Appendix 2-D Butte Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model (BVIHM) Documentation (2024 Revision)

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1 Introduction and Background

This document is Appendix 2-D, supplemental to Chapter 2 of the Butte Valley Groundwater Sus-

tainability Plan (GSP). The purpose of this appendix is to provide additional documentation on the Butte Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model (BVIHM), which was used to estimate water budget com ponents and predict potential future water use and hydrologic conditions, as required under the

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Cal. Water Code, Division 6, Part 2.74). Specifically, objectives of this appendix are to:

- 1. Document the numerical model development
- 2. Document the calibration of the model
- 3. Publish the full tables and figures of annual water budget values, a subset of which have been included in Chapter 2 of the GSP.

The developed Butte Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model (BVIHM) was developed to calculates historical and projected water budgets_r. Ite improves understanding of long termlong-term trends in groundwater levels, and to assess evaluates the impact of climate change, and of projects, and management actions on groundwater conditions. The model extends over the southwestern area of the Upper Klamath Basin defined by Gannett et al., stretching from California into Oregon (Gannett et al. 2007) (Gannett, Wagner, and Lite 2012). The BVIHM model area is bounded by the Klamath River to the north, and the Upper Klamath Basin boundary to the west and south. The eastern boundary of the model-area extends a few miles to the east of the actual Butte Valley watershed (see Butte Valley GSP Chapter 2.2.3 for further details on the model area extent). The model area includes not only the entire Butte Valley groundwater basin ("Basin"), but also the entire Butte Valley watershed. The model area extent beyond the Butte Valley watershed honors the continuity of the volcanic groundwater system surrounding the Bbasin with the larger Upper Klamath Basin, Oregon and California-. Besides the Bbasin, BVIHM includes two other Bulletin 118 groundwater basins (DWR 2016): Red Rock Valley (1-018) and Bray Town Area (1-017). The eastern boundary of the BVIHM partially falls within the southwestern most areas of the Lower Klamath groundwater basin (1-002.02)

The BVIHM is an integrated hydrologic model explicitly coupling models of the land/soil subsystem and of the groundwater subsystem. For BVIHM, the surface water subsystem is ignored due to the lack of larger dominant river systems within the model area. Smaller creeks in the mountains surrounding the bBasin collect local runoff and baseflow. However, all creek runoff is recharged into the groundwater system upgradient of or near the upgradient boundary of the Basin. Within the Bbasin, Meiss Lake is a prominent surface water feature, but its interaction with groundwater is handled through the land/soil subsystem modeling.

The BVIHM land/soil subsystem is divided into A) agricultural and developed lands, and B) the natural landscape. The agricultural and developed land/soil subsystem was simulated with the Davids Engineering Crop Root Zone Water Model (CRZWM) (Davids Engineering 2013), while the natural land/soil subsystem was simulated with the USGS PRMS model (Risley 2019). The land/soil subsystem models are driven by precipitation, evapotranspiration, and crop water demand. They generate spatially and temporally distributed groundwater pumping (CRZWM) and recharge (CRZWM, PRMS) used in the groundwater simulation of the groundwater subsystem. CRZWM and PRMS simulate the land/soil subsystem over the entire model BVIHM area.

The BVIHM groundwater subsystem is simulated–with by the USGS MODFLOW-2005 software (Har- baugh 2005). The groundwater model encompasses the alluvial aquifer system within the Basin, the volcanic aquifer system within the Bbasin, and alsoand the surrounding volcanic aquifer

system over the remainder of the model area, which is fully connected to the Basin groundwater system. Toward presenting all geological units and adjusting magnitudes of stresses within environment (i.e., aquifer) system temporally and spatially, the BVIHM is under further refinement and calibration.

2 Model Software Summary

2.1 Precipitation Runoff Modeling Software (PRMS)

BVIHM uses \mp the USGS PRMS model for the Upper Klamath Watershed (Risley 2019) was applied to the BVIHM. The recent updated Upper Klamath PRMS model is recently updated, indudes calibrated surface water subsystem and land/soil subsystems model based on publicly available and well documented software. The model was not only well suited to couple to the groundwater subsystem model, but its inputs could also be adjusted to account for the DWR projected climate scenarios. The main inputs for PRMS are climate data \overline{as} is (daily precipitation and temperature) from 32 climate stations across the Upper Klamath Bbasin. Of these, 4 climate stations are located within 20 miles of the BVIHM model area boundary, but none are located within the model area. PRMS utilizes the USGS "Draper" tool to extrapolate climate station data across the simulation domain (Risley 2019).

While the Upper Klamath PRMS model includes surface water features and is calibrated to measured stream flows at several gaging stations of the Klamath River Bbasin, none of the simulated surface water features are within the BVIHM model area. Results from the PRMS model define the spatially and temporally distributed recharge across the natural landscape in the BVIHM model area, resulting from rainfall and excess soil moisture, after accounting for evapotranspiration. The temporal discretization in PRMS is daily, the spatial discretization is by hydrologic response units, discretized into raster pixels with a side length of 888 ft (270 m; also see Butte Valley GSP Chapter 2.2.3).

