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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Plaintiff,

vs.

CITY OF ALHAMBRA, ET AL.

Defendant.

Case No: C924 128

Assigned for All Purposes to:
Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis
Dept. 38

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE PRESENTATION RE: CONDITIONS – MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN

Hearing

Date: **September 11, 2020**
Time: **9:30 a.m.**
Dept.: **Dept. 38**

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Attached is a copy of a PowerPoint presentation for the upcoming status conference on September 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 38 of the above-entitled Court, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, before the Honorable Maureen Duffy-Lewis, Judge Presiding and Specially Assigned. The presentation relates to the Main San Gabriel Basin.

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STATUS CONFERENCE

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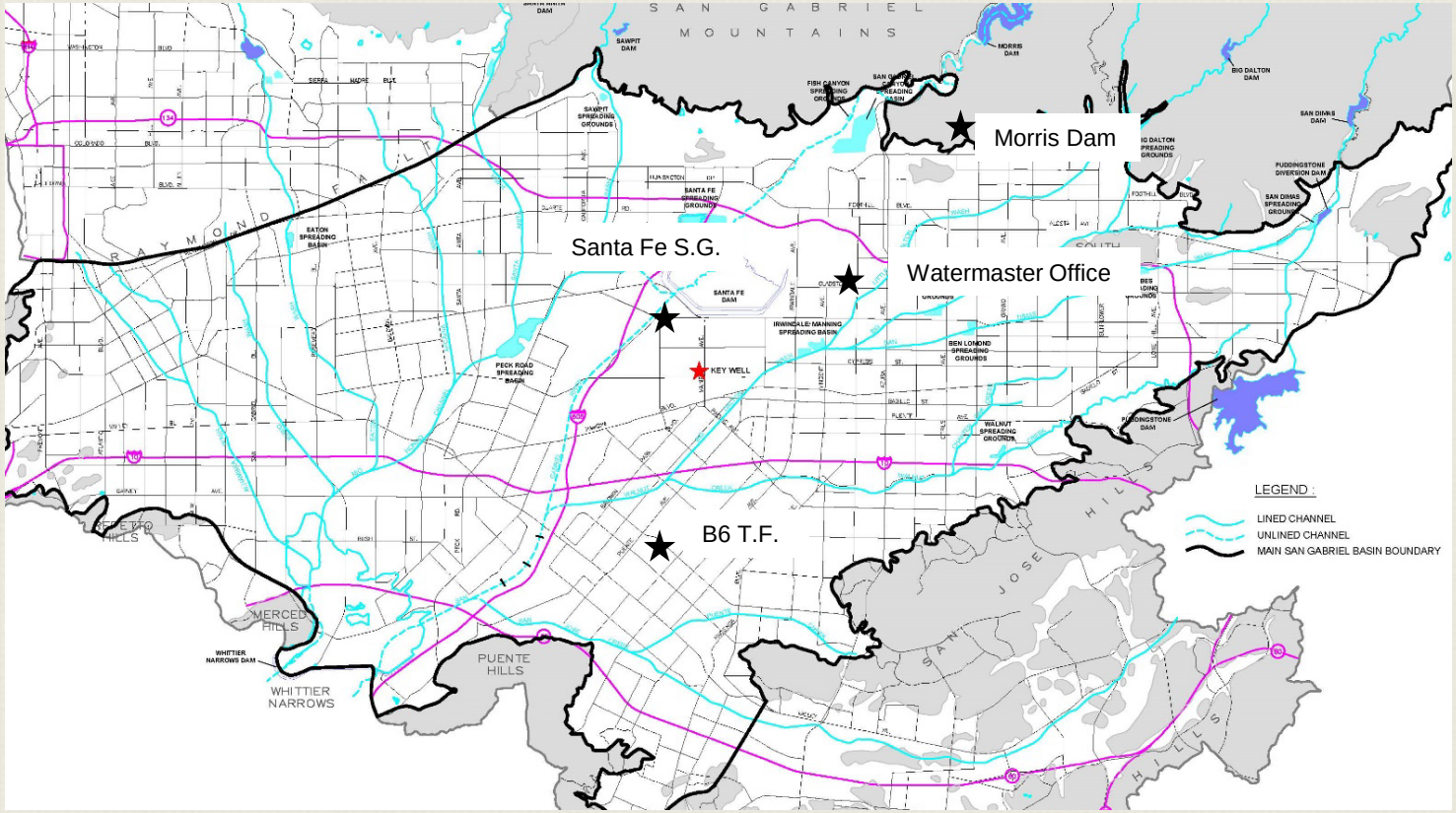
THE HONORABLE MAUREEN DUFFY-LEWIS

UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT VS. CITY OF ALHAMBRA, ET AL, CASE NO. 924128, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS AMENDED JUNE 21, 2012



Presented by Executive Officer, Tony Zampiello – September 11, 2020

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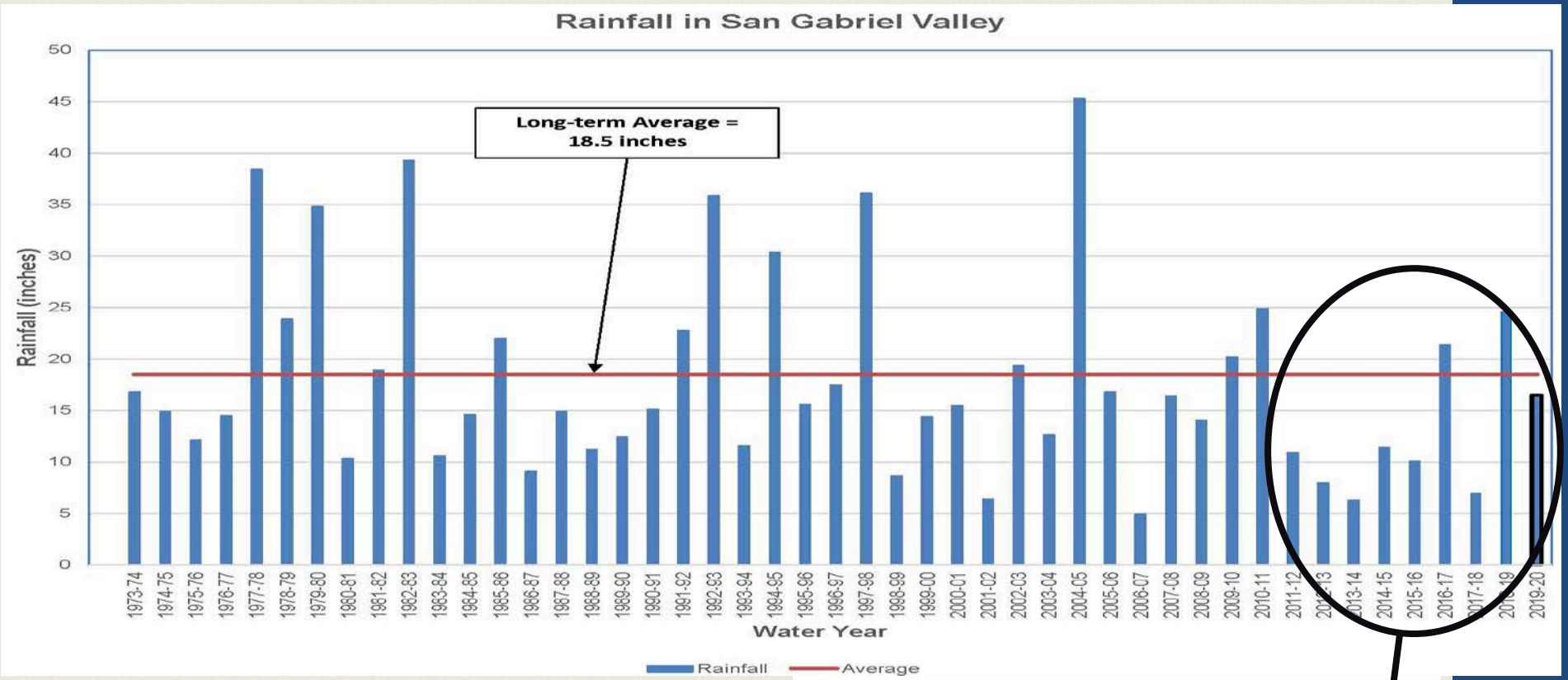
MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN OVERVIEW

