

AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 15, 2023, at 10:30 AM

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it to be placed on a future agenda.
- 4. DIRECTOR KAREN CRANE MCNAB TELECONFERENCE LOCATION**
 - a. Lot 13 Lumber Yard Street, Ocho Rios, Jamaica
- 5. BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
- 6. BUDGET**
 - a. Board to Review and Consider Approval of the Payable List and Budget to Actual Report
- 7. REVIEW OF GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS**
- 8. PROJECTS UPDATE:**
 - a. Prop 68 AWD Water Projects
 - b. Temporary Water Rights Application
- 9. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**
- 10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
 - a. Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest.
- 11. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 12. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – March 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Amsterdam Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Mary Crane Couchman:	Vice President
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director
Craig Johnson:	Director

OTHERS

Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.

CALL TO ORDER

President Crane called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gardner stated that all Directors were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Couchman, the September 13, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon a motion by Director Couchman and seconded by Director McNab, the financial report and payment of bills were unanimously approved as presented by Mr. Gardner.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY2023 BUDGET AND VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT

Upon a motion by Director McNab and seconded by Director Couchman, the FY2023 budget (\$124,308) and voluntary assessment (irrigated \$29.96 & non- irrigated \$.54 per acre) were unanimously approved as presented by Mr. Gardner.

PROJECTS: PROP 68 WATER PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that Merced Subbasin received a total of 7.6 million dollars for 10 projects. Merced Irrigation District (MID) is the applicant for the Merced Subbasin. Amsterdam Water District (AWD) received \$100,000 from the Prop 68 grant for planning purposes. The Department of Water Resources (DWR), MID, and AWD have been working diligently on the draft grant agreement and Mr. Samuelson reported that the agreement has been officially signed. Staff will begin working with Summers Engineering to start the process of the geotechnical boring hole study for the three groundwater recharge projects. Per the Governors orders, all recharge projects are exempt from CEQA. However, geotechnical borings require CEQA. The grant is set up for AWD to spend the money up front and then get reimbursed by DWR.

PROJECTS: TEMPORARY WATER RIGHTS APPLICATION

Mr. Samuelson reported AWD along with adjacent water districts applied for a flood water right application a few years ago. Until the flood water right application is awarded AWD had to submit a temporary flood water right application. Mr. Samuelson reported that due to the streamline process, AWD and La Paloma MWC will not be included in the application this year. Nothing new to report.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported Prop 218 passed a few months ago which will have a new \$24 GSA tax assessment fee on the next tax role. The GSA recently had a workshop on the Land Fallowing Program. Beginning in October, landowners can fill out an application to give a bid to the GSA to fallow their land. So far, only four applications have been received. The GSA is trying to eliminate 15,000 af of demand which equates to approximately 3,300 acres that will need to be fallowed.

Mr. Samuelson also reported that groundwater allocations will begin in 2026. Several committees will be working out the details.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Director Bert Crane Jr: No report
- Director Couchman: No report
- Director Benjamin Crane: No report
- Director Johnson: No report
- Director McNab: No report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

December 13, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Send out 2023 board meeting calendar invites to all board members

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:49 pm.

Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane

**Amsterdam Water District
Payable List**

November and December 2022

CK#	Date	Name	Deposit	Expense	Bank Balance	Description
					\$179,161.58	
1196	11/24/2022	Kemper CPA Group		\$49.50	\$179,112.08	Nov. Professional Services
1197	11/8/2022	Provost & Pritchard		\$64.57	\$179,047.51	Oct. Website Hosting
1198	11/30/2022	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$455.00	\$178,592.51	Nov. Professional Services
1199	11/30/2022	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$172,929.51	Nov. Management Fee
1200	12/29/2022	Kemper CPA Group		\$49.50	\$172,880.01	Dec. Professional Services
1201	12/31/2022	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$167,217.01	Dec. Management Fee
		Totals	\$0.00	\$11,944.57	\$167,217.01	