2.2 Crop Root Zone Water Model (CRZWM)

Davids Engineering developed a Crop Root Zone Water Model (CRZWM) (Appendix 2-E ET and Applied Water Estimates) that calculates the root zone water budget based on the water budget components in Figure 1. PRMS accounts for the root zone water balance parameters using soil type-specific information and crop information for years 2000, 2010, and 2014. Similar toLike PRMS, the CRZWM uses precipitation and reference evapotranspiration as the driving model in- puts. In CRZWM, spatially interpolated rainfall data from Oregon State's PRISM tool¹ are em-ployed. CRZWM also uses remotely sensed crop data (NDVI estimates using Landsat imagery) to complement crop and irrigation type information when computing crop evapotranspiration (Davids Engineering 2013). Importantly, CRZWM (unlike PRMS) estimates the water demand (*applied water*) needed to produce the crops imaged by the satellite, given the amount of precipitation, evapotranspiration, crop type, and irrigation system. All irrigation (*applied water*) in the Bbasin is from groundwater pumping. Hence, *applied water* defines the spatially and temporally distributed amount of groundwater pumping. The model's simulation of "*deep percolation*" is assumed to become groundwater recharge.

CRZWM covers all agricultural and developed lands in the model area including those within and adjacent to the Bbasin, including smaller agricultural areas in Red Rock Valley and near the Braytown area. The temporal discretization in CRZWM is daily, the spatial discretization is by individual field polygons (also see Butte Valley GSP Chapter 2.2.3). Daily water budget components were aggregated to monthly values for the BVIHM.

¹PRISM website: <http://prism.oregonstate.edu/>

2.3 MODFLOW

MODFLOW software uses is a finite difference method to groundwater model that to simulates groundwater $\left(\frac{GW}{100}\right)$ flow numerical model via g iven user-provided inputs of initial conditions, aquifer hydraulic parameters, and $e f$ -boundary conditions. -MOD-FLOW simulates the spatially and temporally variable dynamics of groundwater fluxes and ground- water elevations. The datainformation is used to characterize a water budget for the basin and to assess evaluate changes in future water levels due to climate changes, projects, and water resources managements actions.

3 Model Construction

The dDevelopment of the two land/soil subsystem models in BVIHM is documented extensively in the above-mentioned references. The following sections explain Here, we focus on the development of the groundwater flow numerical subsystem model, by using MODFLOW-2005.

3.1 Model Domain

The BVIHM domain encompasses the entire Butte Valley wWatershed which includes the Butte Valley alluvial aquifer that nearly covers the same area as the Bulletin 118 Groundwater Bbasin in Figure 2. The watershed that encompasses the alluvial aquifer has a volcanic subsurface. Details of the model domain boundary are described in the Butte Valley GSP Chapter 2.2.3.

3.2 Model Discretization and Boundary Conditions

3.2.1 Spatial Discretization

The MODFLOW model has a grid cell size of 270 m x 270 m corresponding to and spatially coinciding with individual grid cells of the PRMS grid. The same grid was also used for the development of a three-dimensional geological model.

3.2.2 Temporal Discretization

The BVIHM has monthly stress periods with two time steps per month and runs for water years (WY) 1990 to 2018 $_7$ (i.e., from October 1, 1989 to September 30, 2018). -Monthly stress periods are appropriate for the BVIHM as there is no without surface water routing component. and aAll modeling objectives of interest focus on the groundwater budget at the monthly and annual timescal e at which ground water is typically managed. The BVIHM climate projection model runs were completed from WY1990-WY2070 using-via the same discretization domain area.

3.2.3 Boundary Conditions

The BVIHM utilizes three types of groundwater boundary conditions: 1. "Specified Head" boundary conditions are used to represent the northern boundary along the Klamath River. The specified head corresponds to the average river surface elevation. 2. "Specified Flux" boundaries with flux specified as zero ("No Flow boundary") encompass the western and southern boundary and are also specified for the bottom of the simulation domain, and 3. "Head-dependent Flux" boundary conditions are used to represent permeable conditions along the eastern boundary with subsurface outflow to the Lower Klamath Lake B basin and other areas east of the model area. The surface of the groundwater simulation domain has a spatially and temporally varying "Specified Flux" boundary condition equal to the recharge defined by CRZWM and PRMS. Groundwater pumping (an internal "Specified Flux" boundary condition) is defined by CRZWM, also a spatially and temporally varying condition.

3.3 Model Layering and Zonation

The MODFLOW model has 8 layers to represent the hydrogeologic model with the alluvial aquifer represented in layers one to three and ends in layer 4. The Quaternary volcanic aquifer represents the majority of the active model domain surrounding the alluvial aquifer. A relatively small portion of the model area, abutting to the Klamath River consists of low permeability tertiary volcanics. An outcrop of Quaternary Basalt is found south of and adjacent to the alluvial aquifer. It is present in the first two layers of the model. - However, this geologic system was parameterized identical to the larger Quaternary Volcanics aquifer, as only very limited water level observation data exist in the Basalt. A separate calibration of Basalt hydraulic conductivity was therefore not possible. Hence, the current version of BVIHM relies on three hydrogeologic zones, each characterized by its own hydraulic conductivity, specific yield, and specific storage coefficient: tertiary volcanics (low permeability), Quaternary volcanics (intermediate permeability), and alluvium (high permeability).