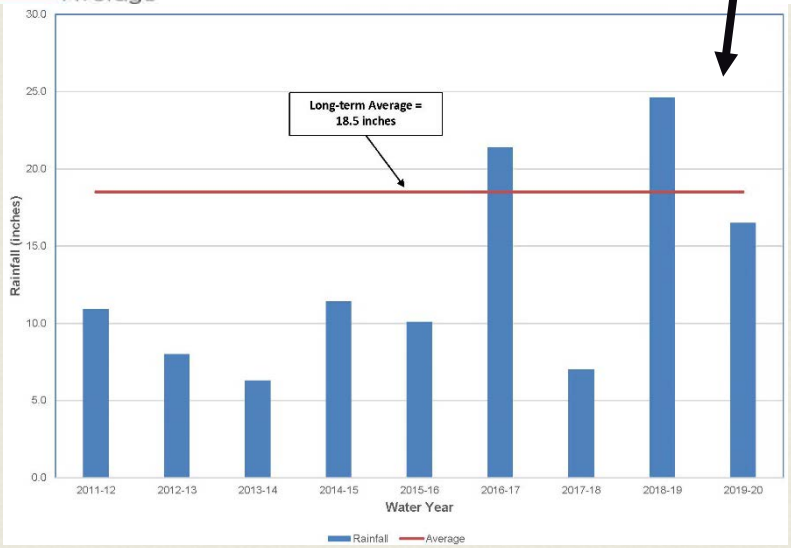
- Groundwater Basin Management
- Impacts of FY 2019-20 Rainfall
- Actions to Address Long-term Drought
- Groundwater Basin Contaminant Clean-up
- Basin Outreach and Education