Amsterdam Water District

FY 2022 Assessments

January - December

February 15, 2023

Adopted 10/12/2021

Description	Budget	Actual	%	Estimated to Complete	
				Total	%
Revenue					
Assessment	\$124,308	\$125,281	101%	\$0	\$125,281 101%
Expenses					
O&M	\$124,308	\$114,285	92%	\$0	\$114,285 92%
Water					
Total	\$124,308				

\$0

Voluntary Assessment Irrigable(\$)	\$ 122,941
Voluntary Assessment Irrigable (\$/Ac)	\$ 30.32
Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable(\$)	\$ 1,367
Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable (\$/Ac)	\$ 0.53

Total Revenue \$124,308

Landowner Name	Acres			Total Assessment
	Irrigable	Non-Irrigable	Total	
Bert Crane Jr.	43.00	0.00	43.00	\$1,303.65
Bert Crane Orchards	1,287.00	166.00	1,453.00	\$39,106.23
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane 2004 Trust	0.00	736.60	736.60	\$388.59
Crane Ag Land and Farming	45.40	0.00	45.40	\$1,376.42
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane Irrevocable 1993 Trust	268.00	605.00	873.00	\$8,444.26
Craig and Maureen Johnson	76.00	55.00	131.00	\$2,333.15
Johnson Family 1992 Trust	361.00	0.00	361.00	\$10,944.63
Karen Crane McNabb LLC	993.00	503.33	1,496.33	\$30,370.84
Mary Crane Couchman Trust	577.70	476.19	1,053.89	\$17,765.65
Mary Crane Couchman Family Partnership L. P.	404.00	49.85	453.85	\$12,274.58
	4,055.10	2,591.97	6,647.07	\$124,308.00
	61%	39%	100%	

Adjusted Mary Crane Couchmans Acres (email dated 8-18-20)

Separated out Nancy's and Bens Acres on the 2004 Trust as per phone call from Ben (9-17-2020)

Added 212 irrigated acres to Mary Crane Couchman Trust (July 2021)

The District has collected \$62,704 out of the \$94,056 in Reserves

Added 28 irrigated acres to Karen Crane McNab LLC-email May 11, 2022-will reflect on 2023 budget

Added 21 irrigated acres to Mary Crane Couchman Trust-email May 11, 2022-will reflect on 2023 budget

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FY 2022 Budget to Actual
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Operation & Maintenance

	Description	Budget	2022		Estimated to Complete		
			Actual	%	Total	%	
I.	Administration						
a.	Management: Water & Land Solutions	\$67,956	\$67,956	100%	\$0	\$67,956	100%
b.	General Counsel	\$10,000	\$3,360	34%	\$0	\$3,360	34%
c.	Insurance	\$1,500	\$816	54%	\$0	\$816	54%
d.	Audit	\$4,000	\$4,250	106%	\$0	\$4,250	106%
e.	Supplies, Misc.	\$500	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	0%
f.	Accounting Services	\$3,000	\$2,064	69%	\$0	\$2,064	69%
g.	District Reserves (\$31,352)	\$31,352	\$31,352	100%	\$0	\$31,352	100%
h.	Website: Provost and Pritchard	\$1,000	\$698	70%	\$0	\$698	70%
	Sub	\$119,308	\$110,496	93%	\$0	\$110,496	93%
II.	Appropriative Water Right (SWRCB)						
a.	Flood Water Application *	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	0%
b.	Temporary Water Right Application	\$5,000	\$3,788.8	0%	\$0	\$3,789	76%
	Sub	\$5,000	\$3,789	\$0	\$0	\$3,789	76%
	TOTAL	\$124,308	\$114,285	92%	\$0	\$114,285	92%

* \$296.68 out of the budgeted amount of \$85,000 was spent in 2021, and nothing in 2022.
\$84,703.32 will carryover into 2023.