Table 1: Model Layers and Hydrogeologic Units

3.4 MODFLOW Packages Used to Calculate Groundwater Flows

Table 2: MODFLOW Pachagespackages used to Calculate Groundwater Flows in the Basin

Figure 2: Active model domain with hydrostratigraphyhydro stratigraphy identified by horizontal hydraulic conductivity; Tertiary Volcanics are in purple, Quaternary Volcanics are in green and the Alluvium is in yellow.

Figure 3: Cross Section E-E' crosses Butte Valley from the south to the north

4 Model Inputs Data

A geologic model was developed to represent the alluvium, Quaternary volcanic, Quaternary basalt and Tertiary volcanic hydrogeologic units based on the digitization and analysis of hundreds of DWR well logs. The Klamath River specified head boundary was created using NHD Streamlines and an upscaled USGS 40 meter10-meter DEM. The Lower Klamath Lake Basin head dependent boundary was created using the head output and model discretization from the upper Klamath Basin regional groundwater model (Gannett, Wagner, and Lite 2012).

4.1 Land Use

The urban areas in Butte Valley are relatively small and dispersed throughout the agriculturally developed region. The latter represents the majority of most of the Butte Valley groundwater basin land use. Most of the upper watershed surrounding the Basin is represented by natural lands that are non-irrigated. Three land use maps are available from the California Department of Water Resources for the Basin: 2000, 2010, and 2014.

4.2 Atmospheric Data and Watershed Data

Atmospheric data is not directly used in the MODFLOW model but rather applied to the PRMS and CRZWM models whose output are then passed to the MODFLOW model as recharge. Details are well documented in the documentation of PRMS (Risley 2019) and CRZWM (Appendix 2-E ET and Applied Water Estimates). Briefly, for precipitation, the CRZWM model uses PRISM data² from Oregon State University to distribute climate station data to individual locations. The PRMS model for the Upper Klamath Basin utilizes a methodology ("Draper") equivalent to PRISM to distribute climate station data to individual hydrologic response units by mathematical extrapolation. For evapotranspiration, the CRZWM model uses bi-weekly NDVI values derived from Landsat imagery and the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) reference evapotranspiration (ET_o) data³ to calculate actual evapotranspiration. Air temperature data from a NOAA weather station was used to calculate ET_o using the Hargreaves and Samani method (1985) when CIMIS ET_o was not available for a given period. PRMS utilizes the Jensen-Haise method to estimate potential evapotranspiration and adjusts to match documented mean monthly evapotranspiration in the Upper Klamath Basin.

Other watershed input data used by PRMS and CRZWM include soil type, vegetation type, slope, and others Davids Engineering (2013).

4.3 Hydrofacies Hydraulic Properties (Aquifer Properties)

The expected range of hydraulic properties (i.e., specific storage, *Ss*, specific yield, *SY*, horizontal hydraulic conductivity, *HK*, and vertical hydraulic conductivity, *VK*) for the four hydrogeologic units were obtained from a literature survey of aquifer hydraulic properties found elsewhere for

²PRISM website: <http://prism.oregonstate.edu/>

³ Spatial CIMIS is a gridded ETo product available from DWR. Long-term average gridded ETo was estimated based on ETo grids for the years 2004 to 2018.

these diverse aquifer types (Kuang et al. 2020). These hydraulic properties were set as the initial conditions of the MODFLOW model before undergoing model calibration. The sensitivity analysis found that the model had little sensitivity to the Quaternary Basalt formation because of the lack of observations in the unit, thus it was set to match the properties of the Quaternary Volcanics.

4.4 Pumping Well Data

Groundwater pumping data assigned to specific pumping well location and depth are not currently detailed to a degree sufficient for groundwater modeling. Instead, groundwater pumping for each individual MODFLOW grid cell was assigned based on the *Applied Water* calculated in CRZWM. Based on review of DWR well logs it was found that the typical agricultural well depth was 150-450 ft below ground surface. Grid cell specific pumping was distributed evenly across layers 2-4, which correspond approximately to these well depths.

4.5 Crop types, crop coefficients, and irrigation efficiencies

Alfalfa, grain and hay, strawberries and pasture are the primary irrigated crops in Butte Valley. As crop coefficient data was calculated using LandSat NDVI data there are not three values for each crop, but rather a gradual change from dormancy to the growing season and after harvest. Plots of the crop coefficient data over time area available in Section 4.4 of Appendix-2E on CRZWM.

4.6 Data Gaps in Model Input Data

As stated in Section 4.4, there is no pumping well data available in the basin which is remedied by estimating groundwater pumping based on the expected applied water for irrigated lands. As the GSP process moves forward, metering agricultural and public supply wells (i.e., all wells except de minimis users) would improve the estimates of current and future groundwater pumping, benefiting the understanding of storage dynamics in the basin. Additionally, the currently available DWR well record completion reports have limited data on total well depth and screened interval which are essential to accurately allocating groundwater pumping to the correct vertical aquifer sections being pumped. Drawdown in the relatively unconfined Alluvial Aquifer will be different from that in the confined Quaternary Volcanics Aquifer. A field campaign using a well borehole camera would be able to measure the screened interval(s) of all active agricultural and public supply wells in the basin if funding is available. Future iterations of the BVIHM will include the Meiss Lake water budget (it was unavailable for inclusion at the time of model development) in the groundwater flow model as it is an artificial wetland that is operated by pumping groundwater to the surface where some water is recharged to the aquifer, and some is lost to evapotranspiration. Currently Meiss