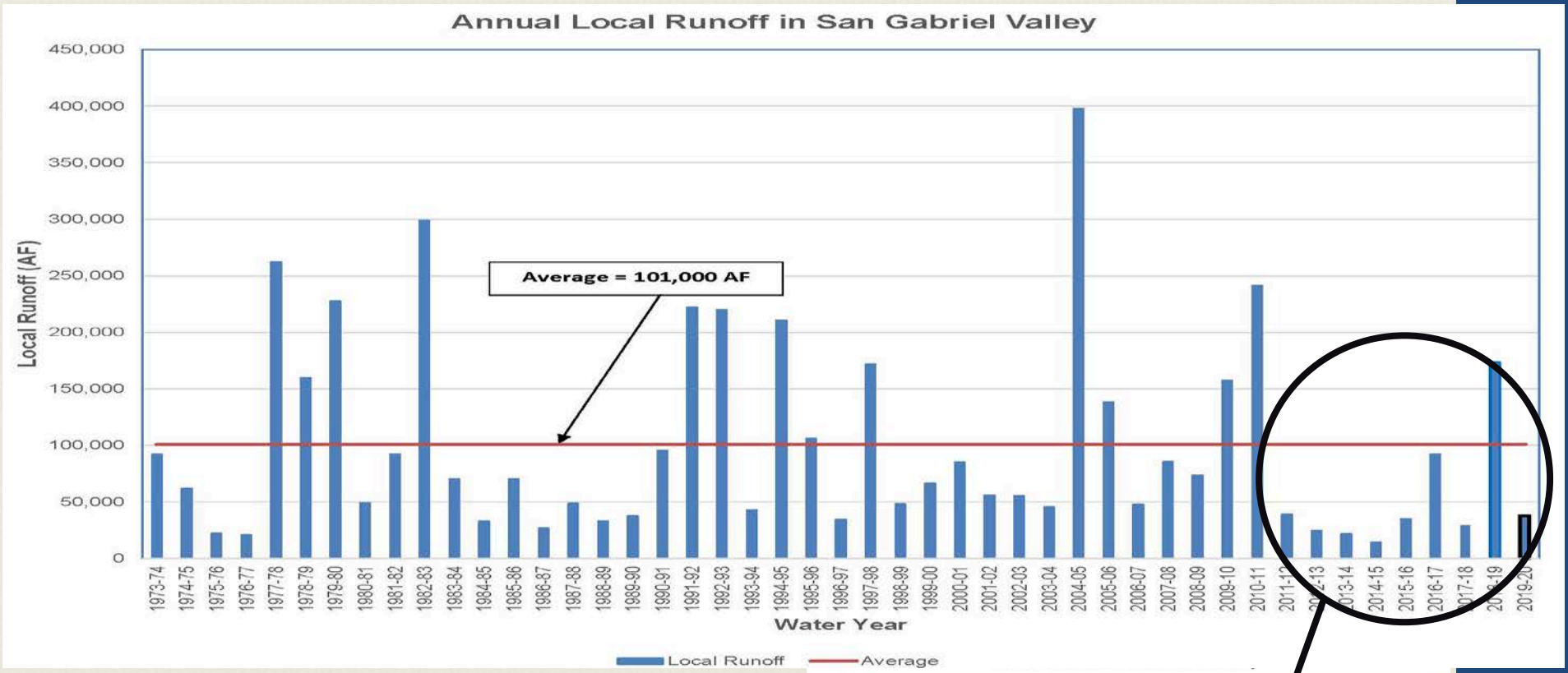
GROUNDWATER BASIN MANAGEMENT

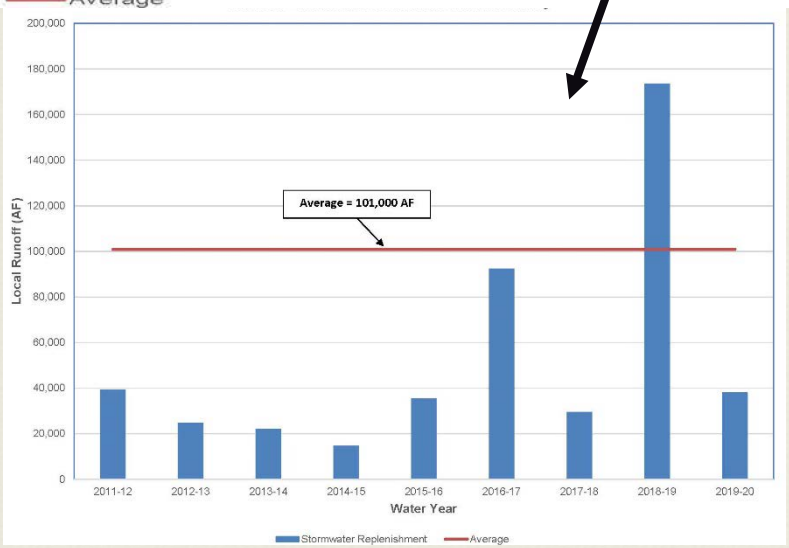
- Drought Impacts (calendar years 2012 through 2019)
  - Rainfall averaged about 12.5 inches; long-term average is 18.5 inches
  - Local replenishment totaled about 430,000 AF; deficit of about 377,000 AF (over 8 years) and represents about 47 feet in elevation at the Key Well
  - Key Well level (excluding impact of Cyclic Storage water) about 20 feet below lower end of Judgment operating range of 200-250 feet amsl
  - Established Operating Safe Yield of 150,000 AF since fiscal year 2014-15 (last 6 years)