**Amsterdam Water District
Payable List**

January 2023

CK#	Date	Name	Deposit	Expense	Bank Balance	Description
					\$167,217.01	
5167	1/12/2023	Craig and Maureen Johnson	\$1,153.10		\$168,370.11	1st Installment
15709	1/30/2023	Bert Crane Jr.	\$644.04		\$169,014.15	1st Installment
		Karen Crane McNab			\$169,014.15	1st Installment
1098	1/8/2023	Nancy Crane 2004 Trust	\$198.04		\$169,212.19	1st Installment
5903	1/10/2023	Johnson Family 1992 Trust	\$5,406.98		\$174,619.17	1st Installment
15709	1/30/2023	Bert Crane Orchards, L. P.	\$19,321.03		\$193,940.20	1st Installment
220045	1/8/2023	Bert & Nancy Crane 1993 Trust	\$4,176.70		\$198,116.90	1st Installment
1266	1/30/2023	Crane Ag Land and Farming	\$679.99		\$198,796.89	1st Installment
2532	1/27/2023	Mary Crane Couchman Trust	\$9,089.58		\$207,886.47	1st Installment
4147	1/26/2023	Mary Crane Couchman Partn.	\$6,064.43		\$213,950.90	1st Installment
	1/26/2023	Kemper CPA Group		\$298.50	\$213,652.40	Jan. Professional Services
	1/24/2023	Provost and Pritchard		\$147.00	\$213,505.40	Nov & Dec Website Hosting
	1/31/2023	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$70.00	\$213,435.40	Jan. Professional Services
	1/31/2023	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$207,772.40	Jan. Management Fee
Totals			\$46,733.89	\$6,178.50	\$207,772.40	

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				Feb-Dec	Total	%
Revenue						
Assessment	\$124,308	\$46,734	38%	\$77,574	\$124,308	100%
Expenses						
O&M	\$124,308	\$6,179	5%	\$118,130	\$124,308	100%
Water						
Total	\$124,308					

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Crane Ag Land and Farming	45.40	0.00	45.40	\$1,359.98
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane Irrevocable 1993 Trust	268.00	605.00	873.00	\$8,353.41
Craig and Maureen Johnson	76.00	55.00	131.00	\$2,306.20
Johnson Family 1992 Trust	361.00	0.00	361.00	\$10,813.96
Karen Crane McNabb LLC	1,021.00	475.33	1,496.33	\$30,840.22
Mary Crane Couchman Trust	598.70	455.19	1,053.89	\$18,179.16
Mary Crane Couchman Family Partnership L. P.	404.00	49.85	453.85	\$12,128.85
	4,104.10	2,542.97	6,647.07	\$124,308.00
	62%	38%	100%	

