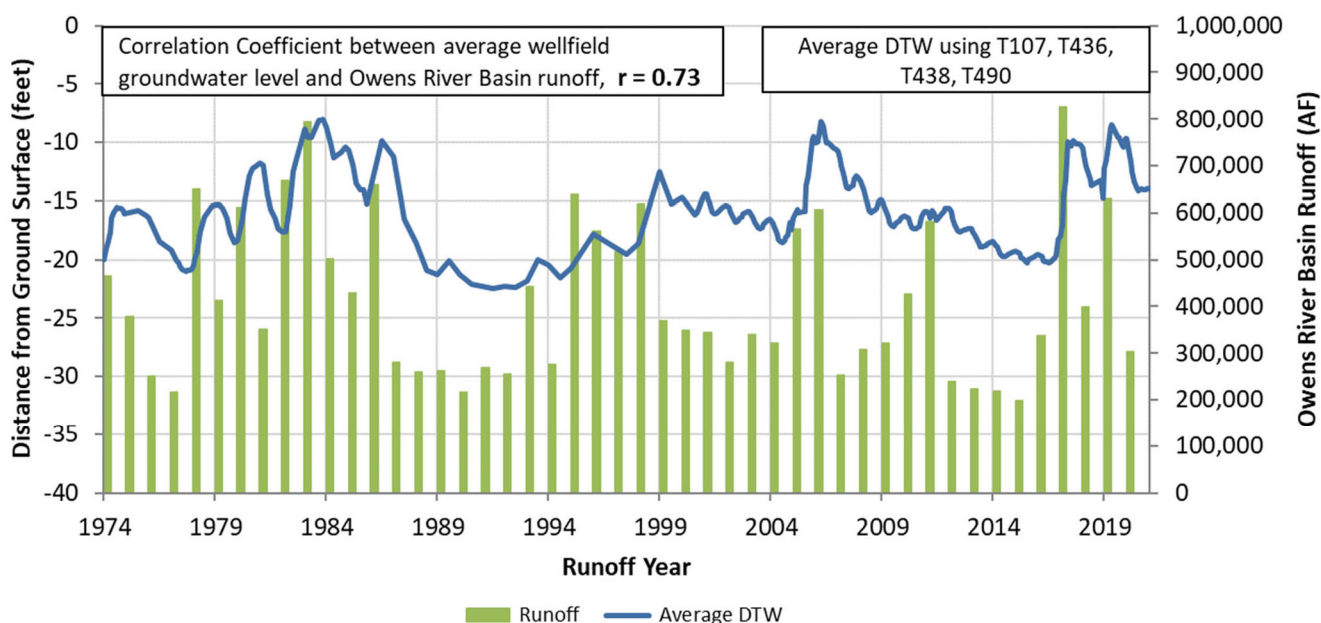
Wellfield	Average (1991-2020 ROYs)			Correlation Coefficient, r	
	Pumping (AF)	Runoff* (AF)	DTW <sup>§</sup> (FT)	Runoff	Pumping
<b>Laws</b>	6,810	-	-16.0	0.73	-0.53
<b>Bishop</b>	9,499	-	-12.3	0.37	-0.27
<b>Big Pine</b>	23,001	-	-17.2	0.63	-0.31
<b>Taboose-Aberdeen</b>	7,641	-	-20.7	0.50	-0.55
<b>Thibaut-Sawmill</b>	11,743	-	-12.5	0.54	-0.46
<b>Independence-Oak</b>	8,370	-	-5.6	0.73	-0.55
<b>Symmes-Shepherd</b>	3,034	-	-6.6	0.40	-0.46
<b>Bairs-George</b>	690	-	-6.9	0.43	-0.64
<b>Lone Pine</b>	1,051	-	-17.6	0.75	-0.10
<b>Owens Valley</b>	<b>71,840</b>	<b>400,186</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>-0.58</b>

\* Owens Valley Runoff is used for correlation calculations.

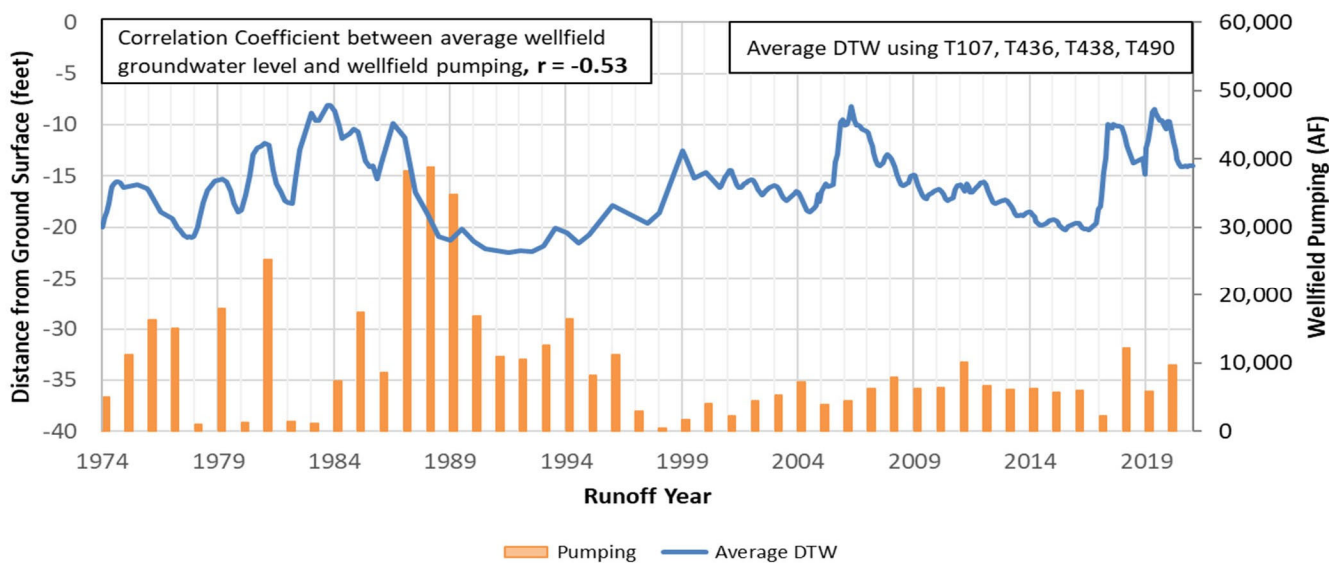
§ Average distance to groundwater is calculated using 1992-2021 April 1 values.

The following figures show graphically the change in average groundwater level with Owens River Basin runoff and wellfield pumping for each of the wellfields and for the overall Owens Valley from the early 1970s to the 2020 runoff year. A review of Table 2.3 and the hydrographs shows that since the implementation of Inyo/Los Angeles Water Agreement in 1991:

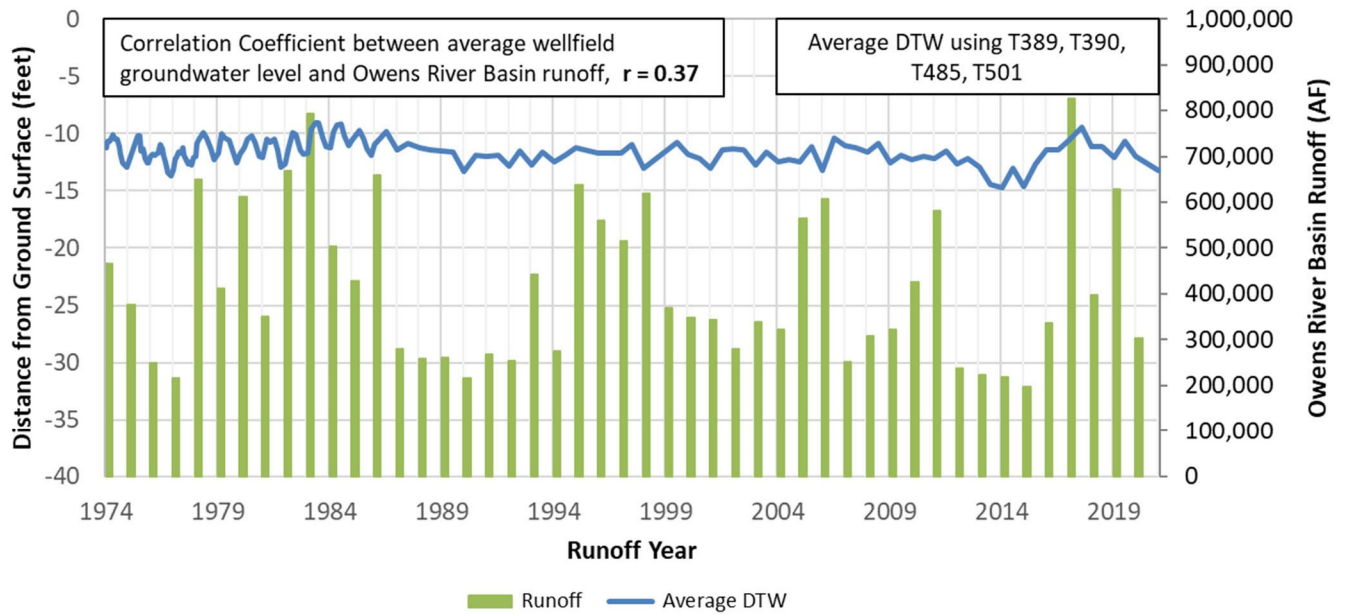
- Owens River Basin runoff was highly variable with a range of 198,000 af in 2015 to 826,000 af in 2017 and an average of 400,000 af/yr,
- Owens Valley pumping was relatively stable with a range of 47,000 af in 2017 to 91,000 af in 2011 and an average of 72,000 af/yr,
- Average Owens Valley DTW was generally stable with a range of 7 to 17 feet below ground surface with an average of 12.9 ft below ground surface and without any long-term rising or declining trends,
- Average DTW in Owens Valley was positively correlated with runoff with a correlation coefficient of 0.69,
- Average DTW in Owens Valley was negatively correlated with pumping with a correlation coefficient of -0.58.



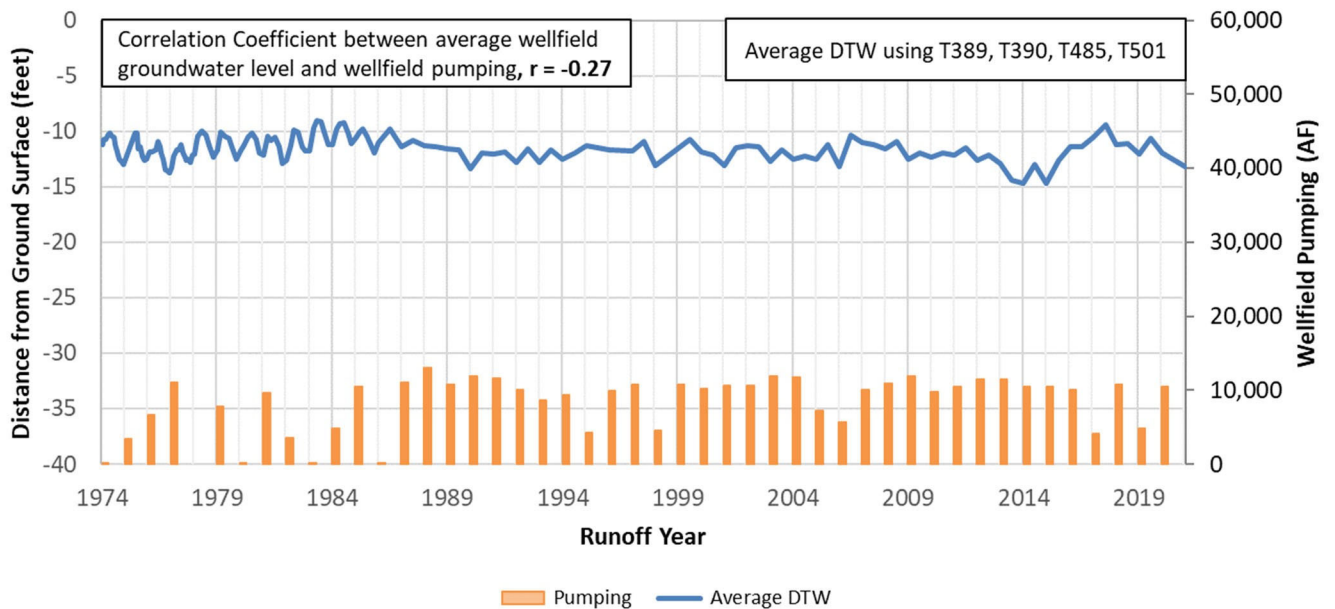
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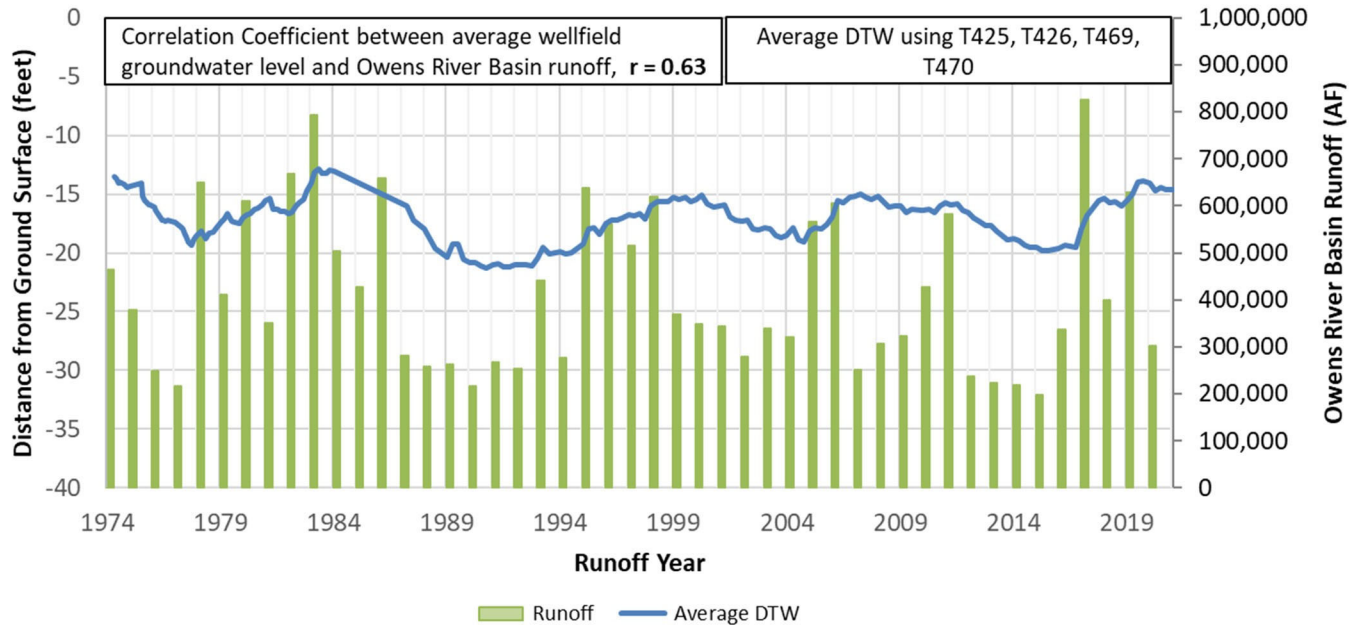
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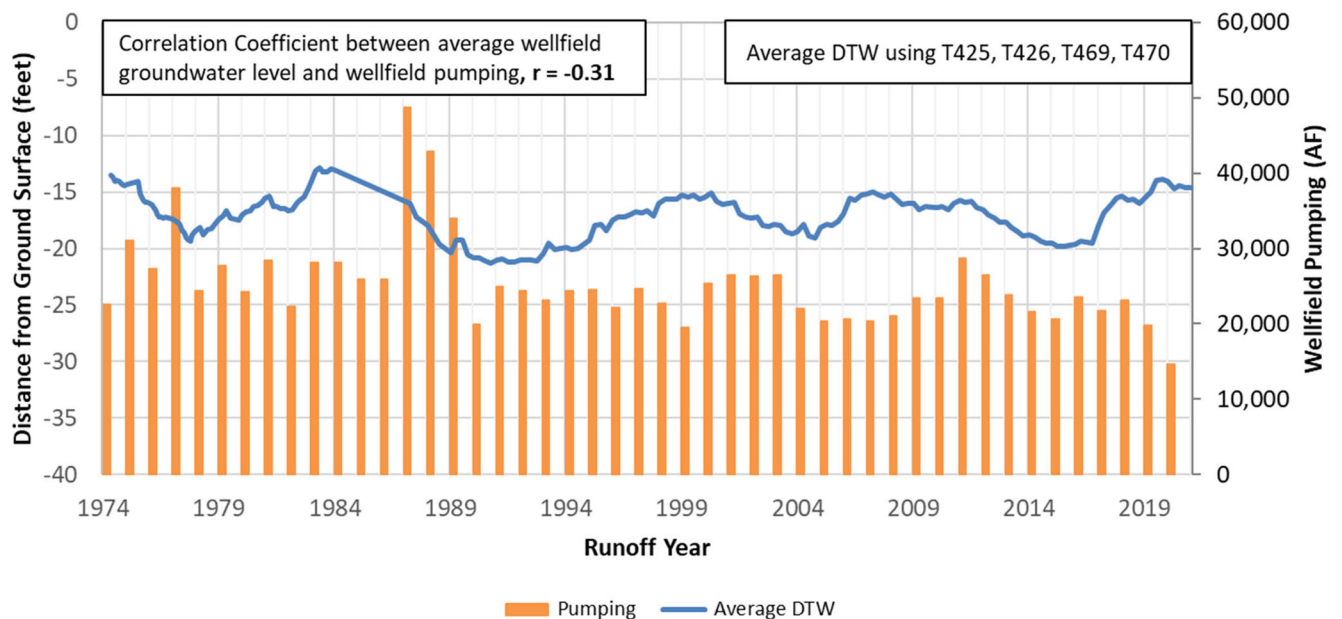
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**Figure 2.5. Average Bishop Wellfield Groundwater Level and Pumping**

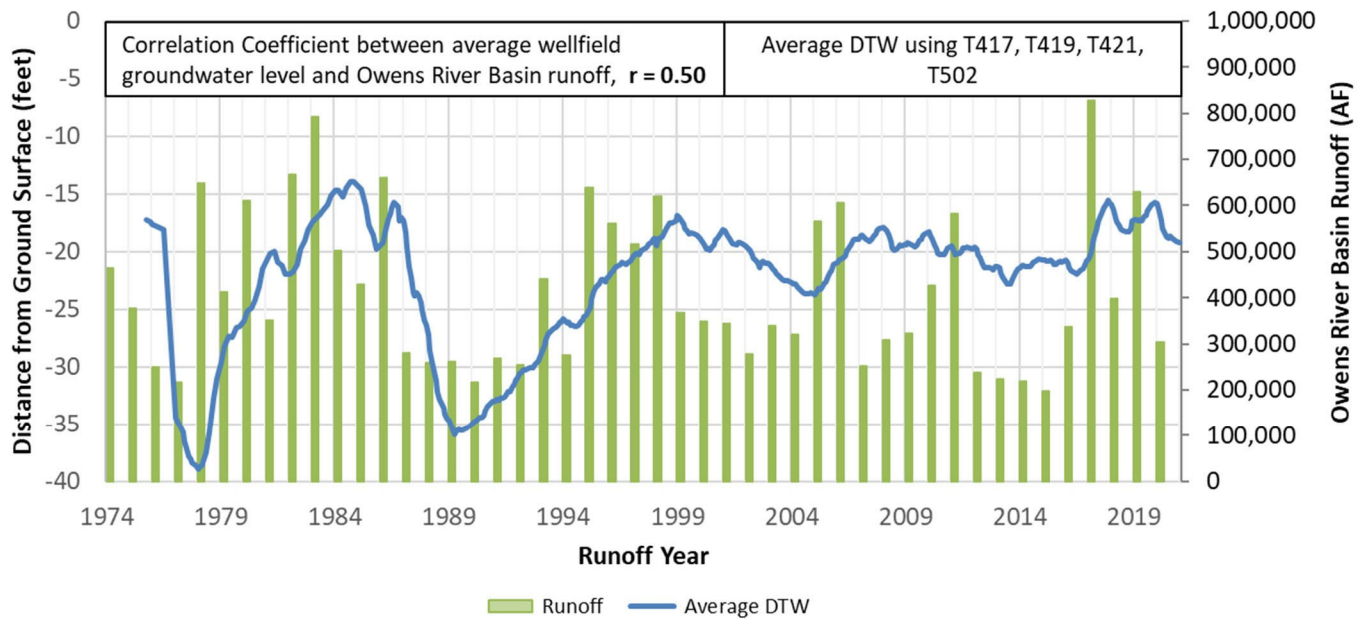


**Figure 2.6. Average Big Pine Wellfield Groundwater Level and Owens River Basin Runoff**

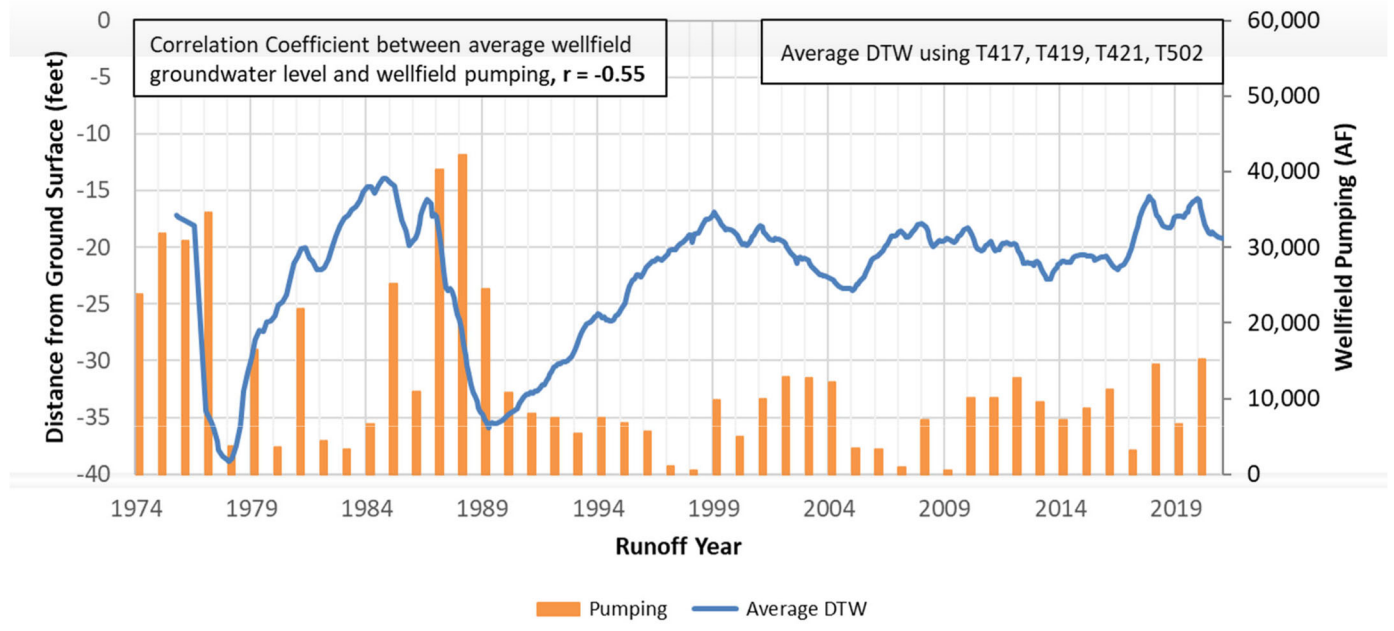


**Figure 2.7. Average Big Pine Wellfield Groundwater Level and Pumping**

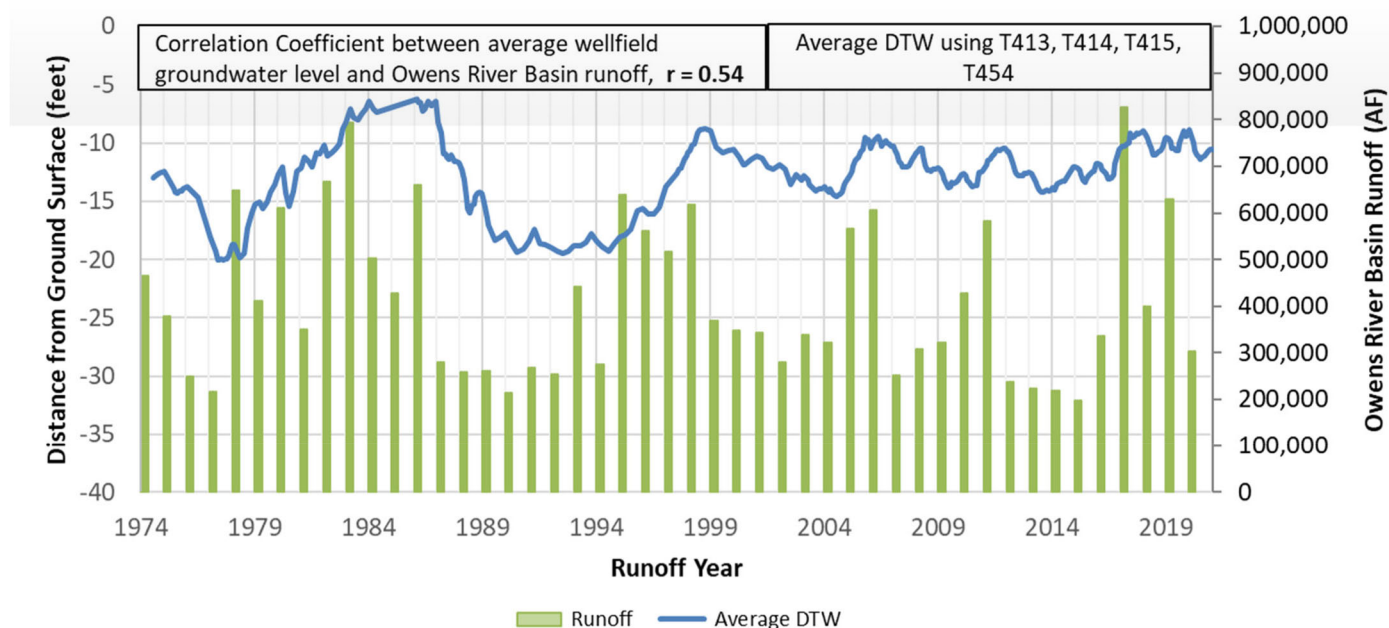




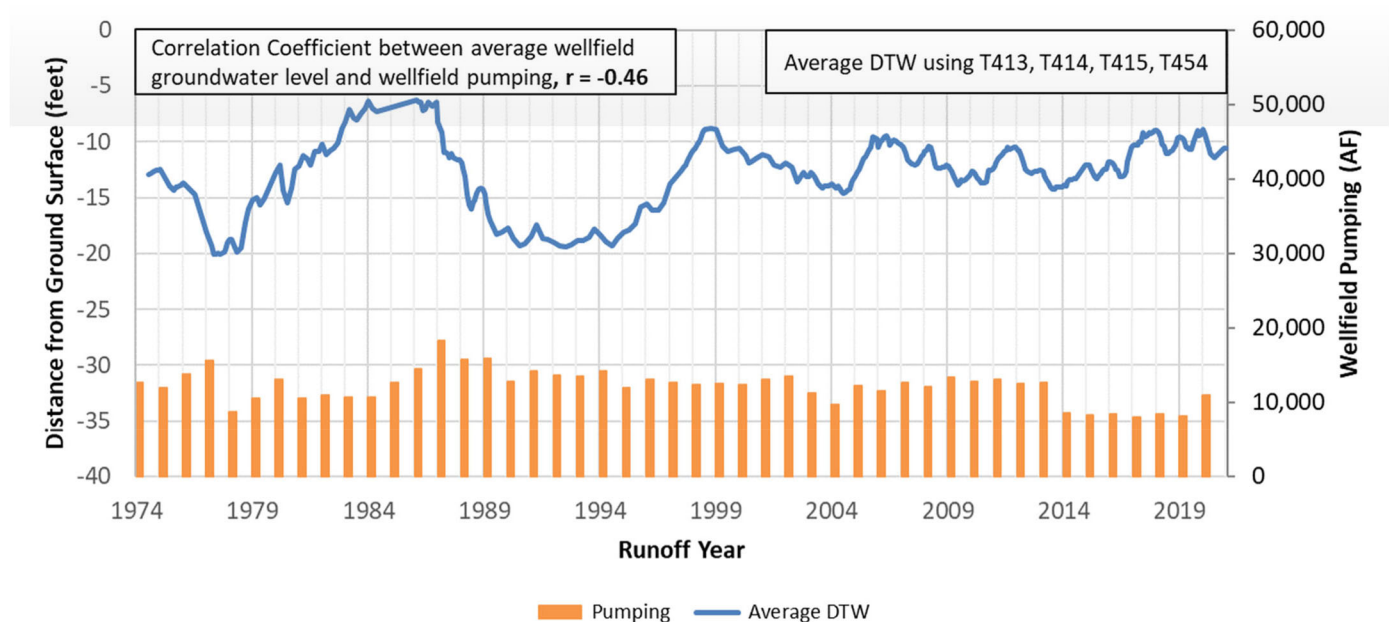
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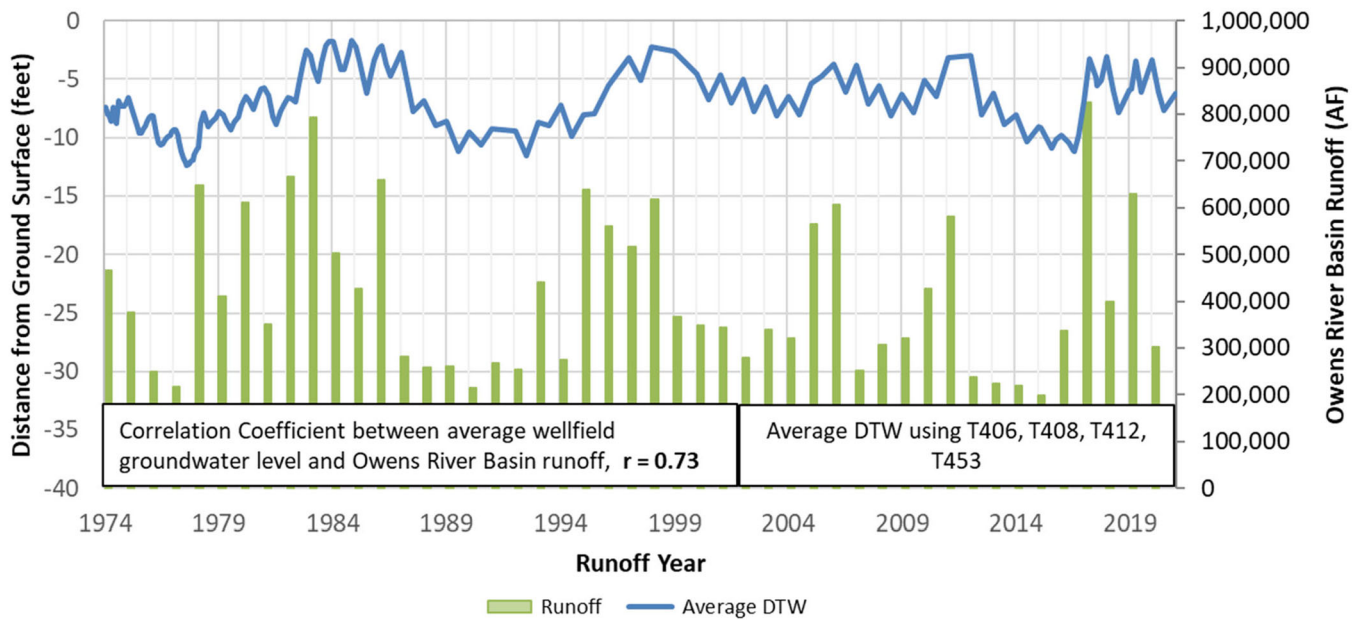
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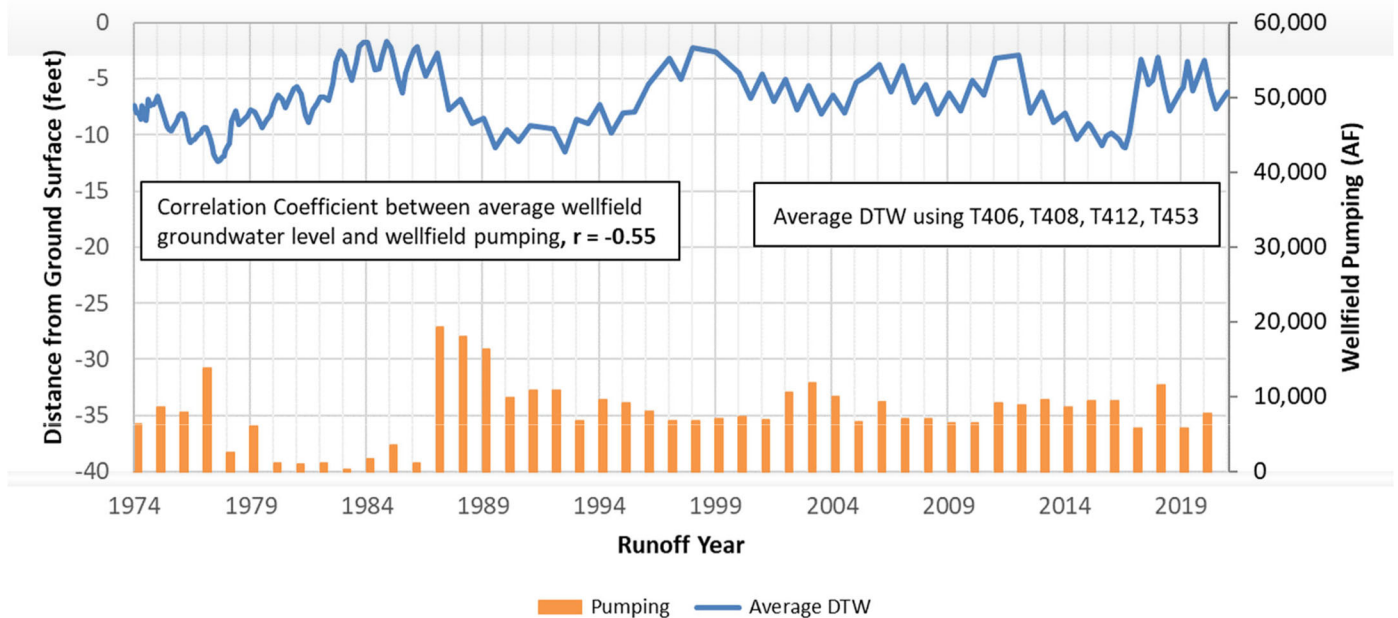
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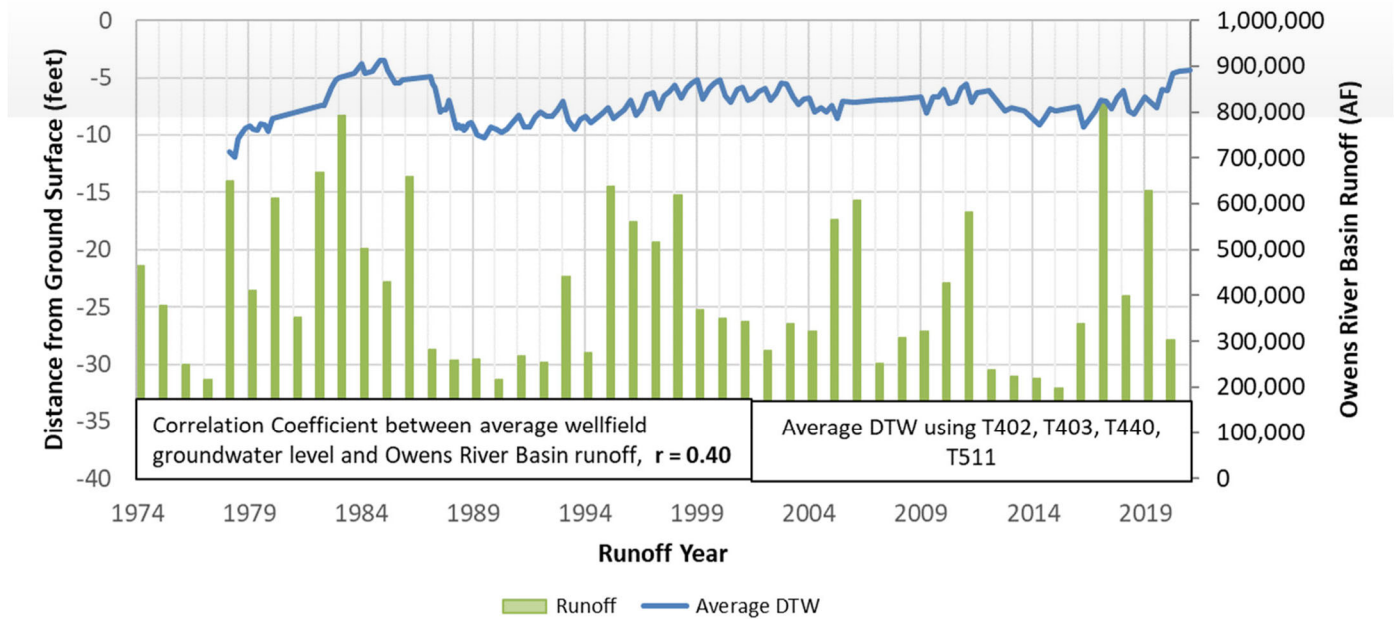
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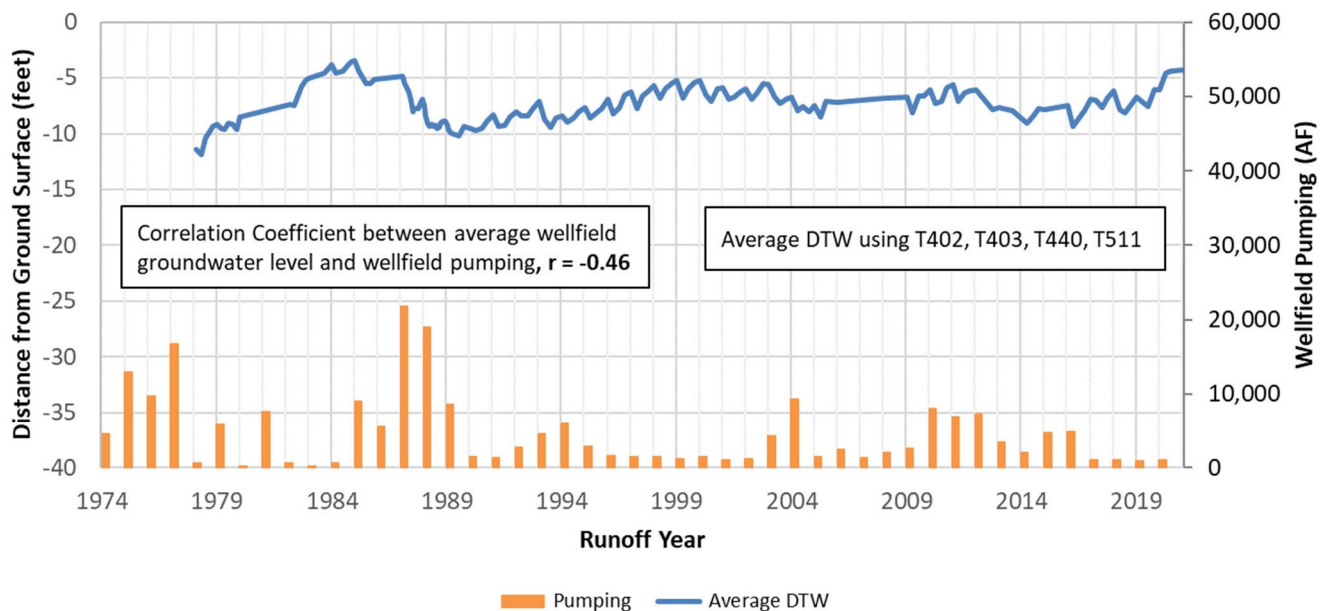
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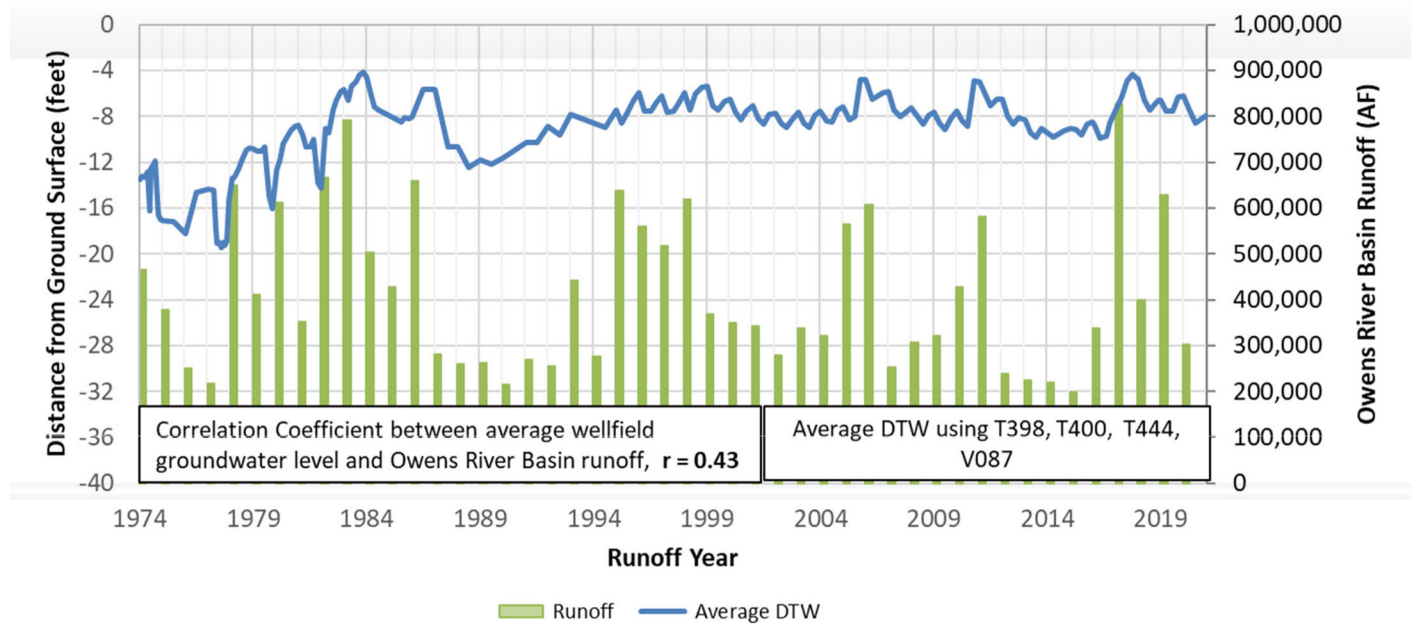
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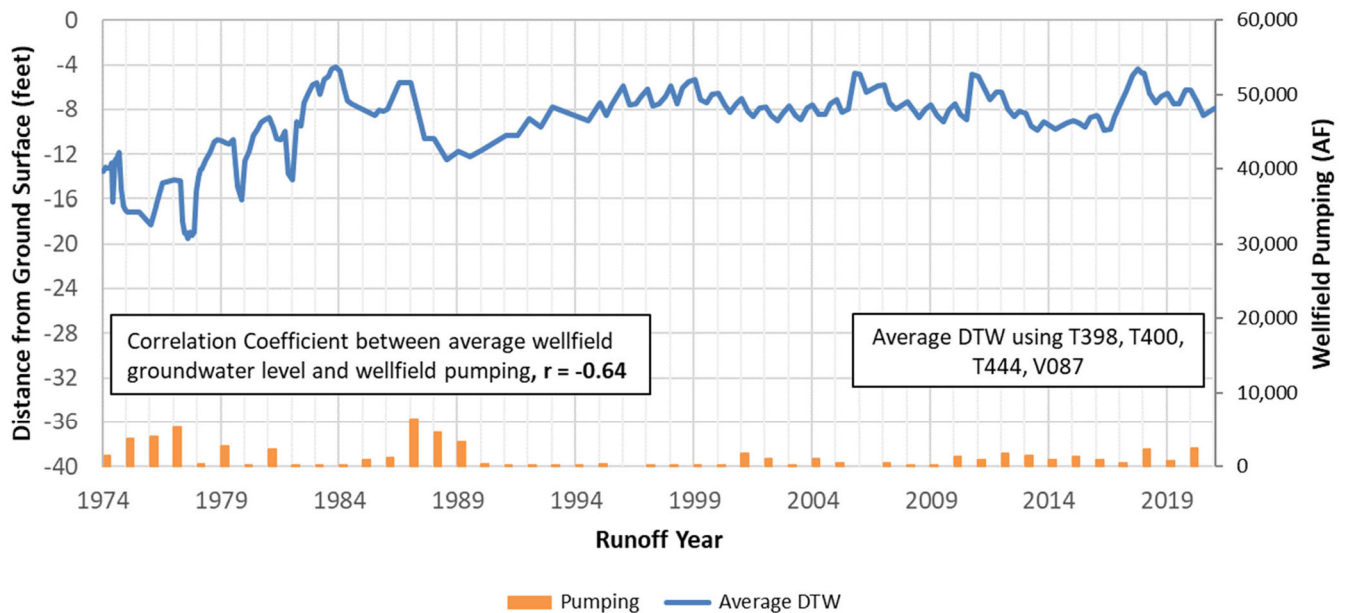
**Figure 2.14. Average Symmes-Shepherd Wellfield Groundwater Level and Owens River Basin Runoff**