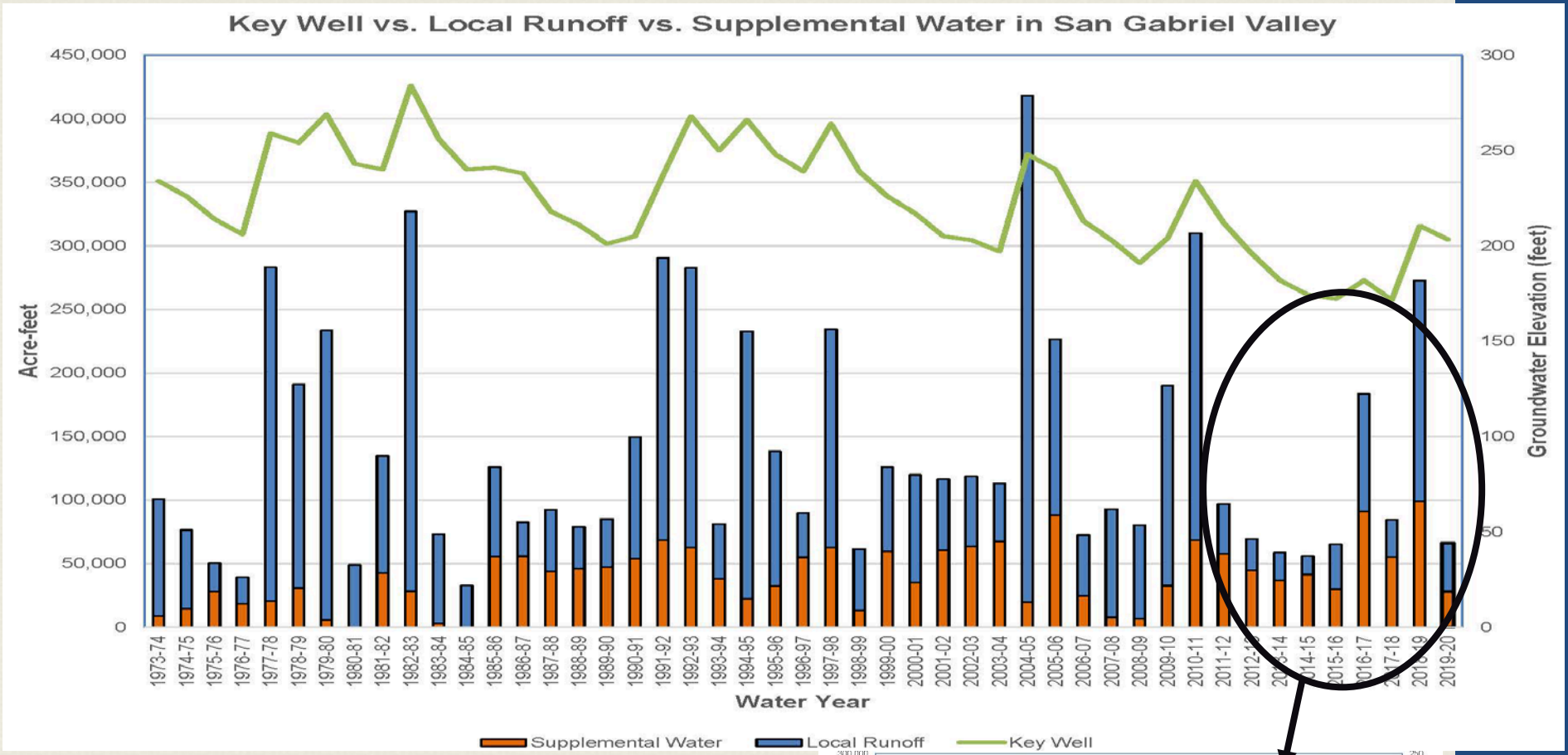
- Long-term Average Annual Rainfall = 18.5 in/yr
- Multi-year Drought Average Rainfall = 12.9 in. (70% of Average)
- Fiscal Year 2019-20: 16.5 in. (89% of Average)



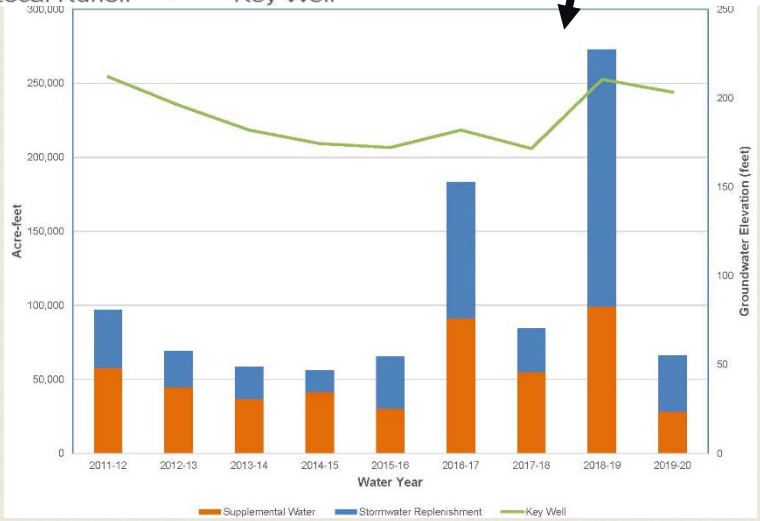




- Long-term Annual Average = 101,000 AFY
- Multi-Year Drought Average = 52,000 AF
- Fiscal Year 2019-20: 37,900 AF through March 31, 2020 (38% of Average)



- Supplemental Water Deliveries
  - Long-term Average = 40,200 AF
  - Deliveries during FY 2019-20 = 28,300 AF through March 31, 2020
  - Helped to stabilize Key Well elevation