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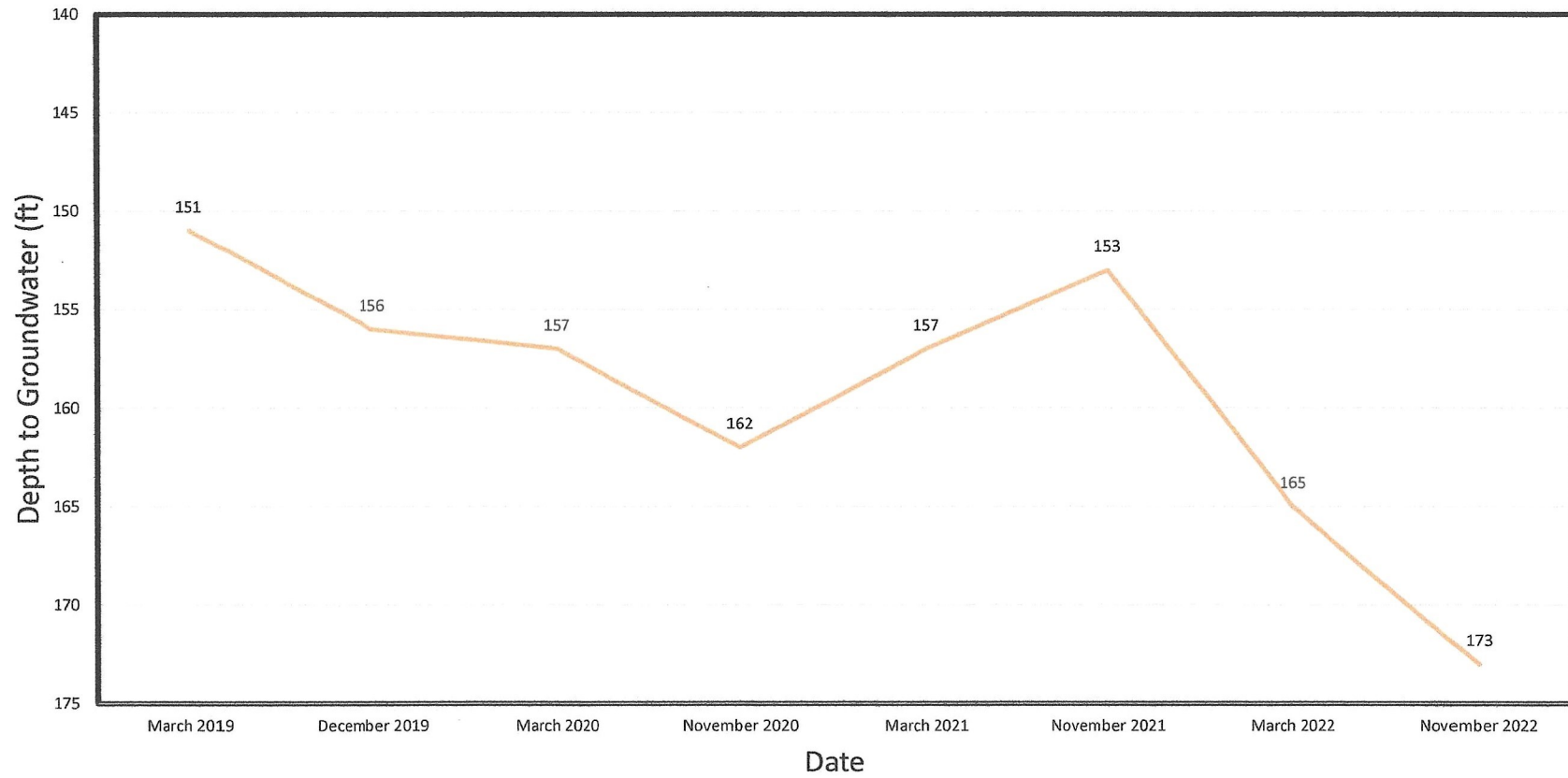
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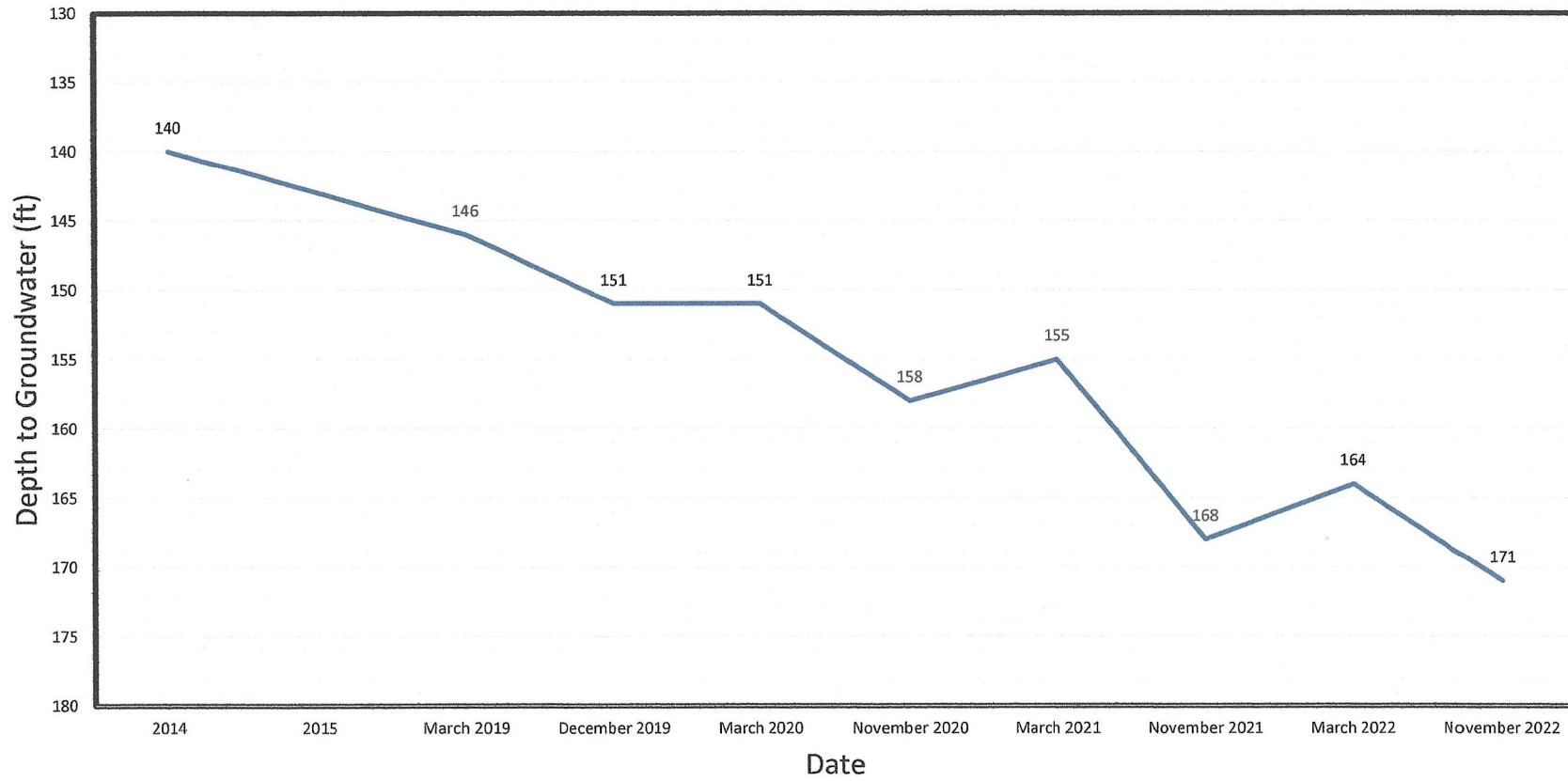
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			Actual	%	Feb-Dec	Total	%
I.	Administration						
a.	Management: Water & Land Solutions	\$67,956	\$5,663	8%	\$62,293	\$67,956	100%
b.	General Counsel	\$10,000	\$70	1%	\$9,930	\$10,000	100%
c.	Insurance	\$1,500	\$0	0%	\$1,500	\$1,500	100%
d.	Audit	\$4,400	\$0	0%	\$4,400	\$4,400	100%
e.	Supplies, Misc.	\$100	\$0	0%	\$100	\$100	100%
f.	Accounting Services	\$3,000	\$299	10%	\$2,702	\$3,000	100%
g.	District Reserves (\$31,352)	\$31,352	\$0	0%	\$31,352	\$31,352	100%
h.	Website: Provost and Pritchard	\$1,000	\$147	15%	\$853	\$1,000	100%
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a.	Flood Water Application *						
b.	Temporary Water Right Application	\$5,000	\$0.0	0%	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
	Sub	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
	TOTAL	\$124,308	\$6,179	5%	\$118,130	\$124,308	100%