**Figure 2.15. Average Symmes-Shepherd Wellfield Groundwater Level and Pumping**

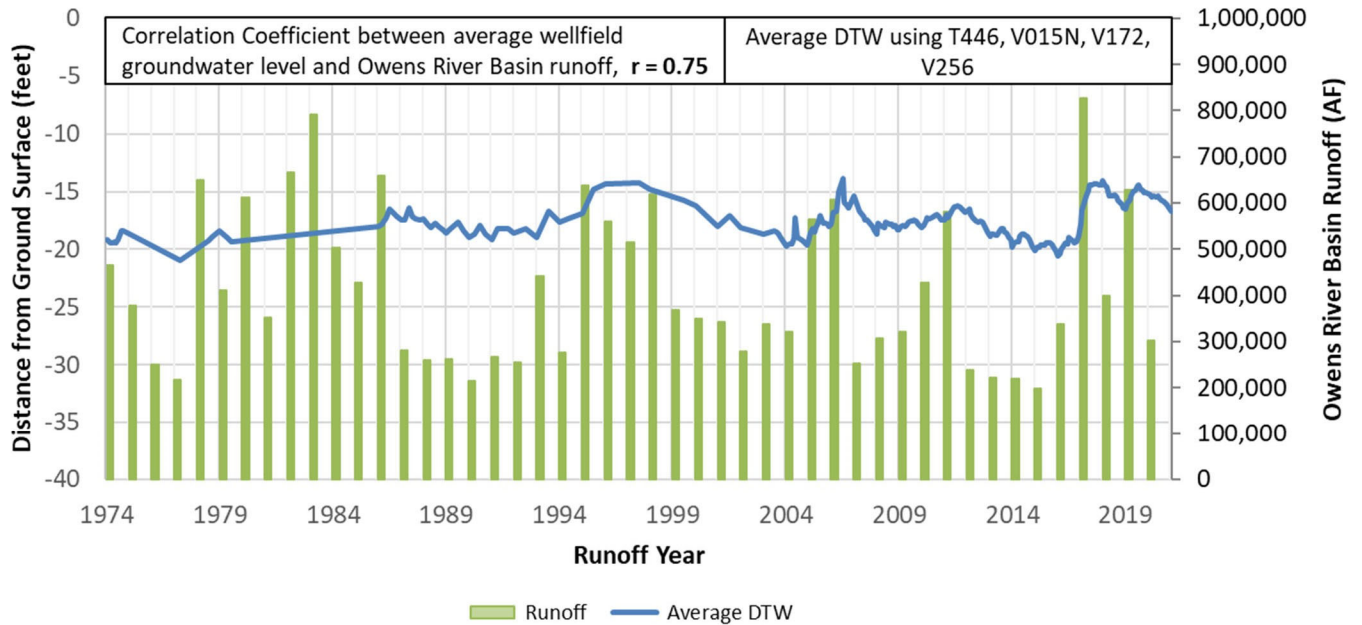


**Figure 2.16. Average Bairs-Georges Wellfield Groundwater Level and Owens River Basin Runoff**

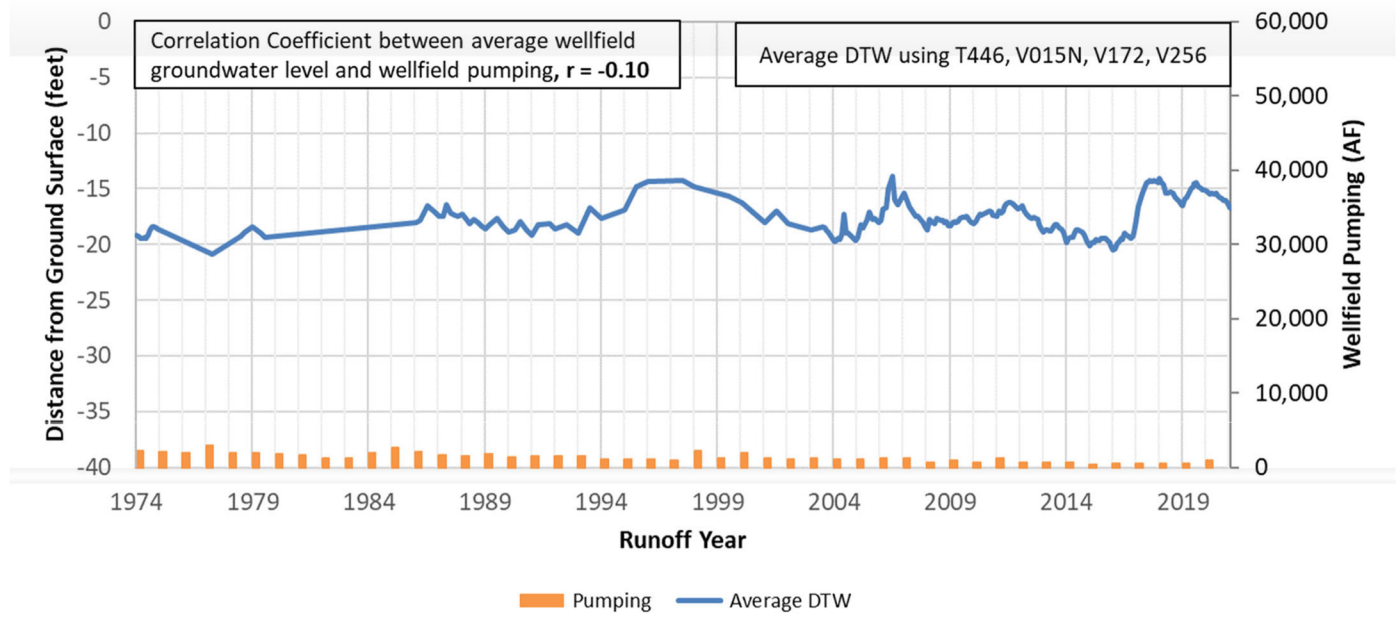


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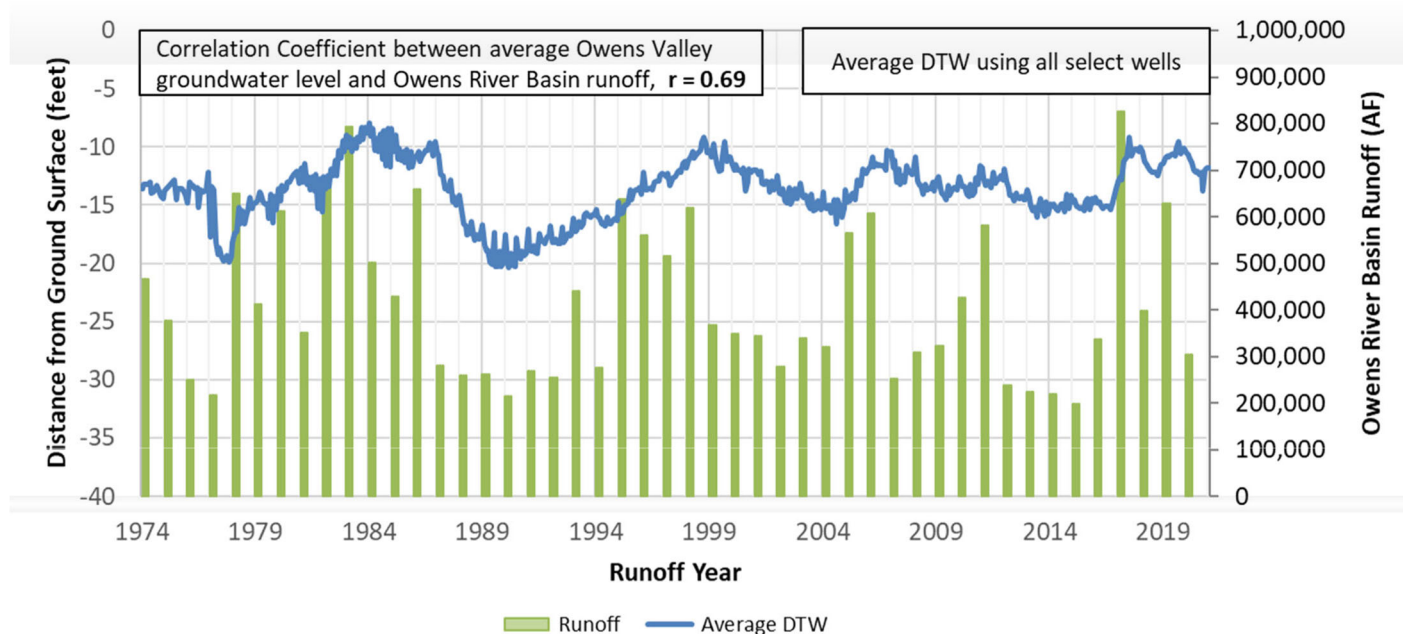




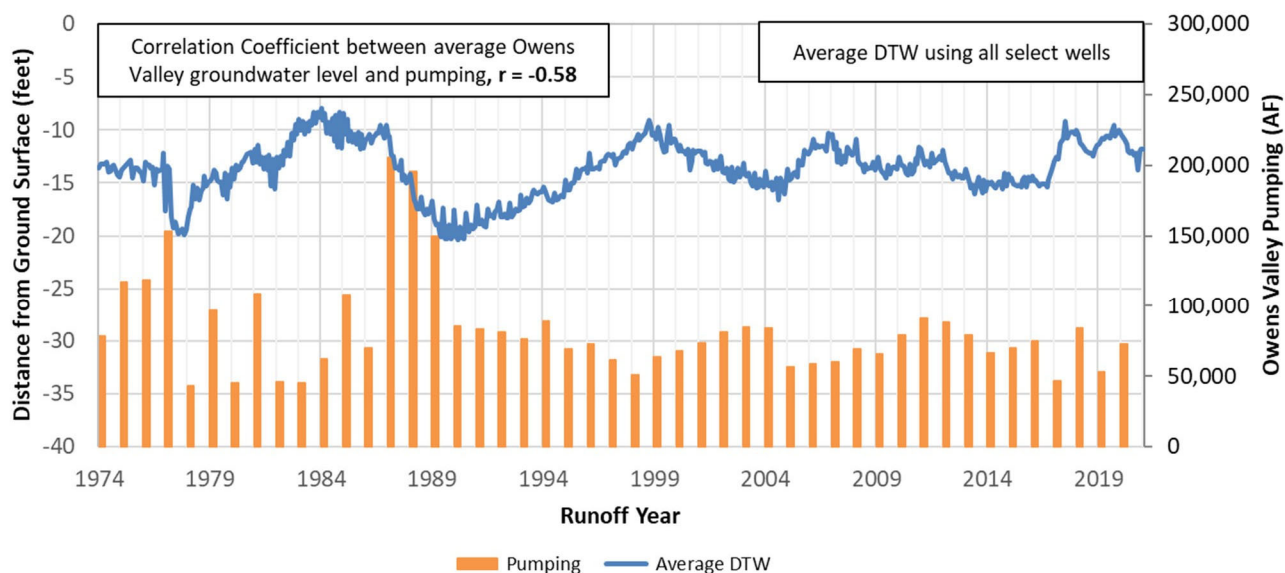
**Figure 2.18. Average Lone Pine Wellfield Groundwater Level and Owens River Basin Runoff**



**Figure 2.19. Average Lone Pine Wellfield Groundwater Level and Pumping**



**Figure 2.20. Average Owens Valley Groundwater Level and Owens River Basin Runoff**



**Figure 2.21. Average Owens Valley Groundwater Level and Pumping**

Groundwater levels in the shallow aquifer are affected by the runoff induced recharge and pumping. Table 2.4 shows the effect of 2020-21 Owens River Basin runoff and pumping for each wellfield and overall for the entire Owens Valley based on select monitoring wells.

**Table 2.4. Change in Average wellfield and Owens Valley Groundwater Levels between April 2020 and April 2021**

Wellfield	2020-21 Runoff Year		Groundwater Level Change From April 2020 to April 2021* (ft)
	Pumping (af)	Owens River Basin Runoff** (af)	
Laws	9,650	-	-4.3
Bishop	10,460	-	-1.2
Big Pine	14,573	-	-0.6
Taboose-Aberdeen	15,422	-	-3.4
Thibaut-Sawmill	10,961	-	-1.7
Independence-Oak	7,911	-	-2.5
Symmes-Shepherd	1,047	-	1.8
Bairs-George	2,401	-	-1.6
Lone Pine	985	-	-1.6
Owens Valley	73,410	303,013	-1.1

\* Based in select monitoring wells in Table 2.2a

\*\* Owens River Basin including Long Valley and Owens Valley

### **2.3. Precipitation Record and Runoff Forecast**

The Eastern Sierra snowpack as of April 1, 2021 was 54% of normal in the Mammoth Lakes area, 53% of normal in the Rock Creek area, 46% of normal in the Bishop area, 44% of normal in the Big Pine area, and 22% of normal in the Cottonwood Lakes area. The Eastern Sierra overall snowpack, weighted by contribution to Owens River watershed runoff was calculated to be 46% of the 50-year (1966-2015) average snowpack as of April 1, 2021 (Table 2.5).

The Eastern Sierra runoff forecast for the 2021-22 runoff year is 226,800 acre-feet or 55% of 50-year average (Section 1, Table 1.1). Figure 2.22 provides a comparison of the forecasted runoff for the 2021-22 year to actual runoff in previous runoff years.

Average precipitation on the valley floor for the 2020-21 year was 2.4 inches, which is 42% of the 50-year average precipitation of 5.8 inches. Table 2.6 details monthly annual precipitation totals for the 2020-21 runoff year as well as the long-term averages at representative precipitation gauges throughout the Owens Valley.

**Table 2.5. Eastern Sierra April 1, 2021 Snow Survey Results**

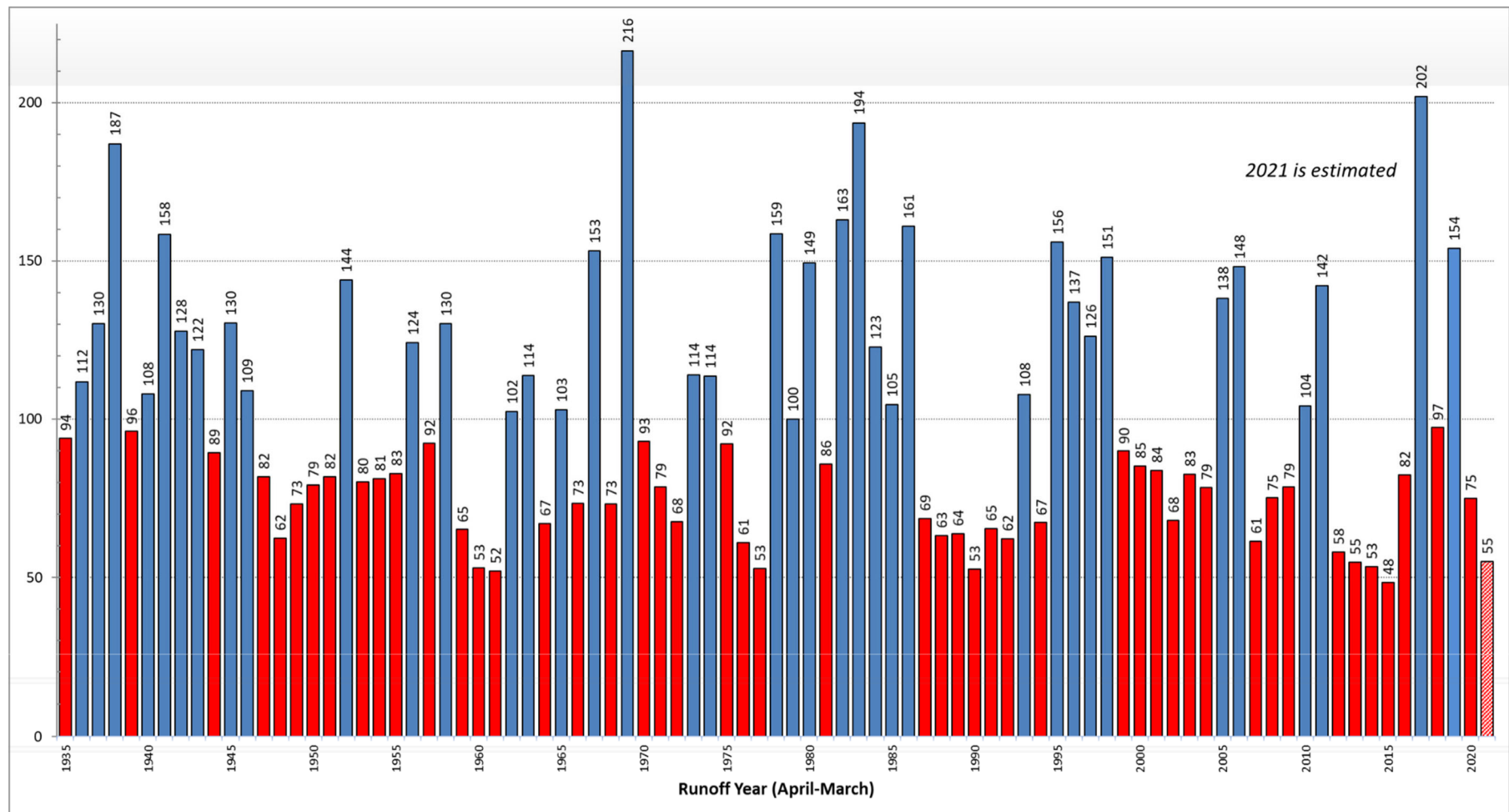
EASTERN SIERRA SNOW SURVEY RESULTS April 1, 2021			
MAMMOTH LAKES AREA (Contributes 27% of Owens River Basin runoff)			
Course	Water Content	April 1 Normal	% of April 1 Normal
Mammoth Pass	25.9	42.6	61%
Mammoth Lakes	9.4	20.5	46%
Minarets 2	15.1	29.5	51%
Average:	16.8	30.9	54%
ROCK CREEK AREA (Contributes 16% of Owens River Basin runoff)			
Course	Water Content	April 1 Normal	% of April 1 Normal
Rock Creek 1	4.6	7.3	63%
Rock Creek 2	4.4	10.2	43%
Rock Creek 3	7.5	13.7	55%
Average:	5.5	10.4	53%
BISHOP AREA (Contributes 19% of Owens River Basin runoff)			
Course	Water Content	April 1 Normal	% of April 1 Normal
Sawmill	8.9	19.3	46%
Average:	8.9	19.3	46%
BIG PINE AREA (Contributes 13% of Owens River Basin runoff)			
Course	Water Content	April 1 Normal	% of April 1 Normal
Big Pine Creek 2	4.8	13.3	36%
Big Pine Creek 3	9.1	18.2	50%
Average:	6.9	15.7	44%
COTTONWOOD AREA (Contributes 25% of Owens Basin River runoff)			
Course	Water Content	April 1 Normal	% of April 1 Normal
Cottonwood Lakes 1	2.9	12.5	23%
Trailhead*	2.9	13.1	22%
Average:	2.9	12.8	22%
EASTERN SIERRA OVERALL SNOW PACK (Weighted by contribution to Owens River Basin runoff)			
Average of all Snow Courses	Water Content	April 1 Normal	% of April 1 Normal
	8.8	19.0	46%

**Table 2.6. Owens Valley Precipitation during Runoff Year 2020-21 in Inches**

Month	Bishop	Big Pine	Tinemaha Reservoir	LAA Intake	Indep. Yard	Alabama Gates	Lone Pine	Cottonwood	South Haiwee	Average Owens Valley
April, 2020	0.66	0.63	0.72	1.10	1.55	1.37	1.39	1.46	2.65	1.28
May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
June	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.03
July	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
September	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	0.33	0.24	0.39	0.54	0.89	0.53	0.60	0.73	0.47	0.52
January, 2021	0.18	0.74	0.26	0.44	0.13	0.01	0.60	0.36	0.47	0.35
February	0.23	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.16	0.08	0.60	0.20	0.10	0.23
March	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.02
<b>2020-21</b>	1.4	1.8	1.6	2.5	2.8	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.7	2.4
<b>Average*</b>	6.2	6.2	6.6	5.6	5.5	4.0	3.9	6.8	7.1	5.8
<b>% of Average</b>	23%	29%	25%	45%	51%	50%	82%	43%	53%	42%



Figure 2.22. Owens River Basin Runoff – Percent of Normal



## 2.4. Owens Valley Water Supply and Uses

Table 2.7 provides an overview of the Owens Valley water supply, in-valley uses and losses, and Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) exports for the post-Water Agreement period (1992-93 through 2020-21 runoff years) as compared to the pre-project average (pre-Second Los Angeles Aqueduct) and projected water supply and uses (based on the Water Agreement, 1991 EIR, and 1997 MOU). Actual water uses in the Owens Valley are generally consistent with the projected values under the 1991 EIR and 1997 MOU.

While Owens Valley water supply (runoff, flowing wells, and pumped groundwater) has remained about the same over the long term average, exports are considerably less than anticipated under the 1991 EIR and 1997 MOU. The fundamental reasons for the reduction in the exports for the municipal water supply in Los Angeles are increased water uses for dust mitigation on Owens Lake, mandated decreases in water exported from the Mono Basin, and less groundwater pumping than anticipated under the Water Agreement.

Current Owens Valley water uses are compared to pre-project uses as well as those uses projected under the Water Agreement and 1997 MOU in Figure 2.12. The components of LADWP's water exports from the Eastern Sierra are compared to pre-project exports as well as those projected under the Water Agreement and 1997 MOU in Figure 2.13.

Table 2.8 provides a breakdown of Owens Valley water uses from 1992 to the present and planned water uses for the 2021-22 runoff year. While much of Table 2.9 is self-explanatory, the following items need additional explanation:

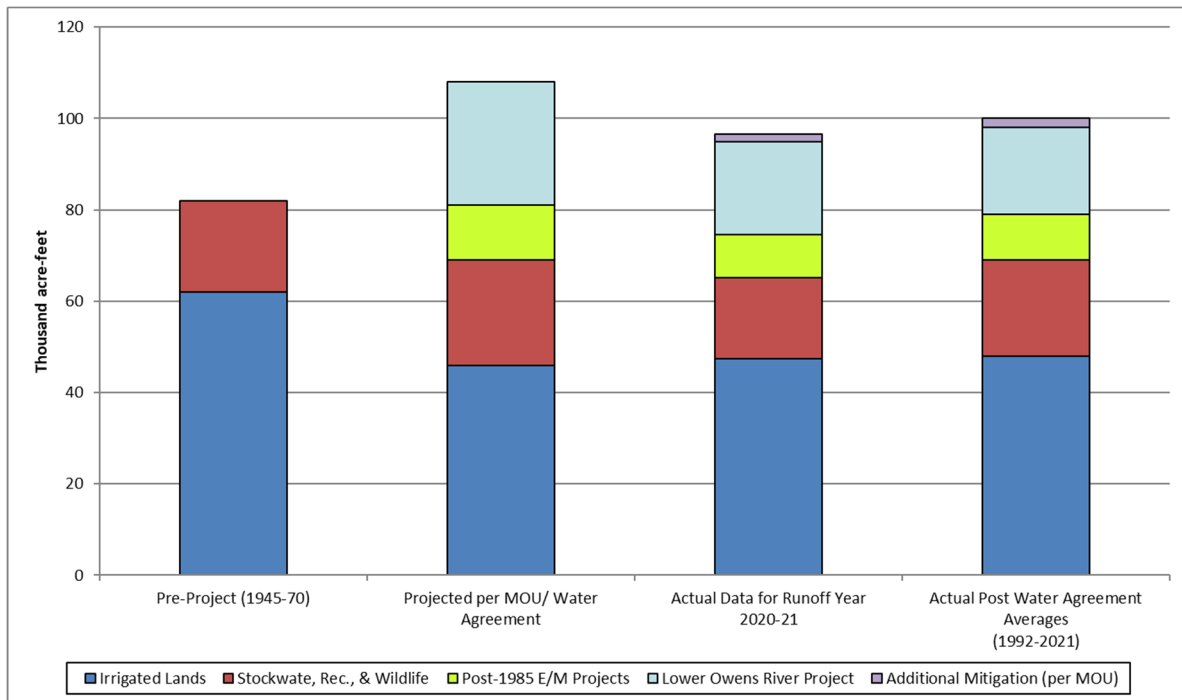
- Enhancement/mitigation (E/M) water supply is the water supplied to E/M projects referenced in the 1991 EIR,
- LORP is water supplied to the Lower Owens River Project,
- Operations is water used for operational reasons.

Table 2.9 lists a breakdown of water supplied to E/M projects during the 2020-21 runoff year.

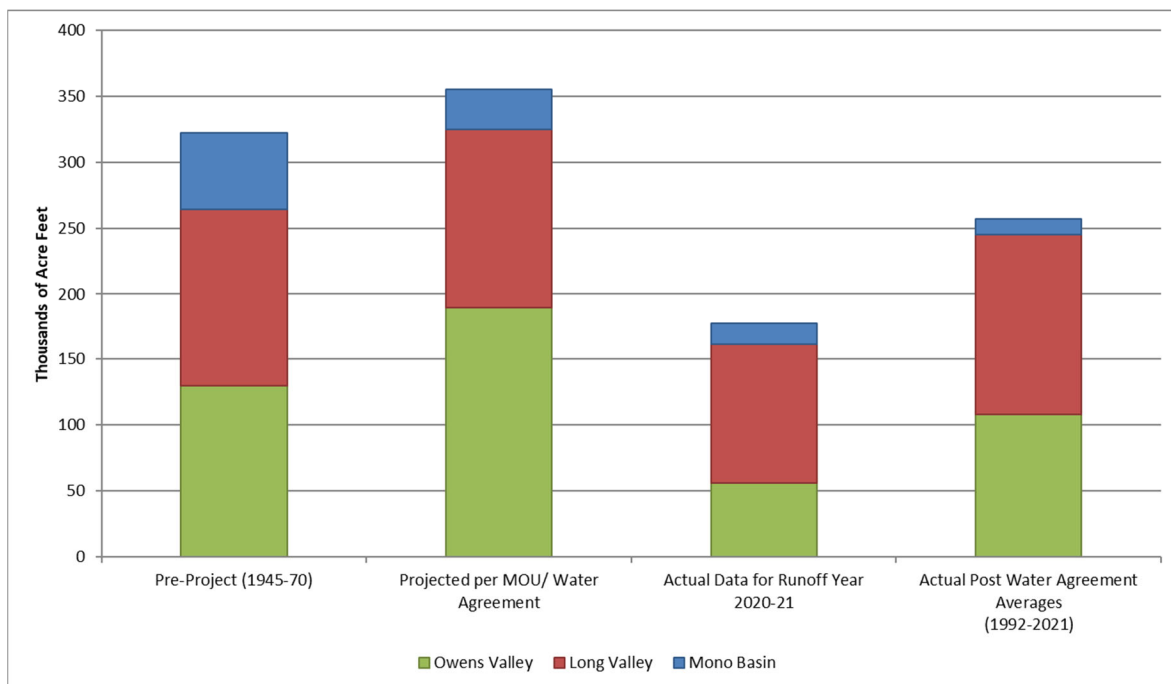
**Table 2.7. Owens Valley Water Supply and Uses**

(Amounts in Thousands of Acre-Foot/Year)				
	Pre-Project (1945-70)	Projected per MOU/ Water Agreement	Actual Data for Runoff Year 2020-21	Actual Post Water Agreement Averages (1992-2021)
<b><u>Owens Valley Water Supply</u></b>				
Runoff (Owens Valley & Round Valley)	292	310 <sup>(1)</sup>	220	293
Flowing Wells	44	15	29	32
Pumped Groundwater	10	110 <sup>(2)</sup>	73	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>397</b>
<b><u>In-Valley Uses &amp; Losses</u></b>				
<u>Water Used on City Lands in O.V.</u>				
Irrigated Lands <sup>(3)</sup>	62	46	47	48
Stockwater, Wildlife, and Rec. Uses <sup>(4)</sup>	20	23	18	21
Post 1985 E/M Projects <sup>(5)</sup>	0	12	9	10 <sup>(8)</sup>
Lower Owens River <sup>(6)</sup>	0	27 <sup>(7)</sup>	20	19 <sup>(8)</sup>
Additional Mitigation (1,600 af from MOU)	0	0	2	2 <sup>(8)</sup>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>
<u>Other O.V. Uses and Losses <sup>(9)</sup></u>	134	135	169	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>289</b>
<b><u>Components of Aqueduct Export</u></b>				
Owens Valley Contribution to Export	130	190	56	108
Long Valley Contribution to Export	134	135	106	137
Mono Basin Contribution to Export <sup>(10)</sup>	58	30	16	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>257</b>
1. Average runoff for period 1935 to 1988 (Runoff Year) 2. Assumed based on 1991 O.V. Groundwater Pumping EIR 3. Does not include areas receiving water supplies non-tributary to the Owens River/Aqueduct (approx. 7,000 AFY). 4. Includes projects such as the Tule Elk Field, Farmers Ponds implemented after 1970 and before 1985 when E/M projects commenced. Also includes the LORP Off-River Lakes and Ponds uses. 5. Except Lower Owens River Rewatering E/M Project 6. Includes river losses, releases to the Blackrock Waterfowl Habitat Area, and the Delta 7. Assumes: 6,000 AF year-round flow to delta, 1,000 AF to Blackrock, and 19,600 AF for river channel losses. 8. Represents recent history. 9. Includes uses for dust mitigation for Owens Lake, Indian land, private lands, conveyance losses, recharge, evaporation, and operational releases. 10. 1993 Court decision allows approximately 30,000 AFY when lake reaches elevation 6392. Prior to Court decision Mono Basin export averaged 81,000/yr.				

**Figure 2.23. Owens Valley Water Uses**



**Figure 2.24. Components of the Eastern Sierra Water Exports**



**Table 2.8. Water Uses for 1992-93 through 2020-21 and Planned Uses for the 2021-22 Runoff Year (acre-feet)**

(1) Runoff Year	(2) Owens Valley Runoff %	(3) Owens Valley Pumping (1000 af)	(4) Irrigation	(5) Stock Water	(6) E/M	(7) Rec. & Wildlife	(8) LORP	(9) 1600 AF Projects	(10) In-Valley Uses (sum of 4+5+6+ 7+8+9)	Groundwater Recharge		(13) Operations	(14) All Uses (sum of 10+11+12+13)
										(11) Big Pine & Independence Spreading	(12) Laws Spreading		
1992-93	62%	84	37,131	17,828	9,088	7,725	9,269		81,041	0	0	12,179	93,220
1993-94	108%	76	47,798	17,230	13,443	8,676	5,867		93,014	14,512	10,640	12,433	130,599
1994-95	68%	89	37,790	17,178	9,132	8,116	11,638		83,854	0	56	12,102	96,012
1995-96	156%	70	57,748	20,919	11,162	12,479	11,636		113,944	30,126	21,148	13,561	178,779
1996-97	137%	75	46,171	19,757	10,989	9,438	13,031		99,386	4,606	0	21,125	125,117
1997-98	126%	67	47,114	16,422	8,114	8,022	13,069		92,741	4,113	4,106	13,874	114,834
1998-99	151%	52	45,445	13,654	9,075	8,691	11,192		88,057	24,970	31,077	23,016	167,120
1999-00	90%	64	49,529	14,461	8,836	7,470	15,973		96,269	0	0	11,263	107,532
2000-01	85%	68	49,327	13,442	7,989	7,263	12,090		90,111	0	790	12,517	103,418
2001-02	84%	73	43,296	12,759	9,401	7,487	12,485		85,428	0	230	12,973	98,631
2002-03	68%	82	43,929	12,291	11,442	7,377	9,690		84,729	0	0	8,431	93,160
2003-04	83%	88	45,974	11,620	10,926	6,853	10,243		85,616	0	0	8,787	94,403
2004-05	79%	86	50,311	11,546	9,915	6,866	8,910		87,548	243	695	9,536	98,022
2005-06	138%	57	53,832	11,355	11,587	7,807	7,566		92,147	16,212	24,187	14,814	147,360
2006-07	148%	59	50,968	12,041	11,551	7,849	11,700		94,109	29,457	16,855	38,937	179,358
2007-08	61%	60	47,699	12,161	11,565	10,122	22,501		104,048	0	0	5,631	109,679
2008-09	75%	69	56,130	11,435	10,646	8,479	20,957		107,647	1,342	0	7,651	116,640
2009-10	79%	65	52,933	11,450	10,695	10,398	15,708		101,184	0	0	8,453	109,637
2010-11	104%	80	52,983	12,275	10,807	12,106	17,020		105,191	2,993	1,973	14,280	124,437
2011-12	142%	92	62,391	11,566	11,847	9,702	19,556		115,062	13,231	4,119	8,785	141,197
2012-13	58%	89	48,763	10,961	9,257	9,254	20,927	1,612	100,774	0	0	4,081	104,855
2013-14	55%	79	44,160	11,161	8,222	8,022	17,845	1,625	91,035	0	0	1,926	92,961
2014-15	53%	66	45,491	11,582	9,520	7,615	12,681	1,604	88,493	8,742	0	1,423	98,658
2015-16	48%	70	39,598	11,752	8,412	7,934	16,828	1,614	86,138	434	0	1,255	87,827
2016-17	82%	76	49,219	10,969	10,903	8,199	18,585	1,702	99,577	4,200	7,783	17,770	129,330
2017-18	202%	48	53,864	12,534	11,554	10,313	19,533	1,615	109,413	85,175	38,815	90,407	323,810
2018-19	97%	85	49,836	11,437	9,814	7,742	13,777	1,645	94,251	1,406	2,489	2,640	100,786
2019-20	154%	72	53,981	12,429	11,064	8,336	20,749	1,608	108,167	33,976	26,346	32,002	200,491
2020-21	75%	73	47,324	11,303	9,304	6,583	20,384	1,650	96,548	0	0	1,814	98,362
2021-22	55%		40,760	10,490	7,920	7,110	17,500	1,600	85,380	0	0	720	86,100
AVG.	97%	73	48,383	13,200	10,139	8,468	14,630	1,628	95,363	9,191	6,377	14,146	125,078

NOTES: PLANNED PUMPING FOR THE UPCOMING RUNOFF YEAR IS ON TABLE 1.6  
 2021-22 REFLECTS CURRENT YEAR OPERATIONS FORECAST  
 E/M EXCLUDES RELEASES TO THE LORP  
 LORP IS RECORD OF THE REWATERING E/M (1985-2006) AND THE MITIGATION PROJECTS (STARTED IN DECEMBER 2006)  
 LORP RECORD INCLUDES RIVERINE LOSS, RELEASES TO BLACKROCK WATERFOWL, AND RELEASES TO DELTA

**Table 2.9. Water Supplied to Enhancement/Mitigation Projects During 2020-21**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Water Supplied (acre-feet)</b>
McNally Canals Conveyance Losses	144
McNally/Laws/Poleta Native Pasture Lands	1,470
McNally Ponds	664
Laws Historical Museum	94
Klondike Lake	1,649
Big Pine Regreening	109
Lower Owens River Rewatering	--
Independence Pasture Lands	1,327
Independence Springfield	1,288
Independence Ditch System	272
Independence Woodlot	95
Independence Regreening	66
Shepherd Creek Alfalfa Lands	918
Lone Pine Park/Richards Field	348
Lone Pine Woodlot	67
Lone Pine Van Norman Field	478
Lone Pine Regreening	249
<b>Total E/M Uses</b>	<b>9,238</b>



## 2.5. Owens Valley Vegetation Conditions

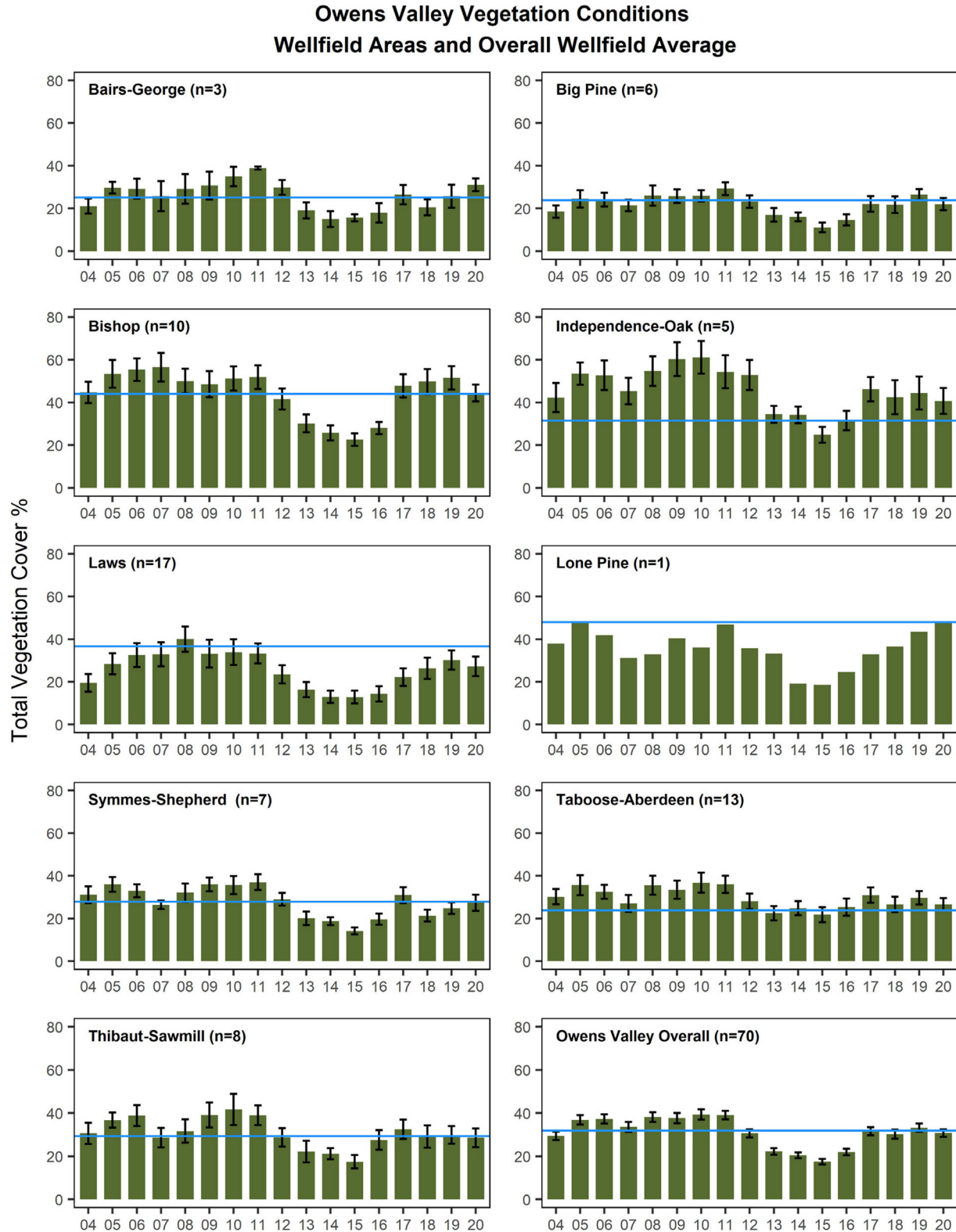
Vegetation conditions within the Owens Valley are monitored using vegetation transects as well as other methods. The Green Book describes the methodology and purposes of vegetation transects. As stated in the Green Book: “Vegetation transects are included within the Green Book to serve two purposes: 1) to estimate transpiration from a monitoring site, and 2) for use in determining whether vegetation has decreased or changed significantly from the previous cover.” A reference for comparison of vegetation changes is the 1984-87 vegetation inventory data.

The Green Book requires the 1984-87 vegetation inventory to be used as a baseline when determining whether vegetation cover and/or species composition have changed. The 1984-1987 inventory transects were chosen using aerial photos to aid in determining transect locations. Transects were located visually by choosing lines that appeared to cover the representative units of vegetation within the parcel being measured. Transects were generally run toward the center of the parcels in order to avoid transitional areas at parcel edges. A minimum of five transects were run on each parcel. If the vegetation cover was particularly heterogeneous, a qualitative method was employed in selecting additional transects. The transect data were checked visually and additional transects were run to lessen the degree of variability as necessary.

The Green Book directs that future transects should be performed in a similar manner as the initial inventory to determine whether vegetation has changed, but allows the technique to be modified by the Technical Group to permit statistical comparison by randomly selected transects. The procedures for modifying the Green Book procedures are included under Water Agreement Section XXV. In any case, the Green Book requires the Technical Group to perform a statistical analysis in order to determine the statistical significance of any suspected vegetation changes from the 1984-87 inventory maps.

In 2004, LADWP began running transects annually within parcels located both inside and outside wellfields. Some parcels are evaluated annually, while others are not. Percent total cover is calculated and compared to data collected within parcels during the period of baseline inventory.

Figure 2.25 includes vegetation transect data collected by LADWP and presented in a series of graphs documenting Owens Valley vegetation conditions. LADWP monitors vegetation using established vegetation transects that enable the Technical Group to reliably assess annual changes in vegetation cover and composition.



Notes: — represents a mean cover during the initial inventory. Data were collected by LADWP and ICWD.

**Figure 2.25. Owens Valley Vegetation Condition for Wellfields**

## 2.6. Bishop Cone Audit

LADWP's groundwater pumping on the Bishop Cone is governed by the provisions of the Stipulation and Order filed on August 26, 1940, in Inyo County Superior Court in the case of Hillside Water Company, a corporation et al. vs. the City of Los Angeles, a Municipal Corporation et al., (Hillside Decree) as well as the Water Agreement. Annual groundwater extractions from the Bishop Cone are limited to an amount not greater than the total amount of water used on City of Los Angeles (City) lands on the Bishop Cone during that year. Annual groundwater extractions by LADWP on the Bishop Cone are the sum of all groundwater pumped plus the amount of artesian water that has flowed from wells on the Bishop Cone during the year. Water used on City lands on the Bishop Cone are the quantity of water supplied to such lands, including conveyance losses, less any return flow to the aqueduct system.

The Inyo County Water Department (ICWD) performs an annual audit of LADWP water uses and groundwater extractions by LADWP on the Bishop Cone. Section 2 Appendices contain a copy of ICWD's audit for the 2019-20 runoff year, the most recently audited year. As shown in Figure 1.4, LADWP has historically pumped much less than allowed under the terms of the Hillside Decree. Beginning in the 2015-16 runoff year, the audit water account methods were modified to analyze each areas inflows and outflows to calculate total water use. In the 2019-20 runoff year LADWP extracted 10,582 acre-feet of water from the Bishop Cone area (4,763 acre-feet pumping, 5,819 acre-feet flowing), about 23 percent of that identified as being allowed using the current audit procedures.

## 2.7. Reinhackle Spring Monitoring

As required by the 1991 EIR, Owens Valley groundwater pumping is managed to avoid reductions in spring flows that would cause significant decreases or changes in spring-associated vegetation. Groundwater pumping from wells that may affect flow from Reinhackle Spring are managed so that flows from the spring are not significantly reduced compared to flows under prevailing natural conditions. Table 2.10 shows daily flow values for Reinhackle Spring. Over the 2020-21 runoff year, Reinhackle Spring had an average daily flow of about 1.9 cfs.

Analysis of Reinhackle Spring was included in a 2004 cooperative study by LADWP and ICWD on the Owens Valley groundwater geochemistry. During the study, water samples from Reinhackle Spring were chemically analyzed and compared to water samples from the LAA, nearby pumping wells, samples from the deep aquifer, and samples from shallow monitoring wells. The 2004 study concluded that the water flowing from Reinhackle Spring is similar in composition to aqueduct water and not similar to the deep aquifer samples or up-gradient shallow aquifer wells. Testing to determine the effects of groundwater pumping and LAA seepage on Reinhackle Spring flow was conducted between May 2010 and April 2011. Data and analysis from the 2004 cooperative study and 2010-11 testing have been included in a draft monitoring and operations plan for the Bairs-Georges Wellfield known as the draft Reinhackle Spring Flow Characterization Report and Operations Plan. The draft Reinhackle Spring

Flow Characterization Report and Operations Plan was sent to the Inyo County Water Department for review in November 2012.

**Table 2.10. Reinhackle Spring Flow in cfs during 2020-21 Runoff Year**

Day of Month	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Annual
1	1.84	1.78	2.11	2.14	1.77	2.07	2.12	2.03	1.88	1.69	1.61	1.57	
2	1.84	1.76	2.12	2.13	1.79	2.05	2.12	2.03	1.87	1.67	1.61	1.56	
3	1.84	1.76	2.12	2.12	1.79	2.04	2.12	2.03	1.84	1.68	1.61	1.56	
4	1.82	1.77	2.12	2.11	1.81	2.05	2.12	2.03	1.84	1.66	1.61	1.56	
5	1.84	1.77	2.14	2.10	1.81	2.04	2.12	2.03	1.84	1.65	1.61	1.56	
6	1.84	1.77	2.17	2.10	1.80	2.07	2.12	2.03	1.84	1.65	1.61	1.56	
7	1.84	1.77	2.20	2.09	1.83	2.07	2.12	1.99	1.84	1.65	1.61	1.56	
8	1.86	1.77	2.31	2.08	1.84	2.07	2.12	1.98	1.83	1.65	1.61	1.56	
9	1.84	1.79	2.32	2.07	1.84	2.07	2.12	1.98	1.79	1.65	1.60	1.55	
10	1.84	1.79	2.32	2.06	1.84	2.07	2.12	1.96	1.77	1.65	1.59	1.55	
11	1.84	1.79	2.31	2.05	1.84	2.07	2.12	1.93	1.75	1.65	1.56	1.55	
12	1.84	1.79	2.31	2.04	1.84	2.12	2.12	1.93	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.55	
13	1.84	1.78	2.30	2.03	1.89	2.12	2.12	1.93	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.55	
14	1.84	1.78	2.29	1.86	1.98	2.12	2.12	1.93	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.55	
15	1.84	1.77	2.28	1.77	1.98	2.12	2.12	1.93	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.55	
16	1.84	1.74	2.27	1.79	1.98	2.14	2.10	1.93	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.55	
17	1.84	1.75	2.26	1.79	1.93	2.14	2.11	1.90	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.55	
18	1.84	1.75	2.25	1.82	1.93	2.12	2.11	1.87	1.73	1.65	1.56	1.55	
19	1.84	1.77	2.24	1.86	1.94	2.12	2.10	1.84	1.71	1.65	1.56	1.55	
20	1.84	1.79	2.24	1.91	1.94	2.12	2.08	1.85	1.74	1.64	1.56	1.55	
21	1.84	1.78	2.23	1.90	1.96	2.12	2.07	1.88	1.74	1.64	1.56	1.55	
22	1.84	1.76	2.22	1.84	1.98	2.12	2.07	1.88	1.74	1.64	1.56	1.55	
23	1.84	1.78	2.21	1.74	1.98	2.12	2.07	1.87	1.74	1.64	1.56	1.55	
24	1.84	1.78	2.20	1.74	1.98	2.12	2.07	1.85	1.74	1.63	1.57	1.55	
25	1.84	1.79	2.19	1.74	2.00	2.12	2.07	1.86	1.74	1.61	1.58	1.55	
26	1.82	1.79	2.18	1.74	2.03	2.12	2.07	1.87	1.74	1.61	1.59	1.55	
27	1.80	1.84	2.17	1.74	2.03	2.12	2.07	1.85	1.73	1.61	1.57	1.55	
28	1.79	1.84	2.17	1.74	2.03	2.12	2.03	1.84	1.72	1.61	1.57	1.55	
29	1.80	1.84	2.16	1.74	2.03	2.12	2.03	1.86	1.70	1.61		1.55	
30	1.79	1.92	2.15	1.74	2.04	2.12	2.03	1.88	1.70	1.61		1.55	
31		1.98		1.75	2.06		2.03		1.70	1.61		1.55	
Average	1.83	1.79	2.22	1.91	1.92	2.10	2.10	1.92	1.76	1.64	1.58	1.55	1.86

## **2.8. Water Spreading in the Owens Valley**

In years with much greater than normal snowmelt, the volume of runoff may at times exceed the capacity of the LAA system. During periods of high snowpack runoff, LADWP may spread runoff water for operational reasons. In addition, other operational needs may require LADWP to spread water.

LADWP did not spread any water during 2020-21 runoff year and no water spreading is planned in the Owens Valley for the 2021-22 runoff year.

## **LADWP ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROJECTS AND OTHER LEGAL COMMITMENTS**



### 3.0 LADWP ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROJECTS AND OTHER LEGAL COMMITMENTS

#### 3.1. Introduction

Section 3 provides information on all of LADWP's environmental mitigation projects and other commitments required under the Inyo/Los Angeles Water Agreement (Water Agreement), the *1991 Environmental Impact Report on Water From the Owens Valley to Supply the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct* (1991 EIR), the subsequent 1997 *Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the County of Inyo, California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Lands Commission, the Sierra Club, and the Owens Valley Committee* (1997 MOU) and related documents. Tables 3.1 and 3.2 provide a quick reference guide to all of these commitments. Projects/commitments are listed alphabetically in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 and have a corresponding number in the left column for reporting purposes only and show current status of these projects/commitments.

For reference, status of these projects is classified into the following categories:

*Complete:* Project has no additional commitments required (no water allotment or other financial or environmental mitigation; no continual monitoring and reporting),

*Ongoing as necessary/required:* These measures are only applied when necessary (monitoring and reporting for mitigation measures for new projects, construction, etc.),

*Implemented and ongoing:* Project is fully implemented and is currently meeting goals; however, there may be ongoing water or financial commitments or monitoring and reporting requirements,

*Fully implemented but not meeting goals:* Project is fully implemented but has not yet met prescribed goals or success criteria,

*Not fully implemented:* Project is under development or under construction, but not fully implemented.

Presently, of the 64 required environmental mitigation projects, LADWP reports:

- 8 are complete,
- 43 are implemented and ongoing (with ongoing water or financial commitments or monitoring and reporting requirements),
- 13 are fully implemented but not meeting goals,
- 0 are not fully implemented

Of the 49 other commitments, LADWP reports:

- 18 are complete,
- 6 are ongoing as necessary or required,
- 23 are implemented and ongoing,
- 0 are fully implemented and not meeting goals, and
- 2 are not fully implemented

More detailed information regarding each of these projects and other commitments is provided in tabular format later in this chapter in Tables 3.3 and 3.5.

Additional monitoring reports are found for the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (Section 3.1.1), the Yellow Billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plans (Section 3.2.1), and the Owens Valley Land Management Plan (OVLMP) (Section 3.2.2).