	Ss min (m^{-1})	Ss max (m^{-1})	K min (m/s)	K max (m/s)	Ss mean (m^{-1})	K mean (m/s)
Sand	10^{-7}	0.00241	1.13×10^{-5}	0.00255	2.88×10^{-5}	1.21×10^{-4}
Fractured igneous and metamorphic rocks	1.28×10^{-8}	3.63×10^{-5}	7.52×10^{-9}	10^{-5}	8.58×10^{-7}	7.93×10^{-8}
Basalt	1.3×10^{-7}	4.7×10^{-6}	0.003	0.019	4.3×10^{-7}	0.00755

Table 3: Expected ranges of hydraulic properties

Lake is represented as natural lands where the net recharge is calculated from PRMS accounting for precipitation and evapotranspiration and other soil water budget terms. Future iterations of the Meiss Lake region in the BVIHM will account for the applied water demand that exists to maintain saturation of the wetlands.

Figure 4: Land use within the Butte Valley groundwater basin (black outline) in the summer of 20104. Grey areas are natural vegetation or outside the Basin boundaries.

5 Calibration Target Data and Objective Functions

The sensitivity analysis and calibration software UCODE2014 was applied to the BVIHM under both steady state and transient groundwater flow conditions. UCODE2014 uses the sum of square weighted residuals as the objective function for determining the modelsmodel's ability to match observations.

5.1 Groundwater Outflow Calibration Targets

Previous groundwater modelling work by Gannett et al. quantified the expected subsurface seepage to the Klamath RiverKlamath River, which was applied as a low weighted flow observation, with a coefficient of variation of 40% (Gannett, Wagner, and Lite 2012). This observation was largely controlled by the hydraulic conductivity of the (low permeable) Tertiary volcanics that groundwater flow must pass through to reach the Klamath River specified head boundary. The Tertiary volcanics provide a critical barrier that keeps groundwater from flowing into the topographically much lower Klamath River, which is as much as 1000 ft lower than Butte Valley. This outflow target provides a tool to determine appropriate hydraulic conductivity values for this important geologic formation.

5.2 Groundwater Elevation Calibration Targets

The state database of periodic groundwater level measurements was filtered and cleaned for the Butte Valley area and modeled time periodperiod to create a database of groundwater observations that were corrected with respect to the model top elevations. In addition to the periodic groundwater level measurements, LWA has collected continuous groundwater level data in stakeholder wells from 2015-present that were included as well on a monthly basismonthly in Figure 5. The groundwater level observations were weighted using a variance of 1.0025. AdditionallyAdditionally, the locations and ground sur-face locations of creeks and springs throughout the upper watershed of Butte Valley were included as head observations in the spring timespringtime, but with a coefficient of variation of 10%.

5.3 Data Gaps in Calibration Data

Currently observation well data are limited to the extent of the Alluvial Aquifer with a few wells located on the boundary with the Quaternary Volcanic Aquifer. The majority of Many of these observation wells do not have total well depth or screened interval data availableavailable, so it is uncertain whether they are screened in the Alluvial or Quaternary Volcanic aquifer or both. A field campaign using a well borehole camera to measure this missing data would be able to better determine which aquifer the wells are screened in and improve the calibration of specific yield and specific storage that are dependent on well drawdown data. The construction of new monitoring wells in the Quaternary Volcanics and Basalt Aquifers would provide data on the long term and seasonal trends in wa-ter levels which would enable the Basalt Aquifer to be calibrated separately from the Quaternary Volcanics aquifer. This would improve understanding of storage coefficients and drawdown in the Basalt Aquifer to improve the estimate of the sustainable yield.

Figure 5: Location of observation wells, creeks and springs for groundwater model calibration

6 Calibration Methodology Summary

The BVIHM steady state model was developed using spatially distributed average recharge and pumping for the first ten years of the model run period, from period, from WY1990-2000. The steadystate model was calibrated using the averaged observations for the same period. Steady state calibration was performed on the three horizontal hydraulic conductivity parameters for the previously identified hydrogeologic units. Due to North-South faulting the horizontal hydraulic conductivity in the north- south direction was assumed to be twice as large as the conductivity in the east-west direction, and the vertical hydraulic conductivity was assumed to be 1/30 of the horizontal conductivity, which is approximately the logarithmic average between a vertical anisotropy ratio 1/10 and 1/100.

The BVIHM transient model which ran from WY1990-20 18 was calibrated against the groundwater elevation and outflow targets described previously. The hydraulic conductivity and storativity were calibrated for the same three hydrogeologic units.

7 Model Calibration Results

7.1 Sensitivity Analyses

Through Sensitivity Analysis the Composite Scaled Sensitivity (CSS) was used to determine that the groundwater pumping and rechargerecharging have a very large influence on the simulated groundwater heads as expected. Testing of different initial hydraulic parameters demonstrated that the hydraulic parameters of the alluvium and Quaternary volcanics tended to have the largest CSS. The storage coefficients of the Quaternary Volcanics had a slightly larger CSS after calibration than the storage coefficients of the alluvium, this makes sense as the volcanic aquifer surrounds the alluvium and enforces the heads at the boundary of the alluvium. And as the alluvium has a much larger hydraulic conductivity there is a very mild hydraulic gradient, further increasing the impact of the groundwater heads of the volcanic aquifer on the observations in the alluvium.