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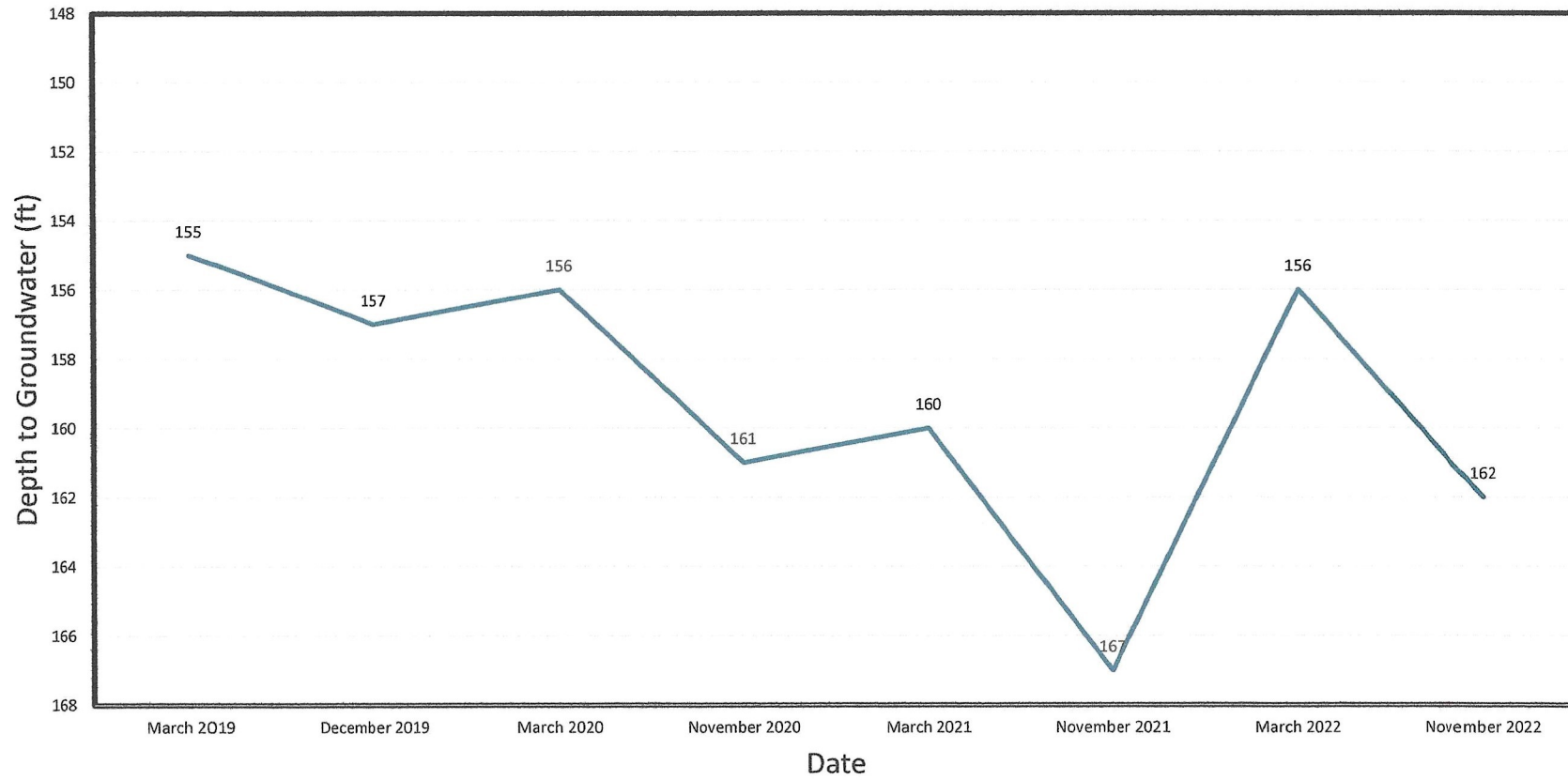
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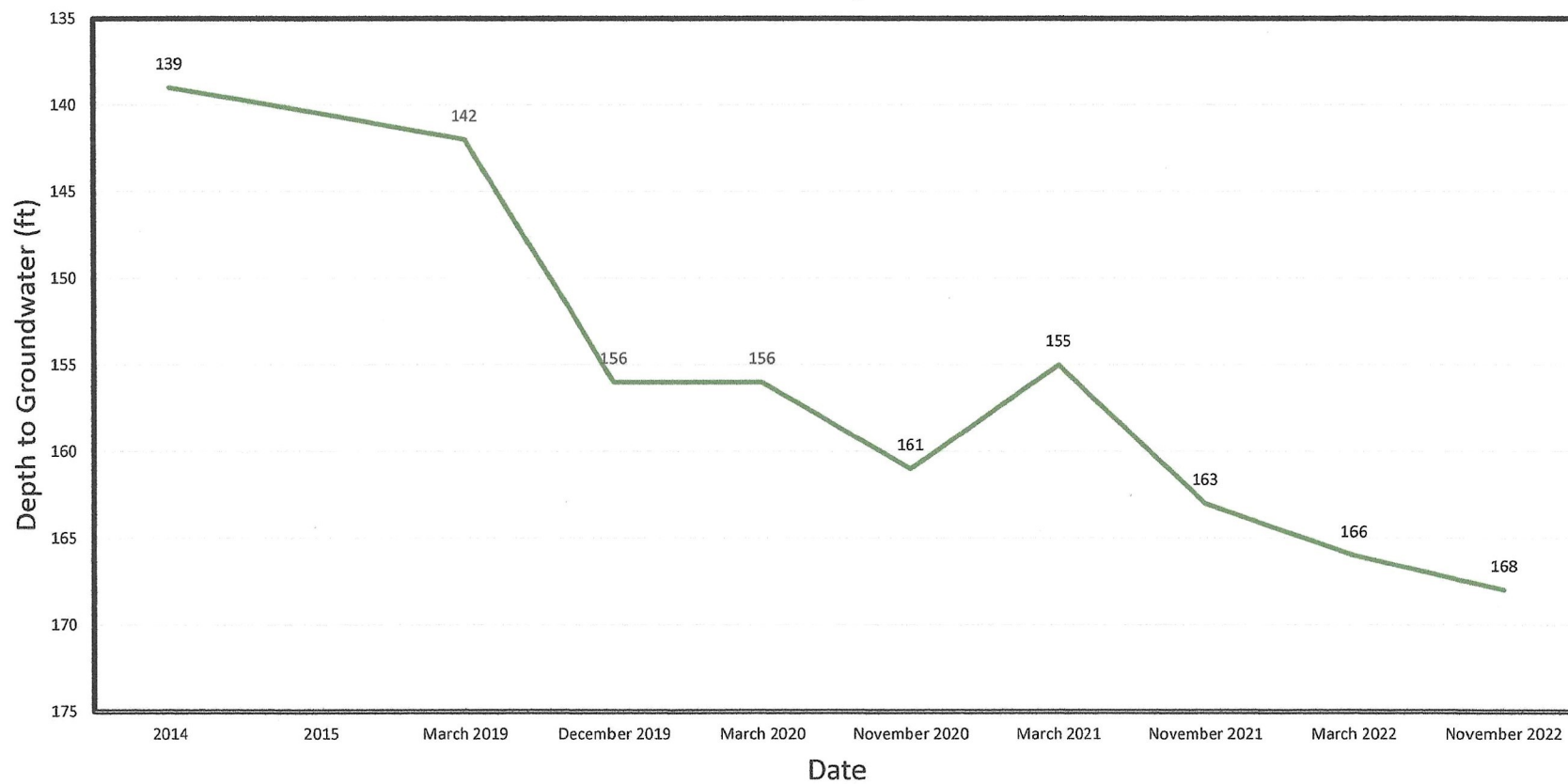