**Table 3.1. LADWP Mitigation and Monitoring Summary**

1991 EIR	1991 EIR Environmental	1991 EIR E/M	Revised Project	1997 MOU	<b>Table 3.1. LADWP MITIGATION PROJECT COMMITMENTS (October 2020)</b>	Completed	Implemented <sup>2</sup>	Implemented <sup>3</sup>	Implemented	Not Fully Implemented <sup>5</sup>
				X	Aberdeen Ditch Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
X	X				Big and Little Seely Springs (1 acre pond near Well W349; EIR Impact 10-14, EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X			X		Big Pine Area Revegetation Project (160 acres; EIR Impact 10-19)				X	
X			X		Big Pine Area Revegetation Project (20 acres; EIR Impact 10-19)				X	
X					Big Pine Ditch System (EIR Impact 10-19)			X		
X		X	X		Big Pine Northeast Regreening (30 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 5-3)			X		
X			X		Bishop Area Revegetation Project (124 acres; EIR Impact 10-16)				X	
X			X		Blackrock 16E Revegetation Project (EIR Impact 10-11)	X				
X	X				Blackrock Hatchery (EIR Impact 10-14)			X		
X	X				Buckley Ponds (EIR Impact 10-5 and 11-1, EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X	X				Calvert Slough (EIR Impact 10-5, EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X	X			X	Diaz Lake (EIR Table 5-2, Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
X		X			Eastern California Museum (EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X	X				Farmers Pond (EIR Impact 10-5, 10-18, 11-1, EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X	X				Fish Springs Hatchery (EIR Impact 10-14)			X		
X			X		Five Bridges Area Revegetation Project (300 acres; EIR Impact 10-12)	X				
				X	Freeman Creek Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
X				X	Hines Spring (1 to 2 acres, EIR Impact 10-14), implemented as the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3)			X		
X			X		Hines Spring South (EIR Impact 10-11)				X	
				X	Hines Spring Well 355 Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
				X	Homestead Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
X			X		Independence 105 (EIR Impact 10-13)	X				
X			X		Independence 123 (EIR Impact 10-13)	X				
X			X		Independence 131 (EIR Impact 10-13)				X	
X		X			Independence Ditch System (EIR Table 4-3)			X		
X		X			Independence East Side Regreening Project (23 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 5-3)			X		
X		X			Independence Pasturelands and Native Pasturelands (610 acres; EIR Impact 12-1, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X		X			Independence Roadside Rest Area (0.5 acres; EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X		X			Independence Springfield (286 acres; EIR Impact 12-1, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X		X			Independence Woodlot (20 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 4-3)			X		
X	X	X			Klondike Lake Aquatic Habitat (160 acres; EIR Impact 10-5 and 11-1, EIR Tables 4-3, 5-2, and 5-3)			X		
					Klondike SSHA (Big Pine Ditch System MND)			X		
			X		LAWS 118 (19 acre portion) (Laws Type E Transfer MND)				X	
			X		LAWS 129 (Laws Type E Transfer MND)				X	
			X		LAWS 27 (Native Seed Farm) (Laws Type E Transfer MND)				X	
			X		LAWS 90 (Laws Type E Transfer MND)				X	
			X		LAWS 94 (Laws Type E Transfer MND)				X	
			X		LAWS 95 (Laws Type E Transfer MND)				X	
X			X		Laws Area Revegetation Project (140 acres; EIR Impact 10-18)				X	
X		X			Laws Historical Museum Pasturelands (21+15 acres; EIR Impact 10-18, EIR Table 5-3)			X		
X		X			Laws/Poleta Native Pasture (216 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X	X				Little Blackrock Springs (EIR Impact 10-14, EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X		X			Lone Pine East Side Regreening (11 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Table 5-3)			X		
X		X			Lone Pine-North Lone Pine Clean Up (EIR Table 4-3)	X				
X		X			Lone Pine Riparian Park (320 acres, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X		X			Lone Pine Sports Complex (EIR Table 5-3)	X				
X		X			Lone Pine West Side Regreening (8 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X		X			Lone Pine Woodlot (12 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 4-3)			X		
X	X	X		X	LORP Project (60 miles, perhaps more than 1,000 acres)/ Lower Owens Rewatering Project)			X		
X		X			McNally Ponds and Native Pasturelands (300 acres pasture, 60 acres ponds; EIR Impact 10-5 and 10-18, EIR Tables 4-3, 5-3)			X		
X	X	X			Millpond Recreation Area (EIR Impact 10-5, EIR Table 5-2 and 5-3)			X		
				X	North of Mazourka Canyon Road Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
X					Reinhackle Spring (EIR Impact 10-14)			X		
X		X			Richards Fields (160 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Table 4-3)			X		
X	X				Saunders Pond (EIR Impact 10-5, EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X		X			Shepherd Creek Alfalfa Field (198 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)			X		
X		X			Shepherd Creek Potential (60 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 5-3)	X				
X					Steward Ranch (EIR Impact 9-14)	X				
X			X		Tinemaha 54 Revegetation Project (EIR Impact 10-11)				X	
X		X			Tree Planting along Roadways (EIR Table 4-3)			X		
X	X				Tule Elk Field (EIR Table 5-2)			X		
X		X			Van Norman Fields (170 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Table 4-3)			X		
				X	Warren Lake Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
				X	Well 368 Project (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			X		
LADWP						8	0	43	13	0

**Table 3.2. LADWP Other Legal Commitments Summary**

Water Agreement	91 EIR	91 EIR E/M Project	Revegetation Project Other Agreement	97 MOU	<b>Table 3.2. LADWP OTHER LEGAL COMMITMENTS (October 2020)</b>	Completed <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing as Necessary and Required <sup>2</sup>	Implemented and Ongoing <sup>3</sup>	Fully Implemented But Not Meeting Goals <sup>4</sup>	Not Fully Implemented <sup>5</sup>
				X	Aerial Photo Analysis (MOU Section III.E)	X				
				X	Annual Report on the Owens Valley (MOU Section III.H)			X		
			X		Blackrock 94 Burns (2014 Stipulation)	X				
X					Cooperative Studies (Water Agreement Section IX)			X		
X					Dispute Resolution (Water Agreement Section XXVI)		X			
				X	Dispute Resolution and Litigation (MOU Section VI)		X			
X					Enhancement/ Mitigation Projects (Water Agreement Section X)			X		
X					Exchange of Information and Access (Water Agreement Section XVII)			X		
X					Financial Assistance- Big Pine Ditch System (Agreement Section XIV.E)			X		
X					Financial Assistance- General Financial Assistance to the County (Water Agreement Section XIV.D)			X		
X					Financial Assistance- Park & Environmental Assistance to City of Bishop (Water Agreement Section XIV.F)			X		
X					Financial Assistance- Park Rehabilitation, Development, & Maintenance (Water Agreement Section XIV.B)			X		
X					Financial Assistance- Salt Cedar Control (Water Agreement Section XIV.A)			X		
X					Financial Assistance- Water and Environmental Activities (Water Agreement Section XIV)			X		
				X	Financial Provisions (MOU Section IX)	X				
				X	Fish Slough (MOU Section IV)			X		
X					Groundwater Management (Water Agreement Section II)			X		
X					Groundwater Pumping on the Bishop Cone (Water Agreement Section VII)			X		
X					Groundwater Recharge Facilities (Water Agreement Section VIII)		X			
				X	Habitat Conservation Plan (MOU Section III.B)	X				
X					Haiwee Reservoir (Water Agreement Section XIII)	X				
				X	Inventory of Plants and Animals at Spring and Seeps (outside LORP Planning Area) (MOU Section III.C)	X				
	X				Laws Area Potential Mitigation-Consideration by Standing Committee (640 acres; EIR Impact 10-18)		X			
X					Legislative Coordination (Water Agreement Section XVI)			X		
				X	LORP Agency Consultation and Public Involvement (MOU Section II.D)	X				
				X	LORP EIR (MOU Section II.F)	X				
				X	LORP Implementation (MOU Section II.H)	X				
				X	LORP Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan (MOU Section II.E)			X		
				X	LORP Permits Approvals and Licenses (MOU Section II.I)	X				
				X	LORP Plan (MOU Section II.A)	X				
				X	LORP Planning Area- Inventory of Plants and Animals at Spring and Seeps (MOU Section III.A.2)	X				
				X	LORP Pumpback System (MOU Section II.G)	X				
				X	Lower Owens Off River Lakes and Ponds (MOU Section II.C.3)			X		
X					Lower Owens River (financial commitment) (Water Agreement Section XII)			X		
				X	Lower Owens River Delta Habitat Area (MOU Section II.C.2)			X		
				X	Lower Owens River Project 1500-Acre Blackrock Waterfowl HHabitat Area (MOU II.C.4)			X		
				X	Lower Owens River Riverine- Riparian System (MOU Section II.C.1)			X		
				X	Mitigation Plans for Impacts Identified in the 1991 EIR and the Water Agreement (MOU III.F)			X		
X					New Wells & Production Capacity (Water Agreement Section VI)					X
X					Owens River Recreational Use Plan (Water Agreement XV.B)					X
				X	Owens Valley Land Management Plans (MOU Section III.B)			X		
X					Release of City Owned Lands - Lands for Public Purposes (Water Agreement Section XV.D)		X			
X					Release of City Owned Lands- Bishop (Water Agreement Section XV.B)	X				
X					Release of City Owned Lands- Inyo County (Water Agreement Section XV.A)	X				
X					Release of City-owned lands- Additional Sales (Water Agreement Section XV.C)	X				
				X	Technical Group Meetings (MOU Section III.G)		X			
X					Town Water Systems (Water Agreement Section XI)	X				
				X	Type E Vegetation Inventory (MOU Section III.D)	X				
				X	Yellow-billed Cuckoo Habitat (MOU Section III.A.1)			X		
LADWP						18	6	23	0	2

### 3.2. LADWP ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROJECTS

Table 3.3 provides project title, legal reference, mitigation measure/provision, progress to date, and current status (according to LADWP) on each of LADWP's environmental mitigation projects listed in Table 3.1.

Again, categories describing status are:

*Complete:* Project has no additional commitments required (no water allotment or other financial or environmental mitigation; no continual monitoring and reporting),

*Ongoing as necessary/required:* These measures are only applied when necessary (monitoring and reporting for mitigation measures for new projects, construction, etc.),

*Implemented and ongoing:* Project is fully implemented and is currently meeting goals; however, there may be ongoing water or financial commitments or monitoring and reporting requirements,

*Fully implemented but not meeting goals:* Project is fully implemented but has not yet met prescribed goals or success criteria,

*Not fully implemented:* Project under development or under construction, but not fully implemented.

Following Table 3.3, there is an annual monitoring report for the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (1600 AF Projects), and updates to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs (MMRP) for the Irrigation Project in the Laws Area (Laws Type E Transfer), and the Big Pine Ditch System.

Table 3.3. LADWP Mitigation and Monitoring

Reporting No.	1991 EIR	1991 EIR Environmental Project (1970-1984)	1991 EIR E/M Project (1985-present)	Revegetation Project	1997 MOU	Table 3.3 LADWP MITIGATION AND MONITORING				Complete	Ongoing as Necessary/Required	Implemented and Ongoing	Fully implemented but not meeting goals	Not fully implemented
						Project Title	Impact (Where Relevant)	Measure/Provision	Progress to Date					
1					X	Aberdeen Ditch Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in April 2011 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Water continues to be provided annually to this project. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
2	X	X				Big and Little Seely Springs  (1 acre pond near Well W349; EIR Impact 10-14, EIR Table 5-2)	10-14: Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	In the area of Big and Little Seely Springs, LADWP well number 349 discharges water into a pond approximately one acre in size. This pond provides a temporary resting place for waterfowl and shorebirds when the pump is operating or Big Seely Spring is flowing. This water passes through the pond to the Owens River. Riparian vegetation has become established around this pond.	Project implementation is complete. Water continues to be provided annually to this project from Well 349. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
3	X			X		Big Pine Area Revegetation Project  (160 acres; EIR Impact 10-19)	10-19: Water management practices in a portion of the Big Pine Well Field have resulted in a significant adverse change and decrease of plant cover.	A revegetation program will be implemented for approximately 160 acres within the Big Pine area, which have lost all or part of its vegetation cover due to increased groundwater pumping or to abandonment of irrigation as part of operations to supply the second aqueduct. Will be revegetated.	<p>Site was fenced to reduce disturbance in 1998. Permanent vegetation transects were established in 1999. Mulch was applied to the site in 1999 and soil microbial studies were conducted in 1999, 2003, 2004, and 2005 by Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH).</p> <p>Drill seeding of the site occurred in Spring 2011 (20 acres), Winter 2014 (28 acres), and Fall/Winter 2015/2016 (154 acres). Seed germination from the 2015/2016 seeding effort was largely successful at this site. Additionally, some natural recruitment is occurring along the perimeter of the site.</p> <p>LADWP planted 100 <i>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</i> shrubs utilizing the Cocoon Planting System from Land Life Company in the fall of 2018. This technology allows for shrubs to grow in arid environments without additional irrigation post planting. As of 2019, there was only a 10% survivability rate of shrubs which could be due to the quality of the plants. Unlike the other sites that the Cocoon Planting System was tested, plants used for this effort were bought from an outside vendor.</p> <p>Permanent transects were read in 2019. The parcel has achieved</p>				X	



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									10% native perennial vegetation cover with 11 native perennial species (16% cover goal, 8 perennial species). The project has obtained the composition goal. There has been a significant upward trend in cover due to 2017 and 2019 precipitation years. Project is implemented but has not yet attained cover goals.					
4	X			X		Big Pine Area Revegetation Project (20 acres; EIR Impact 10-19)	10-19: Water management practices in a portion of the Big Pine Well Field have resulted in significant adverse change and decrease of plant cover.	An area of approximately 20 acres directly to the east of Big Pine that is poorly vegetated as a result of pre-project activities and activities which are not a part of the project will be evaluated as a potential enhancement/mitigation project. If, in planning this project, it is determined that it is not feasible to permanently irrigate this area, a revegetation program will be implemented.	Site was fenced to reduce disturbance and promote reestablishment in 2007. In February 2014, LADWP crews seeded approximately 3.2 acres of this area with a native seed mix in conjunction with the adjacent 160 acre Big Pine parcel. Approximately 18 acres were drill seeded at 10lbs/acre using native shrub seed mix during Winter 2015/2016. Seed germination from the 2015/2016 seeding efforts was largely successful at this site. Additionally, some natural recruitment is occurring at this site.  Permanent transects were read in 2019. The parcel has achieved 2.4% native perennial vegetation cover with 3 perennial species (16% cover goal, 8 perennial species). LADWP reseeded a 10-acre low cover portion of this parcel with native species in March 2021. The project is implemented but has not yet attained goals.				X	
5	X					Big Pine Ditch System (EIR Impact 10-19)	10-19: Water management practices in a portion of the Big Pine Well Field have resulted in significant adverse change and decrease of plant cover.	The Big Pine Ditch Project was planned to be implemented as provided in the Agreement. Per the Agreement, LADWP is to provide up to \$100,000 for reconstruction and upgrading of the ditch system. Additionally, LADWP is to supply up to 6 cfs to the ditch system from a new well to be constructed west of Big Pine.  The Inyo/Los Angeles Water Agreement was modified in 2003 to change the source of the replacement water and to specify new sources for the Big Pine Ditch System. This revised project includes a new well to be drilled in Bell Canyon and also includes an expansion of replacement water to include diversion from Big Pine Creek and Bell Canyon Ditch. Surface water flow in Big Pine Creek will be augmented with groundwater pumped from Well 415, and the surface water flow in Bell Canyon Ditch will	The Standing Committee approved procedures and guidelines for implementing the project in 1998. <i>An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Big Pine Ditch System and Modification to the Klondike Lake Project in the Big Pine Area of Inyo County</i> was circulated in 2003 and was approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners on November 12, 2003. The Water Agreement was also amended at this time, changing the project as originally described.  The Big Pine Irrigation and Improvement Association has implemented all phases required of them for the project and it has been in operation since 2005. LADWP has provided \$99,745 of the \$100,000 committed to the project.  LADWP annually supplies the required water to the project but is not currently recovering the makeup water. Well 415 has been drilled and equipped but is not yet operational. ICWD and LADWP adopted protocols for a 6 month pumping test of W415 with associated monitoring requirements at their May 6, 2020 Technical Group Meeting. This test is expected to occur in 2021.				X	

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								be augmented from the proposed Bell Canyon Well. The project will be constructed, operated and maintained by the Big Pine Irrigation and Improvement Association.	The Bell Canyon well has not yet been drilled. Although these two wells are not operational, this project is implemented and ongoing with water supplied annually to the project.					
6	X		X	X		Big Pine Northeast Regreening (30 acres; EIR Impact 10-11 and 10-19, EIR Table 5-3)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.10-19: Water management practices in a portion of the Big Pine Well Field have resulted in a significant adverse change and decrease of plant cover.	10-11: In the near future, two enhancement/mitigation projects will be initiated to mitigate areas affected by groundwater pumping adjacent to the towns of Independence (east side regreening project) and Big Pine (northeast regreening project). Each project was originally planned to be approximately 30 acres of irrigated pasture.10-19: LADWP and Inyo County will implement the Big Pine Regreening enhancement/mitigation project by establishing irrigated pasture on approximately 30 acres to the north and east of Big Pine.The Standing Committee approved a revised scope of work for the Big Pine Northeast Regreening Project as an Enhancement/ Mitigation Project under the EIR on November 4, 2010. The revised scope modified the boundaries of the project and amended the water supply source to be Big Pine Creek via the Big Pine Ditch System, Baker Creek via the Mendenhall Park Ditch, or Baker Return Ditch, or the Big Pine Canal, or a combination of these.	LADWP prepared and circulated an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Big Pine Northeast Regreening Project. This ND was approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners on March 6, 2012 and its Notice of Determination was filed with the State Clearinghouse and Inyo County Clerk on March 7, 2012. The Owens Valley Committee and the Big Pine Paiute Tribe brought a lawsuit against LADWP April 6, 2012 (Case No: SICVPT12-53541) challenging the adequacy of the ND and impacts from the use of W375 for makeup water for the project. This suit was settled in November 26, 2012. The Technical Group exempted well W375 on November 6, 2013 for project makeup water in order to make this project feasible. Installation of the irrigation system for this project occurred in Winter 2013/2014. The Big Pine Northeast Regreening was fully implemented in Spring 2014. Water continues to be provided annually to this project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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								The project will be supplied with up to 150 AF of water per year, and surface water supplied to the project will be made up by pumping W375 in an amount equivalent to that supplied to the project on an annual basis. Additionally, irrigation water will be supplied by flood or sprinkler irrigation.						
7	X			X		Bishop Area Revegetation Project (120 acres; EIR Impact 10-16)	10-16: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	120 acres of formerly irrigated land near Bishop with a loss of vegetation cover will be revegetated. The process to successfully revegetate these lands will be determined through studies to be conducted by LADWP and Inyo County. These lands will not be permanently irrigated, but will be revegetated with Owens Valley vegetation not requiring irrigation except perhaps during its initial establishment. Depending on the amount of rainfall and runoff, successful revegetation of these lands could take a decade or longer. The goal will be to achieve as full a vegetation cover as is feasible, but at a minimum, a vegetation cover sufficient to avoid blowing dust.	<p>Site was fenced to reduce disturbance in 1998. Permanent transects were established in 1999. MWH conducted dryland revegetation studies at this site in 2003 and a soil microbial study at this site in 2005. In 2011, approximately 35 acres were drill seeded with locally collected seeds. In 2012, a buried drip irrigation system was installed across 16 acres of the site and seed was planted at these emitters. In 2015, approximately 6 acres were hand seeded at emitters with native seed mix and 11.3 acres were drill seeded at the south end of the site.</p> <p>LADWP planted 230 shrubs consisting of <i>Atriplex canescens</i>, <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i>, and <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> utilizing the Cocoon Planting System from Land Life Company in the spring 2019. The cocoon planting technology allows for shrubs to grow in arid environments without additional irrigation post planting. As of 2019, the shrubs had a 48% survivability rate. The shrubs will continue to be monitored for success.</p> <p>Permanent vegetation transects were read in 2019. The parcel has achieved 14.3% cover with 4 native perennial species (goal 14% native perennial cover with 9 species). Project implementation is complete. Although species composition has not met 9 species, the goal of 14% native perennial cover has been met. LADWP seeded a 10-acre low cover area in this parcel with native perennial species in March 2021.</p>				X	

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8	X			X		Blackrock 16E Revegetation Project  (7.5 acres, EIR Impact 10-11)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.	Approximately 80 acres of land that lost a significant amount of its native vegetation cover as a result of increased groundwater pumping will be revegetated. The techniques that will be employed to revegetate these lands will be determined through studies that will be conducted by LADWP and Inyo County. These lands will not be permanently irrigated, but will be revegetated with native Owens Valley vegetation not requiring irrigation except perhaps during its initial establishment. Depending on the amount of rainfall and runoff, successful revegetation of these lands could take a decade or longer. The goal will be to restore as full a native vegetation cover as is feasible, but at a minimum, vegetation cover sufficient to avoid blowing dust will be achieved in that area.	Site was fenced to reduce disturbance and permanent vegetation transects were established. These transects were run in 2010 and the parcel attained cover and composition goals (31% cover consisting of 5 perennial species). Exclusionary fencing has been removed. Project is complete.	X				
9	X					Blackrock Hatchery  (EIR Impact 10-14)	10-14: Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	No on-site mitigation will be implemented at Fish Springs and Big Blackrock Springs; however, CDFW fish hatcheries at these locations serve as mitigation of a compensatory nature by producing fish that are stocked throughout Inyo County.	The Blackrock Hatchery Ponds were first operated in 1941. In 1976, the hatchery was expanded. Spawning activities ceased in 2012 at this hatchery. This hatchery raises rainbow and California Golden trout for distribution to approved waters in the State of California. Hatchery operations are managed by CDFW. The hatchery is on City of Los Angeles property and LADWP annually supplies water to the project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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10	X	X				Buckley Ponds (EIR Impact 10-5 and 11-1, EIR Table 5-2)	10-5: Between 1970 and 1990, the project resulted in beneficial changes to lakes and ponds, and the creation of new lakes and ponds, with no significant adverse impact on vegetation.11-1: Changes of surface water management practices and increased groundwater pumping have altered the habitats on which wildlife depends. Vegetation changes have been significant in many locations throughout the Valley. Therefore, impacts to certain species of wildlife, which were entirely dependent upon the impacted habitat, can be presumed to be significant.	Under this project, water is provided for a warm-water fishery and waterfowl area.	<p>The dike system forming the Buckley Pond Series was originally constructed in the 1950s to create a water spreading and groundwater recharge area to be used only in above normal years. In 1968, a cooperative agreement between LADWP and CDFG proposed a habitat improvement project and permanent wildlife habitat area. Work under this agreement began in 1970 when it was implemented as an LADWP Environmental Project. LADWP, California Department of Fish and Game, and California Department of Forestry signed onto the joint <i>Habitat Management Plan for the Buckley Pond Series</i> in 1976 that described how the pond series was to be managed.</p> <p>LADWP has conducted significant maintenance in these ponds in recent years. In December 2011, LADWP conducted controlled burns on Rawson Ponds #1, 2, and 3 with assistance from Cal Fire. Additional controlled burns were conducted on Rawson Pond #1 in December 2012 and on Rawson Pond #2 in January 2014. Following burning, all ponds were cleaned and new inlet/outlet structures installed, and handicap accessible fishing platforms were constructed by the local Lion's Club at each site. Ponds were back in service at the following times: Rawson Pond #3: March 2012; Rawson Pond #1: March 2013; and Rawson Pond #2: April 2014.</p> <p>Water continues to be provided annually to this project. Maintenance occurs as necessary. Project is implemented and ongoing.</p>			X		
11	X	X				Calvert Slough  (EIR Impact 10-5, EIR Table 5-2)	10-5: Between 1970 and 1990, the project resulted in beneficial changes to lakes and ponds, and the creation of new lakes and ponds, with no significant adverse impact on vegetation.	Under this project, water is provided to maintain habitat, small pond, and marsh area near the Los Angeles Aqueduct Intake.	Calvert Slough was originally implemented as an LADWP Environmental Project in the 1970s. Water continues to be provided to this project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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12	X	X			X	Diaz Lake  (EIR Table 5-2, Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))		As described in the EIR, supplemental water supply is provided to Diaz Lake Recreational Area for this project.  Under the 1997 MOU as one of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group, the Diaz Lake Project provides a secure water supply for Diaz Lake and reduces the dependence on pumping conducted by Inyo County to supply the lake, as was the case with the original project. The primary benefit of the MOU project is reduced pumping by Inyo County in the Bairs-George wellfield to provide water for Diaz Lake.	The Diaz Lake Project was originally implemented as an LADWP Environmental Project in the 1970s. The changes in water supply and accounting for the project under the MOU were implemented in Spring 2012. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on this and other Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
13	X		X			Eastern California Museum (EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)		This project enhanced the appearance of the Eastern California Museum grounds in Independence. It consists of a small pond, trees, expanded lawn areas, and an irrigation system.	This project was implemented in 1989. Water continues to be provided annually to this project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
14	X	X				Farmers Pond  (EIR Impact 10-5, 10-18, 11-1, EIR Table 5-2)	10-5: Between 1970 and 1990, the project resulted in beneficial changes to lakes and ponds, and the creation of new lakes and ponds, with no significant adverse impact on vegetation.  10-18: Significant adverse vegetation decrease and change have occurred in the Laws area due to a combination of factors, including abandoned agriculture, groundwater pumping, water spreading in wet years, livestock grazing, and drought.  11-1: Changes of surface water management practices and increased groundwater pumping have altered the habitats on which wildlife depends. Vegetation changes have been significant in many locations	In the 1970s, LADWP started the Farmer's Pond environmental project. Water is provided in fall of each year to offer increased habitat for migrating waterfowl. The project area is two miles north of Bishop.	This project was originally implemented as an LADWP Environmental Project in the 1970s. Water continues to be provided annually to this project in the fall. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		



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							throughout the Valley. Therefore, impacts to certain species of wildlife, which were entirely dependent upon the impacted habitat, can be presumed to be significant.							
15	X					Fish Springs Hatchery (EIR Impact 10-14)	10-14: Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	No on-site mitigation will be implemented at Fish Springs and Big Blackrock Springs; however, CDFG fish hatcheries at these locations serve as mitigation of a compensatory nature by producing fish that are stocked throughout Inyo County.	The Fish Springs Hatchery was originally constructed in 1952 and was modernized in 1972 and again in 2009. This hatchery produces and distributes rainbow and Eagle Lake trout to Inyo and Mono Counties. Hatchery operations are managed by CDFW. The hatchery is on City of Los Angeles property and LADWP annually supplies water to the project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
16	X			X		Five Bridges Area Revegetation Project (300 acres; EIR Impact 10-12)	10-12: Vegetation in an area of approximately 300 acres near Five Bridges Road north of Bishop was significantly adversely affected during 1988 because of the operation of the two wells, to supply water to enhancement/mitigation projects.	Water has been spread over the affected area since 1988. By the summer of 1990, revegetation of native species had begun on approximately 80% of the affected area. LADWP and Inyo County are developing a plan to revegetate approximately 60 acres with riparian and meadow vegetation. This plan will be implemented when it has been completed.	Since 1989, LADWP has implemented various efforts to recover native vegetation in the mitigation area through re-irrigating the affected area each growing season, extensive weed treatment to eradicate perennial pepperweed ( <i>Lepidium latifolium</i> ), and development and implementation of a grazing management plan to compliment these efforts. LADWP has also used controlled burns, sprinkler irrigation, seeding banks and outplanting native species to assist in mitigating the original impacts. In 2017, LADWP determined that mitigation for the impacts from groundwater pumping at Five Bridges was complete.  Inyo County and LADWP utilized the dispute resolution process to	X				



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									settle disagreements over the W385R pump test and the status of the Five Bridges Mitigation Project in 2017. On June 25, 2018, both parties entered into a Settlement Agreement as resolution to these disputes. Subsequently, at their July 19, 2018 meeting, the Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group adopted resolutions to (1) adopt a monitoring and management plan for the W385R pump test and (2) amend the 1999 Revegetation Plan to temporarily suspend the provision requiring Wells 385 and 386 be permanently shut down in order to conduct the pump test. At their February 21, 2019 meeting, the Technical Group adopted a Work Plan for the Five Bridges Mitigation Area for the 2019 and 2020 calendar years to coincide with the W385 pump test which occurred December 2019-February 2020. LADWP will conduct the work outlined in that plan per agreement with Inyo County. Mitigation is complete.					
17					X	Freeman Creek Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in July 2010 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Water continues to be provided annually to this project. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on these projects. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
18	X				X	Hines Spring (1 to 2 acres, EIR Impact 10-14), implemented as the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3)	10-14: Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	The original mitigation measure called for onsite mitigation at the Hines Spring vent and its surroundings. This project was also identified in the 1997 MOU and subject of 2004 and 2010 Stipulations and Orders. Per the MOU Section III.A.3 (Additional Mitigation), a total of 1600 AF of water per year will be supplied by LADWP for the implementation of the on-site mitigation measure at Hines Springs and on-site or off-site mitigation identified in the 1991 EIR for impacts at Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs and Big and Little Blackrock Springs. Under the direction of LADWP and the County, Ecosystem Sciences will recommend reasonable and feasible on-site and/or off site mitigation measures, including the implementation of mitigation at Hines Springs.	Ecosystem Sciences developed a draft plan for this project that was finalized in October 2005. The MOU Parties found this plan to be inadequate and decided to enter into an ad hoc process to analyze the project at Hines Springs and other potential project areas. The Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group document was finalized in September 2008 and describes a series of eight mitigation projects to satisfy this 1600AF mitigation commitment of the 1997 MOU. This plan was completed and agreed to by the MOU Parties. CEQA analysis was conducted in Spring 2010 and the projects were adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners in June 2010. Implementation of the projects began shortly thereafter and all were fully implemented by March 2012, per the 2010 Stipulation and Order (Case No: S1CVCV01-29768). Projects are further described in Section 3.2.1. Projects are implemented and ongoing.			X		
19	X			X		Hines Spring South  (9 acres, EIR Impact 10-11)	Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to	Approximately 80 acres of land that lost a significant amount of its native vegetation cover as a result of increased groundwater pumping	Per the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group, the timeline for implementing the Hines Spring South Revegetation Project was extended to three years post				X	

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							die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.	will be revegetated. The techniques that will be employed to revegetate these lands will be determined through studies that will be conducted by LADWP and Inyo County. These lands will not be permanently irrigated, but will be revegetated with native Owens Valley vegetation not requiring irrigation except perhaps during its initial establishment. Depending on the amount of rainfall and runoff, successful revegetation of these lands could take a decade or longer. The goal will be to restore as full a native vegetation cover as is feasible, but at a minimum, vegetation cover sufficient to avoid blowing dust will be achieved in that area.	implementation of the Additional Mitigation Projects. All of the Additional Mitigation Projects were implemented by Spring 2012. The Revegetation Plan for Hines Spring South is complete and was provided in LADWP's 2015 Annual Owens Valley Report.  The 9-acre enclosure was fenced in 2015 per this plan. Initial response to exclusion of this area was positive as demonstrated by prolific native grasses. Permanent vegetation transects were established and read in 2019. The parcel has achieved 10.2% cover with 5 native perennial species (goal 31.5% cover with 3 native perennial species). The composition goal has been met. Project is implemented but cover criteria has not yet been met.					
20					X	Hines Spring Well 355 Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in January 2012 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on these projects. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
21					X	Homestead Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in February 2012 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on these projects. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
22	X			X		Independence 105 Revegetation Project  (14 acres, EIR Impact 10-13)	Increased groundwater pumping has significantly adversely affected approximately 60 acres of vegetation in the Symmes Shepherd well field area.	A revegetation program will be implemented for these effected areas utilizing native vegetation of the type that has died off. Water may be spread as necessary in these areas to accomplish the revegetation.	This project contains a portion of the 60 acres required for revegetation under EIR Impact 10-13. This 14-acre site was fenced to reduce disturbance in 1999 and permanent vegetation transects were established in 2000. As of 2017, the parcel contained 23% perennial vegetation cover consisting of 3 perennial species, attaining the goal for cover and composition (15% cover and 3 perennial species). Project is complete.	X				

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23	X			X		Independence 123 Revegetation Project  (28 acres, EIR Impact 10-13)	Increased groundwater pumping has significantly adversely affected approximately 60 acres of vegetation in the Symmes Shepherd well field area.	A revegetation program will be implemented for these effected areas utilizing native vegetation of the type that has died off. Water may be spread as necessary in these areas to accomplish the revegetation.	This project contains a portion of the 60 acres required for revegetation under EIR Impact 10-13. This 28-acre site was fenced to reduce disturbance in 1999 and permanent vegetation transects were established in 2000. As of 2006, this site had attained 17% cover with 4 native perennial species, attaining the goals for cover and composition (15% cover and 3 perennial species). Project is complete.	X				
24	X			X		Independence 131 Revegetation Project  (23 acres, EIR Impact 10-13)	Increased groundwater pumping has significantly adversely affected approximately 60 acres of vegetation in the Symmes Shepherd well field area.	A revegetation program will be implemented for these effected areas utilizing native vegetation of the type that has died off. Water may be spread as necessary in these areas to accomplish the revegetation.	<p>This project contains a portion of the 60 acres required for revegetation under EIR Impact 10-13. This 74.6 acre revegetation site is segmented by Symmes Creek and was fenced to reduce disturbance in 1999. Permanent vegetation transects were established in 2000. SAIC and MWH conducted dryland revegetation studies using various irrigation methods and planting techniques in 2003 and 2005. 25 acres were drill seeded with locally collected seeds in the spring of 2011.</p> <p>As of 2012, IND131N (north of Symmes Creek) had achieved 15% cover with 5 native perennial species, attaining the goals for cover and composition (15% cover and 3 perennial species). Vegetation transects in IND131S (south of Symmes Creek) were monitored in 2017. This portion of the site had 10% cover and 6 perennial species, meeting the composition requirement. This project has been fully implemented but the southern portion has not yet attained cover goals.</p>				X	
25	X		X			Independence Ditch System  (EIR Table 4-3)		This project will provide water to a ditch through Independence. After passing through town, the unused water may supply irrigation water to the Independence Pasturelands and/or Independence Springfield enhancement/mitigation projects.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1987. Water continues to be supplied annually to the project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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26	X		X	X		Independence East Side Regreening Project (23 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, 12-1, EIR Table 5-3)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands. 12-1: Significant impacts on air quality resulting from groundwater pumping during the period of 1970 to 1990 have occurred due to vegetation losses.	10-11: In the near future, two enhancement/mitigation projects will be initiated to mitigate areas affected by groundwater pumping adjacent to the towns of Independence (east side regreening project) and Big Pine (northeast regreening project). Each project was originally planned to be approximately 30 acres of irrigated pasture. 12-1: As part of the Independence Pasturelands and Springfield enhancement/mitigation projects, approximately 730 acres of barren or near barren ground have been revegetated with either native pasture or alfalfa. This area was affected by groundwater pumping and surface diversions of water.	Installation of the irrigation system for this project occurred in Winter 2013/2014. The Independence East Side Regreening Project was fully implemented in spring 2014. Water is supplied annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
27	X		X			Independence Pasturelands and Native Pasturelands (610 acres (520 acres per EIR Figure 12-2); EIR Impact 12-1, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)	12-1: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	As part of the enhancement/mitigation projects implemented by LADWP and Inyo County since 1985, approximately 942 acres of these abandoned agricultural lands have been revegetated with irrigated pasture or alfalfa. These areas are the Independence Pasture and native pasture lands, the Van Norman and Richards Fields, and the Lone Pine Woodlot adjacent to Lone Pine.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project 1987-1988. Approximately 520 acres are incorporated into the project per Figure 12-2 in the 1991 EIR. Water continues to be provided annually to this project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
28	X		X			Independence Roadside Rest Area (0.5 acres; EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)		This project consisted of planting shade and windbreak trees and grass, installation of an irrigation system, and placement of a picnic table on a ½-acre site south of the town of Independence.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1989. Water is provided from the Independence Town Water System through a metered connection and paid for by Inyo County. Project is complete.	X				

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29	X		X			Independence Springfield  (286 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, 12-1, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.  12-1: Significant impacts on air quality resulting from groundwater pumping during the period of 1970 to 1990 have occurred due to vegetation losses.	10-11: As part of the Independence Springfield and Woodlot enhancement/mitigation projects, approximately 317 acres of barren or near-barren ground have been revegetated with either native pasture or alfalfa. This area was affected by groundwater pumping and surface diversions of water.  12-1: As part of the Independence Pasturelands and Springfield enhancement/mitigation projects, approximately 730 acres of barren or near barren ground have been revegetated with either native pasture or alfalfa. This area was affected by groundwater pumping and surface diversions of water.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1988 and irrigates approximately 300 acres. Water continues to be provided annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
30	X		X			Independence Woodlot (20 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 4-3)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.	As part of the Independence Springfield and Woodlot enhancement/mitigation projects, approximately 317 acres of barren or near-barren ground have been revegetated with either native pasture or alfalfa. This area was affected by groundwater pumping and surface diversions of water.	The Independence Wood Lot was initially planted in 1987. The wood lot was planted at a high density with the intent of thinning to a 12-foot spacing after planting success was determined. Over time, this high density of trees resulted in reduced growth and increased competition. While the hybrid poplar portions of the wood lots have been harvested several times since project implementation, the locust portions of the wood lots had never been harvested until 2015-2016. At that time, LADWP and CAL Fire conducted a significant thinning effort in both the Lone Pine and Independence Wood Lots resulting in approximately 130 cords of wood harvested and distributed to the Lone Pine Future Farmers of America (FFA), who holds the lease to both wood lots and manages the distribution of wood.In Winter 2016-17, LADWP and CAL Fire continued thinning the Hybrid Popular and Black Locust tree portions of both wood lots, resulting in another 120 cords of wood harvested and distributed to the Lone Pine FFA. Maintenance of the wood lots continues as needed. Replanting efforts of the harvested portions of the Independence woodlot occurred in spring 2017 with the planting of 675 Hybrid Popular pole plantings.  Water is supplied annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		



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31	X	X	X			Klondike Lake Aquatic Habitat  (160 acres; EIR Impact 10-5 and 11-1, EIR Tables 4-3, 5-2, and 5-3)	Changes of surface water management practices and increased groundwater pumping have altered the habitats on which wildlife depends. Vegetation changes have been significant in many locations throughout the Valley. Therefore, impacts to certain species of wildlife, which were entirely dependent upon the impacted habitat, can be presumed to be significant.	The importance of riparian, marsh and aquatic habitats is recognized for mitigation of the impacts to wildlife that occurred during the 1970 to 1990 period. Wetter habitats support many more species and greater populations of wildlife; therefore, water management to create wet habitats will be used to mitigate the significant adverse impacts of the project.	The Klondike Lake Project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1986. Klondike sustains a year round water supply in a 160-acre formerly seasonal lakebed area providing nesting and feeding areas for waterfowl, and permitting water skiing and other water sports in summer months.  Water continues to be provided annually to the project. The estimated water usage for the project was modified in the Big Pine Ditch System MND from 2,200 AF to 1,700 AF, with 1,500 AF allocated for conveyance and lake level maintenance and up to 200 AF allocated for the Klondike South Shore Habitat Area (SSHA) south of the lake. LADWP provides boat inspections for nonnative quagga and zebra mussels at Klondike annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day to ensure that these mussels are not introduced into LA's water system. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
32						Klondike SSHA (Big Pine Ditch System MND)		Per the Big Pine Ditch System MND, up to 200 acre feet of water will be supplied to a habitat area south of Klondike Lake for waterfowl nesting and feeding.	The Klondike South Shore Habitat Area (SSHA) Project was implemented as part of the Big Pine Ditch System Project and MND (2003), as the water supply for the Klondike Lake Project was modified to supply up to 200 AF of water to the SSHA project.  A new diversion was installed and implementation of the releases for waterfowl habitat south of the lake began in May 2005. Delivery and measurement of the total allocation of up to 200 AF to the south was initially problematic because of the low hydraulic gradient between the lake and the waterfowl habitat areas as well as sand accumulation in this area. An alternate water release location was utilized starting in 2012.  In March 2015, LADWP disked the tules in the habitat area that had resulted from multiple years of flooding throughout the growing season to increase the amount of shallow flooding acreage available for migrants. Water continues to be provided to the project annually as required; 32 acre feet of water was released to the project in 2020 (April-May; October). Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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33				X		LAWS 118 Revegetation Project  (19 acre portion, additional to 1991 EIR commitment; Laws Type E Transfer MND/2003 Laws Revegetation Plan)		Per the 2003 Laws Revegetation Plan, this project requires native revegetation of 19-acre portion of LAWS 118 (in addition to acreage required under 1991 EIR) with 10% cover and eight native species.	The 19-acre portion of Laws 118 covered in the Laws 2003 Plan has a complete irrigation system installed. Approximately 8,000 plants were planted in this parcel from 2008 to 2018.  Initial planting is 100% complete. Overplanting in this parcel will continue. Project is fully implemented but has not yet attained goals.				X		
34				X		LAWS 129 Revegetation Project  (47 acres, Laws Type E Transfer MND/2003 Laws Revegetation Plan)		Per the 2003 Laws Revegetation Plan, this project requires native revegetation of 47 acres of abandoned agriculture land with 10% cover and eight native species.	The drip irrigation system is fully installed at this site. Approximately 26,000 plants were planted in this parcel from 2008 to 2018. Initial planting in this parcel was 100% completed by fall 2015. In the fall of 2018, approximately 6,000 plants were overplanted within the parcel, filling in all vacant emitter locations. Overplanting in this parcel will continue until criteria are met. Project is fully implemented but has not yet attained goals.				X		



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35				X		LAWS 27 (Native Seed Farm) (Laws Type E Transfer MND)		Per the Laws Type E Transfer MND (Irrigation Project in the Laws Area, this project requires LADWP to initiate a native seed farm for use on Owens Valley Revegetation projects.	<p>A seed farm was initiated for seed harvest in 2004. The seed farm will aid in the implementation of all revegetation projects in the Owens Valley. In addition, LADWP has purchased and operates two greenhouses to grow up to 18,000 plants biannually for the seed farm and other revegetation efforts. Portions of the Seed Farm are currently well established and are producing viable seed from native grasses and shrubs. Approximately 40 acres of drip irrigation was hand seeded with <i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> and 2 acres of land without irrigation was drill seeded with a native upland scrub mix in winter of 2015. LADWP completed initial planting of the Laws Native Seed Farm in Spring 2017 by outplanting approximately 10,500 native plants at the site. LADWP overplanted an additional 6,000 plants at the site in Fall 2017. Survivability monitoring of the outplantings was performed in the fall of 2018. 12,492 emitters were surveyed for living plants. Of them, 8,021 had a live plant, equating to 64% survivability.</p> <p>In the spring of 2018, 15 acres of sprinkler irrigation was drill seeded with Indian ricegrass. Success was low, possibly due to timing of the seeding and competition from existing weedy growth. In the spring of 2019, the entire western section of sprinkler irrigation (30 acres) was mowed and disked to prepare a clean seed bed for seeding. When temperatures were appropriate, the area was drill seeded with Indian ricegrass at 30lbs/acre and irrigation was commenced. The ricegrass germinated quickly and began to grow, putting on seed early in the season. However, the area became very weedy and the ricegrass was outcompeted by annual forbes. A trial application of herbicide was applied to a small area to test for effectiveness with the goal of treating all 30 acres. Results showed that the herbicide did not harm the ricegrass while proving effective on killing the competitive weeds. In the spring of 2020, the entire western section was treated with herbicide. This reduced the weedy, competitive growth of forbes, and allowed the ricegrass to expand. By the end of the growing season, the entire western section of the seed farm was dominated by pasture grass with very little weedy growth. This area will continue to be monitored but no future seeding in this section should be necessary. There is no specific cover and composition criteria for this site.</p>				X	

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36				X		LAWS 90 Revegetation Project  (101 acres, Laws Type E Transfer MND/2003 Laws Revegetation Plan)		Per the 2003 Laws Revegetation Plan, this project requires native revegetation of 101 acres of abandoned agriculture land with 10% cover and 10 ten native species.	<p>The drip irrigation system is fully installed at this site. Initial planting in this large parcel is 100% complete. Approximately 71,400 plants have been planted in this parcel from 2008 to 2016.</p> <p>In 2014 and 2015, LADWP implemented a series of demonstration projects at Laws 90 including pre-emergent weed control, sand fencing, hay bale placement, exclusionary fencing, and mulch application. Knowledge gained from these demonstration projects have helped guide revegetation efforts in the Laws area. All of Laws 90 was overplanted in 2016 with approximately 26,400 additional plants filling in all emitter basins with either new or established live plants.</p> <p>Survivability monitoring of the outplantings was performed in the fall of 2018. LADWP biologists surveyed 36,072 emitters for living plants. Of them, 26,841 had a live plant, equating to 74% survivability.</p> <p>In the fall of 2020, approximately 16,000 native plants were overplanted at this site. Initial planting across all 101 acres is 100% complete, but has not yet achieved success criteria. Overplanting in this parcel will be ongoing until goals are met. Project is fully implemented but has not yet attained goals.</p>				X	
37				X		LAWS 94 Revegetation Project (40 acres, Laws Type E Transfer MND/2003 Laws Revegetation Plan)		Per the 2003 Laws Revegetation Plan, this project requires native revegetation of 40 acres of abandoned agriculture land with 10% cover and ten native species.	<p>The initial planting for the entire parcel was complete in Fall 2013. This parcel was formerly a combination of buried and aboveground drip irrigation systems; as of spring 2018, LADWP replaced all remaining above ground drip line with new buried drip irrigation lines. Approximately 38,000 plants have been planted in this parcel from 2008 to 2019. LADWP seeded the (former) above ground drip portion in 2015/2016 but had little success with germination.</p> <p>Survivability monitoring of the outplantings was performed in the fall of 2018. Biologists surveyed 11,522 emitters for living plants. Of them, 8,191 had a live plant, equating to 71% survivability.</p> <p>In the spring of 2019, approximately 15,000 native plants were overplanted at this site. Initial planting across all 40 acres is 100% complete, but has not yet achieved success criteria. Overplanting in this parcel will be ongoing until goals are met. Project is fully implemented but has not yet attained goals.</p>				X	

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38				X		LAWS 95 Revegetation Project  (46 acres, Laws Type E Transfer MND/2003 Laws Revegetation Plan)		Per the 2003 Laws Revegetation Plan, this project requires native revegetation of 46 acres of abandoned agriculture land with 10% cover and ten native species.	<p>The initial planting for the entire parcel was complete in Fall 2013. This parcel was formerly a combination of buried and aboveground drip irrigation systems; as of spring 2018, LADWP replaced all remaining above ground drip line with new buried drip irrigation lines.</p> <p>Approximately 43,500 plants have been planted in this parcel from 2008 to 2019. LADWP seeded the above ground drip portion in 2015/2016 but had little success with germination. Survivability monitoring of the outplantings was performed in the fall of 2018. Biologists surveyed 17,160 emitters for living plants. Of them, 10,837 had a live plant, equating to 63% survivability.</p> <p>In the fall of 2019, approximately 9,000 native plants were overplanted at this site. Initial planting across all 46 acres is 100% complete, but has not yet achieved success criteria. Overplanting in this parcel will be ongoing until goals are met. Project is fully implemented but has not yet attained goals.</p>				X	
39	X			X		Laws Area Revegetation Project (LAWS118) (140 acres; EIR Impact 10-18)	10-18: Significant adverse vegetation decrease and change have occurred in the Laws area due to a combination of factors, including abandoned agriculture, groundwater pumping, water spreading in wet years, livestock grazing, and drought.	Approximately 140 acres will be revegetated within the Laws area, which has lost all or part of its vegetation cover due to increased groundwater pumping or to abandonment of irrigation operations to supply the second aqueduct.	<p>Site was fenced to reduce disturbance in 1998. Permanent transects were established in 1999. Dryland revegetation studies examining various planting and watering techniques were conducted in a portion of LAWS 118 by SAIC and MWH Americas in 2003 and 2004. In 2004, the above ground drip irrigation system was expanded and seed was planted at all emitters. The above-ground irrigation system was moved to a new area in 2005 and seed was planted at the new emitters at that time. In 2005, MWH conducted a soil microbial study at the site. In Spring 2011, 18 acres were seeded with locally collected seeds. In 2012, a buried drip system was installed at this site over approximately 30 acres. In the fall of 2018, approximately 11,000 plants were outplanted within the 30 acres of drip irrigation. New fencing was installed in 2013 on the west side of the project area along the new boundary with the Cashbaugh Lease established in the Laws Type E transfer. Approximately 46 acres was drill seeded during Winter 2015/2016.</p> <p>Permanent vegetation transects were read in 2019. The parcel has achieved 5.5% cover with 15 native perennial species (10% cover goal, 8 perennial species). The composition goal has been met. This project is fully implemented but has not yet attained cover goals.</p>				X	