Under initial hydraulic parameters the Quaternary and Tertiary volcanics had a large correlation as expected because the Quaternary volcanics limit outflow to the Tertiary volcanics, however, as model calibration further decreased the hydraulic conductivity of the Tertiary volcanics to limit outflow to the Klamath River, given observed groundwater gains in the Klamath River. This leads to dissipation of a significant correlation with the Quaternary volcanics.

7.2 Groundwater Head Calibration Results (MODFLOW)

The hydrographs below present the observed groundwater hydrographs versus the simulated heads (after calibration) for all wells with more than 20 measurements in Figure 7. The map below shows the location of each observation well in the model domain using the MODFLOW node as the naming convention for observations. The map of observations demonstrates that the majority of wells with observations are spatially located at locations overlying the alluvial aquifer, except for few wells near the margin of the alluvial aquifer. For the latter it is unknown, unknown whether the well screen would be intersecting with the alluvial units, the volcanic units, or both. The information was not available from well driller reports Figure 8.

Figure 6: Normalized Composite Scaled Sensitivity of the final parameters used in model calibration.

The hydrographs, on average, show a relatively good fit of the simulated data to the observed data: some wells are matched closely, some well water levels are consistently under-estimated, and some water level hydrographs are consistently over-estimated. In general, both the observed seasonal and the observed longtermlong-term water level dynamics (longtermlong-term decline and rise of water levels) are well captured by the simulated data; the The seasonal groundwater pumping amplitudes were very closely matched by some wells and over- or under-estimated by others. Differences between simulated and observed seasonal hydrograph amplitudes may be due to the wells not being screened in aquifer unit that was modeled based on the geologic modeln and well depth. Currently, there is no information on screened interval for many of the wells for which water level data are available (Section 5.3).

7.2.1 Hydraulic Properties by Layer/Zone (MODFLOW)

As stated in section section 6, the steady state calibration was done for the hydraulic conductivity of the alluvium, Tertiary volcanics and Quaternary volcanics. The hydraulic conductivity for the Quaternary basalt was set equal to that of the Quaternary volcanics. The initial values for the calibration were based on a combination of the expected ranges in hydraulic parameters and previous test models that manually matched groundwater levels in the census-designated area of MacDoel and the city of Dorris. Water levels at the northern and eastern boundary of the model are defined with fixed and with general head boundary conditions. Hence, the hydraulic conductivity of the Quaternary volcanics strongly controls water levels in the region near Dorris, at the boundary between the alluvium and the Quaternary volcanics. The very small hydraulic gradient between MacDoel area

and the Dorris area is largely determined by the (high) hydraulic conductivity of the alluvium. The steady state calibration with UCODE2014 showed a significant decrease in the sum of squared weighted residuals (SOSWR) due to calibration of the hydraulic conductivities. Calibrating the hydraulic conductivity in the Quaternary volcanics determines the simulated groundwater levels in the area near Dorris and the entire eastern boundary of the alluvium due to groundwater outflow from the alluvium into the eastern and northern Quaternary volcanics and further through those to the constant and general head boundaries along the eastern and northern model area boundary.

Because of the shallow gradient across the alluvium, the K value for the Quaternary volcanics has a strong influence on water levels across all wells in the alluvial Basin. A single, uniform K value for the Quaternary volcanics could be calibrated to set simulated heads to be in the correct range of observed values. The calibration of the hydraulic conductivity of the alluvium focused on the hydraulic gradient across the (alluvial) Basin itself, where most of the observation wells are. The calibration of the K value for the alluvium sought to best match observed regional groundwater level gradients within the Basin. The calibration of the hydraulic conductivity of the alluvium also adjusted for the observed larger cones of depression from pumping by wells. However, localized cones of depression and water levels in pumping wells were not matched due to the coarser spatial resolution of the model (270 m x 270 m).

Transient calibration was first implemented to calibrate the hydraulic conductivity and storativity (STORAGE COEFFICIENT option in MODFLOW-2005) for all four hydrogeologic units individually. The initial SOSWR is larger for the transient calibration than after the steady state calibration because 20 more years of observation data is now included, and it is no longer averaged. Calibration and sensitivity analysis found that the hydraulic conductivity and storativity of the Quaternary basalt and the storativity of the Tertiary volcanics do not have a large impact on model results. It is more difficult to calibrate the storage coefficients of the aquifers because the well observations available often do not have data on their screened interval. The simulated screen location was therefore highly uncertain.

The transient calibration included the hydraulic conductivity previously calibrated and storage coefficients for the Quaternary volcanics and alluvium; t The Tertiary volcanics were not calibrated for storage coefficients because there are no groundwater level observations in or near that aquifer to represent the seasonal and interannual head fluctuations. Contrary to initial expectation, the calibration suggested that the alluvium should have a much smaller storage coefficient due to the large seasonal head fluctuations seen in the observations. This result suggests that the alluvial aquifer may be more heterogeneous with potential for partially confining layers. Also, wells that are potentially screened in the volcanic aquifer below the alluvium within which they are simulated.