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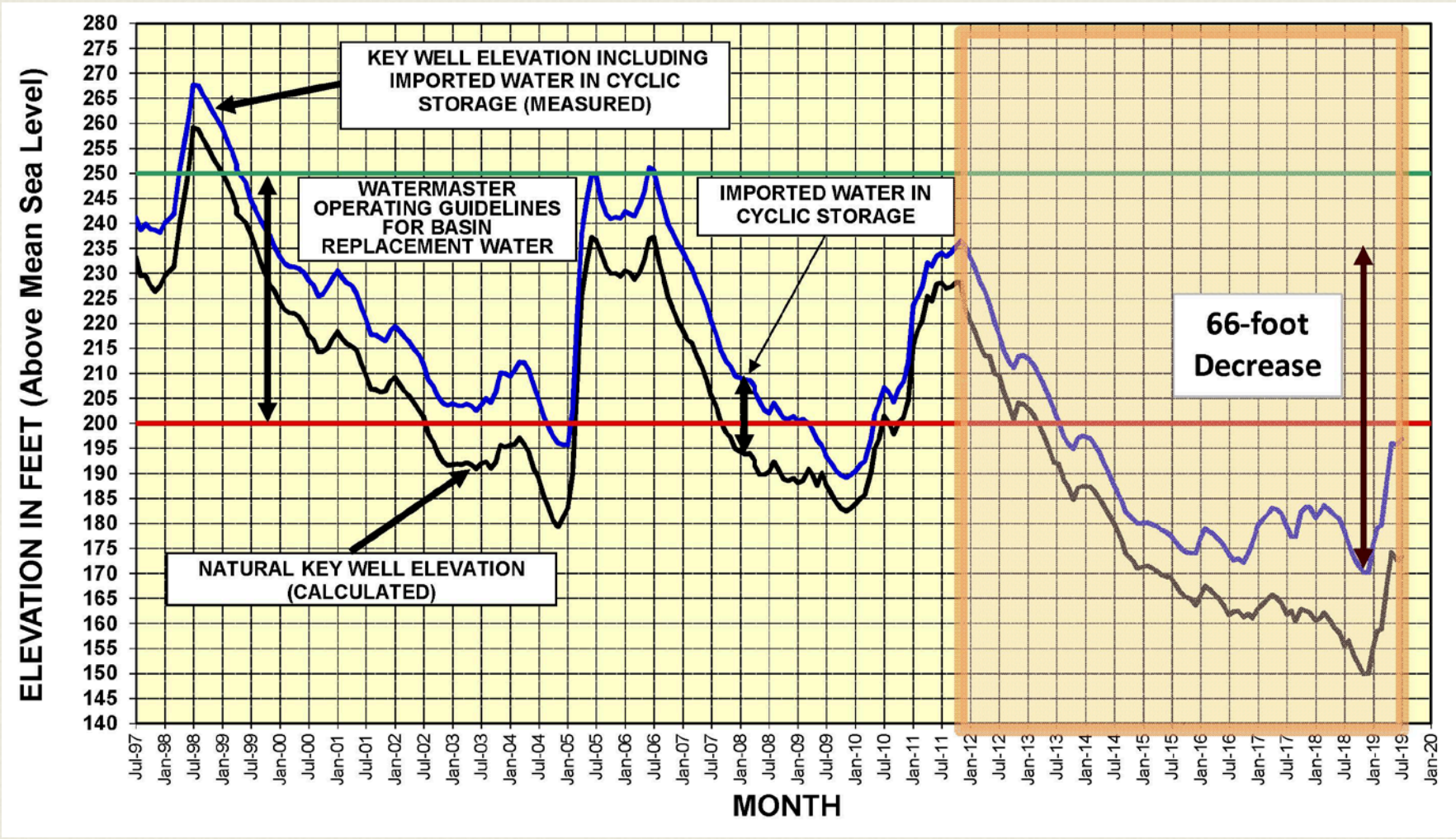

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ACTIONS TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM DROUGHT

- 2012 Judgment Amendment
  - Established Resource Development Assessment (RDA)
- Stormwater Augmentation Program
  - Use RDA to purchase/replenish Supplemental Water for general benefit of Main Basin
  - Proposed ramp up of $40/AF to $175/AF over five years
    - FY 2016-17
      - Assessment - $40/AF
      - Total purchased – 11,400 AF
    - FY 2017-18
      - Assessment - $70/AF
      - Total purchased – 19,000 AF
    - FY 2018-19
      - Assessment - $105/AF
      - Total purchased – 24,800 AF
    - FY 2019-20
      - Assessment - $140/AF
      - Estimated purchase – 25,000 AF