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40	X		X			Laws Historical Museum Pasturelands  (21+15 acres; EIR Impact 10-18, EIR Table 5-3)	Significant adverse vegetation decrease and change have occurred in the Laws area due to a combination of factors, including abandoned agriculture, groundwater pumping, water spreading in wet years, livestock grazing, and drought.	In the mid-1980s, LADWP and Inyo County implemented the Laws-Poleta Pasture Land, Laws Museum, and McNally Ponds enhancement/mitigation projects in the Laws area totaling approximately 541 acres of pasture land.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1990. This project provides a regular water supply to improve the native vegetation on a 21-acre parcel, establish irrigated pasture on 15 acres and establish windbreak trees, all adjacent to the museum.  Water continues to be provided annually to this project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
41	X		X			Laws/Poleta Native Pasture  (216 acres; EIR Impact 10-18, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)	Significant adverse vegetation decrease and change have occurred in the Laws area due to a combination of factors, including abandoned agriculture, groundwater pumping, water spreading in wet years, livestock grazing, and drought.	In the mid-1980s, LADWP and Inyo County implemented the Laws-Poleta Pasture Land, Laws Museum, and McNally Ponds enhancement/mitigation projects in the Laws area totaling approximately 541 acres of pasture land.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1988. This project provides water for irrigation of 220 acres of sparsely vegetated land to reestablish native vegetation on abandoned pasture lands and increase livestock grazing capabilities.  Water continues to be provided annually to this project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
42	X	X				Little Blackrock Springs (EIR Impact 10-14, EIR Table 5-2)	Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	LADWP will continue to supply water from Division Creek to the site of the former pond at Little Blackrock Springs. The marsh vegetation at this site will thus be maintained.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Environmental Project in the 1970s. Water is supplied from Division Creek to maintain the marsh vegetation as required. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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43	X		X			Lone Pine East Side Regreening  (11 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Table 5-3)	10-16: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	A field of approximately seven acres along the Whitney Portal Road in Lone Pine, and a field of approximately 11 acres north of Lone Pine and east of Highway 395, have been converted to irrigated pasture as part of the Lone Pine Regreening enhancement/mitigation projects.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1990. This project was implemented to enhance the aesthetics of abandoned agricultural or pasture lands in areas around the towns of Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine. Water is supplied from LADWP facilities to promote and maintain vegetation.  Water continues to be provided annually to this project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
44	X		X			Lone Pine-North Lone Pine Clean Up  (EIR Table 4-3)		This project consisted of clearing unsightly, diseased or dead trees and cleaning up refuse around the community of Lone Pine.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1989 to improve the aesthetics of a 23-acre area north of Lone Pine east of Highway 395. This project is complete.	X				
45	X		X			Lone Pine Riparian Park  (320 acres, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)		Provide a continuous water supply to a reestablished ditch running through Lone Pine Town Park and then easterly to the Lone Pine Woodlot Project. Water not used by this project or the Woodlot Field project could flow to the historic Lone Pine Creek Channel east of Lone Pine and returned to the Owens River Channel.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1987. This project supplies water through a historic ditch to the Lone Pine Riparian Park, the Lone Pine Wood Lot, and approximately 320 acres of reestablished pasturelands in Richards and Van Norman Fields.  Water continues to be provided annually to this project for irrigation as required. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
46	X		X			Lone Pine Sports Complex  (EIR Table 5-3)		This project consists of a sports complex that includes a playground for Lo-Inyo School, soccer fields, softball/baseball fields, and parking and picnic area over approximately 10 acres.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1990. This project converted vacant City property to an outdoor sports complex consisting of baseball fields, soccer fields, parking, picnic, and park areas. Project is complete.	X				

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47	X		X			Lone Pine West Side Regreening  (8 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)	10-16: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	A field of approximately seven acres along the Whitney Portal Road in Lone Pine, and a field of approximately 11 acres north of Lone Pine and east of Highway 395, have been converted to irrigated pasture as part of the Lone Pine Regreening enhancement/mitigation projects.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1990. This project was implemented to enhance the aesthetics of abandoned agricultural or pasture lands in areas around the towns of Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine.  Water is supplied annually from LADWP facilities to promote and maintain vegetation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
48	X		X			Lone Pine Woodlot (12 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, EIR Table 4-3)	10-11: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	As part of the enhancement/mitigation projects implemented by LADWP and Inyo County since 1985, approximately 942 acres of these abandoned agricultural lands have been revegetated with irrigated pasture or alfalfa. These areas are the Independence Pasture and native pasture lands, the Van Norman and Richards Fields, and the Lone Pine Woodlot adjacent to Lone Pine.	The Lone Pine Wood Lot was initially planted in 1987. The wood lot was planted at a high density with the intent of thinning to a 12-foot spacing after planting success was determined. Over time, this high density of trees resulted in reduced growth and increased competition. While the hybrid poplar portions of the wood lots have been harvested several times since project implementation, the locust portions of the wood lots had never been harvested until 2015-2016. At that time, LADWP and CAL Fire conducted a significant thinning effort in both the Lone Pine and Independence Wood Lots resulting in approximately 130 cords of wood harvested and distributed to the Lone Pine Future Farmers of America (FFA), who holds the lease to both wood lots and manages the distribution of wood.In Winter 2017-18, LADWP and CAL Fire planted 825 Hybrid Popular trees in the Popular section of the Lone Pine Wood Lot. The trees were planted in areas where there were spaces from trees not re-sprouting. Maintenance of the wood lots continues as needed.  Water is supplied annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		



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49	X	X	X		X	LORP Project  (60 miles, perhaps more than 1,000 acres)/ Lower Owens Rewatering Project; EIR Impacts 10-14, 10-17, 10-20; EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3, 1997 MOU Section II)	Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	Although not all springs and associated riparian and meadow vegetation will receive on-site mitigation, the Lower Owens River Project will provide mitigation of a compensatory nature. This project will rewater over 50 miles of the river channel allowing for restoration of riparian vegetation along the river. This project also will result in the creation of several new ponds along the river and will provide the continuation of existing lakes associated with the project. The project will restore large areas of wetland and meadow vegetation, perhaps exceeding 1,000 acres adjacent to the river and in its delta. In comparison, the area of riparian and meadow vegetation that has been lost and will not be restored because of the elimination of spring flow due to groundwater pumping is estimated to be less than 100 acres.	Flows were initiated in the Lower Owens River Project in December 2006. All four elements of the LORP are functioning and are being adaptively managed. Monitoring is ongoing and water is annually supplied to the project as required. For more information on the monitoring and management of the LORP, refer to LADWP and ICWD's LORP Annual Report. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
50	X		X			McNally Ponds and Native Pasturelands (300 acres pasture, 60 acres ponds; EIR Impact 10-5 and 10-18, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)	10-5: Between 1970 and 1990, the project resulted in beneficial changes to lakes and ponds, and the creation of new lakes and ponds, with no significant adverse impact on vegetation. 10-18: Significant adverse vegetation decrease and change have occurred in the Laws area due to a combination of factors, including abandoned agriculture, groundwater pumping, water spreading in wet years, livestock grazing, and drought.	In the mid-1980s, LADWP and Inyo County implemented the Laws-Poleta Pasture Land, Laws Museum, and McNally Ponds enhancement/mitigation projects in the Laws area totaling approximately 541 acres of pasture land.	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1986-1987. When in operation, this project provides water for 300 acres during the spring and summer months to mitigate and sustain vegetation, and to provide water to 60 acres of ponds during the fall months for waterfowl habitat. The Standing Committee agreed in 1991 to reduce the water commitment to the McNally Ponds Project because of dry conditions. In most normal and below-normal runoff years since that time, the Standing Committee has reduced water releases to this project. In years of abundant runoff the project receives its full allotment of water. In drier years the McNally Canals are not operated. The Water Agreement states that LADWP shall operate the canals in accordance with its practices from 1970. There is an alternate water supply source when wells are in ON status. This project was supplied with water in 2017 due to the high runoff conditions and water spreading in the Laws Area. Project is implemented and ongoing with water supplied to the project in years where the McNally Canals are in operation or the associated wells are in ON status. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		



Reporting No.	1991 EIR	1991 EIR Environmental Project (1970-1984)	1991 EIR E/M Project (1985-present)	Revegetation Project	1997 MOU	Table 3.3 LADWP MITIGATION AND MONITORING				Complete	Ongoing as Necessary/Required	Implemented and Ongoing	Fully Implemented but not meeting goals	Not fully implemented
						Project Title	Impact (Where Relevant)	Measure/Provision	Progress to Date	Status				
51	X	X	X			Millpond Recreation Area  (EIR Impact 10-5, EIR Table 5-2 and 5-3)	Between 1970 and 1990, the project resulted in beneficial changes to lakes and ponds, and the creation of new lakes and ponds, with no significant adverse impact on vegetation.	This project was first implemented as an LADWP Environmental Project and required water to be provided to the pond as the recreation area either by creek flow or a well at the site. Millpond is also an Enhancement Mitigation Project that has required LADWP to provide funds to purchase energy to operate the recreation area's sprinkler system that waters 18 acres of the community park including two softball fields.	This project is managed by the Inyo County Parks and Recreation. LADWP continues to provide water and funds for power annually to this project. Project is implemented and ongoing.				X	
52					X	North of Mazourka Canyon Road Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in December 2011 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on these projects. Project is implemented and ongoing.				X	
53	X					Reinhackle Spring (EIR Impact 10-14)	10-14: Increased groundwater pumping has reduced or eliminated flows from Fish Springs, Big and Little Seely Springs, Hines Spring, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Reinhackle Spring. This has caused significant adverse impacts to vegetation at several of these spring areas.	When it was determined in the late 1980s that groundwater pumping was affecting the flow from Reinhackle Spring, pumping from certain wells in the area was discontinued and the spring flow increased. No significant adverse impacts on vegetation in this area have resulted from the reduced flow. At Reinhackle Spring, groundwater pumping from wells that affect the spring flow will be managed so that flows from the spring will not be significantly reduced compared to flows under prevailing natural conditions. In addition, all of the provisions for protecting springs, described in impact 10-15 and contained in the Water Agreement and the Green Book, will be applied equally to Reinhackle Spring.	Spring flows are being monitored continually. The flow followed the typical seasonal pattern of reaching a peak flow in winter and a low flow in the spring. A geochemistry study of flow in Reinhackle Spring was conducted in 2003 as a cooperative study by LADWP, MWH Americas, Inc., and ICWD, which concluded that water from Reinhackle Spring is similar in origin to the Los Angeles Aqueduct and dissimilar to the deep aquifer samples and up gradient shallow aquifer wells. An operational test was conducted in Bairs Georges Wellfield to study the response of the spring flow to groundwater pumping by active wells in the wellfield and the flow in the Los Angeles Aqueduct (March 2011). Results show that the flow in Reinhackle Spring is affected mainly by the water levels in the shallow aquifer west of the spring. Groundwater pumping in the Bairs Georges Wellfield could affect the flow in the spring only to the extent that it affects water levels in the shallow aquifer west of the spring.LADWP has developed a monitoring and operational plan for Bairs Georges Wellfield that has been submitted to ICWD for comment. Project is implemented and ongoing.				X	

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54	X		X			Richards Fields  (160 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Table 4-3)	10-16: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	As part of the enhancement/mitigation projects implemented by LADWP and Inyo County since 1985, approximately 942 acres of these abandoned agricultural lands have been revegetated with irrigated pasture or alfalfa. These areas are the Independence Pasture and native pasture lands, the Van Norman and Richards Fields, and the Lone Pine Woodlot adjacent to Lone Pine.	This project was implemented as a LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1987. Water continues to be provided annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
55	X	X				Saunders Pond (EIR Impact 10-5, EIR Table 5-2)	10-5: Between 1970 and 1990, the project resulted in beneficial changes to lakes and ponds, and the creation of new lakes and ponds, with no significant adverse impact on vegetation.	Under this project, water is provided for a warm-water fishery and waterfowl area.	The dike system forming the Buckley Pond Series was originally constructed in the 1950s to create a water spreading and groundwater recharge area to be used only in above normal years. In 1968, a cooperative agreement between LADWP and CDFG proposed a habitat improvement project and permanent wildlife habitat area. Work on Saunders Pond was complete in 1971. LADWP, California Department of Fish and Game, and California Department of Forestry signed onto the joint Habitat Management Plan for the Buckley Pond Series in 1976 that described how the pond series was to be managed. More recently, LADWP burned Saunders Pond in spring 2016, removed aquatic vegetation, and resumed flows to the pond in fall 2016. The local Lion's Club installed a handicap accessible fishing platform/dock on the south end of the pond in summer 2016. Water continues to be provided annually to the project. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
56	X		X			Shepherd Creek Alfalfa Field  (198 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, 12-1, EIR Tables 4-3 and 5-3)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.  12-1: Significant impacts on air quality resulting from groundwater pumping during the period of 1970 to 1990 have occurred due to vegetation losses.	10-11: Under the Shepherd Creek enhancement/mitigation project, approximately 198 acres of poorly vegetated land has been converted to alfalfa. This area was affected by groundwater pumping and abandonment of irrigation. In addition, an area of approximately 60 acres to the east of the existing project area on the opposite side of U.S. Highway 395 is poorly vegetated. If the density of the native cover in this area does not naturally increase, the existing enhancement/mitigation project may be expanded to include this additional area.  12-1: Under the Shepherd Creek enhancement/mitigation project, approximately	This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1986. The Shepherd Creek Alfalfa Field Project has been revegetated with alfalfa that is sprinkler irrigated and wind break trees.  Water continues to be provided annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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								200 acres of poorly vegetated land has been converted to alfalfa.					
57	X		X			Shepherd Creek Potential  (60 acres; EIR Impact 10-11, 12-1, EIR Table 5-3)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.  12-1: Significant impacts on air quality resulting from groundwater pumping during the period of 1970 to 1990 have occurred due to vegetation losses.	10-11: Under the Shepherd Creek enhancement/mitigation project, approximately 198 acres of poorly vegetated land has been converted to alfalfa. This area was affected by groundwater pumping and abandonment of irrigation. In addition, an area of approximately 60 acres to the east of the existing project area on the opposite side of U.S. Highway 395 is poorly vegetated. If the density of the native cover in this area does not naturally increase, the existing enhancement/mitigation project may be expanded to include this additional area.	The Shepherd Creek Potential Project was evaluated and natural increases in the density of native cover have occurred making the site comparable to baseline conditions in adjacent undisturbed parcels. Therefore, the goals for this potential project, as stated in the EIR, have been met. Project is complete.	X			
58	X					Steward Ranch (EIR Impact 9-14)	9-14: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) pumping between 1970 and 1990 in the Big Pine area contributed to lowered water levels in the wells of Steward Ranch and resulted in an adverse economic effect. It is expected that LADWP will continue to pump from this area in the future. The proposed mitigation measure would reduce this impact to less-than significant.	Because groundwater pumping in the Big Pine well field was contributing to a lowering of groundwater levels at Steward Ranch, one of two wells became inoperable. LADWP reached agreement with the ranch owners to permanently mitigate the lowered groundwater levels that have existed since 1972.	The mitigation efforts are complete. LADWP continues to compensate the ranch owners for added power costs of pumping water from a greater depth. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X	

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59	X			X		Tinemaha 54 Revegetation Project  (EIR Impact 10-11)	10-11: Fluctuations in water tables due to groundwater pumping have caused approximately 655 acres of groundwater dependent vegetation to die off. Loss of vegetation cover has occurred on these lands.	Approximately 80 acres of land that lost a significant amount of its native vegetation cover as a result of increased groundwater pumping will be revegetated. The techniques that will be employed to revegetate these lands will be determined through studies that will be conducted by LADWP and Inyo County. These lands will not be permanently irrigated, but will be revegetated with native Owens Valley vegetation not requiring irrigation except perhaps during its initial establishment. Depending on the amount of rainfall and runoff, successful revegetation of these lands could take a decade or longer. The goal will be to restore as full a native vegetation cover as is feasible, but at a minimum, vegetation cover sufficient to avoid blowing dust will be achieved in that area.	Project implementation is complete. The 0.4 acre area has been fenced, planted with 108 grass plants and drip irrigated between 1999 and 2004 to encourage plant establishment.  In 2016-2017, LADWP planted 125 shrubs consisting of <i>Atriplex torreyi</i> , <i>Atriplex canescens</i> , <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> , and <i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i> utilizing the Cocoon Planting System from Land Life Company. The cocoon planting technology allows for shrubs to grow in arid environments without additional irrigation post planting. As of 2019, there was a 56% survivability rate of the shrubs. The shrubs will continue to be monitored for success. The road through the middle of the site was removed and reclaimed as well during this planting process. Plantings will be periodically monitored.  Permanent transects were run in 2017 and the site had attained 5% cover with 4 native perennial species (30% cover goal with 2 native perennial species). The composition goal has been met. Project is implemented but has not yet attained cover goals.				X	
60	X		X			Tree Planting along Roadways  (EIR Table 4-3)		This project consisted of planting new trees and maintaining new and existing trees along roadways within the towns of Laws, Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine.	The goal of this project was to provide shade and greenways in Owens Valley communities to mitigate trees lost since the 1970s due to a reduction in surface water irrigation, higher water costs, age, disease, etc. LADWP was responsible for purchasing and planting the trees and replacement once within two years if needed.  This project was implemented in Laws, Independence and Lone Pine as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1988. Additional planting occurred in Big Pine in 1992. This project resulted in 14 trees planted in Laws, approximately 130 trees in Big Pine (Arizona cypress), 84 in Independence, and 77 in Lone Pine.  Ongoing irrigation is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Project is complete.	X				
61	X	X				Tule Elk Field (EIR Table 5-2)		Under this project, water is provided to a field that is heavily used in summer by Tule elk, near U.S. Highway 395 and Tinemaha Reservoir.	This project was implemented as and LADWP Environmental Project in the 1970's to enhance/expand elk feeding grounds in the Owens Valley. Water continues to be provided annually to this project for irrigation. This project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

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62	X		X			Van Norman Fields  (170 acres; EIR Impact 10-16, EIR Table 4-3)	10-16: Approximately 1,080 acres of formerly irrigated lands had not successfully revegetated following the abandonment of agriculture. This was a significant adverse impact because these lands had a loss of vegetation and were the source of blowing dust.	As part of the enhancement/mitigation projects implemented by LADWP and Inyo County since 1985, approximately 942 acres of these abandoned agricultural lands have been revegetated with irrigated pasture or alfalfa. These areas are the Independence Pasture and native pasture lands, the Van Norman and Richards Fields, and the Lone Pine Woodlot adjacent to Lone Pine.	<p>This project was implemented as an LADWP Enhancement/Mitigation Project in 1987. A portion of the project could not be irrigated due to topography. Additionally, Well 390 met the end of its service life and was replaced with Well 425 in 2014.</p> <p>The project was modified by the Standing Committee April 22, 2014 to include 10 acres for the Lone Pine High School Farm. The agreed upon water allotment for the modified project is approximately 2.8 AF/acre.</p> <p>Water continues to be provided annually to the project for irrigation. Project is implemented and ongoing.</p>			X		
63					X	Warren Lake Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in April 2011 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. The Warren Lake Project is implemented and ongoing as needed; it serves to balance the annual 1600 acre-foot water commitment for this provision of the MOU. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on these projects. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		
64					X	Well 368 Project  (Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group (MOU Section III.A.3))			Project was implemented in February 2012 as part of the Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group. Please refer to Section 3.2.1 for more information on these projects. Project is implemented and ongoing.			X		

### **3.2.1. Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group**

#### **Introduction**

Section III.A.3. Additional Mitigation of the 1997 MOU describes LADWP's commitment to supply 1,600 acre-feet (AF) of water per year for:

- 1) the implementation of the on-site mitigation measure at Hines Spring identified in the 1991 EIR, and
- 2) the implementation of on and/or off-site mitigation in addition to that identified in the 1991 EIR for impacts that occurred at Fish Springs, Big and Little Blackrock Springs, and Big and Little Seely Springs.

The Second Amendment of Amended Stipulation and Order Case No. S1CVCV01-29768 was executed on March 8, 2010, by the Superior Court of California, Inyo County. This order accepts the eight projects described in the *Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group* (Additional Mitigation Projects) document as mitigation for impacts identified above and establishes a two year timeline for their implementation. The projects are named according to their locations: Freeman Creek, Warren Lake, Hines Spring Well 355, Hines Spring Aberdeen Ditch, North of Mazourka Canyon Road, Homestead, Well 368, and Diaz Lake. LADWP completed an Initial Study for the Additional Mitigation Projects and prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and released it for public review March 23 - April 26, 2010. The final MND, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and proposed implementation schedule were approved by the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) on June 1, 2010. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Inyo County Clerk on June 2, 2010. LADWP began implementing the projects shortly thereafter and implemented all eight Additional Mitigation Projects by March 8, 2012 as required in the Stipulation and Order.

#### **3.2.1.1. Additional Mitigation Projects Annual Monitoring Report**

LADWP conducted the required monitoring described in the Additional Mitigation Projects document for five years post implementation and performed a five-year evaluation of the projects in 2017. This evaluation was provided in LADWP's 2017 Annual Owens Valley Report, and described implementation, monitoring data, and recommendations for the future management of each project where relevant. Many of the initial monitoring efforts were discontinued following this evaluation.

Flow monitoring for the projects is still conducted monthly per the Additional Mitigation Project document. Table 3.4 shows flow data recorded for each of the projects from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. During this time, LADWP provided 1,650 acre-feet of water to the Additional Mitigation Projects.

**Table 3.4. Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group**

Additional Mitigation Projects Developed by the MOU Ad Hoc Group Annual Accounting in Acre Feet (April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021)											
2020-2021	Freeman Creek (Average* ) (2054)	Warren Lake (2173)	Hines Well 355 (W355)	Aberdeen Ditch (400)	North of Mazourka (F418)	North of Mazourka (404)	Homestead T775 (F421)	Homestead Well (F419)	Well 368 (F420)	Diaz Lake (86)	Total
April	20	0	19	8	7	2	7	19	15	0	96
May	19	0	19	7	7	2	8	19	14	0	95
June	14	0	17	9	7	2	7	18	13	0	88
July	13	0	19	8	7	2	8	19	14	0	90
August	10	0	18	8	7	2	7	19	12	102	186
September	13	0	19	8	6	2	6	18	12	122	205
October	22	0	20	8	7	2	7	15	12	0	93
November	22	39	17	7	7	2	7	18	12	0	131
December	23	91	18	9	7	3	7	19	12	0	189
January	23	121	18	11	7	2	7	19	12	0	220
February	18	44	17	10	6	2	7	17	12	0	133
March	18	0	16	11	11	2	7	20	12	26	123
<b>Total</b>					83	28	86	218			1650
<b>Project Total</b>	215	296	219	103	112		304		152	250	
<b>Annual Target AF</b>	215*	0	240	145	300		300		150	250	1600
<b>Monthly Target AF</b>	18	0	20	12	25		25		13		133

\*Freeman Creek will be recorded as 215 AF/year based on long term average regardless of varying flow reads.

\*\*Amount in excess of project allotment may not be carried over to future years.



### **3.2.2. Irrigation Project in the Laws Area (Laws Type E Transfer)**

#### **3.2.2.1. Laws 2003 Revegetation Plan**

##### **Introduction**

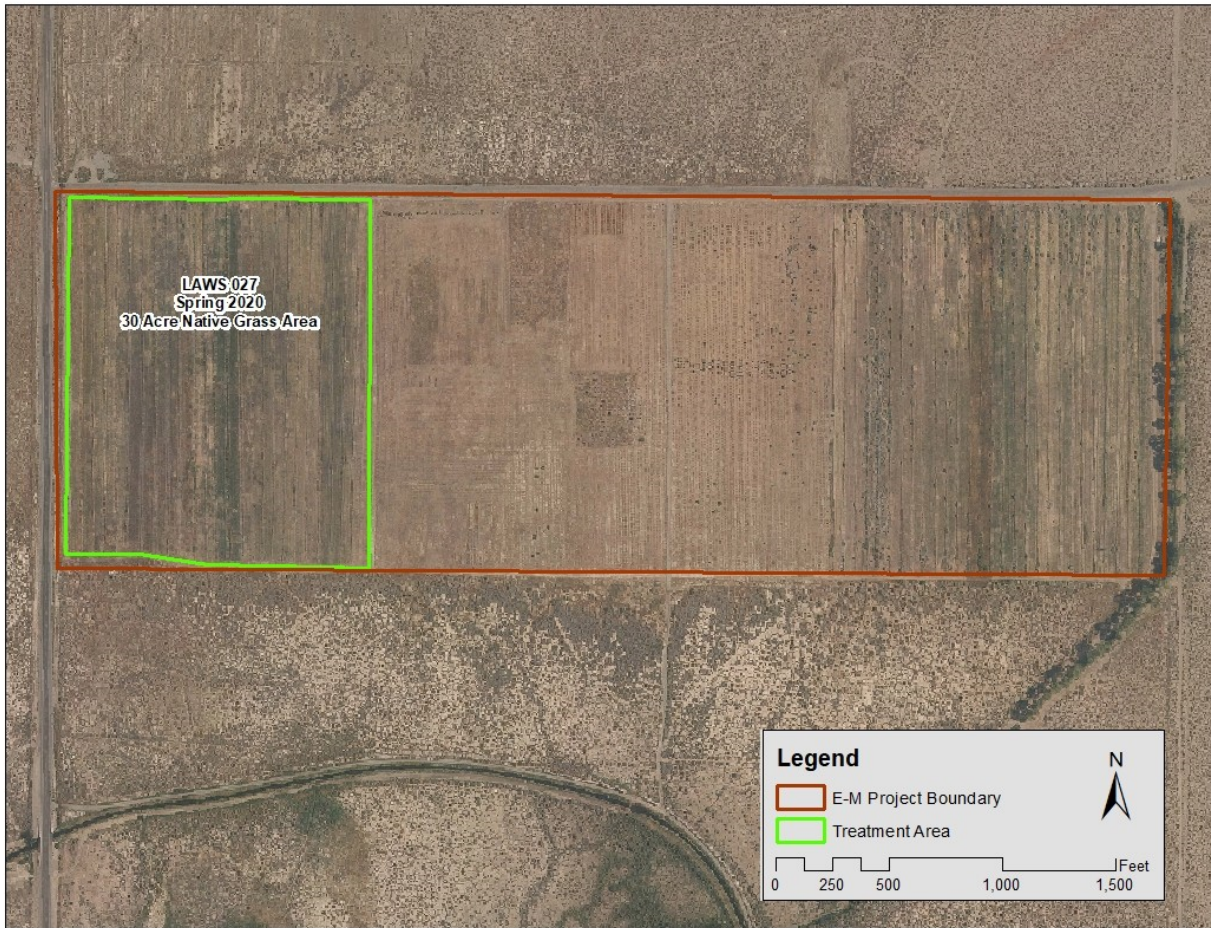
The Revegetation Plans for Lands Removed from Irrigation, Laws Parcels 90, 95, and 129 and Abandoned Agricultural Land Parcel 94 (Plan) (January 2003) established goals to restore native vegetation in each of these parcels that is similar in cover and species composition to nearby sites. Under this Plan, all 253 acres of these parcels were to be successfully revegetated by 2013 and persist for an additional two years with no onsite revegetation activities.

Previous Owens Valley Annual Reports describe the various methods used to attain successful revegetation of these parcels at Laws as well as the challenges this project has presented since 2003. The text below describes LADWP's active revegetation efforts at the Laws parcels in 2020. Please refer to LADWP's 2019 Owens Valley Annual Report for more detailed discussion on the progression of this project since 2003. While success criteria has not been met at these sites, LADWP has acted in good faith and has completed initial planting across all 253 acres at Laws 90, 94, 95, 118, and 129, as well as 92 acres at the Laws Native Seed Farm to date. These efforts totaled nearly 192,000 greenhouse-propagated plants and thousands of pounds of seed. All parcels will be overplanted as necessary and/or treated with alternative methods as they become available to achieve goals. Please refer to Table 3.3 for current status of each of these parcels.

##### **Revegetation Activities - 2020**

In Spring 2020, LADWP performed an herbicide treatment of a 30-acre portion of the Laws Native Seed Farm (LAW027). The effort was based on results from an experimental trial conducted in 2019. The goal of this effort was to limit the extent of weedy, broadleaf growth and to reduce competition with the Indian ricegrass which was drill seeded in the spring of 2019. The effort proved successful, resulting in the entire 30-acre area filling in with native grass. If conditions remain the same, no further herbicide treatment will be necessary.

LADWP seeded both greenhouses to produce a crop for a spring planting effort at the LAW090 parcel. This parcel was prepared for overplanting and a new area within the north west section was injected with buried drip irrigation. However, due to COVID-19, associated work restrictions and reduced staffing, these plants were held over in the greenhouse for a fall planting effort. No other restoration activities took place on the spring of 2020.



**Herbicide Treatment Area at LAW027 in Spring 2020**

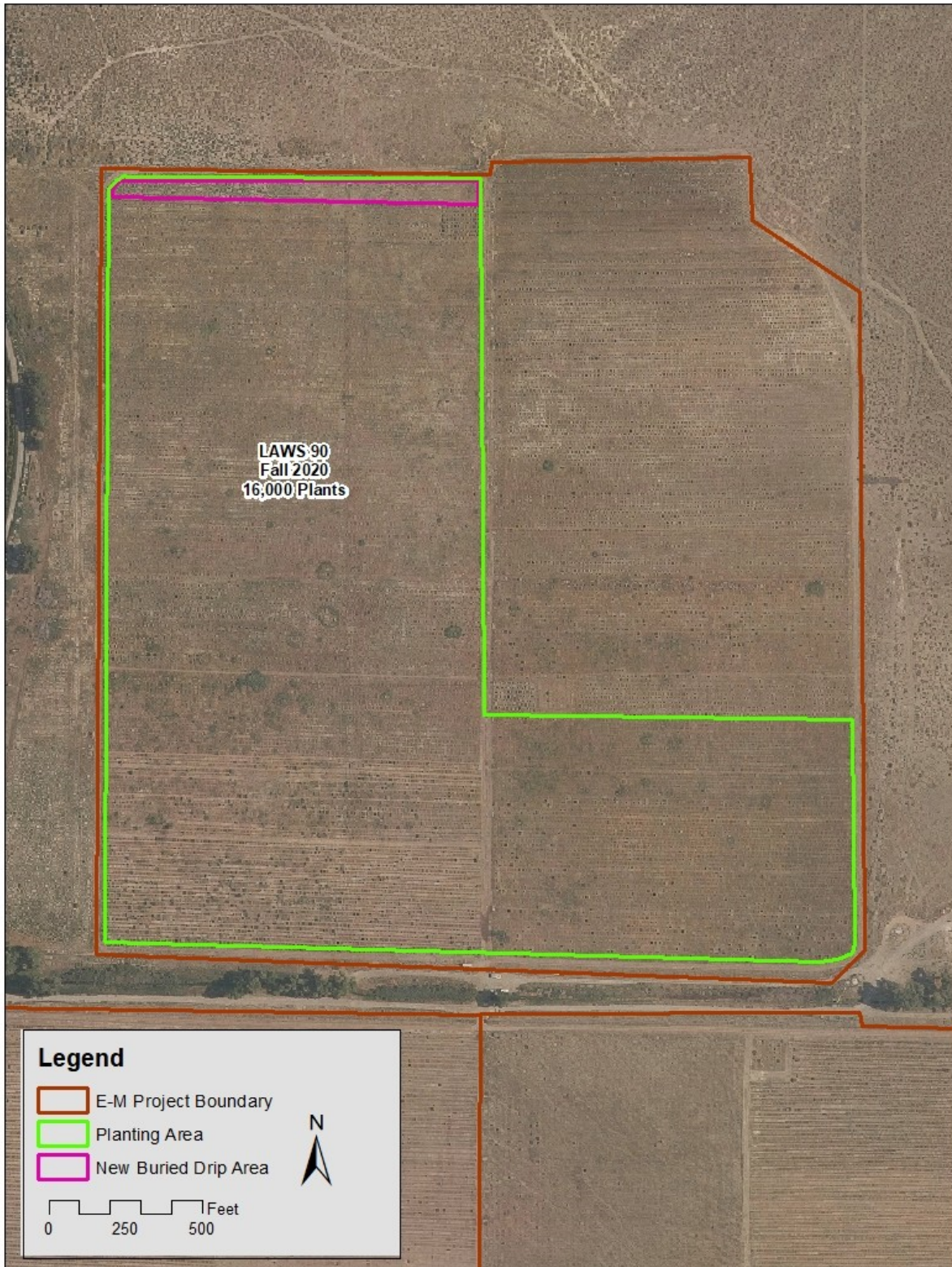
The fall planting effort was conducted October 5-7, 2020 (see figure and table below). A total of 16,000 native plants were planted at LAW090. The goal of this planting effort was to finish overplanting LAW090 and to fill in a barren area where buried drip was installed in the spring of 2020. Fertilizer packs are continuing to be used and will be a normal part of all subsequent planting efforts.

Species planted were *Atriplex canescens* (ATCA2), *Atriplex polycarpa* (ATPO), *Eriogonum fasciculatum* (ERFA2), and *Krascheninnikovia lanata* (KRLA).

**Species planted at LAW090 in October 2020**

Species	Number Planted
ATCA2	4,000
ATPO	4,000
ARFA2	4,000
KRLA	4,000





**Area planted at LAW090 in Fall 2020**

### 3.2.2.2. Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Irrigation Project in the Laws Area

POT. IMPACT		MITIGATION			MONITORING			
Summary of Impact	MM No.	Measure	Timing	Responsibility	Method	Period	Frequency	Responsibility
<b>Air Quality</b>								
Creation of dust during pipeline installation and ground preparation for planting.	M-1	Ground surfaces will be thoroughly wet prior to and during work to minimize dust.	To be implemented throughout the project as needed.	LADWP construction staff and/or LADWP lessee.	Water trucks will pre-wet construction areas and water as necessary throughout construction. Ground will be pre-irrigated prior to planting.	As needed throughout construction and/or prior to planting.	Throughout the construction or agricultural period.	LADWP construction staff and/or LADWP lessee.
Groundwater pumping to supply water to the project could adversely affect groundwater dependent vegetation in the vicinity of the project and cause blowing dust.	M-2	Section III and Section IV of the Agreement between the County of Inyo and the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Water and Power on a Long Term Groundwater Management Plan for Owens Valley and Inyo County	To be implemented throughout the project as needed.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group	Annual monitoring of the vegetation in the vicinity is being conducted.	During the period when groundwater pumping and water management practices could affect vegetation.	Annually during the growing season.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>								
Groundwater pumping	M-3	Water Agreement	To be implemented throughout the project as needed.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group	Monitoring at each identified site will consist of one or more field visits during the period when groundwater pumping and water management practices could affect such vegetation.	During the period when groundwater pumping and water management practices could affect vegetation.	Annually during the growing season.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group

POT. IMPACT		MITIGATION			MONITORING			
Summary of Impact	MM No.	Measure	Timing	Responsibility	Method	Period	Frequency	Responsibility
Reducing the irrigation duty from 5 AF per acre to 3 AF per acre and of changing from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation.	M-4	Water Agreement	To be implemented throughout the work as needed.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group	Monitoring at each identified site will consist of one or more field visits during the period when groundwater pumping and surface water management practices could affect such vegetation.	During irrigation season	Annually during the growing season.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group
<b>Biological Resources</b>								
Altering the flow in a ditch that carries water diverted from Coldwater Canyon.	M-5	Water Agreement	To be implemented throughout the work as needed.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group	Monitoring at each identified site will consist of one or more field visits during the period when surface water management practices could affect such vegetation.	During the period of changes in surface water management practices could affect vegetation.	Annually during the growing season.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group
Altering the flow in Silver Canyon Ditch.	M-6	Water Agreement	To be implemented throughout the work as needed.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group	Monitoring at each identified site will consist of one or more field visits during the period when surface water management practices could affect such vegetation.	During the period of changes in surface water management practices could affect vegetation.	Annually during the growing season.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group
Growth of noxious weeds	M-7	LADWP or its lessee or lessees, in conjunction with Inyo County's weed abatement program, will promptly treat or remove the weed.	To be implemented throughout the work as needed.	LADWP Watershed Resources Staff; LADWP Lessee; and/or Inyo County Agricultural Department.	Monitoring consists of field visits during the growing season.	Annually during the growing season.	Annually during the growing season.	LADWP Watershed Resources Staff; LADWP Lessee; and/or Inyo County Agricultural Department.

POT. IMPACT		MITIGATION			MONITORING			
Summary of Impact	MM No.	Measure	Timing	Responsibility	Method	Period	Frequency	Responsibility
<b>Cultural Resources</b>								
Archaeological investigations identified six previously unrecorded archaeological sites and 11 isolates within the project area.	M-8	Pipeline placement was to avoid identified sites; if new sites are encountered during implementation, work will be halted until an archaeologist can be consulted.	To be implemented throughout the work as needed.	LADWP Construction Manager	Construction personnel will monitor for unidentified sites during the progression of construction.	During construction activities.	Throughout the construction period.	LADWP Construction Manager

## MITIGATION MEASURES

### ***Mitigation Measure M-1***

Impact: Creation of dust during pipeline installation and ground preparation for planting.

Measure: Ground surfaces will be thoroughly wet prior to and during work to minimize dust.

All seeding work during 2021 was conducted utilizing the Truax No-till drill seeder. Water was applied before initiating seeding and following seeding to control dust emissions.

LADWP currently applies water through irrigation systems at the revegetation sites as described in the previous section and additionally with water trucks for dust control if and where necessary.

### ***Mitigation Measure M-2 and M-3***

Impact: Groundwater pumping to supply water to the project could adversely affect groundwater-dependent vegetation in the vicinity of the project and cause blowing dust.

Measure: *1991 Agreement between the County of Inyo and the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Water and Power on a Long Term Groundwater Management Plan for Owens Valley and Inyo County (Water Agreement).*

The following table shows the vegetation cover in vegetation parcels within the Laws Wellfield as determined by LADWP. Data from the baseline period 1985 to 1987 (depicted as 1986 for simplicity) indicates estimates of vegetation cover in the parcels prior to implementation of the irrigation project in the Laws area. Data since 2004 are estimates of vegetation cover after implementation of the irrigation project in the Laws area.



### Vegetation Cover in Selected Parcels within the Laws Wellfield

Parcel	1986	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
FSL048	18												8	8	20	34	30	34
LAW030	23	26	30	51	40	39	36	31	35	22	24	12	13	17	24	33	23	32
LAW035	34	3	14	17	11	13	3	12	17	4	2	1	1	1	6	5	17	3
LAW043	61	5	13	10	16	21	8	11	20	7	3	3	6	4	14	10	17	13
LAW052	28	5	14	11	9	15	15	6	16	8	4	4	4	3	5	11	13	14
LAW062	21	5	11	14	16	22	12	12	17	10	5	4	2	2	4	9	9	10
LAW063	11	9	17	15	19	26	14	15	25	12	6	6	4	5	11	14	19	16
LAW065	10	7	8	11	12	18	12	10	20	7	5	4	3	2	7	9	12	9
LAW070	59	6	8	18	20	21	14	20	23	10	6	3	4	3	12	11	39	10
LAW072	64										10	6	6	4	37	53	42	58
LAW078	52	36	49	54	59	67	69	65	53	35	27	23	23	16	35	46	41	44
LAW082	17	4	5	10	6	9	8	12	10	8	6	5	4	6	8	9	13	17
LAW085	30	7	13	21	26	35	29	31	14	15	6	5	4	6	13	17	17	18
LAW105	26	35	49	48	44	68	41	58	43	43	27	19	26	21	33	38	44	35
LAW107	47	46	68	71	79	80	90	81	65	54	45	31	35	47	59	67	68	60
LAW112	20	17	37	33	38	49	40	31	33	33	14	11	8	10	21	20	36	38
LAW120	26	33	41	47	48	48	50	52	47	35	39	26	30	21	41	49	55	55
LAW122	60	64	73	78	75	70	78	68	77	60	45	42	30	32	51	82	61	63
LAW137	22	19	33	32	24	27	20	27	28	21	17	14	14	16	23	23	24	21

The following table illustrates the depth to water in Laws area test holes prior to and after implementation of the irrigation project in the Laws area.

### April Depth to Water (in feet) for Test Holes in the Laws Wellfield

Year	Test Hole				
	T107	T436	T438	T490	T492
2004	30.1	10.1	11.6	14.6	31.9
2005	31.9	10.2	8.9	14.7	31.5
2006	18.1	4.5	3.7	13.2	24.0
2007	21.1	5.3	6.3	10.2	23.1
2008	25.1	7.3	8.6	12.5	27.6
2009	28.0	8.8	9.4	13.8	29.1
2010	30.8	9.5	11.4	13.6	31.0
2011	31.5	9.6	9.1	13.2	32.3
2012	31.9	10.1	9.6	10.9	32.7
2013	33.1	11.1	12.0	13.2	32.7
2014	34.4	11.8	12.5	15.1	33.9
2015	35.5	12.7	13.0	16.0	36.6
2016	35.8	12.8	13.2	16.5	36.2
2017	35.8	10.4	8.7	16.0	33.3
2018	22.9	5.1	5.5	8.6	21.9
2019	27.2	6.4	5.1	8.4	26.3
2020	22.9	4.9	4.5	7.3	23.0

**Mitigation Measure M-4**

Impact: Reducing the irrigation duty from 5 AF per-acre to 3 AF per acre and of changing from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation.

Measure: Water Agreement

LADWP evaluates pasture condition using the Natural Resource Conservation Service Pasture Condition Assessment (Cosgrove et. al. 1991). This protocol is designed to optimize plant and livestock productivity while minimizing detrimental effects to soil or water resources. These pastures were most recently evaluated in 2019. The average pasture score for the 2019 growing season was 89%.

**Mitigation Measure M-5**

Impact: Altering the flow in a ditch that carries water diverted from Coldwater Canyon.

Measure: Water Agreement

Diversions from Coldwater Canyon Ditch are utilized for irrigation of the Seed Farm. During operation, approximately one-quarter of the total flow remains in the ditch.

Diversions for irrigation from Coldwater Canyon Ditch continued in 2019. Periodic examinations were conducted along the ditch throughout the growing season. These examinations did not indicate any signs of vegetation stress.

**Mitigation Measure M-6**

Impact: Altering the flow in Silver Canyon Ditch.

Measure: Water Agreement

Diversions from Silver Canyon Ditch are utilized for irrigation of Parcels LAWS 90, 94, and 95. During operation, approximately one-quarter of the total flow remains in the ditch.

Diversions for irrigation from Silver Canyon Ditch for the Laws Parcels 90, 94, and 95, continued in 2020. Periodic examinations were conducted along the ditch throughout the growing season.

**Mitigation Measure M-7**

Impact: Growth of State-rated A or B noxious weeds in the project area.

Measure: LADWP or its lessee or lessees, in conjunction with Inyo County's weed abatement program, will promptly treat or remove the weed.

Surveys were conducted on the irrigation project in the Laws area for noxious weeds during the 2012 growing season. No A or B listed noxious weeds were found. The lessee treats weeds through a combination of grazing and burning as necessary.

***Mitigation Measure M-8***

Impact: Archaeological investigations identified six previously unrecorded archaeological sites and 11 isolates within the project area.

Measure: Pipeline placement was to avoid identified sites; if new sites are encountered during implementation, work will be halted until an archeologist can be consulted.

No cultural resources were encountered during construction or operation of the irrigation project in the Laws area in 2006.

### 3.2.3. Irrigation Project in the Big Pine Area (Big Pine Ditch System)

POT. IMPACT		MITIGATION			MONITORING			
Summary of Impact	MM No.	Measure	Timing	Responsibility	Method	Period	Frequency	Responsibility
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>								
The cumulative effect of groundwater pumping from Well W415, the new Bell Canyon well, as proposed in the project, in combination with the operation of other wells in the Big Pine area could cause significant adverse impacts to groundwater dependent vegetation, other vegetation, or non-LADWP wells in the area.	M-1	Water Agreement	To be implemented throughout the project as needed.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group	A monitoring site will be developed by the Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group as called for in the Inyo/Los Angeles Water Agreement to manage operation of each well.	During the period when groundwater pumping is needed for the project.	As decided by the Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group, consistent with the Water Agreement.	Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group

As of Spring 2019, Well 415 has been drilled and equipped but is not yet in operation. The Bell Canyon Well has not yet been drilled. In Spring of 2020, ICWD and LADWP agreed upon a 6-month pumping test and associated monitoring for W415. The test has not yet been conducted but is expected to occur in 2021.

### 3.3. LADWP OTHER LEGAL COMMITMENTS

Table 3.5 provides title, legal reference, provision, progress to date, and current status on each of LADWP's other commitments listed on Table 3.2.

Again, categories describing status are:

*Complete:* Project has no additional commitments required (no water allotment or other financial or environmental mitigation; no continual monitoring and reporting),

*Ongoing as necessary/required:* These measures are only applied when necessary (monitoring and reporting for mitigation measures for new projects, construction, etc.),

*Implemented and ongoing:* Project is fully implemented and is currently meeting goals; however, there may be ongoing water or financial commitments or monitoring and reporting requirements,

*Fully implemented but not meeting goals:* Project is fully implemented but has not yet met prescribed goals or success criteria,

*Not fully implemented:* Project under development or under construction, but not fully implemented.

Following Table 3.5, there are additional reports for the Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plan and the Owens Valley Land Management Plan (OVLMP).