7.2.2 Boundary Condition Calibration (MODFLOW)

The boundary conditions were not directly calibrated as the outflow to both the Klamath River and the Lower Klamath Lake Basin were controlled by the hydraulic conductivities of the Tertiary vol-**Table 4:** Steady state calibration results

Table 6: Final Transient Model Calibration Results

canics and Quaternary volcanics respectively. The general head boundary condition was indirectly calibrated by using the Quaternary volcanics K value for computing the general head conductance term.

Figure 7: Simulated and observed heads for wells with more than 20 measurements where observed data is in orange and simulated data is in blue

Easting (m)

Figure 8: Map of observation wells with more than 20 measurements

8 Results for Calibrated Model

8.1 Groundwater Hydrographs

The simulated groundwater hydrographs obtained from the calibrated model for locations where observations are available demonstrate strong seasonal fluctuations due to summer time ground- water pumping and winter recharge as well as a long term dynamics of lowered groundwater levels due to drought, offset by periods of very wet water years with increased recharge into the aquifer; it is important to point out that the modeled years 2016, 2017 and 2018 did not have output from the PRMS model so we reused PRMS data from other years which resulted in 2017 having a much lower recharge than likely occurred in reality. It is possible that an updated future PRMS model that includes actual data for 2016-2018 would lead to groundwater hydrographs showing similar effects to observed groundwater storage changes in water years 1997-2000 Figure 9.

The observation wells and springs/creeks with more than 20 data points are plotted in Figure 8; the point labels are denoted by the model grid node they are located in. The simulated groundwater hydrographs at these same observation wells are plotted below in Figure 9 to demonstrate the seasonal and long termlong-term trends of the groundwater elevations in the basin.

Figure 9: Simulated groundwater hydrographs for wells with more than 20 measurements

The simulated groundwater hydrographs for the same locations of the observation wells demon- strate strong seasonal fluctuations due to summer timesummertime groundwater pumping and winter recharge as well as a long termlong-term trend of lowered groundwater levels which are offset by periods of very wet water years recharge the aquifer; it is important to point out that the modeled years 2016, 2017 and 2018 did not have output from the PRMS model so we reused PRMS data from other years which resulted in 2017 having a much lower recharge than it did. Most likely with actual PRMS data for 2016- 2018 the groundwater hydrograph would show a similar recharge of groundwater storage as in water years 1997-2000 Figure 9.

8.2 Model Area Groundwater Budget

The annual groundwater budget for the model area includes the entire Butte Valley watershed and additional areas to the west, north, and east of the watershed. The model area is bounded to the west and south by groundwater divides along the boundary of the larger Upper Klamath basin, to the north by the Klamath River (an outflow boundary) and to the east by an arbitrary groundwater outflow boundary within the High Cascade volcanics ("Quaternary volcanics" zone), represented as a general head boundary. The black line ("dStorageIncremental Storage Change") and dark red ("Cumulative Storage Change") lines represents the annual (but not cumulative) and cumulative changes in groundwater storage respectively. It represents the difference in total inflows (positive bar length) and total outflows (negative bar length).

Figure 10: Annual Model Area Groundwater Budget

The model area groundwater budget shows high interannual variability for the amount offor net inflow to the model area as a whole, becausearea, because that inflow is entirely a function of the amount of rainfall in a given yeareach year. On the other hand, the net outflow from the basin is nearly constant throughout the simulation period with only long-term changes, as outflow is limited to groundwater discharge out of the model area and groundwater pumping in Figure 10. The groundwater pumping is rela—tively constant because the dominant growing season is summer, which is mostly dry regardless of overall precipitation amounts. Most agricultural land is regularly irrigated. In dry years, irriga-tion slightly increases due to earlier start of the irrigation season and winter crops not receiving sufficient spring rainfall. Additionally, the combined net outflow from the groundwater subsystem remains near constant because increased groundwater pumping generally leads to a decline in subsurface outflow towards the Lower Klamath Lake Basin and Klamath River. Additional ground—water pumping captures more of the the-natural recharge from the upper watershed flowing into the Basin as subflow. Further discussion of this and other water budgets is provided in Chapter 2.2.3 of the Butte Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The following provide bar charts and tables of the two Basin water budgets: the agricultural Land/Soil subsystem, simulated by CRZWM, and the groundwater subsystem.

8.3 Basin Agricultural Irrigated (CRZWM) Land/Soil Subsystem Water Budget (CRZWM)

Figure 12: Annual Land/Soil Subsystem Water Budget (CRZWM) within Bulletin 118 groundwater basin

The irrigated land/soil subsystemagricultural water budget is similar to the model area budget because it also has large interan--nual fluctuations in precipitation and additionally it has large interannual fluctuations of evapotran-spiration (Figure 11 and Figure 12). The irrigated landagricultural water budgets areis useful because ithey demonstrates the interannual variability in deep percolation due to changes in rainfall and evapotranspiration.

8.4 Bulletin 118 Groundwater Budget

Figure 132: Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget

The Bulletin 118 groundw ater budget demonstrates a decrease in interannual variability as the high natural recharge in the watershed slowly travels through the Quaternary Volcanics aquifer providing subsurface inflow, designated as Lateral Groundwater Inflow Figure 1342. AgainAgain, the groundwater pumping is relatively constant between years as most crops are grown in the summer and require a relatively relatively constant irrigation each year. As a result of this the interannual change in storage for the Bulletin 118 groundwater basin is much less pronounced than the change in storage for the watershed groundwater basin.