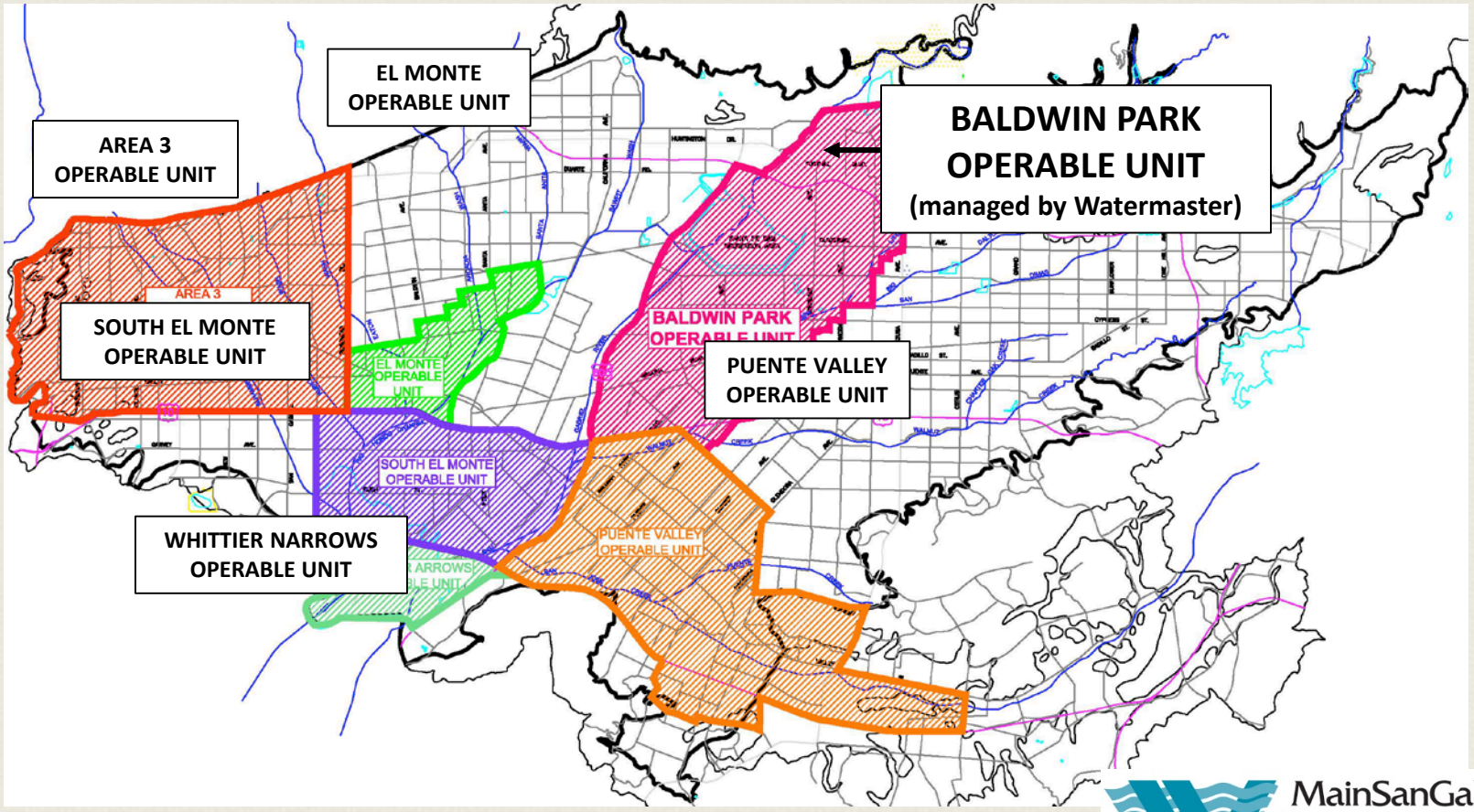
ACTIONS TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM DROUGHT

- Negotiated Agreement with UD/MWD to deliver 58,517.5 AF during fiscal year 2017-18 and 108,209.1 AF during calendar year 2019 to the Basin as storage