Table 3.5. LADWP Other Legal Commitments

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	Commitment	Legal Reference	Provision	Progress to Date	Status				
1	Aerial Photo Analysis	MOU Section III.E	By June 2000, LADWP, the County, and experts in aerial photography interpretation will conduct a study analyzing existing air photos of the Owens Valley to evaluate the merits of using air photos in monitoring vegetation in the valley, to determine the feasibility of using air photos to analyze and refine the vegetation map data base, and to provide recommendations on how aerial photography, or other remote sensing techniques, could be used to monitor vegetation conditions and changes. If feasible and cost-effective relative to other field monitoring techniques, recommendations will be implemented.	The deadline was extended by the 1997 MOU Parties. In January 2002, Ecosat Geobotanical Surveys, Inc. completed reports addressing the 1997 MOU requirements. Complete.	X				
2	Annual Report on the Owens Valley	MOU Section III.H	LADWP and the County will prepare an annual report describing environmental conditions in the Owens Valley and studies, projects, and activities conducted under the Inyo-Los Angeles Agreement and the MOU. Copies of the report will be distributed to the other Parties and made available to the public. The report will be released on or about May 1 of each year.	ICWD has prepared annual reports since 1991. LADWP has released annual reports since 2001. Presently, annual reports are written separately by each agency due to timing constraints; LADWP must issue their annual report in conjunction with their Annual Operations Plan near May 1 each year. ICWD is not required to meet this timeline for their report.			X		
3	BLK 094 Burns	Proposed Resolution of the Blackrock 94 Dispute (2014)	To enhance certain alkali meadows by reversing the encroachment of woody shrubs into such meadows, LADWP will perform prescribed burns on approximately 665 acres of shrub encroached alkali meadows in the Owens Valley. Recognizing CALFIRE and GBAPCD will require that regulatory permits be issued prior to burning, burning the entire 665 acres may take several years; however, if permits and conditions allow, LADWP will conduct the burning of the 665 acres within 5 years of the date of this Settlement Agreement. The burning of the 665 acres will be conducted as described in LADWP's land management plans.	LADWP conducted the following burns with the assistance from Calfire to meet this commitment: White Meadow Burns (2015, 2016), 167 acres; Long Pond Burn (2019), 318 acres; Calvert Burn (2021)- 193 acres. LADWP's prescribed burn commitment has been met. Project is complete.	X				
4	Cooperative Studies	Water Agreement Section IX	It is recognized that additional cooperative studies related to the effects of groundwater pumping on the environment of the Owens Valley are necessary. The reasonable costs of the studies implemented under the Stipulation and Order or the Green Book shall be funded by the Department. If necessary, such funding will be in addition to funds provided under section XIV (Financial Assistance).	Several cooperative studies have been performed to date. Currently, LADWP and ICWD are conducting a cooperative study with Formation Environmental LLC to evaluate the utility of remote sensing technology in Owens Valley vegetation monitoring. Information gathered may be used to improve upon current methods of monitoring described in the Green Book.			X		



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5	Dispute Resolution	Water Agreement Section XXVI	The agreement provides a process for resolving disputes between Inyo and Los Angeles regarding issues related to the agreement or the Green Book.	Inyo County and Los Angeles use the Dispute Resolution process identified in the Water Agreement as needed. Inyo County and Los Angeles entered into a Settlement Agreement on June 25, 2018 as resolution to the dispute regarding issues surrounding W385R pump test and the status of the Five Bridges Mitigation Project. The pump test was conducted December 2019-February 2020.		X			
6	Dispute Resolution and Litigation	MOU Section VI	The parties to the 1997 MOU will maintain frequent, informal communications to minimize disagreements. In the event of a dispute among the parties over the 1997 MOU, the parties will meet and confer before any litigation concerning the dispute may be commenced. The parties may elect to retain the services of a mutually acceptable impartial mediator/facilitator to assist in dispute resolution. Any litigation arising out of the 1997 MOU is to be commenced in the Inyo County Superior Court.	The MOU Signatory Group has met regularly and on an as needed basis.		X			
7	Enhancement/Mitigation Projects	Water Agreement Section X	All existing E/M projects will continue unless the Standing Committee agrees to modify or discontinue a project. Periodic evaluations should be made by the Technical Group. Enhancement/mitigation projects shall continue to be supplied by enhancement/mitigation wells as necessary. New enhancement projects will be implemented if such projects are approved by the Standing Committee.	All Enhancement/Mitigation Projects defined in the 1991 EIR are complete or are implemented/ongoing.			X		
8	Exchange of Information and Access	Water Agreement Section XVII	The County and LADWP shall make any data or information in its possession that reasonably pertains to purposes of the Water Agreement available to the other party with reasonable notice.	LADWP and ICWD exchange data and information as necessary per the Water Agreement.			X		
9	Financial Assistance-Big Pine Ditch System	Water Agreement Section XIV.E	LADWP is to provide up to \$100,000 for reconstruction and upgrading of the Big Pine ditch system. LADWP is to supply up to 6 cfs to the ditch system from a new well to be constructed west of Big Pine.	The Big Pine Irrigation and Improvement Association has implemented all Phases of the project. LADWP has provided \$99,745 of the \$100,000 committed to the project. The Improved Big Pine Ditch System has been in operation since 2005. After test pumping and identification of a monitoring site for Well 415 to supply supplemental water and makeup water for the ditch system, a contract will be considered for the installation of another well in Bell Canyon to provide additional water for the project.			X		
10	Financial Assistance-General Financial Assistance to the County	Water Agreement Section XIV.D	LADWP is to make an annual payment to Inyo to assist the County in providing services to its citizens. The first payment shall be \$1,221,685 minus previous contributions made during the 1991-1992 fiscal year. The annual payment thereafter is to be adjusted upward or downward each year in accordance with a formula in the State Constitution for an assessment of Los Angeles-owned property in Inyo County.	Los Angeles has provided these annual payments to Inyo County since 1991, and provided \$4,627,862 in 2020. Funds provided by Los Angeles have been deposited into Inyo County's General Fund and expended on Inyo County services as directed by the Board of Supervisors. LADWP has paid Inyo County more than \$74 million since 1991 for this purpose.			X		

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11	Financial Assistance-Park & Environmental Assistance to City of Bishop	Water Agreement Section XIV.F	LADWP is to make an annual payment to the City of Bishop to assist the City in maintaining its park and for other environment-related activities. The payment of \$125,000 is to be adjusted upward or downward each year in accordance with the consumer price index, not to exceed 5% in any year. Inyo County shall make an annual payment to the City of Bishop in an amount equal to the payment made by LADWP.	Los Angeles has provided annual payments to the City of Bishop, and provided \$194,455 as a final payment in 2016. LADWP has paid the City of Bishop \$3,325,892 since 1997 for this purpose. Inyo County has made its required payment under this section of the agreement.	X				
12	Financial Assistance-Park Rehabilitation, Development, & Maintenance	Water Agreement Section XIV.B	<p>LADWP shall provide funding to the County for rehabilitation of existing County parks and campgrounds, development of new County campgrounds, parks, and recreational facilities and programs, and for the annual operation and maintenance of existing and new facilities and programs on lands owned by the City of Los Angeles.</p> <p>LADWP is to provide up to \$2 million to the County for these purposes. LADWP is to make an annual payment of \$100,000 (adjusted upward or downward in accordance with the consumer price index not to exceed 5%) by July 10 of each year. The annual funding will be placed in trust by the County and shall be used only for the purposes of existing and new parks, recreational facilities and programs. If at any time \$300,000 or more is accumulated in the trust, LADWP shall not be required to make an additional annual payment until the trust is less than \$100,000 as of June 30 any given year.</p>	<p>LADWP has provided annual payments to Inyo County for parks operation and maintenance activities including a payment in 2020 of \$172,838 for a total of \$3,272,017.</p> <p>Combined with the \$1,831,914 paid to Inyo County for parks rehabilitation during the first 10 years of the Stipulation and Order, LADWP has paid Inyo County \$5,103,931 since 1997 under this provision of the Agreement.</p>			X		
13	Financial Assistance-Salt Cedar Control	Water Agreement Section XIV.A	LADWP shall provide funding to Inyo County to implement a Saltcedar Control Program: a total of \$750,000 for the first three years of the program; thereafter, \$50,000 per year for annual maintenance and control efforts (adjusted upward or downward in accordance with the consumer price index not to exceed 5% in any year). The funds are to be placed in trust with the County and will be used only for the purposes of salt cedar control. If at any time, \$150,000 or more is accumulated in trust, LADWP shall not be required to make an annual payment until fund in trust are less than \$50,000.	<p>ICWD initiated the Saltcedar Control Program in 1997. LADWP began making required payments at that time. In 2020, LADWP paid ICWD \$80,964 for this work. LADWP has paid Inyo County \$2,135,591 since 1997 under this provision of the Water Agreement.</p> <p>In 2004, as part of a Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) grant, LADWP provided \$56,000 for Saltcedar control, and the balance of the program was funded from a WCB grant for \$490,000 obtained by Inyo County working in cooperation with LADWP. A second grant from the WCB for \$560,000 was received in February 2004. A third grant for \$600,000 from the WCB was received by ICWD in November 2007.</p>			X		

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14	Financial Assistance-Water and Environmental Activities	Water Agreement Section XIV.C	LADWP shall assist the County in funding water and environmentally related activities by making an annual payment to the County. The amount of the first payment shall be \$820,580. The annual payment is to be adjusted upward or downward each year in accordance with the consumer price index and shall be made by July 10th each year. The maximum adjustment shall not exceed 5% in any year. Annual funding has been placed in trust with the County and shall be used only for purposes of operation and maintenance of water and environmentally related activities. If at any time \$1,500,000 or more is accumulated in the trust, LADWP should not be required to make an additional payment until the funds in the trust are less than \$820,580 as of June 30 of any year.	Los Angeles has provided annual payments to Inyo County, and provided \$1,611,069 in 2020. Funds provided by Los Angeles have been expended to fund Inyo County Water Department. LADWP has paid Inyo County \$36,209,742 since 1988 for this purpose.			X		
15	Financial Provisions	MOU Section IX	Within 90 days after the discharge of the writ, the County will pay the sum of \$53,000 to Sierra Club, and the sum of \$30,000 to the Owens Valley Committee for professional services in the development and preparation of the MOU.	The specified amounts have been paid by the County to the identified parties.	X				
16	Fish Slough	MOU Section IV	The Parties acknowledge that LADWP and CDFG have reached agreement concerning threatened and endangered species that involves land management and other activities in the Fish Slough area of Mono County. The agreement is to be memorialized in a letter from LADWP to CDFG.	A letter agreement was never memorialized; however, LADWP has worked closely with CDFG on the Fish Slough Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) for many years.			X		
17	Groundwater Management	Water Agreement Section II	Inyo and LADWP are to manage water resources within Inyo County to avoid certain described decreases and changes in vegetation and to cause no significant effect on the environment which cannot be acceptably mitigated while providing a reliable supply of water for export to Los Angeles and for use in Inyo County.	By agreement of the Standing Committee, implementation of groundwater management pursuant to the Agreement commenced in 1987.			X		
18	Groundwater Pumping on the Bishop Cone	Water Agreement Section VII	LADWP pumping on the Bishop Cone must be in strict adherence to the provisions of the "Hillside Decree." Before LADWP may increase groundwater pumping on the Cone, or construct new wells on the Cone, the Technical Group must agree on a method for determining the exact amount of water annually used on Los Angeles owned lands on the Cone. The agreed upon method shall be based on a jointly conducted audit of such water uses.  LADWP's annual groundwater extractions from the Cone shall be limited to an amount not greater than the total amount of water used on Los Angeles owned lands on the Cone during that year.	The Standing Committee adopted the Bishop Cone audit procedure and the audit has been conducted since 1996. In 1998, the Superior Court entered a "Memorandum of Judgment" in Matlick vs. City of Los Angeles which reaffirmed LADWP's pumping practices on the Bishop Cone.  Revised audit methods were agreed upon by Inyo County and LADWP in 2016 because past audits did not account for stockwater use and ditch losses on the Bishop Cone. Audits beginning with the 2015-16 runoff year reflect all sources of water supplied to the Bishop Cone.			X		

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19	Groundwater Recharge Facilities	Water Agreement Section VIII	LADWP may construct groundwater banking and groundwater recharge facilities in the Owens Valley and in Rose Valley. (The EIR describes certain groundwater recharge facilities in Laws, Big Pine, and Rose Valley.) Development of such facilities are subject to agreement by the Standing Committee.	These facilities have not been constructed to date and are not under development at this time.		X			
20	Habitat Conservation Plan	MOU Section III.B	LADWP, in consultation with the parties to the 1997 MOU and others, is to identify areas of City-owned land, which are not included in the LORP planning area, and develop plans for the identified areas to remedy problems caused by livestock grazing and other uses of the land. Priority will be given to riparian areas, irrigated meadows and sensitive plant and animal habitats. The plans will provide for the continuation of sustainable uses (including recreation, livestock grazing, agriculture, and other activities) will promote biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem, and will consider the enhancement of threatened and endangered species habitats. Habitat conservation plans for Threatened and Endangered Species will be incorporated if and where appropriate.	LADWP finalized the <i>Habitat Conservation Plan for City lands in Inyo and Mono Counties</i> in 2015. On October 7, 2015 the USFWS announced the availability of the Draft Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (draft HCP) for LADWP's operations, maintenance, and management activities on City land in Inyo and Mono Counties, California. The comment period ended on January 15, 2016. A total of nine comment letters were received from the public and other governmental agencies. LADWP and USFWS staff have completed responses to comments and developed the final HCP. Complete as of April 2017.	X				
21	Haiwee Reservoir	Water Agreement Section XIII	Inyo County and Los Angeles will develop a recreational plan for South Haiwee. The recreation plan will be implemented and operated by Inyo County or a concessionaire. Any plan must take into account Los Angeles' operating and security needs.	A recreational plan has not been developed. A security audit was performed following the September 11, 2001 national security incident. This audit concluded that due to a potential security threat to a municipal water source, Haiwee Reservoir should be closed to the public. A Negative Declaration was filed to close Haiwee Reservoir on December 16, 2004. The facility was officially closed to the public in 2005.	X				
22	Inventory of Plants and Animals at Spring and Seeps (outside LORP Planning Area)	MOU Section III.C	Within 36 months of the discharge of the writ, DWP and the County will jointly complete an inventory of plants and animals at existing springs and seeps and associated wetlands on lands owned by the City of Los Angeles within the portion of the Owens River watershed located in Inyo County that is not included in the LORP Planning area.	LADWP completed data collection for spring and seep discharge. Ecosystem Sciences completed the inventory of plants and animals from 1998-2000.	X				
23	Laws Area Potential Mitigation- Consideration by Standing Committee	1991 EIR Impact 10-18	Approximately 640 acres in the Laws area have a very low density of vegetation cover. The loss or reduction of vegetation cover in these areas was caused by the abandonment of agriculture following purchase of lands by Los Angeles, wet year water spreading from the McNally Canals by LADWP during the pre-project and project periods, wildfire, groundwater pumping, and other factors. The primary cause of the loss or reduction of the vegetation is, therefore, not a result of the project. Although these conditions on these lands are not a result of the project, because of the existing sparse vegetation conditions, these lands will be considered by the Standing Committee for selective mitigation, which would be compatible with water spreading and groundwater recharge activities during wet years.	These lands have not been presented to the Standing Committee to date for selective mitigation. LADWP continues to implement the defined mitigation requirements prescribed in the 1991 EIR and other guiding legal documents.		X			

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24	Legislative Coordination	Water Agreement Section XVI	Except under certain circumstances, Inyo and LA are to refrain from seeking or supporting any legislation, administrative regulation, or litigation that would weaken or strengthen local or state authority to regulate groundwater or that would affect any provision of the agreement.	The legislative coordination policy has been followed by both Inyo County and Los Angeles to date.			X		
25	LORP Agency Consultation and Public Involvement	MOU Section II.D	Consultation with the Parties, agencies, DWP ranch lessees, and the public concerned with the development of the LORP Plan will occur throughout the development and implementation of the LORP Plan.	The MOU Parties, agencies, LADWP ranch lessees, and the public were consulted during the development of Ecosystem Sciences' 2002 LORP Ecosystem Management Plan.	X				
26	LORP EIR	MOU Section II.F	DWP as the lead agency and the County as responsible agency will jointly prepare an EIR on the LORP. A draft LORP EIR will be released within 36 months of the discharge of the writ, and a final LORP EIR will be completed and presented for certification as soon as possible following the release of the draft. Extension of these deadlines may be granted by unanimous consent of the Parties or due to circumstances beyond the control of the DWP and/or the County.	The LORP DEIR was released November 1, 2002. The public comment period concluded January 14, 2003. The Final EIR was approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners in July 2004 and the Inyo County Board of Supervisors in November 2005. LADWP received all the necessary permits for implementation by January 9, 2006 and construction began immediately thereafter.	X				
27	LORP Implementation	MOU Section II.H	DWP will commence the baseflow of 40 cfs in the river channel by the 72nd month after the discharge of the writ unless circumstances beyond DWP's control prevent the completion of the pumpback system and/or the commencement of the baseflow within the 72 month period. DWP will commence implementation of the other physical features of the LORP upon the certification of the LORP EIR.	The LORP DEIR stated that the baseflow would not commence on June 13, 2003. The Final EIR was completed in June 2004 per the February 13, 2004 Stipulation and Order. Phase I flow releases began December 6, 2006. Phase II releases of 40 cfs were achieved in February 2007, and were certified by the court in July 2007. Additional punitive conditions involving maintaining flows and recording of flows were added to the 2007 Stipulation and Order following certification of the 40 cfs base flows.	X				
28	LORP Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan	MOU Section II.E	Monitoring sites and water flow gaging stations will be identified and a program for data collection, analysis, and reporting will be described as part of this plan. Should the reported information reveal that adaptive modifications to the LORP management are necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the project, or the attainment of the LORP goals, such adaptive modifications will be made.	Ecosystem Sciences finalized the LORP Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan (MAMP) in 2008. Monitoring follows that prescribed in this plan and LADWP and ICWD generate a joint annual report each year that contains monitoring results and adaptive management recommendations.			X		
29	LORP Permits Approvals and Licenses	MOU Section II.I	The Parties will work cooperatively with LADWP and/or the County in obtaining, and will support the issuance of, any permits, approvals, licenses, or agreements which are required by law and/or are necessary for the implementation of the LORP.	Permits were received from the following agencies to facilitate implementation of the LORP: California State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Fish and Game, California State Lands Commission, US Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Land Management.	X				



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	Commitment	Legal Reference	Provision	Progress to Date	Status				
30	LORP Plan	MOU Section II.A	LADWP and the County will direct and assist Consultants in the preparation and implementation of the LORP ecosystem management plan. This plan will apply to all lands within the LORP Planning area and will address the four physical features of the LORP.	The Lower Owens River Project Ecosystem Management Plan was authored by Ecosystem Sciences in 2002. This document was prepared for LADWP and ICWD per the 1997 MOU.	X				
31	LORP Planning Area- Inventory of Plants and Animals at Spring and Seeps	MOU Section III.A.2	An inventory of plants and animals at existing springs and seeps and associated wetlands on lands owned by the City of Los Angeles located within the LORP Planning Area will be conducted by Consultants.	Ecosystem Sciences completed the inventory and submitted results to the MOU Parties in June 2001.	X				
32	LORP Pumpback System	MOU Section II.G	Construction of a pumpback system will commence as soon as possible following the certification of the LORP EIR and will proceed as expeditiously as possible. Construction should be completed within 3 years after it is commenced.	The Pumpback Station was constructed prior to flow releases associated with project implementation in December 2006.	X				
33	Lower Owens Off River Lakes and Ponds	MOU Section II.C.3	Off-river lakes and ponds in the LORP area will be maintained and/or established through flow and land management to provide habitat for fisheries, waterfowl, shorebirds, and other animals. These habitats will be as self-sustaining as possible.	Several of these ponds were originally supplied water in the 1980s as part of the Lower Owens River Rewatering (E/M) Project. Water supply to the ponds continues as managed under the LORP.			X		
34	Lower Owens River (financial commitment)	Water Agreement Section XII	Los Angeles will pay the costs of implementing the LORP. Inyo County will repay Los Angeles one half of the project costs up to maximum of \$3.75 million. Any funds provided for the project from sources other than Los Angeles will be an off-set against Inyo County's repayment obligation. Los Angeles will pay the annual costs of operating the pumpback system. Inyo County and Los Angeles will each pay one half of the other costs of the project.	As part of a negotiated agreement with Inyo County to not pursue funding from the USEPA, LADWP has credited Inyo County \$5.1 million to cover Inyo County's \$3.75 million obligation for LORP implementation with the remaining \$1.35 million to be used by Inyo County towards post implementation costs. LADWP and Inyo County continue to share costs of operations and maintenance of the LORP per the LORP Post Implementation Agreement.			X		
35	Lower Owens River Delta Habitat Area	MOU Section II.C.2	This feature provides for the enhancement and maintenance of approximately 325 acres of existing habitat and the establishment and maintenance of new habitat consisting of riparian areas and ponds suitable for shorebirds, waterfowl, and other animals. An annual average of approximately 6 to 9 cfs will be released below the pumpback system to supply this area.	Releases for the Delta Habitat Area occur simultaneously with the 40 cfs baseflow. No construction was necessary for this component of the project other than the completion of the Pumpback Station.			X		

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36	Lower Owens River Project 1500-Acre Blackrock Waterfowl Habitat Area	MOU Section II.C.4	<p>The goal of this component is to maintain this waterfowl habitat area to provide the opportunity for the establishment of resident and migratory waterfowl populations and to provide habitat for other native species. Diverse natural habitats will be created and maintained through flow and land management to the extent feasible consistent with the needs of the "habitat indicator species" for the Blackrock Waterfowl Habitat Area. These habitats will be as self-sustaining as possible.</p> <p>In average and above runoff years, approximately 500 acres within an overall project area of 1500 acres will be flooded to provide habitat for resident and migratory waterfowl and other native species. In years when the runoff is forecasted to be less than average, the water supply to the area will be reduced in general proportion to the forecasted runoff in the watershed.</p>	<p>All preliminary construction work identified for implementation of the Blackrock Waterfowl component is complete. The Blackrock Waterfowl Habitat Area is managed in accordance with the LORP EIR and 1997 MOU.</p> <p>In 2020, the Winterton and Drew Units were flooded for a required acreage of 370 acres based on a 74% runoff year.</p> <p>LADWP and Inyo County developed an Interim Management and Monitoring Plan for the BWMA in February 2021 and circulated it to the MOU Parties for review. This plan incorporates concepts of seasonal flooding and moist soil management to further improve habitat for wildlife. The status of the Interim Plan is pending.</p>			X		
37	Lower Owens River Riverine- Riparian System	MOU Section II.C.1	A continuous flow will be established and maintained in the river channel from at or near the intake structure which diverts the Owens River into the Los Angeles Aqueduct to a pumpback system located near the river delta which will convey water from the river to the Los Angeles Aqueduct. A base flow of approximately 40 cfs from at or near the Intake to the pumpback system will be maintained year round. Additionally, a seasonal habitat flow of up to 200 cfs will be released annually based on estimated runoff in the Owens River watershed. Any water in the river channel that is above the amount specified in this MOU for release below the pumpback system to supply the Owens River Delta Habitat Area will be recovered by the pumpback system for delivery to Los Angeles.	The Lower Owens River Project was implemented in 2006 and project base flows were achieved in July 2007 throughout the system. Seasonal habitat flows are released annually according to the guidelines provided in the LORP EIR (2004).			X		
38	Mitigation Plans for Impacts Identified in the 1991 EIR and the Water Agreement	MOU Section III.F	The Technical Group will prepare mitigation plans and implementation schedules for all areas for which on-site mitigation measures have been adopted in the 1991 EIR. The plans will be completed by June 1998. In accordance with the EIR, on-site mitigation will be accomplished through revegetation with native Owens Valley species and through establishment of irrigation.	To date, projects associated with all mitigation measures have been implemented, satisfying the relevant mitigation measures found in the 1991 EIR. Project and plan enforcement is within the jurisdiction of the LTWA and the Technical Group through dispute resolution. Some projects are complete, some are implemented and ongoing, and some are implemented but not yet meeting goals. Refer to Table 3.1 for current status of each of these projects.				X	
39	New Wells & Production Capacity	Water Agreement Section VI	LADWP's groundwater pumping capacity may be increased to provide increased operational flexibility and to facilitate rotational pumping. The Department may replace existing wells and construct new wells in areas where hydrogeologic conditions are favorable, and where the operation of that well will not cause a change in vegetation that would be consistent with these goals and principles.	<p>The Water Agreement and 1991 EIR describe 15 new wells that LADWP proposes to construct in the Owens Valley. LADWP has constructed 6 replacement wells on Bishop Cone and one of the 15 new wells allowed under the Water Agreement (located in Lone Pine). The Technical Group must establish management for the well before it can be operated.</p> <p>Development of two new wells on the Bishop Cone (B2 and B5) is presently on hold. LADWP is evaluating potential new well development in the Owens Valley.</p>					X



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40	Owens River Recreational Use Plan	Water Agreement XIV.B	As part of the parks rehabilitation program, Inyo is to develop a plan for recreational use and management of the Owens River from Pleasant Valley Reservoir to the Owens River delta as one of the first new programs.	<p>Inyo County Water Department initiated this project in 2007 by forming a collaborative group to gather preliminary information. In 2010, MIG Consultants were selected to write the LORP Recreational Use Plan. A Draft Recreation Use Plan was released February 2012. This plan was presented to the Standing Committee and the public in October 2012. Next steps include further review of the draft plan, CEQA evaluation and obtaining permits prior to implementation of the project.</p> <p>Inyo County is pursuing the development of the Owens River Water Trail in 6 river miles of the LORP. ICWD obtained a \$500,000 grant from California Boating and Waterways to implement the project. LADWP funded the CEQA evaluation of the project (\$546,000) in 2018; the Draft EIR for the project was issued for public review in Spring 2010.</p>					X <sup>6</sup>
41	Owens Valley Land Management Plans	MOU Section III.B	LADWP, in consultation with the parties to the 1997 MOU and others, is to identify areas of City-owned land, which are not included in the LORP planning area, and develop plans for the identified areas to remedy problems caused by livestock grazing and other uses of the land. Priority will be given to riparian areas, irrigated meadows and sensitive plant and animal habitats. The plans will provide for the continuation of sustainable uses (including recreation, livestock grazing, agriculture, and other activities) will promote biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem, and will consider the enhancement of threatened and endangered species habitats.	LADWP's Owens Valley Land Management Plan (OVLMP) was completed in 2010. The OVLMP contains guidance on grazing management of City lands, as well as recreation, fire, cultural resources, commercial uses, and flow management. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated with the plan which was adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners in June 2010. Implementation of fencing and recreational management measures were complete in early 2011. City lands outside the LORP Planning Area are currently being managed under this plan.			X		
42	Release of City Owned Lands - Lands for Public Purposes	Water Agreement Section XV.D	Los Angeles shall negotiate in good faith for the sale or lease to the County of any Los Angeles-owned land requested by the County for use as a public park or for other public purposes.	LADWP currently has 40 leases, 13 license agreements, 0 use permits, and 3 sign permits with Inyo County for public purposes. These include agreements for local parks, campgrounds, landfills, maintenance yards, borrow pits, etc. LADWP responds as needed upon request by Inyo County.		X			
43	Release of City Owned Lands- Bishop	Water Agreement Section XV.B	Los Angeles will sell at public auction, or sell directly to the City of Bishop Community Development Agency, properties within the Bishop City limits totaling 26 acres of surplus Los Angeles owned land.	LADWP has fulfilled this requirement by selling 26 acres in the Bishop City limits in 1995.	X				
44	Release of City Owned Lands- Inyo County	Water Agreement Section XV.A	Los Angeles shall offer for sale 75 acres of Los Angeles owned lands in Inyo County for the orderly development of the towns in the county.	LADWP has fulfilled this requirement by offering for sale 75 acres in 2011.	X				

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45	Release of City-owned lands- Additional Sales (Water Agreement Section XV.C)	Water Agreement Section XV.C	Upon the request of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors or Bishop City Council, Los Angeles shall negotiate in good faith for the sale at public auction of additional surplus City land in or near valley towns for specific identified needs.	<p><b>Big Pine Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LADWP has released land to the Big Pine Fire Department for the sale of 1.02 acres.</li><li>• LADWP released land to Inyo County for Butcher Lane to correct an encroachment upon LADWP property.</li></ul> <p><b>City of Bishop Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LADWP released land where Bishop Nursery is located.</li><li>• LADWP sold 3.48 acres to the City of Bishop for disabled and affordable housing purposes.</li><li>• LADWP is in the process of completing the sale of property to the City of Bishop for a multi-use path for the Seibu to School Project.</li><li>• LADWP and the Forest Service are in negotiations for the sale of 1.4 acres for the expansion of its facility.</li><li>• LADWP is analyzing the feasibility of changing land uses along N. Sierra Highway for future commercial development.</li><li>• LADWP is negotiating with Caltrans for the sale of property to expand its Bishop Maintenance Yard facility.</li></ul> <p><b>Lone Pine Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LADWP has released land to Inyo County for the widening of Whitney Portal Road.</li></ul> <p><b>LADWP Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LADWP Board has approved modification of the Inyo County land divestment policy for in-town leased property. The sale of five properties is pending under this policy.</li></ul>	X				
46	Technical Group Meetings	MOU Section III.G	All scheduled meetings of the Technical Group will be open to the public.	Scheduled Technical Group meetings were opened to the public beginning October 15, 1997.		X			
47	Town Water Systems	Water Agreement Section XI	LADWP shall transfer ownership of the water systems in the towns of Lone Pine, Independence, and Laws to Inyo County, or another Owens Valley public entity or entities. Prior to transferring the systems, evaluations of each system will be performed by a mutually agreed upon consultant, and if necessary, work will be done to upgrade the systems.	Inyo County contracted with a private company to assume the operation, maintenance and billing for the systems in July 1999. Pursuant to an agreement with LADWP, the County completed upgrades of the systems in December 2002, using \$2.6M in funds provided by LADWP. LADWP completed the transfer of ownership to Inyo County in January 2005.	X				

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48	Type E Vegetation Inventory	MOU Section III.D	Within 30 months of the discharge of the writ (December 1999), LADWP and the County are to develop baseline conditions for management of vegetation classified as Type E in the long-term agreement. These conditions will be adopted by the Standing Committee.	The inventory of Type E Vegetation was conducted by Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) under a contract administered by Inyo County and funded by LADWP. The final report on the inventory was complete in December 1999.	X				
49	Yellow-billed Cuckoo Habitat	MOU Section III.A.1	The MOU Consultants will conduct an evaluation of the condition of Yellow-billed Cuckoo habitat in the riparian woodland areas of Hogback and Baker Creeks. Based on that evaluation, Consultants will develop, as they deem warranted, Yellow-billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plans for these areas.	<p>Ecosystem Sciences completed a Yellow-billed Cuckoo (YBC) Habitat Enhancement Plan in April 2005. LADWP released a Draft EIR in January 2006. The MOU Parties and others expressed displeasure with the Consultant’s project. The MOU Parties and the lessees for the Baker Creek and Hogback Creek areas entered into negotiations with LADWP staff to develop another alternative for the YBC Habitat Plan.</p> <p>The <i>Ad Hoc Yellow-billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plan</i> was completed and a Mitigated Negative Declaration was released for public review in 2010. The Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners approved the project on January 19, 2010. Required initial plantings and replacement plantings have been fully implemented on schedule per the plan. Please see Section 3.3.1 for a progress report on this project.</p>			X		

### 3.3.1. Yellow Billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plan

The *Final Ad Hoc Yellow-billed Cuckoo Habitat Enhancement Plan* (Enhancement Plan) states in Section 2.1.8.3:

*“Annual reports will be prepared each year by LADWP to summarize the progress of the willow and cottonwood planting and black locust control. The annual reports will include a brief introduction to include the performance standards, monitoring methodologies, monitoring results for the year, and discussion of any adjustments required to achieve the overall goal to improve the habitat.”*

#### Fences

All fencing required by the Enhancement Plan was completed as of 2011.

#### Baker Creek Planting

All planting areas (Figure 3.1) within Baker Creek have received their initial plantings and replacement pole plantings based on the first growing season monitoring.





**Figure 3.1. Overview of Pole Planting Areas in the Baker Creek Watershed**

## Nonnative Species Control

### **Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)**

All planting area cover values were below the criterion for upper canopy nonnative values.

## Planting Area Monitoring

Section 2.1.8.1. of the Enhancement Plan states:

*“Quantitative monitoring will assess the attainment of final success criteria and identify the need to implement contingency measures in the event of failure. Monitoring will begin in late summer after the second growing season since initial planting to capture the fullest extent of the growing season and after the majority of avian species have finished breeding. Monitoring will continue annually through Year 6 within each planting area or until the success criteria are met.”*

Planting criteria for the planting area are as follows: Absolute cover values for upper and mid canopy native species is greater than or equal to 50 percent for planting areas E, and F. Planting area G, absolute cover values for upper and mid canopy native species is greater than or equal to 65 percent. In LADWP’s 2017 Owens Valley Annual Report, LADWP recommended that the native understory cover criterion of 50% be eliminated due to competing goals with upper and mid canopy cover values and the resulting drop in ground water levels due to the prolonged drought that had negative impacts on the understory. Nonnative species will be less than five percent for all canopy cover and understory values will be less than 25 percent in all planting areas.

A comprehensive analysis of each planting area was conducted in 2016 and is summarized in LADWP’s 2017 Owens Valley Annual Report. From this analysis, it was recommended to discontinue further planting and monitoring efforts in areas A, B, and C (through Adaptive Management Sections 2.1.9. and 2.1.9.1 of the Enhancement Plan) based on little success since implementation at each of these sites. Although all planted multiple times, Planting areas A, B, and C have been unable to support the establishment of pole plantings to attain desired canopy cover as described in the Enhancement Plan, most likely due to clay soils as a limiting factor and poor suitability of planting sites.

Planting areas D, F and H have met all enhancement criteria as of 2018 and therefore, vegetation monitoring in these areas was not conducted in 2020. Vegetation monitoring for areas E and G occurred July 15, 2020. This information is summarized in Table 3.1. Since initial planting was phased over three years, 2020 was the tenth year of line point monitoring for planting area G, and the eighth year for planting area E.

**Table 3.6. Percent Absolute Cover Values for 2011-2020 within Planting Areas D, E, F, G & H**

		Planting Area D	Planting Area E	Planting Area F	Criteria for Areas D, E and F	Planting Area G	Planting Area H	Criteria for Area G and H
		Met Criteria		Met Criteria			Met Criteria	
Upper Canopy Native	2011			1		6		
	2012	2		1		5	7	
	2013	3	7	2		15	8	
	2014	2	8	2		13	4	
	2015	5	11	3		3	8	
	2016	8	9	2		17	5	
	2017	7	13	6		27	12	
	2018	**	13	4		13	**	
	2019	**	19	**		15	**	
	2020	**	21	**		9	**	
Upper Canopy Non-Native	2011			T*	<5	1*		<5
	2012	0*		2*		4*	1*	
	2013	0*	6	1*		T*	T*	
	2014	0*	5	T*		T*	T*	
	2015	0*	7	T*		T*	1*	
	2016	0*	11	1*		13	T*	
	2017	0*	9	3*		1*	4*	
	2018	**	11	2*		T*	**	
	2019	**	7	**		1*	**	
	2020	**	13	**		1*	**	
Mid Canopy	2011			30		15		
	2012	45		45		15	35	
	2013	48	6	42		26	37	
	2014	55	6	36		21	46	
	2015	62	6	50		31	47	
	2016	59	8	46		27	48	
	2017	67	14	51		37	71	
	2018	**	15	52		35	**	
	2019	**	14	**		40	**	
	2020	**	11	**		52	**	
Upper & Mid Canopy	2011			32	≥50	21		≥65
	2012	46		46		20	42	
	2013	51*	12	44		41	45	
	2014	57*	15	38		34	48	
	2015	67*	17	52*		34	55	
	2016	67*	16	48		44	53	
	2017	74*	28	57*		64	83*	
	2018	**	27	56*		48	**	
	2019	**	33	**		55	**	
	2020	**	32	**		61	**	
Understory Non-Native	2011			11*	<25	13*		<25
	2012	3*		11*		13*	4*	
	2013	T*	7*	10*		7*	9*	
	2014	2*	2*	2*		6*	7*	
	2015	2*	4*	2*		1*	6*	
	2016	3*	17*	2*		11*	11*	
	2017	18*	9*	36		14*	11*	
	2018	**	16*	18*		12*	**	
	2019	**	8*	**		1*	**	
	2020	**	4*	**		T*	**	

\*Has met criteria as stated above. \*\*Area has met all enhancement plan criteria. T=Trace&lt;1



## Planting Area E

### Pre-existing conditions

Located in the Brown Pasture, planting area E is approximately 8.7 acres in size. The site is dominated by meadow vegetation with tree and shrub willows, as well as cottonwoods and black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) scattered throughout the site. This area was burned during the Center Fire in 2011. Soils in this planting area are loam to sandy loam to sand in the near surface horizons.

### Desired condition

Recommended number of pole planting for area E is 3,036 pole plantings based on 12-foot spacing. If successful, planting in area E would increase habitat acreage and connect with existing habitat located to the south in the Brown Pasture to habitat in the north in the Apple Orchard Exclosure. Pre-fire habitat suitability was classified as low. Habitat condition 6 to 10 years post implementation of medium suitability is desired.

### Implementation Efforts

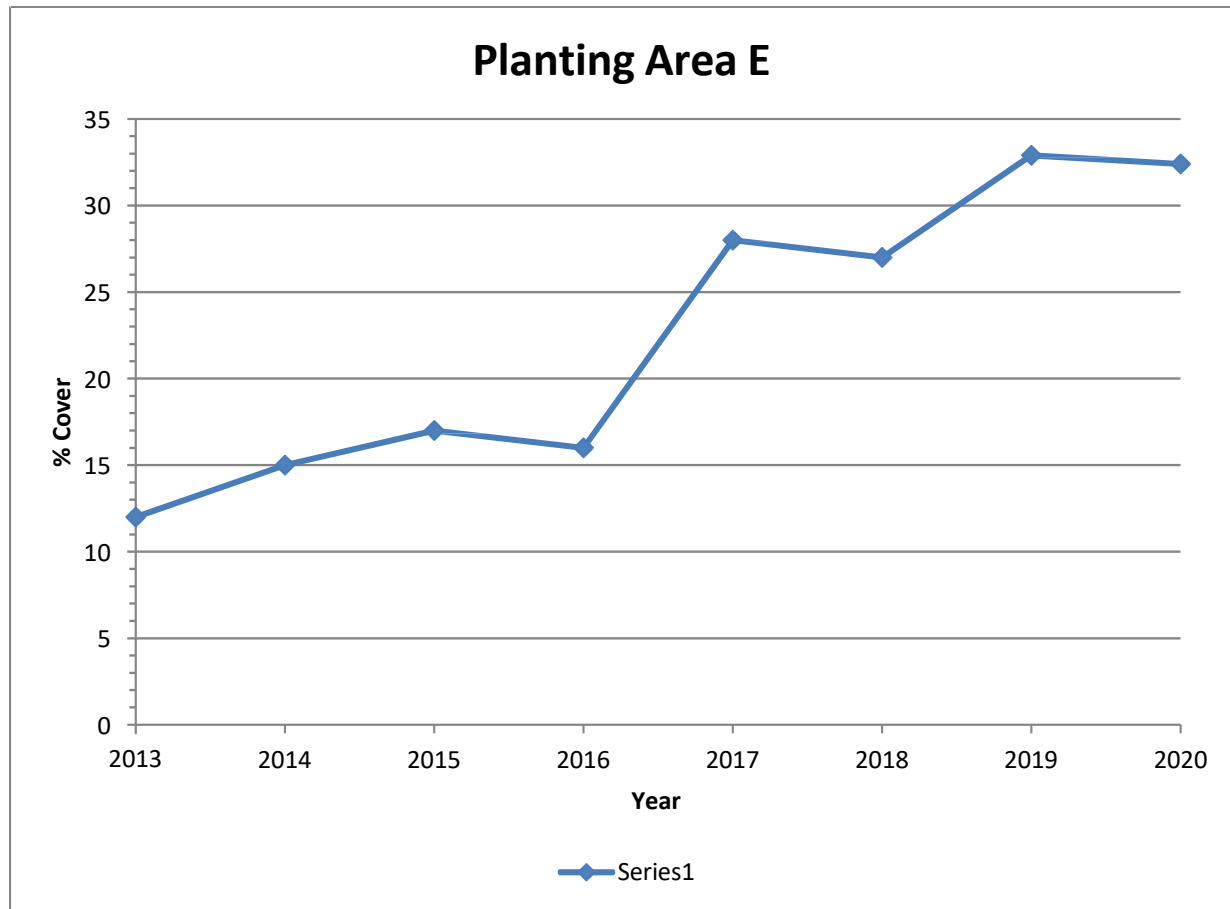
In 2012, initial pole planting was implemented in area E. The plan called for an estimate of 3,036 pole plantings but only 1,205 were planted due to 12 foot spacing from existing canopy and depth to ground water. The Enhancement Plan required that 222 of the original 1,205 pole plantings in area E be replanted in 2013. In 2014, an additional 260 pole plantings were planted to again try and meet the target canopy cover goals by the sixth year following the initial planting. A total of 1,687 pole plantings were planted in area E over three years. In 2019, an additional 300 pole plantings were planted to fill in areas that had low survivability and to help meet cover criteria goals.

### Current conditions

Planting of area E is in the eighth year since the initial planting. According to the Enhancement Plan, upper and mid canopy cover should be  $\geq 50\%$ . Nonnative canopy cover should be  $< 5\%$  and nonnative understory should be  $< 25\%$ .

Upper and mid canopy cover has slowly been trending upward since the implementation of the planting area (Figure 3.2). Upper and mid canopy cover has increased from a low of 12% in 2013 to 32% in 2020. At 32%, this planting area is 18% from meeting the enhancement criterion of  $\geq 50\%$ .

The nonnative canopy cover in 2020 was 13% which is 8% over the criterion for this planting area. As reported in previous reports, there are mature stands of black locust that were not removed because they may not be able to be replaced with willows and cottonwoods due to the depth of ground water in the area. The nonnative understory cover value of 4% in 2020 has met the enhancement plan's criteria of  $\leq 25\%$  for area E (Table 3.1).



**Figure 3.2. Percent Absolute Cover Values for 2013-2020 for Area E**

## Planting Area G

### Pre-existing conditions

Area G lies adjacent to area F but has been designated as a separate planting area due to variation in the vegetation composition between the two areas. Planting area G is approximately 1.0 acre in size and is also located in the Apple Orchard enclosure. Vegetation in this area includes creeping wildrye, brome (*Bromus* spp.), tree and shrub willow, and black locust. Vegetation in this area is also recovering from the 2007 Inyo Complex Fire. Soils are sandy loam in the near surface horizons with sand at depth.

### Desired condition

A total of 262 pole plantings were recommended based on 12-foot spacing. If planting area G is successful, it combined with existing habitat to the north and east would increase the acreage of suitable habitat in the Apple Orchard Enclosure. Prefire suitability for area G was medium with a desired condition in 6 to 10 years of high suitability.

### Implementation Efforts

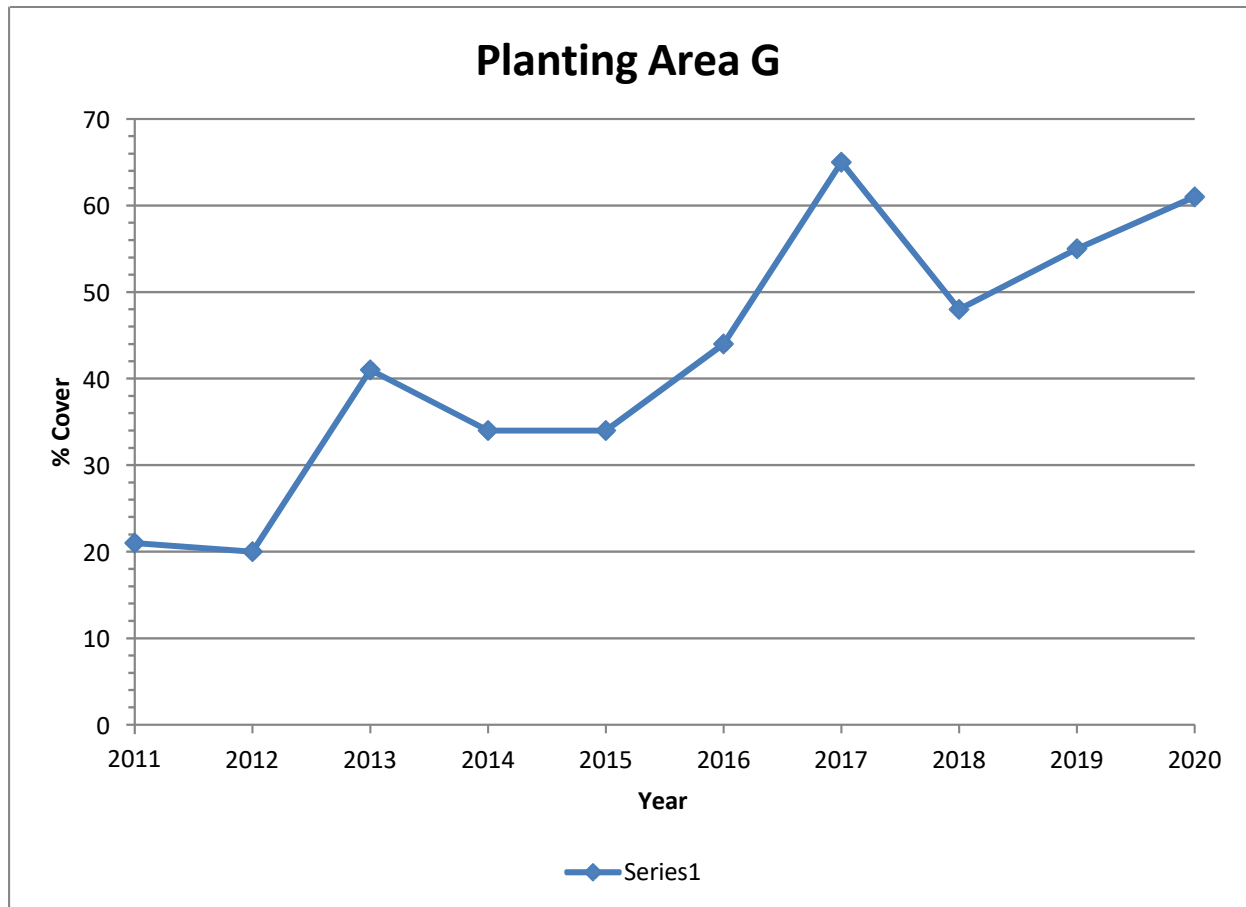
Area G was implemented as one unit with area F. In 2010, the initial pole planting was implemented in planting area F. Area F and G were planted as one planting area due to their proximity with each other and received 589 of the recommended 995 poles plantings due to the 12-foot spacing from existing canopy. In 2011, areas F and G received the replacement pole plantings required by the plan. A total of 371 of the 589 pole plantings were replanted in areas F and G. In 2013, area F and G received an additional 55 pole plantings and then another 130 in 2014. Total number of poles planted in areas F and G was 1,145.

### Current conditions

Planting of area G is in the tenth year since the initial planting. According to the Enhancement Plan, upper and mid canopy cover requirement is higher for this planting area at  $\geq 65\%$ . Nonnative canopy cover should be  $< 5\%$  and nonnative understory should be  $< 25\%$ .

Upper and mid canopy cover decreased from 64% in 2017 to 61% in 2020 (Figure 3.3). At 64% planting area G was only 1% from meeting the Enhancement Plan's criterion of 65%. Now at 61%, planting area G is 4% from meeting the 65% criterion.

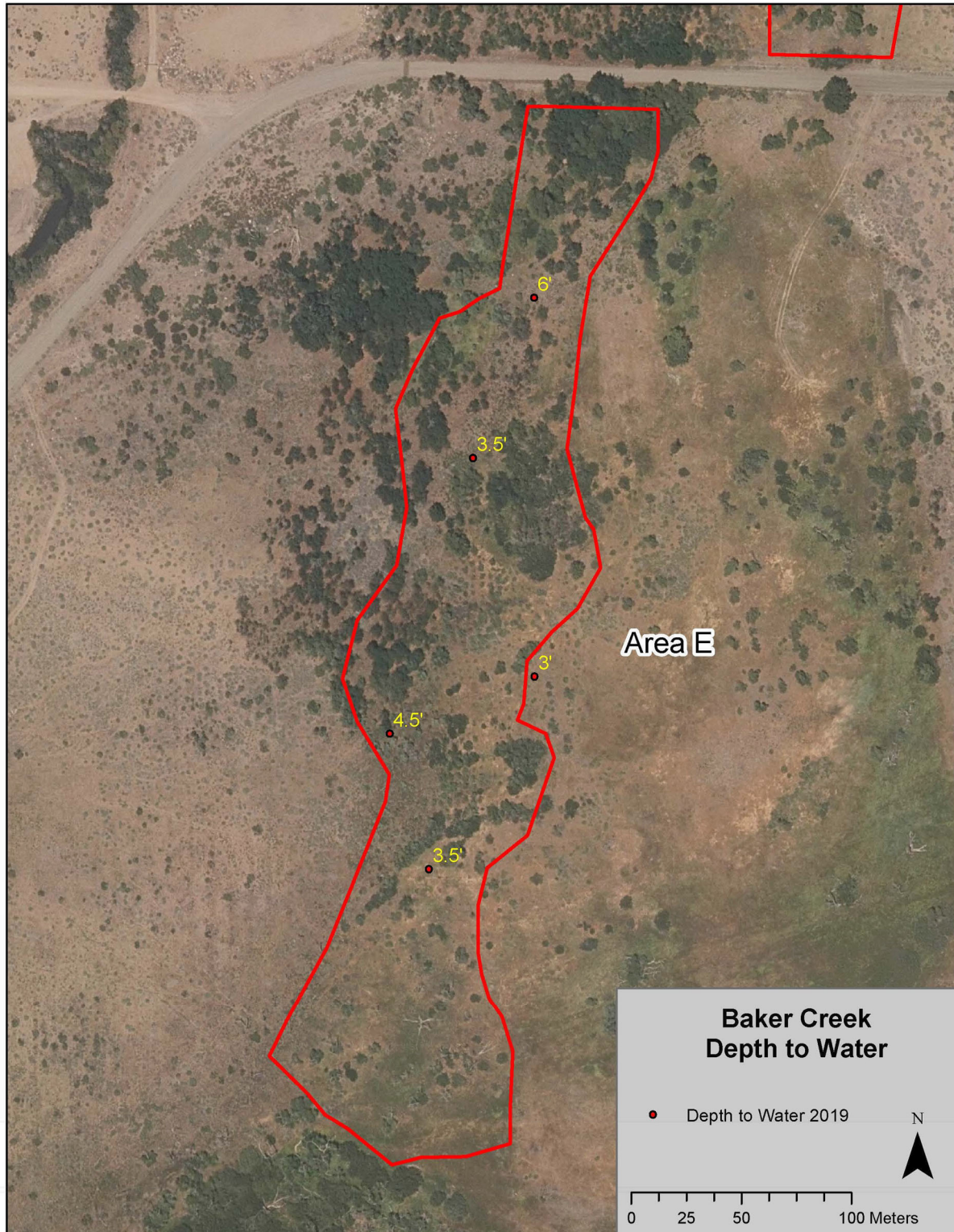
Nonnative cover values in 2020 are at trace levels well below the 5% criterion. Nonnative understory had decreased in cover from 12% in 2018 to 0.4% in 2020 and is 24.6% below the Enhancement Plan's criterion (Table 3.1).



**Figure 3.3. Percent Absolute Cover Values for 2011-2020 for Area G**

#### Depth to Groundwater

As recommended in the 2017 Owens Valley Annual Report a depth to ground water analysis was completed in January 25, 2019 in planting area E (Figure 3.4). This analysis has determined that ground water levels are suitable for replanting in this planting area. On the week of January 28, 2019 approximately 200 *Salix laevigata* and 100 *Populus fremontii* poles were harvested and placed into cold storage. Pole plantings were planted in the spring of 2019, ahead of the 2019 monitoring season.



**Figure 3.4. Depth to water for Planting Area E January 25, 2019.**

## Discussion

Year 2020 marks the tenth year since pole planting at the Baker Creek yellow-billed cuckoo project was implemented. In those ten years, the project area has seen one major wildland fire, a five-year drought and the second wettest winter on record. The 2019/2020 winter was above average for precipitation.

Out of the five planting areas, areas D and H have met the goals stated in the Enhancement Plan and were complete as of 2017. In 2018, planting area F met all criteria stated in the Enhancement Plan and is also complete. Planting area G met all non-native criteria and is 4% percent from meeting the 65% criterion for upper and mid canopy cover. Planting area E was initially planted in 2013 and is in its eighth year. At 32% in 2020, upper and mid canopy cover for this planting area is still 18% from meeting the criterion stated in the Enhancement Plan.

## Recommendations

LADWP recommends discontinuing monitoring in all planting areas that have met the criterion in the Enhancement Plan and no longer plant new pole plantings in areas E and G. Areas E and G have been planted a number of times with little space left for additional pole plantings since the original plan called for a 12-foot spacing of pole plantings. It is recommended that areas E and G be left to rest to allow for natural succession. It will take time to for the pole plantings to increase in canopy cover, filling in the areas.

LADWP will continue monitoring planting areas E and G until the planting areas reach the criteria as described in the Enhancement Plan. LADWP will report on conditions of the two remaining planting areas (E and G) in its 2022 Owens Valley Annual Report.



### **3.3.2. Owens Valley Land Management Plan (OVLMP)**

#### **Introduction**

Section II.B of the 1997 MOU describes the requirement for a land management plan for City of Los Angeles (City) non-urban lands in the Owens River Watershed in Inyo County (excluding the LORP planning area). The 1997 MOU states that LADWP shall continue to protect water resources used by the citizens of Los Angeles while providing for the continuation of sustainable uses such as recreation, livestock grazing, agriculture, and other activities. In doing so, LADWP shall promote biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, and address situations or problems that occur from the effects of various land uses on City property. The 1997 MOU states that priority is to be given to riparian areas, irrigated meadows, and sensitive plant and animal habitats.