8.5 Bulletin 118 Groundwater Budget for Select Water Year Types

Figure 143: Monthly Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for selected water year types (i.e. 2014 Dry, 2005 Average,-and 1999 as Dry, Average, and Wet years respectively)

Selected water years were plotted to represent the 5 categories of water years developed by DWR to aid in GSP development (DWR 2021). The major difference between selected water year types is a large peak in recharge in the wet year that is entirely missing in critically dry years and a corresponding relationship in lateral groundwater inflow (driven by recharge in the upgradient watershed area, outside the Basin). Lateral groundwater outflow increases over several months after the recharge and inflow peaks, coinciding with the pumping season. The lateral groundwater out- flow and groundwater pumping remain relatively similar between years. Thus, there is an increase in groundwater storage due to the increase in groundwater recharge and inflow during the wet year Figure 1413.

8.6 Tables of Annual Sum Water Budgets

WYD	From Recharge	From GHB	To GHB	To Constant Head	From Constant Head	To Wells
1990	185.03	0.00	-119.24	-35.34	18.22	-75.43
1991	115.48	0.00	-117.50	-34.04	18.79	-77.36
1992	48.47	0.00	-114.30	-33.05	<u> 19.31</u>	-78.65
1993	399.65	0.00	-117.17	-37.72	17.18	-66.47
1994	83.70	0.00	-116.15	-33.88	18.83	-76.77
1995	467.93	0.00	-120.35	-38.61	16.84	-74.62
1996	485.76	0.00	-128.99	-40.40	16.27	-82.90
<u>1997</u>	342.15	0.00	-134.30	-39.91	16.40	-86.92
<u> 1998</u>	415.86	0.00	-137.57	-39.66	<u>16.52</u>	-80.11
1999	409.77	0.00	-142.69	-40.94	15.96	-88.95
2000	219.51	0.00	-142.97	-37.76	17.37	-91.38
2001	57.51	0.00	-138.18	-34.48	18.66	-90.82
2002	330.51	0.00	-138.27	-38.40	<u>16.97</u>	-98.75
2003	211.93	0.00	-135.90	-36.64	<u>17.70</u>	-90.75
2004	296.58	0.00	-136.46	-38.14	17.15	-93.74
2005	135.24	0.00	-133.76	-34.74	<u>18.52</u>	-87.21
2006	454.35	0.00	-137.23	-40.49	16.14	-94.36
2007	223.00	0.00	-137.27	-37.60	17.30	-92.77
<u> 2008</u>	343.66	0.00	-140.33	-39.06	16.82	-79.48
2009	215.59	0.00	-139.76	-37.04	17.56	-83.28
2010	141.75	0.00	-136.84	-35.48	18.21	-78.99
2011	405.45	0.00	-139.04	-39.09	16.69	-78.92
2012	190.00	0.00	-138.61	-36.71	17.76	-103.55
2013	238.43	0.00	-137.72	-36.84	<u>17.58</u>	-118.76
2014	85.62	0.00	-132.75	-34.69	18.53	-105.19
2015	184.76	0.00	-129.58	-35.64	18.12	-92.30
2016	299.52	0.00	-130.45	-37.61	17.34	-108.48
2017	90.05	0.00	-127.13	-34.51	18.59	-111.39
2018	215.44	0.00	-124.03	-35.87	18.00	-105.84

Table 7: Table of Annual Model Area Aquifer Water Budget in TAF

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Table 8: Annual Land/Soil Subsystem Water Budget (CRZWM) within model area in TAFBasin Root Zone Budget Limited to Irrigated Lands

Table 9: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget in TAF

Table 10: Table of Annual Land/Soil Subsystem Water Budget (CRZWM) within Bulletin 118 groundwater basin in TAF

9 Climate Projection Scenarios

Under their SGMA climate change guidance, DWR provided a dataset of climate change factors which each GSA can use to convert local historical weather data into 4 different climate change scenarios (DWR 2018). Change factors are geographically and temporally explicit. Geographically, a grid of 1/16-degree resolution cells covers the extent of California; for each of these cells, one change factors applies to each month, 1911-2011. The plots of precipitation and evapotranspiration demonstrate the impact of the change factors on the inputs to the BVIHM both directly and to the PRMS model that calculates recharge as an input to the MODFLOW model (see the Butte Valley Groundw ater Sustaina bility Plan Chapter 2.2.4 for further explanation of the future climate scenario construction).

Figure 1514: Future Climate Projections of Precipitation and Actual Evapotranspiration for the Butte Valley Watershed

The 2030 (Near) and 2070 central tendency (Far) scenarios predict similar rainfall conditions to the Base case, while the 2070 DEW (Dry) and 2070 WMW (Wet) scenarios show less and more cumulative rain, respectively. Conversely, all scenarios predict higher future ET than the Base case.