  - RDA and Replacement Water assessments to fund purchase over a 5-year period
  - Continue participation in planning and design of the proposed MWD/San District Regional Recycled Water Program – Carson Project
  - Seated on Los Angeles County's Safe Clean Water Program Advisory Committees to promote enhanced water recharge projects
  - Watermaster Board approved Basin Outreach Campaign

GROUNDWATER BASIN CONTAMINANT CLEAN-UP

- Watermaster continues to engage in local groundwater clean-up projects and strives for beneficial end-use for the water within the Basin



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OUTREACH and EDUCATION

- In April of 2019, the Executive Officer requested that the Watermaster Board consider an outreach endeavor to bring awareness to the Main Basin and educate the public on general concepts such as:

  - What is a groundwater basin;
  - What the Main Basin does;
  - Where it is located;
  - How the Basin is operated and utilized;
  - Who benefits from its waters;
  - The impacts of drought on the Basin and its recovery;
  - How the San Gabriel Valley is different than the State; and
  - How the Basin is linked to the overall drinking water needs of nearly 2 million San Gabriel Valley residents

OUTREACH and EDUCATION

- The Watermaster Board created an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a strategy for retaining a public relations/ marketing firm.

  - CityWorks was hired in May, 2019 and immediately began a series of meetings to understand our needs and provide a path to telling our story;
  - Developed a new tag-line to spark interest, “The Waters That Connect Us”;
  - Engaged with Producers and Imported Water Suppliers to gain buy-in and partnership on conveying our story;
  - Conducted various surveys to gather public perception and understanding of Watermaster and the Basin;
  - Held 3 public focus group sessions in February, in both English and Spanish to provoke thought processes and bring awareness; and
  - Extensive phone survey conducted after “Stay at Home Order” issued for COVID to gage individual interest and knowledge of the Basin and water supply.

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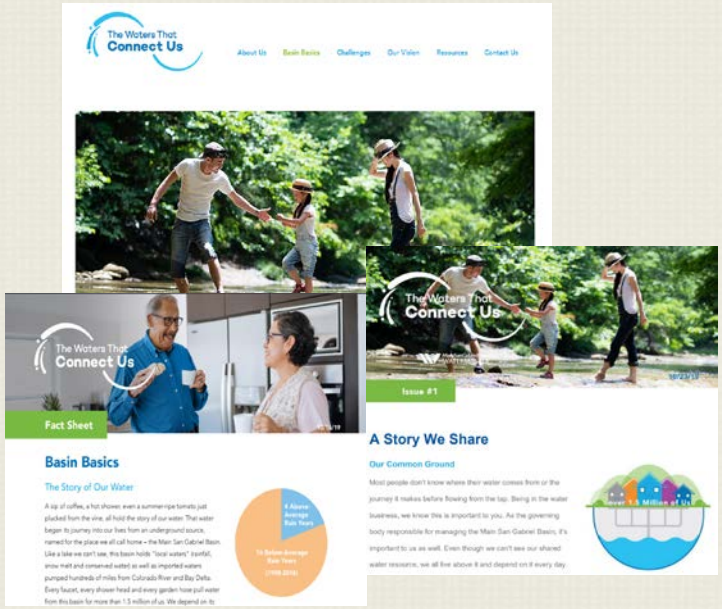

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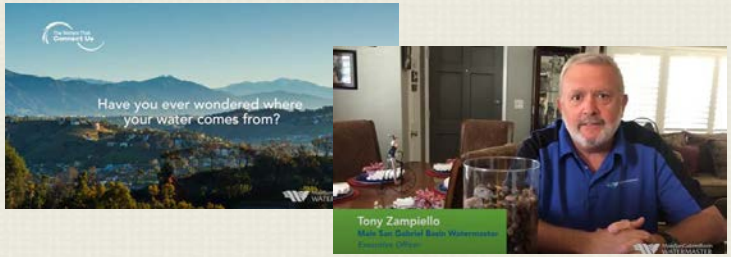

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- Development of a 12-part E-blast series about the Main Basin and groundwater with an emphasis on working together as a community to preserve it for generations to come.
- Create and post updates on social media platforms to engage the public on a more broad scale.
- Produced 4 short informational videos for distribution on social media during the month of May – Water Awareness Month.
- Enhanced website to make more visually interesting and link more interactive content such as the videos and E-blasts.