Subsequently, LADWP developed the Owens Valley Land Management Plan (OVLMP) (LADWP and Ecosystem Sciences 2010) to fulfill this requirement of the 1997 MOU and guide management of the City's lands in the Owens Valley. The OVLMP consists of 10 chapters that describe current conditions and future management of grazing, riverine-riparian ecosystems, recreation, cultural resources, fire, commercial uses, threatened and endangered species, and areas of special management concern. The fundamental role of resource management is to assess and evaluate the effects of existing land and water use practices, and recommend flow management and land management improvements if necessary.

#### **CEQA Process for the OVLMP**

An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (LADWP 2010) was prepared for the OVLMP in March 2010. After review of the comments received and based on the information in the Initial Study, LADWP determined that with adoption of mitigation measures, implementation of the OVLMP would not have a significant impact on the environment. The final MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were approved by the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners on June 1, 2010. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Inyo County Clerk on June 2, 2010.

#### **3.3.2.1. OVLMP Grazing Management Monitoring Report**

##### **Introduction**

The land use component of the OVLMP is composed of project elements related to livestock grazing management. Under the land management program, the intensity, location, and duration of grazing is managed through the establishment of riparian pastures, forage utilization rates, and prescribed grazing periods (described in Section 3.3 Owens Valley Land Management Plan, 2010). Other actions include

protection of rare plant populations, establishment of off-river watering sources (to reduce use of the river and off-river ponds for livestock watering) and the monitoring of utilization and rangeland trend throughout the leases to ensure that grazing rates maintain the long-term productivity of the forage base.

Grazing management plans developed modified grazing practices in riparian and upland areas on LADWP leases in order to support OVLMP goals. The leases contained in the Owens Valley Report are listed in Table 3.7 below. Maps detailing the locations of each of these leases can be found in the OVLMP.

**Table 3.7. Ranch Lease Numbers and Names**

RL #	Ranch Name		RL #	Ranch Name		RL #	Ranch Name	
I-401	Brockman Ranch Lease		I-438	Big Pine Canal Lease		I-480	Horse Shoe Ranch Lease	
I-402	U Bar Ranch Lease		I-439	Rafter DD Ranch Lease		I-483	Round Valley Ranch Lease	
I-404, 413	Quarter Circle B Ranch Lease		I-451, 500	CT Ranch Lease		I-487	LI Bar Ranch Lease	
I-406, 489	Fort Independence Ranch Lease		I-452	Lone Pine Dairy Lease		I-489	Archie Adjunct	
I-407	Coliseum Ranch Lease		I-453	Reata Ranch Lease		I-489	Georges Creek Parcel	
I-408	Eight Mile Ranch Lease		I-454	Independence Lease		I-489	Island Ranch Lease	
I-411	Cashbaugh Ranch Lease		I-455	Independence Lease		I-490	Delta Ranch Lease	
I-412	Chance Ranch Lease		I-456	Lone Pine Ranch Lease		I-491,	Twin Lakes Ranch Lease	
I-420	Rockin DM Ranch Lease		I-460	Rainbow Pack Outfit Lease		I-491, 499	Four J Ranch Lease	
I-424	Mandich Ranch Lease		I-461	ST Ranch Lease		I-492	Reinhackle Ranch Lease	
I-427	Olancho Creek Adjunct		I-462	Horseshoe Bar Ranch Lease		I-493	Rockin' C Ranch Lease	
I-428	Blackrock Ranch Lease		I-464	Three Corner Round Ranch Lease		I-495	Mount Whitney Pack Lease	
I-428A	Homeplace Adjunct		I-475	Intake Ranch Lease		I-497	Warm Springs Ranch Lease	
I-430	Thibaut Ranch Lease		I-475	Baker Road Ranch Lease		I-498	Pine Creek Ranch	
I-435	3V Ranch Lease		I-479	Aberdeen Pack Lease				

## Utilization Monitoring

Monitoring methodologies are fully described in Section 4.6.2 of the *Lower Owens River Monitoring Adaptive Management and Reporting Plan* (Ecosystem Sciences, 2008), as they are also used for monitoring City land within the Lower Owens River Project Area.

Utilization is compliance monitoring and involves determining whether the utilization guidelines set forth in the grazing plans are being adhered to. Similar to precipitation data, utilization data alone cannot be used to assess ecological condition or trend. Utilization data is used to assist in interpreting changes in vegetative and soil attributes collected from other trend monitoring methods.

Utilization monitoring is conducted annually. Permanent utilization transects have been established in upland and riparian areas of pastures within the MORP, LORP, and areas outside these two project locations. An emphasis has been placed on establishing utilization monitoring sites within riparian management areas. Each monitoring site is visited prior to any grazing in order to collect ungrazed plant heights for the season. Sites are visited again approximately mid-way through the grazing period (mid-season) and again at the conclusion of the grazing period (end-of-season).

Utilization estimates are conducted on all range trend transects if there is an adequate amount of the key forage species (alkali sacaton, saltgrass, etc.). There are additional utilization transects not associated with range trend sites. These are designated as spatial utilization transects and will be read annually as long as they represent typical use in a pasture. If they fail to be representative (e.g. fire, flooding, and change in grazing patterns) they will be temporarily or permanently abandoned.

Watershed Resources staff updates each lessee with their mid-season if close to or exceeding utilization standards (40% or 65%). In either case the lessee is instructed to move livestock. All lessees are informed on end-of-season utilization results for each year. This allows LADWP and the lessees to communicate and make grazing management changes as needed in order to meet land management goals.

Target stubble heights have been calculated for each transect and pasture on a given lease. The lessee is notified of the set utilization standards and corresponding pasture or field associated with either riparian (40%), or upland (65%) standards. If requested by the lessee, field visits will occur to assess utilization on a particular field. If not requested, Watershed Resources staff adhere to the monitoring schedule previously mentioned. To calculate target stubble heights, ungrazed plant heights are collected after the end of the growing season to allow the plants to reach maximum production before the grazing season begins. The ungrazed heights are then averaged by species and transect in order to calculate the stubble heights that will meet the utilization standards for each field. The resulting calculated stubble heights are based on the same height/weight curves used in the mid- and end-of-season utilization calculations.

## Range Trend Monitoring

### Overview of Monitoring and Assessment Program

Monitoring is conducted at all irrigated pastures and at key areas within riparian and upland management areas. Areas not identified as irrigated pasture, riparian management areas, or springs and seeps are considered upland management areas. Monitoring and assessment of key sites in riparian and upland management areas includes utilization and range trend monitoring.

This report presents data collected during various periods typically beginning in 2007. Each site will generally be read every three years unless a significant change has occurred such as a fire or a major change in management.

A description of monitoring methods, data compilation and analysis techniques can be found in the *2008 LORP Monitoring, Adaptive Management and Reporting Plan*. Descriptions of the range trend monitoring sites and their locations on the leases are in the individual lease monitoring narratives and maps in this section.

Because of the high resource value associated with riparian areas on City property in the Owens Valley, the majority of the monitoring plots are either located on Moist Floodplain or Saline Meadow sites in close proximity to the Owens River.

Utilization is compliance monitoring and involves determining whether the utilization guidelines set forth in the grazing plans are being adhered to. Similar to precipitation data, utilization data alone cannot be used to assess ecological condition or trend. Utilization data is used to assist in interpreting changes in vegetative and soil attributes collected from trend monitoring methods.

Following implementation of the grazing management plans, the utilization standard for riparian management areas is 40%. The utilization standard for upland areas is 65% if grazing occurs during the plant dormancy season. The standard for upland areas is 50% if grazing occurs during the active plant growing period; however, if the pasture is completely rested for a minimum of 60 continuous days during the latter part of the active stage to allow seed set, allowable forage utilization is 65%.

These standards are not expected to be met precisely every year because of the influence of annual climatic variation, livestock distribution and the inherent variability associated with techniques for estimating utilization. Rather, these levels should be reached over an average of several years. If utilization levels are consistently 10% above or below desired limits during this period, adjustments should be implemented (Holecheck and Galt, 2000; Smith et al., 2007).

An additional driver for the 40% utilization rate on riparian pastures in the northern portion of the Owens Valley are grazing requirements as they relate to the federally listed Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. Within the Middle Owens River management area, beginning from just north of Tinemaha Reservoir to Pleasant Valley and adjacent

Horton Slough, LADWP and the United States Fish and Wildlife (USFWS), developed a Conservation Strategy designed to increase the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher habitat in the Owens Valley. This strategy also specifies a 40% utilization limit along the river with livestock grazing permitted between October and May of each year.

Range trend monitoring involves the quantitative sampling of the following attributes: frequency of all plant species, canopy cover estimates for herbaceous plant species, line intercept sampling for shrub canopy cover, estimates for ground cover, shrub density, and age classification of shrubs. Photo documentation of the site conditions is included as part of range trend monitoring.

Range trend monitoring at permanent transects provides quantitative data to determine the state of monitoring sites relative to baseline conditions and how a given site compares to the desired plant community. The desired plant community can be one of several plant communities that may occupy a site or one that has been identified through a management plan to best meet the plan's objective for the site. The desired plant community must protect the site as a minimum and may be described as dynamic, changing through time, or within a range of variability (Bedell, 1988). Until site-specific objectives are established, the desired plant community, which will serve as the benchmark for evaluating conditions, will be the "reference plant community" described in the ecological site description for a site. The reference plant community is the historic climax or potential plant community described for each ecological site.

Ecological site descriptions are a tool developed by USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) that can be used to assist in management decisions. Ecological sites are distinct units distinguished between one another by significant differences in potential vegetation composition or production between soils (NRCS, 2003). Ecological site descriptions are represented spatially as soil map units, developed from soil survey data in the Owens Valley.

Soil surveys in the area were conducted by NRCS and the final data can be found in the *Soil Survey of Benton-Owens Valley Area, California, Parts of Inyo and Mono Counties* (USDA NRCS, 2002). Vegetation data used to develop the ecological site descriptions were collected by LADWP between 1984 and 1994. This vegetation data is also referred to as "baseline" as described in the *Green Book for the 1990 Long-Term Groundwater Management Plan for the Owens Valley and Inyo County*. Ecological site descriptions include the expected production (pounds per-acre) for each soil map unit based on growing conditions (normal, favorable, unfavorable). Yearly growing conditions are based on annual precipitation data (October through September).

Nested frequency, and cover data are presented for each lease and are presented as range trend transect data tables for each sampling transect and sampling year. To compare range trend sites to the associated reference plant community in the ecological site descriptions, the soil map unit that each transect was located on was cross-referenced to the *Soil Survey of Benton-Owens Valley Area, California, Parts of*



*Inyo and Mono Counties* (USDA NRCS, 2002). The soil map unit narrative references the ecological site descriptions. The ecological site description describes the potential plant community by percent composition by dried weight of the major plant species. The potential plant community information does not set a specific percent composition for each species, but specifies an expected range of abundance of each of the major plant species by soil type and ecological site.

The majority of land management monitoring transects are located on the Moist Floodplain Ecological Site (MLRA 29-20). The site describes axial-stream floodplains. This ecological site does not include actual river or stream banks. Moist floodplain sites are dominated by saltgrass and to a lesser extent alkali sacaton and Beardless wildrye (*Leymus triticoides*). Only 10% of the total plant community is expected to be composed of shrubs and the remaining 10% forbs.

Saline Meadow ecological sites (MLRA 29-2) are the second most commonly encountered ecological sites on the MORP. These sites are located on fan, stream, lacustrine terraces, and may also be found on axial stream banks. Potential plant community groups are 80% perennial grass with a larger presence of alkali sacaton than moist floodplain sites. Shrubs and trees comprise up to 15% of the community while forbs are only 5% of the community at potential. Saline Bottom (MLRA 29-7) and Sodic Fan (MLRA 29-5) ecological sites were also associated with several range trend sites. These are more xeric stream and lacustrine terrace sites. Saline Bottom ecological sites still maintain up to 65% perennial grasses, the majority of which is alkali sacaton, while shrubs compose up to 25% of the plant community, and forbs occupy the remaining 10%. Sodic Fan ecological sites are 70% shrubs, primarily Nevada saltbush (*Atriplex torreyi*), with a minor component of alkali sacaton of up to 25% and 5% forbs.

With regard to the ecological site descriptions for the Owens Valley, management objectives for a given area may or may not correlate directly to high similarity indexes or different seral conditions. For example, a portion of the reference plant communities described for the moist floodplain ecological site allow for a species composition (dry weight) of 10% for shrubs and 80% for perennial grass; optimum wildlife habitat for a particular species might require more woody plants than allowed for and livestock production would improve with a greater percent composition of perennial grass and a decrease in shrubs. Each of these scenarios are feasible through different management prescriptions but none would reflect a high similarity to the reference plant community for the ecological site. Furthermore, due to historical or existing disturbances or the presence of nonnative species, attaining “excellent condition” or 76-100% similarity may not be feasible.

It is important to note that reference plant communities associated with ecological sites are amalgamations of both existing reference sites and professional judgment of what the site’s potential could have been under pristine conditions. The reference plant community is a conceptual model intended to help managers gauge how a site compares to what potentially could be found on similar sites. To expect any existing location to identically match the described community would be erroneous. Estimating

how similar a given site is to its potential described in the ecological site description is useful when conducting an inventory across an area. However, if repeat monitoring is available for the site (as it is for most LADWP leases), changes over time (trend) compared to baseline data collected at the same location is a more effective approach to assessing the trend of that particular key area. This is because comparisons are made directly to the site and not between the key area and a reference plant community in an ecological site description, which ultimately has no physical existence. For this reason similarity indices were not calculated and discussions in trend will not focus on changes in similarity indices.

Reference plant community data is derived from annual aboveground production (dry weight). The vegetative attribute of annual production and canopy cover are very sensitive to annual growing conditions and will therefore vary in accordance to natural climatic fluctuations. Annual production and canopy cover are inappropriate attributes to interpret long-term impacts of management decisions on plant communities when compared to other plant monitoring methods such as nested frequency.

Because frequency data is sensitive to plant densities and dispersion, frequency is an effective method for monitoring and documenting changes in plant communities (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg, 1974; Smith et al., 1986; Elzinga, Salzer et al., 1988; BLM 1996; Heywood and DeBacker, 2007). For this reason frequency data will be the primary means for evaluating trend at a given site during subsequent years. Based on recommendations for evaluating differences between summed nested frequency plots (Smith et al., 1987 and Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg, 1974), a Chi-Square analysis with a Yate's correction factor was used to determine significant differences between years. Future analysis will compare estimates to the baseline datasets presented in this report.

During the pre-project period, a range of environmental conditions were encountered including “unfavorable” growing years when precipitation in the southern Owens Valley was less than 50% of the 1970-2009 average, “normal” years, when precipitation was 50-150% of average, and “favorable” conditions when precipitation was greater than 150% of average. Many of the monitoring sites responded to the variability in precipitation during the baseline period, this provided the Watershed Resources staff an opportunity to sample across a broad amplitude of ecological conditions for these sites which contributed to a robust baseline dataset.

Range trend analysis on the LORP leases began in 2002. In response to the potential critical habitat designation and subsequent MOU with the USFWS concerning the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, rangeland analysis expanded to include the Middle Owens River areas beginning in 2007. Because of the lengthier period of monitoring on the LORP leases there is greater discussion of overall trends on those leases. As monitoring continues on the MORP leases, further discussion of results will be included in the reporting component of the project.

On transects with a long history of monitoring, trends appear to be fairly static with no obvious trajectories as each year captures and extends what appears to be the normal range of variability. The majority of range trend sites are situated on moist flood plain or saline meadow ecological sites. These sites are naturally sub-irrigated and less influenced by annual fluctuations in precipitation when compared to the more xeric ecological sites such as Saline Bottom or Sodic sites. In general perennial grass and forb communities on the mesic sites are resilient to both moderate and heavy grazing, particularly if grazing occurs during the dormant season which is the case for most LADWP grazing leases.

Sites where apparent trends are occurring tend to be on:

- 1) shrub dominated sites where encroachment accelerates in a non-linear fashion;
- 2) burned sites where shrub cover is significantly reduced;
- 3) on sites where changes in water tables act as the primary driver for plant community composition and/or species abundance.

Rising water tables in moist flood plain sites adjacent to the Owens River will reduce shrub cover as the root zone of shrubs becomes permanently inundated. A dropping water table will have the reverse effect but similar end results with increased shrub mortality as well as a shift in plant composition. Transects along the Owens River on the Twin Lakes, Thibaut, and Blackrock leases have experienced a spike in cover and then a subsequent mortality of Nevada saltbush on terraces closest to the water's edge. Conversely, diminished flows on the Middle Owens River have contributed to a declining water table on moist floodplain sites and have led to a decrease in abundance of herbaceous graminoids.

### **Range Trend in 2020**

Range Trend transects were sampled on the S-T Lease (RLI-461), Warm Springs Lease (RLI-497), Round Valley Lease (RLI-483), Thibaut Lease (RLI-430), and the Island Lease (RLI-489). Plant trends varied but did not range beyond what has previously been observed for most transects. Perennial grass communities on the Moist-floodplain meadow sites on the Pleasant Valley Burn have recovered to pre-burn conditions. Shrub cover has not rebounded from the burn. These sites have developed into perennial grass dominated meadows, interspersed with a few shrubs. Complete results for these leases are presented in Appendix 2.

### **Irrigated Pasture Monitoring**

Irrigated Pasture Condition Scoring is used to monitor all irrigated pastures using protocols developed by the (NRCS, 2001). Irrigated pastures that score 80% or greater are considered to be in good to excellent condition. If a pasture rates below 80%, changes to pasture management will be implemented. All pastures were evaluated in 2019 and will be reevaluated in 2022. Pastures that scored below 80% in 2019 were reevaluated in 2020. Pasture evaluations on those pastures that scored <80% in 2019

recovered to 80% or greater in 2020. The exception to this were three irrigated pastures on RLI-426 and one pasture on RLI-439. On RLI-439 Watershed Staff identified prolonged grazing during the growing season as the primary cause for poor pasture condition. The lessee has agreed to defer grazing during the growing season until conditions recover. The three pastures on RLI-426 receive significant amounts of water upslope from private land and are unable to reduce this influx. A positive outcome from this is a large community of riparian gallery forest. Watershed staff met with the lessee and have decided to not make recommendations to remove these plant communities because of their high wildlife habitat value.

### **3.3.2.1.1. 2020 Grazing Management Monitoring Data**

Tables containing summarized utilization, range trend, and irrigated pasture data for each pasture/field can be found in Appendices 1-3.

#### **ST Ranch Lease (RLI-461)**

The ST Ranch Lease (10,925 acres) consists of parcels from Aberdeen, Bishop, and Round Valley. The ST Ranch is a commercial cow/calf operation that also raises and sells quarter horses.

##### Utilization

Utilization on the Aberdeen portion of the lease was below the allowable utilization prescription of 40%. Efforts to reduce the stocking rate in the Calvert Slough Field and repairs to the northern fence resulted in 5% utilization.

The Charlie Butte Field has only one transect, TATUM\_10 (21%), which was below allowable utilization standards. LADWP Watershed Resources Staff recommends periodically moving supplemental feeding locations and cattle to help distribute livestock better throughout the field.

The Pleasant Valley portion of the lease has recovered from a wildfire that occurred on February 19, 2018. Utilization in 2020 was below the allowable standard in all fields except Southwest McCumber Field (56%).

##### Range Trend

Range trend transects were sampled in the summer of 2017 and were relatively stable on the RLI-461 lease. To capture the effects of the Pleasant Fire that occurred on February 19, 2018, range trend transects inside the burned area were re-read in the summer of 2018 (Tatum\_01, Tatum\_02, Tatum\_03, Tatum\_04, Tatum\_05, and Tatum\_06). Transects were sampled again in the summer of 2020.

*Dixon Place Parcel**Northeast McCumber Field*

TATUM\_01 is located on a Saline Meadow Ecological Site. The transect corresponds to the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit however the site is on an elevated terrace above the functioning floodplain and exhibits botanical characteristics similar to a Torrifluent site (Saline Meadow). Results from 2020 were static compared to previous sampling events.

*North Horton Slough Riparian Pasture*

TATUM\_02 is located on a Saline Meadow Ecological site in the North Horton Slough Riparian Pasture on a Torrifluent soil unit. Frequency trends have remained static on the site during the sampling period of 2007-2017. Results from 2020 sampling showed no departures from prior years.

*Southeast McCumber Riparian*

TATUM\_03 is located on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. 2020 results were static when compared to all years. Results from 2020 showed an increase in saltgrass and beardless wildrye when compared to sampling following the 2018 fire which points to a positive post-fire recovery for the area.

*Northwest McCumber Riparian*

TATUM\_04 is located on a Saline Meadow Ecological Site, directly south the terrace elevation drops down to a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site. The entire area from the river north to chalk bluffs is mapped as a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. However the site is on a Torrifluent soil unit. 2020 results show the area to be static when compared to all previous years.

*Southwest McCumber Riparian*

TATUM\_05 is located on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. 2020 results show the area to be static when compared to all previous years.

*South Horton Slough Riparian Pasture*

TATUM\_06 is located on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. 2020 results show the area to be static when compared to all previous years. Comparisons between 2018 and 2020 indicate the site has recovered following the 2018 burn.

*East River Field*

Tatum\_07 is located on a Saline Bottom Ecological Site on the Winerton-Hessica Complex soil unit. In 2017 alkali sacaton (SPAI) significantly declined. Plant trends in 2020 were static, with the exception of alkali sacaton which significantly increased.

Tatum\_08 is located on a Saline Bottom Ecological Site on the Winerton-Hessica Complex soil unit. Plant trends remained static in 2020, although shrub cover is increasing on the site.

Tatum\_09 is located on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. Plant trends continue to remain static on the site.

Tatum\_12 is located on a Saline Meadow Ecological Site on the Torrifluent soil unit. Saltgrass declined in 2010 compared to 2009 but was unchanged when compared to 2007. In 2017 saltgrass declined to its lowest level seen on the transect. Saltgrass increased in 2020 and all other plant frequencies remained static on the site.

Tatum\_14 is situated on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. Aerial photos from 2009, 1981, and 1944 show a steady conversion of an herbaceous dominated floodplain to a shrub dominated floodplain. Frequency of saltgrass for 2009 and 2010 was significantly higher than 2007, while all other frequency values remained static. Baltic rush declined for the site in 2017. Results from 2020 frequency estimates show a slight increase on perennial grass species on the site.

#### Calvert Slough Pasture

Tatum\_11 is located on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. Perennial plant trends remain static on the site with the exception of beardless wildrye which decreased significantly in 2020.

Tatum\_13 is on a Moist Floodplain Ecological Site on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquaolls Complex soil unit. Results in 2020 showed a significant increase in saltgrass.

#### Irrigated Pastures

Watershed Resources staff has been working with the lessee to improve irrigated pasture condition scores since 2007. One of the main problems on the lease was water management and availability which was being impeded by old irrigation diversions and lack of water supply. A new irrigation schedule was implemented and maintenance and repairs to ditches and head gates has improved irrigated pasture condition scores. All irrigated pastures scored 80% or greater in 2020.

#### Stockwater Sites

There are no stockwater sites planned for the ST Ranch Lease. Stockwater is provided by the Owens River and irrigation diversions on the lease.

#### Fencing

No new fencing was constructed in 2020.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Feed pellets that contain trace minerals and protein are distributed for supplement on the lease.

**Pine Creek Ranch (RLI-498)**

The Pine Creek Lease (2,632 acres), consists of two separate leases: the Round Valley Parcel RLI-498 (1,175 acres) is located between Birchim Lane and Pine Creek Road. Forage consists primarily of irrigated pasture with a small section of Big Sagebrush Scrub. The Paradise Field RLM-486 (1,457 acres) is located west of Old Sherwin Grade Road and south of Paradise in Mono County. Forage consists of primarily Big Sagebrush Scrub with native perennial bunch grasses occurring throughout. The ranch is a commercial cattle business that also runs goats and sheep in contained pastures near the lease headquarters. The Paradise Field (RLM-486) will not be discussed in this report since it is located in Mono County.

Utilization

All pastures on the lease are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pasture scores on the Pine Creek Ranch Lease have been consistently high, with scores ranging 90% and higher since 2007. There has been some heavy runoff from Pine Creek on above average water years. This has caused some flooding and head cuts on the irrigated pastures. The lessee has since repaired these but the potential for reoccurrence remains.

Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions on the lease.

Fencing

Repair to an existing boundary fence along Lower Rock Creek Road and Birchim Lane was conducted on the lease.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Cattle are fed hay and protein supplement during the winter.

**3V Ranch Lease (RLI-435)**

The 3V Ranch, west of Bishop is 33 acres. There are four irrigated pastures that



comprise the lease and they are grazed on a rotational grazing schedule year round.

The ranch is a commercial cow/calf operation.

#### Utilization

All pastures on the lease are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

#### Range Trend

All pastures on the lease are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to range trend monitoring.

#### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pasture scores on the 3V Ranch Lease have been consistently high since 2007. Under new management in 2010 an irrigation schedule was implemented that measured irrigation water more accurately. As a result any excess water that was received previously, is no longer available. Drought had decreased irrigated pasture scores for several years but, due an above normal water year irrigated pasture conditions have improved. Although pasture scores have increased, annual and perennial weeds continue to persist. The swamp pasture in 2019 was the only pasture on the lease that did rate at 80%. This was due to weeds; the lessee has begun to mow and treat the weeds. In 2020, the pasture scored 80%.

#### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions on the lease.

#### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

#### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cattle are fed hay and protein supplement during the winter.

### **Reata Ranch Lease (RLI-453)**

The Reata Ranch (139 acres) consists of the Fish Slough Parcel (84 acres), north of Bishop; and the Reata Parcel (55 acres) west of Bishop. The ranch is a cow/calf operation; pairs spend summer months on private property and winter on the Reata Parcel. The Fish Slough Parcel is in nonuse.

#### Utilization

The Fish Slough Parcel is in nonuse and the remaining pastures on the lease are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures on lease are in good condition all rating 82%. There are no weed or spot grazing issues on the lease.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions and Bishop Creek.

### Fencing

Routine fence repairs continue on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cattle are supplemented with hay and protein during the winter months.

## **Horseshoe Bar Ranch Lease (RLI-462)**

The Horseshoe Bar Ranch (329 acres) is a cow/calf operation that consists of two separate parcels: the 144-acre Sewer Parcel, which lies to the east of Bishop; and the 185-acre Dairy Parcel, which lies west of Bishop. Pastures are typically grazed during the winter months but the Sewer Parcel does get some grazing during the summer. LADWP is currently undergoing negotiations to divest the Sewer Parcel and transfer it to the City of Bishop.

### Utilization

All pastures on the lease are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease because it is primarily comprised of irrigated pastures.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were scored in 2019, the West Pasture (70%), Front Pasture (70%), and Sewer (72%) were below 80%. These low scores were due to spot grazing, a large amount of weeds and shrub encroachment. The lessee was contacted and began working on irrigation diversions and spraying weeds. Irrigated pasture scores were 80% for all pastures in 2020.

Stockwater Sites

All stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions.

Fencing

The City of Bishop constructed a fence along the pedestrian/cyclist thoroughfare that runs north to south on the east side of the Dairy Parcel.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Cattle are supplemented with protein tubs during the winter.

**Rainbow Pack Outfit Lease (RLI-460)**

The Rainbow Pack Outfit Lease (144 acres) is a commercial pack operation that grazes horses and mules. The lease consists of the Wye Road, Brockman, and Dutch John Parcels, all in the Bishop area. The Wye Road Parcel consists of the Spruce Street and the Wye Road Fields, which are separated by a ditch. The Brockman Pasture is irrigated and is located just off of U.S. Highway 395 and Brockman Lane. The Dutch John Parcel is located up the Bishop Creek drainage off of Highway 168, it currently does not receive any use.

Utilization

The Wye Road Field is the only field on the lease that requires utilization monitoring. Livestock begin grazing in January and remain in the field until a 2-inch stubble height is reached, or rare plants Owens Valley checkerbloom (*Sidalcea covillei*) begin growing. When either one of these criteria are met, livestock are moved from the field.

Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

Irrigated Pastures

In the winter and Spring of 2019 the lessee overgrazed the pasture and was asked to remove the livestock. The pasture condition improved over the summer of 2019 to meet the minimum pasture condition score of 80%. In 2020 the pasture scored 80%. Water distribution and weeds have continued to be a problem that the lessee is working on.

Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions.

Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Supplements are placed in a previously disturbed location at the north end of the Wye Road pasture.

### **Rockin C Ranch Lease (RLI-493)**

The Rockin C Ranch (320 acres) lies east of Bishop and is used to graze cattle and five to ten horses. The livestock spend the summer on the Sewer Farm Pasture (RLI-462).

Grazing occurs on the Sewer Farm Pasture, Holding Pasture and Little Horse Pasture, all of which are irrigated pastures.

### Utilization

The lease is comprised of irrigated pastures and dry grazing. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. The dry grazing portions on the lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures Rain Gun and Little Horse rated at 80% and 84% respectively in 2019. Pastures were not evaluated in 2020.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions, water troughs, and the Kingsley Ditch.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cattle and horses are fed hay in the winter along with cake and salt blocks.

### **Rafter DD Ranch Lease (RLI-439)**

The Rafter DD Ranch (80 acres), is located east of Bishop. The Bishop Parcel consists of irrigated pastures and some dry grazing located in the Desert Field.

### Utilization

The Mare Pasture, Pasture 1, Pasture 2, and Pasture 3 are all irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures Mare (86%), Pasture 1(80%), and Pasture 2 (68%) were rated in 2019. The low pasture condition score in Pasture 2 was a result of overgrazing during the growing season. Cattle were left on the lease year round with all gates open to all pastures allowing livestock to continually graze the pastures while irrigation was in progress. This management did not allow the pastures to recover and grow. To aid recovery all livestock were removed from the lease. Re-evaluation did show some improvement in 2020 on Pasture #2 (72%) but still remains below 80%. This pasture will be rested again during the growing season of 2021 and re-evaluated to monitor improvement.

### Stockwater Sites

All stockwater is provided by irrigated diversions or troughs.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and salt are provided for horses and mules on the lease during the winter.

## **Frontier Pack Lease (RLI-426)**

The Frontier Pack Lease (160 acres) is located in Round Valley, one mile west of U.S. Highway 395 on Pine Creek Road. Vegetation on the lease is comprised entirely of irrigated pastures (159 acres). The lease grazes 50-100 horses and mules.

### Utilization

All pastures on the lease are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were re-evaluated in 2020. All pastures scored above 80% except for the Corral Holding (74%), Schober (74%), and South Schober (74%) pastures. These

pastures rated low due to willow and cattail encroachments caused by consistently elevated groundwater levels. The lessee plans to mow shrubs within pasture interiors and herbicide treat cattails to gain better control. Saturated soils make mechanical control difficult in some locations. However, existing wildlife habitat also provides refuge and foraging opportunities to a multitude of small mammals, ungulates, insects and birds. This habitat value will be considered in future pasture evaluations and LADWP Watershed Staff does not have plans for future intervention on these pastures.

### Stockwater Sites

All stockwater is provided by irrigated diversions or troughs.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and salt are provided for horses and mules on the lease during the winter.

## **Quarter Circle B Ranch Lease (RLI-404, 413)**

The Quarter Circle B Ranch (1,129 acres) lies west of Bishop and is a cow/calf operation. The RLI-404 portion of the lease produces alfalfa or grass hay, the stubble is subsequently grazed by cattle and horses in the winter. The RLI-413 portion of the lease consists of irrigated and dry grazing fields which are both primarily grazed by cattle.

### Utilization

The lease is comprised of irrigated pastures and dry grazing. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Pasture condition scores have been consistently below or at the minimum standard of 80%. These pastures rate continually low, due to a lack of consistent irrigation, weed control, and sucker elm tree growth. The lessee has been working on removing the elm trees and treating the weeds. They have also been working on different irrigation strategies to improve pasture condition. These changes in management produced results in 2020 with all pastures scoring above 80%.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation ditches when livestock are present.

### Fencing

There are no new fencing projects planned for the lease beyond regular maintenance.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and protein supplement are fed to the cattle during the winter months.

## **CT Ranch Lease (RLI-412, 451,500)**

The C-T Ranch (6,055 acres) consists of three different leases. The Chance Ranch Lease RLI-451 (1,040 acres) is located in Round Valley. The first parcel (569 acres) in this lease is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Bishop, east of Rock Creek Road, and north of Birchim Road. The second Parcel (471 acres) consists of the Roberts Ranch, north of Pine Creek Road and west of Rock Creek Road; and the Evans Ranch west of U.S. Highway 395 and south of Pine Creek Road. The Sunland Parcel RLI-500 (249 acres) is southwest of Bishop and west of Sunland Road; and the Patch Parcel (4,766 acres) is 13 miles northeast of Bishop in Mono County, near Chalfant Valley. The livestock program is a commercial cow/calf operation.

### Utilization

All of CT Ranch pastures within Inyo County are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

All of the pastures on the CT Ranch are well above the required irrigated pasture condition score of 80%. Irrigated pastures will be rated again in 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

All stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions or perennial streams.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and protein supplement are fed on a seasonal basis, and sites are rotated.

## **Mandich Ranch Lease (RLI-424)**

The Mandich Ranch (163 acres) southwest of Bishop is a cow/calf operation.



### Utilization

All Mandich Ranch Lease pastures are irrigated. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures on this lease have consistently scored high since 2007. The lessee routinely mows, sprays weeds and drags all pastures. All pastures rated above the irrigated pasture condition score of 80%.

### Stockwater Sites

All water is provided by irrigation diversions.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and protein supplements are fed during the winter and all feed sites are rotated.

## **LI Bar Ranch Lease (RLI-487)**

The LI-Bar Ranch Lease (684 acres) consists of two separate parcels: the South Bishop Place, which lies to the southeast of Bishop, east of U.S. Highway 395; and the Hess Place, which is west of Bishop, south of west Line Street, and east of Barlow Lane. The LI Bar Ranch is a commercial cow/calf operation.

### Utilization

The LI Bar Ranch lease is comprised of irrigated pastures and upland vegetation. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. The upland portion of the lease is comprised of shrubs and annual vegetation. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

All irrigated pastures on the lease have consistently been at or above 80% since 2007. Irrigated pastures were rated in 2019 and scored above 80% and were not re-evaluated in 2020.

### Stockwater Sites

All stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions and the Bishop Creek Canal.

### Fencing

There were no new fencing projects on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cattle are supplemented with hay pellets and protein tubs.

## **U-Bar Ranch Lease (RLI-402)**

The U-Bar Ranch Lease (407 acres) lies south of Bishop, east of U.S. Highway 395 and is a cow/calf operation. The ranch is comprised of irrigated pasture and abandoned agriculture used for dry grazing.

### Utilization

All pastures are either irrigated or abandoned agriculture. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

The irrigated pastures on the lease are managed by mowing and spraying weeds, this has kept them in good condition since 2007. Irrigated pastures were rated in 2019 and scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and protein supplement are fed to the cattle during the winter months. Feeding areas are rotated periodically for cattle health and to minimize grazing impacts.

## Round Valley Ranch Lease (RLI-483)

The Round Valley Ranch Lease (19,780 acres) is a commercial cow/calf operation. The Round Valley Ranch is broadly distributed across several different locations within the Owens Valley. In the Big Pine area, the lease consists of 13 separate pastures. The southernmost pasture lies on the east side of the Owens River and extends from Tinemaha Reservoir, on the south, to U.S. Highway 168, on the north. On the east side of the Owens River, the lease extends from north of Steward Lane to north of Klondike Lake. The Round Valley portion of the ranch, approximately eight miles northwest of Bishop, consists of 22 pastures/fields. The Buttermilk portion of the ranch lies approximately eight miles west of Bishop, and consists of eight pastures/fields.

There are five pastures on the Round Valley Ranch lease within the MORP boundary. The East Side Riparian, East Side River Field, Hole Pasture, River Pasture, and Zurich Riparian are all located in the Big Pine portion of the lease.

### Utilization

The end-of-season utilization for RLI-483 was at or below 40%. The East Side Riparian (0%) was rested 2018/19 and again in 2020. Grazing utilization in the Zurich Riparian Pasture was 16%, East Side River Field was 26% and River Riparian was 42%. The Hole Field (45%) exceed utilization standards by 5%. Because of sampling variability, the lessee was notified but no further management actions were taken.

### Range Trend

#### *River Riparian Pasture*

MEND\_09 is located on the northern end of the River Riparian pasture on torrifluvents, 0-2% slopes. The site is situated on a Saline Meadow. Plant frequencies were static when compared to all previous years with the exception of saltgrass which significantly increased in 2020.

MEND\_10 is located in the River Riparian pasture on the Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes. The site is on the moist floodplain ecological site. Plant frequencies on the site remain static in 2020.

MEND\_11 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site. Plan trends for 2020 remain static on the site.

MEND\_03 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site, situated in the River Riparian pasture. Trends for 2020 remain relatively unchanged.

#### *Hole Pasture*

MEND\_12 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site. Trend is static.

#### *Little Pasture*

MEND\_02 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site, situated in the Little pasture. Conditions are stable on the site.

#### *Zurich Riparian*

MEND\_04 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site. Trends for 2020 remain relatively unchanged.

#### *East Side Riparian Pasture*

MEND\_05 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site. Trends for 2020 remain relatively unchanged.

MEND\_06 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site, situated in the East Side River Field. The site is static.

MEND\_07 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site, situated in the East Side River Field. Trends for 2020 remain relatively unchanged.

MEND\_08 is located on the Winterton-Hessica Complex, 0-2% slopes, situated on a Saline Bottom ecological site. Trends for 2020 remain relatively unchanged.

#### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019 and scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

#### Stockwater Sites

No new stockwater sites were developed on the lease in 2020.

#### Fencing

A new cross fence to separate the riparian and upland portion of the Zurich Pasture from the irrigated portion to the west was completed in 2019.

#### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and protein supplement tubs are used during the winter. Supplement sites are rotated regularly to improve livestock distribution and reduce impacts to supplement sites.

## **Big Pine Canal Lease (RLI-438)**

The Big Pine Canal Lease (9,441 acres) is made up of the Canal and Coyote Mountain Parcels. The Canal Parcel (9,084 acres) lies south of the City of Bishop, along U.S. Highway 395. The Coyote Mountain Parcel (357 acres) includes three fields north of Baker Creek that are surrounded by U.S. Forest Service land. The livestock operation is a cow/calf operation.

### Utilization

Grazing throughout the North 40 (34%) and South 40 (37%) Fields were below the 40% standard for these fields.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

All irrigated pastures on the lease have consistently rated well. Sanger and Cow Creek are high altitude meadows located on the Coyote Flat and irrigation water comes from spring flow and snow melt. Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019 and scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

One stockwater well is located in the Horse Field and provides water for the Old Bull, North 40 Pasture, and Horse Fields.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and mineral supplement are fed during the winter months. Supplemental feeding sites are rotated regularly to improve livestock distribution and reduce impacts to supplement sites.

## **Cashbaugh Ranch Lease (RLI-411)**

The Cashbaugh Ranch Lease (23,602 acres) is located around the eastern edges of Bishop, extending south to Big Pine on the east side of the Owens River. The lease is a commercial cow/calf operation.

### Utilization

Utilization was below or at the allowable 40% standard in 2020 with the Laws River Field (13%), East of the River Field (20%) and Bishop Creek Field (17%). Use exceeded the allowable 40% on the White Mountain Field (58%) and the Warm Springs

Holding Field (59%). The lessee was notified to address this excessive use on the two pastures during the 2021-22 grazing season. There was no utilization in the Ears Field along the river.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

No additional stockwater sites are planned for RLI-411.

### Fencing

A quarter acre extension (holding pen) to an existing operating structure located on Laws Poleta Road was constructed in 2017.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and Protein supplement tubs are fed during the winter months. Supplemental feeding sites are rotated regularly to improve livestock distribution and reduce impacts to supplement sites.

## **Warm Springs Ranch Lease (RLI-497)**

The Warm Springs Lease (4,161 acres) lies southeast of Bishop, north of Warm Springs Road, between U.S. Highway 395 and the Owens River. The ranch operates a commercial cow/calf operation.

### Utilization

Utilization was below the allowable 40% on the River Field (15%).

### Range Trend

#### *River Field*

CASHBA\_11 is located on the Torrifluvents, 0-2% slopes soil series which corresponds to a Saline Meadow ecological site in the River Field. Trends were static in 2020 compared to earlier sampling events.

CASHBA\_10 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site. Trends were static in 2020.

CASHBA\_13 is on a Torrifluvents-Fluvaquentic Endoaquolls complex, 0-2% slopes, moist flood plain ecological site. The site remains static.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

No additional stockwater wells are planned for the lease.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cottonseed meal and protein supplement tubs are fed during the winter months at rotated supplement sites.

## **Reinhackle Ranch Lease (RLI-492)**

The Reinhackle Ranch Lease (5,563 acres) consists of three separate parcels: the Reinhackle Parcel, which lies to the east of Bishop and south of U.S. Highway 395; the Five Bridges Parcel, which is north of Bishop and west of Five Bridges Road; and the Laws Parcel, which lies west of U.S. Highway 6 and east of Five Bridges Road.

### Utilization

All fields were below the allowable utilization standard of 40% in 2020.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Two stockwater wells were drilled in 2011 in the Laws area. One supplies water for the Holding Field. The second well, situated just north of the Lower McNally Canal supplies water for the northern portion of the lease.

### Fencing

Fencing along the east and west side of the Multi-completion Field on the Five Bridges Parcel were rebuilt, and a new northern section was constructed following the Pleasant Fire.



### Salt and Supplement Sites

Portable liquid supplement stations are used during the winter. These stations are placed in designated areas outside the riparian corridor and are periodically moved.

### **Four J Cattle Ranch Lease (RLI-491, RLI-499)**

The 4-J Ranch Lease consists of two different ranches. The Big Pine Ranch (RLI-491) contains approximately 10,993 acres, and is located near the community of Big Pine. The Laws Ranch (RLI-499) contains approximately 1,197 acres and lies north of Laws, between U.S. Highway 6 and the Upper McNally Canal. The Big Pine Lease (RLI-491) is comprised of the Baker Creek area near Big Pine and the Twin Lakes area near Blackrock. The majority of the mature breeding cattle graze in the Owens Valley in winter and summer in Long Valley. However, there are small herds that graze the Laws Ranch and Baker Creek Ranch periodically throughout the year. Cattle that graze on the Long Valley and Baker Creek leases also utilize adjacent federal grazing allotments.

The Big Pine portion of the lease consists of irrigated pastures with the surrounding fields being a mix of native alkali sacaton meadows and dry uplands. Cattle typically graze from late October to early May. The duration of grazing may vary from year to year dependent upon forage conditions in Long Valley. During the grazing season cattle are moved using the best pasture rotation strategy.

The Laws Ranch consists entirely of irrigated pastures. Cattle graze the ranch on a year-round basis under various stocking rates that are dependent upon available forage.

### Utilization

All grazing on the lease occurs on irrigated pastures or federal grazing allotments. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. The Twin Lakes portion of the lease is part of the LORP which will be discussed later in this report.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were monitored in 2019 and all were above the irrigated pasture condition standard of 80% except for the Fish Springs Pasture (78%). The low score was mainly due to weed invasion. The lessee is working on controlling weeds.

### Stockwater Sites

All stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions, the Big Pine Canal, Baker Creek, and Big Pine Creek for RLI-491. Laws RLI-499 is supplied by Silver Canyon or the Upper McNally Canal or troughs.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay and liquid supplement are used during the winter.

## **Independence Ranch Lease (RLI-416, 454, 455)**

The Independence Lease (9,619 acres) consists three leases in Inyo county; one in Big Pine and two in the Independence area. The Big Pine lease (4,630 acres) consists of seven irrigated pastures and a large upland/riparian pasture. The Independence Lease consists of the Springfield's Parcel and the Shepherd Creek Parcel. The Springfield's Parcel (4,674 acres) consists of 13 pastures (plus a county landfill, several revegetation sites, and livestock corrals) east of U.S. Highway 395 and west of the Los Angeles Aqueduct near the town of Independence. The Shepherd Creek Parcel (315 acres) is an irrigated alfalfa field and hay yard west of U.S. Highway 395 and north of the Manzanar National Monument.

### Utilization

Utilization on the South River Field was 12%. The Manzanar Field was not grazed in 2020.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions or the Owens River.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cake blocks that contain trace minerals and protein are distributed for supplement on the lease.

### **Rockin DM Ranch Lease (RLI-420)**

The 110-acre Rockin DM Ranch Lease west of Big Pine is a cow/calf operation. The ranch is located on the south side of the Baker Creek Road and contains one irrigated pasture and two dry grazing fields.

#### Utilization

All pastures on the lease are either irrigated or dry grazing. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

#### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

#### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

#### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions.

#### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

#### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cake blocks that contain trace minerals and protein are distributed for supplement on the lease.

### **Baker Road Ranch Lease (RLI-475)**

The Baker Road Ranch Lease is managed in conjunction with the lessee's other LADWP ranch leases in the LORP project area. The lease grazes horses and mules that are used in a commercial packer operation. The Baker Road Ranch Lease (391 acres) is comprised of nine irrigated pastures and two mountain meadows. The Fuller and Saulk mountain meadow portions of the lease are located at the base of Kid and Birch Mountains and are naturally irrigated by annual spring flows. These meadows are also grazed by pack stock during the summer.

The 185-acre Intake Pasture lies to the west of the Owens River and the LAA at the Intake. The 104-acre Big Meadow Pasture lies to the east of the Owens River, north of the Intake and east of the LAA below the Intake. These areas are inside the LORP project area.

### Utilization

Utilization on the Intake portion (LORP) of the Baker Road Ranch has been well below the allowable riparian utilization standard of 40%. There are no management changes planned the lease.

### Range Trend

Due to the small area of meadow on the Intake Pasture the initial range trend transect had been decommissioned. If conditions appear to decline on the site transect monitoring will resume.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019 and scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions, springs and the Owens River.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement

No salt supplements are used by the lessee.

## **Aberdeen Pack Lease (RLI-479)**

The Aberdeen Lease is used to graze horses and mules used in a commercial packer operation. The lease (3,081 acres) is made up of the Hines Spring and Haystack Parcels. The Bairs Parcel is a use permit and is managed in conjunction with this ranch lease. The Hines Spring Parcel includes the area from the Blackrock Fish Hatchery north to Hines Spring. This is an upland area and utilization is set at 65% for all fields. There are three fields in this portion of the lease. The Haystack Parcel borders the east side of the town of Independence. The Independence sewer treatment facilities border the northeast corner of the parcel. The lessee uses the parcel to raise alfalfa and graze pack stock. There are 16 pastures and operating structures in the lease.

### Utilization

Utilization on the Aberdeen lease has been maintained at an allowable level since 2007.

### Range Trend

Range trend transects were not monitored on the lease in 2019.

Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were monitored in 2019. The North (78%), Middle (78%), and South (74%) were below the irrigated pasture standard of 80%. The pastures were below the standard due to summer grazing and weeds. Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2020 and scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

Stockwater Sites

Since the implementation of the Hines Spring Well 355 Mitigation Project in 2012 stock no longer water at Aberdeen Ditch.

Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Pack stock is supplemented with hay and trace mineral blocks if needed by the lessee.

**Coliseum Ranch Lease (RLI-407)**

The Coliseum Ranch Lease lies West of Lone Pine in the Alabama hills, and south of the Blackrock Fish Hatchery and Eight Mile Ranch on the west and the east side of U.S. Highway 395. The ranch grazes horses on the Lone Pine portion of the lease (Movie Field) and cattle on the Blackrock portion of the lease (South East Field). Cattle graze the South East Field in the fall, winter and summer on federal grazing allotments.

Utilization

Utilization on the Coliseum Lease on the Movie Field was 3%. Utilization on the South East Field was 44% and 22% on the Northeast Pasture. Use on both these pastures was below the upland standard of 65%.

Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

Irrigated Pastures

There are no irrigated pastures on the Coliseum Ranch Lease.

Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by a diversion coming off Sawmill Creek.

Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay is fed during the winter, no other supplements are used.

### **Three Corner Round Lease (RLI-464)**

The Three-Corner-Round Ranch Lease (1,792 acres) is east of Aberdeen, between new and old U.S. Highway 395, and is leased to the Three-Corner-Round Pack Outfit. The ranch grazes burros that are used during the summer months for youth camp and pack trips in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The fields are upland vegetation.

#### Utilization

There are no utilization transects for this lease due the composition of the vegetation. There are no perennial grasses and the bulk of the vegetation is made up of sagebrush, Nevada Saltbush, and annuals. The burros forage on the shrubs and annuals when available in the Spring. If needed they are supplemented with hay during the winter. The lease was evaluated in 2016 and was found to be in good condition with current stocking rates.