Figure 1615: Average Bulletin 118 Basin Water Budget 1990-2070

These climate change scenarios directly impact the monthly groundwater recharge, precipitation dependent, and groundwater pumping, evapotranspiration dependent. All of the climate change scenarios expect the 2070 DEW predict an increase in both precipitation and precipitation and evapotranspievapotranspiration- ration for Butte Valley that lead to an overall increase in groundwater storage over the 50 year future modeled climate scenarios. The 2070 DEW climate scenario depicted losses in groundwa- ter storage in Butte Valley for the recent future until groundwater levels were lowered such that the subsurface outflow to the Lower Klamath Lake Basin was reduced, stabilizing water levels in the Basin itself.

9.1 Future Climate Individual Annual Water Budget Plots

Figure 1716: Bulletin 118 Basin Water Budgets from 1990-2070 for 2030 Climate Scenario

Figure 1817: Bulletin 118 Basin Water Budgets from 1990-2070 for 2070 Climate Scenario

Figure 1918: Bulletin 118 Basin Water Budgets from 1990-2070 for 2070DEW Climate Scenario

Figure 2019: Bulletin 118 Basin Water Budgets from 1990-2070 for 2070WMW Climate Scenario

Figure 2120: Bulletin 118 Basin Water Budgets from 1990-2070 for base Climate Scenario

9.2 Tables of Future Climate Individual Annual Water Budget Data

Table 1140: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2030 Climate Scenario in TAF*(continued)*

Table 1211: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2070 Climate Scenario in TAF

Table 1211: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2070 Climate Scenario in TAF *(continued)*

Table 1312: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2070DEW Climate Scenario<u> in TAF</u>

Table 1312: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2070DEW Climate Scenario in TAF *(continued)*

Table 1413: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2070WMW Climate Scenario in TAF

Table 1413: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for 2070WMW Climate Scenario in TAF *(continued)*

Table 1514: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for base Climate Scenario in TAF

Year	From Recharge	From GroundwaterA quifer Storage	To GroundwaterAqui fer Storage	To Wells
2035	47.13	174.91	-149.16	-83.84
2036	52.84	181.83	-148.21	-77.24
2037 2038	41.04 54.28	174.49 181.18	-150.51 -148.60	-80.64 -60.91
2039	29.77	168.64	-152.75	-70.77
2040	26.12	163.97	-153.46	-70.39
2041	62.15	175.88	-145.77	-54.11
2042	27.46	161.58	-151.31	-70.52
2043	67.23	179.55	-145.40	-61.01
2044	75.35	186.68	-146.48	-63.87
2045	61.07	179.65	-149.35	-67.43
2046	58.16	181.16	-151.38	-64.50
2047	63.43	185.05	-153.31	-67.84
2048	41.40	176.24	-158.02	-71.93
2049	26.91	168.00	-161.17	-85.05
2050	55.09	181.26	-154.65	-82.86
2051	37.83	173.12	-155.82	-76.54
2052	48.60	180.84	-153.27	-78.65
2053	29.19	166.58	-155.90	-75.30
2054	71.43	186.21	-149.93	-80.91
2055	47.13	176.20	-151.34	-83.84
2056	52.84	183.08	-150.30	-77.24
2057	41.04	175.75	-152.56	-80.64
2058	54.28	182.41	-150.58	-60.91
2059	29.77	169.88	-154.69	-70.77
2060	26.12	165.19	-155.34	-70.39
2061	62.15	177.04	-147.55	-54.11
2062	27.46	162.75	-153.08	-70.52
2063	67.23	180.66	-147.08	-61.01
2064	75.35	187.76	-148.10	-63.87
2065	61.07	180.74	-150.95	-67.43
2066	58.16	182.23	-152.94	-64.50
2067	63.43	186.09	-154.83	-67.84
2068	41.40	177.28	-159.53	-71.93
2069	26.91	169.03	-162.64	-85.05
2070	52.75	168.09	-142.89	-81.04

Table 1514: Table of Annual Bulletin 118 Basin Aquifer Water Budget for base Climate Scenario in TAF*(continued)*

9.3 Estimation of Sustainable Yield via BVIHM

Via use of the uncalibrated BVIHM, the modeled long-term average annual pumping stresses do not indicate any undesirable result. Following the two previous analyses as are the closed and open basins, and sensitivity analyses of the model presented longterm dynamically stable groundwater storage and water level conditions. Modeled stresses for the conditions included the past 23-year climate conditions and a yearly average pumping rate of 65 TAF (Figure 22).

10 Model Archiving

The original steady state MODFLOW models for Butte Valley were developed in Groundwater Vistas to perform manual sensitivity analysis on hydraulic conductivity, average groundwater pumping, and recharge. Parameters and key outcomes for these varying steady state trial models are captured in a spreadsheet to understand their general impact on simulated groundwater levels.

Results are available upon request.

Later versions of the steady state and transient models were developed with the USGS developed python package *flopy* which allows a user to write scripts to import data, clean and adjust it, and to write model input files (Bakker et al. 2016). Additional python scripts were developed to run the model and model calibration and to post-process model results using the Jupyter Notebooks python development environment Kluyver et al. (2016). One set of python scripts was continuously developed to create the historical BVIHM which had input files written to different directories to create model archives or to note different model set ups such as when more observation data was included. A different set of python scripts were used to alter the historical BVIHM for the 50 year₅₀-year climate projections, each of these models were written to their own model directory.

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