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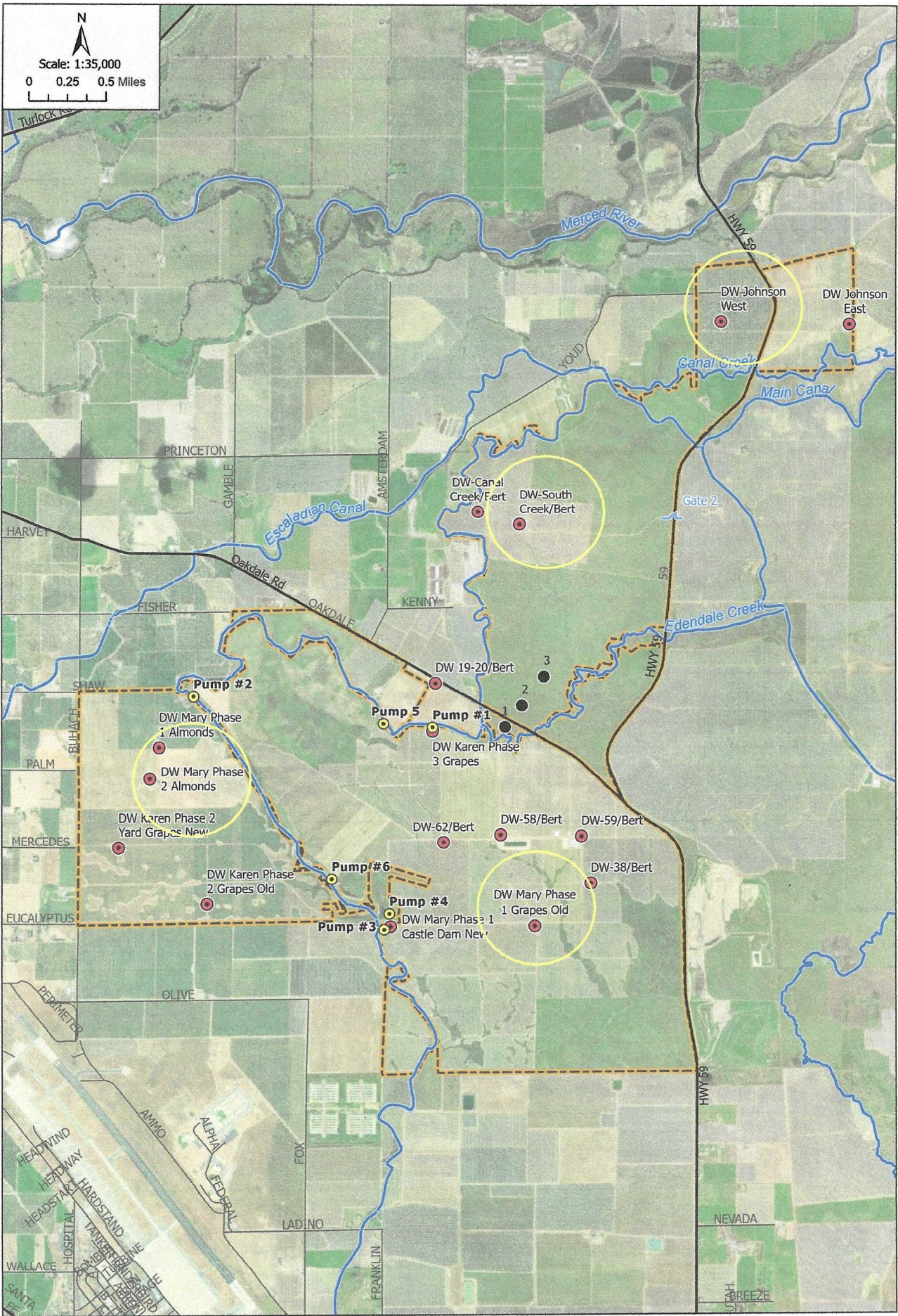


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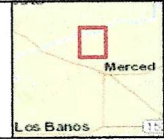
Phase 1 Grapes





- Amsterdam Water District
- Pumping Station
- Boring Hole

- Deep Well
- Gate



**Amsterdam Water District,
Infrastructure Map**

**Spatial Reference: NAD 1983
CA State Plane Zone III**

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