#### Range Trend

There are no range trend transects on the lease. Grazing pressure is relatively low and the xeric plant communities appear to be in good condition. If a decline from current conditions is observed then a range trend monitoring program for the lease will be initiated.

#### Irrigated Pastures

There are no irrigated pastures on the lease.

#### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided from well V108 and Goodale Creek

#### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay is fed throughout the year, no other supplements are used.

#### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease in 2020.

### **Eight Mile Ranch Lease (RLI-408)**

The 770-acre Eight-Mile Lease is operated as a commercial packer operation and uses the ranch to graze pack stock during winter and grow alfalfa hay during the summer. The lease is located south of Aberdeen, bordered on the east by U.S. Highway 395. Horses and mules graze the hay stubble in the fall and winter, if precipitation allows spring grazing will occur on the upland portions of the lease. The lease includes an

alfalfa field, a small partially irrigated field (Tree Lot), two small fields (Yearling and Feed Lot) and six large fields (Upper North, Lower North, West, Upper South, Lower South and Willow Fields) that are not irrigated. A corral and a stockyard complete the lease.

### Utilization

There are no utilization data for the upland fields on the lease as they are recovering from the 2007 Inyo Complex fire. The South Field was partially burned. Utilization transects have been established in this field, which has perennial grass components and monitoring is planned once grazing resumes.

### Range Trend

There are no range trend transects on the lease. Grazing pressure is relatively low and the xeric plant communities appear to be in good condition. If a decline from current conditions is observed then a range trend monitoring program for the lease will be initiated.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement

When necessary, hay is provided to livestock during the winter months.

## **Fort Independence Ranch Lease (RLI-406,489)**

The Fort Independence Lease includes 3,849 acres covered by RLI-406, and 1526 acres covered by RLI-489. The Fort Independence Lease is managed in conjunction with the Islands (north of Lone Pine); Delta (south of Lone Pine); Georges Creek (northwest of Lone Pine); Archie Adjunct (south of Owens Lake); and Lubkin Adjunct (south of Lone Pine) grazing leases. The livestock program is a commercial cow/calf operation.

### Utilization

The Fort Independence lease is comprised entirely of irrigated pastures. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

The Fort Independence lease is comprised entirely of irrigated pastures. Irrigated pastures are not subject to range trend monitoring.



### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation ditches and diversions.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Mineral tubs or cake blocks are used to supplement feed in designated areas.

## **Georges Creek Parcel (RLI-489)**

The Georges Creek Parcel (4,000 acres) is a cow/calf operation in conjunction with a surrounding BLM grazing allotment. This parcel borders BLM land to the west, U.S. Highway 395 to the east, the Moffat Ranch to the south, and the Shepherd Creek alfalfa field to the north. The parcel is presently managed as four pastures.

The Georges Creek parcel is managed in conjunction with the Fort Independence Lease, the Islands (north of Lone Pine); Delta (south of Lone Pine); Archie Adjunct (south of Owens Lake); and Lubkin Adjunct (south of Lone Pine) grazing leases. The livestock program is a commercial cow/calf operation.

Georges Pastures #1 and #2 are irrigated and the perimeters are fenced. The North Field, north and west of Manzanar, is not fenced separate from BLM lands. This pasture is grazed with the adjacent BLM grazing allotment and has no utilization transects in it. The South Field is located between Moffat Ranch and Georges Creek irrigated pastures. It also borders BLM land and has no fences, so it is managed the same as the North Field. The only portion of the parcel presently fenced is the irrigated pasture in the center western edge of the parcel. A small corral near Georges Creek along the west boundary of the parcel is used to work cattle.

### Utilization

Utilization on the Georges Creek Parcel has been within the upland standard of 65%. Grazing has been moderate to light for the past eight years.

### Range Trend

Range trend transects have not been monitored since 2014 because of the relatively static trends in the past and minimal use by livestock.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by Georges Creek, irrigation ditches and diversions.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Mineral tubs and cake blocks are used to supplement cattle in designated areas.

## **Lone Pine Dairy Lease (RLI-452)**

The Lone Pine Dairy Lease (80 acres) is south of Lone Pine, north of the Lone Pine Golf Course, and west of U.S. Highway 395. The Lone Pine Dairy Lease grazes stocker steers and heifer pairs.

### Utilization

The lease is comprised entirely of irrigated pastures. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

The lease is comprised entirely of irrigated pastures. Irrigated pastures are not subject to range trend monitoring.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversion and water troughs.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

All salt and supplemental feeding is in designated areas away from any riparian areas.

## **Mount Whitney Pack Lease (RLI-495)**

The Mount Whitney Ranch (626 acres) consists of the Diaz Parcel (146 acres), south of Diaz Lake and Lone Pine; and the Tuttle Parcel (480 acres), west of Lone Pine, and is periodically used for horses/mules.

### Utilization

The Tuttle Field is rarely grazed. Most use typically occurs from wildlife. Monitoring will continue regardless of grazing frequency. Utilization in 2020 was again below the standard 65%.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

There were no stockwater sites implemented on the Mount Whitney Lease. Stockwater is provided by the irrigation ditches and diversions.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

All salt and supplemental feeding is in designated areas.

## **Horseshoe Ranch Lease (RLI-480)**

The 2,966-acre Horseshoe Grazing Lease (RLI-480) is comprised of the Lake and Cottonwood Parcels. The Cottonwood Parcel, located on the Kern Plateau at 10,000 feet elevation, is being grazed under USDA Forest Service grazing prescriptions. The lower elevation Lake Parcel borders the southwest side of Owens Lake.

### Lake Parcel

The Lake Parcel includes a portion of what was once the Owens lakebed and later the shoreline of Owens Lake. The 1,956-acre parcel lies west and east of U.S. Highway 395, about 24 miles south of Lone Pine near lower Cottonwood Creek. Some of the lease lies west of U.S. Highway 395 (West Field), while most of the forage lies east of U.S. Highway 395, in the East Field. Only very dry vegetation types (i.e., Creosote bush) survive on the west side. The eastern part of the lease lies along a remnant wind wave-formed shoreline of Owens Lake.

The majority of the livestock forage occurs along a north-south running fault that forces underground water to the surface along an old lakeshore contour. Springs emerge from the fault forming open water ponds, marshes, and wet and dry meadows. The springs all drain eastward and disappear in the "old" lakebed.

Utilization is not measured on this portion of the lease due to species composition of the vegetation around the spring. Annual monitoring of seeps and springs is conducted.

### Cottonwood Parcel

The Cottonwood Parcel lies in high elevation hills with topography heavily modified by snow and ice during past glacial periods. These rolling hills enclose grassy, high elevation meadows. A Forest Service trailhead and camping area borders the parcel on the north and serves as a "jump-off" point for recreationists to the Golden Trout Wilderness. City lands, totaling 1,010 acres, abut the south end of the trailhead parking and camping area. City lands are scattered in separate sub-parcels surrounded by Forest Service lands. These sub-parcels lie in and around Horseshoe Meadows, two parcels are in or around Round Valley Meadows, and the last and largest sub-parcel is in Last Chance Meadow, with Cottonwood Creek flowing through it. The Last Chance Meadow area is classified as a "Research Natural Area." All LADWP meadows being grazed in this parcel are approximately 10,000 feet in elevation.

Horseshoe and Round Valley Creeks flow through City lands and merge downstream with Cottonwood Creek. The Golden Trout Wilderness surrounds City lands.

Since these parcels are surrounded by the national forest and there are no fences, the parcels are managed under federal grazing guidelines.

### Utilization

Utilization standards fall under USFS management guidelines.

### Range Trend

Vegetation monitoring is conducted by the USFS.

### Irrigated Pastures

There are no irrigated pastures on the Cottonwood Parcel. Naturally irrigated meadows are managed by the USFS.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by riparian streams and springs.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

Salt and Supplement Sites

All salt and supplemental feeding is in designated areas.

**Archie Adjunct (RLI-490)**

The Archie Adjunct Lease comprises about 627 acres and is managed in conjunction with the LADWP leases at Islands, Delta, Georges Creek, Fort Independence, and Lubkin, as well as the lessees' private land. The Archie Adjunct Lease is located just north of Olancho, lying on both sides of U.S. Highway 395 and south of the Crystal Geyser Bottling Plant. The lease borders the Homeplace Lease to the south and BLM land to the west and north. The lease is divided into one pasture, two fields, a corral, and holding pen. The Archie Pasture east of U.S. Highway 395 is irrigated exclusively from Cartago Creek through a water delivery pipeline. A 17-acre marsh along the east side of the Archie Pasture has formed in response to irrigation run-off.

In 1989, mudslides covered large parts of the North Field and eliminated large forage areas. The North Field is used in the Spring to hold livestock prior to going to a Forest Service grazing allotment for summer grazing and again in the fall when they return from the Forest Service grazing allotment.

Utilization

The Archie Adjunct is comprised primarily of irrigated pastures and dry grazing. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

Stockwater Sites

There are no new stockwater sites planned for the lease.

Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Supplement cake tubs are used in designated sites.

## **Olancha Creek Adjunct (RLI-427)**

The Olancha Creek Adjunct Lease (RLI-427) is managed in conjunction with the Lone Pine Lease (RLI-456) in the Lower Owens River area. The lessee manages the Olancha Creek Adjunct Lease in combination with the Ash Creek BLM allotment located between Cartago and Lone Pine, and the Monache Meadows Forest Service allotment in the southern Sierras.

The lease has been used as a staging area for cattle coming to and from the Lower Owens River area on their way to graze Forest Service lands in the southern Sierras. The lessee typically sends cows with calves to the Forest Service's Monache Meadows on July 1 and grazes this allotment until about October 1. Animals are taken to the Lone Pine area for the winter.

The lease lies in Olancha and is bisected by U.S. Highway 395. Saltgrass-sacaton meadow, irrigated pasture, and semi-desert shrub vegetation types are prominent. The lease shares a common boundary with the Homeplace Lease to the north. The Olancha Creek Adjunct Lease is made up of seven fields and pastures (269 acres).

There are 56 acres on the lease irrigated with water diverted from Olancha Creek. Both Olancha Creek and the diversion ditch need frequent cleaning to allow sufficient water to reach irrigated lands. The irrigated pastures are used to grow livestock forage. No grass hay or alfalfa hay is produced on the lease. All four Esta Fields and most of the two Oesta Fields are irrigated. The West Field, east of the Olancha Creek Diversion Ditch, is abandoned agricultural land that is not grazed except for two days in October and one day in the Spring for weed control. The West Field, west of the diversion ditch, is semi-desert shrubland.

### Utilization

The majority of the lease is comprised primarily of irrigated pastures and dry grazing. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were monitored in 2019 and all were above the irrigated pasture condition standard of 80% except Oesta 1(76%). This was due to high runoff in the Spring of 2019 that washed sand across the field and covered up the pasture. This event had further facilitated rabbit brush encroachment. The rabbitbrush was mowed during the fall of 2019 and grasses are colonizing the sanded areas. Pasture evaluation in 2020 scored above 80%. Pastures will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation ditches and troughs located in the pastures.

Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

Salt and Supplement Sites

Cake mineral and protein tubs are put out during the winter. Supplement tubs are rotated through the pastures to minimize impacts across all supplement areas.

**Homeplace Adjunct (RLI-428)**

The Homeplace Adjunct Lease is located just north of Olancho, between the Olancho Creek Lease to the south and the Archie Lease to the north. The lease consists of 14 pastures and fields. The lease is bisected by U.S. Highway 395. Two small fields (Little Bull and South Fields) are west of the highway. About a third of the lease is irrigated grass pasture (207 acres) east of the highway. No irrigated grass hay or alfalfa hay is harvested on the lease.

The Homeplace Adjunct Lease (644 acres) is managed as part of the 32,641-acre Blackrock Lease (RLI-428). The lease is managed by Mark Lacey and John Lacey, in combination with their Blackrock Lease in the Lower Owens River area. The Homeplace Adjunct Lease was a pivotal part of the Lacey grazing operation in the past. Historically, the lease was used as a holding area for cattle herds going to and from Forest Service lands in the southern Sierras. During this holding period, the lease was nearly vacant of livestock most of the summer and fall (a 90-day period) when the herd was on Forest Service lands. The lessees sold their Forest Service permits and cattle must now either remain on the Homeplace Adjunct Lease year-round or go to another grazing property.

The lease is mainly grazed as a cow-calf operation. Olancho Creek provides irrigation and stockwater. LADWP Well 404 supplies supplemental irrigation and stockwater water when Olancho Creek flows decrease.

Livestock are fed supplements when needed. Supplemental feeding sites are rotated around the pastures to reduce trampling effects. Feeding sites are mainly on the more alkali portions of the pastures where less grass is produced. One hired person manages the grazing and irrigation on the lease year-round.

Pastures and fields are flood irrigated from April 1 to October 1 to increase livestock forage production. Most pastures are also sub-irrigated by the elevated water table resulting from irrigation. Because Gus Walker Creek recently washed out and changed channels, the stream no longer delivers water to the lease. Olancho Creek, in combination with well water, delivers water year-round for livestock. All irrigated pastures have ditches to carry the necessary livestock drinking water. Water troughs are present in all pastures that are supplemented by irrigation water. All pastures and



fields are completely fenced. The lessees maintain all exterior and interior fences, which are in good to fair condition.

A proposed California Department of Transportation plan for the reconstruction and widening of U.S. Highway 395 could take the eastern side of this lease for construction of a new roadway. Most of the land identified for the proposed roadway is now irrigated pasture. The grazing plan assumes that highway relocation will not take place and there will be no infringement on the lease. If, in the future, the highway construction project takes part of the lease the plan will be modified. Cattle numbers, grazing duration, and timing will all need to be adjusted to match the lesser amount of forage available on the remaining grazing lands.

### Utilization

The majority of the lease is comprised primarily of irrigated pastures with limited dry grazing. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring. Dry grazing fields within this lease do not have sufficient forage to warrant utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

Range trend monitoring is not appropriate for this lease.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation ditches and troughs located in the pastures.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Supplement is comprised of hay and liquid molasses. Feeding locations are designated each year.

## **Blackrock Lease (RLI-428)**

The Blackrock Lease is a cow/calf operation consisting of 32,641 acres divided into 26 management units or pastures. Blackrock is the largest LADWP grazing lease within the LORP area. The pastures/leases on the Blackrock Lease provide eight months of Fall through Spring grazing, which can begin any time after 60 continuous days of rest. A normal grazing season begins in early to mid-October and ends in mid-May or June.

There are 26 pastures/fields on the Blackrock Lakes lease within the LORP boundary. Twelve of these pastures are monitored using range trend and utilization. The other 14

pastures are holding pastures for cattle processing or parts of the actual operating facilities.

### Utilization

The Blackrock Lease has shown a steady decline in utilization in riparian pastures since 2007. This has been due to the implementation of the Lower Owens River Project (LORP). Since the beginning of the project there has been a need to add or drop transects in the riparian pastures due to flooding. If current management of the LORP continues there will likely be a substantial loss of meadow habitat to wetlands. This will reduce viable grazing areas from the Blackrock lease portion of the LORP. It will also continue to hinder the establishment of woody recruitment.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Many of the supplement sites located on the Blackrock Lease have been in place for many years and are located in upland management areas. Some of these sites have been moved in order to adapt to the installation of new fencing. These new locations were selected as to better distribute cattle within the newly created riparian pastures.

## **Twin Lakes Lease (RLI-491)**

The Twin Lakes Lease is a 4,971-acre cow/calf operation situated just south of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Intake. It includes a reach of the Owens River that lies mainly north of Twin Lakes, which is located at the southern end of the Twin Lakes Lease. Of the 4,971 acres, approximately 4,200 acres are used as pastures for grazing; the other 771 acres are comprised of riparian/wetland habitats and open water. In all but dry years, cattle usually graze the lease from late October or early November to mid-May.

There are four pastures on the Twin Lakes Lease within the LORP boundary: Lower Blackrock Riparian Field, Upper Blackrock Field, Lower Blackrock Field, and the Holding Field. The Lower Blackrock Riparian, Upper Blackrock Riparian, and Lower Blackrock Fields contain both upland and riparian vegetation. The Holding Field contains only upland vegetation. There are no irrigated pastures on the Twin Lakes Lease. Range trend and utilization transects exist in all fields except the Holding Field.

### Utilization

Utilization in the Lower Blackrock Riparian (7%), Lower Blackrock Riparian Field (24%) and Upper Blackrock Field (8%) were all below the allowable utilization for the grazing season.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pasture

There are no irrigated pastures on the Twin Lakes Lease.

### Stockwater Sites

Livestock access water from the Owens River, Blackrock Ditch, Twin Lakes, Drew Slough and several springs present on the lease.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Supplement is composed of a liquid mix that is put in large tubs with rollers for cattle consumption. These tubs are placed in established supplement sites and are used annually.

## **Intake Lease (RLI-475)**

The Intake Lease is a commercial packer operation used to graze horses and mules. The lease is comprised of three fields: Intake, Big Meadow Field, and East Field (289 acres). The Intake Field contains riparian vegetation and an associate range trend transect. The Big Meadow Field contains upland and riparian vegetation. There are no utilization or range trend transects in the Big Meadow Field due to a lack of adequate areas to place a transect that would meet the proper range trend/utilization criteria. Much of the meadow in the Big Meadow Field has been covered with dredged material from the LORP Intake. The East Field consists of upland and riparian vegetation. There are no irrigated pastures on the Intake Lease.

### Utilization

Utilization on the Intake Lease was well below the allowable 40% utilization standard.

### Range Trend

LADWP no longer monitors range trend transects on this lease because of the small size of the riparian area. The area receives an ocular evaluation annually.

### Irrigated Pastures

There are no irrigated pastures on the Intake Lease.

### Stockwater Sites

Livestock access water from the Owens River.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay is occasionally provided to horses and mules during the winter.

## **Thibaut Lease (RLI-430)**

The 5,259-acre Thibaut Lease is utilized by three lessees for wintering pack stock. Historically, the lease was grazed as one large pasture by mules and horses. Since the implementation of the LORP and installation of new fencing, four different management areas have been created on the lease. These areas are the Blackrock Waterfowl Management Area, Rare Plant Management Area, Thibaut Field, and the Thibaut Riparian Exclosure. Management differs among these areas. The Riparian Exclosure which was excluded from grazing for 11 years is now accessible to livestock beginning in 2018/19.

### Utilization

Utilization on the Thibaut Lease remained below the upland standard of 65% in 2019-2020.

### Range Trend

Range Trend transects on the Thibaut Lease were read in August 2020. Likely in response to decreased precipitation, five-horn smother weed (BAHY) decreased on two moist floodplain sites (Thibaut\_5 & Thibaut\_7) in the Thibaut Riparian Pasture. However, BAHY increased on THIBAUT\_01B, a Saline Meadow site in the Waterfowl Management Pasture. This transect is in an area that was flooded year-round and dominated by cattails prior to shifting the Thibaut Pond further east.

### Irrigated Pasture

Irrigated pastures were monitored in 2019, the Thibaut (72%) was below the irrigated pasture standard of 80%. This was due to spot grazing, weeds, and grazing during the growing season.

### Stockwater Sites

Livestock access water from the Owens River, livestock wells, and stockwater ditches.

### Fencing

A livestock enclosure was constructed in the Thibaut riparian pasture in 2018.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

Hay is provided to horses and mules during the winter.

## **Islands Lease (RLI-489)**

The Islands Lease is an 14,981-acre cow/calf operation divided into 11 pastures. In some portions of the lease, grazing occurs year round with livestock rotated between pastures based on forage conditions. Other portions of the lease are grazed October through May. The Islands Lease is managed in conjunction with the Delta Lease. Cattle from both leases are moved from one lease to the other as needed throughout the grazing season.

### Utilization

The Depot Riparian Field and River Field both remained below the allowable standard of 40%.

All fields on the lease were in good condition except the large meadow portion of the River Field located southeast of the Alabama Gates. This location had been previously burned by LADWP in an effort to remove perennial shrubs, saltcedar slash, and improve forage production. This burn was successful meeting the previously mentioned goals. Despite the beneficial effects of the burn, the prolonged inundation from flow augmentation, has had a negative effect on this area. A shift in vegetation composition is occurring, accompanied by visually stressed perennial grasses and spreading of aquatic vegetation such as bull rush, that thrive in flooded and saturated locations. Continued inundation of this area has resulted in the loss of meadow habitat.

### Range Trend

Range trend transects were read in August of 2020 and did not show any radical departures outside of previously observed ranges with the exception of Islands\_13 where DISP made a dramatic decline from 56% to 3%. This transect is situated inside a grazing enclosure that has accumulated a large amount of litter since it's construction in 2011.

Despite the exceedingly dry conditions in the spring and summer the sites have maintained fairly stable trends.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

There are two stockwater sites located 1-1.5 miles east of the river in the River Field uplands near the old highway. These wells were drilled in 2010 and are now operational. The lessee has yet to install water troughs at the wells.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Site

Cake blocks and molasses tubs that contain trace minerals and protein are distributed for supplement on the lease. The blocks and tubs are dispersed randomly each time and if uneaten they are collected to be used in other areas.

## **Lone Pine Lease (RLI-456)**

The Lone Pine Lease is a 7910-acre cow/calf operation divided into 16 pastures and adjacent to private ranch land. Grazing on the lease occurs from January 1 to March 30 and again in late May to early June. In early June the cattle are moved south to Olancho and then driven to Forest Service Permits in Monache.

### Utilization

The Johnson Pasture was lightly utilized at 7%. The River Field utilization was 25%, and grazing was even throughout the field.

### Range Trend

Range trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

One stockwater well was drilled in the River Pasture uplands approximately two miles east of the river on an existing playa. The lessee had made an effort to install a trough but, the well had a silting problem that plugged the pipes and floats. A new well was drilled in 2018 and is currently awaiting installation of the pad, pump, and storage tank.

### Fencing

No fence projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Sites

All supplement tubs were situated outside of the floodplain.

## **Delta Lease (RLI-490)**

The Delta Lease is a cow/calf operation and consists of 7,004 acres divided into four pastures: Lake Field, Bolin Field, Main Delta Field, and the East Field. The Delta lease is located within the LORP boundary. Grazing typically occurs for 6 months, from mid-November to April. Grazing in the Bolin Field may occur during the growing season. The Delta and Islands Leases are managed as one, in conjunction with state lands leases to the east of the Delta lease.

Grazing utilization is monitored in the Main Delta Field and the Bolin Field which contains the Owens River. The East Field, located on the upland of Owens Lake, supports little in the way of forage and has no stockwater.

### Utilization

Utilization in the Main Delta in 2020 was below the 40% limit for riparian pastures. Utilization was well below 65% for the upland, Bolin pasture.

### Range Trend

Range Trend was not scheduled for monitoring in 2020.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

The Bolin Field was supposed to receive a stockwater site supplied by the Lone Pine Visitors Centers well in 2010. After a more in-depth analysis of water availability was undertaken, it was ascertained that there was not an adequate amount of water to sustain both uses. To address the issue, stockwater is now being supplied from a diversion that runs from the LAA.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.



### Salt and Supplement Sites

Cake blocks that contain trace minerals and protein are distributed for supplement on the lease. The blocks are dispersed randomly each time and if uneaten they biodegrade within one grazing season. There are also supplement tubs that are used in established supplement sites.

### **Brockman Lease (RLI-401)**

The Brockman Ranch Lease lies west of Bishop and west of Brockman Lane between West Line Street (to the south) and U.S. Highway 395 (to the north). The Brockman Ranch (182 acres) is a cow/calf operation that produces registered Red Angus cows.

### Utilization

The lease consists entirely of irrigated pastures. Irrigated pastures are not subject to utilization monitoring.

### Range Trend

All pastures on the lease are irrigated and are not subject to range trend monitoring.

### Irrigated Pastures

Irrigated pastures were evaluated in 2019, scored above 80% and will not be re-evaluated until 2022.

### Stockwater Sites

Stockwater is provided by irrigation diversions, Bishop Creek, and troughs.

### Fencing

No new fencing projects occurred on the lease.

### Salt and Supplement Site:

Hay and mineral are supplied for supplementing feeding.

### **Summary and Conclusion**

Overall, utilization on all leases was within allowable standards. Range trends were stable with little vegetation change. Meetings in 2019 and 2020 were held with all the lessees who managed the 11 irrigated pastures that scored less than 80%. Evaluations of those irrigated pastures were completed in 2020 and showed marked improvement for most pastures.

**3.4.1.1.1. Land Management Appendices****Land Management Appendix 1. End of Season Grazing Utilization by Lease and Pasture, 2007-2020**

Lease	Pasture	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Aberdeen	Hines Spring Exclosure	36%	23%	41%	11%	18%
	Pipeline Field	30%	9%	25%	8%	14%
Big Pine Canal	North 40	25%	47%	21%	22%	34%
	South 40	15%	29%	24%	2%	37%
Blackrock	Horse Holding	0%	0%	4%	0%	4%
	Locust Field	32%	0%	25%	0%	0%
	North Riparian Field	23%	20%	12%	11%	0%
	Reservation Field	12%	18%	5%	2%	10%
	Robinson Field	4%	0%	0%	6%	3%
	Russell Field	8%	0%	13%	8%	3%
	South Riparian Field	0%	13%	12%	15%	27%
	Springer Field	11%	0%	2%	1%	2%
	White Meadow Field	15%	0%	5%	2%	15%
	White Meadow Riparian Field	21%	19%	10%	11%	33%
	Wrinkle Field	16%	0%	6%	6%	5%
	Wrinkle Riparian Field	15%	9%	11%	12%	33%
	West Field	7%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Cashbaugh Ranch	Bishop Creek Field	17%	12%	22%	11%	17%
	Ears Field	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	East of the River Field	20%	6%	10%	20%	20%
	Laws River Field	33%	14%	21%	0%	13%
	Slough Field	18%	28%	25%	11%	27%
	Warm Springs Holding Field	44%	31%	0%	11%	59%
	White Mountain Field	47%	42%	41%	11%	58%
	Warm Springs Field					59%
Colosseum	Movie Field	41%	19%	2%		3%
	South East Field		50%	50%	17%	44%
	Northeast Pasture		10%			22%
Delta	Main Delta	49%	18%	17%	17%	11%
	Bolin Field			9%		30%
Independence - Springfield Parcel	Manzanar Field					0%
Islands	Carasco Riparian Field North			0%	8%	0%
	Carasco Riparian Field South	41%	3%			25%
	Depot Riparian Field	39%	16%	16%	12%	23%

	Lubkin	34%	33%	8%		1%
	River Field - Islands	29%	6%	7%	13%	20%
	South Field	26%		13%		11%
Lone Pine	Johnson Pasture	21%	0%	10%		7%
	River Field - Lone Pine	30%	25%	39%	25%	25%
Reinhackle Ranch	Laws Holding Field	48%	11%	0%	17%	17%
	Triangle Field	21%	15%	35%	16%	19%
Round Valley Ranch	East Side Riparian	68%	63%	0%	34%	0%
	East Side River Field	50%	40%	31%	30%	26%
	Hole Pasture	30%	50%	76%		45%
	River Riparian	16%	12%	15%	34%	42%
	Zurich Riparian	31%	55%	13%		16%
S-T Ranch	Calvert Slough Pasture	21%	19%	23%	10%	21%
	Charlie Butte Field	49%	39%	35%	21%	43%
	East River Field	21%	26%	58%	16%	24%
	North Horton Slough Riparian	5%	13%		74%	0%
	Northeast McCumber Riparian	8%	21%		7%	37%
	Northwest McCumber Riparian	7%	1%		29%	17%
	South Horton Slough Riparian	15%	59%		79%	22%
	Southeast McCumber Riparian	49%	26%		6%	32%
	Southwest McCumber					
	Riparian	23%	27%		5%	56%
	West River Field	29%	34%	25%	34%	0%
Thibaut	Rare Plant Management Area	25%	14%	14%		16%
	Thibaut Field	22%	26%	28%	3%	4%
	Waterfowl Management Area	8%	8%	3%	1%	31%
Tuttle	Tuttle Field	6%	12%	59%		0%
Twin Lakes	Lower Blackrock Field	0%	6%	15%	1%	7%
	Lower Blackrock Riparian					
	Field	0%	8%	11%		24%
	Upper Blackrock Field	18%	14%	34%	39%	8%
Warm Spring	River Field - Warm Springs	37%	14%	13%	18%	15%
Independence	South River Field	36%	0%	37%		12%
	Manzanar	12%	60%	79%		0%

Land Management Appendix 2. Range Trend Data

S-T Ranch (RLI-461)

Transect	TATUM_01	Northeast McCumber						
Frequency	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2018	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
	CLOB	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Perennial Forb	ASTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NIOC2	0	4	6	0	8	8	10
	PYRA	30	27	32	32	16	28	24
Perennial Graminoid	CRRU3	0	0	31	0	3	0	8
	CAREX	0	4	12	0	0	0	0
	DISP	109	106	116	115	115	112	100
	JUBA	65	74	57	49	16	24	30
	LETR5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
	POSE	2	0	9	15	0	0	0
	SPAI	85	72	53	85	66	75	71
	SPGR	13	28	27	24	24	19	6
Nonnative Species	DESO2	0	0	4	0	32	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event						

Transect	TATUM_02	North Horton Slough						
Frequency	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2018	2020
Life Forms								
Perennial Forb	NIOC2	6	10	10	5	3	3	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	119	132	124	105	135	129	138
	JUBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PADI6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

SPAI	54	59	65	88	70	4	12
	indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event						

Transect	TATUM_03	Southeast McCumber Riparian						
Frequency	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2018	2020
Annual Forb	ATTR	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
	COMAC	0	0	0	0	24	0	0
	HEAN3	0	0	2	0	4	5	0
Perennial Forb	ASTER	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	ERIGE2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NIOC2	7	16	5	3	2	0	1
Perennial Graminoid	PYRA	15	8	7	0	6	4	6
	CADO2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CAREX	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
	DISP	121	128	111	92	77	103	128
	JUBA	101	104	102	74	38	15	12
	LETR5	77	82	87	81	67	41	72
Shrubs	SPAI	11	15	17	19	25	13	14
	ATTO	14	12	0	11	48	0	2
	ERNA10	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	6	24	5	43	11	0
	LELA2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	MEOF	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2018	2020
ATTO	6.8	12.9	17.15	18.87	27.51	0	1.8
ERNA10	0.45	0.55	0	0.7	0	0	0.0
Total	7.25	13.45	17.15	19.57	27.51	0	1.8

Transect		Northwest McCumber Riparian					
	TATUM_04	2007	2009	2014	2017	2018	2020
Frequency	Species						
Annual Forb	ATPH				21	0	0
	ATTR				45	0	0
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	0	1	0	5	0	0
	PYRA	0	0	0	0	2	11
	SUMO	0	0	1	9	6	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	11	18	29	3	30	15
	JUBA	17	24	2	0	4	0
	LETR5	2	2	0	5	3	8
	SPAI	107	119	124	137	132	137
Shrubs	ATTO	0	0	0	2	0	0
	ERNA10	10	3	3	0	1	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	3	0	0	27	0	0
	LELA2	0	0	0	3	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event					
Shrub Cover (m)	2007	2009	2014				
ATTO	0.15	0	0				
ERNA10	4.35	0.95	1.44				
SUMO	0.45	0	0.49				
Total	4.95	0.95	1.93				

Transect		Southwest McCumber Riparian					
	TATUM_05	2007	2009	2014	2017	2018	2020
Frequency	Species						
Annual Forb	ATTR	0	0	11	99	0	0
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	9	1	3	0	3	2
	PYRA	0	0	0	0	0	7

Perennial Graminoid	DISP	130	143	142	137	150	143
	JUBA	73	66	51	28	32	0
	LETR5	79	78	51	69	65	73
	SPAI	0	2	0	0	3	0
Shrubs	ATTO	0	0	0	0	3	0
	ERNA10	0	0	5	3	2	11
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event					
Shrub Cover (m)		2007	2009	2014	2018	2020	
ERNA10		0.4	0.8	2.94	0.1	0	

Transect		TATUM_06		South Horton Slough			
Frequency	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2018	2020
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	0	7	3	4	3	5
	NIOC2	80	94	88	84	96	126
	PYRA	3	0	3	0	0	1
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	141	165	145	143	97	151
	JUBA	34	34	29	5	2	8
	LETR5	0	92	93	73	31	60
Nonnative species	LELA2	0	0	0	0	5	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event					

Transect		TATUM_07		East River Field			
Frequency							
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	CORA5	0	0	2	0	0	0
Perennial Forb	ARSP	0	0	0	0	0	13
	SUMO	1	1	0	0	0	1

Perennial Graminoid	DISP	2	2	2	2	0	1
	SPAI	96	96	92	118	69	99
Shrubs	ATCO	22	21	22	21	10	23
	ATPA3	2	2	1	1	1	0
	ERNA10	0	0	0	0	5	3
	SAVE4	8	5	12	6	1	5
	TEAX	2	1	1	0	0	2
	ARTR2	0	0	2	2	0	12
	PIDE4	12	14	0	0	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	(blank)	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ARSP	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.5
ARTR2	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.0
ATCO	2.5	5.3	2.5	2.3	3.2	3.9	5.3
GRSP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
PIDE4	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SAVE4	4.4	5.2	4.3	14.8	4.2	11.5	5.2
TEAX	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Total	8.2	12.7	8.2	18.5	9.0	16.6	12.0

Transect	TATUM_08		East River Field			
Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017
Annual Forb	COMAC	0	0	0	0	2
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	84	86	94	90	87
	JUBA	four	8	1	11	0
	SPAI	74	99	79	69	77
	SPGR	0	0	1	0	0
Shrubs	ATTO	3	1	2	0	10
	ERNA10	20	19	9	15	23



Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	0	1	0	4	0
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indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	0.85	0.94	1.1	0.06	0.24	0.7
ERNA10	11.5	17.89	11.8	19.69	22.63	28.2
Total	12.35	18.83	12.9	19.75	22.87	28.9

Transect TATUM\_09

Frequency

Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	ANCA10	37	44	40	51	46
	GLLE3	0	3	0	0	0
	HECU3	1	1	2	0	0
	NIOC2	5	0	3	7	4
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	111	124	97	106	103
	JUBA	10	13	10	9	5
	LETR5	0	4	3	0	2
	SPAI	17	23	19	11	11
Shrubs	ATTO	2	8	6	13	8
	ERNA10	6	7	0	0	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	2	31	9	25	7
	LELA2	0	0	1	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	10.7	14.65	10.2	15.38	19.8
ERNA10	6.6	6.7	2.55	0.15	0.8
Total	17.3	21.35	12.75	15.53	20.6

Transect	TATUM_10	Charlie Butte Field				
Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2020
Perennial Forb	CALI4	0	1	0	3	0
	STEPH	0	7	0	0	0
	STPA4	0	0	12	11	6
	CASTI2	0	0	2	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	0	14	12	18	14
	LECI4	0	1	0	0	0
	SPAI	78	85	88	76	86
Shrubs	ATTO	21	15	6	9	16
	ERNA10	2	11	13	14	15
	SAVE4	3	0	1	1	0
	ARTR2	2	0	0	0	1

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)					
Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2020
ATTO	3.51	5.74	6.25	4.3	4.6
ERNA10	1.1	8.47	3.9	6.05	5.9
MACA17	0	0	0.2	0	0.0
SAVE4	1	1.16	1	0.55	0.6
Total	5.61	15.37	11.35	10.9	11.2

Transect	TATUM_11	Calvert Slough Pasture				
Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	5	0	0
	CORA5	0	0	4	0	5
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	0	2	1	11	1
	HECU3	0	0	0	1	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	152	157	141	152	157

Shrubs	JUBA	32	33	28	31	12	13
	LETR5	25	18	21	34	36	3
	SPAI	0	0	4	0	6	11
	SPGR	0	0	4	0	0	0
	ATTO	3	8	10	2	32	16
	ERNA10	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	3	36	54	8	38	3
indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event							

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	5.05	11.85	16.55	8.8	34.31	24.0
ERNA10	0	0.08	2.35	0.95	2.26	1.8
Total	5.05	11.93	18.9	9.75	36.57	25.8

Transect TATUM\_12

Frequency

Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	8	0	0	0
	ATTR	0	0	0	0	3	0
Perennial Forb	NIOC2	0	3	2	1	3	0
	PYRA	0	0	0	1	0	0
	STEPH	0	0	0	0	1	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	140	159	146	148	123	149
	LETR5	0	0	0	0	0	2
	SPAI	7	11	8	8	10	11
Shrubs	ATTO	7	16	11	5	16	8
	ERNA10	0	0	0	4	3	2
	MACA17	0	0	0	0	6	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	0	0	0	1	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	3.2	3.46	3.1	4.14	9.3	8.9
ERNA10	0	0.04	0	1.61	4.5	2.8
Total	3.2	3.5	3.1	5.75	13.8	11.7

Transect	TATUM_13	Calvert Slough Pasture
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Frequency							
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	0	0	11	0
	CLPL2	0	0	6	1	11	0
Perennial Forb	NIOC2	0	5	0	0	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	88	79	79	90	101	143
	JUBA	5	13	4	5	4	5
	SPAI	64	57	51	63	67	60
	SPGR	0	0	3	0	0	0
Shrubs	ATTO	20	16	12	7	15	2
	ERNA10	0	3	0	0	0	0
	SAVE4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	0	3	0	2	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)						
Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	5.35	9.98	9.1	6	5.7	2.5
ERNA10	0.1	0.12	0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Total	5.45	10.1	9.1	6.2	5.8	2.5

Transect	TATUM_14
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Frequency							
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	12	1	18	0
	ATTR	0	0	0	0	11	0

Perennial Forb	COMAC	0	0	13	0	12	0
	ANCA10	4	5	2	6	5	5
	PYRA	1	1	0	0	1	0
	STPA4	0	3	0	0	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	SUMO	0	0	0	2	1	6
	DISP	103	124	103	111	112	123
	JUBA	19	21	20	42	24	33
	SPAI	37	37	22	48	37	52
Shrubs	ATTO	8	5	8	6	6	7
	ERNA10	3	13	10	0	5	6
	MACA17	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	19	0	0	3	0
	SATR12	0	0	0	0	3	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	2.15	2.52	3.15	2.18	4	1.2
ERNA10	6.3	7.81	6.35	4.86	8.6	3.2
Total	8.45	10.33	9.5	7.17	12.6	4.3

Transect	TATUM_15	West River				
Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2010	2014	2020
Perennial Forb	STPA4	0	0	0	0	1
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	7	7	6	8	4
	SPAI	92	102	97	95	96
	SPGR	0	0	1	0	0
Shrubs	ATCO	20	26	26	18	14
	ATTO	14	9	2	2	27
	ERNA10	15	3	2	6	8
	MACA17	0	3	0	0	0

Nonnative Species	TEAX	3	2	2	3	2
	ARTR2	0	0	0	0	2
	SATR12	0	0	0	2	0
	BRRU2	0	0	3	0	0
Shrub Cover (m)						
Species code	2007	2009	2010	2014	2020	
ATCO	1.75	0.85	0.35	1.5	0.8	
ATTO	0.75	1	0.8	1.05	3.2	
ERNA10	1.25	1.55	2.85	0.55	0.9	
TEAX	0	0.3	0	0.4	0.0	
Total	3.75	3.7	4	3.5	4.8	
Transect	TATUM_29	Calvert Slough				
Frequency	Species	2002	2003	2007	2009	2010
Annual Forb	2FORB	6.8	0	0	0	0
	CLOB	0	3	0	0	0
	CORA5	0	13	0	0	64
	ERIAS	0	3	0	0	0
Perennial Forb	STEPH	0	1	0	0	0
	SUMO	0	1	0	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	11.9	6	8	2	4
	SPAI	120.7	107	109	123	115
Shrubs	ARTRW8	0	0	0	0	0
	ATCO	0	0	0	3	0
	ERNA10	0	9	0	5	0
	SAVE4	0	2	0	0	3
	ARTR2	8.5	20	14	30	21
Nonnative Species	SATR12	0	3	0	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event				
Shrub Cover (m)	2003	2007	2009	2010		
ARTR2	1.6	3.05	3.11	3.92		

ATCO	0	0.4	0.12	0
ATTO	0.5	0	0	0
ERNA10	0.48	1.15	1.24	0.8
SAVE4	0	1	1.68	2.2
Total	2.58	5.6	6.15	6.92

Warm Springs (RLI-461)

Transect CASHBA\_10

Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	CIOC2	2	0	0	0	0
	GLLE3	3	0	0	1	1
	NIOC2	26	20	25	48	44
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	100	103	103	98	94
	JUBA	5	1	5	4	4
	LETR5	9	8	1	0	5
	SPAI	73	88	87	96	91
Shrubs	SAVE4	2	0	0	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Transect CASHBA\_11

Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	3	15	0
	ATTR	0	0	3	12	0
Perennial Forb	ASTRA	0	0	0	0	0
	CIMO	0	0	0	0	1
	CIOC2	0	4	0	0	0
	GLLE3	3	5	4	10	9
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	93	90	75	62	55
	JUBA	28	23	9	4	7

Shrubs	LECI4	0	5	0	0	3
	LETR5	0	0	5	3	3
	SPAI	47	34	53	0	57
	ATTO	0	1	4	15	1
	ERNA10	1	0	1	0	3
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	0	1	9	0
	CADR	7	2	0	0	3
indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event						
Shrub Cover (m)	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020	
ATCO	0	0.45	0	0.5	0	
ATTO	0.5	0.15	3.33	7.1	1.8	
ERNA10	0	0.3	3.85	10.8	9.2	
Total	0.5	0.9	7.18	18.4	11	

Transect		CASHBA_13				
Frequency						
Life Forms	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	1	0	0	0	0
	NIOC2	0	1	2	1	7
	PYRA	0	0	0	0	2
Perennial Graminoid	CAREX	2	0	0	0	4
	DISP	162	152	164	160	160
	LETR5	25	24	22	5	10
Shrubs	ERNA10	0	1	2	4	1
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event				
Shrub Cover (m)	2009	2014	2017	2020		
ATTO	0	0	1.2	0.0		
ERNA10	0.2	1.35	2	4.2		
Total	0.2	1.4	3.1	4.2		



Round Valley (RLI-483)

Transect MEND\_02

Frequency						
	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	PYRA	2	4	8	2	3
	STEPH	0	0	0	0	1
Perennial Graminoid	CAPR5	0	0	3	0	0
	DISP	137	143	130	105	126
	JUBA	25	34	32	32	8
	LECI4	0	0	0	0	3
	LETR5	14	18	19	24	35
	SPAI	45	35	54	48	3
	ATTO	5	12	0	1	4
Shrubs	ERNA10	2	0	6	2	0
	MACA17	4	0	6	0	13
	SAVE4	0	3	0	0	0
	MACA13	0	5	0	0	0
	BAHY	0	20	5	22	2
Nonnative Species	MEOF	0	2	0	0	0
	PHAU7	1	0	1	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)					
Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ERNA10	0.9	0.44	1.35	2.3	3
SAVE4	0	0.06	0.05	0.3	1
Total	0.9	0.5	1.4	2.6	3

Transect MEND\_03

Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	SUMO	15	5	19	43	23
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	139	151	151	142	150
Shrubs	ATTO	0	0	1	15	2
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	9	5	16	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	0.05	0.25	1.4	4.2
Total	0.1	0.3	1.4	4.2

Transect MEND\_04

Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	MALE3	0	1	0	flooded	3
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	157	152	152	flooded	141
	LETR5	17	26	5	flooded	11
Nonnative Species	BAHY	17	67	0	flooded	15

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Transect MEND\_05

Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	4	0	5	2	2
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	124	108	73	90	101
	JUBA	1	4	9	7	4
	LETR5	2	2	0	2	0
	SPAI	66	63	70	70	78
Shrubs	ATTO	8	4	4	28	22
	ERNA10	16	15	17	28	14
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	2	0	16	0

					indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event
Shrub Cover (m)					
Species	2007	2009	2017	2020	
ATTO	4.19	3.9	7.61	3.7	
ERNA10	4.75	6.85	15.77	10.0	
Total	8.94	10.75	23.38	13.7	

Transect		MEND_06				
Frequency						
	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	130	131	135	138	139
	JUBA	13	19	18	10	6
	LETR5	0	0	0	0	4
	SPAI	26	38	40	21	15
Shrubs	ATTO	7	5	5	0	0
	ERNA10	3	1	1	0	0
	MACA17	0	1	0	0	0
	BAHY	0	0	0	0	5

					indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event
Shrub Cover (m)					
Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	2.7	3.1	1.2	0.1	0.1
ERNA10	1	2.4	1.25	0.0	0.0
Total	3.7	5.5	2.45	0.1	0.1

Transect		MEND_07				
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Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	HEAN3	5	0	0	FLODDDED	0
	STEPH	0	0	0	FLOODED	2
Perennial Forb	SUMO	5	4	0	FLODDDED	1
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	121	124	104	FLODDDED	116
	JUBA	2	1	3	FLODDDED	6
	LETR5	0	0	0	FLOODED	17
	SPAI	17	20	13	FLODDDED	30
Shrubs	ATCO	3	2	0	FLODDDED	0
	ATPA3	0	5	1	FLODDDED	0
	MACA17	0	6	5	FLODDDED	0
	SAVE4	0	0	0	FLOODED	1
Nonnative Species	BAHY	3	2	0	FLODDDED	0
Tree	SAGO	0	0	0	FLOODED	1

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)

Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATPA3	0.45	0.36	0.55	FLOODED	0
ATTO	0.1	0	0	FLOODED	0
SAVE4	0.15	0	0	FLOODED	0
SUMO	0	0	0.1	FLOODED	0
Total	0.7	0.36	0.65	FLOODED	0

Transect MEND\_08

Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	1	FLOODED	0
Perennial Forb	HECU3	6	4	4	FLOODED	5
	MALE3	6	7	7	FLOODED	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	109	100	108	FLOODED	106
	SPAI	48	47	49	FLOODED	58

Shrubs	ATTO	0	0	0	FLOODED	4
	ERNA10	3	4	2	FLOODED	9
Nonnative Species	BAHY	3	27	3	FLOODED	7
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event				

Shrub Cover (m)						
Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020	
ATTO	0.05	0	0.5	FLOODED	2.7	
ERNA10	4.3	5.3	4	FLOODED	3.2	
Total	4.35	5.3	4.5	FLOODED	5.9	

Transect	MEND_09	River Riparian				
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Frequency						
	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	5	2	6	1	0
	NIOC2	6	1	0	0	0
	PYRA	32	21	1	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	CAREX	4	0	0	0	0
	DISP	138	133	123	128	153
	JUBA	69	67	30	51	43
	LETR5	21	28	16	10	6
	POSE	14	0	0	4	0
	SPAI	2	4	0	0	0
	BAHY	4	0	0	0	0
Nonnative Species		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event				

Shrub Cover (m)					
Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	0.2	0	0.4	1.13	0.7
ERNA10	0	0.45	0.95	0.2	0.7
Total	0.2	0.45	1.35	1.33	1.4

Transect	MEND_10
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Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
	NIOC2	0	0	0	0	1
Perennial Forb	SUMO	0	0	1	2	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	125	116	117	112	113
	LETR5	3	3	0	0	0
	SPAI	4	3	1	5	5
Shrubs	ATTO	22	7	7	6	8
	ERNA10	4	2	1	4	1
	MACA17	7	0	0	0	0
	MACAI3	0	5	0	0	0
	indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event					

Shrub Cover (m)

Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	1.35	3.05	2.3	4.6	5.2
ERNA10	3.6	5.25	5.8	2.9	1.2
SAVE4	0.65	0.8	0.55	1.9	1.7
Total	5.6	9.1	8.65	9.4	8.2

Transect MEND\_11

Frequency

	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	COMAC	0	0	0	4	0
Perennial Forb	SUMO	1	1	1	5	1
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	118	133	117	110	118
	SPAI	1	0	0	0	3
Shrubs	ATTO	14	9	9	8	21
	ERNA10	19	11	22	14	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	2	9	0	0
	indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event					

Shrub Cover (m)

Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	3.05	6.35	6.4	12.3	5
ERNA10	10.2	13.1	12.55	14.9	6.5
SAVE4	0	0.1	0	0	0
Total	13.3	19.6	19.0	27.2	11.5

Transect		MEND_12				
Frequency						
	Species	2007	2009	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATSES	0	0	3	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	163	148	139	148	160
	JUBA	9	0	0	0	0
	LETR5	12	3	7	10	14
	SPAI	6	3	15	8	0
Shrubs	ATTO	1	0	0	0	0
Nonnative Species	BAHY	2	40	1	23	8
		indicates a significant difference, α≤0.1 between 2014 and prior sampling event				

### Thibaut Lease (RLI-430)

Transect		THIBAUT_01B			Saline Meadow		
Frequency							
Life Forms		Species	2014	2017	2020		
Annual Forb	ATSES	2	0	0			
	ATTR	11	0	0			
	HEAN3	0	0	20			
	COCA5	0	3	3			
Perennial Forb	GRIND	0	3	6			
	MALE3	2	0	0			
Perennial Graminoid	CAREX	0	6	0			

Nonnative Species	DISP	3	5	17
	ELEOC	0	4	0
	SCAM6	47	100	2
	TYLA	3	44	0
	BAHY	11	29	63
	BRTE	0	0	3
	CYDA	0	0	22
	LELA2	0	5	13
	POMO5	0	12	0
	SATR12	0	0	3

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)	Year		
Plant Species	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	0.4	0	0.5
ERNA10	0.1	0	0.6
Total	0.5	0	1.1

Transect	THIBAUT_02	Saline Meadow								
Frequency										
Life Forms	Species	2002	2003	2004	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
	ATSES	0	47	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ATTR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	T	0
	CHENO	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
	CHHI	0	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	COMAC	0	23	0	0	0	4	0	16	0
	CORA5	0	9	0	0	0	7	0	14	0
Perennial Forb	ASTRA	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	6	1
	GLLE3	0	7	9	3	2	2	0	0	0
	PYRA	5	10	3	12	8	5	0	0	0



Perennial Graminoid	SUMO	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DISP	155	153	154	159	151	161	117	102	121
	JUBA	14	15	9	16	1	9	2	5	5
Shrubs	SPAI	139	132	137	140	139	136	110	103	107
	ALOC2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	2
	ATTO	0	2	10	2	3	26	2	0	1
Nonnative Species	ERNA10	7	8	13	18	8	9	7	7	4
	BAHY	0	16	39	0	3	8	2	6	2
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event								

Shrub Cover (m)	Year								
Plant Species	2003	2004	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020	
ALOC2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0	0	
ATTO	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0	0	
ERNA10	4.9	0.3	1.1	0.0	1.1	3.3	0	3	
Total	4.9	0.7	1.1	0.6	1.7	3.3	0	3	

Transect	THIBAUT_03	Saline Meadow								
		Frequency								
Life Forms	Species	2002	2003	2004	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATSES	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHHI	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CORA5	0	15	2	0	0	8	0	15	0
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	51	26	37	34	26	28	8	0	5
	MACA2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
	PYRA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	STEPH	3	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	128	147	139	121	149	146	122	84	84
	JUBA	15	14	5	11	9	16	1	0	0
	SPAI	136	141	149	133	140	137	97	113	112
Shrubs	ATTO	2	5	11	0	3	6	0	0	0
	ERNA10	12	16	36	10	5	6	0	11	5

Nonnative Species	MACA17	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0
	SAEX	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
	BAHY	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	SATR12	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event								
Shrub Cover (m)	Year									
Plant Species	2003	2004	2007	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020		
ERNA10	6.5	3.1	2.7	2.2	1.3	1.6	0	3		

Transect		THIBAUT_04 Moist Floodplain														
		Frequency														
Life Forms	Species	2002	2003	2004	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Forb	ATTR	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
	CHHI	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
Perennial Forb	HECU3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	NA	6	24	68	76	75
	MALE3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	1	0	0	0	0
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
	LETR5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	12	0	0
Shrubs	ATTO	9	13	19	37	43	48	16	38	13	NA	17	17	0	21	3
Nonnative Species	BAHY	0	2	30	0	0	58	0	0	10	NA	2	17	6	20	22
	SATR12	0	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event														
Shrub Cover (m)	Year															
Plant Species	2003	2004	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018				
ATTO	10.2	6.7	34.6	46.8	48.1	25.4	22.9	26.9	43	48.1	29.8	30				

Transect		THIBAUT_05 Moist Floodplain														
		Frequency														
Life Forms	Species	2002	2003	2004	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
	CHHI	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Perennial Forb	CHIN2	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LACO13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	0
	COCA5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	16
	HECU3	0	0	0	2	2	24	37	89	103	68	41	34	24	24	35
	MALE3	0	0	0	0	0	10	28	38	38	52	84	106	114	112	125
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LETR5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	TYLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11
Shrubs	ATTO	0	7	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	6
Nonnative Species	AMAL	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	BAHY	0	19	9	42	0	2	29	6	0	16	9	89	115	72	24
	DESO2	0	0	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TARA	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SATR12	0	16	24	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)	Year													
Plant Species	2003	2004	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ATTO	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10
TARA	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

Transect	THIBAUT_06	Moist Floodplain (EXCLOSURE)														
		Frequency														
Life Forms	Species	2003	2004	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Forb	ATRIP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ATSES	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	0	0	0	0
	ATTR	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHENO	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
	CHHI	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHIN2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GITR	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Perennial Forb	HEAN3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
	LACO13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	3	0	0
	MEAL6	0	14	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	COCA5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	17
	HECU3	1	0	0	0	51	46	69	47	38	14	20	66	9	9	12
	MALE3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	14
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	69	15	37	32
	MUAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	14	21
	SPAI	2	3	3	5	4	2	1	6	5	5	6	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	TYLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	17	18
	ATTO	11	8	9	3	0	1	2	0	2	1	10	7	3	4	3
	SAEX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14
Nonnative Species	AMARA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	0
	BAHY	0	2	1	0	10	88	16	0	65	0	15	110	24	27	11
	DESO2	0	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tree	POMO5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	TARA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	SATR12	17	60	52	0	6	0	5	0	34	0	0	0	0	15	0
	SAGO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event														

Shrub Cover (m)	Year															
Plant Species	2003	2004	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
ATTO	0.7	1.1	1.8	11.1	1.7	2.4	4.3	4.5	2.5	6.6	7.4	1.6	7.7	12.2	9.3	
SAEX	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	
TARA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	
Total	0.7	1.1	1.8	11.1	1.7	2.4	4.3	4.5	2.5	6.6	7.4	1.6	7.7	13.0	16.6	

Transect	THIBAUT_07															
	Moist Floodplain															
	Frequency															
Life Forms	Species	2003	2004	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020

Annual Forb	2FORB	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ATSES	2	24	81	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ATTR	26	15	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GITR	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LACO13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
Perennial Forb	HECU3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	49	49	48
	MALE3	7	2	0	9	2	0	6	12	46	50	46	69	61	73	96
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	MUAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Shrubs	ATTO	7	16	20	8	18	17	7	1	1	0	4	0	0	12	2
Nonnative Species	BAHY	12	34	37	0	0	92	3	0	23	0	9	54	85	117	32
	DESO2	0	15	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TARA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
	SATR12	16	47	45	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2014 and prior sampling event

Species code	2003	2004	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ATTO	1.1	1.3	1.0	5.0	14.5	17.0	7.1	2.5	3.8	5.5	6.3	5.5	1.3	1.1	1.5
TARA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.5
Total	1.1	1.3	1.0	5.0	14.5	17.0	7.1	2.5	3.8	5.5	6.3	5.5	1.3	2.2	2.0

### Islands Lease (RLI-489)

Transect	ISLAND_06	Moist Floodplain									
		Frequency									
Life Forms	Species	2002	2003	2004	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	GLLE3	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1
	NIOC2	0	0	0	0	2	8	6	7	9	6
	PYRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	90	62	92	103	117	132	116	124	118	144

Shrubs	JUBA	5	5	5	3	5	7	7	6	6	7
	LETR5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
	SPAI	105	103	105	98	104	117	76	81	56	45
	ATTO	19	9	19	7	11	7	4	3	0	0
	ERNA10	9	0	3	1	3	7	1	2	0	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2017 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)	Year									
Species	2003	2004	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020	
ATTO	7.57	7.3	9.5	7.85	8.9	5.4	9.84	3.1	1.5	
ERNA10	1.26	2.95	1.35	2.15	2.14	0.6	1.3	0	1	
Total	8.83	10.25	10.85	10	11.04	6	11.14	3.1	2.5	

Transect		ISLAND_08									
		Moist Floodplain									
		Frequency									
Life Forms	Species	2002	2003	2004	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	2FORB	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ATPH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	ATTR	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	7	0
	LACO13	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0
Perennial Forb	FRSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2
	GLLE3	7	0	7	8	5	0	2	13	14	11
	HECU3	3	0	0	0	3	4	2	6	2	2
	MALE3	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	7	1	4
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	112	77	106	90	94	86	81	129	124	119
	JUBA	32	35	37	27	34	38	31	23	26	15
	LETR5	9	18	21	8	14	19	13	13	12	12
	SPAI	29	13	15	19	7	13	23	17	15	10
Shrubs	ATTO	19	4	7	10	28	47	24	0	0	2
	ERNA10	20	15	34	24	21	25	31	0	0	0
Nonnative Species	POMO5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0

indicates a significant difference,  $\alpha \leq 0.1$  between 2017 and prior sampling event

Shrub Cover (m)	Year								
Species	2003	2004	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	8.45	5.85	5.65	8.75	6	6.72	0	0	0.7
ERNA10	37.51	16	25.9	18.1	29.75	25.14	0	0	0.2
Total	45.96	21.85	31.55	26.85	35.75	31.86	0	0	0.9

Transect	ISLAND_09	Moist Floodplain							
		Frequency							
Life Forms	Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0
Perennial Forb	SUMO	9	1	4	1	5	1	11	16
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	144	140	152	140	143	140	132	118
Shrubs	ATTO	7	9	6	11	2	1	14	8
Nonnative Species	BAHY	2	0	3	0	5	0	0	0
	SATR12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
		indicates a significant difference, α≤0.1 between 2017 and prior sampling event							

Shrub Cover (m)	Year							
Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	8.6	7.0	6.6	9.8	5.4	5.5	5.4	10
SUMO	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.8	2.0	2.2	0	0
Total	8.7	7.5	6.6	11.7	7.3	7.7	5.4	10

Transect	ISLAND_10	Moist Floodplain							
		Frequency							
Life Forms	Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	CRTR5	23	18	31	30	31	25	17	0
	FRSA	22	11	5	17	25	31	21	31
	IVAX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	132	124	139	149	152	149	129	133
	SPAI	4	2	2	2	1	1	4	0
Shrubs	ATTO	6	3	7	1	1	0	0	0

		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2017 and prior sampling event						
Shrub Cover (m)	Year	Burned						
Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	7.1	7.5	10.8	10.1	8.8	0	0	0
SUMO	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.8	0	0	0
Total	7.1	7.7	10.8	10.2	9.6	0	0	0

Transect	ISLAND_11	Moist Floodplain							
		Frequency							
Life Forms	Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2014	2017	2020
Annual Forb	ATPH	0	0	7	4	11	0	0	0
	COMAC	0	0	9	5	41	10	18	3
Perennial Forb	ANCA10	22	23	23	18	8	21	19	27
	NIOC2	72	47	62	59	56	62	67	74
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	148	154	154	157	137	145	145	140
	JUBA	0	0	0	4	2	4	7	10
Nonnative Species	SATR12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2014 and prior sampling event							

Transect	ISLAND_13	Moist Floodplain (EXCLOSURE)			
		Frequency			
Life Forms	Species	2011	2014	2017	2020
Perennial Forb	CRTR5	0	8	5	0
	FRSA	42	39	21	33
	HECU3	0	1	0	0
	SUMO	0	3	0	4
	IVAX	3	0	0	12
Perennial Graminoid	DISP	116	101	95	5
	LETR5	0	2	0	3
	SCAM6	0	1	0	0
	SPAI	18	9	21	10



SHRUBS	ATTO	3	3	0	0
		indicates a significant difference, $\alpha \leq 0.1$ between 2020 and prior sampling event			

Shrub Cover (m)	Year			
Species	2011	2014	2017	2020
ATTO	10.4	14.2	5.7	12.0
SUMO		0.5	0.0	0.0
Total	10.4	14.7	5.7	12.0

Land Management Appendix 3. Irrigated Pasture Scores (2004-2020)

Lease ID	Location	Pasture	Score/ 04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/ 11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
RLI- 460	Bishop	Brockman	92	80	80	X	72	82	80	82	80	80	X	X	81	84	X	82	82
RLI- 494	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
RLM- 466	Bishop 395	Highway Pasture	92	72	80	80	76	78	78	82	80	86	X	X	88	X	X	82	82
	Hilton Creek	North Hilton	X	88	X	87	X	X	88	90	80	86	X	X	Dry	78	Dry	Dry	Dry
		East Hilton	X	84	X	88	X	X	88	90	80	86	X	X	Dry	88	Dry	Dry	Dry
RLI- 402	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	Highway North	94	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	80	X	X	86	X	X	86	X
		Highway South	98	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	80	X	X	86	X	X	86	X
		Upper North 40	98	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Upper Middle	94	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Lower Middle	98	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
		Bull	94	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	84	X	X	86	X
RLI- 413	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	Riata Pasture	76	74	70	76	76	76	74	70	80	78	72	72	78	80	76	92	82
		Mummy West	72	78	72	78	76	76	72	70	80	78	72	72	78	80	76	84	84
		Otey Pasture	X	X	82	80	72	76	76	76	78	81	X	X	78	76	Dry	70	80
RLI- 411	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Warm Springs Rd	Bull Pasture	100	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Horse Pasture	100	X	X	80	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Old Bull Pasture	100	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Lower Pasture	100	X	X	90	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Middle Pasture	100	X	X	92	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Upper Pasture	100	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		Sheep Pasture	100	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	84	X	X	86	X	X	86	X
RLI- 411	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	North Bishop	Winters	94	X	X	82	X	X	82	X	X	80	X	X	80	X	X	86	X
		Lake Pasture	94	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	80	X	X	84	X	X	X	X
		Williams Pasture	94	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	84	X	X	80	X	X	86	X
		Horse	80	X	X	76	60	X	82	X	X	70	56	56	76	76	72	84	X
		Symons	X	X	X	X	X	90	86	X	X	96	X	X	86	X	X	84	X
RLI-445	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Round Valley	#3 Pasture	98	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	84	86
		#2 Pasture	98	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	74	84
		#1 Pasture	98	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	84	80
		#4 Pasture	98	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	92	92
RLI-498	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Round Valley	Pine Cr. Pasture	98	X	X	94	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Corral Pasture	98	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Triangle Pasture	98	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Little Trap	98	X	X	90	X	X	98	X	X	84	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Behind Corral	98	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		40 acres	98	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Horse Field	96	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Bull	92	X	X	90	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		New Field							96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X

RLI - 439	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	East Line St.	Mare Pasture	80	84	X	84	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	86	86
		Pasture 1	86	84	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	92	X	X	80	80
		Pasture 2	86	84	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	92	X	X	68	72
RLI-426	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Round Valley	Archy	82	98	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	86	86
		Corral Holding	80	98	X	84	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	74	74
		South Archy	80	98	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	80	80
		Shober	80	98	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	88	X	X	74	74
		South Shober	80	98	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	74	74
RLI- 497	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Warm Springs Rd	Waterson North	90	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	94	X
		Waterson South	98	X	X	86	X	X	84	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	94	X
		Calving Pasture	90	X	X	86	X	78	X	X	X	86	X	X	80	X	X	90	X
		New Alfalfa	64	X	72	X	80	70	X	X	X	82	X	X	80	X	X	86	X
		Old Alfalfa	80	X	90	X	80	78	X	X	X	82	X	X	82	X	X	90	X
RLI- 487	Bishop	Sheep/Horse Pasture	98	X	X	89	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	94	X
		Hess Pasture	94	X	X	86	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
		West Line	100	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
RLI- 492	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	South Pasture	96	X	X	80	74	74	92	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	92	X
		West Pasture	94	X	X	86	74	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
		East Pasture	94	X	X	80	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	90	X
		Horse Pasture	94	X	X	82	X	66	86	X	X	72	74	74	82	X	X	84	X
RLI- 480	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Owens Dry Lake	Corral Pasture	80	78	X	80	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RLI- 491	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	County Road	Front Pasture	96	X	X	81	86	X	90	X	X	80	X	X	94	X	X	94	X
		Triangle Pasture	86	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	72	68	68	62	90	X	88	X
		West Holding	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	30		84	X
		Holding Field	92	X	X	90	X	X	98	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	88	X
		Hessian Pasture	86	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	76	70	70	62	92	X	94	X
	Fish Springs	Fish Springs Pasture	100	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	80	X	X	78	X
		Tenemaha Pasture	100	X	X	86	X	X	84	X	X	94	X	X	X	X	X	88	X
	Baker Ranch	Main Meadow	98	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	90	X	X	78	94	X	94	X
	Cotton Woods	Main Meadow	98	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	84	X
RLI- 499	Laws Ranch	Silver Canyon Pasture	X	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	92	X
		Middle Pasture	X	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		Jean Blank	X	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	100	X
		Wiper Pivots	X	X	X	94	X	X	98	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Full Pivot N	X	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	82	X	X	84	X
		Full Pivot S	X	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	96	X	X	78	96	X	92	X
		Mitigation	X	X	X	84	X	X	86	X	X	96	X	X	98	X	X	92	X
RLI-493	Location								Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	Rain Gun							X	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	80	X
		Little Horse							X	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	84	X

RLI-489	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Fort Independence	Zucco	80	X	X	96	X	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	98	X
		D&D	92	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	88	X
		Bardoff	96	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	88	X
		Plot	94	X	X	100	X	X	100	X	X	96	X	X	82	X	X	88	X
		Heifer Heaven	X	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	96	X
		Garden	94	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	92	X
		Orchard	88	X	X	100	X	X	100	X	X	82	X	X	82	X	X	92	X
		Pampa	82	X	X	96	X	X	100	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	88	X
		Cane	86	X	X	100	X	X	100	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	90	X
		L&L	90	X	X	100	X	X	100	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	88	X
		Willow	80	X	X	94	X	X	100	X	X	84	X	X	82	X	X	86	X
		Clover	X	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	92	X
		Horse Heaven	86	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	92	X
		Hectare	86	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	92	X
		Dessert	X	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	82	X	X	92	X
	Georges Cr	Olive Pasture	86	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	88	X
		Georges Pasture	92	X	X	84	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	92	X
	Reinhackle	B Pasture D Pasture	96	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
		Carasco North Pasture	90	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
	Olancha	Lake Field	92	X	X	84	X	X	90	X	X	74	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
		Bolin	84	X	X	84	X	X	X	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	84	X
		Archie	82	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
RLI- 408	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Aberdeen	House Pasture	92	X	X	84	X	X	80	86	X	84	X	X	82	X	X	82	X
RLI-428	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Independence	Robinson	88	X	X	84	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RLI- 428A	Olancha	L Pasture	84	X	X	80	88	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	94	X
		Hay Pasture	94	X	X	80	90	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		E Stud Pasture	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		W Stud Pasture	98	X	X	80	88	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Store Pasture	98	X	X	80	90	X	92	X	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Wooven Wire	80	X	X	80	90	X	94	X	X	80	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
RLI-483	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Round Valley	Big Stockley	92	X	X	80	86	92	88	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Heifer	96	X	X	82	X	94	92	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Little Stockley	90	X	X	82	X	94	86	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	90	X
		Outside	88	X	X	82	X	90	88	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Sheep	90	X	X	90	X	94	92	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Bull	92	X	X	88	X	92	88	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Horse	92	X	X	88	X	90	70	92	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Triangle	88	X	X	86	X	92	90	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Georges	X	X	X	86	X	96	86	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	94	X
		40 Acres	82	X	X	82	88	88	90	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	92	X
		Freeway	74	X	X	84	84	94	88	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	94	X
		Tonys	90	X	X	88	X	86	86	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Rock House	86	X	X	82	X	90	90	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	96	X
		Steer	92	X	X	86	X	90	92	X	X	90	X	X	80	X	X	96	X
	Big Pine	Cannal Pasture	74	66	X	X	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	80	X
		Mitigation											X	X	80	80	X	88	X
		Little Pasture	44	74	X	X	X	X	78	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	82	X
	Buttermilk	Wells Meadow	78	X	78	80	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	80	X	X	84	X
		McGee Pasture	78	X	X	81	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	80	X	X	X	X
		Birch Pasture	82	X	X	80	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	82	X
		Horse Pasture	82	X	X	80	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	82	X
RLI-453	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	North Riata	81	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	82	X
		South Mummy	94	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	82	X
		Bishop Creek	94	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	82	X
		South Reata	96	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	82	X
		North Mummy	80	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	82	X

RLI - 420	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Big Pine	Whistler	92	X	86	70	82	X	86	X	X	80	X	X	X	76	80	84	X
RLI- 401		Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	# 8	92	X	X	86	X	Dry	Dry	?	X	78	80	80	82	80	80	88	X
		# 7	92	X	X	86	X	82	96	X	X	90	86	86	90	84	X	88	X
		# 5	92	X	X	84	X	X	94	X	X	84	82	82	86	88	X	92	X
		# 3	92	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	76	68	68	82	74	80	86	X
		# 2	92	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	89	68	68	82	82	X	92	X
		# 4	92	X	X	92	X	X	98	X	X	88	96	96	86	88	X	88	X
		# 1	92	X	X	Dry	Dry	Dry	68	78	Dry	72	60	60	Dry	78	78	86	X
		# 6	92	X	X	86	X	X	96	X	X	94	96	96	90	90	X	88	X
		# 9	92	X	X	86	X	X	96	X	X	94	94	94	90	90	X	92	X
RLI- 456	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Lone Pine	Edwards	92	X	X	80	80	94	90	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	80	X
		Richards	98	X	X	64	82	92	84	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	92	X
		Van Norman	Pump off	X	78	X	X	X	80	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	84	X
		Old Place	84	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	76	86	X	96	X
		Smith	90	X	X	88	X	X	96	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	94	X
		Miller	88	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	84	X	X	90	X
RLI-427	Olancha	Esta 1	84	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	86	X	X	96	X
		Esta 2	84	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	86	X	X	98	X
		Esta 3	86	X	X	X	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	86	X	X	96	X
		Esta 4	84	X	X	X	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	98	X
		Oesta 1	78	76	88	72	84	78	82	80	86	86	X	X	86	X	X	76	80
		Oesta 2	82	74	86	58	74	78	82	80	86	86	X	X	86	X	X	86	X
RLI- 435	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	Swamp	98	X	X	96	X	X	90	X	X	72	70	70	78	90	X	76	80
		Front	98	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	78	92	X	80	X
		Horse	98	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	84	X	X	78	92	X	80	X
		Little	100	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	82	X	X	78	92	X	80	X
RLI- 495	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Lone Pine	ED Pasture	28	68	84	80	80	78	80	82	88	88	X	X	86	X	X	82	X
		WD Pasture	28	68	76	80	80	72	80	78	88	82	X	X	86	X	X	82	X
		Thibaut																72	80
RLI-424	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	West Schober	92	X	X	86	X	X	96	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		East Schober	86	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
		North Horse	94	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	96	X
		South Horse	94	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	96	X
		Heifer Pasture	92	X	X	88	X	X	94	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	96	X
		Jack In The Box	92	X	X	84	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	86	X
		Sheep Pasture	100	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	96	X
		East 80	94	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	96	X
		West 80	94	X	X	88	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	94	X
RLI-436	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Lone Pine	Lone Pine EM Pasture	80	72	72	84	80	68	68	70	90	86	X	X	80	X	98	88	X
		Olivia Pasture	82	76	72	78	68	84	62	82	88	86	X	X	78	X	90	88	X
		Lone Pine Pasture	82	74	72	84	78	80	68	74	92	88	X	X	78	X	90	80	X
RLI- 452	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Lone Pine	Calving	94	X	X	84	X	X	98	X	X	96	X	X	82	X	X	90	X
		Oystye	96	X	X	84	X	X	98	X	X	96	X	X	82	X	X	92	X
		Golf Field	98	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	98	X	X	90	X	X	90	X
		Middle Back	98	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	90	X	X	90	X
		North Back	96	X	X	96	X	X	94	X	X	98	X	X	90	X	X	90	X

RLI-455	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Independence	Spring Field	98	X	X	98	X	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	100	X
RLI-416	Independence	Right & Left Hand	98	X	X	100	X	X	100	X	X	96	X	X	86	X	X	98	X
		Far	92	X	X	94	X	X	100	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	70	X
		Airport	96	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	80	X	X	82	X
		Arena	96	X	X	88	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	82	X	X	86	X
RLI-454	Big Pine	Ranch Pasture 1	96	X	X	84	X	X	96	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	98	X
		Ranch Pasture 3	96	X	X	96	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		Ranch Pasture 2	96	X	X	84	X	X	92	X	X	86	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		South Pasture	100	X	X	88	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		Horse Field	98	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		Elk Field	84	X	X	82	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	94	X	X	92	X
		North Feedlot	84	X	X	84	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		NW Feedlot	90	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		Stuart lane Wiper					Planted	X	92	X	X	100	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
RLI-475	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Big Pine	North Highway Pasture	90	X	X	88	X	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
		South Highway Pasture	90	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	80	X
		West County Pasture	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
		East County Pasture	88	X	X	80	X	X	98	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
		West Poplar Pasture	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
		East Poplar Pasture	88	X	X	78	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	80	X	X	92	X
		Fuller Meadow	86	86	96	92	X	X	86	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	92	X
		Salk	X	X	92	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	86	X	X	92	X
RLI-451	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Chance Ranch (RV)	Upper Pond Pasture	88	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Locust Pasture	90	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	86	X
		Iron Gate Pasture	86	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		80 Pasture	98	X	X	96	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		80 Pasture	94	X	X	94	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Below Hay Stack	90	X	X	90	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Hay Stack Pasture	90	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	90	X
		Rock Pasture	96	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	90	X
		Holding Pasture	96	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	90	X
		Pasture Below House	98	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	90	X
		Stink Ant Pasture	98	X	X	88	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	90	X
		Pasture # 4	98	X	X	94	X	X	84	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Derick Pasture	96	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Pond Pasture	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Lowest South Pasture	94	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Lower Middle Pasture	90	X	X	92	X	X	100	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Wahlene Pasture	98	X	X	94	X	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		2nd Pasture	96	X	X	96	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Iris Pasture	98	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Long Pasture	96	X	X	88	X	X	94	X	X	84	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Horse Pasture	88	X	X	88	X	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	92	X	X	90	X
	Schober Ranch (RV)	Front Pasture	94	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	80	X
		Alfalfa Pasture	94	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Pine Cr Rd Post	92	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		4 Pasture	98	X	X	90	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		A Pasture	100	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X	X	90	X	X	88	X
		B Pasture	98	X	X	94	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	88	X	X	88	X
		40 Acre Pasture	94	X	X	92	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		F Pasture	96	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Lou's Pasture	96	X	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Highway Pasture	94	X	X	94	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Bull Pasture	94	X	X	90	X	X	82	90	X	94	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		Orchard Pasture	92	X	X	90	X	X	86	X	X	90	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		G Pasture	90	X	X	84	X	X	90	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
		E Pasture	94	X	X	84	X	X	82	94	X	98	X	X	92	X	X	88	X
RLM-441	Patch Ranch (Rt6)	Horse Pasture	96	X	X	90	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X
		P1	98	X	X	92	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X
		P2	96	X	X	92	X	X	98	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X
		P3	94	X	X	80	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	92	X
RLI-500	Sunland Ranch (Bishop)	South 80	84	X	X	84	X	X	92	X	X	82	X	X	86	X	X	90	X
		North 40	94	X	X	86	X	X	96	X	X	86	X	X	86	X	X	92	X
		Trailor Park	92	X	X	86	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	92	X	X	92	X

RLI- 430	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Thibaut	Water Fowl Area	88	X	X	X	X	X	68	82	81	78	78	78	80	X	X	72	80
RLI-462	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	West Pasture	80	X	X	82	X	X	90	X	X	84	X	X	84	X	74	70	80
		Front Pasture	80	X	X	82	X	X	92	X	X	84	X	X	82	X	78	70	80
		Sewer Farm Pasture	80	X	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	88	X	X	84	X	86	72	80
RLI- 461	Location	Pasture	Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Bishop	N Highland Pasture	68	96	80	86	X	78	88	X	X	82	X	X	84	X	X	80	X
		S Highland Pasture	62	84	70	74	78	70	86	X	X	82	X	X	84	X	X	80	X
		N Y Road Pasture	66	96	78	X	X	70	84	X	X	80	X	X	86	X	X	80	X
		S Y Road Pasture	62	84	70	86	X	74	86	X	X	80	X	X	86	X	X	80	X
		Bogie Field	76	90	85	X	X	66	84	X	X	84	X	X	82	X	X	80	X
		Steward Pasture	66	80	80	84	X	82	84	X	X	84	X	X	82	X	X	74	80
		North Horse	68	82	72	X	X	X	82	86	X	84	X	X	88	X	X	84	X
		West Horse	70	76	74	84	X	X	82	88	X	82	X	X	88	X	X	82	X
		Wanacott	70	80	80	82	X	78	84	X	X	84	X	X	82	X	X	78	80
	Round Valley	Horse Trap	68	86	86	94	94	86	94	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	82	X
		Mare Pasture	66	86	80	90	90	84	92	X	X	86	X	X	80	X	X	80	X
		Front Pasture	70	84	76	80	80	86	90	X	X	86	X	X	82	X	X	82	X
		Swamp Pasture	68	82	78	80	80	82	88	X	X	86	X	X	82	X	X	72	82
		Castaway	X	X	X	X	X	74	86	X	X	80	X	X	86	X	X	80	X
	Aberdeen	Calvert Slough	X	X	X	X	X	X	84	X	X	80	X	X	78	84	X	80	X
RLI- 479	Location		Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Independence	One Acre	68	66		80	76	84	82	76	90	88	X	X	82	X	X	80	X
		North	70	84		80	82	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	82	X	X	78	80
		Middle	64	80		84	92	X	84	X	X	80	X	X	82	X	X	78	80
		South	74	82		84	96	X	70	X	X	80	X	X	82	X	X	74	80
		Hay stack	70	76		84	92	X	86	X	X	88	X	X	82	X	X	84	X
RLI-438	Location		Score/04	Score/ 05	Score/ 06	Score/ 07	Score/ 08	Score/ 09	Score/ 10	Score/11	Score/ 12	Score/13	Score/14	Score/15	Score/16	Score/17	Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	South Bishop	Alfalfa 2	96	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	78	X	X	82	X	X	96	X
		Alfalfa 1	94	X	X	94	X	X	96	X	X	91	X	X	82	X	X	96	X
		Alfalfa 3	92	X	X	92	X	X	94	X	X	91	X	X	82	X	X	96	X
		Heifer	94	X	X	94	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	100	X
		South Meadow	100	X	X	90	X	X	100	X	X	96	X	X	92	X	X	98	X
		Horse Pasture	100	X	X	94	X	X	94	X	X	90	X	X	82	X	X	94	X
		4C	98	X	X	96	X	X	96	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	98	X
		Canal	98	X	X	100	X	X	98	X	X	94	X	X	86	X	X	98	X
	Coyote	Baker	X	X	98	X	98	96				80	X	X	X	X	X	84	X
		Sanger Meadow	X	X	98	X	98	96				X	X	X	X	X	X	84	X
		Cow Creek	X	X	100	X	98	96				X	X	X	X	X	X	84	X
LAWS/UP	Location																Score/18	Score/19	Score/20
	Laws	East															90	84	X
		West															82	84	X

### 3.4. LADWP Invasive Species Treatment and Removal

#### **Background**

The LADWP noxious-weed treatment program began in 1994 when perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*) was initially found in the Owens Valley. Following this discovery, LADWP has focused on the control and eradication of weeds having a class “A” rating. Stipulated by the *California Department of Food and Agriculture*, this class of weeds must be eradicated or contained because of their high potential to cause either economic or environmental detriment. Currently there are three weeds found on City of Los Angeles lands in the Owens Valley that possess this rating. These weeds are pepperweed, halogeton (*Halogeton glomeratus*), and Russian knapweed (*Rhaponticum repens*). In addition to these species LADWP also treats saltcedar (*Tamarix ramosissima*). This introduced species is an aggressive colonizer throughout shorelines and riparian areas in the western states. Without control, native communities can be replaced by extensive monocultures of saltcedar resulting in decreased biodiversity, riparian process and function and overall habitat value.

#### **2020 Pepperweed Treatment Efforts**

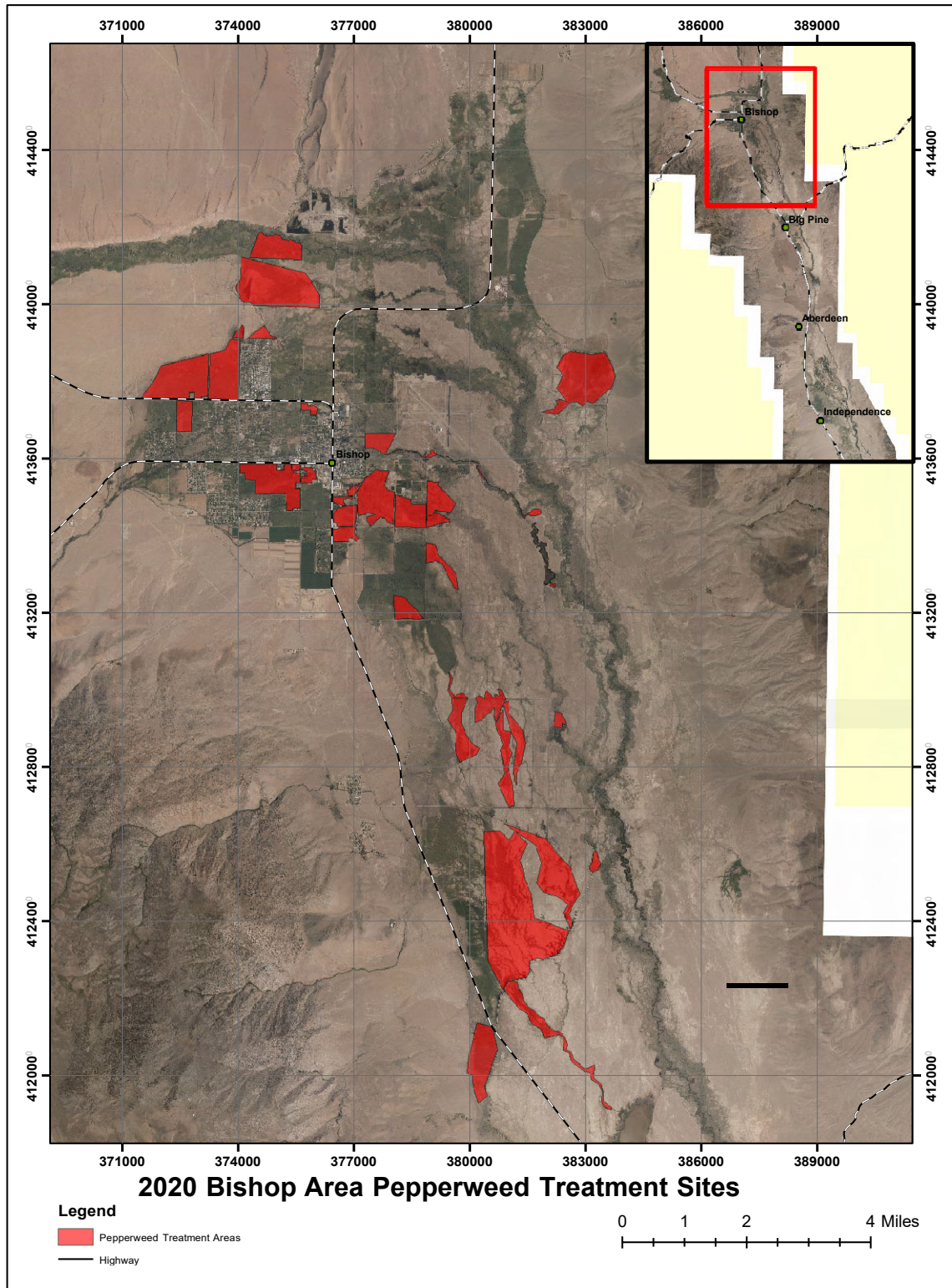
In 2020, treatment began in April and concluded in October. Over this period, 12,194 acres were canvassed for treatment (Figures 3.4-3.7). Field crews reported a noted reduction of pepperweed cover from the previous year’s efforts in several areas. Successes in these areas are likely the result of consistent year to year treatments.

Each season weed crews begin treatment south of Lone Pine along water conveyances, irrigated meadows, and water spreading areas. Treatment progression continues north throughout the season to the Laws and Owens River areas just below Pleasant Valley Reservoir. Selective broadleaf herbicides are used to treat pepperweed with application equipment consisting of backpack sprayers for small localized populations and either a tractor with a spray boom or ATV mounted hand-sprayers for larger populations.

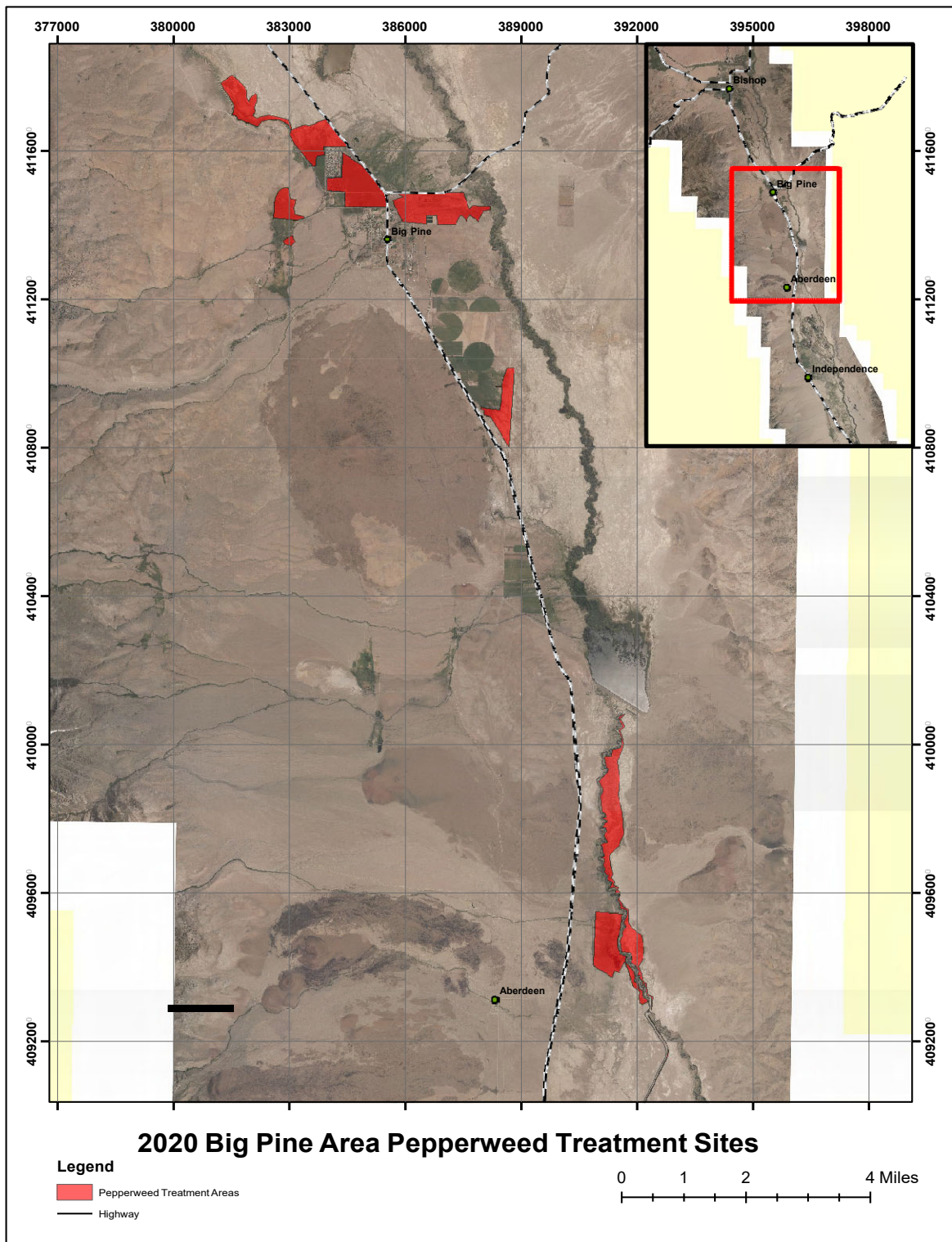
In 2020, two sites in the Bishop area with dense pepperweed coverage were mowed three times during the growing season and then treated with herbicide prior to autumn senescence. During the growing season, pepperweed utilizes carbohydrate reserves in its extensive tuberous root system for vegetative, flower and seed production. Reducing above ground growth during the growing season by mowing or grazing promotes rapid regrowth thereby further depleting root reserves. Herbicide application shortly prior to autumn senescence further facilitates the transport of herbicide into the depleted root system. Annual repeated treatment in a similar manner has shown to be very successful in various parts of the country as reported in published research. Results of these efforts will be closely monitored in future years. Other integrated pepperweed management tools will be researched and potentially used in the Owens Valley as conditions warrant.

Pepperweed treatment will resume beginning in April 2021 and will continue through September 2021 using methods described above or similar.



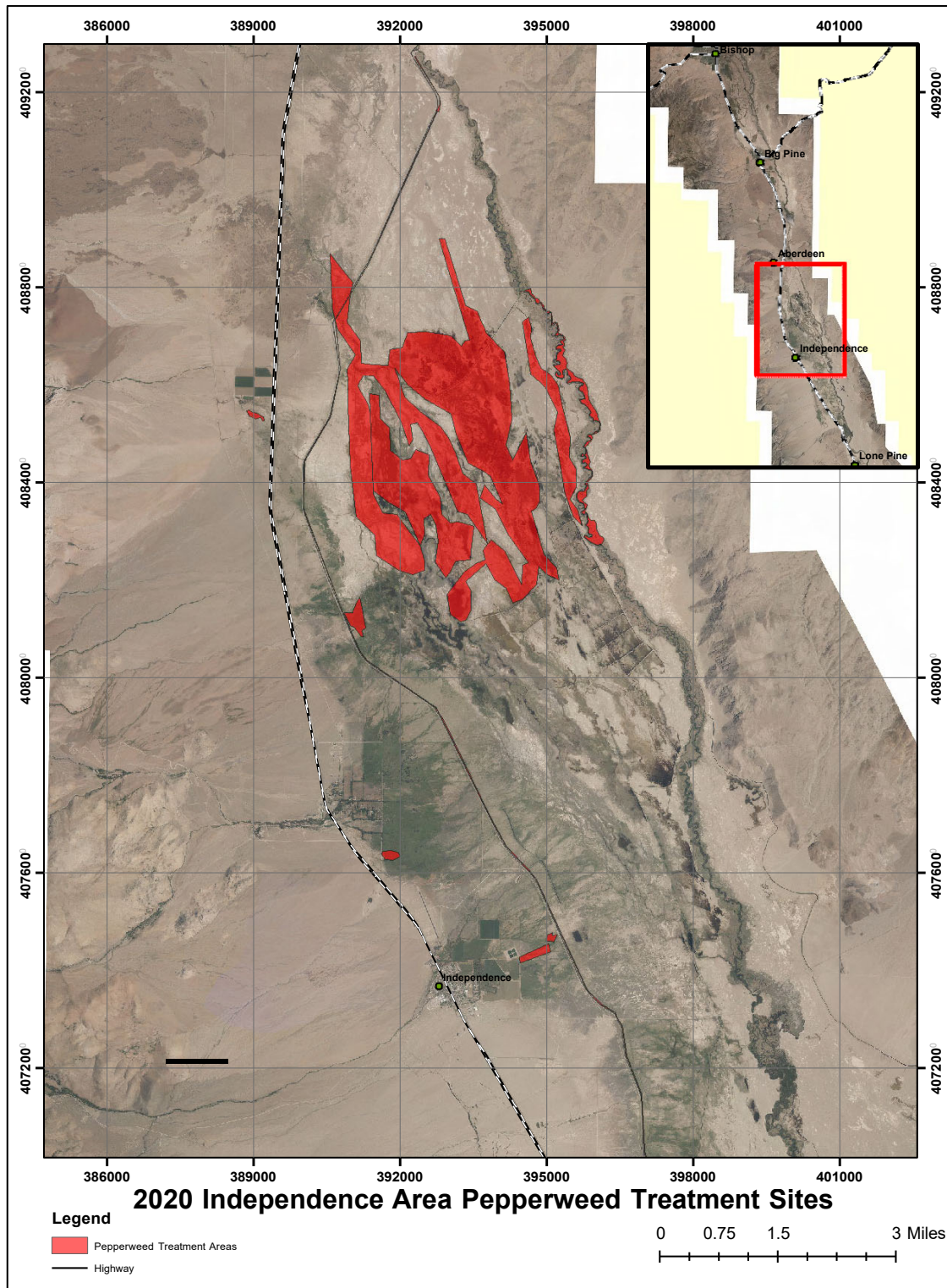


**Figure 3.5. Bishop Area Pepperweed Treatment Sites 2020 Season**

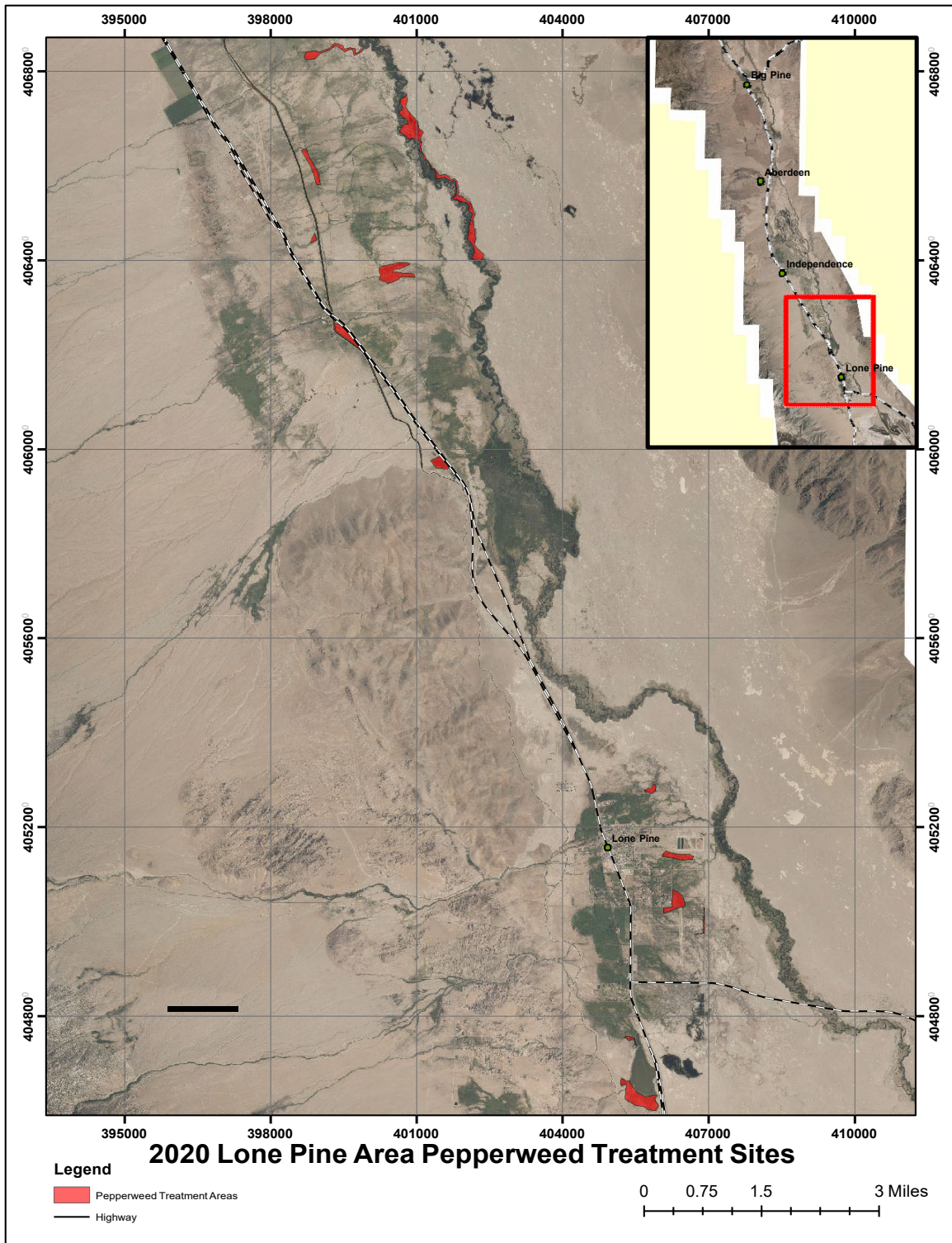


**Figure 3.6. Big Pine Area Pepperweed Treatment Sites 2020**





**Figure 3.7 Independence Area Pepperweed Treatment Sites 2020 Season**



**Figure 3.8 Lone Pine Area Pepperweed Treatment Sites 2020 Season**

### **2020 Saltcedar Treatment Efforts**

Saltcedar treatment in 2020 was conducted exclusively within the Lower Owens River Project (LORP) boundary. The primary treatment areas were the spreading basins south of Blackrock Ditch and east of Goose Lake. Treatment locations and methods for these areas can be referenced in the 2020 Lower Owens River Project Annual Report.



## **4.0 APPENDIX A. BISHOP CONE AUDIT**